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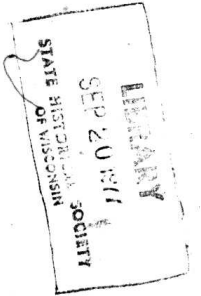
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LITTLE ROCK 1957 CHICAGO 1977
 TWENTY YEARS LATER

CHICAGO KIDS DEFY RACIST TERROR



DOUBLE TANKERS, TRUCKERS' DEATH TRAP



No, this isn't Alabama in the 50's, it's Chicago 1977. Busing foes burn school board members in effigy.

TWO thousand whites gathered in Bogan Park for an anti-busing rally Sunday night.

When police moved them out of the park, they blocked traffic on 79th and Pulaski and smashed the windshields of passing Black motorists.

Cars with whites in them were allowed through when they honked their horns in support of the protests.

One Black man, Michael Smith, was driving past when whites moved in on him, throwing rocks. Smith, fearing for his life, tried to escape, as any of us would. In doing so, he hit three whites.

Police arrested him, charging him with reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

The busing is minimal and voluntary. Students from 15 critically overcrowded Black and Latino schools are being allowed to transfer to 51 white schools with extra spaces.

The voluntary plan is in response to recent state and federal threats to withhold funds. It is the least the School Board could get away with, involving 2180 of Chicago's 500,000 students.

The racists don't use soft words any more. Rocks, racial slurs,

CHICAGO—An 11-year old Black girl plugs her ears and runs through a corridor of police.

Whites outside the police line chant, "Go home, nigger!"

The scene is Stevenson Elementary School, as a voluntary busing plan got underway last week in Chicago's Southwest Side.

These opponents of busing used to argue their case in quiet language, talking about neighborhood schools, lowered educational standards, and inconveniences.

Now, their language has degenerated into racial epithets and obscenities.

threats, intimidation, and violence are their new weapons.

Blacks can't rely on the police for protection. One cop, Aloysius A. Majerczyk, who ran for alderman on the Southwest Side, is talking about a "blue flu" among the police who object to protecting the children.

SELF-DEFENSE

Monday night, five Black motorists were injured by bricks and rocks thrown by gangs of white youths roaming through the Bogan area.

Racist resistance to busing and attacks on Black and Latino people can be expected to increase in the next few weeks.

Resistance to the racists, though not well organized, is growing, too. At busing sites, P.U.S.H. (People United to Save Humanity) and other groups have been standing nearby ready to protect children if needed.

One minor victory has been won already. A proposed boycott of schools by whites, called by the anti-busing group "Operation Resist," was called off because "radicals at the Board of Education meeting . . . threatened to come into our area."

All anti-racist community groups must be prepared to defend the children. We can't rely on the police. The racists will only become bolder if we do not act.

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Bert Lance Before The Senate ...

MONEY TALKS

"Were my human rights protected? Were the rights of a citizen to fair and decent treatment properly accorded?"

This burning question did not come from the dungeons of the Kremlin. Nor was it the anguished plea of a torture victim in South

Africa.

No, this heart-rending inquiry came from the lips of multimillionaire, Georgia jet-setter, high liver, and soon-to-be former U.S. Budget Director, Bert Lance.

Consider his plight.

His human right to spend as

much of his bank depositors' money as he wants has been questioned.

For the third time, Bert Lance is having his privacy invaded by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs.

This committee has the easy job of making sure that Presidential appointees, like Lance, are as moral and able as themselves.

His Constitutional guarantee to finance his political campaigns by over-drawing bank accounts and borrowing from friendly banks has been challenged.

RIGHTS OF RICH

Faced with this totalitarian threat from a prying Senate, Bert Lance stood up not only for his rights, but for the rights of all bankers, millionaires, and financial commoners.

He hurled defiance in their face when he said that his bank had always had a "liberal" policy on overdrafts. Why, anybody could overdraw at Bert's bank—regardless of race, creed, or national origin.

This stunning defense of human rights, this stirring statement of "fair and decent treatment" was enough to put the Senators in their place.

In their hearts, they knew he was right. Why?

What would the country be coming to if a good ol' banker like Bert couldn't help himself to a few hundred thou?

What would be left of our values if a red-blooded financier couldn't get endless loans from his pals?

Where would our way of life be, if a top government official couldn't have a few secrets?

NOT ENOUGH

No, the Senators concluded, this was not enough to get rid of Bert.

Particularly since they upheld his human rights twice before when he was "investigated" by the Senate.

Why, these Senators knew that Bert hadn't broken any laws when he dipped into the funds of his own banks. They knew this well, because they are the people who write the laws.

And, they wrote them to protect the right of people like Lance to get richer, and richer.

So to get rid of Bert, they will have to come up with something better. They will have to come up with his illegal contributions to his own and Jimmy Carter's political

campaigns.

Whether the Senators choose to use what has already been hinted at by the press remains to be seen.

Certainly, some voices of Big Business, like the New York Times, seem to want to dump Lance.

This group of millionaires is mad at the Carter-Lance group of millionaires for letting the economy go to pot. So, they want Lance, who now sets economic policy, to go.

So this week's installment of "Washington Behind Closed Doors" will star Bert Lance, assorted Senators, and, who knows...a certain President of the United States. □



Bert on the box.

NEVER UNDER-DO WHEN YOU OVER-DRAW...

—LaBelle Lance

As far as we're concerned, the last word on Bert Lance's massive overdrafts goes to his wife, LaBelle Lance.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Mrs. Lance said: "They were not the kind of overdrafts that a housewife does with \$25, and no \$25 in the bank to pay for it."

Stop. Before you read any further, go back and read that last paragraph again.

Take a minute to savor the deep wisdom of Mrs. Lance's remark.

She's right. Her own personal overdrafts of up to \$110,000 had nothing to do with a \$25 overdraft by a housewife, or by you or me.

BASICALLY A TRANSFER

She explained further: "It was basically either a transfer of one large bank to a smaller bank over a weekend when one would be open and the other closed."

You can surely understand. What else could she do when she needed a few thousand dollars in spending money to tide her over one of those inconvenient long weekends?

That's nothing like a housewife who overdrafts on a Friday because she needs \$25 or so to buy groceries for the family on Saturday.

It's not just the difference between \$25 and \$110,000 overdrafts, either. The real difference, obviously, is that she and her husband owned the bank.

LaBelle and Bert Lance are part of a different class from the housewife and her family. The Lances belong to the capitalist class.

Among other things, that means they can give themselves credit to spend other people's money—any time they goddamn

well decide to spend it. If you understand that, you can forget all about the mumbo-jumbo and legal technicalities of the Senate committee hearings.

There's more honest-to-god truth in LaBelle Lance's statement than there is in tons of transcripts and testimony. □

by Steve Lantier

There's a lot of corruption in this country—in Washington and in state and local governments, in business, in our unions, everywhere.

But at least we have a free press that fearlessly exposes the wrongdoers and holds them up to the harsh light of truth, right?

Well, it's true that this free press of ours is owned by very rich people and they don't do much about accurately reporting strikes, or working conditions, or things like that.

But when it comes to corruption, at home and abroad, the American press—newspapers and TV—are the freest in the world, right?

Our journalists aren't working for the government like in all those other countries—they print the truth, right?

Well, Carl Bernstein—one of the two reporters who blew the lid on Watergate—has some info on his fellow journalists.

It seems that our free, non-government-controlled, impartial news organizations worked hand-in-glove with the CIA.

Which news organizations? How

about these for starters:

- CBS, NBC, and ABC
- United Press International (UPI) and the Associated Press (AP)

- The New York Times and the Washington Post (that was the paper Bernstein worked for when he investigated Watergate)

- TIME and Newsweek magazines

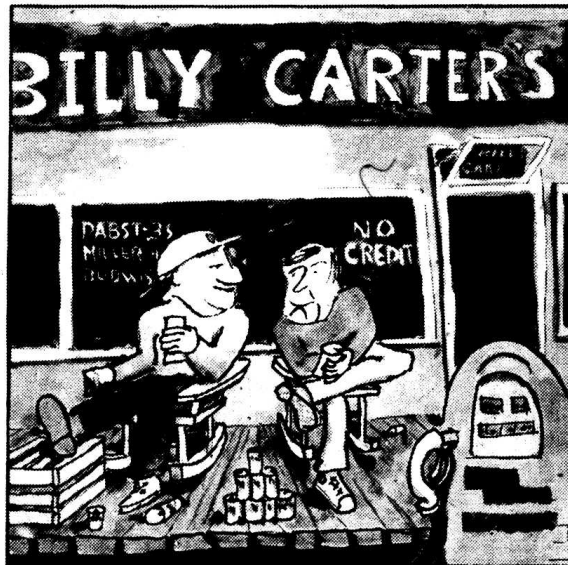
- Hearst, Scripps-Howard, Reuters (hell, they're not even American!), Mutual Broadcasting, the Louisville Courier-Journal, the Miami Herald, etc. etc.

Bernstein says that TIME, CBS, and the New York Times were the most useful to the CIA.

He says columnists like Joseph Alsop, Stewart Alsop, and C.L. Sulzberger were involved.

(Sulzberger has been the special foreign correspondent of the New York Times for many years. He is a very dull writer—I always thought he got the job because he was the publisher's nephew—didn't know he had an Uncle Sam, too.)

The Times gave CIA agents cover jobs as clerks and part-time correspondents for years, Bernstein says.



Sure, Bert, I can use some help around here pumping gas. Only one thing—no loans!

The CIA Evening News

So far, reaction to the story from our free American press must sound familiar to Bernstein when his Watergate days: "the non-denial denial."

Most of the news organizations are saying something like "We have no knowledge that the stories are true."

The head of the Copley News Service said he had been assured that "no payments of any kind have ever been made by the CIA to a Copley News Service employee." And where did he get this assurance? Why, from the CIA, of course—straight from the horse's mouth.

CBS has been a bit more cautious in its denials—since the New York Times reported a year ago that one of its writers of radio news scripts had been a career CIA agent.

The CIA isn't denying anything. It just says that it will refuse to divulge the names of journalists who cooperated with the Agency.

And last year, George Bush, then the CIA Director, announced that the CIA would cease the practice.

Columnist Joseph Alsop's reac-

tion was more straightforward. "Yes, if you have a chance to help your country, it is your job to do so."

Thanks, Joe, we'll remember that the next time you write some "objective" news—like all the times you defended the Vietnam war—that your idea of journalism is to help the CIA.

Our idea of journalism is to tell the truth about people like you. □

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'THE GOOD GUY'...

...WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR A BUNCH OF KIDS

by Mike Kelly

"He was a good guy, a good worker," said Dan Cloud, owner of Associated Petroleum Haulers in Inkster, Michigan.

"He didn't bother nobody. He didn't go to the bar. Payday come and he give his wife his check, cashed it and spent in on the family."

The good guy, the good worker, was Edward Gordon Need, truck driver from Westland, Michigan. Thirty-eight years old, a wife, a family. In two and a half years working for Cloud he never had a ticket or an accident.

Need was driving south on Telegraph approaching the Van Horn intersection last week when he saw a school bus out in the road.

Cloud told us, "She [the bus driver] pulled right out into the road, and the man had nowhere to go. There was traffic facing him coming this way. There was traffic on the other side. So he made a complete U-turn in the street."

Need was driving what they call a "Michigan Train," a double-trailer tanker about 60 feet long, nearly 13 feet high and carrying 77 tons of petroleum.

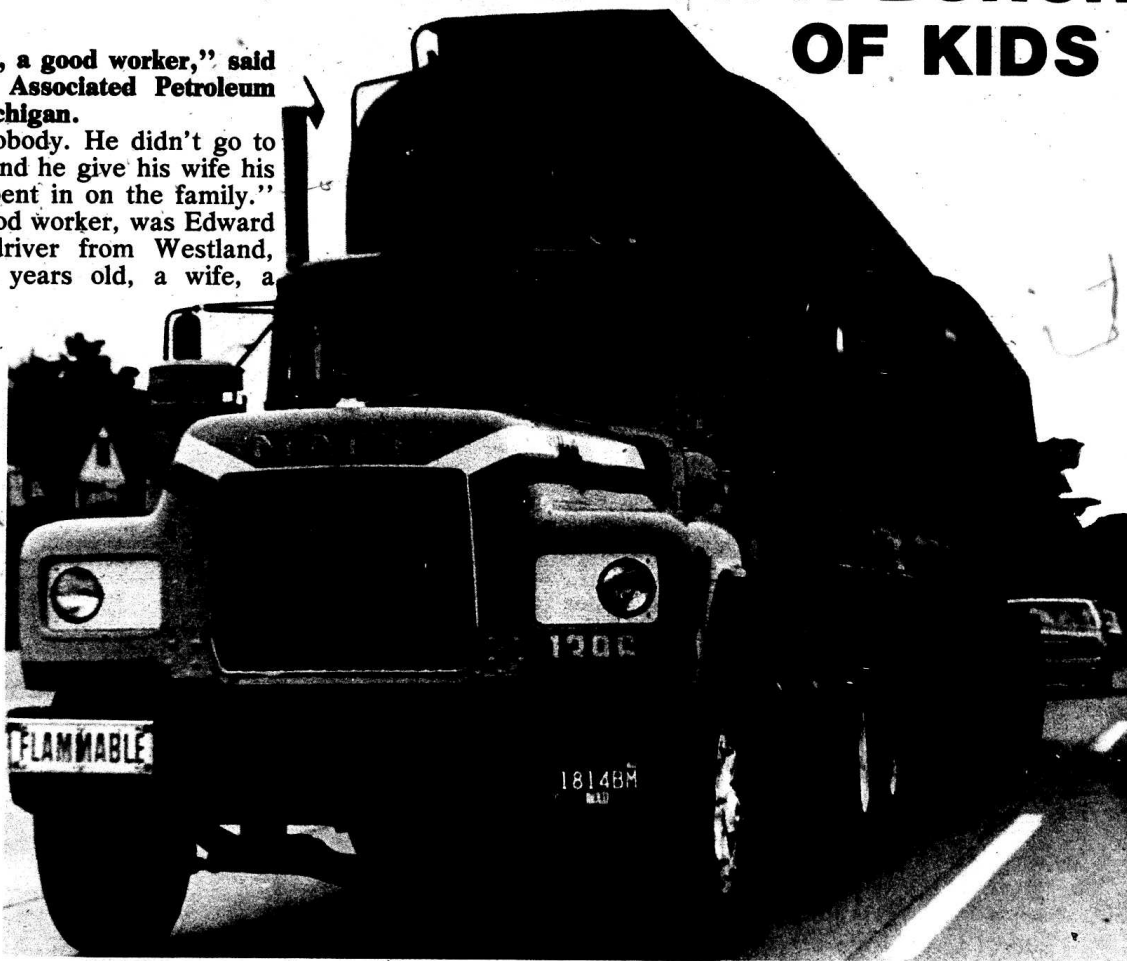
"HE GAVE HIS LIFE"

Need whipped the U-turn, the trailers jack-knifed, and rolled. The petroleum exploded into flames and he tried to crawl out of the cab.

"The whole area was in flame," said State Police Sgt. Al Eichenberg. "There was no place for him to go. He didn't have a chance."

"He give his own life up to save them kids," said Cloud. "Now these parents have sent donations to this driver's widow, and letters, and everything thanking him that he would lay down his own life to save their kids' lives."

Ed Need was a kind of a hero. A truck driver who gave up his own life to keep from killing a bunch of school children.



his burning tractor.

That accident was the second double-trailer tanker accident in eight days.

There have been seven tanker accidents this year in the Detroit area. Six of them were doubles. Three people have been killed and ten have been injured.

In addition to Ed Need, one other truck driver was killed on the I-94 Freeway Feb. 2. A woman was

burned to death at Southfield and 12-Mile.

NOTORIOUSLY DANGEROUS

What is the cause of the death of these truck drivers and other drivers?

All double-trailers are notoriously dangerous to their drivers and to other motorists. Tankers, because the cargo is live and sloshes around, and because it is explosive, are the worst.

William Linnert has been driving a truck for 25 years. He says, "I don't care what kind of a driver you get on a tandem (double) outfit, there's no way you can completely control the pup (the second trailer)."

Most truck drivers would agree with Linnert. And yet the government, the employers, the automobile clubs and the union have refused to do anything about the issue.

UNION POSITION

Ed Need wasn't protected by the union. Dan Cloud, his employer, had broken the union at Associated Petroleum Haulers.

When the union defended a man accused by Cloud of stealing, he refused to sign another contract. "We was in 283, but they did me dirty and I jus told 'em I'd close down before I'd sign another contract," said Cloud. But even if he had been in the

union, Need wouldn't have got much protection. This reporter called Local 283 to find out if they had a position on the dangerous double-tankers. They referred us to Local 299, where President Bob Lins told us 299 had no position against the tankers.

Then we called R.V. Durham, International Teamster Health and Safety Director. He was in the hospital and unable to talk. But his assistant told us, "Frankly, I don't recall getting into the area of double tankers."

The union has no position against the double-trailers because the employers want them and the union refuses to fight the employers.

We spoke to Ken Thompson, a safety man for Refiners Transport, the largest petroleum hauler in the Detroit area.

Thompson said, "I've never heard where they [the employers] stressed the banning of doubles for the simple reason that they've never proved that doubles were any more hazardous than an 8-axle or a straight truck."

Refiners Transport and Ray Moulder Company are the two biggest petroleum haulers using double tankers in the Detroit area. They are both owned by Leaseway, one of the giants of the trucking industry.

These big trucking companies have worked on the unions, state and federal legislatures, and on the regulatory agencies like the ICC

and DOT to keep the dangerous vehicles on the road.

The Automobile Clubs have supported the big trucking companies. In a study published by the Michigan Automobile Club, they claim most of the accidents were due to driver error.

GREED

The real cause of the death of a "good guy" like Ed Need was the greed of the trucking employers.

They have forced through legislation in Michigan allowing double-trailers—twenty states ban them. They have forced through the highest weight limit—77 tons. (The neighboring state of Indiana allows only 37 tons.)

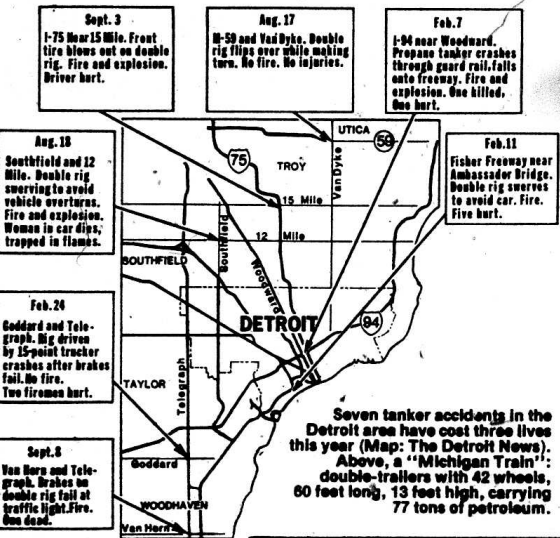
But there has been a movement to stop the doubles from killing truckers and from killing others. Teamsters for a Decent Contract, a rank and file group organized at the time of the Teamsters Master Freight Contract expiration last year, demanded that the contract ban them.

At present Dennis Hertel, a Michigan State Representative, and his brother John Hertel, a State Senator, are introducing legislation which would ban the doubles.

Rank and file Teamsters should put pressure on their union to ban the doubles in the next contract, and on the state legislature to ban the doubles immediately from all Michigan highways. □

MARTYR—AND VICTIM

Ed Need was a hero, a martyr. But like all martyrs, he was also a victim. He was a victim of the kind of system that lets a "good guy and a good worker" be burned to death as waves of flame sweep over



PEACE IN RHODESIA? WITH THIS BUTCHER?

by Sandy Boyer

Workers' Power has uncovered information about the man who is supposed to run Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) under the British and American governments' "peace" plan.

To control the transition to Black majority rule, they have named a British Army officer whose entire career has been built on suppressing guerrilla freedom fighters.

His name is Field Marshal Lord Michael Carver.

If the British and American plans go through, he would become British Commissioner for Rhodesia.

He would supervise the transfer of power from Ian Smith's white minority government to a Black government.

Carver's key job would be to disarm both the guerrilla freedom fighters of the Patriotic Front and the Rhodesian Army.

After that he would construct a new army by taking the "best" soldiers from both sides.

A TORTURER...

Why was Carver chosen for this job?

Carver's last job was trying to crush the Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland as Chief of the British Army General Staff and then as Chief of the Defense Staff.

While Carver was Chief of the General Staff, the British Army



Field Marshal Lord Michael Carver

began rounding up suspected IRA men and putting them in concentration camps.

Almost all of the men picked up were tortured. Some were blindfolded and pushed out of helicopters they thought were high in the air but were really only a few feet off the ground.

Others were hooded and made to stand spreadeagled against a wall for twenty-four hours at a time.

The most common torture was forcing men to run barefoot over barbed wire or broken glass between two lines of soldiers who beat them with clubs.

These crimes were so blatant that the British government was tried and convicted by the European Court of Justice for violating human rights by torturing civilians.

In 1972 Carver attended the

meeting with British Prime Minister Edward Heath and Defense Minister Reginald Maudling that planned the Bloody Sunday massacre in Derry, Northern Ireland.

British paratroops fired into a crowd of unarmed civil rights marchers killing 13 people.

For this faithful service Carver was promoted to Chief of all the Defense Staff.

...AND A MURDERER

But Carver is no stranger to Africa. His first big assignment was as Deputy Chief of Staff of the British East Africa Command, from 1954 to 1956. His job then was to wipe out the Mau Mau rebellion in Kenya.

The Mau Mau were Black guerrillas who were fighting to kick the British out of their country.

In 1955, the British Army bragged to the press that they were killing 260 Africans for every European.

Nearly 800 alleged Mau Mau prisoners had been hanged.

There were 70,000 Africans in concentration camps and 150,000 huts destroyed.

The concentration camps set up by the British in Kenya were patterned on the strategic hamlets they created in Malaya, which also inspired the United States' strategic hamlet program in South Viet-

nam.

They were also the inspiration for the so-called protected villages where tens of thousands of Zimbabwean villagers are forced to live today.

NEVER AGAIN

Carver's other notable achievements have been leading British troops against nationalist guerrillas in Cyprus and Malaya. The atrocities in the Malaya war rivaled those in Kenya.

Now we are being asked to believe that this butcher is going to bring Black majority rule to Rhodesia. Of course the British and American governments know better.

They know that if Carver gets the chance, his real goal will be to disarm and then crush the freedom fighters of the Patriotic Front.

By nominating this career killer, the British and American governments have proven that their real plan for Zimbabwe is no different from the white ruler, Ian Smith.

They are not for Black majority rule in Zimbabwe. They are for an army, a police and state machine firmly controlled by imperialist interests.

Their peace plan is a plot against six million Zimbabweans.

Unfortunately for Carver and his British and American masters, the freedom fighters know this too. □

Teamsters Fight For Their Jobs In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Teamster drivers and dock workers in Locals 208, 357, and 495 here have joined the nationwide fight for jobs and full employment. Only, it's their own jobs they're fighting for in this instance.

Doug Allen, a member of the National Steering Committee of the TDU (Teamsters for a Democratic Union) reports: the Acme-Alltrans company drivers and dock workers lost their jobs to owner-operators. Thomas Nationwide Transportation (the parent company of Acme-Alltrans) pulled a fast shuffle around the requirements of the IBT National Freight Agreement, by not offering the workers at Acme a job with the new freight handler, Intermodal Container Services.

"THE BUSINESS"

The workers, who are now picketing the Intermodal facility in Carson, Calif., were notified on the 4th of September by telegram that "Alltrans is out of business." However this "paper" transaction stinks to high heaven when you consider the fact that Acme's offices are now in the same building with Intermodal.

By press time Teamster officials had not acted in behalf of the 48 members of the affected locals, and they had no choice other than resort to the weapon of the wildcat strike.

Intermodal Container Services has gotten an injunction to try and curtail the 24-hour picketing. They have also filed a 1.25 million dollar damage suit against the individual picketers.

The strikers are desperately in need of help from all Teamsters in the vicinity. You can get "on the line" at 22650 Lucern (off 223rd), Carson, Calif. □

Wife Beating Gets "Seal Of Approval"

Why do men beat their wives?

"Those women libbers irritate the hell out of their husbands," said Gloria Bazzoli of the New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women.

The Commission rejected a proposal to provide shelter for women who are beaten up by their husbands—because if she gets belted it's the woman's own fault.

Seven recent studies have shown that over half of all wives are beaten by their husbands at one time or another.

According to the commissioners, all appointed by arch-conservative Governor Meldrin Thompson, wife beating is caused by the rise of the women's rights movement.

In other words: stay in your place like a good girl and you won't get the shit kicked out of you.

The Commission said that providing a place that battered wives could come to would be an invasion of the privacy of the home.

WAKE UP

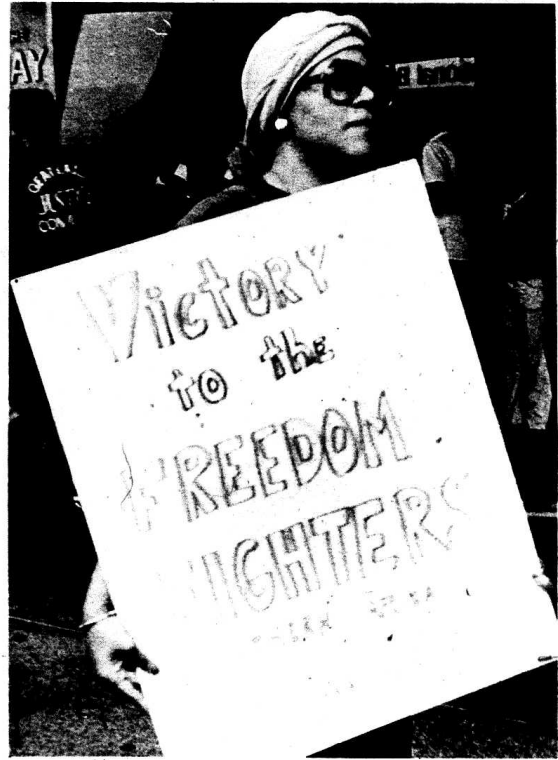
A Wisconsin judge was recently kicked out of office by the voters for being an open sexist. He said that rape was a "normal reaction."

Another judge in California said that a man can't be blamed for raping a woman who hitch-hikes.

Now we find that wife-beating also gets the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.

When will these government officials wake up? Women are not going to be used as society's punching bag any more! □

KRUGERRAND OUT IN CLEVELAND



Picket line at Cleveland's May Co. led to removal of the South African Krugerrand (right).

CLEVELAND — Last Saturday, the Southern Africa Liberation Committee (S.A.L.C.) led a spirited picket line in front of the May Co., one of Cleveland's largest department store chains, demanding removal of the Krugerrand.

The Krugerrand is a one-ounce gold coin worth \$157.00 or 450 bullets to the South African government. Last year, over 1300 Black men, women and children, were murdered by the racist regime.

The May Company soon became the second Cleveland store to stop selling the so-called "ounce of pure love." On August 18, the Colonial Coin Co. took the coin out of their shop after being fronted off by the S.A.L.C.

The May Co. was uptight: when a reporter asked to see the coin, a jewelry department salesman said: "It's none of your goddamn business!"

After only an hour and a half, the Krugerrand wasn't the May Co.'s business, either anymore. Charles D. Springman, May Co. Vice President for operations, told the Committee: "We have taken the Krugerrand off sale in all nine of our Cleveland stores."

PETITIONS

Hundreds of shoppers signed petitions agreeing to boycott the May Co. until they met the S.A.L.C. demands. Some joined the picket line, while many more talked with S.A.L.C. members.

As one signer put it: "If more people in this country were willing to fight against racist South Africa, the easier it would be to fight

racism here in Cleveland."

Twenty-five dollars was collected in donations to carry on the work.

The S.A.L.C. is committed to building on the strong response to the May Co. picket to get the Krugerrand out of all stores in Cleveland and to expose the role of Cleveland-based corporations with investments in South Africa. □

Dan Tyson





DETROIT MAYOR'S RACE

Two Black Candidates - No Real Choice For Black Detroiters



by Kate Stacy

DETROIT—Detroit has two candidates left in the Mayor's race, both Black. But that doesn't mean the election isn't completely dominated by racism.

Ernest Brown is backed by the white-run Detroit Police Officers' Association. Coleman Young is backed by Henry Ford II, Jimmy Carter, and the entire Black community.

Present Mayor Young racked up an impressive 55% in the 11-way primary race, winning over 90% of the votes from the Black precincts.

How is it possible that the capitalists who run Detroit and the Black voters are supporting the same man?

Young has identified himself

with Black pride in Detroit. He was the city's first Black mayor. He has taken on the most racist sections of the city—like the police department, which is now 30% Black.

Under his direction the City Administration has become Black led. From the Board of Education to the top police chiefs, Blacks are evenly represented.

As a result Black Detroiters feel that Young is their candidate.

ELECTION STRATEGY

Mayor Young's strategy for the November general election will be to hold onto his present almost total support in the Black community. But his financial backing from the forces who really run Detroit is equally important.

In the business community, his supporters are headed by Democrat Henry Ford II and Republican Max Fisher, a major Nixon financial backer.

Both are leading capitalist investors in the downtown riverfront. This complex has been widely proclaimed in Young's campaign as the center of Detroit's rebirth—a rebirth that only he can continue.

From labor, Young's support comes from the UAW, the AFL-CIO, and the Teamsters.

And the Carter Administration fell all over itself to help Young in the primary.

For example, HUD Secretary Patricia Harris showed up in Detroit just four days before the election to announce federal appro-

val of a major housing project. The project could bring up to 65 million federal dollars into the city.

WHY THEY LOVE HIM

Young gets all this political and financial support because he has been able to do a job that no conservative white mayor could ever have done.

Young keeps the peace in a potentially explosive Black city.

In the summer of 1975 a Black revolt began in the westside ghetto because a white bar owner was released on very low bond after murdering a Black youth.

Young hit the streets along with the police and was able to cool the situation out.

There would have been a far different response by the crowds of angry Blacks when police attacked them with tear gas and nightsticks, had it not been for Young's prestige.

The tremendous levels of unemployment Black workers have gone through during Young's term would not have been so quietly suffered under a white city administration.

The massive cuts Young made in city services would have been angrily opposed.

No white mayor could have forced through an across-the-board curfew requiring all non-adult Detroiters to be off the street by 11 P.M.

Mayor Young did it all. And Henry Ford and Jimmy Carter are quite grateful. They want to see Young in office for four more years.

WORTHLESS CONNECTION

It is this "Carter connection" that Young uses as a major campaign theme. But the connection has meant very little for the health of Detroit's Black neighborhoods or in the serious level of minority unemployment, particularly among young people.

The Mayor's strategy is the same as the President's: increase jobs and money in the Black community indirectly by attracting business back into the central cities.

In Detroit that strategy has been milked as dry as it can get—and it has not changed anything.

The Mayor himself estimates unemployment at almost 25%. And since 1970 Detroit has lost over 240 manufacturing plants.

Young's policies are not directed at combating the racism by the

business community that caused the mammoth job loss and urban decay in the first place.

Other prominent Blacks, such as Vernon Jordan of the Urban League, have criticized Carter's lack of action to help the unemployed. But Young has not even done that, apparently in exchange for Carter's help in the campaign.

WHITE HOPE

Detroiters are said to cast their ballots along racial lines even more so than in most American cities. And Young's opponent Ernest Brown has made no secret of being the white conservatives' candidate.

Most of his financial backing and campaign organization comes from the police department. Young referred to him as "the only Black white hope in the history of politics."

Browne, a City Councilman, polled 21% of the primary vote. The remainder of the white vote was split between two white candidates now eliminated from the race.

With the city's voters almost evenly divided between Black and white, the general election is expected to be close.

CONFIDENCE

The powers-that-be have confidence that Young can continue to run Detroit without much militancy from the Black community.

Militancy over rotten conditions or racism stands a good chance of getting channelled into support for Young, rather than opposition to his policies.

In the rest of the election Mayor Young will probably be even more successful in identifying Black pride with his personal political success.

That is how he will try to ensure the high vote turnout he needs to win on Election Day.

He will charge that racism is the root of challenger Brown's campaign. And that most of Brown's backers want to return Detroit to the days when whites ran the city.

Young will be absolutely right in all of those charges.

But Young is absolutely wrong when he claims that Detroiters' hopes in the future lie with him.

The future he charts, despite the campaign rhetoric, means only higher unemployment and increased urban decay.

Bakke Case: Carter Opposes Minority Rights

by Kate Stacy

In the most important civil rights case before the Supreme Court in the last twenty years the Carter Administration will oppose minority rights.

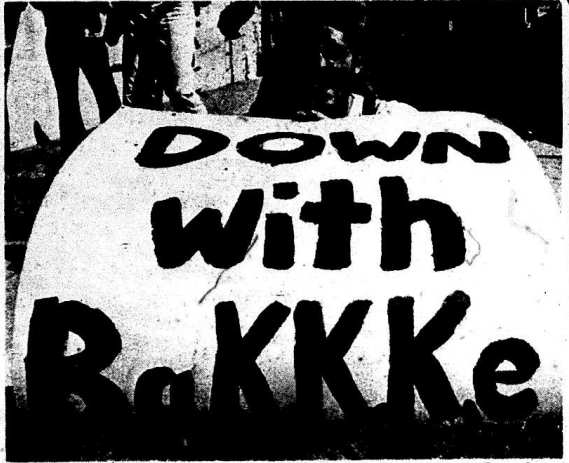
The shock and outrage of civil rights leaders and Black Administration officials has forced Carter to order a re-write job on his Administration's position. But a Justice Department lawyer says the basic argument will not be changed.

The Bakke case, to be presented to the Supreme Court this fall, involves the use of quotas to ensure minority representation in college admission programs. But the case will have a far wider impact.

Opponents of affirmative action programs throughout business and industry are just waiting for the Supreme Court's decision. Blacks' and women's gains in both hiring and job upgrading rights are in serious danger.

The Court has ruled that separate seniority lists which discriminate against Black people are perfectly legal.

But if it upholds the Bakke case, it will be maintaining that those



Students demonstrate against the Bakke decision at San Francisco campus.

same separate lists are not legal if they discriminate against whites!

The battle shapes up over the use of quotas or firm goals to protect minority and women's rights to equal job and education opportunities.

The Carter Administration will argue that it is for affirmative action, but that it opposes quotas or goals because they exclude white people.

Civil rights experts generally consider an affirmative action program to be serious if it includes quotas or firm goals to reach a specific percentage of minority representation within a specific period of time.

They generally consider a program that lacks specific goals to be worthless.

So Carter's position of being for affirmative action, but opposed to goals and quotas to achieve it, in effect is to be against affirmative action.

The position of the Administration is so racist that three Cabinet members strenuously objected to it last week.

They may convince the Administration to argue that the Court should only decide the Bakke case narrowly. Then it would not become a precedent that would work against other affirmative action plans.

In the Soviet Union, the social

IN THE SOVIET UNION, socialists are sent to prison camps and psychiatric hospitals.

Leonid Plyushch, a committed socialist and Ukrainian dissident, was sentenced to indefinite confinement in a psychiatric hospital.

He was injected with powerful drugs to "eradicate socially dangerous psychic deviations from the norm."

In the so-called socialist countries of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, the most dangerous thing you can do is to stand up for genuine socialist principles and ideas.

That was the message Plyushch delivered last week to a mass meeting in Detroit, one stop on a national speaking tour.

But the Soviet Union isn't a prison for socialists alone.

Within the borders of the Soviet Union are many nations—Lithuania, Latvia, the Ukraine. The people of these nationalities are discriminated against as much as Blacks, Indians, and Mexican-Americans are in this country.

The Russian prison camps and psychological torture wards are occupied by Ukrainian, Crimean Tatar and other nationalities; by Baptist, Moslem and Jewish dissenters; and by members of every shade of political dissent in the Soviet Union.

And a new, even more vicious crackdown is beginning now, Plyushch warns. As trade with the West grows, the Soviet leaders want to keep tight control on the internal workings of their system.

Who is Leonid Plyushch? He is

38 years old, the son of a poor peasant family, and a physicist and mathematician.

LETTER

In 1968 he wrote a letter to the Young Communist newspaper protesting the trial of two dissidents, Ginsburg and Galanskov. He said their frame-up was against all the principles of socialism.

For this Plyushch was fired, and unemployed for four years.

In January 1972 he was arrested for "anti-Soviet propaganda and agitation." His wife was fired, and his family was left without support.

The courts didn't exactly convict Plyushch. Rather they "diagnosed" him. They said he was "suffering from creeping schizophrenia with messianic and reformist tendencies."

He was committed to a psychia-

tric prison—indefinitely.

PROTEST MOVEMENT

In 1974, a massive protest movement in Europe was formed to demand his release. In 1976 he was allowed to leave the Soviet Union to live in France.

Plyushch credits the fact that he is alive and free today to the protests organized by the French trade unions, revolutionary socialists, the French and Italian Communist Parties, and the rest of the defense movement.

His trip to the U.S. gives Americans a chance to find out some of the truth about the USSR.

His story reveals that dissidents in both lands share a common enemy: a privileged class of rulers, one called "capitalist" and one called "Communist."

by Dan Posen

Leonid Plyushch spoke last week to a mass meeting in Detroit. Because of the importance of his message, and in solidarity with the struggle he speaks for, Workers' Power presents some highlights from his speech.

I understand that everything you have said in your greetings to me really applies to my friends and comrades in prison—and those who are not in prison yet.

I was sent to prison in the crackdown that began in the Ukraine in 1972:

Tonight I will tell you about the crackdown being prepared against all opposition in the Soviet Union today.

This crackdown is much worse than 1972.

In November of last year members of the Ukrainian Helsinki group had searches carried out at their flats.

One teacher had a rifle planted on him by the police. Another, a poet and writer, had dollars planted. Another writer had pornography planted.

They were sentenced, one to seven years in a labor camp followed by five years in exile, another 10 years prison and three in exile.

After the searches in the Ukraine, searches were carried out in Moscow. This is when they arrested Mikhail Shtern and Anato-

ly Scharansky (a prominent Jewish dissident), who was accused of being a CIA agent.

There are two aspects to these accusations. The Soviet regime has been trying to convince the population for a long time that all Jews are a fifth column of American imperialism.

Like the Nazis, they represent the Jews as currency speculators who use every opportunity to conquer the world. These ideas are being openly spread through the Soviet press.

FAKE EVIDENCE

The regime will attempt to prove that detente between west and east leads to espionage, terrorism and pornography. Planting this fake "evidence" is a way of discrediting all our movements.

This is not only a way of preparing a pogrom (lynching) against Jews. If they succeed in going on with this trial, we can expect the same for other nations and other peoples....

• There are reports we can expect provocations against the Lithuanian Monitoring Group.

• The same thing is being done to the Crimean Tatars, but in a different way. Not only aren't they allowed to return to their homeland, the Crimea, they are depicted as bandits.

• Almost no one here knows we have small peoples dying out. Their position is worse than that of American Indians—because the situation cannot be discussed openly.

• If a Black man in Moscow (where there are students from Africa) walks down the street with a white girl, this is almost a guarantee he will be beaten up. Yellow-skinned people are referred to as animals.

That isn't all. In Odessa, where there is traditionally a great deal of anti-Semitism against Jews, it has now been extended to Arabs as well.

The government deliberately encourages this....

SOCIALISTS ARRESTED

Between 1968 and 1972 almost all the Marxists who were active in the democratic movement were seized.



Photo: Jane Mehnick

Leonid Plyushch, a socialist dissident from the Ukraine, is on a sponsored by the Committee for the Defense of Soviet Political Prisoners, also sponsored by the Committee to Defend Human Rights in the USSR.

Plyushch is representing a movement called the "Helsinki Monitoring Group" in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. These group campaign to enforce the agreements on human rights called the Helsinki Accords.

The agreement was signed by the super-powers and European nations. It called for respect for basic human rights, along with cultural, international follow-up conference is now occurring at Belgrade. Monitoring Groups in Eastern Europe are publicizing cases of arrests in their countries. They want a full discussion of these violations on terms of repression in western dictatorships like Chile.

Throughout Eastern Europe members of the Helsinki Monitoring Group have been harassed and fired from their jobs. Plyushch is speaking to organizations in the U.S.

Of these, 75% were sent to psychiatric hospitals.

This is probably because they are a greater threat to the existing regime than the anti-communist intellectuals are.

When French Communists write that the Soviet Union is socialist—even though, they say, with defects—I think they are helping reactionaries by making such a statement.

If the Soviet Union is socialist, in any way, then socialism means shooting down workers' demonstrations, insane asylums for political dissenters, continual provoca-

tion, and the complete absence of any freedom except the freedom to shout "Hallelujah" to Brezhnev.

PARADOX

My mother is a cook, the kind of cook who Lenin said would run the socialist state.

She makes 60 rubles a month. She is very old but if she tried to live only on her state pension she would starve. Sixty rubles is supposed to be about \$60 but it is really much less.

When she bought a TV set,

...lists are in jail...

"Our struggle is for human rights everywhere"

Leonid Plyushch has an important message for American workers: the struggle for freedom from oppression is a common struggle, East and West.

He compared the head of state in the Soviet Union, Leonid Brezhnev, to the military dictator of Chile, Augusto Pinochet.

Says Plyushch: "Brezhnev needs Pinochet. And the other way around, too."

"They exist because of each other. They need each other's crimes to justify their own."

Plyushch dramatically illustrated this point by discussing some statements made by the pro-Moscow leader of the Chilean Communist Party, Luis Corvalan.

Corvalan was held in prison and threatened with death by the Chilean military dictatorship after the coup in 1973.

He was allowed to leave Chile and fly to safety in Moscow when the Soviet government agreed to release a Russian dissident prisoner.

PROPAGANDA

The Chilean rulers used this prisoner exchange as a propaganda victory. They painted themselves as friends of human rights in Eastern Europe; they covered up their murders and tortures of tens of thousands of Chilean political prisoners.

But Plyushch pointed out that Corvalan himself helped to make the Chilean dictatorship look good with his disgraceful praise for Russia.

"When Luis Corvalan was freed and arrived in Moscow, he said there were no political prisoners in the Soviet Union."

"Those in prison, he said, were arrested quite correctly and legally."

"I would like Luis Corvalan to know about some Ukrainian women political prisoners."

"They appealed to the camp administration, requesting that the low prison wages they received be turned over to the families of Chilean political prisoners."

"This was not an empty gesture. Many other examples could be cited."

"When Corvalan made his statements he was actually supporting Pinochet."

"Unfortunately many people do not understand this connection between fascism and Soviet pseudo-socialism."

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Plyushch also explained the campaign by the Helsinki Monitoring Groups in Eastern Europe, to demand that all governments observe the human rights principles signed at Helsinki in 1975.

They see their campaign in the

spirit of solidarity among peoples—the same solidarity the Ukrainian prisoners showed toward their brothers and sisters in Chile.

The Helsinki Monitoring Groups are appealing to the current Belgrade Conference on human rights—but their struggle doesn't end there.

"Most countries are trying to reduce the Helsinki accords to a bartering tool."

"If we place all our hopes in governments to carry out the Helsinki accords, if there is no popular struggle, then we will lose."

"And the peoples of Latin America, even though they aren't

formally affected by the Helsinki accords—they will lose, too."

"We in France, with the aid of French trade unions who have greatly aided us, are attempting to set up a conference parallel to Belgrade, to avoid entrusting our fate to the governments."

"We struggle for human rights everywhere. We support the rights, for example, of trade unionists in Chile and Uruguay, even when some of those unionists support Brezhnev."

"The line between freedom and slavery knows no geographical boundaries." □

Teamster Dissident's Welcome

"We Intend To Rely On Each Other"

The following message to Leonid Plyushch was read by Pete Camarata, a Detroit Teamster Local 299 member.

Camarata is active in the rank and file struggle against another dictatorship—the leadership of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

It is with great pride that I take this opportunity to welcome such a respected dissident to this country.

The fame of Leonid Plyushch has spread to the working class in this country and has been a real encouragement to many of us.

Knowing that there are dissidents where the right to dissent is even less appreciated than here, gives us more courage to stand up here.

We have seen many people call themselves dissidents until they were pressured; then they gave up their principles.

Leonid has proved to be a man of principles. For this we have great admiration.

UNDER PRESSURE

Since I have been actively organizing among the rank and file of the Teamsters Union, I realize what personal strength it takes to stand up and speak out under pressure.

However, at times it takes even more than personal strength to push forward; active support is the key.

Therefore, Leonid, know that you have support here and we encourage you to speak out for

the struggle of the working class and the struggle of the Ukrainian people to have their own culture and government.

We in the Teamsters realize the importance of this, because we struggle in a similar way for the equality of women and Blacks and Latin peoples in the union.

Take to heart, Leonid, that a working class consciousness is growing among the American working class.

We look to our working class brothers and sisters around the world for solidarity.

We look to neither Moscow nor Washington, we intend to rely on each other.

So, from one dissident to another, I welcome you. □

They Fight For Freedom In Spain, Too!

ONE AND A HALF MILLION people marched September 11 for national autonomy and democratic freedom in the city of Barcelona, Spain, center of the region of Catalonia.

Two years after dictator Franco's death, they were celebrating Catalan National Day, which Franco had outlawed.

Speaking the regional language, Catalan, was also made a crime under Franco's government. People went to jail and torture for speaking their own language.

The Catalan marchers were joined by people carrying flags from several other regions of the country, who want the right to run their own affairs.

REVOLUTIONARY

Catalonia, in northeastern Spain, was the greatest center of revolutionary working class struggle in the Spanish Civil War of the 1930's.

It was the city of Barcelona, in July 1936, where the workers surrounded and defeated a fascist military garrison in bloody fighting, then seized control of the city.

The final victory of the Franco fascist army in 1939 meant the crushing of the working class movement, and the end of all national freedom in Catalonia.

The struggle in Catalonia is a symbol for every demand for democracy in Spain today.

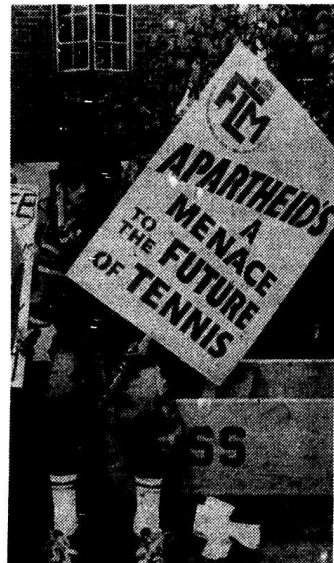
It is also closely connected to the growth of a new workers' movement.

Catalonia, with its tradition of working class struggle, voted most heavily for the left-wing candidates and against the government slate in the recent election.

The central Spanish government of Adolfo Suarez aims to blunt the Catalan movement by restoring the Catalan national assembly, the Generalitat, but giving it no power to make real decisions.

But the struggle of Catalonia and the Spanish workers is just beginning. The revolutionary traditions which nearly brought Spanish workers to power in 1936 are slowly being reborn. □

Sports Yes, South Africa No!



This young protestor was at the United States Open Tennis championship at Forest Hills, N.Y.

He and others were demanding that the tennis establishment throw out the racist South African government from international play.

The sign he holds is from the Amalgamated Meat Cutters union.

speaking tour of North America... The Detroit meeting was... he Ukraine.

ing Groups," which have been... are calling for an international... "Helsinki Agreement."

ons at Helsinki, Finland in 1975... l and economic exchanges. An... de, Yugoslavia. The Helsinki... s and human rights violations in... e agenda at Belgrade—and also

ing Groups are being arrested... ize support for their activities.

which I helped her on a little, she... began to think she was almost... bourgeois.

She lives in a little room in a... dormitory.

When workers in Kiev demon-... strated because they had no place... to live, they marched with a slogan... on a banner reading, "All power to... the soviets!" [Soviets is the Rus-... sian word meaning "workers"... councils.]

This is a paradox, when workers... have to make the same... demand that was raised be-... fore the revolution of 1917.

Steelmakers Scream 'Imports!'

- Don't Buy Their Lies

GARY, Indiana—U.S. Steel's recent threats to close its Chicago South Works plant was exposed last week for what it really was: another bluff. The purpose: to panic support for the controls the steel industry wants the government to put on imports.

But imports are not the reason that steelworkers have lost jobs.

The figures in the chart make this clear.

Citing the "glut of cheap foreign steel" on the U.S. market, the company laid off 250 workers at South Works six weeks ago and put another 1750 on short work weeks. The company also threatened further layoffs at its Gary Works mills.

Then word was leaked to the press through workers in the

accounting division that it was "a definite possibility" that South Works would close permanently, throwing its 8500 union members out in the streets.

Again, the reason was "foreign imports." But added to it was "costly environmental safeguards" and "rising taxes." Taxes at South Works, the company complained, were three times what they were at its similar mill in Homestead, Pa.

The company conveniently forgot that it had similarly threatened to close the Homestead mill last year because of the cost of anti-pollution equipment.

The company officially refused to "confirm or deny" the shut-down reports, although some officials confirmed the reports and others denied them, as they tried to whip up a panic over the threat of steel imports to American jobs.

BLUFF AND BLUSTER

But last week the charade ended. First, the company announced that reports (which it had issued itself) of layoffs at Gary Works were "totally without fact." Then it was announced that U.S. Steel would spend \$5.4 million on air-pollution controls at South Works, hardly indicating a shutdown.

The company's belt tightening would be limited to cutting a \$19 a month cost of living increase for management, and reducing the white collar workforce by not filling vacancies.

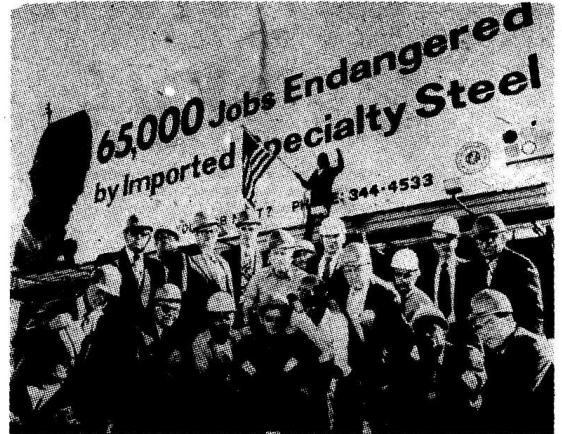
Why all the bluff and bluster? For months U.S. Steel and the other big steel companies have been campaigning for government import controls on foreign steel. Foreign steel, mainly Japanese, is the only real competition in the U.S. steel market. U.S. steel makers do not really compete among themselves, but generally follow whatever price increase the no. 1 steel giant, U.S. Steel, sets for the market.

Despite their cries to the contrary, the U.S. steel makers want to monopolize the U.S. market by keeping out competition. Then they can jack up their prices to even higher levels, and make bigger profits.

Unfortunately for them, what's good for the steel companies is not necessarily good for other capitalists and the rest of the economy—and the government knows it. Higher steel prices mean higher prices for all goods made of steel, kicking inflation up even higher.

Worse, if the U.S. limits steel imports, countries that import to the U.S. can retaliate by placing limits on what we export to them. A trade war could erupt that would throw the world economy into another depression as it did in the 30's. So the Carter administration has so far firmly opposed import controls for steel.

The steel companies have therefore turned to building a national political campaign to put pressure on the government for import controls. Steel executives have delivered countless speeches to



Foreign imports are an excuse—not the cause—of job loss.

different groups on the subject; the companies have run ads in the local and national press, and have put up billboards in steel-producing areas warning that foreign steel costs U.S. jobs. The threat to close South Works was part of the same campaign.

The campaign has had some success. Early on, outgoing Steelworkers President I.W. Abel lent his support. His chosen successor, Lloyd McBride, has followed in his footsteps. Abel gave up the right to strike to the companies years ago—supposedly to protect U.S. jobs from foreign competition, a move McBride still supports.

The policies of the Steelworkers Union—the no-strike agreement, the productivity committees, the willingness to bargain away jobs—these have allowed the companies to get rid of jobs. Foreign imports are an excuse, not a cause.

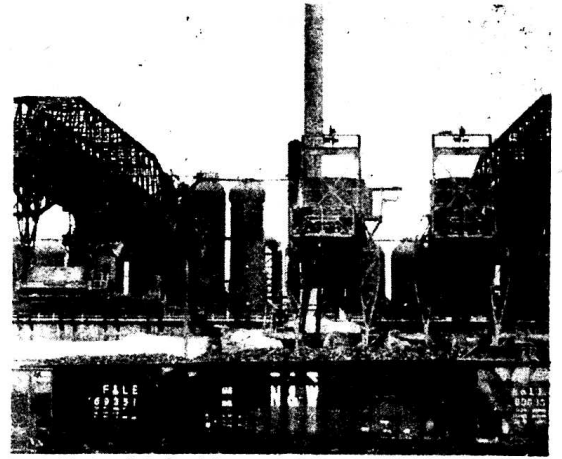
Import controls can only hurt American workers. Without competition steel prices would rise—and so would the price of cars, appliances and everything else

made of steel that we buy as consumers, cutting our standard of living.

And if other countries retaliate against our import controls by setting up controls of their own, American workers who produce for export will then find themselves losing their jobs as the export market shrinks.

So far only District Director Jim Balanoff of Steelworkers District 31 has taken a stand against the companies' propaganda. Balanoff was the victorious union reform candidate in last February's international election, running with Ed Sadlowski on the Steelworkers Fight Back slate. District 31 remains the heart of the reform movement in the Steelworkers union.

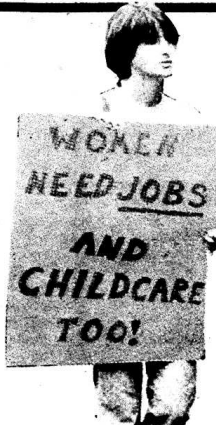
To counter the steel companies' campaign, the union reform forces will have to wage a campaign of their own, arguing the facts to steelworkers on a local by local basis. Steelworkers' jobs, and those of many other workers, are at stake.



South Works—U.S. Steel threatens jobs, not because of imports, but because of its greed for high profits.

Labor Notes

by Jim Woodward



Workers' Power is sorry to report that Joseph P. Brennan, chief negotiator for the coal operators, got sick and was hospitalized during early contract talks with the miners union September 9. The nature of Brennan's illness was not publicly announced. Some observers were hoping it might prove to be highly contagious and spread to all the coal operators.

Two recent government studies, reported by the United Mine Workers, suggest that coal operators don't care much about safety—particularly when it interferes with production. The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health asked 102 foremen at 29 mines, "How important from the company's point of view is getting out the coal regardless of safety?" The majority of foremen answered that it was either very important or moderately important. Meanwhile, the Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration interviewed executives of 24 coal companies, including some of the largest, and concluded that the operators consider fines for safety violations as just a "cost of doing business." Ninety percent of the coal operators said these "civil penalties did not affect their production or safety activities."

The Justice Department recently announced that Eugene Debs never lost his U.S. citizenship, even though he served a prison term for opposing World War I. The ruling came as a result of a request by the 1975 AFL-CIO convention. Debs, a revolutionary socialist, was a leader of the railroad unions and led a nationwide railroad strike in 1894. He ran for President five times as a socialist, winning nearly a million votes in 1912. Though Debs was a revolutionary, hated by the established union leadership of his day, today's conservative union bureaucrats are happy to associate themselves with his name: Both I.W. Abel and George Meany have accepted "Debs Awards" in recent years.

An arbitrator has ruled that two miners were legitimately absent from work under the safety hazards clause in their contract. There had been gunfire near the mine. The arbitrator reversed the firing of the two.

Tony Boyle's second murder trial is beginning. Boyle, former president of the United Mine Workers, is accused of ordering the murder of Jock Yablonski, who opposed him in 1969. Boyle was convicted in 1974 and served over a year in prison before an appeals court ordered a new trial.

"Meany, Fitzsimmons call for union busting" read a headline in the September 10 Pittsburgh Courier. The article was about the two labor leaders' Labor Day messages in which they had, in fact, denounced union busting. Clearly the headline writer goofed, but we can understand why he was confused.

What's happening where you work? Send items for this column to: Workers' Power, Labor Notes, 14131 Woodward Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan 48203. Or phone 313-869-5964.

Calvin Starks & Anthony Lakey

Can't Eat Words

Words can be very important. Americans, under the first 200 days of the Carter administration, have heard an abundance of words. Words like "jobs, no jobs, tax rebate, no tax rebate," and "full employment, unemployment."

In another age, Marie Antoinette's answer to the poor and starving in France who had no bread was, "Let them eat cake."

CROW

You can "eat crow" but the eating of words isn't very nutritious. The people who sponsored "full employment week" don't seem to know this.

September 4-8, the unemployed across the country were treated to banquets of words.

Sponsored by a coalition of labor, church, civil rights, civic, and community groups, the week was supposed to pressure Carter and Congress into passing the Humphrey-Hawkins "full employment" bill.

In Detroit, a few of the unemployed were invited to the City Council building to hear some more words from Democrats like Rep. John Conyers.

Apparently, some Democrats have "gotten the word" that

unemployed workers are ready to move. In New York, during the blackout, some of them went on an unexpected "shopping spree."

The powers that be want to confuse and dilute any movement of the unemployed that might spring up. Why?

Remember that the answer to Marie Antoinette from French workers and peasants was rebellion and revolution.

CARTER

The Democrats and Carter don't really want to do much for the unemployed.

- Carter could have extended federal supplemental unemployment benefits. Instead, he cut the time in half.

- He could have raised payments to the unemployed to keep up with the rise in the cost of living. Instead, he forced laid-off workers to accept jobs below union scale or lose the benefits altogether.

- Detroit's Democratic Mayor Coleman Young could have insisted that the millions of dollars spent on the Detroit skyline (Renaissance Center) go instead into programs to teach the young employable skills.

- Union leaders in the United Auto Workers could have fought for, and won (by shutting down the entire auto industry), the four day

work week. Instead, they brought back from the bargaining table contracts that allow mandatory overtime.

These are a few of the things those in power could have done, but didn't.

DON'T WAIT

It has always been this way. In every age and society, people who must work for a living have had to organize together in their own interests.

To wait for the rich and powerful to come up with solutions that provide the necessities of life is not to survive at all.

Workers, employed and unemployed, must unite in opposition to the policies of "profit" and "balanced budgets."

When you come right down to it, the only budget that really counts for workers is the one we are forced to live within every day.

Our overriding concern is control of our lives and supplying of our material needs.

Events today are one episode in the history of the struggle between those who work and produce, and the rich who don't.

Winning the struggle will require a better understanding of words. Words like "Democrat," "Republican," and "Workers' Power." □

Jerry Mitchell



We often hear about unemployment going up, about the poverty and frustration of the jobless.

Anthony Lakey and Calvin Starks are two examples of the faces behind the figures. Both men are willing to work, looking for work—but for them, there are no jobs to be found.

We interviewed them outside a Detroit employment office.

Where Did The Jobs Go?

Where do you stand in the game of life? If you're white you've got a 1 in 16 chance of being unemployed. If you're Black the odds go up to 1 in 7.

If you're young and Black you've got about a 1 in 2 chance of landing a job. Not great odds, eh?

The odds have gotten worse. Ten years ago, your chances of having a job, no matter who you were, were twice as good as today.

Who makes the odds in this game? Big Business and the government.

For example: Big Business moves out of the cities. This leaves the largely Black population with fewer jobs than ever. So Black unemployment is two and a half times greater than white unemployment.

Business moved out of the cities because the cities were becoming Black. They didn't like the militancy of Black workers.

More often than not, these white employers just didn't like Black people period.

The odds are getting worse. What is the government doing? Not much.

The Carter administration said 6 months ago it was going to make a lot of jobs in the Summer. But unemployment got worse.

Some jobs move away, some just disappear.

Every three years the Locals of the United Auto Workers Union negotiate how many jobs there will be in each auto plant.

Each time, even if more cars get produced, there turn out to be fewer jobs.

Chrysler didn't move its plants out of Detroit, and it's producing more cars this year than ten years ago, but still there were fewer workers at Chrysler.

In 1967, Chrysler employed 36,275 hourly workers in the city of Detroit. Now it employs 34,000. In other words, 2,275 jobs were bargained away over the years.

This game is fixed. Time for a new deck, and a new dealer.

Calvin Starks is 27. Since receiving an undesirable discharge from the army in 1975 he has been out of work. The discharge is now in the process of being upgraded. He receives no unemployment compensation.

WORKERS POWER: What has the employment service done for you?

CALVIN STARKS: I've been coming down here since 1975, and they still haven't found me no job. The service taught me

how to truck drive. I told [the employment service] I had skills truck driving, and I was a cook.

WP: How do you get by?

CALVIN: Up to now, I'm livin' off my mother and girlfriend, and I hate that. As of now, I'm on my own, and that's why I've resorted to the last resort, and that's welfare, and I can't stand it.

Ain't nothing wrong with me, I have no physical defects, nothing. I'm strong, I'm 27. I'm able to do any kind of construction—any kind of work.

WP: What do you think the government could do about unemployment?

CALVIN: I really say they could give out a few more than they say they could give. They haven't did anything far as I'm concerned. Carter hasn't done anything. I still see the same amount of people down at the Job Corps line. All the jobs are skilled—four years of experience, five years experience.

Poor Black people don't have that kind of skill. I graduated, but I don't have that kind of skill.

Anthony Lakey is 44 years old. Out of work for six months, since laid off from a hospital, he receives no unemployment compensation. He's a veteran from Korea and did ten years in the service.

WORKERS' POWER: What has the employment service done for you?

ANTHONY LAKEY: This is the third day they've sent me out for an interview on a portering job. It was an interview, no job. Today I'm going out to a fish market for an interview.

I've worked in hospitals practically all my life. I've been in the nursing department and the counselling department.

WP: You've been doing this for six months?

ANTHONY: That's right, for six months, and I can't even get a portering job, you know what I mean? I'm a certified alcohol counsellor and I've been through a nursing aid program.

There's really no jobs. I'm not the only individual in there.

WP: Do you have a family?

ANTHONY: I'm a widower. I have a family, but they're not here because I was not able to support them, so my kids are in Texas living with my sister.

I have four daughter.

WP: How do you get by?

ANTHONY: I get a little help from my sister, she's a teacher, and help from a few friends, and

from the people where I'm living.

WP: What do you think causes unemployment?

ANTHONY: Well, it's a political thing. There's a lot of promises and no payoffs.

WP: What do you think the government could do about unemployment?

ANTHONY: Look down here in the city. You see all these high rises and things going up, you know, from all this big money the mayor's getting. But he's not putting anything out for people who needs to work.

What good does it do me to go apply for a townhouse apartment? I can just barely get a bowl of beans.

If there is a ruling class... why do they tell on each other?

by Kim Moody

The national treasury was broke. The government was torn by scandals and disagreements over involvements in foreign wars, revolutions and intrigue.

The farmers were becoming desperate. And the urban poor seemed on the verge of an explosion.

What were the rulers, the powers-that-be, to do?

The privileged and powerful demanded more privileges and power for themselves. They demanded soldiers to patrol the slums of the cities. The liberals among them called for reforms to head off rioting.

Torn by dissent, disagreement and scandal, the central government became unable to act, unable to satisfy anyone.

No. This is not the United States in recent years.

This was France in the 1700's, the years before the French Revolution: But there are some similarities, some parallels.

RULERS

The United States is not on the verge of revolution. Not yet. But its rulers face many of the same problems faced by the rich and powerful of past societies and civilizations.

The ruling class of France in the 1700's was composed of land-owning aristocrats grown arrogant and lazy from decades of leisure, and war, and self-indulgence.

The American ruling class is composed of powerful businessmen, bankers, billionaires, and the politicians that aid and serve them. They are a hundred times more educated, business-like, and capable than most ruling classes of the past.

But they face the same basic dilemma—a social system gone sour. They have the tough job of making the system work—a system that is running out of steam.

Making it work means satisfying the basic needs of the majority of people who live under it.

To put it bluntly, if you cannot keep the people reasonably happy, you risk revolution, or at least chaos.

If living standards decline and poverty grows, people begin to think of alternatives—like socialism, for example.

Today, America's system is in a crisis. The economy doesn't work right, the cities are falling apart, Vietnam was a disaster.

The economic problems create or inflame social problems—and then the political system, itself becomes less stable, less trusted, less self-confident.

As this crisis grows, those who rule come to disagree more, and to disagree more violently. The stakes, after all, are high.

Today, the stakes are economic collapse or recovery. Soon the stakes may become political collapse and revolution.

THE ANTE GOES UP

Naturally, there are always disagreements among the powers-that-be—just as there are among workers, or anybody else.

But as the crisis unfolds and

threatens to grow worse—as the stakes become higher—the debate among the powerful becomes sharper. Soon debate becomes struggle.

The meaning of Watergate was more than just scandal. It showed a government, the Nixon administration, that was ready to use the methods of war, intrigue and crime against political opponents.

These opponents, largely liberal Democrats, were just as loyal to the American Big Business system, to capitalism, as Nixon. But they disagreed over how to make the system work.

URGENT

The situation, Nixon felt, was urgent. Nixon and his aides were willing to go outside the rules, the Constitution, to get their way.

The other side felt just as strongly that Nixon and his pals were threatening the whole system.

They were willing to bring down a U.S. President—for the first time in history—to try to restore faith in the overall system of government.

Today, the Carter administration must try to keep the economy going and hold down both inflation and unemployment at the same time. Many liberals felt Carter's economic policy was not bold enough to reduce unemployment and guarantee economic growth.

Bert Lance and others in Carter's Georgia White House clique appeared to have complete control over economic and social policy. They ignored the advice of the liberals.

BACK-STABBERS

So, some of these liberals were willing to spill the beans on Bert Lance. Though they did nothing illegal, these liberals were willing to go outside channels, to go outside the "club," because they felt the stakes were high.

More and more, the rulers of America are willing to drag each other's dirty laundry into public view. In doing so, they reveal that they can't solve the problems faced by ordinary people—just as the rulers of France showed 200 years ago.

More and more they are unable to satisfy anyone.

As they squabble, fight, and stab each other in the back, these "experts," "professionals," and "leaders" will show they are not fit to rule—that they can only lead to disaster and chaos.

WHAT WILL THEY DISCOVER NEXT DEPARTMENT

You probably suspected it. And now it's been proven. The more money you make, the better you live.

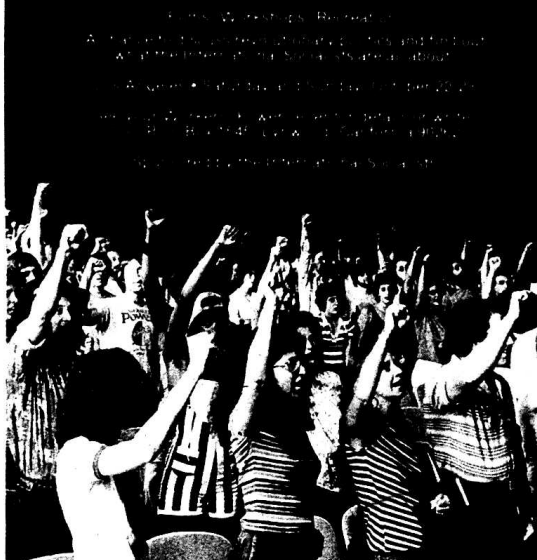
A study by the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Citibank has revealed that the higher your income the more you can spend on everything.

For example, the average American family spends \$1,568 a year on food, whereas a family averaging \$38,500 spends \$2,651. More steak, less hamburger.

The Citibank study doesn't quite tell the whole story, however. For their richest family only makes \$38,500. It doesn't talk about the spending habits of those who are really rich.

For example, it doesn't tell you that some families spend as much on food in one evening, entertaining their friends, as the average American family spends in a year. That would be too embarrassing. So, this study just tells you what any idiot knew in the first place.

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Where We Stand

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***CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION**
 We live under the capitalist system. The wealth produced by working people is stolen from us by private employers. They prosper from our labor.

***CAPITALIST CONTROL**
 Capitalists use their profits only to make more profits. When they need fewer workers, they create unemployment. When they need more money, they speed up work, downgrade safety conditions, and raise prices. The capitalist system spends little on health care, a clean environment, or social services, because these things make no profit.

***OPPRESSION**
 Capitalism needs inequality. Because it needs profits, it can't provide enough for all. So it gives some groups of people worse jobs and lower pay, and labels them inferior. In particular, capitalism locks black people into the bottom of society, and spreads racist ideas to keep them there. Capitalism keeps women responsible for taking care of the work force when it is not at work, including children, who are too young to work. Women who work for wages have two jobs.

***CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT**
 The government serves the capitalist class. Its only purpose is to protect the private profit system. It protects its interests abroad through economic control of other countries, spying and wars.

***BUREAUCRATIC COMMUNISM**
 Russia, China and other countries with economies like theirs are also oppressive class societies, run by a privileged ruling class of bureaucrats. They are not socialist and must be overthrown by the working class of those countries.

WE SUPPORT

***THE RANK AND FILE MOVEMENT**
 The unions protect workers from their employers. But today's unions are run by privileged officials who sell out because they support the capitalist system. They want labor peace, not labor power. We support the struggle for rank and file control of the unions.

***LIBERATION FROM OPPRESSION**
 Black people are an oppressed national minority in the United States. They have the right to self-determination—to decide their own future. The struggle of every oppressed group for equality is a just struggle—Blacks, women, gays, Latinos, American Indians. We are for the independent organization of oppressed peoples to fight for their freedom. Support from the entire working class movement will make the struggles of both—the oppressed and the working class movement—stronger.

***SOCIALISM**
 Society should be run by the working class. The wealth produced by those who work should go to fill people's needs, not to private gain.

***WORKERS' REVOLUTION**
 But the capitalist class will not give up their rule and profits voluntarily. Socialism can be created only when the working class seizes control of the factories and makes their own government. The working class will rule democratically because it can own society's wealth only together.

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 The struggle for socialism is world-wide. We support every fight of the working class against exploitation, and every struggle by nations fighting for independence from foreign rulers. We support every struggle for freedom—from the people of southern Africa against racism and western colonialism, to the struggle against bureaucratic rule and Russian imperialism in Eastern Europe. We demand complete independence for Puerto Rico from U.S. colonial rule.

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THE OLD BOOB TUBE TELLS IT LIKE IT IS

by Dan Posen

You probably thought you'd never see the director of the CIA blackmailing the President of the United States, right there on your home TV.

You probably never thought you'd see the President of the United States sitting in the Oval Office plotting to steal an election, either.

Washington: Behind Closed Doors. ABC Novel for television. Based partly on "The Company," by John Ehrlichman.

You certainly never thought you'd ever see the President's men taking \$250,000 campaign bribes, organizing break-ins and spying on Congressmen, organizing thousands of fake telegrams and letters supporting the U.S. invasion of Cambodia, and so on.

Well, you were wrong. You saw all that and more on ABC's made-for-television six-part serial "Washington: Behind Closed Doors."

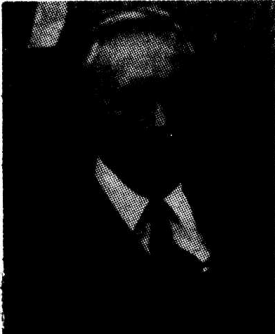
Not a bad start to a new TV season.

Forget about whether or not "Closed Doors" was good drama.

What gave the show its interest was that it was all true. That is, all



Will the real ex-President please stand up?



John Ehrlichman (alias Frank Flaherty).

TV has changed because the country has changed.

Watergate, and the war in Vietnam, taught the American people that their political leaders were liars, crooks and murderers.

I must admit, I loved some of the character changes the TV actors made for this show.

Like Napoleon Solo, the international law-and-order Man From U.N.C.L.E., transferring his talents to Nixon's Oval Office as chief manipulator and hatchet man.

Or Andy Griffith, that guardian of the family virtues in a dozen situation comedies, as a dirty old ex-President (Lyndon Johnson) trying to protect his undeserved reputation.

I really would have liked to see

Mary Tyler Moore as Martha Mitchell, but you can't have everything.

Anyway, enough of this. Now that political reality on TV is "in," there are possibilities for some fabulous sequels to "Washington: Behind Closed Doors."

I may as well reveal that I, myself, am working on a new bombshell drama for the next season. It will go something like this:

His energetic, clean-cut reformer from Georgia sweeps the country and gets elected President, see.

His top political adviser, a good-old-boy country banker (possibly played by Jackie Gleason) comes to Washington along with him.

Now here's the story line. It seems this banker friend of the President's used one of his banks to buy the Brooklyn Bridge.

Then he raised loans to buy two other banks, using the Bridge as collateral, then used the banks' assets to get his friend the clean-cut reformer elected.

Well, there they are in Washington with the new President's banker friend running the budget, when suddenly, somebody forecloses on one of the loans and the Brooklyn Bridge is called in as collateral and the whole thing starts to unravel. . . .

You can just imagine the possibilities. □

the crimes and cover-ups and break-ins and CIA assassinations all really happened.

Remember, you used to have movies about a young, handsome President saving the world from a nuclear holocaust. Or an FBI director who broke the back of the underworld and thwarted Russian spies.

Whenever the country was in danger, in the old movies, there was this hero waiting in the wings to rescue it.

Not any more. In "Washington: Behind Closed Doors," there's no hero. The President (Richard "Monckton," otherwise known as

Nixon) makes a deal with the CIA director to cover up each other's crimes.

The CIA director ("William Martin"), by the way, is actually Richard Helms. Helms really was appointed an ambassador, to Iran.

The real-life Helms is now facing indictment by a Washington grand jury for lying to Congress about the CIA's murderous undercover operations in Chile.

You have to admit TV has changed a little, when it puts on dramas showing the actual crimes committed by the leaders of this country—as they advance their careers and rule the world.

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LETTERS

Gary Tyler Writes:

To My Families:

I am formulating this missive to express my deep appreciation to the peoples that's been real strenuous within the struggle to liberate me and many others that has been victimized by this corrupted system.

While here reminiscing about the incident that occurred and eventually led up to my state of incarceration, etc.

I couldn't help but to take advantage of this leisure time in formulating these words on paper so I could share these tender feelings in my heart with those of you that have interpolated to me the real actuality of love.

If you've noticed the title—I addressed this missive to my "Families." Well, all of you have become and been like a real family to me.

There are Mothers & Fathers I have never seen and Brothers & Sisters I've never met, but in spite of this you good people took time out from your own personal problems and came to my aid in my hours of despair.

Every one of you in some form or fashion have by all means contributed to my livelihood and have



Gary Tyler is a young Black man who was framed for the murder of a white youth during a 1974 busing incident. He is serving a 99-year sentence at Angola State Prison. Workers' Power and the Red Tide have worked hard to win Gary's freedom. You can help by sending a postcard to Governor Edwin Edwards, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804. Gary is innocent! Demand his freedom now!

showered me with kindness, and with undivided concern to the utmost.

And I want you all to know I've never had faith in the judicial system, because the laws are prescribed for the Blacks and especially the poor people here in capitalist amerikkka.

My faith lies within the people. I am depending upon you my Family to liberate me from bondage.

And while I am being held in this institution by the forces of this state, I will continue to deal realistically with the social factors that impede my wholeness under the power of my known adversary.

My Compeers, I am determined to incessantly retain the volition to triumph!! By any means necessary.

I would like to extend my love and solidarity to the Mothers &

"STRUGGLE ON THE OUTSIDE, TOO"

Revolutionary Greetings! Comrades,

I just stepped out from within the belly of the monster and want to let you know, so that you may send the subscription, that you inspired me with every week, to another comrade still struggling within the walls of oppression.

I've run into some I.S. people who receive Workers' Power out here in the minimum security world, so I'm cool on that front.

I've been thinking on how it feels to be relieved of the raw oppression the capitalist slave-masters of this society will subject a man to for simply trying to survive in the jungle that capitalism is.

It is deep that the feeling is one that can't be described, in that oppression, repression, suppression and exploitation still exist outside as well as it does inside.

In essence, this is to say that

because I stepped on out of the penitentiary does not mean that I've stepped out of the struggle.

Bring about change and struggling for a better tomorrow for all the Working Class is what it's all about...and FREEDOM!

Before ending, let me thank you for turning me on to the subscription to Workers' Power that woke me up to what's really running down in the mainstream of the struggle.

And now that I'm in the mainstream of the struggle, I'm gonna do my part by doing what I can to wake up the Lumpen-proletariat, Proletariat...and in essence, the whole Working Class, for a People United can never be defeated!

Power to you and Power to the People!

Revolutionary Love, Cienfuegos

Fathers, Brothers & Sisters, and my special thanks to you beloved people for standing by me and others like The Wilmington Ten, Dessie X. Woods, The Dawson Five, Joan Little, Kenny Johnson, Yvonne Wanrow, Inez Garcia, Frank Shufords, Delbert Tibbs,

Rubin H. Carter and John Artis, etc. etc. etc. Thank You. Where there is a soul in prison I am not free.

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SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE KILL BLACK LEADER

by Dan Posen
Steven Biko is dead in South Africa at the age of 30. He was a founder of the Black People's Convention and the South African Students Organization. The most outstanding public leader of the South African Black

consciousness movement died Tuesday in prison in Pretoria, South Africa. The police said it was from the effects of a week-long hunger strike. They are lying. There is not a single Black person in South Africa

who believes them. A thousand students were arrested Thursday for meeting to honor his memory. For the last four years, Steven Biko was "banned." This meant he was living in a village called Kingwilliamstown,

where he had to report to police every day. He could not meet with more than one person at a time, and could not leave his house between dusk and dawn. Biko was arrested August 18 on suspicion of stirring up unrest

among Blacks in Port Elizabeth. Port Elizabeth is 150 miles away. When he died, he was being held under a law that allows indefinite imprisonment without trial. On the day he died, he was transferred 800 miles to Pretoria, where police claimed doctors were treating him. Steven Biko was murdered in prison, the same way several dozens of other Black detainees have been murdered since the Soweto uprising of June 1976. Steven Biko was murdered because he was a symbol for the growing movement of Black consciousness and revolution. He will be remembered. And his murder will be avenged. The murder of Steven Biko is the answer to anyone who believes the racist police state of South Africa can ever be reformed peacefully.

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Philadelphia Full Employment Week THIS WEEK, EVERY WEEK People Need Jobs

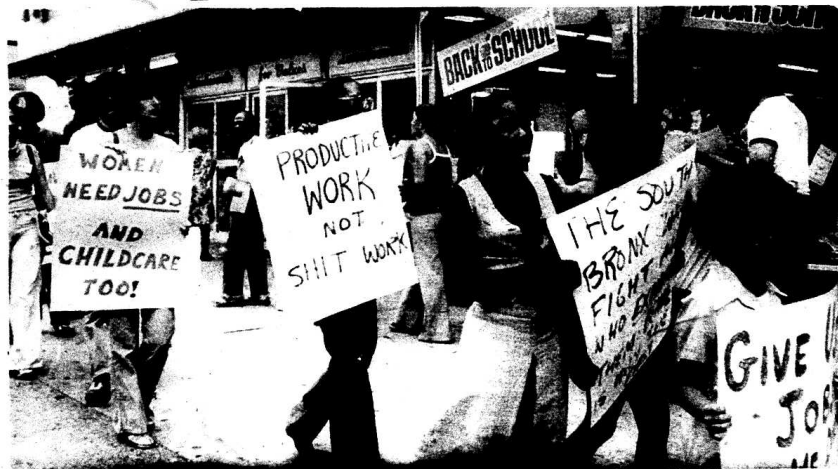
PHILADELPHIA—Over 200 people rallied in downtown Philadelphia on September 10 to demand the passage of the Humphrey-Hawkins Bill, a federal jobs program which is supposed to reduce the unemployment rate to 3% by providing public service jobs. The rally was part of a nationwide campaign for full employment which is being organized by the Full Employment Action Council (FEAC), a coalition of labor, community, and church groups. It is chaired by Coretta Scott King and Murray Finley, president of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union. In spite of the endorsement of numerous labor, neighborhood, and religious leaders, the turnout for the rally was disappointingly small. At the rally site, three quarters of the seats were unoccupied.

APATHY?

Contrary to what several of the speakers said at the rally, public apathy was not the cause for the low turnout. Workers in Philadelphia are very much concerned about layoffs and plant closings. Like many other large American cities, Philadelphia is facing a severe unemployment crisis. Within the last seven years, the city has lost 133,000 jobs as companies have either shut down or moved their operations to more profitable pastures. Blue collar workers in manufacturing and transportation have been hit especially hard:

- Over 20,000 clothing and textile workers have lost their jobs in the last 10 years.
 - Teamsters Local 107, the largest freight local in the city, has seen its membership decline from 10,000 to 6,000. There are only 200 road drivers left, a decline of 80%.
 - 4000 steel workers have lost their jobs within the last year. And now the Allenwood Steel Corp, has announced they are closing down their plant in nearby Conshohocken Pa. As a result, 3000 workers will be out on the street.
 - UAW members at Boeing Vertol, Budd, Kelsey-Hayes, and I-T-E have either been laid off or will face layoffs shortly. The result: 6000 people out of work.
- Instead of trying to organize a mass movement of working people to fight for full employment, the FEAC's strategy is to put their faith in the good will of the Congress and President Carter in order to get a decent jobs bill.

That is why the Delaware Valley Committee for Full Employment, the local affiliate of the FEAC, put little effort into publicizing the rally and mobilizing union members for it. That's why the turnout was so small. If the size of the turnout and the past record of the Congress and the President is any indication, that strategy is in very bad shape. □



New Yorkers want jobs!

Where did the Jobs Go? See page 9.

South Bronx Jobless Demand City Action

NEW YORK—Residents of the impoverished South Bronx celebrated Full Employment Week September 8 by holding a militant demonstration at Mayor Beame's campaign headquarters. The angry demonstrators took over Beame's campaign office for more than three hours, demanding a commitment from the city to provide jobs in the South Bronx, where unemployment reaches 60-80%.

The Mayor had previously condemned the blackout looters as "animals", ignoring the conditions which force people to loot. Beame has also continued to cut back on city jobs and services. The demonstrators demanded that Mayor Beame or one of his representatives meet with them to discuss what steps could be taken immediately. They finally agreed to leave when a meeting was set up with the Commissioner of Employment for later in the week.

On Wednesday a different kind of demonstration for jobs took place. This one was sponsored by the NY Full Employment Action Council, composed mainly of the AFL-CIO unions. They failed to even mobilize their own membership, let alone any of the thousands of laid off union members. Only a few hundred people showed up.

Many speeches were given condemning unemployment, but no action was proposed to fight for jobs. The closest they came was to call for support for Humphrey-Hawkins, a bill which stops short of providing full employment. After the rally, the speakers got back into their air-conditioned limousines and returned to their houses in the suburbs. Meanwhile in the South Bronx, unemployed workers tried to figure out a way to feed their families in the weeks ahead. □



Steven Biko

A MASS MURDERER is the proposed Resident Commissioner to take over control of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) under the British-American peace plan.

His name is Sir Richard Michael Power Carver. He helped lead the slaughters carried out by the British Army in Kenya and Malaya, as well as mass imprisonments in Northern Ireland.

See page 4 for the details. □

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