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### Harlem Fights Back

#### EDITORIAL

The big-money boys downtown are running scared. They have seen the writing on the bloodstained walls of Harlem.

War is nothing new to the people of Harlem: War with rats, war with slumlords, war with bosses, war with cops—it is almost a way of life. But this time the people are organizing to fight back—that is new.

Fifteen-year-old James Powell was not the first, nor the last to be gunned down in cold blood by New York's killer-cops. He was, perhaps, the most obvious case of police murder.

The rebellion sparked by his murder will not end soon—in fact, indications are that it is spreading throughout the City. The vision of half a million—or a million—angry black men and women, supported by allies in the Puerto Rican and other working class communities, standing up to their oppressors, is haunting the ruling class. People have already begun to speak of "guerrilla warfare" and "revolutionaries."

In the face of this, the power structure is pulling out all the stops. They are desperately trying to fool and frighten the people at the same time, using the following tactics:

#### 1. LIBERAL LIES

First, "liberal" Deputy Mayor Paul Screvane "appealed" to the people of Harlem to be "reasonable." Nobody, he said, should punch a hole "in the dike of law and order which protects us all."

Like it protected Maximino Solero and Victor Rodriguez when they were gunned down by two cops last November.

Like it protected Francisco Rodriguez Jr. when he was shot in the back and killed by a drunken off-duty cop in February.

Like it has protected William Westbrook, Mrs. Sierra Montero, and Ralph Brazier, all shot and killed by Murphy's murderers during the past five weeks.

Like it protected James Powell.

Only hours before Screvane made his cynical "appeal," his "dike of law and order" was firing bullets into unarmed Harlem crowds—one pregnant woman was shot after she slipped and fell on the street—cracking teenagers' skulls, and murdering Jay Jenkins, black American, on a Harlem rooftop.

When Screvane's "liberal" lies didn't work, Mayor Wagner—who everybody knows is an even liberaler liberal than Screvane—interrupted his sun-tan on the beaches of Spain (where he was honored by his buddy—and Hitler's buddy—Franco) to fly to the rescue. (We do not know whether Franco gave Wagner any tips on "crowd control.")

The first thing Wagner said on landing in New York was that he has

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# "People's Capitalism"

## A Visit To Wall Street

By Steve Martinot

A visitor entering the gallery of the N.Y. Stock Exchange on Wall Street immediately sees a large sign announcing: "New York Stock Exchange, Cornerstone of a People's Capitalism."

People's Capitalism is the line these days, and even on the street corners of Manhattan's slums, people talk about it.

But what happens inside the large marble building that houses the largest exchange in the world?

First, there is a large trading floor on which only special people, known as members, are allowed. These people handle all the active business of the exchange. They weren't elected to that role. They had to buy their way in.

The voice of the guide in the free tour of the exchange calmly announces that a "seat," or membership, was sold 2 days earlier for \$207,000.

The number of members is fixed at 2000. These are the "representatives of the people," in this People's Capitalism. Of these 2000 only 1366 are allowed to do trading—1366 do all the trading of

stocks for 190 million people.

About one-fourth of this 1366, or about 300, are known as specialists. They specialize in one or a few particular stocks. Their function, as described by a pamphlet put out by the stock exchange called "Understanding the New York Stock Exchange," is "making a market for one or more stocks" in which they specialize. That is, they operate more or less as the representatives of those corporations in which they specialize.

Thus, in People's Capitalism, the "representatives of the people" on the trading floor are agents of the large corporations (who employ the people).

The cornerstone of People's Capitalism doesn't seem to hold up too well as what it says it is.

Right next to the Stock Exchange, very conveniently located, is the Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., once known as the House of Morgan. This was J.P. Morgan's own private banking and finance corporation.

"Before the depression, the House of Morgan practically ran this country," says the guard at

the door.

One of the outside walls of the House of Morgan, the side facing Wall Street, is pock-marked. In the 1920's, a man ran a wagon loaded with dynamite up into the wall in a mad effort to destroy Morgan. The scars still remain. The walls of the building, made of marble, are a good four feet thick.

According to Arevalo in his book, "The Shark and the Sardines," in 1948, the Morgan financial circuit, operated by the House of Morgan, controlled 74 billion dollars in capital and financial assets, including control of such things as Chrysler, Con Edison of N.Y., Mutual Life Insurance, General Electric, I.T. & T., American Tobacco, and P. Lorillard Tobacco Corp.

Here is the heart of People's Capitalism. As the cornerstone of People's Capitalism is the 1366 people who buy and sell for the large corporations and financial interests, so the heart of People's Capitalism is the few thousand directors of the large financial houses that line Wall Street, and through holding companies, run the country.

Right next to the House of Morgan, going east, is the First National City Bank of N.Y., looking somewhat like a small Penn Station. This is the home of Rockefeller's financial control. Both he and Morgan used it when old J.P. was still around. Now it's his baby. The Rockefeller circuit back in 1948 accounted for control of about 50 billion dollars, including Standard Oil, Borden, Union Carbide, Reynolds Tobacco, Metropolitan Life Insurance, and RCA.

One stock broker told me that the financial control exercised from Wall Street itself, easily covers 40 per cent of the total capital of the United States.

Where are the people in this People's Capitalism? Everybody knows where they are. They don't run it, they work and sweat under it. And then they get up the next morning and work and sweat some more.

## Only The Rich May Enter



## To White America:

By Selma Sparks

America beware! You watched it happen in Germany under Hitler. The police killing and beating the Jews, men, women and children. Shooting them down like dogs while the world watched in disbelief and did nothing as people were killed by the thousands.

You watched a fascist demonstrate to power on a platform of red-baiting and race hatred and because the ruling class in his country wanted the workers suppressed and the ruling class throughout the world wanted labor stopped and feared international communism, Adolf Schickelgruber walked over half of Europe and killed Americans in battle by the thousands before he was stopped.

The U.S. ruling class, with their kind in other countries, financed the slaughter of millions just for personal profit. Jewish industrialists in Germany fed the Hitler war machine with the hopes that this would save them from destruction. Certain Jewish leaders told their people not to fight back and they would survive. Even the leaders were murdered. The industrialists found that they had not purchased their own lives but had forged the weapons for their own destruction.

Americans watched and shook

their heads and said how terrible it all was and that this could never happen here in our "land of the free and the brave." In the land where "all men are created equal," (at least on paper). Never in the land where freedom of speech and thought is guaranteed by the Constitution (more paper). Fascism could never thrive on these shores where free men fought and died fighting tyranny and oppression.

You watched the McCarthy era with its thought control. You watched the CIA and FBI tap telephones of private citizens, check mail of American citizens; you watched the federal government forbid free citizens to travel to certain countries; you watched HUAC probe the minds of those who insist on thinking for themselves and acting according to their own principles; you watched people lose jobs because of their beliefs; you watched those who were persecuted and imprisoned for openly disagreeing with the policies of the ruling class and its political henchmen in the White House, in Congress, and in the various State seats of power; you watched black people lynched and hanging from southern trees; you watched black people chained and digging ditches under the whip of the white chain gang boss on southern roads.

Now you watch black children murdered in a southern church; you watch a white man with principles get shot in the back on a southern street; you watch civil rights workers disappear in a southern town, you watch the dogs and the tear gas and the cop with his knee in a black woman's neck; you watch black youths beaten and jailed and killed in southern streets and southern jails; you watch black children murdered by white cops in New York's streets; you watch black men beaten and blinded and maimed in New York's jails.

Let us put it on the line right now. It can happen here, it has happened here. In the heart of the "free world" fascism has arrived. It has been on its way for a long time

How long will you watch America? How long will you sit by and do nothing? A president was assassinated on a southern street and the nation wept, while the world sympathized. Was this not enough to show that you who are white America are not safe because we who are black America are not safe? Remember, when you set a trap for your neighbor, you may fall in yourself; when you plot another's destruction, you may also be trapped with him.

## 'Without Exploitation'

In our country today, all the power is in the hands of the rich, the big companies, monopolies and millionaires. The politicians work for them, the police work for them, and the army works for them. This is called capitalism. Under socialism, all the power will be in the hands of the working people. We will control the government, the police, the factories, the courts, and the army—and enforce a new way of life without exploitation of man by man.

What will this new way of life be like for the working people? This regular CHALLENGE feature will give specific examples each week.

### CAPITALISM

Of every 1000 babies born in the U.S. 25 die before they are a year old, 49 out of every 1000 in central Harlem, 43 in Bedford Stuyvesant, and among the Puerto Rican people in New York 30 babies out of every 1000 die. Ten other countries, including most of the socialist ones, have lower infant mortality rates than rich America. The poor have twice as many premature babies as the rich, according to the NYC Health Department. Lack of care for expectant mothers causes most premature births, and poor after-care added to this accounts for most babies' deaths and defects during their first year.

City hospitals are "hopelessly overcrowded, understaffed, and usually altogether unpleasant." (If the N. Y. Times says this, we know how much worse conditions are!) Many mothers give up trying to get pre-natal care—4 to 6 hour waits at the clinic are the rule, if you're lucky enough to see the doctor at all; then it's a different one every time and only for a few minutes.

Kings County Hospital is so overcrowded that mothers and babies are pushed out 48 hours after delivery, not time enough to discover or treat any birth defects; the hospital cannot even arrange time to repair and modernize their equipment! Too many babies in one nursery room leads to spreading infections. Not enough doctors and nurses, underpaid and under-trained aides—while the birth and death rates are booming.

### SOCIALISM

Every expectant mother—regardless of income, race, color, or marital status—will be guaranteed free, expert, responsible medical care, advice and nursing service, at home if necessary. This will greatly decrease premature births, deaths and birth defects. Birth control information will be easily available at no cost, so babies will not be unwanted burdens to their families.

Working mothers will receive three months off with pay, before and after giving birth, with at least a year off the job if they so desire, without loss of job seniority.

Since decent food and shelter for all are the first human rights under socialism, proper diet for mothers and babies (fathers and grandparents too) will be no problem in rich America. We have plenty of man-and woman-power to build more hospitals and run them well, for the benefit of all.

There will be sufficient numbers of pre-natal, dental and well-baby clinics for everyone, with schedules adjusted to suit working mothers and housewives. The doctors' first concern will be the peoples welfare.

Training for doctors, dentists, nurses and nurses aides, will be offered at government expense; young people will be paid by the workers' government to learn these skills and to staff the hospitals.

Mothers and new babies will have a full week in the hospital after delivery, with modern equipment, adequate facilities, no crowded, infection-spreading conditions.

## Our Reporter Off to Cuba

Judy Warden, reporter for CHALLENGE, left this week for Cuba. She is with the third group of Americans organized by the Student Committee for Travel to Cuba to break the State Department's travel ban this summer. The other ban busters include Ed Rosenfeld of Berkeley, Calif., Jane Wittman of New Jersey, and Elizabeth Geismar of New York. All four are indignant at the outrageous "iron curtain" which the U.S. government has thrown up to restrict its citizens from traveling not only to Cuba, but also to many other countries, including the People's Republic of China, North Vietnam, North Korea and Albania.

The group, which left July 20, will be joining 80 more young Americans who are already in Cuba. Before their departure a press conference was held in the International Hotel at Kennedy Airport, where the four stated their reasons for going.

Judy Warden said enthusiastically that she wanted to see the industrial progress which socialist Cuba has made since the revolution and more importantly, the block committees organized and run by the tenants in the major cities. She added that she would be sending back many stories for CHALLENGE during the summer relating her conversations with the workers, peasants, students, women, and children of Cuba.

The departure of the group was

purposely planned for the night before the opening of the O.A.S. (Organization of American States) conference in Washington, D.C., where the U.S. government is trying to pressure all the remaining Latin American countries who still have diplomatic ties



Judy

with Cuba to cut off those ties to isolate Cuba completely from the rest of Latin America. The four travelers and the Student Committee for Travel to Cuba are protesting the State Department's policy toward Cuba and are stating their support for the right of the Cuban people to decide what kind of government they want in their own country.

"We are fighting for the rights of all Americans, North Americans and South Americans," the committee states, "to see socialism in Cuba, to see the benefits and advances of the only socialist revolution in our hemisphere."

## Afro American History Notes

NOT ALL SLAVES were field hands or house servants. Houses, docks and bridges had to be built. For this purpose, skilled artisans among the slaves were developed. Some slaves became expert brickmasons, carpenters and iron workers. Many of the southern mansions with their iron grillwork were built by them

As railroads developed, thousands of black people were put to work laying roadbeds. The first fireman on the first locomotive built in America (1830) was Adam Perry, a slave.

## DEMONSTRATION TO PROTEST POLICE TERROR IN HARLEM

COME TO THE PEOPLE'S TRIAL  
OF  
GILLIGAN THE COP  
4P.M., Saturday, July 25  
116 St. and Lenox Ave.

## The Powell Murder

By Mark Shapiro

"The kid was just coming out of the building. The detective pulled out a gun, and shot him once," said the girl standing on the corner of 76th St. and 2nd Ave. "Then when the kid was lying on the ground in front of the building, the detective shot him two more times. Then he kicked him." The girl's voice was becoming hysterical.

**WANTED  
FOR  
MURDER**



GILLIGAN, THE COP  
Lieut. Thomas Gilligan of the 116th Division

HARLEM DEFENSE COUNCIL  
336 Lenox Ave., N.Y.C.  
FI-8-2251

## New Frameup

By Steve Martinot

"That was no trial. That was a Kangaroo court." This was the way John Morton, of 159 Manhattan Ave., described the proceeding July 17 that found him guilty of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Morton had been arrested June 4 by Patrick Walsh of the Tactical Patrol Force for blowing his horn. Morton said he hadn't done it, but didn't argue to avoid trouble. Then he went into a restaurant for a cup of coffee. Walsh with three other cops from the 32nd Precinct came in and told him to move his car. Morton asked to finish his coffee first. At that, Walsh grabbed him. They handcuffed him, pushed him out of the restaurant, and then beat him up on the street and booked him.

At the trial the cops all told the same story: that Morton had taken the ticket, crumpled it up, thrown it on the floor, and then gone to the back of the restaurant where he lay down, so they had to carry him out.

Morton showed me the summons. There wasn't a wrinkle on it, only creases where the paper had been folded.

"He didn't crumple up the summons, and he didn't resist them," said Mrs. Emily Eliot, a witness in Morton's defense. "When they grabbed him, all he said was, 'Why are you doing that?' But he went with them peacefully. They didn't have to handcuff him. But the judge didn't seem to want me to say any of that at the trial... Every time I opened my mouth, the DA would yell 'objection,' and the judge would go along with him. Everything I said was taken out of the record."

The judge also had stricken from the record everything about

So James Powell, 15-year old summer student at Robert F. Wagner School, died Thursday morning, July 16, murdered by Lieut. Detective Thomas Gilligan.

Shirley Robinson, a 14-year old student at the school, described what happened: "I saw the boy go into the building and he didn't have any knife then," she said. "When he came out he was even laughing and kind of like running, and then the cop on the street shot him, then twice more, and then when he was on the ground, turned him over with his foot!"

Other witnesses at the scene who described the events leading up to the murder agreed generally that:

- 1) The boy did not attack Gilligan with a knife.
- 2) Gilligan shot the boy without giving him any warning.
- 3) Powell was shot twice while on the ground.

All three facts disagree with the official police version of the killing.

After the murder, the students from the school came out into the street. When they realized what had happened, they became violently upset, yelled at the cops who had gathered, and began throwing bottles and cans at them. The demonstration lasted for two hours.

The next day at noon, CORE organized a demonstration at the 67th St. Precinct House. About 400 students marched from the school to 67th St. between Park and Lexington (the police barricaded off the Precinct House block between Lexington and 3rd), where they picketed for about an hour. Police and detectives swarmed all over the streets.

After the demonstration, one member of East River CORE stated that the students had "so much spirit, we were worried it might break out."

the beating, even though Morton has to have an operation because of it.

Besides the "irregularities" on the record, the trial was in the judge's chambers and was closed to the public. The only ones present were the judge, Walsh, three other police from the TPF, Morton, and his lawyer. Mrs. Eliot was kept outside until her time to testify, while the cops could hear each other's testimony and agree on the same story.

Moreover, the cops from the TPF who supported Walsh had not even been there at the arrest. The three who had been with Walsh were from the 32nd Precinct. Morton had never seen the "witnesses" before. "When I walked in there," he said, "I knew my goose was cooked."

Morton's sentencing is set for Aug. 27. He is now on parole.

## Cops War on Harlem

# Notes from the Battlefield

By Alicia Maldonado

"Why did you shoot me?" Dudley Taylor asked the patrolman who had just fired two bullets into his right leg. The only answer was a blow across the chest from the cop's club.

Taylor, of 72 W. 127 St., was coming up the steps of the Lexington Ave. subway at 125 St. on his way home from work on Monday evening, July 20, when he saw two cops running down the steps and heard the noise of a crowd upstairs. One cop ran back up the steps; the other drew his gun, took careful aim, shot Taylor twice in the leg, and then slugged him.

Taylor dragged himself up the stairs and to the Park Ave. New York Central station. Two men, employed there were downstairs and tried to stop the bleeding. One of the men drove Taylor home after which he went to Harlem Hospital for treatment.

"I had nothing to do with the rioting," he told CHALLENGE later, "but I was shot anyway. I don't like the idea of being shot for nothing." He added, "As far as I am concerned, the police in New York are not working by the laws of the U.S., they are just shooting people down in the streets. In order to stop them we have to first get rid of Commissioner Murphy because he gives the orders and the cops follow his instruction."

Taylor plans to bring charges against the city for his injury but said; "I will have to wait awhile. My leg is very painful and I can't get around too well right now."

In spite of his wound, Taylor said he plans to participate in the protest march up Lenox Ave. Saturday, July 25.

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"I remember screaming at him, 'You shot me, you shot me,'" Mrs. Barbara Barksdale, 23, of 158 W. 148 St., said after the riot. The cop who had shot her just looked at her and said, "Well,



lay down and die then," she reported.

The shooting took place on the southwest corner of 128th St. and Lenox Ave. shortly before 3 a.m. Sunday. Mrs. Barksdale, frightened by the nearby riots, had taken shelter next to a parked car. A cop followed her.

"He and I were looking at each other. He aimed his revolver in my direction and fired once. Then he fired four more times. I didn't realize I was shot until I felt a stinging and saw the blood on my leg." The same cop, she said, beat a young man who tried to come to her aid as she was lying wounded on the street.

"I think he was hating all of us Negroes when he shot me," Mrs. Barksdale said.

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Full-scale war broke out in Harlem following a street rally at 125 St. and 7th Ave. Saturday evening, July 18. The rally was called to protest the fatal shooting

of 15-year-old James Powell the previous Thursday by off-duty patrolman Thomas Gilligan.

Following the meeting, scores of people marched to the 28th Precinct station house on W. 123 St. demanding the arrest of Gilligan. The police set up barricades to hold back the people. Then the cops charged the crowd and started beating and dragging off demonstrators.

At that point, a barrage of bottles and other missiles began raining down from windows as the people of Harlem showed their feelings towards the police.

Within minutes, the Tactical Patrol Force arrived amidst a

## Shooting to Kill

STOCKHOLM, July 20 (Reuters)—A Swedish newspaper correspondent in New York asserted today that he saw policemen shooting to kill during the Harlem riots.

Ulf Nilsson, writing in the evening newspaper Expressen, said: "A water-filled bottle smashed on the pavement and more than 10 policemen drew their revolvers and fired almost simultaneously... They were shooting to kill, not to scare. I was standing in the middle of them and I could not have made a mistake."

wail of sirens, as the police force put into effect "operation ghetto," sealing off Harlem from traffic (including subways and buses), and moving riot squads, searchlights, and more cops into the area.

The people of Harlem continued resisting the police. At about 10:30 p.m., a molotov cocktail was hurled at a police car at 125 St. and 7th Ave. A second later, trigger-happy cops were shooting wildly at the people. Between 11 and 12 that night, eight false fire alarms had been sounded from the area.

Crowds of Harlemites moved through the streets, which resembled an armed camp, throughout the night. A score of stores were looted.

The police fired at whim and beat dozens of unarmed young men and women in a reign of terror which lasted through the night.

But the people continued to fight back. The next night, following the funeral of young Powell, more bottles and missiles were thrown at the cops, now all wearing white helmets.

Thousands of black men and women massed in elbow-to-elbow throngs around the funeral home at 7th Avenue near 132 St. Cops charged the crowds, screaming, "Let's get those niggers." People yelled "Uncle Tom" at the Negro

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## Harlem Defense Council DEMANDS:

1. The immediate arrest and prosecution of Police Lieutenant Gilligan for First Degree murder.
  2. That the city convene a public Grand Jury to investigate police brutality against Negroes and Puerto Ricans in New York City.
  3. That the Grand Jury hearings are not to close until every person who has made application to appear as a witness has been heard.
  4. That a transcript of the proceedings be made a matter of public record, and that printed copies of the complete proceedings be made available to all citizens.
  5. That indictments be drawn up as a result of testimony of the above-mentioned witnesses to specific instances of police brutality. That these indictments be brought against both city officials and police officials who are responsible for police terror against Negroes and Puerto Ricans in New York City.
  6. We demand our constitutional rights to assemble and demonstrate peacefully without harrassment, brutality, murder and general terror from the police department.
- It was the violation of our right to assemble peacefully by the brutal action of the police which precipitated the present crisis in Harlem.
- At the moment the people of Harlem are held in captivity by thousands of policemen for the sole reason that they sought to peacefully assemble and protest the conditions of life in Harlem.
7. We demand are constitutional rights to defend ourselves by any means necessary.
  8. That fair compensation should be made to all persons who suffered injury and loss of income as a result of police brutality. Also compensation should be made to those people who were arrested and detained by the police, and who therefore suffered a loss of income.
  9. Withdrawal of all Police who are not regularly assigned to the Precincts in Harlem.
  10. That the city uphold the right of all citizens who live in slum dwellings to withhold their rent until these dwellings are brought up to those standards set by the City Housing Code.





**EDITORIAL**

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complete confidence in Police Chief Murphy, and that if the cops fired into the crowds, "it must have been necessary." So much for our "liberal" Mayor.

**2. NEGRO "LEADERS"**

Politicians, liberal or otherwise, don't swing too much weight, so the ruling class brought in the fire brigade. All of a sudden, Harlem was flooded with civil rights "leaders." None other than James (\$12,000-a-year) Farmer and Bayard Rustin and half a dozen very important preachers, all telling the people to run home and be good, and most of them talking through police loudspeakers, no less!

Just where were these so-called civil rights leaders when the cops were murdering Afro-Americans and Puerto Ricans throughout the City during the past eight months? And why have they not said a single word, not one of them, about beatings—in jail and out—of the six Harlem teenagers framed on a murder charge in the Margit Sugar case? Why has not one of these so-called leaders protested the fact that these boys have been denied the right even to choose their own lawyers?

The so-called "leaders" have been too busy meeting with the politicians downtown.

Now here come these jokers, pulled out of hiding by the Police Department, standing where the cops tell them to stand and speaking the words the cops tell them to speak—and all the time saying what a terrible shame it is that all these policemen are doing all this shooting.

Little wonder the people of Harlem booed and shouted the "leaders" down. If any one of them has any conscience left he might ask himself what kind of "leader" he is when those he's supposed to be leading will stand and fight while he is running.

The "agreement" these "leaders" reached with City officials was typical. It met not a single demand of the people. In fact, it didn't even meet the phony demands of the phony leaders.

All Jim Farmer could think of after he told everybody to stay at home was to ask the Governor to send in state troops, and to ask the President to send in federal troops. More cops!—just what we need. Next, Farmer will be calling up Mississippi to ask Governor Johnson to send up some Mississippi troops!

The City Fathers agreed to send more Negro cops to Harlem. How about that! Maybe they'll give them special Uncle Tom bullets to shoot the people.

**3. GOLDWATER GIMMICK**

Be "good" or Goldwater will get you. That's the ruling class wrinkle for keeping the people down. The story goes that if the black people get too uppity, there will be a "white backlash" and then Goldwater will get elected President and things will be even worse than they are now.

In other words, don't complain when your son is murdered by Wagner's cops because if you do, next time he might be murdered by Goldwater's cops. Don't rock the boat, don't bother the big boys; if you do, things will only get worse. Look closely at the pictures in this issue of CHALLENGE—just how much worse can things get? It's an old gimmick—the Uncle Toms of Asia, Africa and South America use it all the time to "warn" the people not to start revolutions ("it will only cause bloodshed")—but the power structure is trying everything. Including:

**4. RED SCARE**

It took them a few days to get to it, but it came at last: "Outside Agitators!" "Reds!" The oldest trick in the book. George Washington was financed by "outside agitators" from France. The Union army in the Civil War was secretly taking orders from Karl Marx. And every time a black man is lynched down south, the cracker Governor will always find a way to prove that the victim had been hypnotized by carpetbaggers.

Now it has come to Harlem. There were more FBI men in Harlem last week than in all the southern states combined.

When it comes to screaming "red," all the phonies suddenly crawl out of their holes. Marvin Rich, who pulls the strings for CORE, never spoke a public word when the cops were mowing down the people of Harlem. But he rushes forward with ten paragraphs for the Daily News (suddenly CORE's pal) all about how he and his organization hate reds as much as the News does.

The "most dangerous" reds in Harlem, of course, are the pro-Chinese reds, centered around the Progressive Labor Movement at Lenox Avenue and 127th St. and this newspaper. If the FBI

works hard enough, we're sure they can "discover" that Bill Epton and the Harlem PLM have secretly brought in some North Viet Nam troops to direct the Harlem war.

There are reds in Harlem, yes—black reds. Bill Epton and the PLM have never made a secret of their revolutionary position, neither has CHALLENGE. We advocate and work for a people's revolution to establish socialism, with all power in the hands of the working people. This is the only permanent solution to Jim Crow, unemployment and killer-cops. At the same time, we join with all those—whatever their long-range ideology—who want to stand and fight today for better housing, jobs, or a Harlem free from Murphy's murderers, in such organizations as the Harlem Defense Council.

If you say "Yes sir, Mr. Charlie" all your life, you can be sure no one will ever call you a red.

It is no accident that those who scream "red" get the immediate support of such "friends" of the black man as the Jim Crow Journal American and the Nazi News. They want to divide the people of Harlem against themselves, they want to scare the people of Harlem into silence. But it won't work.

Because the reddest scare in Harlem and Bedford Stuyvesant last week was the red blood of the people, spilled by the killer-cops (not the communists)—and no Hitler-Hoover witch-hunt, and no hysterical headlines can make people forget that.

**THE DEAL GOES DOWN**

When all the gimmicks are gone and the people still aren't fooled, when the deal goes down, the big-money boys know only one language—bullets.

It's not easy to fight bullets. But it's not impossible either. We should have learned a few things from the events of the past weeks:

- \* We can see more clearly who the phonies are.
- \* We can see that the whole power structure trembles when the people stand up and fight back.
- \* We can see that we can't win this war for freedom in one day or one night or one week. It takes careful planning, and it takes organization.

What scares them most is the thought that the people of Harlem are organizing an army for their own defense. And that is just what must be done!

Anybody can stand on a corner and talk. But it was real blood—not words—that came out of James Powell when that "butcher in blue" shot him dead. TODAY is the time to act—to organize.

JOIN the Harlem Defense Council, 336 Lenox Ave., FI 8-2254, or the defense council in your neighborhood (contact CHALLENGE for details).

ORGANIZE your block. SUPPORT the march and demonstration Saturday, July 25, starting at 4 p.m. at 116 St. and Lenox Ave.

Let no one plead for "peace" while our children are being murdered in the streets. This is not the hour to "stay home" from the freedom fight.



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- \* Fight the shumlords and bosses who sit back and do nothing but collect rents and profits, exploiting the working people.
  - \* Fight and expose those in government—city, state and national—who are bought and paid for by the landlords, big corporations, bankers and racketeers.
  - \* Fight those who hide behind police uniforms to terrorize and murder working people while the big crooks go scot free.
  - \* Fight for equal rights for working people and their families; for quality and equality in education, housing, employment, salaries, and treatment before the law.
  - \* Fight those who divide working people against each other; fight for the understanding that Negro, Puerto Rican and white workers have the same rich enemies, enemies who stay in power by dividing the working people against themselves.
  - \* Fight for jobs for all—a shorter work-day with no loss in pay.
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- FOR A NEW WAY OF LIFE WITH NO EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN. FOR SOCIALISM.**

**Letters to the Editor**

**PRAISE**

Dear Editor,  
 Just received Vol. I, Nos 3 and 4 of CHALLENGE. It's really excellent. It brings the journalistic skill of the Daily News on to our side—the side of the fight for justice, decency, equality, freedom, broad and equal opportunity, and humanity—the fight for revolutionary socialism. It is very much to the point. It is not pendant, pompous, or academic. It is far more outspokenly and bravely revolutionary than any other paper in the U.S. that I have read, yet it is as close to the people as are the tenements of Harlem. It tells things about the police that I have long suspected, but which other so-called "revolutionary" or "socialist" newspapers did not have the nerve or the wisdom to tell.

It tells the people what is really important, and it tells them what they want and need to be told. It speaks with the straightforward voice of the people, and not with the forked tongue of the pompus, self-centered, academic liberal or pseudo-revolutionary dispenser of pretentious words.

Enclosed a check for \$100 for the Harlem Defense Council, and a check for \$100 for the Mothers Defense Committee, which I hope you will forward.

Faternally,  
 Bernie Galitz,  
 Wellesley, Mass.

**NO PRAISE**

Dear Editor:  
 I read with some interest Mark Shapiro's article on the situation at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and the Editorial on that subject in the July 11 issue of CHALLENGE. While I appreciate the attempt on the part of the paper to expose the reasons for the mass layoffs at the yard I believe the article is misleading and that the editorial does nothing to correct the article.

The unions, the politicians, and various business people in Brooklyn have been campaigning for some time to stop the drift of war contracts from the yard, as well as to expand the war production there. While Rockefeller and Co. may have the work transferred to another area to make additional profit, it does not alter the basic fact—Capitalists make profit from war work and of course will manufacture products of destruction wherever they will make the most profit. The essence of war work is to make money. Therefore to simply expose the profit motive without exposing its relation to the cold-war becomes misleading. The logic of the article and the editorial would be to join the campaign to keep the war work in Brooklyn.

While I am sure this isn't the intent, without a clear explanation that the workers' interests are not tied to war work, that is the impression.

While both parties are willing and do buy and sell workers' labor—both parties are parties of war. We must pursue the the difficult path of exposing the fact that it is the cold-war policies that help create and maintain low wage areas in the south as well as lower wages in the North. But the fact remains that we do not seek job solutions by encouraging war work or by merely saying that both parties are profiteers. Armaments are one of the greatest sources of profits. The ruling class needs armaments. The workers do not.

Ships built in the North as well as the South are used to imprison the people of Tawain. Consequently, the big scoop and the real implications of the Brooklyn Navy Yard are the results of the cold-war on the working class. No other paper will print it. No other paper will take the hard path of explaining to laid-off workers that the solution to their problem is not more war work. Only a revolutionary paper which CHALLENGE is, can do that. If for the moment popularity is not forthcoming, truth in the long run will produce an avalanche of dedicated readers.

Faternally,  
 Milton Kosen  
 National Chairman, Progressive Labor Movement  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

**COMMON ORIGIN**

Dear Editor:  
 On Saturday, July 18, at 7:07 p.m., from the marine post at Guantanamo, six shots were fired at the Cuban sentry box. Pvt. Ramon Lopez Pena, 19, was shot twice in the neck and died 20 minutes later. This happened in a country which has wiped out discrimination and exploitation of man by man.

More than 6000 Cubans marched to Ramon's burial. When his mother heard about the murder, she advised Cuban mothers of all ages to join in the defense of their homeland against the aggressors: the U.S. marines.

Only two days before, on July 16, a New York policeman shot and killed James Powell, 15 year old Afro-American boy. The aggressors: the New York City Police Department.

The common origin of these murders is evident.

Eduardo Artze  
 New York City

All letters must be signed. Names will be withheld on request.

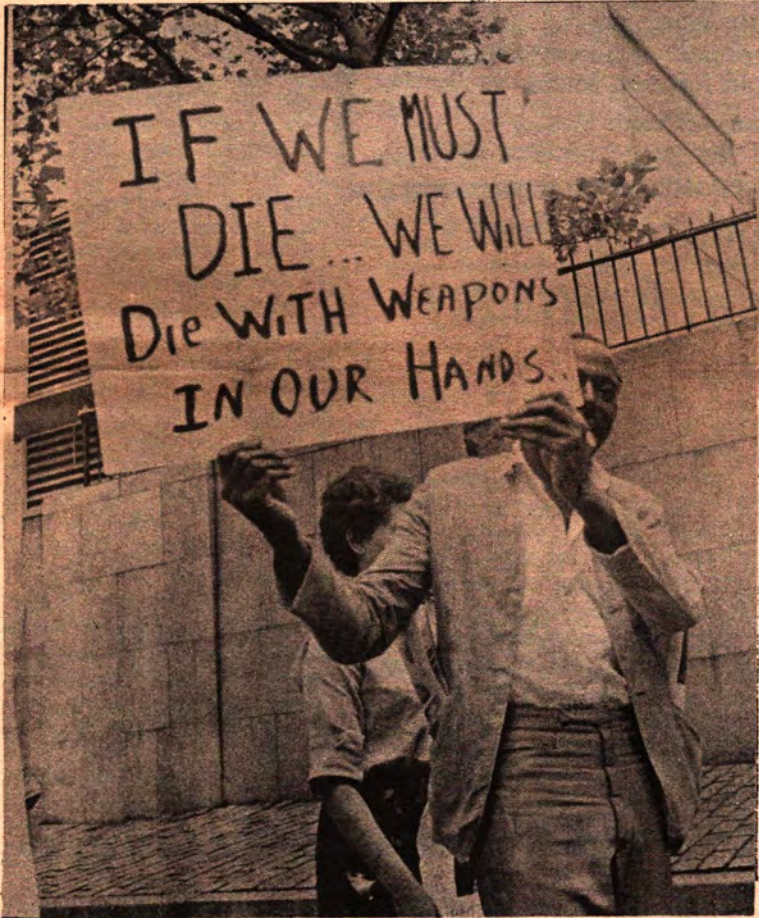
# VIOLENCE BY WHOM?



Mayor (Bullet Bob) Wagner told Harlem residents that he would not tolerate their violence. He also commended the Police Department for a job well done.



# THE PEOPLE RESIST



## World Wire

### WILLIAMS: BLOW FOR BLOW

Robert Williams, Afro-American leader writing from exile in Cuba, has once more called on American Negroes to meet violence with violence. In his publication "The Crusader," issued immediately after passage of the Civil Rights Bill in Washington, he recalled that "Peaceful evolution through legislation, law and negotiation are methods which have been pursued for almost two hundred years up to the present time. The results have been bitter and frustrating indeed... When peaceful petitions are answered with ruthless violence," he said, "the only recourse left is to meet violence with violence."

Williams pointed out that the Afro-American massive self-defense campaign must be based on the righteous cause of justice. It must not be anti-white but anti-oppression and injustice.

### INDIA PRO-PEKING REDS WIN LOCAL RACE

Led by former Kerala state chief minister, E. M. S. Namboodiripad India's pro-Peking Communists showed great strength this month in municipal elections in Trivandrum, capital of Kerala. The pro-Khrushchev wing of the party failed to win a single seat. The pro-Chinese Communists and the Congress Party, which rules India took ten seats each. The "left-wing" Communists ran under the name of Citizens Front.

### "MALAYSIA" DIALOGUE

Peregrine Worsthorne, one of Britain's most respected political commentators was quoted recently in Far Eastern Economic Review as having said that Tunku Abdul Rahman, "Malaysian" Prime Minister, has a "major handicap": his "Anglophilia."

"You British are behaving admirably" the Tunku is reported to have told Worsthorne on a recent Asian safari. "I don't know what we would do without you, and you do it all so discreetly in the background, without claiming any credit."

### GUIANA GOONS

The Ghanaian weekly, Spark, last week denounced the collaboration of the British and U.S. governments in their attempt to overthrow the Jagan Government of British Guiana by every means possible—internal sabotage, use of traitors, spies and provocateurs, fomenting racial hatred and the use of troops.

Pointing out that the United States was obstructing British Guiana's efforts for independence it said, "Booker Brothers, an American firm, monopolizes virtually the whole of British Guiana's sugar production and tries to dominate her rural areas."

The article exposed the British Government's latest intrigue of imposing a so-called "new electoral system" in Guiana in an attempt to defeat Jagan's People's Progressive Party in the election.

### TSHOMBE'S TRAVELS

Before returning to the Congo this month where he received the "call" to set up a government of "national reconciliation," Moise Tshombe was engaged in some wide travelling and frenzied politicking:

From his temporary abode in Spain, he made several trips to Belgium and France. He held talks with Belgium Foreign Minister Spaak and U.S. Ambassador in Brussels Douglass MacArthur. In London he was accorded the "red carpet" treatment and, according to the Ghana Times, "held important discussions with influential personalities. Observers think it relevant that his visit coincided with the official tour of Britain by Congolese Army Chief of Staff General Mobutu."

### INDONESIA BOYCOTT

A campaign for a total boycott of U.S. films is spreading rapidly throughout Indonesia. Along with the boycott is an educational campaign against U.S. "cultural aggression." Basuki Effendi, noted Indonesian film director, condemned U.S. films for poisoning the people's minds and spirit, corroding their will, undermining the Indonesian revolution and serving to create "Teddy Boy gangs."

### AFRICAN T. U. CONGRESS KEYNOTES ANTI-IMPERIALISM

The second congress of the All-Africa Trade Union Federation meeting in Bamako, capital of the Republic of Mali, heard Secretary General John Tettegah report on the Federation's work over the past three years. He related how the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, dominated by the U.S. AFL-CIO, has tried to undermine the African workers movement.

The struggle for African unity, he said, must be anti-colonialist and anti-imperialist in character. Though neo-colonialism has different features in different places, he stressed, all its forms have the same fundamental end—to keep politically independent countries under economic subjugation.

### TIBETAN TALES

A total of 477,000 books in the Tibetan language have been sold in the cities and towns of Tibet since the abolition of serfdom following the suppression of the clerical-feudal rebellion in 1959. (Population of Tibet proper is about 1,200,000.) Until the liberation of Tibet in 1951 the Tibetan language had stagnated at the stage of hand-copying and block printing.

### ALL ADDS UP!

The annual conference of Britain's Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions has unanimously protested the growing U.S. grip on British computer manufacture. The Conference was told that 80 per cent of the world computer market and 40 per cent of the British market was already in the hands of the U.S. International Business Machine Company which has an annual income of 1,000 million pounds (some two billion eight hundred and sixty million dollars).

The Conference passed a resolution urging the British Government to take measures against foreign competitors.

### BRAZILIAN REIGN OF TERROR

The dragnet of the Washington-backed Brazilian military coup first directed against the Left has broadened to include a wide range of political forces. "Special investigating committees" have been set up at all levels to screen public servants. The "blacklist" lengthens daily. Arrests have mounted and more than 40,000 people have been crowded into prisons which are so packed that ships have been commandeered to take the overflow.

## "Harlem Six" Frameup Spurs Mothers

# People of Harlem Urged to Fight Back

Some 400 persons attended the fourth street rally July 18 to protest the frame-up of the "Harlem Six." Speakers at the meeting also attacked the brutality committed against the six teenagers charged with the murder of Mrs. Margit Sugar, and called on the people to fight back against police terror.

Addressing the rally, Bill Epton of the Harlem Progressive Labor Movement commented that "the 32 Precinct is a place where the black man is massacred in his own community", and that "there is probably more graft and corruption in this precinct than in all others combined. Which is saying a lot for the 32 Precinct."

Paul Boutelle of the Freedom Now Party advised black people not to be fooled by this government, "the U.S. government is the biggest enemy of freedom in the world." He also pointed out it is with the support of the U.S. government that the white South African racists continue to slaugh-

ter and oppress the Africans.

Mrs. Mildred Thomas, chair-lady of the Mothers Defense Committee spoke briefly saying that "we must let them know that we can fight as well for ourselves as we have for their system."

Les Edmonds also of the Freedom Now Party, advised "don't get upset when they send a new policeman to Harlem, remember, it is just one more gun for us to use, that's how Chiang Kai Chek got driven out of China." This statement drew much applause from the crowd of about 400.

Mrs. Mary Hamm whose son is one of the "Harlem Six" told that her son is now under psy-

chiatric observation in the jail because they say he is crazy. Mrs. Hamm, with great passion, said;



Benny Brazier

"My son stands up for his rights so they say he's crazy. They say we are all crazy when we stand up for our rights." Mrs. Hamm continued; "If we beg for freedom on our knees we are going to die anyway so what the hell, we might as well die fighting."

Benny Brazier, who was beaten by the cops in the 32 Precinct and was still wearing the bandages, told the crowd that he hadn't believed that there was really such a thing as police brutality but "it happened to me. And my 22 year old brother Ralph is dead, a victim of police brutality, so I know it exists." (See July 18 issue of CHALLENGE.)

Let's not wait until it happens to each of us before we decide to do something about it. We must each fight this state inspired police terror now standing on our feet before they kill us all on our knees.

### IF WE MUST DIE

If we must die, let it not be like hogs  
Hunted and penned in an inglorious spot,  
While round us bark the mad and hungry dogs,  
Making their mock at our accursed lot.  
If we must die, O let us nobly die,  
So that our precious blood may not be shed  
In vain; then even the monsters we defy  
Shall be constrained to honor us though dead!  
O kinsmen! we must meet the common foe!  
Though far outnumbered let us show us brave,  
And for their thousand blows deal one death blow!  
What though before us lies the open grave?  
Like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack,  
Pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back!

Selected Poems of Claude McKay  
(New York: Bookman Associates, 1953)

## Outfoxes Loan Company Crooks

# Worker Declares Bankruptcy

By Carl Jerome

A few weeks ago Carlos Araneda, of 245 E. 13 St., owed \$2522 to various loan companies. He is now out of debt, having paid only \$100 for the legal costs of a bankruptcy, thus becoming, in all probability, the first workingman to declare himself legally insolvent.

"My friends at work can't believe it," Araneda told me in his home. "They say it's impossible for a worker to declare himself bankrupt."

Araneda, who has worked for 18 years in a cardboard factory, and who lives with his wife and three children, had taken out some loans when his wife gave birth, when he needed an operation, and for other emergency matters. But since he does not read English well, he didn't learn until some time later that the loan contracts were "traps"; that the interest was very high (Seaboard Finance Co. was charging him \$166 for \$800, or more than 20 per cent interest; Household Finance Co. was charging him \$152.50 for \$622 or 24½ per cent interest). What's more, Araneda explained to me, "every time you make a payment 2 or 3 days late, they fine you 7 or 8 dollars. These guys are thieves."

The last straw came when the Rapid Loan Co. was going to collect \$877 from Araneda for a loan that he had cosigned for a friend. The company had gotten authorization for a certain amount of money to be taken out (garnisheed) of his salary every week, and Araneda was going to be fired—his boss didn't want "the bother of sending money somewhere else."

It was then that Araneda decided to give the loan companies

a bit of their own medicine. With the help of a lawyer, who cost him \$100 (including court costs), he declared himself legally bankrupt. The debts totalling \$2522 that he owed to Rapid Loan, Household Finance, G.A.C. Service, Seaboard Finance, and the First National City Bank, were dissolved.

Araneda hopes that the example of his case "will be a help to all those who have been tricked by phony loan companies."

## Police Protect Slumlord

The trial of Joe Maccarone, the landlord who almost murdered Mr. Ramon Medina three weeks ago, has been postponed, and as the day of his hearing approaches, a group of policemen continues its round the clock protection of him and his building.

Although Medina, who suffered several fractures of the skull, is somewhat better and now recognizes those he knows, his condition is still critical.

The court case of Rafael Santiago and Robert Glaberson, two of the four young men arrested two weeks

ago for picketing Maccarone's building, was scheduled to be heard as this edition of CHALLENGE went to press, while that of the cousins Obdulio and William Gonzalez, the other two who were arrested on the picket line, and who were beaten by the police in the station house, is scheduled for July 30th.

Meanwhile, the Integrated Workers branch of the Progressive Labor Movement, continued to organize a defense committee to fight against police brutality and racism.

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HARLEM GHETTO, 1964



The body of 22 year-old Ralph Brazier shown above in a Harlem Funeral parlor. Unarmed and guilty of no crime, Brazier was shot and killed by the police (See last week's CHALLENGE). The cop who shot him made certain of his death by shooting Brazier in the chest as he lay wounded on the floor. Ralph Brazier's funeral was held on Sunday, July 19—the same day as the funeral of 15-year-old James Powell.

# TENANTS STOP EVICTION

The sight of a mother and two kids on the sidewalk surrounded by furniture can make some people pretty angry. The sight of Mrs. Merci Doval on the sidewalk early Wednesday morning, July 15, made her neighbors angry enough to do something about it. They moved her right back into the apartment she had just been evicted from at 223 W. 105 St.

The first Mrs. Doval heard she was going to be evicted was July 14. She received 24-hour eviction warrant from the Marshall (in violation of the law that landlords should give tenants ten days advance notice). She took the warrant down to the Welfare Department. They took it from her. The next thing she heard about eviction was the Marshall's knock on her door at 8:30 a.m. July 15. Half an hour later she was sitting with her children on the sidewalk, and her apartment was locked.

Two people from the Progressive Labor Movement, Lorna Graham and David Komo, were in the crowd that gathered around her during the morning. They suggested moving the Dovals back in. The idea caught on: a man broke the window and climbed inside to open the door. In thirty minutes the family was moved back into their home. Some men stood guard for the rest of the day, to keep the Marshall and the landlord from returning to throw Mrs. Doval out again.

That night, PLM called a street meeting in front of the apartment to inform the neighborhood about what had happened, and to organize a guard for the following day.

Mrs. Doval originally stopped paying rent because the building was full of violations. Her two small rooms cost \$65 a month. With all the money the landlord was making off this apartment, he refused to put any back into it.

At last report, the landlord had backed down and agreed to let the Dovals remain in their apartment.

—Martinot



## Harlem School Renamed

Pressure from Harlem community organizations, led by the Harlem Council, has succeeded in getting the Board of Education to rename the newly-constructed P.S. 154, at 250 W. 127 St., in honor of Harriet S. Tubman.

The renaming of the school was of special significance since the former name was John Hancock, slave owner, and Harriet Tubman was a slave-abolitionist, who won the name "General Tubman" from John Brown, the great slave abolitionist, for her genius in the Underground Movement where more than 300 slaves were led to freedom. The decision was made to change the name by the Board of Education on June 3. The Harlem Council announced the victory on July 7.

The Council was aroused during the construction of the school and on April 14, 1963, introduced a resolution calling

for all Public Schools and Projects under construction and those to be constructed in Harlem to be named for Negro historical personalities.

Mrs. Ora W. Mobley, who first introduced the idea of the campaign for renaming Harlem schools and public works, was cited by the Council for her efforts in getting P.S. 154 renamed.

The Harlem Council's resolution to Governor Rockefeller and Mayor Wagner asks that "schools and projects in Harlem, District 10, under construction and those to be constructed be declared and named in honor of our historical personalities (listed below)."

The names listed in the resolution, besides Harriet Tubman, are: George Washington Carver, Adam Clayton Powell, Paul Robeson, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. Dubois, Kelly Miller, Sojourner Truth, Mary Church Terrell, and Crispus Attucks.

## INQUILINOS PARAN DESALOJO

El espectáculo de una madre con dos niños en una acera, rodeados de muebles, es para llenar de indignación a cualquiera. El miércoles 15 de julio por la mañana, la Sra Merci Doval fue desalojada de su hogar. Sus vecinos, furiosos al verla sentada en la acera aquella mañana temprano, decidieron mudarle de nuevo a su apartamento del 273 W. calle 105. No tomó más de media hora.

La primer noticia de que iba a ser desalojada la recibió la Sra Doval el 14 de julio. Se le anunciaba que iba a ser desalojada 24 horas después (en violación de la ley por la cual los caseros deben darle a los inquilinos una noticia de diez días de anticipación). El 15 de julio, a las 8:30 a.m., el Marshall tocaba a su puerta. Media hora después se encontraba sentada en la acera con sus niños y su apartamento cerrado.

Dos miembros del Movimiento Obrero Progresista (PLM), Lorna Graham y David Komo, estaban entre los que se reunieron alrededor de la Sra Doval ese día por la mañana. Sugirieron volver a mudar a la Sra Doval a su apartamento. Un hombre rompió la ventana y entró al apartamento para abrir la puerta. En treinta minutos, la familia se encontró de nuevo en su hogar. Algunos hombres hicieron guardia por el resto del día para impedir al Marshall y al casero que volvieran a desalojar de nuevo a la Sra Doval.

Esa tarde PLM convocó a un mitin de calle frente al apartamento para informar al vecindario acerca de lo sucedido y organizar una guardia para el día siguiente.

Originalmente, la Sra Doval había dajado de pagar renta, porque el edificio estaba lleno de violaciones.

Sus dos cuartos le costaban \$65 al mes. Con todo el dinero que el casero extraía de su apartamento, se negó a gastarse un centavo para repararlo.

Según últimas noticias, el casero accedió a que los Doval permanecieran en su apartamento.

## Battlefront

(contined from p. 3)

patrolman.

By the end of the week-end, one man, Jay Jenkins had been shot and killed by the cops, 119 were wounded or injured (including 24 cops), and 108 were arrested—according to police statistics.

The war continued on into Monday and Tuesday, and spread to Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn as the people of that black ghetto came out to support their brothers in war with the cops.

As we went to press, Murphy's occupation troops still stalk the Harlem streets, and tension is still in the air. The Harlem Defense Council, consisting of block squads from several parts of Harlem organized to defend the community against the cops, has called a protest march up Lenox Ave., starting at 116 St. at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon, July 25. The march will conclude with a mock trial of Lt. Gilligan, according to a Council spokesman.



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