

ON THE MOVE

DC Area Workers Paper

THE BUMS ARE ON THE RUN KICK 'EM WHILE THEY'RE DOWN!

The Bum is out. Sacrificed by the ruling class in an effort to divert the people's attention from the real cause of the ever-worsening economic crisis—the Capitalist system itself! Also Nixon was sacked because a mass movement was developing to get rid of him and was exposing the nature of the monopoly capitalist system at the same time.

CONTENTION & COLLUSION

As the crisis worsens the different sections of the ruling class fight among themselves due to shrinking profit rates and which faction should lead the country and try to "fix things up". With Rockefeller the VP it looks like a temporary victory for his group but the whole ruling class is now uniting to try and save the system. All the liberals (including McGovern) have closed ranks with the conservatives and are supporting Rocky's analysis: "...our system works our system survives, our system triumphs.."

WHOSE SYSTEM?

It wasn't long before the people saw how the system works. Ford pardoned Nixon, offered a cynical "conditional amnesty" to Vietnam war resisters and deserters; and the courts taking the cue overturned Calley's conviction. The message was clear: No equality between the exploiters and the exploited! (Nixon goes free while Ruchell Magee—a Black political prisoner in California—is jailed for 7 years for allegedly robbing a pimp of 20 bucks!). And something else is clear: The State (prisons, police, army, and the government) together with the courts, function in this system not as impartial umpires settling disputes between different sections of the society, but like a machine whose goal is to preserve a system that serves the big capitalists.

PARDON BACKFIRES

Why the pardon? We're not mind readers but it's likely that a deal was
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Retail Clerks buck sellout contract

The 13,000 member Local 400 of the Retail Clerks Union struck six major food chains (Giant, Safeway, A&P, Grand Union, Food Fair, and Acme) in early September.

The eight day strike came after "The union tried to shove that contract down our throats" according to one Riggs Road Safeway clerk. Strikers demanded a one year contract. The deal they were offered raises wages 23% over three years with small cost of living adjustments on Jan 1976, July 1976, and January 1977. Inflation went up 12% this year and things are getting worse. With management's contract the clerks won't even catch up to inflation. A one year contract also gives greater pro-

tection against the automation that's being installed in the next year and a half by the chains.

On the same day that the strike debate was going on in the DC Armory, Danzansky (Giant Food's President) told his stockholders "I have been assured by the union's international officers, that there will be no strike." The same union bureaucrats that promised the bosses no strike were busy trying to weaken the strike vote by telling the clerks to hit only one chain. But the rank and file knew better; "We've got to get together and whomp them" one clerk shouted from the armory floor.

Unions are an important line of defense for working people. But when the leadership of a union becomes more a bureaucrat than a fighter for the workers, the union leadership ends up helping the bosses. When this happens the rank and file got to organize militantly within the union and force the union bureaucrats to follow their lead or stand exposed.

MEDIA LIES

Supermarket chains, as expected, pulled scabs off the street without giving them required health tests. Picketers were told that others were going back to

RELY ON THE RANK & FILE

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Student unity adds up to victory over high school "law & order"

On October 9 close to 500 students from Northwestern high school in Hyattsville walked out of their classes in protest against the fascist-like enforcement of the new Prince Georges County disciplinary code.

The new code, (which until the students changed it through their action, allowed the students only 5 minutes time to move between classes) was being rigidly and arbitrarily enforced by roaming bands of teachers.

The "hall sweeps" were not without a touch of racism. Black students cited instances where teachers were singling out Blacks especially for harassment. All the students interviewed complained bitterly of cases where students were being written up when they were 10 seconds late and 10 feet from the door of their classes.

A student told us he was sent to detention for being late to photography class on his way back from buying film for the class! Other students reported that teachers were using the rule to "get back at people they didn't like." Another student told of how he was forced to miss an hour of work of his work-study program to serve his detention.

"When I told them I might get fired for missing the hour, they said they didn't care." (Students who are sent to detention have to sit for an hour in a room where they aren't allowed to speak or move). Students face suspension from school if they miss two detentions.

STUDENTS STAND UP

The students had enough and decided to fight back. During the early morning class break Oct. 9, a small number of students passed the word calling for a walk-out during the third period (10 am class). At 10, about 25 students showed but scattered when a security guard came

running out.

Three students stayed to talk to the guard and heard a lot of crap about how the administration understood their problems and that the administration would hold a special meeting the next day to "fix things up."

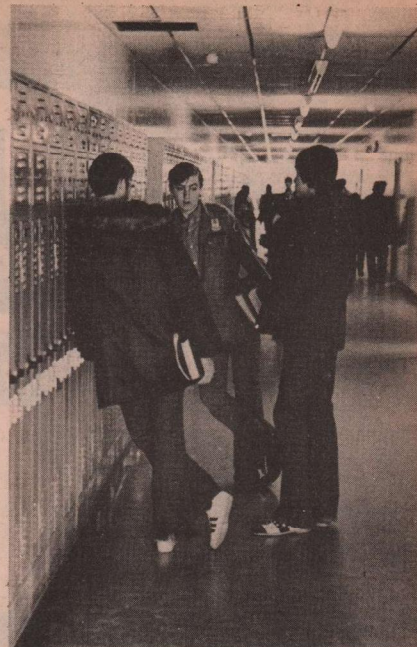
The students weren't fooled by this jive and during the next period they regrouped and went around the school explaining to as many people as they could how important it was for the students to make a show of force.

And when the bell rang for the 5th period 500 students got up from their classes and walked out! Shaken by this show of strength vice principal Regan (mouth-piece for Principal Hoover) ran out to the students telling them that there was nothing he could do until the administrative meeting.

The following day the administration tried another trick. They told the students they would only meet with the "respectable" representatives of the student government. Again the students stood firm and the administration finally relented and allowed some of the demonstration's organizers to come.

At the meeting after a lot of struggle, the administration agreed to the students' demand to extend the time between classes to 7 minutes. The students (Black and White united) had won a small concession from a school administration that cares more for "law and order" than quality education; and more importantly they learned that things can change when people unite and fight.

The students we talked to also agreed that they could have been even more effective if they had organized better and brought their case to the whole student body through leaflets and rallies (activities which are against the rules unless "approved"



by the administration--the people they are fighting against!)

Why is this repression happening at Northwestern (as part of the entire PG school system), and in high schools throughout the country? High schools where working class students attend tend to be run like prisons--this is nothing new. The reason is that the capitalist system requires that schools programme workers at an early age to accept the kind of "discipline" they'll face when they get to the shops and factories. The bosses think they can rip-off the workers easier when they're trained to be docile.

Students have shown their ability to organize and fight back in the face of repression. In the future we're confident that the students will unite with the majority of teachers (who don't like playing the role of policeman) to smash the school code with the support of all working people.

PG school board passes new anti-student code

The Prince Georges County School Board has adopted a repressive school code which they are trying to pass off as fair.

The new code which, goes into effect for one year beginning Nov. 4, says that students can be suspended for--among other things--distribution of unauthorized printed materials. This means that students cannot hand out leaflets or newspapers which the administration disagrees with.

The school code is definitely an attack on all students' democratic rights. But under the surface it is also an attack on Black students.

Hidden under such grounds for suspension as "disrespect (of teacher, student or staff member)" "physical attacks or threat thereof" there is the answer why more Black students than whites are suspended.

The present P.G. County School Board is made up of people who got

their positions by supporting (some leading) the racist faction of the anti-busing movement last year.

When busing did start, and fights broke out, Black students were usually the ones suspended, whether or not they actually started the fights.

The new school code means that students will be forbidden to demonstrate or even leaflet about the racism or other bad conditions at their school, or about police repression or any other issue. The new school code takes away the rights that students fought for and won in the 60s.

Again, this will be most evident in the attacks on Black students who fight back.

In the last school year, 50% of P.G. County students who were suspended were Black, while only 30% of the total number of students were black.

Black and white students and parents will not stand for this school code. We will be hearing more as the school year progresses and the repressive pattern become more evident.



Students across the country are suffering increased repression, like these pictured in Detroit where police patrol hallways.

Fighting Harlan miners win strike

"Bloody Harlan" a county in the coalfields of Eastern Kentucky earned its name in the early 1930s when these mines were first unionized.

Forty years later, after another bloody struggle, (this time against the country's sixth largest power company), the United Mine Workers of America were recognized as sole bargaining agent at the Brookside Mine of Eastover Mining Co., a subsidiary to Duke Power of North Carolina.

The 13 month strike had all the ingredients of "bygone days," a stubborn company that went to any means to stop the miners and the UMWA--state trooper escorted scabs, Duke gun thugs, gun firings into miners' homes, threatened evictions of miners from their homes, injunctions against picketing, and a miner short down near a picket line.

UNITED TO WIN

But it also had the miners, their families, and working people in Harlan and across the country united together to win this battle. The miners maintained a militant picket line against scabs and resisted the gun thugs.

And when the picketing was limited by injunctions, the Brookside women kept the mine shut down by forming "a barrier that scabs couldn't break."

The UMWA gave support to the strike. A five-day memorial walkout was staged from August 19-23 (to protest health and safety conditions in the mines). During the shutdown in Harlan, 3,500 miners and their supporters marched in support of the Brookside strikers.

On August 29, Duke Power signed the agreement giving a victory to the miners including the regular UMWA contract and the rehiring of 59 Brookside strikers it had earlier fired.

IMPORTANT VICTORY

This victory was important for

Boston busing used to divide working class

The Boston School busing plan--is a strategy which flows from the class and national oppression which is part & parcel of the system of monopoly capitalism--and is being used by the ruling class to divide the working class and set one nationality against another. That sums it up.

When the Boston schools opened on Sept. 12, thousands of white parents began a boycott of schools in some areas, especially in the South Boston neighborhood, in reaction to a court-ordered busing plan that called for busing 15,000 children, supposedly to achieve "racial balance" and desegregation.

In a rally before the busing began Sept. 9 and in subsequent rallies and public statements leading politicians made the purpose of the ruling class clear. Several members of the Boston School Committee (the school board), including chairman John Kerrigan and South Boston lawyer Louise Day Hicks, point to Blacks as attacking white working people's education. Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy "supports busing" and points to "backward, racist whites" as the problem.

WHAT'S THE REAL PROBLEM?

The busing plan pits various neigh-



Guardianphoto by Rod Such

Members of the United Mineworkers of America demonstrating in Harlan County, Ky.

many reasons. The reform leadership of the UMWA, pushed by a rank and file still in an insurgent motion, came through in one of its most important promises--to organize the unorganized. A union spokesperson said, "We're getting calls already from unorganized miners all over Eastern Kentucky." This victory as much as the ouster of Tony Boyle signals the start of something new in the coalfields.

The big test for the miners and their reform leadership is the successful completion of contract negotiations started September 3 when contract with the Bituminous Coal Operators Association expires Nov. 12.

SUPPORT MINERS' STRUGGLE

These negotiations provide the battle ground for other reform promises, especially health and safety. There is the increasing possibility of a strike this fall, because the coal operators feel that they could whip up public hysteria if the miners struck because of the "energy crisis." It is important for all working people to support the miners' struggle since a defeat handed to the coal operators would mean a defeat for the monopoly capitalists who are increasingly trying to shift the burden of their crisis on our backs.

borhoods and nationalities against one another and creates no real improvement at all in the schools. The plan does not distribute funds and resources more equitably, nor does it deal with the fact that there are not enough resources for all the schools in Boston.

The Boston school system is bad and getting worse--in both the white and Black working class communities, with the minority schools getting the worst. And the busing/anti-busing controversy is a perfect example of an issue which heightens the contradictions of people of different nationalities, with the goal on the part of the ruling class of getting people to fight each other for educational crumbs.

UNITY KEY TO SOLVING PROBLEM

To deal with this it is necessary to unite the people--Black and white--against our common enemy--the ruling class and its agents such as Kerrigan, Hicks and Kennedy and groups like the KKK, to fight for a better education, better school facilities, etc. for all the children. This means in the Boston situation also organizing progressive whites and Blacks to fight white chauvinism and narrow nationalism in their respective communities.

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And within this general struggle, it is essential for everyone to fight the oppression and discrimination against Black people and other oppressed nationalities; concretely, by recognizing that schools in predominantly Black areas are generally the worst anywhere and focusing on the demand to improve them and also by fighting against discriminatory housing regulation, plan and patterns that create and further develop the ghettos and barrios.

It is important to realize that the ruling class, especially in times of severe economic and political crisis such as now, always resurrects issues like busing to create tensions and divisions among the people so that it is harder for them to unite against the ruling class that is responsible in the first place for national oppression and the lousy education system and cutbacks.

And when not thoroughly exposed, their attempts can cause temporary setbacks for the working class, as in Boston, where there has been fighting between Black and white students in the schools and cases of older whites attacking Black people.

Steelworkers march against No-Strike deal

On Sept. 23, close to 400 rank-and-file steelworkers and their supporters rallied in Atlantic City to register a strong protest against the "Experimental Negotiating Agreement" (the ENA or No-Strike Deal) and the "Consent Decree."

The day's activities, organized by the Committee to Smash the No-Strike Deal and the National Conference of Rank and File Steelworkers, began at 9:30 a.m. with picketing of the delegates as they arrived at the 17th Constitutional Convention of the United Steelworkers of America, followed with several speeches exposing the ENA and the Consent Decree as tools of the imperialists, and ended in the afternoon with a spirited march and picket line in front of the convention hall.

FIGHTING THE NO-STRIKE DEAL

What are the issues involved in the demonstration? From Sparrows Point in Baltimore to Oakland, Calif, steelworkers are starting to organize against the ENA.

This "Agreement" is really a pact between the steel companies, the union bureaucrats and the government --three groups united in their desire to maintain the failing system of capitalism at the expense of the steel workers and the whole working class.

With the No-Strike Deal (ENA), I.W. Abel (president of the Steelworkers union) has given away the right to have a national strike for six years. With this "labor peace" package, basic steelworkers get a crummy 4.5% raise a year with a small percentage cost of living increase. Rank-and-file steelworkers were not allowed to vote on this contract. Nothing in the pact deals with safety, although accident rates in the steel industry have risen close to 25% in recent years due to the steel companies' speeding up the workers in an attempt to get back faltering profits.

Why are the steel companies pushing the no-strike deal? The owners of the steel companies are no different from the rest of the rulers in this country. They are just a part of the class of several hundred families who have economic, political



Supporters of rank-and-file steelworkers carry effigy of union president I.W. Abel outside union's Atlantic City convention.

and military control over most of the world's resources and factories. These monopoly capitalists are preaching "labor peace" because they are having a harder time lining their pockets with money they rip off from the workers. All over the world "their" factories and mines are being nationalized and taken away as they are being thrown out of one country after another.

One way the capitalists are trying to make up for their "crisis" in profits is by shifting the weight of their crumbling system onto the backs of working people. That's what the ENA is all about.

CONSENT DECREE

Another target of the protesters was the Consent Decree. The decree is a sop to national minorities and women, who are fighting back in the shops against national and sexual oppression. The Consent Decree is being implemented by committees that have only token representation by minority and women workers. The meager back-pay settlement (only up to \$900 per worker when thousands of dollars are really involved) is being used as a bribe to prevent any future discrimination suits and/or mass forms of protest around the issue.

Another serious problem with the Decree is that it doesn't institute real plant-wide seniority. It is an attempt by the companies and the government to paper over the worst exam-

ples of discrimination while seeking new ways to divide the workers. The steelworkers need full plant-wide seniority to help overcome the national and sexual divisions in the plants.

WHICH WAY FORWARD?

At the demonstration, there were two lines put forward as to how to proceed in smashing the ENA and the consent decree, dumping Abel and fighting for a democratic union.

One line was that the strategy was to "urge" union delegates to oppose Abel's no-strike agreement, the consent decree and the top-down bureaucratic control of the union by its leadership.

Another position was that "the idea of being a pressure group on the union at this convention, as put forth by some, is wrong. Although there are some delegates at this convention who oppose the ENA and the consent decree, and we will unite with them, we must remember that our own strength is what we must rely on to win."

If the demonstration on the 23rd is any indication, steelworkers are organizing determined resistance to these attacks. All workers and progressive people should support the rank-and-file steelworkers in this fight--for if the capitalists succeed in taking the right ("legal at first) to strike from the steelworkers--the whole working class is next.

Heating plan & workers protest GSA demotions

A group of workers at the Central Heating Plant operated by the General Services Administration held a rally Sept. 18 denouncing GSA's attempts to demote some 300 workers at the facility.

About 350 workers, black and white, came to the rally to demand that the demotions, under the guise of equal pay for equal work, be smashed.

GSA is lowering the status of these workers instead of raising the others to their grade levels.

The workers, who would be demoted at least one grade level, would retain their current hourly wages,

but will receive only half of the cost-of-living increase they would have received at the higher grade level until their salary is the same as the other workers at that lower grade level.

The demotions would affect 307 GSA workers including window washers, painters, plasterers, machinists, and pipe fitters.

Other than workers, representatives of American Federation of Government Employees, Government Employees United Against Racial Discrimination, and D.C. Delegate Walter Fauntroy-spoke at the press conference/rally.

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Phone workers fight CWA sellout

From August 5 til most contract settlement dates in September, telephone workers fought back against one of the most obvious sellout contracts ever, and in the process learned what it meant to rely on themselves and dare to win.

This year, for the first time, almost all telephone workers, 500,000 members of Communications Workers of America and 210,000 members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Alliance of Independent Unions united in facing AT&T.

WORKERS VOTE TO STRIKE

On July 17, when most contracts expired, Glen Watts, newly elected president of CWA, announced that the company offer was totally unacceptable and called for a strike authorization vote. Telephone workers were angry at the company's insulting offer and constant harassment and speedup, and they responded with a tremendous 7-1 vote to strike.

Watts set a strike date for August 5 and all over the country telephone workers responded. They knew the company couldn't stand a national strike, especially now. AT&T needs to borrow billions to automate and, with money very tight, the company wants to keep an image of stability and high profits.

Watts stated that the main issues are wages, absence control (telephone workers get no sick days), and union security, meaning the agency shop (everybody pays dues).

But clearly, he was only interested in the last, because when he announced a settlement two hours before the strike was to begin, the only real change from the first offer to the second was the agency shop and .7% more in wages.

SELLOUT SPARKS WILDCATS

With the agency shop provision now in the company offer, the International recommended a yes vote. The vote was taken by mail ballot and was approved by a 2-1 margin nationwide. However, in areas where the rank-and-file was better organized, the contract was voted down (New York, for example).

Phone workers across the country reacted to the sellout with a

wave of wildcats, including a one day walkout in D.C. where workers picketed CWA International headquarters, and five day walkouts in San Francisco and the Cleveland-Akron area. There were also wildcats in West Virginia, Detroit and Minneapolis, among other places.

The CWA was deluged by calls and telegrams, some sent by whole buildings and one sent by an entire Detroit local. There were also rallies and demonstrations. In New York, over 600 workers shouted "National sellout, we say no! Glenn Watts has got to go!" at three noon

rallies at different locations on the same day.

The IBEW who has contracts at most Western Electric Manufacturing plants, rejected the sellout from the beginning and went on strike at 17 plants with 63,000 workers.

Now telephone workers have returned to work with their various contracts, some with gains because of the wildcats. But the real victory was that thousands of phone workers united and stood up to the sellout and learned through struggle the importance of relying on themselves.

Western Electric wins(this time) by threats

Workers at Western Electric Sales in Virginia (Local 2395) voted on the CWA contract before Sept. 1, 1974.

The workers turned it down as an inadequate contract because it didn't serve their needs. Some parts of the contract include: a first year wage hike of 10%; no cost of living raise until the second year, and then only up 3.3%.

The better vacations and pensions don't go into effect until the 3rd year. Absence and lateness control plans keep a tight rein on people to the point of absurdness, for you are supposed to only miss 4 times in one year. This includes lateness (of even one minute), sickness, or personal business.

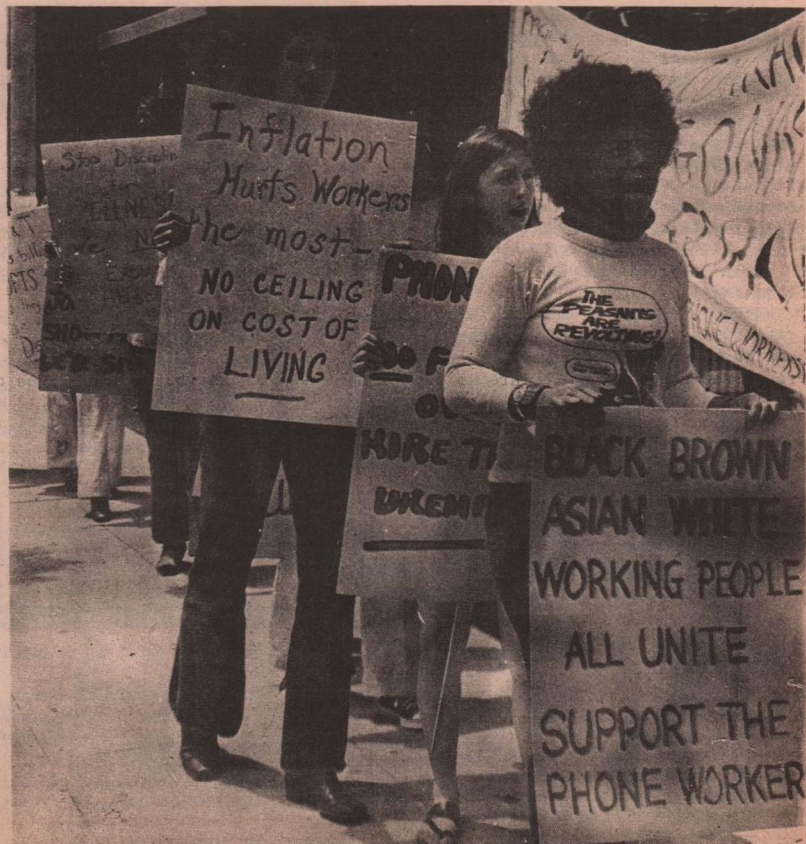
Safety & Production Control Plans are still there to add to peoples' harassment on the job. Under this plan you can get fired for not working fast enough or being victim of an on-the-job accident.

UNION PUSHES CONTRACT

Immediately after the contract was turned down, another vote was held. This time there were signs over the ballot box telling workers to vote in agreement of the contract or they wouldn't get their retroactive pay raises from August 15 when the old contract expired.

Instead of fighting for a better contract, the union leadership (headed by gutless Glenn Watts), accept it. The workers were too divided to go out on their own without union support so rather than get nothing, the majority voted in favor of the contract.

This points up the need for the rank-and-file to organize independently in order to force the union to fight, and in order to direct the main blow against the company.



Phone workers around the country are angry about Ma Bell's ridiculous contract offer. Above, Bay Area demonstration called in Oakland by the Rank & File Phone Workers Committee. Phone workers in many cities have wildcatted to show their contempt for the company's offer.

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Postal workers' resistance growing fast

It's no secret these days what a sad shape the U.S. Postal Service is in. Even establishment media figures like Jack Anderson and other Post journalists have been calling attention to higher rates followed by a decline in service to the public.

For example, the airmail rip-off (almost all first-class mail goes by air nowadays), delays in delivery, more damaged parcels, etc. Postmaster General Klassen, who preaches the need for "economy" while spending nearly a cool million in taxpayers' money for his "business needs," has also come under fire and may have to resign. Which of course will affect the postal system about as much as Nixon's resignation will affect the system as a whole.

WORKER HARASSMENT UNREPORTED

What usually goes unreported, however, is another side to this already sorry picture--namely, how the USPS treats its own workers. As a result, the working public is encouraged to think that it's their mailman's fault when their mail is loused up.

In fact, for the three main crafts in the USPS--clerks, carriers and mail-handlers--working conditions have worsened, probably even more than the USPS' service, particularly since 1969 when it began to "streamline" its operations along "free-enterprise," profit-making principles. Which when translated means, more work for fewer people, thru speed-up, automation, longer delivery routes, etc.

RESISTANCE

But this hasn't been met without resistance. People remember the famous New York postal workers strike of four years ago which forced then Gov. Rockefeller to send in the National Guard to break the strike.

Out of that struggle came an anti-imperialist caucus of postal workers called Outlaw who put out a newspaper by the same name.

Based mainly in the New York-New Jersey metro area, they were active in a brief work stoppage last January at



Part of the crowd of 2000 outside the gates of N.J. Bulk mail center January 21, 1974, to protest change in tours (shifts). Outlaw played leading role in the walkout, the "Battle of the Bulk."

a N.J. bulk mail facility when management started shifting peoples tours around to outrageous hours in preparation for lay-offs. They have also succeeded in defending and getting elected strong-willed shop stewards who won't knuckle under to bullying supervisors or to collaborating union hacks.

UNION HACKS

Outlaw has taken a forceful lead in openly criticizing and struggling with union hacks who are more interested in protecting their salaries than in representing the interests of their membership.

The January work stoppage was both illegal and a wildcat, of course, like the one in New York four years ago, and the union leaders up there are sweating buckets trying to smear Outlaw.

All indications are, however, that their red-baiting tactics aren't working. Recently the sell-out president of the N.Y. clerks union, Moe Biller, had to call the cops on his own union meeting when the angry members wouldn't tolerate his refusal to discuss their demands.

Outlaw supports unions as the first line of defense against attacks from management but they know from experience that only through strong rank and file participation in workers' struggles in and outside the union will the workers' demands be met.

JULY STRIKE?

Unfortunately, Outlaw is still pretty much a regional organization, although the troubles that plague N.Y.

workers will no doubt sound familiar to those of us in D.C.

Even local union newsletters in this area have been talking of "hitting the bricks" in July of next year when the present contract expires--if not sooner, the way things have been going.

Both the NY area and the National Carriers Unions have passed resolutions promising to strike if the USPS implements certain blatantly oppressive "labor-saving" policies that are under consideration--at a time when it is still quite illegal for any government employee, including postal workers, to strike for any reason, even when postal workers are supposedly now working under "private" industry.

The Outlaw staff is trying to reach out to postal workers outside the New York area and they encourage people to write for copies, to send donations (no price is charged for the paper), to offer suggestions, criticisms, etc. Their address is OUTLAW, 129 West 22nd St, New York, NY 10011 (9th floor)

In recent issues they've discussed the possibility of staging a national demonstration of postal workers in D.C., subs and regulars alike, similar to the one that occurred in the 30's during the depression. Outlaw has already participated in some militant demonstrations in N.Y. to protest the loss of work-hours by subs, including many Vietnam vets who've been getting ripped off through a special "preferential treatment" (!) program. Let's send 'em some encouragement on this.

--from a postal worker in the DC area

US - China Friendship Assn seminars

The U.S.-China People's Friendship Association is conducting a series of seminars on different aspects of the Peoples Republic of China. All meetings will be held at 8:00 p.m. at Quaker House, 2121 Decatur Place, NW (near Conn & Florida Aves). The next two seminars will be:

TUESDAY, Nov. 19: LIFE IN CHINA TODAY

A panel of visitors to China will guide discussion on such questions as Family Life: Marriage, Divorce, Birth Control, Housing, Jobs, Prices, Education, Transportation; Social Transformations: elimination of Drugs, Prostitution, Venereal Disease, "Serve the People," and Individualism vs. Individuality.

TUESDAY, Dec. 17: STABILITY OF CHINA'S ECONOMY

A presentation of the main aspects of the Chinese economy followed by discussion. Included will be: communal organization; role of ideology; development of industry; controlled planning and local decision making; internal and external debt; taxation and investment in growth.

Our Unions Fight

Retail Clerks Buck Sellout Contract

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work so why didn't they. Some clerk's jobs were threatened.

The bosses and their allies in media printed whole page ads in local newspapers. These sickening ads accused local 400 members of not keeping their word. What a lie! Rank & file clerks never approved the contract. Using charts bosses, blame inflation on DC clerks. What nerve! Did any one of these chains cut their huge profits to keep prices down. Can the mess of our unplanned economy be blamed on people fighting to maintain a decent standard of living?

"We couldn't get our side in the paper like that" said one Safeway worker. Why not? Well for one thing, local newspapers rely heavily for revenues for advertising from the supermarket chains. Also the media is tied to the

banks. WTO which is a CBS affiliate is also part of a conglomerate which includes the Washington Post. CBS is 14% owned by Chase Manhattan Bank which also just happens to hold 10.6% of Safeway's stock. (3-5% ownership is considered sufficient for control; 1% gives great influence). Morgan Guaranty Bank owns 1% of the "independent" Post and just happens to also control 3% of Safeway. Safeway is a giant international corporation with chains in Canada, Australia, Britain, West Germany, and Denmark. What's the point? Banks, media corporations all line up on the profit side--the side of the big capitalists. And these fat cats can do their thing because of a system that allows them to steal profits from what the workers produce while returning peanuts to the workers in the form of wages.

THE SELL OUT

At the Capital Center another contract vote was taken. After 8 days of management harassment, no word from the union leaders on what was going on, and lying newspaper ads, International VP Lewis urged clerks to go back to work. Discussion was cut off after an hour and the original 3 year contract was accepted.

There was an active caucus functioning during the strike, Clerks for a Democratic Union. The caucus spread strike news to the workers via a newsletter and challenged the union bureaucrats during meetings. The caucus also tried to spread word of the real situation to other people in the city. The big successes of the strike were exposing further the union bureaucrats and building the clerks' struggle.

Metrobus drivers condemn scab shop steward

Workers at Metrobus have continued their struggle since last May's strike by demanding that a shop steward who scabbed during the strike be removed from the union's executive board.

At a union meeting in August, a group of drivers from the Northern division presented a petition signed by 18 workers (10 are required) bringing charges against Mansfield Clements, a shop steward from Bladensburg division.

The incident occurred during the strike on May 4 at the Northern division when Clements showed up and began telling drivers to get back to work. The striking drivers had set up picket lines at entrances to keep scabs out.

One driver, recently hired and still in his 90-day probationary period, crossed the lines and started to take a bus out. The picket lines stopped him. Clements then got on the bus, took over the wheel, and barreled through the picket line, hitting one of the picketers. The outraged strikers surrounded the bus, and the guy on probation said forget it--he wasn't going to drive this bus.

The union leadership first refused to accept the petition, but those present at the meeting wouldn't hear of that. So George Davis, president of ATU # 689, finally accepted the petition saying that he would check with the international to see if this was "proper procedure." The vote to indict Clements was by a 3-1 margin.

He came back at the next meeting and said it wasn't proper procedure since Clements hadn't had a chance to answer the charges. Clements got up, denied everything, and Davis called a vote. This time the charges were defeated by a 2-1 margin, partially because of the demagoguery on the part of Davis and partially because many of those supporting the charges

weren't at the meeting because they weren't aware that Davis was going to pull this jive.

In another area, drivers at the Alexandria division are becoming increasingly angry over Metro's refusal to give them the back pay that's due them. When Metro bought up the private bus companies in the D.C. area, they continued to pay the wages to workers that were in effect at the time of purchase for awhile, promising that they'd all be equalized.

Alexandria drivers were the lowest paid of any of the bus drivers in the city transit system at that time and protested to Metro that if it's all one company there should be one wage throughout. Metro officials finally brought Alexandria's wages up to those of other drivers and verbally promised back pay, but now they're saying they didn't. In addition, union officials are telling the Alexandria drivers that they agree

with the demand for back pay, but that they don't want to press it right now, because it isn't "the most important problem."

The Alexandria drivers are pretty pissed-off and there's talk of another wildcat (Alexandria drivers have wildcatted twice before, not including last May's city-wide strike).

The workers at Metro know that they're getting screwed on a lot of things--and last May's strike and the recent actions show that they're willing to fight. But as one driver talked about in the August issue of *On The Move*, in order to really win these fights consistently as well as other attacks coming down on the whole working class, "we've got to organize ourselves--the rank and file--into a caucus in order to make our union fight and to take up the fight of all working people in their struggles outside our union."



Archie Bunker TV series insults workers

If you hear words like "Inflation," "Eatin' spaghetti all week makes me feel poor," "strike," "Colored people is used to being helped," "Mick," "Dago," "Hebe," you have probably tuned in on the Bunker Family, the TV show watched by more people than any other.

All In The Family is one of the only shows on TV that connects up with what's going on in the world. The family is bigoted, chauvinist, stupid... Archie, his dumb but good natured wife Edith, their daughter and her husband, a liberal student.

The Bunkers are so popular because they face so many of the same problems that we do. Inflation makes it hard for Archie to pay the bills so there's no extra money to get the TV fixed.. Edith has to find work like many women today to keep her family's standard of living up. And meat is just too expensive to buy.

But while we're being made to believe that Archie is a good soul underneath it all, a lot of bad stuff is pushed on us. We're supposed to think that all white working men are as stupid and racist as Archie. He doesn't know what a cost of living clause in his union contract is after being on strike for three weeks.

Now it's true that the educational system keeps a lot of working people from having the best chances for a good education, but do most workers go around saying words wrong all the time?

People who control the media, TV included, want us to think that the wives of most working men are sweet "dingbats" like Edith who like putting up with Archie's shit.

The corporations who control TV stations present us with Archie, who



Archie does not typify most workers. The vast majority are willing to fight for what's rightfully theirs, like those at this Beltsville strike, Nov. '73.

is a backward worker. He even stops showing up for picket duty and a joke is made of it. Some working people are like Archie, but most could be called "intermediate" or "advanced." Most workers follow the lead of advanced workers, who are self-sacrificing and help unite their fellow workers in struggle. Only a very few scab or sabotage the struggles of their fellow workers.

Even though she's an idiot, Edith usually is the most level-headed and sees what's really going on. Once a young Black man came along as the helper to the repairman. He took out a penknife to peel an apple. Archie thought, "Superfly" and feared he'd be attacked because Archie's racism sees all young Blacks as professional gangsters.

Michael, with a liberal attitude is so anxious to accept a Black person that he doesn't even see the knife.

Only moderate Edith sees the small penknife as a penknife. So Archie's bigotry is exaggerated and made fun of and so is Michael's Lib-

eralism. The message is clear--stick to the correct unchanging middle. Be moderate, accept things as they are and you'll see what's real.

One thing the TV controllers (the capitalists and their whole rotten system) never show is an Archie with guts. We never see a strong fighting Archie struggling for the basic rights of all working and oppressed people. Archie doesn't even show up for a picket duty.

We'll never see working men and women joining together to fight for control of their own lives (on the capitalists' TV, that is). And for sure we won't hear about the courageous battles going on today of the United Farmworkers, miners fighting for basic rights, steelworkers battling the vicious no-strike decree, or women to gain their basic rights.

Even if they're too scared to show the truth, it doesn't matter in the long run. They are justified in fearing the might of people joining together because it is the system of monopoly capitalism that will be crushed.

ISA & supporters celebrate Iranian people's struggles

On the night of Sept. 9, the Iranian Student Association together with friends and supporters from Africa and progressive American groups, celebrated the struggle of the Iranian workers against the repressive regime of the Shah.

The audience was treated to an excellent dinner, songs, poetry, speeches, a slide show--all of which vividly highlighted the workers' struggles. Iranian students did the bulk of the cultural and political presen-

tations but the Ethiopian Women's Study Group and the entire D.C. branch of the Ethiopian Students Union of North America gave speeches, put on a play and sang songs which linked the struggles in Africa with those in the Persian Gulf Area. (At the last celebration, the Eritreans for Liberation in North America made a presentation.)

Here are some facts about the Iranian Workers Movement that we learned from the celebration. Workers in Iran live in a society suffering from

a lopsided distribution of wealth where the inflation rate is 40% and unemployment is 20% (not including women). In Tehran (where the minimum wage is 70c a day!) a basket of food costs \$92.17; the same basket goes for \$92.27 in New York City.

The workers' resistance to this exploitation is met with brutal repression by the SAVAK (the Shah's secret police). Since 1971, there have been 132 political executions (1 per week) and detention of more than 25,000 political prisoners. Workers are not allowed independent unions; the ones which do exist are heavily infiltrated by the SAVAK.

But the workers' movement has not been crushed. Strikes and demonstrations are militant and are spreading all over Iran.

The struggles of the Iranian people, like the struggles of all Third World people, nations and countries, should be supported by American workers and all progressive people as part of the fight against world imperialism.

What is On The Move?

ON THE MOVE is a new newspaper in the DC area. Unlike the Post or the Star-News, we will not print what the businessmen, bankers, landlords or politicians want to hear.

We are a paper by a for working people. The staff of ON THE MOVE is made up of workers, housewives, vets and students. Some of us belong to the Revolutionary Union, a national communist organization. Communists have always been active in the working class struggle--building unions, leading strikes, fighting racism. But they also believe that our problems will not end until workers, who keep this country going with our labor, overthrow the large capitalists and build a government controlled by the working class.

All of us, communists and non-

communists, unite and fight around these points:

- * Full employment, a living wage and decent benefits.
- * Decent housing, food, medical care and education.
- * Defense of our democratic rights (to organize, to freedom of speech, to vote) against growing attacks by the corporations, government and police.
- * Full social, economic and political equality for Blacks and other minority nationalities.
- * Real equality for women in all aspects of life.
- * An end to U.S. interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

The few on top try to divide us: men from women, Black from white, skilled from non-skilled and native from foreign born. But we all have a common enemy--the system of imperialism where working and oppressed people are ripped off by big corporations and banks.

We must begin to link our struggles each with the other and with those of our brothers and sisters around the world.

We need you. You can help by reporting struggles on-the-job and in the community, distributing the paper, building support for strikes and demonstrations. We need your comments, suggestions and criticisms.

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ZANU representative speaks

Struggle growing in Zimbabwe

A speech was given by the North American representative of the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) Sept. 26 at All Souls Church in NW. The speech outlined the goals and the progress of the liberation movement within Zimbabwe, formerly known as Southern Rhodesia.

The representative, Tapson Mewere, said that the goal of ZANU is to "absolutely end the (existing) neo-colonial government" currently made up of white European immigrants who control and exploit the labor and resources of Zimbabwe for the enrichment of foreign and local capitalists.

RECENT HISTORY

The current struggle for the liberation of Zimbabwe began in the late '50's with the formation of a series of national African organizations which demanded the restoration of the sovereignty of the African people.

The British colonial government in response to each group banned such open organizations, and by 1959 the Southern Rhodesian government, led by Edgar Whitehead, had passed such legislation as the Unlawful Organization Act and the Preventive Detention Act, which were/are used to suppress open political organizing and to permit the indiscriminate arrests by the ruling class.

By 1964 the political consciousness had developed to the point that the leader of ZANU, Ndabaningi Sithole, declared: "No country can liberate another. Independence is not ours unless we liberate ourselves. There is no such thing as being liberated by others. Others can only help us liberate ourselves. We are our own liberators."

As the internal contradictions heightened, a movement within the UN grew criticizing England for her colonial and racist policies and a call was made to grant Southern Rhodesia independence on the principle of "one man, one vote."

The right to vote has always been "non-racial" in Southern Rhodesia, with the voting franchise being assigned by educational and financial qualifications. The franchise has always been manipulated by the ruling class to assure political power staying in the hands of the white settlers.

In 1961, for instance, the minimum annual income qualification was set at 720 British pounds.

As far as the general education

of the Zimbabwe people is concerned, compulsory education only applies to non-African children. Between 1928 and 1964 only 94 Africans received high school diplomas, while only 5,701 people out of a population of over 5 million received the equivalent of a 10th grade education.

In 1965 the rebel racist government of Ian Smith broke with England over the question of giving the Zimbabweans their rightful freedom. Smith issued a "Unilateral Declaration of Independence."

The British government tactfully and promptly denounced the declaration as an act of rebellion, imposing voluntary economic sanctions, but the import and export of Rhodesian goods continued through ports of South Africa, another racist state to the south.

But British policy in so-called Southern Rhodesia is interpreted by Africans as unquestionably an alignment of Britain on the side of white supremacy and political reaction in the southern African struggle.

Southern Rhodesia's natural wealth is concentrated in tobacco, chrome, gold and asbestos—as well as the Zimbabwe population which is kept in poverty and illiteracy as a source of cheap labor. Tapson Mewere spoke to this point, saying that, "No labor is cheap labor—all labor is labor."

Today there are approximately 400 British companies with subsidiary or associated companies in South Africa and nearly 200 with subsidiary or associated companies in Southern Rhodesia.

Included are the giants of British industry: ICI, Shell, BP, British Leyland Motors, Imperial Tobacco and Dunlop Rubber Company, among others. Giants of U.S. imperialism are also to be found: Burroughs Machines, Caltex, Pfizer, Continental Ore, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, Minnesota Mining, National Cash Register, Union Carbide and Vondium Corporation among others.

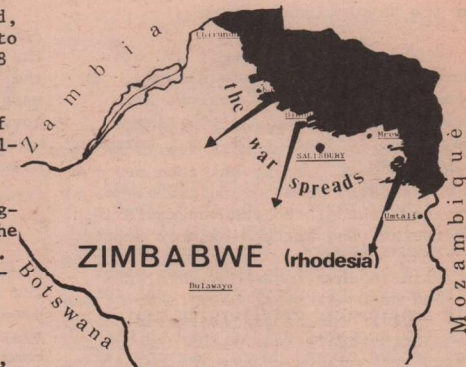
ARMED STRUGGLE

Having found that national liberation cannot come through compromise, or through democratic means as in a political coalition, the movement in Zimbabwe has found that only through a complete and absolute termination of the neo-colonial rule—through armed struggle—can the people of Zimbabwe be free.

Eritreans condemn massacre

The Eritreans for Liberation in North America and their supporters held a spirited demonstration to protest the Ethiopian military's massacre of 250 women, men and children in Western Eritrea, and the poisoning of the wells and lakes in Eritrea.

Marching from Malcolm X Park to the state department, the demonstrators raised slogans such as "CIA out of Eritrea," "No More Um Hajers," "Stop Poisoning Eritrean Waters," and "Victory to the struggles of the Eritrean people.



Harlan News Agency photo: ZANU map

They have taken up arms and have advanced militarily in the northwestern sector of the Country. (See Map) The guerrillas' activities against the colonialists are supported and assisted by local Africans.

SUPPORTING ZIMBABWE STRUGGLE

Supporting the representative of ZANU at the meeting was a worker from Baltimore who has been active in the boycott of Rhodesian chrome imported there. Carl Dicks, a steelworker, spoke of the struggle on the Baltimore docks on the workers' part in refusing to unload the chrome ore from Rhodesia.

Seeing that the unloading of the Rhodesian cargo continues the rule of the rebel government in Rhodesia, as well as continuing the control of imperialism over the Third World peoples and workers in general, the Baltimore dock workers found that they could deal a blow to imperialism. Their victories are blows against imperialism! Their struggle needs our support.



Multinational communist party needed to lead our struggles

by the Revolutionary Union

There's great turmoil and disturbances around the world today. It seems like government regimes and leaders are falling all the time--Cambodia, Portugal, the U.S., Germany, Greece and Ethiopia.

In the U.S. there's Nixon, and an economy that's going full steam ahead into a breakdown (see RU article in August issue). The rulers of this country are fighting with each other like a pack of hungry dogs. All the big controversy over foreign policy and the economic crisis used to happen behind closed doors, but now it's all out in the open.

Should we feel helpless or hopeless over this? HELL NO! This confusion among the ruling class is a great chance for the working class to build up its struggle, get organized, and start building and leading a movement that can drive the monopoly capitalists to their knees.

WE NEED A REVOLUTION

These are the words that drive terror into the hearts of the monopoly capitalists. While they fight like wolves over how to do it, they all agree that their system has to be maintained, so they try to fool us into believing that the problem is just Nixon, or just the Republicans, or just a do-nothing Congress.

From McGovern to Wallace they all sing the same tune--"Sure, you've got some grievances! The people in this country aren't getting a fair shake! But what can you poor fools do for yourselves? You won't get anywhere by relying on yourselves! Just vote for me and I'll set you free! They're all out to convince us that we have to reform the system--not destroy it and replace it with another system.

Many people have learned that the system doesn't serve our needs, but the facts are that it can't serve our needs. And that's because it's based on the fact that the working class sweats and toils while the capitalists reap the fruits of our labor.

All the wealth in society is the product of labor, yet workers get back only a portion of what they produce. The rest, called surplus value, is the product of unpaid labor and is kept by the capitalists to pay off rent, interest, future investments and to keep themselves fat. So how do we stop this rip-off?

What is the RU?

The RU is a national communist organization that actively participates in and builds the many struggles of workers and other oppressed people today. Beyond this, the RU sees the liberation of the people lying in the overthrow of the imperialists by the working class, the replacement of capitalism and all exploitation with socialism, under the rule of the working class. To accomplish this task, the working class must have its own communist party to lead our struggles. To contact the RU in D.C., write to PO Box 12053, Wash, DC 20005.

We need a socialist revolution to create a society based on the needs of the people and not on the profits of the capitalists; a society where the masses enjoy true democracy and the government is used against those who want to exploit and rip off the working class, and not against the people.

CROSSROADS IN THE STRUGGLE

Despite a few setbacks, the revolutionary movement is on the advance. In the 1960s there was a mighty storm of peoples' struggles that shook this system to its foundations. The Black people especially rose up and roused other groups into the fight while doing it. There was the largest and most militant student movement this country has ever seen. And there was wave upon wave of wildcat strikes.

Many things have been learned in these spontaneous struggles and they are continuing to advance. Only today these struggles are guided more and more by the revolutionary stand of the working class, directed squarely against the system itself.

In the past few years the beginnings of a revolutionary workers movement have been built. People united to support the Farah strike on the basis of working class solidarity and support for the struggles of oppressed peoples (most of the Farah strikers were Chicanos and women). There's been the revival of May Day, the International Workers' Day, for the first time in 25 years in this country.

And there's been the fact that the multi-national working class--Black, white, Brown--is beginning to lead the fight against the oppression of Black and other oppressed nationalities, as in San Francisco where a struggle involving people of all nationalities and led by the working class forced the state to stop its fascist-like "Operation Zebra" searches in the Black community.

WE NEED A PARTY

But a strong revolutionary movement needs a revolutionary party. A party that can be a single unifying center, draw all the struggles together into one solid fist against the system and show the correct path forward. A party that is the general staff of the working class, made up of the best fighters that have come forward in the struggle.

The party bases itself on scientific socialism--Marxism-Leninism, the science of revolution. A science which openly declares itself in the service of the working class. Marxism-Leninism sums up the development of society and uncovers what laws have been behind this development; it sums up the thousands of years of struggle by the exploited, and the 150 years of struggle by the working class against capitalism, and the lessons that it draws from those struggles helps us to fight better today. Marxism-Leninism also sums up the laws of development of capitalism so that people can grasp how the system came into being, where it's going, and how to deal with it and replace it with something better. It's kind of like this--our move-



"...Black people rose up and roused others into the fight while doing it."

ment is like a ship on a very stormy sea. The party is like the navigator trying to bring it into shore. And to do that, just as the navigator needs the science of navigation so too the party needs the science of Marxism-Leninism, for without the guidance of ML the movement will go in the direction of least resistance--towards reformism.

But the key thing about the party is that it is forged in struggle and must draw the boldest, most dedicated fighters for the working class into its ranks.

For a number of years we had a party like this--the Communist Party USA --But 20 years ago the CP gave up the struggle. Instead of building up an independent revolutionary movement, they told the working class to fall in line behind the liberal capitalists. Instead of standing with the people of the world --they hid behind the skirts of the Soviet Union, which had fallen back into capitalism and become one of the main bullies of the world. The old "Communist" Party U.S.A. betrayed the working class. They spread illusions about the "peaceful road to Socialism"--a slogan which has resulted in thousands of dead workers in every country where it's been the program of the party (Chile for example). The CPUSA is 100% traitor to the class, and should be isolated and exposed.

The New Party must be Multi-National because the working class is Multi-National and because having more than one party giving leadership cracks the unity of the people. Within the party comrades of different nationalities will relate on the basis of equality while a division of labor is probable based on the fact that comrades can be more effective in certain cases when working among people of their own nationality.

UNITE AROUND A COMMON PROGRAMME FOR ACTION

There is much ideological and political struggle in the new communist movement now--and this is a good thing--for it reflects the state of turmoil in the world today--and the struggle for a proletarian line around which the new party can unite.

We must develop a party programme which clearly points the way forward for the struggles of the masses of people. In addition the programme must indicate the long term goal of socialism and communism, analyze the world situation and the imperialist's crisis, provide a class analysis of U.S. society, summarize the history of the communist movement in this country and analyze the tendencies within the revolutionary movement today.

In future articles we will deal with some of the burning questions which are related to the development of this programme.

Economic plan

Ford's program no help to workers

Ford's economic program gives no pardon to working people.

After bringing together experts from all fields and a few consumer and environmental groups over six weeks, President Ford has announced his plan to fight inflation.

Even those who attended the summit feel "let down." "You can say that the program is more broad than deep" says one economist. Hobart Rowan in the Washington Post points out the "one outstanding feature... is the pro-business, pro capital investment nature that dominates the tax recommendations."

The major tax proposals are the 5% surtax on family incomes over \$15,000, on individual incomes over \$7,500, and on all corporate taxes. These taxes are expected to raise \$2.6 billion from people and \$2.1 billion from the corporations.

DIVIDING PEOPLE

The tax on family incomes over \$15,000 is thrown out as a sop to the poor, but its real effect is to pit wage earners and professionals against unemployed, welfare and lower-paid wage earners.

The monopoly capitalists intend

to say to those earning over \$15,000, "Look, you've got to support the poor, after all you're making a lot of money." At the same time they'll tell the poor, "we're getting the middle class to support you, after all they make more money than you." The real truth is that both groups are in contradiction with the monopoly capitalists who exploit and oppress them both. They are natural allies and the Ford proposal is an attempt to pit them against each other.

PROPOSAL A BOON TO BUSINESS

The investment tax credit, a special deduction allowed corporations on new investment, is to be increased from 7% to 10%. This change will increase corporate profits and decrease tax revenues by \$2.7 billion.

In addition, it is proposed that dividends on preferred stock be fully deductible, a boon to lending institutions and rich individuals. The tax loss is estimated at \$100 million, but as Hobart Rowan points out, "No one really knows how much it might cost."

As if this were not enough, liberalization of capital gains tax has been suggested. There are a host of other proposals, 31 in all, which do not add

up to a sack of beans, that is lower prices.

AN ATTACK ON WORKING PEOPLE

The Ford program is a continuation of the direct attacks on working people over the past few years. Ford's program is summed up in his "Whip Inflation Now" (WIN) campaign which tells working people--"You're to blame for inflation, so make sacrifices."

The program cannot reduce inflation and further price increases mean continued deterioration in our living standards. There are not any solutions within our existing economic institutions to the recurring economic crises.

The present situation is starkly summarized by a former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors who warns of a 1974-75 "recession (that) will be the longest and most costly one we have suffered since the Great Depression."

On The Move is supporting and encouraging community teach-ins in the D.C. area to expose the nature of the current economic crisis as flowing from the nature of monopoly capitalism. For more information, contact OTM at PO Box 4256, Takoma Park, Md. 20012.

Bums on the run . . . kick 'em while they're down

(Continued from page 1) made--resignation in exchange for the pardon. With the pressures from their failing system really building, the ruling class was forced into the self-exposing deal as the only way to unload their burden of Nixon. A long impeachment trial would have revealed even more of their dirty linen. This way they can blame it all on Dick and try to brain-wash us into thinking "it's a brand new day".

But the people aren't fools. Every day we discover more of the truth about Ford. For example-- although Ford has no significant wealth or power of his own, his record shows that he has always loyally served the powers that run this country. He has a clear record of opposing legislation that might help the working class. He has consistently voted against civil rights. Ford was behind the most recent attempt to get Congress to increase aid to the Thieu dictatorship in South Vietnam, which continues to violate the peace agreement. Probably one of the reasons Ford never attracted much attention in the last 5 years is because he never disagreed with Nixon. No we won't see any basic changes with good old Gerald--only a new style.

ROCKY ARRIVES

Where does Rocky stand? He stands in defense of his family's gigantic fortune and empire. An empire that includes: oil, banking, airlines, real estate, insurance, retailing and communications, hotels and super markets, electronics and mutual funds, coffee beans and chickens. Rocky's wealth is figured at over 200 million but the value of the industries in which his family has important influence is in the BILLIONS!

And like Ford, Rocky stands in defense of the entire monopoly capitalist system. On the issue of saving the system--all the fat cats are united.

WHO GAINED

Nixon's exit off the stage means the people have won a battle, but the war goes on. By helping to force Nixon out we have struck a blow at the imperialists--never before has their selected leader been thrown out of the presidency. And we have learned a lot in the process. The whole ruling class and it's mouthpieces, the politicians and the media, are talking up the need for "national unity" behind the new president

Yes, this is a time for unity, but we've learned alot about who we

should and should not unite with. It is a time for unity within the multinational working class and between the working class and its allies--Black and other oppressed nationalities, students, small businessmen, prisoners, the women's movement, and all the people who suffer at the hands of the monopoly capitalist class. (Within this united front the working class--the most revolutionary class--must take the lead).

It is time for unity in militant opposition to the ruling class and their mouth piece Ford. This same monopoly capitalist class is preparing at this time to launch a new assault on the living standards of working people in the name of the fight against unemployment and inflation--the very problems which are part and parcel of their system.

Sun Myung Moon: workers' Foe

Over 50 people picketed the Rev Moon's appearance at Constitution Hall in DC on Oct. 16.

Chanting "Rev. Moon gets rich while Korean people die" the demonstrators carried signs protesting Moon's CIA connections, his pro-imperialist stand on Korea, and his ruling-class backed attempts at building an anti-working class fascist movement in the U.S.A.

Moon is trying real hard to appeal to people in the society who are fed up with the decadence of this failing capitalist system. To suck in the frustrated, Moon promises Brotherhood, Eternal Love, a stable family life, plenty of unquestioned authority, and a spice of strong Anti-Communism.

The working people know how to deal with this fascist clown.



CIA - sponsored coup in Chile Sparks determined resistance

The CIA funded coup that murdered Salvador Allende, the democratically elected president of Chile on Sept. 11, 1973 and installed a puppet military dictatorship, was not the first time the U.S. has "destabilized" a government unfriendly to the U.S. government.

The Chile coup came after numerous other coups and interventions --in Guatemala (1954), Iran (1953) Cuba (1961), Brazil (1964), the Dominican Republic (1965), Greece (1967) Bolivia (1971), and Uruguay (1973).

Aid being sent to fascist Chile which denies free elections, crushes the workers' movement, and has massacred leftist Chileans, is all being financed by the U.S. government.

In Chile the U.S. has given \$45.5 million to the military regime between 1970 and 1973. Simultaneously the U.S. refused all economic loans and aid to the popularly-elected Allende government.

Between 1964 and 1973 the CIA spent \$11 million in Chile. This money was used to keep Allende's Popular Unity Coalition out of power... In the ultimate analysis, to completely overthrow it. The U.S. spent an additional \$8 million to install a ruling class dictatorship that would cower to U.S. demands.

The American Institute for Free Labor Development (AIFLD) was another American institution that aided the overthrow of Allende.

AIFLD receives its money from ITT, the Agency for International Development, Kennecott Copper (the copper company Allende rightfully nationalized to share the profits among his own people rather than a few American fat cats), Chase Manhattan Bank, the Rockefeller Brothers' Fund,

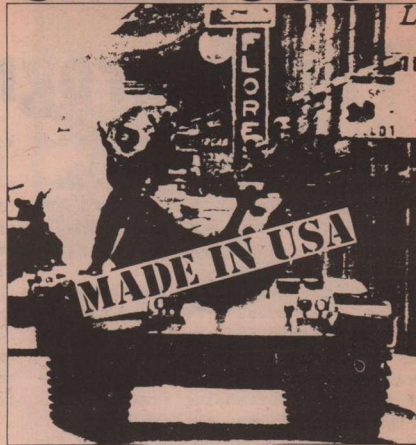
and the AFL-CIO.

What AIFLD does is to teach Latin American big labor bosses how to break up unions that advocate democratic rights for the oppressed workers. During 1972-73, the enrollment of labor bosses from Chile increased 360%.

Because of all that has gone down in Chile since Allende's murder there are brave militant people demanding the freedom to speak and meet freely, demanding an end to censorship, demanding the right to re-establish unions and to elect leaders and trying to convey to the world that there is Resistance.

They live by the slogan, "Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win!" Only through solidarity with their current

CHILE COUP



struggle can all of us workers win the courageous battle against the monopoly capitalist ruling class.

250 protest U.S. police academy

Over 250 persons joined in protesting the existence of the International Police Academy (IPA) which is hidden in the "Car Barn" across from Key Bridge in Georgetown.

Students at IPA, a school run by the State Department to train police from the Third World, have advocated some chilling views on torture of political prisoners as a tactic.

"As a last resort..." wrote an inspector from Nepal, "torture is practical and necessary."

A South Vietnamese policeman wrote, "Threats and force can pull out any truth in a minimum time."

An officer from Zaire reflecting the teachings from his U.S. imperialist police teachers, advocated "force or threats" will quicken an investigation, but warned: "This tactic must NOT be known by the public."

This method of training Third World police is a crafty and cunning way to extend U.S. torture tactics to other parts of the world where people are struggling for liberation. It helps break up unions, keeps women oppressed and the workers toiling just to be able to survive, while the ruling class gets fatter and richer off the sweat of the people.

The demonstration picketed in front of IPA, which was heavily guarded by Washington cops and then the protesters marched through busy Georgetown chanting "IPA-CIA--how many cops did you train today?" Informative leaflets were passed to curious shoppers and many militant workers and students joined in enthusiastically as the march continued from M Street up Wisconsin Ave.

Ethiopian students march against military junta

On September 27th the Ethiopian Students Union In North America (DC-Chapter), organized a demonstration in opposition to the military junta now in power in Ethiopia and also in support of the struggle of the Ethiopian people for their democratic rights.

In their speeches and leaflets ESUNA drew attention to the fact that the democratic demands of the people including the rank & file demands of the military have been ignored by the Ethiopian Armed Forces Coordinating Committee (Junta).



Demonstrators against Haile Selassie last April in Ethiopia.

DEMANDS OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE

During the mass uprisings last February, in Ethiopia, workers, peasants, students, teachers, and lower ranking military raised three sets of the feudal regime of Haile Selassie.

Around democratic rights they called for: 1) freedom of association, press, assembly, etc; 2) the right to organize mass & political organizations; 3) the demand for the separation of state & religion; 4) the release of political prisoners and the return of exiles; 5) a popularly elected people's government with a new constitution which provides basic freedoms.

Around living conditions they demanded: 1) land to the tiller; 2) increase in wages to offset the inflationary pressures of workers & peasants; 3) price controls; 4) reduction of taxes for local businessmen & the peasant masses; 5) employment of the labor force that is out of work, etc.

On the issues of social equality: 1) equality for people of all nationalities (so as to bring unity between the nationalities); 2) the end of inequalities, exclusiveness and privileges for religions, trad-

itions, sexes, cultures, etc.

THE FEUDAL REGIME REPLACED BY JUNTA

Pushed against the mass by the masses of Ethiopian people, the regime of Haile Selassie fell. Now an army junta is in the process of consolidating its grip. After riding to power on the sentiments of the people, the Junta is moving to deny them the rights they pledged to uphold.

FASCISM

The junta now says it wants a "democratic and anti-communist government".

Funded and trained by the U.S. Imperialists (Monopoly Capitalists), the junta is trying to develop fascist rule. A large number of CIA agents are behind the Junta's move to the right. The junta is also receiving support from that part of the Ethiopian capitalist class that serves the interests of U.S. Imperialism.

Working people and progressive american groups should the just struggles of the Ethiopian people by attending demonstrations and informing people in their community and on the job of the issues involved.