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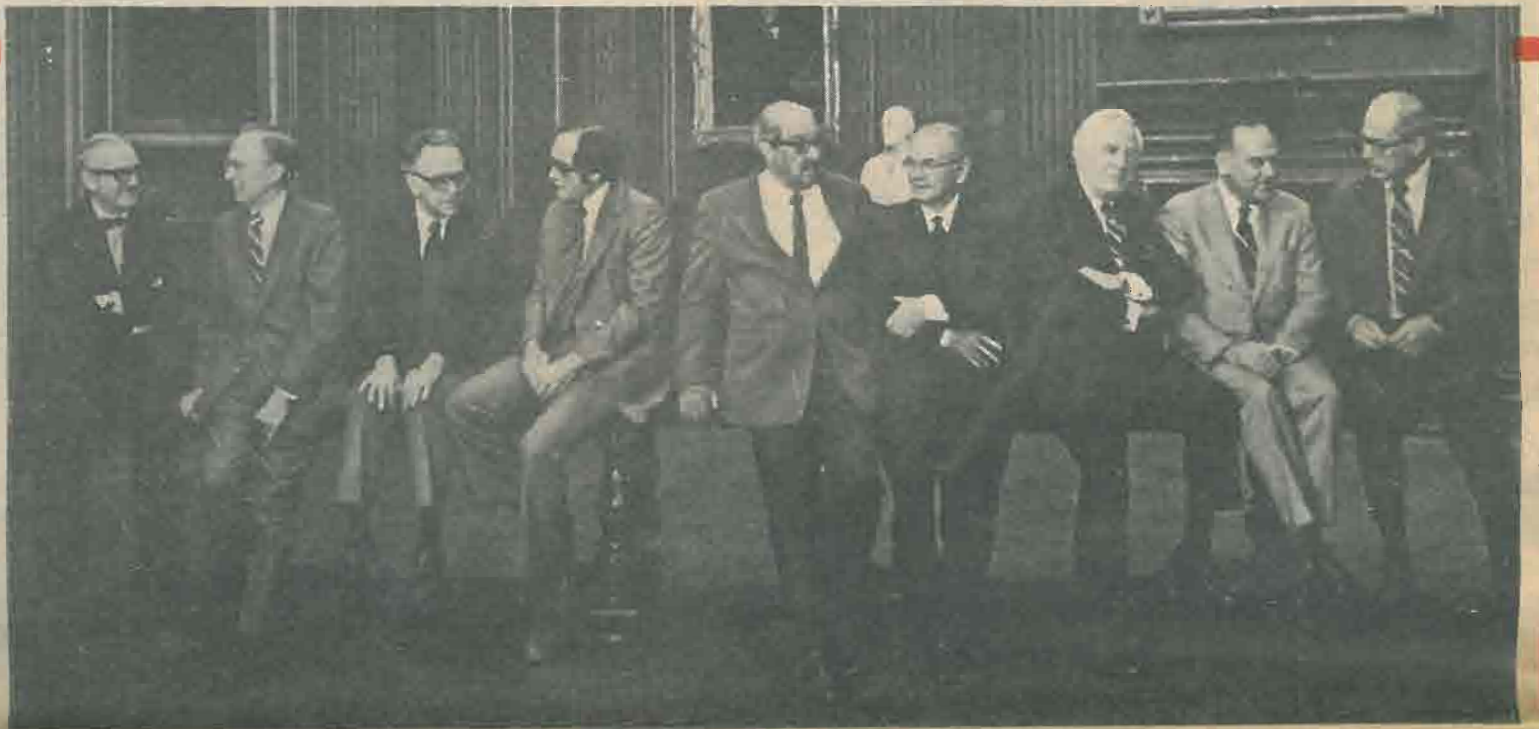
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The US Supreme Court

The Supreme Court has ruled—racism is legal in the United States.

On June 28, in a 5-4 decision, the Court ruled that the "special admissions program" devised by the University of California at Davis Medical School is unconstitutional. Alan Bakke, a 38 year old white man, must be admitted.

The Court's ruling has accepted the racist concept of "reverse discrimination." Its ruling will continue the pattern which has forced *real discrimination* on women, blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asians. *Real discrimination* which keeps women and minorities out of schools, out of the professions and out of traditionally higher paying jobs.

The court's ruling has opened the door to countless legal attacks on every affirmative action program.

Frank Rizzo, the right wing mayor of Philadelphia jubilantly announced that he is going to get rid of his city's affirmative action program as "fast as you can say Yankee Doodle Dandy."

The court has ruled that quotas are illegal. But what

## THESE MEN MADE RACISM LEGAL

about UC Davis' quota for the sons and daughters of influential Californians. John C. Tupper, the school's dean, defends this practise, stating that Davis is a new school and needs

political support in California.

The court has ruled that an objective pattern of racism does not constitute proof of discrimination and that institutions do not have to take into account the historic effects of racism.

Today the number of women and minorities in professional jobs is extremely low. A recent survey showed that after five years of affirmative action programs in colleges and universities, "the white male bastion of tenured professors remained intact."

The ratio of white doctors to the white population is 1 to 700. The ratio of minority doctors to the minority population is—Black, 1 to 3,800; Native American, 1 to 20,000; Latino, 1 to 30,000.

It is this pervasive racism and discrimination, it is this real quota system which keeps women and minorities in the worst jobs, with the worst pay, with the least hope for the future.

This is why the demand for affirmative action, preferential hiring and promotions and quotas is ab-

solutely necessary—it is the key to *reversing centuries of oppression, exploitation and discrimination.*

Demonstrations and rallies have been called by the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision, as well as by other organizations.

These demonstrations must be built. The court ruling is not the last word. It is just another step in the drift to the right in this country. It must be stopped; the tide must be turned. □

### Say No to Bakke!



New York Anti-Bakke demonstration

**SWEAT AND FLESH PUSHED PAST ENDURANCE**

# THE SLAVE

**a poem by  
georgia a. ellis**

*Part I*

*I stand with bare and calloused feet  
Pressed firm against the hard, unyielding clay  
And pull the weeds whose tap roots touch the depths of Hell  
The sun's searing rays explode inside my brain  
And blood from shackled, whip torn flesh runs down  
to feed the hungry soil  
I toil as the dumbest beast of burden toils  
Devoid of hope, a daily ritual of despair  
I can not hope to own this earth I till  
All this to fill the over flowing coffers of my tormentor  
Who owns all save my very soul  
And only death can set me free*

*Part II*

*I stand with tired and aching feet  
Pressed firm against the hard, unyielding concrete floor  
And run machines whose din rivals the closing  
of the gates of Hell  
The smoke and obnoxious fumes explode inside my brain  
And sweat from flesh pushed past endurance runs down  
to feed productions maw  
I toil with speed up, stop watch, time card Gods  
A robot in a mindless, numbing ritual of despair  
I can not afford to buy what I produce  
All this to fill the over flowing coffers of corporate giants  
Who have never stepped inside these prison walls  
And only unity can set me free*



## 1200 INDIANA COAL MINERS PROTEST CONTEMPT CHARGES

ROCKPORT, IN—1,200 coal miners gathered here on June 6 to protest court hearings for 194 miners arrested during the national miners' strike.

### CONTEMPT

The miners are charged with contempt of court—

charges stemming from explosions at the B & M Ohio River Loading Dock near Rockport.

The miners were arrested on January 7, when a convoy of 300 cars arrived in Rockport. A B&M operator says that damages to his loading dock were \$240,000 that

night.

But retired miner Robert Scott says, "I think the hearing is a bunch of hooley.

"They just jerked us out of the cars that night. There was no rights read or nothing.

"They had us standing out there in the mud for two and a half hours."

Not all the 1,200 miners were able to find seats in the Spencer County Court House—it has a capacity of 60!

Spencer County Circuit Court Judge John Plummer has advised lawyers on both sides to file briefs within 30 days.

Two coal mines employing 600 miners were forced to shut down as a result of the protest—one in Wabash, IL and one in Chandler, IN.

A Wabash miner, speaking for the others said, "We're here to support our brothers."

# TAX THE RICH: THAT'S A REAL REVOLT

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WHAT WE THINK

The victory of Proposition 13 in California is a disaster—first of all for hundreds of thousands of public workers.

It is also a disaster for millions of blacks and Hispanics. The NAACP estimates that at least half of those laid off will be minorities.

The victors are the racists and the rich. The corporations alone will get nearly two-thirds of the \$7 billion that will not be collected in property taxes.

The victors are also the middle class suburbanites, the white racists led by right wing businessmen like Howard Jarvis, the leader of the apartment owners' organization, the Apartment Association of Los Angeles.

They openly aimed their campaign against the neediest—those who are on welfare.

Some working people, those with their own homes, will benefit, but the

cost will be staggering—cuts in schools, jobs, services. Then, there are the millions who are not home owners, who pay rent to millionaires like Jarvis.



Jerry Brown and the Democrats in California are promising that they will chop expenditures with a vengeance. Alan Cranston, the state's liberal senator says, "The people have spoken."

What crap! There was a time when liberals promised "progressive taxes" to finance public works, better schools, care for the poor, the aged, the ill.

That was before the economic crisis, and the squeeze on profits. Now they are all 'fiscal conservatives,' and both parties are the same. They're simply hoping the so-called tax revolt will not get as far as their salaries.

There is no question about the fact

that working people are hurt by taxes—they paid \$251 billion in federal personal income and social security taxes in 1978. The corporations paid less than half that amount—\$121 billion according to government statistics.

Still, cuts like Proposition 13 won't help. The working people of California will be the ones to suffer. Just as the working people of Cleveland will suffer if the schools are shut.

The point is to tax the rich. They have the money. Many top corporations—Ford, Delta, Bethlehem Steel, Lockheed, etc.—paid no taxes at all last year.

The point is also to start asking some questions about a system which can't keep its schools open, which closes hospitals, which punishes the poorest, and which enables a tiny handful to live in fantastic luxury, while millions suffer. □

## 450,000 CALIFORNIA WORKERS MAY LOOSE THEIR JOBS

# But it's a bonanza for the bosses

MARY DEATEN WRITES ON THE FIRST EFFECTS OF CALIFORNIA'S PROPOSITION 13

LOS ANGELES, CA—Since the passage of Proposition 13, heralded as the great middle-class tax revolt, the following municipal, county and state services have been cut in California:

In Los Angeles county alone, almost all summer school programs have been eliminated, leaving over 60,000 students without needed remedial and catch-up classes and resulting in lay-offs of several thousand teachers.

Over \$40 million has been cut from the Community Mental Health Services budgets.

L.A. County supervisors announced plans to close four county hospitals and reduce services at the two major hospitals serving the black and Chicano communities.

A 71% cut in fire services will mean the closure of many stations, reduction of rescue services and lay-offs of hundreds of firemen.

### FREEZE

Governor Jerry Brown has declared a freeze of state employees' salaries and a freeze in state hiring.

Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles is giving city employees a choice of taking pay-cuts or being laid-off. An estimated 8,000 face the axe. About 4,000 CETA jobs for the unemployed will be eliminated.

The state legislature is considering cutting out financial support for handicapped and needy students and eliminating preschool and bilingual programs.

UCLA economists estimate 450,000 people will lose their jobs because of Proposition 13.

On July 14, Los Angeles

County will have no money to pay employees or welfare recipients. A 7.7% cost-of-living increase for 2.2 million state welfare recipients is being withheld.

Of the Los Angeles County employees to be laid-off, blacks, Chicanos, women and other minorities will be hit hard. It is estimated the massive lay-offs will reduce the already small black county workforce by 63%, Chicanos 83% and Asians, 83%. Figures were not given out on what percentage of women employees will be fired.

### TAXES

To make up for lost revenues, most cities are considering taxes on services such as fire department paramedics and proposing to increase fees for everything from public transit to garbage collection. Los Angeles is considering taxing people who work within the city limits.

Howard Jarvis, the leader of the tax revolt and a new right-wing hero, never really cared what happened to the people served by the services property taxes pay for. Why should he? He's a millionaire. He's also the director of the Los Angeles County Apartment Owners Association. Landlords stand to reap millions in saved taxes with no law requiring them to reflect that new profit in lower rents.

In fact, over \$2.2 billion of the estimated \$7 billion saved by property owners will go to businesses. Southern California Edison stands to save \$60 million, Pacific Telephone, \$180 million and Pacific Gas and Electric, \$80 million. Uncle Sam will get \$2.5 billion in increased in-



Howard Jarvis

come tax. That leaves the residential homeowners, the people who thought they would be helped, with \$2.3 billion.

One of the main reasons for Proposition 13's overwhelming victory was a very real frustration on the part of homeowners. California has one of the highest property tax rates in the country and inflation has skyrocketed both the cost of new housing and the valuations of existing housing.

People were mad and the property tax is the only tax they get a chance to vote on. They voted in anger. But they also voted after

listening to a barrage of right-wing and racist rhetoric.

A survey of voters leaving the polls indicated those who voted in favor of 13 were predominately white, middle-class, property owners and considered themselves politically conservative. These voters felt welfare was the most unnecessary government service financed by property taxes. Over 69% of them favored cutting welfare spending.

### THREATS

There has been some half-hearted fighting back. State, county and city union officials are threatening a general strike of public employees if upcoming pay raises are withheld. But threats are only good if they're carried out.

High school students around Los Angeles boycotted classes and held demonstrations demanding the reinstatement of summer school. But the school board ignored it.

Some labor leaders and Democrats are proposing a new constitutional amendment which would modify Proposition 13 by increasing business taxes. Too much, too little, too late.

Once the results were in, "Lowering Our Expectations" Jerry Brown began swinging at the state budget with a sledge hammer. He finally found an excuse for what he's wanted to do all along. He controls the purse-strings now. He can decide which programs live and which die. His first priority is preventing cuts in police departments.

Some black leaders are predicting a long, hot summer as unemployment rises. Brown may need all the policemen he can get.

As long as primary responsibility for social services lies with the government, taxes on individuals—income taxes, property taxes, use taxes, sales taxes—will continue to rise. A government of and for capitalism will not ask the capitalists to foot the bill. It would hurt their profits.

There will be new bills, bills designed to mediate the effect of Proposition 13. These may well have to be supported, just as school levies must be supported—no matter how unfair they are. The alternative is no schools.

In the long run, however, we'll need a good deal more than 'progressive' tax reform. It's quite clear that is now increasingly necessary to choose in this country—between corporate profits and social services. The corporations which run the government cannot be expected to go for the latter. They never will.

If we're going to have the things we need—and not pay for them through the nose—we'll have to eliminate the corporations and then run things our way—and that will be a taxpayers' revolution. □

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# LABOR REFORM ACT DIES IN THE SENATE

By PAT MORGAN

WASHINGTON, DC—The Labor Reform Act died in the Senate last month.

The reform was a victim of a filibuster staged by business. Labor lost by two votes on a motion to end a 19 day long debate. The bill was sent back to committee to be buried.

## BATTLEGROUND

The fight over the reform law was the main battleground between labor and business in this session of Congress. At stake were provis-

ions aimed at streamlining union organizing.

The time between elections and the request for union representation was to be shortened. Companies were given heavier penalties for firing workers who unionize. And, easier access to company property was given to organizers.

The bill was seen by both labor and business as the key to organizing the South. Fear of a wave of organizing moved business to back up its

filibuster with 1,200 amendments in case the deadlock was broken.

Labor wanted the reform as badly as business wanted it stopped. Every arm that labor could twist was twisted. This wasn't enough, so labor sweetened the pot by agreeing to outlaw "stranger" picketing.

## OUTLAW

"Stranger pickets" are workers who set up or join picketlines at another plant.

The ban on stranger pickets would outlaw solidarity actions like strike support and prevent isolated strikes from spreading. The immediate target of the ban are the rank and file miners who have spread local wildcats through stranger picketing. By selling out on stranger picketing the labor bureaucracy proved ready to undercut the most effective forms of rank and file militancy.

The defeat of the Labor Reform Act is the biggest in

a series of failures for the labor bureaucracy's political strategy.

## DEFEATS

Common site picketing, the minimum wage defeat were lost last year. For "veto proof" Congresses the Democratic administration labor gets more of nothing.

The bureaucracy would learn that you have to fight what you get. No one, least all politicians are going to fight those battles for you.

## Why you should be a socialist

# TAKE IT TO THE STREETS

By KADI SPRENGLE

A frontier sheriff confronts the mob of angry citizens. Behind him in the town jail is the despised outlaw. With appeals to reason and some fancy gun play, the sheriff convinces the mob to go home. Later is the court scene.

## ORDER

The colorful and wise circuit judge finds the outlaw innocent. As the sun sinks in the West, another town is won for law and order.

This old movie gets an instant replay everytime there is a possibility of mass action. No liberal would admit to being a law and order freak but everytime the question of a crowd taking the law into its own hands comes up the old saws about the police and courts are heard.

If it isn't the western then the old movies about KKK vigilantes attacking innocent blacks is run. The lesson is the same—the cops are friendly protectors, the courts are the place to win justice and mobs are always evil.

What about this. A recent case in New York creates some doubt. After seven years in court, a judge decided that the police have to arrest wife beaters. Or, in other cities, Officer Friendly is being taught through sensitivity training that it is impolite to proposition rape victims or ask if they had a good time.



Anti-war demonstrators at the Pentagon, 1967.

Big victories for the liberals, but what these women could have used were some feminist vigilantes for neighbors.

## DEFENSE

OK. Defense against personal violence is one thing, but social movements are another. Or are they? It's the

nasties off the streets of Skokie. When the Nazis tried it in Chicago, 3,000 made sure they didn't take a step. Unchecked in past summers, Collin was free to foment racist mobs to violence against blacks in Marquette Park. Against a rightwing mob, don't go to court—organize a counter mob.

same courts and police.

The Nazis wanted to march in Skokie. Groups fell all over themselves filing suit in court to stop them. In the end it wasn't vague laws prohibiting parades in military uniforms that blocked the Nazis. It was fear. The fear of a massive counter demonstration kept Frank Collin and his band of

And the police? The Nazis were protected by 900 police in downtown Chicago. Yet a few weeks before, at the same location, a rightwinger attended a demonstration of 200 Iranian students. Guess who the cops showed up to arrest? That's right—the Iranian students.

## BAKKE

The courts again. Ten years ago blacks were winning a measure of social and economic justice because there was a big militant movement in the streets. Yes the laws changed and the courts made favorable decisions but take away the movement and what do you get—the Bakke decision.

The police are not neutral and the laws are not on a level. The courts and the police exist to maintain order in the present order, complete with the powers that be to enforce the injustices and inequalities. Even small reforms are only accomplished by a show of force.

## FEAR

Liberals, who argue otherwise, have one thing in the bottom of their hearts. Fear. They are afraid that the unleashed mob will damage the system that they, like judges, lawyers and cops, wish to preserve. The liberal won at Seabrook this year militant occupation turned into a science fair and a garbage dump. Governor Thomas won at Seabrook.

In the end the battleground is the streets, not the courts. The law, like everything else, is in our hands.





# FORGET ABOUT DR. STRANGELOVE Now it's all done with computers

By John Van Raalte

Did you know that ever since 1958 Congress has specifically forbidden the use of federal money for any studies of strategic surrender?

That is, if the Soviet Union accidentally or even intentionally vaporizes New York, can we end a war short of total annihilation?

The perversity which led Henry Kissinger to include the citation "Unconditional Surrender, see Victory, Total" in his book *Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy*

is typical of the theoretical madness supposedly guiding the Pentagon's control over America's ever growing nuclear arsenal.

## CHAIN

In a recent study by Ron Rosenbaum in *Harper's Magazine* one learns that Air Force officers have been hustled into retirement just for questioning the chain of command responsible for the doomsday missiles.

Also, Nixon discussed start-

ing World War III just before his downfall, leading to independent orders from then Secretary of Defense Schlesinger to disregard all firing orders not verified by Schlesinger.

Of course, the question then arises—if the Defense Secretary can stop the President's order to fire, could he also send his own orders?

The Pentagon refuses to answer these questions and many more relating to the precise safeguards assuring the

control of nuclear weapons.

Moreover, as the strategic nuclear system gets more and more expensive and complex, with Trident submarines, ever more accurate warheads, mobile missiles and killer satellites, the entire arsenal gets an ever more sensitive trigger.

Increasingly, computers are delegated "responsibilities" in order to preserve an aura of objectivity and rationality about the whole system.

Not people, but a coldly

calculating computer system. the Single Integrated Operating Plan (SIOP) will decide the exact course of the nuclear war—who destroys what cities at what moment.

Also, satellites and other complicated electronic equipment is used to determine if an "attack" has actually begun.

Once a flight of Canadian geese was "seen" by the radars as a Russian attack. As a weapon response time decreases, there is increased likelihood of "mistakes" happening.

The SIOP has been given most of the overall control responsibilities, and its responses to "threats" is being made more and more automatic each day. The time is quickly coming when a mistake or equipment failure could trigger the entire doomsday system.

The industrialists who provide these weapons simply make sure that they work well enough to make this year's profit, the generals decide what capabilities they want, and the SIOP "logically" directs overall operations.

Of course, the SIOP cannot decide anything; its use is simply another way of legitimizing a criminal operation whose purpose, in addition to making fantastic profits for defense contractors and draining away surplus capital from the economy, is to "scare the hell out of the American people," in the words of Senator Vandenburg in the 1950's.

## CONTROL

A scared people "threatened" by foreigners is easier to control than a self-confident population, and the continual war threat makes people less willing to question authority or otherwise "rock the boat."

And as we all know, "national security" justifies virtually any action by government.

By continuing to fabricate a Russian threat, and a perpetual need for new weapons to counter weapons the Russians *might* produce, the defense establishment justifies its presence to American workers, who could in fact dispense with the entire business and feel a great deal more secure. □

# BLACKS HUMILIATE KLAN VICTORY IN TUPELO

TUPELO, MISS—On Saturday, June 10, 600 demonstrators, mainly black, marched through Tupelo's black community.

The march was called by the United League, a black civil rights organization. The rally which followed, drew over 1,000 to protest police brutality, segregation, and job discrimination in Tupelo.

The Reverend Donald Jenkins, a leader of the United League said this: "There's never been anything like this

in Tupelo. It's the first time Tupelo has ever gotten off its knees."

The march and rally was the culmination of a long struggle against police brutality and the refusal of Tupelo's whites to hire blacks.

In 1976, two white policemen severely beat a black man, Eugene Pasto. The United League, demanded the firing of the two policemen and the full integration of the police force, the schools and the fire department. The

League also initiated a successful boycott of Tupelo's downtown white owned stores.

The Klan attempted to "protect" Tupelo's whites, but only provided a pathetic spectacle. 500 Klansmen promised to preserve white supremacy. Only 38 sheeted cross burners showed up. Bill Wilkinson, the imperial lizard of the KKK, shouted that they had "thwarted the black movement in Tupelo."

## Abortion rights LIBERTY FOR THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD IT

The attack on a woman's right to have safe and legal abortion continues.

On June 13th the House of Representatives passed a motion that would cut off the use of federal money to pay for abortions except "when the life of the mother were endangered if the fetus were carried to term."

A fight with the Senate is expected over the issue of abortion, but the loser will be the hundreds of thousands of poor women who will be denied safe legal abortions.

But there is more.

### CHARGE

The State of Kentucky has passed measures requiring an extra charge on health insurance plans covering abortion payments. They have also passed a state law prohibiting counseling programs

for rape victims from referring the victims on the possibility of abortions.

This insures that the women remain victims for at least nine months.

Right wing Republican

take them away from Planned Parenthood.

The bill would promote "alternatives" such as bearing and raising children, and "natural family planning methods," but it would not

the subject of pregnant teenagers: "If she has an abortion she can get pregnant again within 2 or 3 months. If she carries the pregnancy to term, she's likely to be a full year older before she can get pregnant again."

### PLEDGE

Dr. John Hillebrand of "Alternatives to Abortion International" has said, "Pregnancies out of wedlock are useful to bring families together."

And finally, some Catholic schools in Wisconsin recite a new pledge of allegiance to the flag ending with "liberty and justice for all, born and unborn."

Perhaps it should be "with liberty and justice for those who can afford it." □



Senator Jesse Helms has introduced an "Alternatives to Abortion Act of 1978." The bill would take 40% of federal family planning funds and redirect them to programs such as "Birthright," and

require advising patients on the subject of birth control devices.

Frances Frech, member of the U.S. Coalition for Life, at a hearing on federal family planning programs spoke on

# WASHINGTON, DC DEMONSTRATION CALLED "State of emergency" for E.R.A.

On July 9, thousands of people are expected to march and rally in Washington DC in support of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

The march, organized by the National Organization for Women (NOW) is the first major mobilization for the ERA. Women's rights organizations, civil rights groups such as the NAACP, Operation PUSH, AFL-CIO and UAW labor unions and organizations such as the Coalition of La-

bor Union Women and the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists have endorsed the march and promised to send delegations.

## EMERGENCY

Traditionally, August 26, the anniversary of women's suffrage, has been set aside as the date for women's rights demonstrations. But this year, NOW has declared that the ERA is "in a state of emergency" and has called for the

July 9 date in an attempt to influence Congress.

Even though the majority of Americans favor equal rights for women, passage of the ERA is doubtful.

Only 3 states are needed for ratification. The traditional 7 year deadline for ERA comes up March 22, 1979.

NOW hopes to win an extension of the ERA deadline though to 1986.

In the past NOW has been timid in its attempts to win

ERA. It relied mainly on the Democrats and the courts. This strategy resulted in failure.

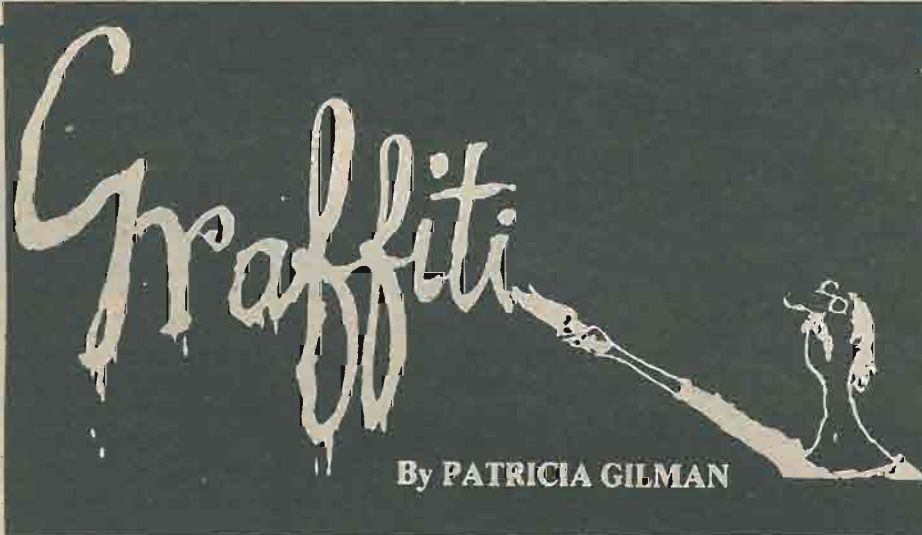
The growing move to the right by politicians, combined with the organization and determination of right wing politicians like Phyllis Schlafly has made ratification of ERA all the more difficult.

## ESSENTIAL

Large demonstrations in favor of the ERA are essen-

tial. So are demonstrations free and legal abortions, rights and to overturn the cent Bakke decision.

Rebuilding the radical women's liberation movement one which does not rely on Democrats and the courts but which seeks to build potential power of working women, will be the way for women, will be the way to real equality.



## Ford does it again

Ford is celebrating its 75th anniversary in many ways.

If you want to get in on a few of the exclusive items produced to commemo-

rate the occasion, there is a top contender.

A replica of the Model A was designed by the American Silversmith Guild.

The foot-long gold and

silver model consists of 400 pieces highlighted by diamond studded headlights and sells for a cozy \$5,000.

Already, 400 of them have been sold by Cartier. □

## Responsibilities, responsibilities...

Even the mightiest of liberals slip at times.

Tom Hayden and Jane Fonda bought a 2,000 acre ranch in the hills near Santa Barbara, California with the stated intention of starting a

camp for inner city children.

The only problem is that there are tenants on the land, and Tom wants to kick them off.

There is also a large house

on the property and they want to raise the rent from \$750 a month to \$2,000.

Fortune magazine commented that they're finally learning the responsibilities of property. □

## Excellent!

The sister city of Wichita Kansas is Orleans, France.

Recently, Wichita received 15 cases of wine from Orleans. But the wine had to be held in a warehouse because a tax of \$10.36 had to be paid on the wine, and state law forbade the city to pay taxes on liquor.

The state legislature, at a cost in time of around \$10,000, passed a special act to pay the \$10.36.

After passing so much time and money passing legislation, the few officials who tasted the wine, pronounced it "just excellent." □

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES

One of those lighthearted Coca-Cola commercials costs about \$1 million to make, the cost of course being passed to the consumer.

But the consumer pays another time—when the commercial is shown. The average price charged for one minute of commercial time is \$212,000, up from \$61,000 ten years ago. □

## IT'S A RIGHT

It seems you can't win anywhere these days. Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, after a strong student campaign of protest, had commendably agreed to divest itself of stock held in two companies doing business in South Africa.

Now the trustees in a 6-2 decision reversed the earlier vote because the divestiture proposal might be ruled in violation of the law. The right violated would be "denying some people the right to do business." Add that to the Bill of Rights. □

# NEWS FLASH



We have learned from reliable sources that the post office is preparing for a strike. They have been seen stockpiling mail at major facilities all over the country.

(from Postal Strife)

## SHOCK! SCANDAL!

Bonnie Cord is an attorney for the Federal Energy Administration.

But she will not be allowed to take the bar examination in the state of Virginia because she is unmarried and

living with a man. Warren County Circuit Judge Duncan C. Gibbs ruled that living with a man would "lower the public's opinion of the bar as a whole."



## SOWETO: The spirit of the revolt lives on

"Let us dedicate ourselves until a new order is brought in, until man is judged for what he is worth, paid for what he has done and until the majority of people is given what is rightfully theirs.

"We will not lie down and let the security police walk over us with their jackboots."

These were the words of Nthato Motlana, formerly head of the Soweto Committee of 10, which was banned last October by the racist South African government.

Only two weeks ago Nthato was let out of prison where he had been without trial for several months because of his activity on the Committee of 10. Yet, on Friday, as Soweto celebrated the great revolt on June 16, two years ago, Nthato went to the Catholic Church in the town to speak to 3,000 blacks.

It was a huge moving demonstration of resistance to racist oppression in South Africa.

As Nthato and hundreds of others spoke at such meetings all over South Africa, the police force cracked down. 800 'suspects' were arrested in Johannesburg alone. □



Soweto students cheer as Nthato Motlano speaks

## Who's behind the killing in Zimbabwe?

### THIS MASSACRE THE PRESS FORGOT TO MENTION



On May 4, at Kassinga in Namibia, 400 civilians were massacred by South African troops. The US press didn't mention it

Twelve White Missionaries Murdered! scream the headlines of the world press.

A grisly tale is told of the clubbing deaths of three men, 4 women, and five children at a Pentecostal mission school in the Vumba Mountains, near the Mozambique border.

Who did it? The press is quick to answer with, "Black Guerillas."

How do they know? The proof is the racist Ian Smith's propaganda. "Twenty-four black freedom fighters crossed

the border late Friday and..."

On Monday, Robert Mugabe, a leader of the Patriotic Front issued a statement to the world press. He said that his forces had not been responsible for the massacre. He said that he had witnesses who fled from the mission to back him up.

Mugabe said that for many years his forces had operated across 80 percent of Rhodesia and cooperated with the missions, especially the Pentecostals who support full inde-

pendence for black people. And he talked about Smith's terror squad, the Selous Scouts.

The press didn't hear Mugabe, they heard Smith.

#### LOYAL

Who are the Selous Scouts? They are a special squad of blacks loyal to Smith whose purpose is to soften up hostile country. They do this by posing as guerillas, finding out who is sympath-

etic and killing them with the greatest brutality.

Sounds like the mission massacre is in the Scouts line of work. We don't know this, but we do know that the press didn't try very hard to find out.

We also know that the press isn't very interested when blacks are murdered.

What about the time that Rhodesian troops headed by the Selous Scouts crossed into Mozambique in November of 1977. 1,200 people in a ref-

ugee camp were slaughtered.

Last month 90 were slaughtered by Rhodesian troops at Gutti, because they refused to give up one unarmed guerilla. Seventeen more killed, two days before the mission massacre in Mozambique by Rhodesian troops.

#### WHITES

But when whites are killed it's the "Worst Slaughter in Rhodesia's Bush War!"

Ian Smith is laughing up his sleeve. □

## Mobutu surrenders control of economy

President Sese Seko Mobutu of Zaire has agreed to surrender control of his country's economy to the International Monetary Fund. The Purchase of Zaire cost \$1 billion

The new owners of Zaire are the U.S. Britain, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Italy, Canada Iran and the World Bank. The IMF has agreed to manage the country for

the new stockholders.

China, always alert to new investment opportunities in Africa, has offered military advisors and tendered a bid for stock.

The takeover comes after the Mobutu regime was shaken by a rebel invasion of mineral rich Shaba Province last month. Mobutu gets \$1 billion in exchange for sur-

rendering control The low price is explained by the damaged condition of some of the mines. □

# THOUSANDS MARCH FOR NO N

## Chicago Nazis humiliated



CHICAGO, ILL.—The Nazis were humiliated.

Three thousand angry people who packed Chicago's Federal Plaza made sure of it.

While a handful of judges babbled about the rights of Nazis to parade about in uniforms and helmets, preaching hate and division, the demonstrators had no illusions about the "right" of somebody to expound the virtues of genocide.

### SPIRIT

Black and white, young and old, gay and straight, women and men, workers, trade unionists, and socialists were all united in a spirit of solidarity that has been sorely lacking in Chicago for nearly a decade.

It is this solidarity of ordinary people that will ensure the Nazi's defeat. *Not the courts.* The Court exposed its true colors not only when it allowed the Nazis to rally in the Federal Plaza, but when it rubber stamped a Nazi planned march for July 9 in Marquette

Park, a recently integrated neighborhood on the south side.

### PROTECTION

When it became clear that the Nazis couldn't goosestep to their "white victory rally" without being decimated, a police van escorted them into the basement of the Federal Building. From there they emerged on to the Plaza.

*Not the police.* Over 900 police ringed the Nazis as protection and held off the counter-demonstrators with barricades and nightsticks.

Inaudible to most people because of the roar against him, Nazi leader Frank Collin pointed to the crowd and shouted into a faulty bullhorn, "We should put every one of these creatures in the gas chambers where they belong."

His henchmen flanked him at attention, falling out of ranks only to raise their plywood shields to eggs and debris flung from the crowd, splattering it instead back on

to the police.

After ten minutes the Nazis clicked their heels, snapped their arms up in fascist salute, shouted "Seig Heil!" turned and fled back into the Federal Building.

### POWER

*We can only rely on the power we have together to smash the Nazi scum.*

The demonstration at the Federal Plaza was a tremendous victory, because the Nazis were humiliated and because people were fighting together.

However, to defeat the Nazis permanently we need to build a socialist alternative. The Nazi rats feed off the garbage that capitalism creates—unemployment, bad housing, racism and shit jobs. The way forward is to get rid of the garbage producing system—capitalism. □

by JEAN MAUNDER  
ED MOOR  
TIM KOSNOFF

# Now stop them in Marquette Park

## Coast NO N



by BEN BLAKE AND STEVE LEIGH

SEABROOK, N.H.—On June 25, 20,000 people gathered in the town of Seabrook to show their opposition to the \$1-billion dollar nuclear power plant.

No-nukers from as far away as California, Oregon, and Washington joined demonstrations from Canada, Europe and Japan came to the town.

SATSOP, WA—156 members of the Crabshell Alliance briefly took over the site of a proposed nuclear plant here.

Many occupiers evaded the police for several hours and were able to replant the excavation for the power plant with trees and set up anti-nuclear flags before being arrested.

Several busdrivers who were called to drive the oc-

cupiers to jail refused to participate, abandoned their buses and left.

The occupation lasted in spite of an injunction a few days before by Harbor County Superior Court.

The takeover followed by 1,500 people gathered near the site. After a march was held through the town of Elma near

# 250,000

## LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE W

250,000 marched through the streets of San Francisco for "No on the Briggs initiative!" The aim of the initiative was to prevent gay men from working in the California school system. The march was joined by thousands of Native Americans, trade unionists and socialists.

50,000 marched in New York City demanding gay rights. They also marched in Boston on June 17th. Speakers at the Boston march included the liberation movements of women and of

In Seattle, Wa., 3,000 people marched. Todd Jeffers is the ISO.



# NUKES, NO NAZIS AND GAY RIGHTS

## to coast: CLEAR POWER!

### Socialist Worker

WHAT WE THINK

The demonstrations of June 24 and 25th were a big step forward for the movement in this country.

The massive mobilizations of lesbians and gays, particularly in San Francisco, will go a long way toward answering the attacks on homosexual rights in city after city.

The humiliation of the Nazis in Chicago by the thousands who turned out to drive them off the streets is the only answer for those who want to raise the flag of fascism in this country.

The no nuke demonstrations right across the country were clearly another sign of a new radicalization among young people in opposition to an insane nuclear policy.

Last year the Clamshell Alliance caught the imagination and attention of the country by occupying the Seabrook plant.

This year thousands of young people flocked to Seabrook hoping for another confrontation with the nuclear power establishment.

The Clamshell Alliance, however, cancelled the occupation. In the face of threats from New Hampshire governor Meldrim Thomson, and after some rather dubious secret negotiations, Clamshell announced that it would settle for a legal demonstration on a former Seabrook garbage dump.

A significant minority of demonstrators were still committed to direct action, however. But unless these people can see that the step backwards taken by the Clamshell leadership does not become a full scale retreat, there will be real trouble ahead for the no nuke movement.

In Europe, mass occupations have been the key to stopping the construction of nuclear power plants. The same tactic will have to be used in the U.S. if the movement is to have any hope of stopping the deadly threat of nuclear power.



Seabrook demonstrators

gathered at the seacoast resort construction of a multi-billion Florida and international delegation to support the Clam-

shell Alliance, a coalition of over fifty groups opposed to nuclear power.

The fantastic turnout for the weekend demonstration far surpassed the predictions of the organizers and once again demonstrated the broad-based opposition to nuclear power in New England.

site. Local residents lined the march route and seemed supportive, many joining in with the chants of "no nukes."

The Crabshell Alliance has pledged to return to the construction site with rallies and occupations until the project is stopped.

Besides the actions at Seabrook, N.H. and Satsop, WA, several other anti nuclear ac-

tions took place on the weekend of June 24. Here are a few:

●In San Luis Obispo, California, two members of the Abalone Alliance were arrested for refusing to leave the office of Pacific General Electric when P.G.E. would not withdraw its application for a new nuclear plant.

When told to leave by 5:00, they replied, "radiation can't

tell time. We won't leave." 20 supporters rallied outside.

●In San Jose, California, 60 members of the Abalone Alliance marched to the international headquarters of General Electric carrying a coffin to symbolize GE's production of deadly reactors.

●In St. Louis, 100 members of St. Louisians for Safe Energy demonstrated at the offices of Union Electric which is

building a new nuke plant 100 miles from St. Louis.

●In Madison Indiana, 300 members of the Paddlewheel Alliance marched through the downtown.

●In Burlington, Kansas, 500 people met to oppose the construction of a new nuke plant in that area.

●There was also a rally at the Sterling plant in Oswego, New York.

## TRONG IN SAN FRANCISCO

### GAY WEEK

outing "Gay Rights!" prevent lesbians and third of the demonstrators, Blacks, Asians,

hts Now! Over 4,000 stressed the need for priorities.

poke on behalf of the



# Thanks for the story on our strike

Dear Socialist Worker,

I want to thank you for the story on our strike and for the collection your Cincinnati members did for us.

These two things were more than our union—the largest in

the world—did for us.

There is so much about this strike that isn't right. The union hasn't shown us anything since the beginning.

I was working at the warehouse 3 years before I found

out about the Teamsters and had to go to the Labor Board to get in.

The leaders of the union do nothing to really represent us. And now they are forcing a settlement that includes my

layoff as part of the deal.

Business and union leaders are working together for the dollar and you as a worker are being used as a pawn to get the dollar for them at your expense.

I'm going to fight to change this.

Art Cobbins  
Cincinnati

## Letters

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**Support  
the most  
oppressed**

Dear Socialist Worker,

The state prison system in Massachusetts has a long and ugly history of racist oppression, intimidation and brutality by guards against black inmates. Now another case has thrust Concord State prison into the limelight.

In the middle of the night of May 20, three young white guards donned Klu Klux Klan apparel and trooped through the cells, rousing and confronting black inmates. Although there are no reports of physical violence, threats were issued, and later events showed that the inmates harassed were certainly aware of their tormentors' identities.

The incident only came to light late in June when the blacks threatened to reveal the names of the guards involved unless certain drugs were delivered from outside the prison. At this point the guards went to prison authorities complaining of "blackmail" by the prisoners. They blithely dismissed their outrageous actions as a "prank." Naturally, those inmates who had confronted the guards were subjected to disciplinary measures. However, on a more positive note, the three guards were finally dismissed after a hearing before Corrections Commissioner Frank A. Hall.

The struggle against racism and indeed, all forms of oppression must be carried to every facet of society. Prisons euphemistically referred to as rehabilitation centers are the most degrading and oppressive institutions in our society.

The vast majority of inmates are people who had been ruthlessly oppressed by class society on the outside, and this oppression is redoubled once they are incarcerated. We must support the struggles and tentative organizations of prisoners, as they are the most oppressed segment of capitalist class society.

Larry Howes  
Lowell, MA



## Don't wish away reality

Dear Socialist Worker,

Your article in the last issue contrasting the capitalist media's hysteria over street crimes to its silence about the much more massive corporate, industrial, and financial crime was all very true.

But you wishfully underestimate the real effects of the violence and chaos of inner city life on its own inhabitants as well as the mentality of the rest of the American working class.

Economic deprivation and the social humiliation that goes with it makes ghetto life unbearable. It drives people into desperate attempts to escape the misery around them by ripping off anything or anyone they can, just as in prisons sometimes people fight over packs of cigarettes, and in the worst scab shops people rat on each other for petty privileges.

It's as if millions of people were simply dumped in a pit on top of each other and allowed the "equal opportunity" to either fight their way out or drown. As the song says:

Yes the strong get more  
While the weak ones fade.  
Empty pockets don't  
Ever make the grade.

There is a qualitative difference between this level of existence and the lifestyle of the average white worker which is the basis of that foul-smelling hypocrisy called racism. This structural division within the working class gives credence to the racist propaganda of the capitalist news media.

Day after day on television, in the newspapers they tell white workers, who are taught to think of ourselves as "middle class": "Look at those people down there. They're beasts. They're animals."

These were the very words they used last summer after the looting in New York City.

The profiteers who run this country want most workers, especially whites, to despise and fear the people of the ghettos.

They want us to look at them as strangers, as aliens,

as subhuman creatures who don't belong in our society. but this is no more than a sick practical joke played on the entire working class by the cultured and leasured gentlemen who rule over us all.

Because just get seriously sick for a few months, lose your job, your house, your car, and they'll push you over the edge into that pit just like any other nobody. It's very hard for anyone who has always lived with at least some small degree of economic or social security to imagine that he himself might descend to robbing a store or worse in order to survive.

He might even start to think that those people are us people. And so the capitalists never miss a chance to convince us that we're different from them.

But the fact remains that "street crime," burglaries, muggings, stabbings, etc. are a terrifying accompaniment to concentrated poverty. They exacerbate all racial and ethnic tensions. They help demoralize and embitter

whole communities.

Socialists should recognize the existence of this ugly reality, not try to wish it away. We should have the courage to reply to right wing demands for more cops by calling things by their real names.

Anyone who knows the police in the ghetto will tell you if he is honest that numbers running, dope dealing, prostitution, etc. does not take place without the complicity of the police. Cops don't fight organized crime—they protect it.

Only by organizing the poor to defend themselves both from crime and from the cops can the violence and cruelty of capitalism which inevitably concentrates itself on the economically poorest and socially weakest in our society be overcome.

Solidarity across all the racial and social barriers within our class.

Hasta la victoria,  
Geronimo  
Northampton, MA.

## But where was the rank and file?

Dear Socialist Worker,

1pm on Saturday, June 17, New England coordinator of the J.P. Stevens consumer boycott Michael Schippi introduced labor singer Joe Glazer to a sparse audience of about 100 gathered at the Boston Common in support of J.P. Stevens.

Glazer sang about 5 songs to the unenthusiastic crowd ending his set with 'Solidarity Forever' which got him a stronger response.

Next, the Little Flags Theatre Collective sang labor songs some of them from the stage production 'Mother

Jones' helping to attract a larger crowd of about 150 and ending their set with a new song 'Gotta Get Together and Organize.'

An impressive list of speakers followed including John Sullivan, a Boston public school bus driver jailed in a recent strike; Ginger Davis of N.O.W. who talked on the these "our struggle is the same against the same people;" Tom Bethune of the UAW who said that the membership had been notified of the boycott; Pat Cronin, a representative of Nine to Five, who vehemently urged sol-

idarity and said, "It's more than just a song;" Cathy Gorman of Fairshare who urged standing together and attacked corporate irresponsibility; Sol Stetin, senior vice-president of the ACTWU, who attacked corporate migration and the runaway shop, put it in the context of a struggle between labor and capital that has been going on for over a hundred years, praised the gains of the 30's, 40's, 50's, and insisted "We are going to make this breakthrough" (against J.P. Stevens).

Unfortunately, there was very little rank and file repre-

sentation from any of these groups so it was really with sadness and disappointment that the crowd heard Myrtle Cribbs of Statesboro, GA talk of J.P. Stevens closing down the plant there in order to defeat the organizing efforts of a plant in which 85% of the workers had signed union cards.

And then hear Joe Coyne of Roanoke Rapids talk about North Carolina being the "lowest in the nation in wages" and how J.P. Stevens refuses to negotiate in good faith with this union represented plant.

And though Coyne closed his remarks with thanks to us in New England and though Joe Glazer and 'Mother Jones' sang 'We Shall Overcome' as a last song, one wonders if the J.P. Stevens consumer boycott will be effective and one wonders if the J.P. Stevens workers will really win in the near future.

It is true 75,000 supporters have signed cards indicating to Jordan Marsh they will not buy J.P. Stevens products but where were all these people Saturday?

Mark Pickering  
Cambridge, MA

# Yugoslavia:

## "I found patriarchal attitudes toward women and the family"

My visit to Yugoslavia was my first trip to a country that considers itself socialist.

During World War II, Tito had been the charismatic Marxist leader of the anti-Nazi fighters. The Partisans were so successful against the Nazis that when the Russian forces came into Belgrade at the end of the war they stayed only a short time.

Later, the Yugoslavs made history by standing up to Stalin. The Partisans included many women bearing sub-machine guns. Now, 34 years later, I wanted to know what is the current status of Yugoslav women.

I met Professor Golubovic, who had fought with the Partisans when she was fifteen. She had a delicate appearance, yet as you spoke with her, you immediately became aware of her strength.

### BANNED

She was recently banned, as a member of the Belgrade Eight, from publishing and teaching at the University of Belgrade. The Belgrade Eight were a group of Marxist intellectuals who criticized the regime.

Professor Golubovic told me that, "There are from 12 to 15% women on the faculties." This is less than 25% at U.S. universities. She added, "There is no women's movement at this time."

There has been a breakdown of older sexual customs.

Sexual permissiveness is tolerated at a very young age. Free health care and the pill are provided. Abortion is free on demand. I saw sex-porno magazines openly displayed at sidewalk newstands.

Brightly dyed orange hair is popular among urban women. Divorce is common.

Nevertheless, many women are bound by ancient customs, I had just arrived at the Zagreb airport.

I noticed a peasant woman. Everything about her was



A First-hand report on the status of women in Yugoslavia

By JoAnn Underwood Fisk

clean and neat, she had fine facial features.

Yet the total effect was one of deliberate and depressing unattractiveness. She wore a black scarf, cotton stockings, and work shoes. The gathered skirt gave her torso a barrel appearance. She was no more than thirty-four.

### CONTRAST

I was to see many women—in their thirties and over—dressed like this. The contrast with the younger women was amazing—without exception, younger women dressed in modern, trim clothing.

Later it was explained to me. Some male relative had died—a father, a father-in-law, a husband, perhaps an uncle. From that time on, women went into perpetual mourning for the loss of a family patriarch.

Even though most women work, child care facilities are inadequate. Usually a grandmother must help.

In a major city like Zagreb only 25% of children are in child care centers. Driving



Joseph Tito, the "Good Father," banned his third wife, Jovanna, from public view after a disagreement on army promotions.

He's always correct, it seems. Delegates sang this ditty at a recent Party Congress: "Comrade Tito, We swear that We Will Not Deviate from Your Line."

into Sarajevo we passed shrubless, needlelike apartment towers numbering into the hundreds. Everywhere I looked for children's playgrounds.

One could see children playing in the red dirt. I thought that facilities might be in public parks. Finally, I did find play equipment in a small, private nursery school tucked among the cliffs of Dubrovnick. In the back streets of Dubrovnick, my 10 year old son found children at play.

### WORK

Employed women leave home very early, as the normal working hours are from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. They walk to work in spiked-heeled boots. Coffee breaks at the workplace are popular. They like to serve it in tiny Turkish pots and cups. After a late morning lunch, they take another hour to do personal

errands. Between 1:30 and 2 p.m. they go home to their apartments.

After 7 years employment at the same enterprise, Yugoslavs are entitled to an apartment purchased from its surplus. They have to wait so long because there is a shortage of home-building capital. Capital shortages also effect employment.

Yugoslavs like to play this down by joking they have few unemployed because they export them to jobs in western Europe.

Shortages in capital, employment and housing also means it takes young people a long time to get established. Men don't normally marry until the age of thirty.

Most young women work even after marriage.

One afternoon, I met a metal-worker in his thirties who could speak English. I wanted to know what his family life was like.

Early in the afternoon he would get home from work, clean up, go out to visit, play cards at taverns, or call on hospitalized relatives.

I asked if his wife, who was a dentist, ever joined him in this pleasant activity. Sejo explained that she didn't because she was too busy. "We have a small child, and because she loves me, she does all the work and care of our family. That is normal."

### BOSS

Later on, as he was making a point about Tito, he wanted to know "who is the boss in your house." He believed "you cannot have more than one boss in the home," and the same was true in politics.

When I arrived in Yugoslavia there was much talk about the status of Tito's wife, Jovanna. Some of the men in his regime resented her influence.

They wanted to oust a man who had been a Partisan comrade of Jovanna. Her side of the dispute was not known. The offending politician was ousted. Tito and Jovanna split. It is now rumored that he is eager for a reconciliation.

I thought of the problems Nadia Alliyeva, Stalin's wife, who also was not permitted to have any political opinions of her own. In China, Mao's wife was immediately discredited upon his death, as a member of the Gang of Four.

As a revolutionary feminist, I pondered the relationship between patriarchal attitudes toward women and family and the claim of democracy at the workplace.

Despite improved living standards of the peasant masses who moved to cities, traditional customs have a particularly strong hold over women.

I wondered, too, just how democratic work conditions can prevail in a country where they came into being because Tito appeared on national television one day in the early fifties to establish them by proclamation. □



Joan Smith

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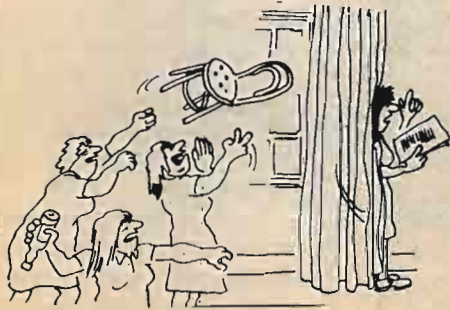
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John Anderson, a life long socialist, and the one-time president of UAW Local 15 will lead off the convention with welcoming greetings: "Forty-five Years in the Socialist Movement."

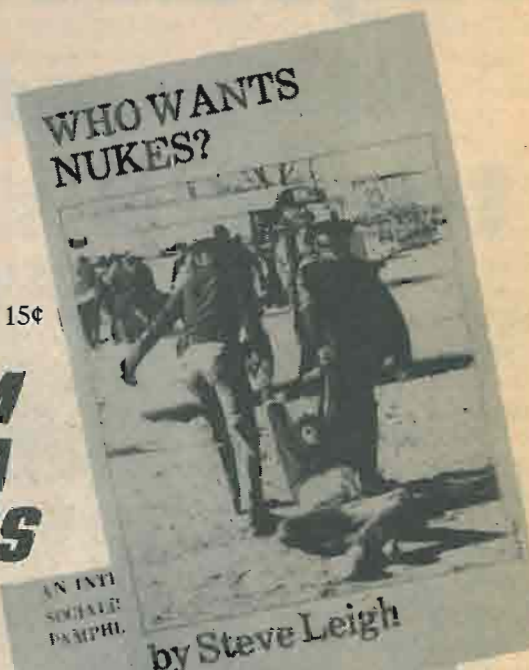
There will also be greetings from an Essex striker, an Ohio miner, and sister organizations of the ISO, including the British Socialist Workers Party and the International Socialists of Canada.

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## WHERE WE STAND

### For Workers' Control

Workers create all the wealth under capitalism. A socialist society can only be built when workers collectively seize control of that wealth and democratically plan its production and distribution according to human needs instead of profit.

The working class is the key to the fight for socialism. Freedom and liberation will only be achieved through the struggles of workers themselves, organizing and fighting for real workers' power.

### Revolution Not Reform

The capitalist system cannot be patched up or reformed as some union leaders and liberal politicians say. Capitalism is based on the exploitation of workers. No reforms can do away with this exploitation. The only way workers can come to control society and create a system based on freedom and a decent life for all is by overthrowing capitalism and replacing it with revolutionary, democratic socialism.

### For A Workers' Government

The present state apparatus (federal and state governments, the courts, army and police) was developed to maintain the capitalist system. This apparatus cannot be taken over as it stands and converted to serve workers. The working class needs an entirely different kind of state based upon mass democratic councils of workers' delegates.

Supporting the present state apparatus is a vast network of propaganda—newspapers, radio, television, movies. Workers are bombarded daily from all directions with capitalism's point of view. The working class needs its own sources of information. To help meet this need, we are dedicated to building a newspaper that the work-

ing class can trust and use in their fight against the present system.

### Fight Oppression

Capitalism divides the working class. It pits men against women, whites against blacks. Capitalism fosters and uses these divisions to prevent the unity necessary for its destruction. As capitalism moves into crisis, oppressed groups—blacks, women, latins, native americans, youths, gays—suffer most. We support the struggles of these oppressed groups.

We oppose racism in all its forms. We fight segregation in the schools and housing and against racist firings and harassment. We demand freedom for all political prisoners.

We fight for women's liberation. We are for equal pay for all women workers. We fight for an end to forced sterilization and for free abortion. There should be free quality child care for all who need it. We fight for the opening up of jobs for women and an end to sexual harassment and firings. We are for an end to discrimination and harassment of sexual minorities.

We support the independent organization and struggles of oppressed peoples to strengthen the working class struggle for socialism.

### For Rank And File Organization

The unions today are largely business machines that long ago stopped fighting seriously for the interests of the working class. Business union leaders either act as brakes on workers' struggles, or as police, delivering workers into the hands of the bosses. We fight to change this.

To make the unions fight for workers' interests, power must be built on the shop floor. This can only happen if the rank and file organize themselves independently of the union bureaucrats. We work to build rank and file organizations in unions and companies wherever we are employed.

### Internationalism

The working class has no nation. Capitalism is international and that is why the struggle for socialism must be world-wide. A socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation.

We champion workers' struggles in all countries, from Portugal and Spain to Chile and Puerto Rico, from Palestine and Eastern Europe to China and India. We support all genuine national liberation struggles. We call for victory of the black freedom fighters in Zimbabwe and South Africa. We oppose all forms of imperialism and oppose sending U.S. troops anywhere in the world to impose U.S. interests.

Russia, China, Cuba and Eastern Europe are not socialist countries. These countries are not governed by workers' control but by a small bureaucratic class. A revolutionary movement must be built in these countries to achieve workers' control.

### Revolutionary Party

The activity of the ISO is directed toward the initial steps of building a revolutionary party in a working class that is today fragmented and cut off from socialist ideas. Revolutionaries must be involved in the day-to-day struggles of workers and other oppressed groups at the work places, in the unions and in the communities. We build every struggle that will strengthen the self-confidence, organization and socialist consciousness of workers and the oppressed.

As the working class movement gathers strength, the need for revolutionary leadership becomes crucial. We are part of the long process of building a democratic revolutionary party rooted in the working class. Those who agree with our stand and are prepared to help us build toward revolutionary socialism are urged to join us now.

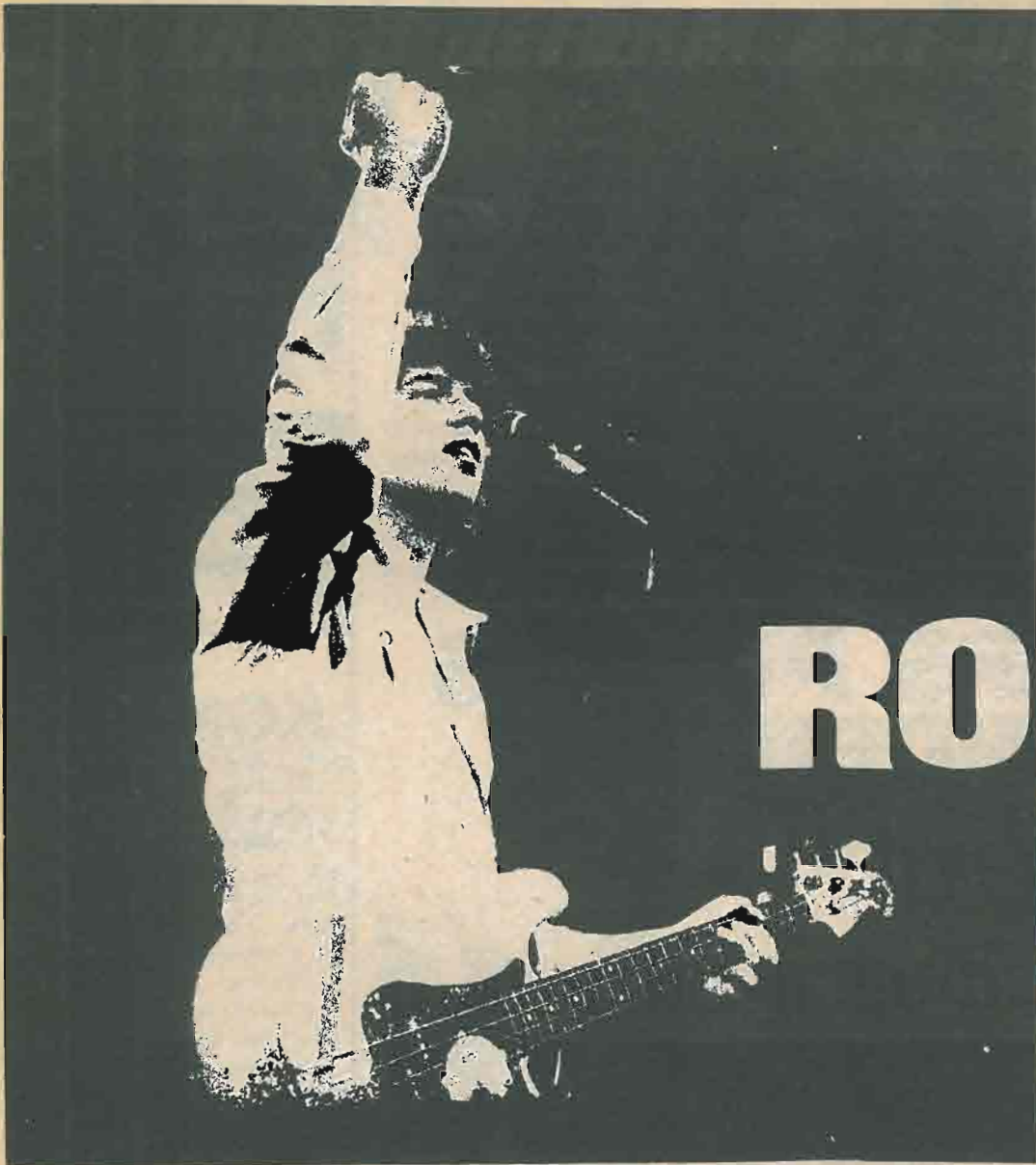
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# reviews

## THE TOM ROBINSON BAND

A Review by Kent Worcester



This album is such a perfect mixture of rock, poetry and politics that I wonder why it hasn't been done before.

There is such excitement and power in the album that it makes rock millionaires like Peter Frampton and the Eagles look like they've never heard Presley or Buddy Holly.

There's one moment on "Long Hot Summer," when Tom Robinson sings: "Look out Sisters, Look out Brothers, don't get fooled again!" and

closes the first side. It's no accident that this album sounds a bit like the Who, because at their best the Who mixed politics and rock in a way that moved *thousands* of people.

TRB are British, and in fact have played a number of concerts for the Rock Against Racism cause, and played at the 80,000 strong anti-Nazi Carnival a couple of months ago in London. But this album has been put on general release here in America, and

sales in Boston look good already.

Tom Robinson is a gay revolutionary, and the album has been receiving attention in the gay press.

When they do "Winter of '79," a song about the rise of fascism in England, and sing: "That was the year Nan Harris died, and Charlie Jones committed suicide... The world we knew busted open wide, in the Winter of '79... That was the year all the gay geezers were put inside,

and the colored kids were getting crucified, some folks fought, and some folks died, in the Winter of '79," you get a tremendous sense of how it all could happen.

### FIST

The politics alternate subtle (singing about Martain, his brother who never lets him down) and blunt ("left is right, and right is wrong, better decide which side you're on"). The cover is a large fist, and the back lists

the address of Rock Against Racism, "music that knows who the real enemy is."

In fact Capital records is worried that the album is too political for the U.S. market. What that means is it's too political for the radio stations, and the record stores.

Rock is reknown for being sexist and racist. Not TRB. One of the live tracks is "Right on Sister," which uses the old feminist slogan: "She needs you and me, man, like a fish needs a bike!" Another song is a hit in England, "Glad to be Gay," which sarcastically asks male gays if they think it's time to fight back, and concludes that you should "sing if you're glad to be gay," and confront anti-gay prejudice and laws.

But the album isn't all calls to arms. Tom Robinson writes about fears and passions and falling in love, but does it in ways that are realistic, and don't dump on people, don't put people down.

### MIXTURE

And there is such a good mixture of the personal and the political, the music and lyrics, the ideas and rock and roll that *Power in the Darkness* transcends the British setting and transcends 1978.

It's destined to become one of the best albums I have, and it's destined to become one of the finest examples of political music. Tell everyone you know about it. □

CIS *Anti Report*

## A report on the company: Dearborn to South Africa

COUNTER INFORMATION SERVICES - A TRANSNATIONAL INSTITUTE AFFILIATE

by Pat Goldsmith

Counter Information Services in England has published an anti-report on Ford—an impressive booklet on everything from the "Wealth at the Top" to "Working on the Workers" and "Ford and the Third World."

### WORKPLACE

The anti-report traces the history of important workplace struggles in the United States and other Ford plants including England, Germany and Spain. Ford was the last U.S. car company to accept any kind of shop floor organization and the attack on the organizations and working conditions worldwide continues.

In September of 1976, tear gas drifted across the assembly line in Almusafes, Spain. Ford had been paying substandard wages and workers organized an area-wide strike. The workers won, after fighting the Spanish police (called in by Ford) and the managements of Ford Spain, Germany and England.

Cars are not the only vehicles produced by Ford. During the Vietnam War, Philco-Ford built up a contract involvement with the government for maintaining U.S. war equipment. Ex-Ford man Robert MacNamara promoted the electronic battlefield and Philco-Ford supplied the systems.

It is no coincidence that

Ford is located in the repressive countries of Chile, Brazil, the Philippines and South Africa.

The study is well researched, well written and very complete. It covers how Ford manipulates its account books, who gets the profits, the Ford involvement with Nazi Germany, the sabotage of the governments of foreign countries.

It details why safety doesn't sell, why the Pinto firetrap continued to be produced even though it was known to be a hazard. Ford accepts the figure of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of \$278,000 as what a human life is worth, and it is not enough to cut into the

profits and make the company change its policies.

According to the study, 65 U.S. carworkers drop dead on the shop floor every day, not to mention disabling accidents, or hearing loss or impairment, families broken up because of the stress of differing shifts.

The prospects and hope are that there are workers in Ford plants all over the world who are willing to take on the Behemoth and some that are winning.

The rebellions against Ford and the governments that support it give us hope that history will prove that Ford is bunk. □



# THE UNIONS

## FLEETWOOD WORKERS DEFEAT INCUMBENTS

DETROIT, MI—The workers in Fleetwood Fisher Body must feel a lot of satisfaction in having defeated so many candidates supported by the company and the UAW Regional Office.

Having won the posts of chairman of the shop committee, the recording secretary, the chairman of the education committee and six other posts on the local board by substantial margins only one post, that of first vice-president was in a run-off. On June 14th, the opposition candidate won that post by a vote of 856 to 578. By their superior ability and character the opposition should have little trouble moving the local forward.

The incumbent president and the financial secretary were reelected by substantial margins. Their opponents were not strong candidates.

### INFLUENCE

With this election victory Local 15 can become the leader of the progressive forces in the UAW. It can begin now to initiate a program that will influence 1979 negotiators.

One may expect the Company and the International to attempt to block any progressive action by this new leadership. It will be difficult to brand any of them as radicals. None of them have ever belonged to any left wing party. □

## PROD PLANS FOR CONTRACT

CINCINNATI, OH—The national convention of PROD, a rank and file reform group within the Teamsters Union, was held in Cincinnati, June 10 and 11. Some 200 Teamsters attended the convention which focused on the national freight contract which expires in March, 1979.

PROD is an organization primarily of truck drivers, but it is seeking to broaden its base. There were workers from several crafts in attendance, in addition to freight drivers: construction drivers, United Parcel workers, and beverage workers.

The largest single contingent at the convention was from Chicago. There were also delegations from New York, Atlanta, St. Louis, Omaha, Cincinnati and other Ohio cities. West Coast representatives were noticeably absent.

### BLAST

The convention opened with a blast at Teamster international president Frank Fitzsimmons, but the bulk of the time was devoted to discussions of the contract issues for 1979, and to the task of building PROD in cities around the country.

Perhaps the most popular issue was the call for an end to the "70 hour slavery" forced on truck drivers and the call for a real 40 hour week for all Teamsters with no forced overtime. Other resolutions passed included full cost of living for all Teamsters including those retired, direct election of all officers, the right to strike locally, and supplemental pay for extended layoff periods.

Representatives of the TDU (Teamsters for a Democratic Union), another Teamster reform group is calling a July 30 meeting to launch its contract campaign and has invited PROD to attend. No formal endorsement of the meeting was adopted, however, though PROD members are expected to attend. There seem to be few differences between the two groups on program and strategy. □

by BILL ROBERTS

## Solidarity is the issue

CHICAGO, IL—The meaning of solidarity was at issue in the United Steelworkers District 31 conference on June 16.

"What the miners did woke us up and showed us what sticking together can do," said Bill Andrews, president of Local 1010. Andrews and other local presidents were pushing the right of steelworkers to ratify contracts.

Solidarity for the union presidents did not extend outside the USW, though. A motion to support striking bricklayers at Inland Steel, covered by Andrews' local was ruled out of order by reform bureaucrat, District 31 Director, James Balanoff.

### CROSSED

The bricklayers picketlines had been crossed for three days by steelworkers at the time of the conference. The strike was called to get a contract after the Bricklayers had worked for 8½ months without one, and to defend 22 members who received disciplinary actions from Inland for refusing overtime.

The response of the reform bureaucrats who run District 31 to the Bricklayers' strike shows they aren't very serious about membership ratification of contracts, either. Sadlowski, Balanoff, Roberts and the rest are taken care of as long as they can play politics with solidarity. It's the rank and file who need to win strikes and good contracts. □

## Miners' Exec to discuss recall

WASHINGTON, DC—Bill Esselstyn, the secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers has announced that the recall campaign against UMW president Arnold Miller will be discussed at the union's July executive board meeting.

The meeting had been originally been scheduled for Charleston, W.Va., but Esselstyn also announced that it will be held in Denver, Colorado, instead. Charleston is the stronghold of the recall movement. □

## UPS PUSHES 'INCENTIVE PLAN'



Cleveland UPSers on strike, 1976

CLEVELAND, OH—"We're paid by the hour, not by the number of packages we deliver." That's what UPS drivers have been saying for years when they stand up to management's demands for more production.

But things are changing fast in some UPS facilities. Drivers in Denver, Colorado were recently told a new "incentive plan" will be introduced starting in July.

Tacoma, Washington drivers were put on the "incentive plan" six months ago with the promise that they could eventually vote on whether or not to have the plan. It has been six months, and there's been no vote.

The "incentive plan" works like this: A driver is sent out on the road with a nine hour load. If the work is done in eight hours, the driver gets paid for nine hours of straight time while actually working only eight hours.

### ELIMINATE

This plan is UPS's way of eliminating the idea of an hourly wage and introducing a piece rate system. Backtracking to a piece-rate system will kill any gains made by UPS drivers to fight their already frantic work pace. Most drivers make well over one hundred stops a day.

And the notion that UPS would ever dispatch someone with a nine hour day is a joke. Most delivery drivers regularly work ten hours or more, year around, and that is running at a pretty fast pace.

The company is trying to sell drivers on the "incentive plan" by disguising it as a way to make extra money but by working less hours.

Drivers in Denver or Tacoma, or wherever the plan is introduced, must fight to keep it out. Only an hourly wage with no production quotas will help guarantee a decent work pace.

### NATIONAL

One national contract would also help eliminate these local, inferior conditions such as "incentive plans." The wheels are already in motion for such a national contract.

Teamsters Local 407 in Cleveland, Ohio, has scheduled a special July UPS meeting to vote on whether to have a national contract. Without an organized effort by UPS workers to fight for a good contract, this could have disastrous effects.

The union may seize this opportunity to railroad through an inferior contract. The company will likewise jump at the chance to eliminate full time inside jobs nationwide and enforce production quotas.

For this reason, UPSurge, the national UPS workers' organization, has already begun to organize for a national contract. But the kind of contract UPSurge hopes to win will bring all areas up to the highest standards and eliminate once and for all company schemes like "incentive plans." □

by ANNE MACKIE



## Political Prisoners USA

### KOMBOA

Komboia, formerly Lorenzo Edward Ervin Jr., a 30 year old black man, is currently serving a life sentence in Marian III. for hijacking a plane from Atlanta to Cuba as a protest against the war in Vietnam

Komboia has written that he has been moved to a special "Behavior Modification Unit, even worse than the hole. It is a death camp and a torture chamber where 10 men have been killed and hundreds others driven mad or to self-mutiliation.

Komboia has also written that he will be "suicided."

### ARMY

Komboia's story begins in 1965 when he joined the army. Immediately he rebelled against the racism and intense anti-communist indoctrination. He was sent to Germany in 1966, and with others formed "Black GI's United" which was involved in anti-war activities. Komboia went AWOL when he was ordered to Vietnam.

Komboia was eventually captured and sent to jail. Upon his release he became involved with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

As a member of SNCC he was continually harassed by the police. Finally in an attempt to dramatically protest the war in Vietnam, he hijacked a plane to Cuba where he received asylum.

Komboia then moved to Czechoslovakia where the rest of his time was spent escaping from US officials. In 1969, Komboia was kidnapped by CIA agents, drugged, beaten and sent back to the States.

He was then tried and sentenced to life imprisonment by a racist judge and an all white jury in Georgia.

Letters of solidarity should be sent to Komboia, 18759/175 P.O. Box 1000, Marion, ILL. 62959. □



# 11,000 working women found illegally underpaid

WASHINGTON, DC—Over 11,000 working women were found to be illegally underpaid in the first half of 1978, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The report also notes that the amount of the underpayments was \$8.5 million. This figure is 27% higher

than that in the same period of 1977, and the number of underpaid workers represents a 32% increase.

The Equal Pay Act requires that women receive wages equal to those of men doing substantially equal work for the same company. □



## RANK AND FILE MINERS MEET IN CHARLESTON

CHARLESTON, W.VA—Rank and file miners from District 6 (Ohio and the West Virginia panhandle) and 17 (Central West Virginia) met here on June 16 as part of a continuing drive to force Arnold Miller from the presidency of the UMWA.

Cecil Roberts, the district 17 vice-president promised support for the campaign as did Dave Forms, the president of local union 1759. Forms also

reported on the formation of a local union presidents' association in District 17.

The miners are hoping to have more district meetings in preparation for a national rank and file meeting.

Thus far, Arnold Miller is ignoring the petitions submitted by the rank and file demanding a union convention. A constitutional convention is still planned but the administration has set no date. □

## Boston Soweto Rally



Chris Nteto, an exiled black from South Africa, was the main speaker at the June 17 rally in Boston in commemoration of the Soweto uprising.

175 people were urged to continue to support the South African struggle, especially through activities against the corporations and banks here which are ready to actively repress the movement there. GM, for example, has a contingency plan for producing military vehicles in South Africa should their investments be threatened.

In Boston, the First National Bank has been a target of demonstrators supporting black struggles in South Africa. □

## TWO YEARS ON PICKET LINE "I'd do it again," says Coke striker



Left to right, Jack Swafford, Virgil Thomas, Phil Jacobs.

Photo credit Graham Fisk

BLOOMINGTON, IN—After more than two years, the strike by Bloomington, Indiana Coca-Cola workers (Teamsters Local 135) continues. The strike's duration is due largely to two factors—the determination of the strikers and their community supporters, and the pig-headedness of management in its eagerness to bust the union.

The strikers, who for the past two years have faced company harassment and the hardships of surviving on \$50 a week strike pay, refuse to give up the fight for their job, at which they have an average of 16 years seniority.

### CUT

Locked out in March 1976, when they refused to accept a 25% pay cut, the workers have met with lies in the press, blatantly illegal practices, and a variety of dirty tricks on the part of Coke plant owner, Vaughn Rice.

Still, "If you asked me if I'd do it again, I would," says striker Jack Swafford. "Working here all these years, getting put out like that...If it took another two years, I'd stick with it."

The strike has been characterized by bogus company charges such as malicious trespass, and one plant manager was found to have filed a false crime report when he fired a bullet through

his own windshield and tried to implicate the strikers.

Twice decertification petitions have been filed by scabs to whom Rice offered payoffs and promotions as incentives. The first petition was thrown out by the NLRB: an election was held after the second petition, but the striking Teamsters are challenging the results after learning that Rice threatened to fire any workers who didn't vote against the union.

### RELUCTANT

Currently, according to union officials (whose own role in the strike has been one of reluctant and minimal assistance), four unfair labor charges are pending against the company, including Rice's payoffs and attempts to interfere with the decertification election. One striker also has a civil suit for malicious prosecution against the company, in response to earlier false charges for trespass.

The scab workers, meanwhile, are shaken out of their complacency only when Rice turns the tables on them with false promises and betrayals. He hired 43 scabs to replace the original 21 strikers, paying them nearly \$1 per hour more than what he "couldn't afford" to pay the union workers. Disgruntled scabs have, however, testified against the company regard-

ing its illegal practices; some realize that they too, will be out in the cold if Rice busts the union.

This union-busting attempt by Bloomington Coca-Cola is, of course, only part of a larger trend nationwide, as employers go on the offensive against the weaker sectors of organized labor, especially in smaller plants which they think the union officials won't bother to protect. Coke's two-year record of illegal payoffs, malicious charges, etc., provide a good example of the lengths to which employers will go to oust their organized workers.

But the strikers, on the other hand, have provided an example of how union-busting can be fought.

### SUPPORT

Their stand has been a determined one, and they have managed to hold out not because of the union bureaucracy, not because of the courts, but because of their own persistence and the backing of the community and of Indiana University students who formed a Bloomington Boycott Coke Committee. Without the strong stand taken by the workers and without this community support, the union and the courts would have done nothing to prevent the strike's defeat long ago. □



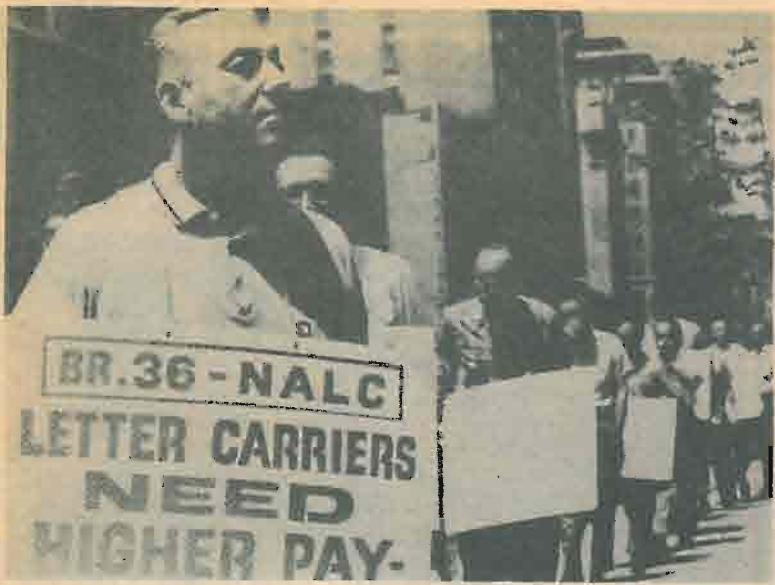
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## Contract expires July 21: Workers want voluntary overtime, sick pay... POSTAL WORKERS PREPARE TO STRIKE

by STEVE MCFADDEN Portland Mailhandlers Union

If, on Friday, July 21, you open your mailbox only to find that you have not received your usual quantity of bills, sweepstakes entries and deodorant samples, fear not.

Your postperson hasn't keeled over dead, though that's not uncommon, she or he is on strike.

And so, hopefully, will be 554,000 other postal workers.

### PRODUCTIVITY

Central to the problems we face at the Post Office is the productivity drive. The Carter administration has been putting pressure on the Postal Service (USPS) to cut costs.

Since we represent 86% of the total USPS expenditure it means that workers come under attack. In the fiscal year 1977 we processed 92.2 billion pieces of mail, almost 2.5 billion more than in fiscal 1976, with 23,852 fewer postal workers.

This represents a productivity increase of 5.2% over 1976, and a 14% increase over 1971.

Sixty hour work weeks are now the rule of the day in many cities, mandatory overtime has become a chief issue. Other productivity related contract demands are: keeping the no-layoff clause, retaining 6-day delivery, safe working conditions, right to use sick leave and decent pay (with an equitable COLA).

Not too many years ago the union negotiators could have struck a compromise with management which would have satisfied most postal workers. That was when the U.S. economy was healthy and labor concessions could be afforded.

Today the economy is sick and the union negotiators are facing a stone wall with an angry rank and file snap-

ping at their heels.

The Carter administration has targeted the Postal talks as an indicator of its '78-'79 wage restraint. It hopes that wage restraint by postal and railway workers this year will set an example for teamsters, auto workers, rubber workers and electricians in 1979.

By trying to put a 5.5% cap on wages as bargaining begins, the White House has given the Postal Service no incentive to trade off fringe benefits, job security, or anything else for a cut in wages, cry the union negotiators.

The term "free collective bargaining," always misleading, has today become largely meaningless. "It is just collective begging now," fumed one angry postal union negotiator. With the postal unions' announcement of an economic package containing a 14% wage increase for the first year, of a possible 2 instead of 3 year contract, the union negotiators have apparently been sucked in to meet the exaggerated threat of Carter's wage issue.

The Postal Service, seeing what this is leading up to, has drawn up a secret 49 page strike contingency plan. In it includes: use of military and college ROTC personnel in processing mail; storage of undeliverable mail, legal action against workers who strike (especially strike leaders), call in sick, or resign (!) during the strike.

### DARK

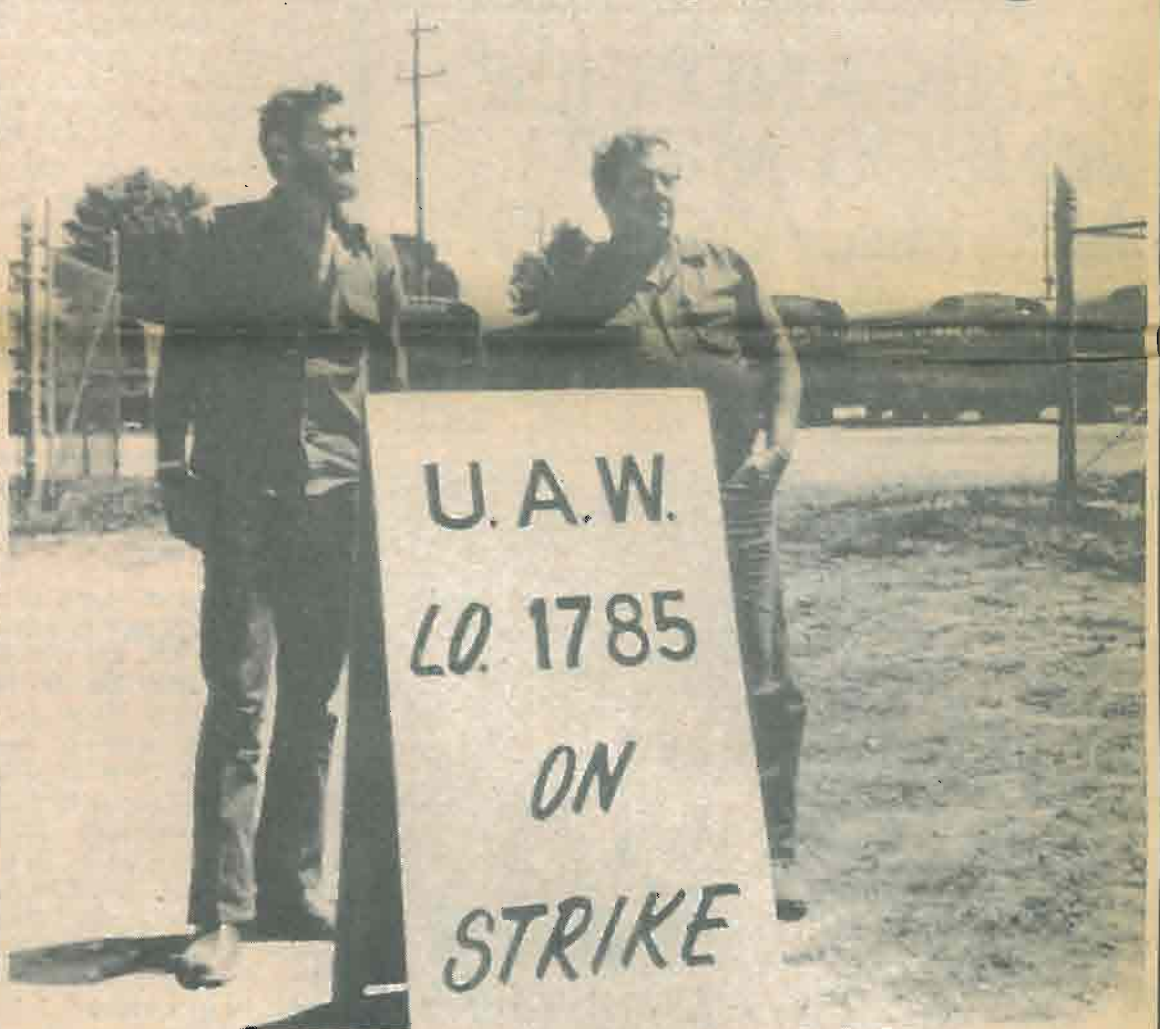
Throughout negotiations the union leaders have elected to keep the rank and file in the dark. As far as our own strike contingency plan goes all we have is a quote from a union negotiator saying, "a strike is an easy thing to organize." The 200,000 postal

workers who wildcatted in 1970 can vouch that a strike takes a great deal of preparation and organization.

At that time our leaders negotiated a 5.4% raise. We won a 14% wage increase, plus other improvements,

and it all included total amnesty for those who walked out. □

## INDIANA BUS BODY STRIKE "WE'VE TURNED BACK THE SCABS"



Pickets Bill Moore and Bill Connolly by BOB MORRIS

MITCHELL, IN—Bill Moore works a press brake and Bill Connolly is in electrical maintenance at the Carpenter Body works here, the largest school bus-body builder in the country.

They and the other 520 workers in the plant—which hires many skilled workers—make an average of \$4.13 an hour. Connolly, with 22 years at Carpenter, said, "Carry out help at Jay C's store makes as much as I do." Compared to the other bus-body builders in the country, Carpenter workers are highly exploited, and the profit reaped by the family-run company is high.

### SOLIDARITY

The contract expired in January, and the workers

went on strike in March. Solidarity has been good, with almost no cases of crossing the picket line. The company has all but been forced to cease production. The workers, members of U.A.W. Local 1785, are seeking raises of \$1.50, \$1.25, and \$1.15 during a new three year contract. The company has offered a measly 45¢, 30¢, and 25¢ over three years.

Company attempts to keep production moving have included such actions as advertising for scabs in newspapers in areas far from Mitchell, neglecting to mention that the plant is on strike, announcing that "production is in full swing."

Meanwhile the workers at Carpenter have been steadfast in their resistance to

the hiring of scabs. "200 of us showed up at the plant gates when the scabs came rolling in and we turned a lot of them back," Connolly said. One worker was run over by a scab, and rocks were thrown at the plant.

As a result of this display of solidarity, the company has filed a petition for a restraining order and injunction against the workers. Meanwhile, 80 riot police are stationed at a local state park in case of further worker militancy.

At this point, there is no indication that this solidarity is wavering, despite pressure of local politicians and business interests, including the mayor, who runs a scab construction company that works for Carpenters. □

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