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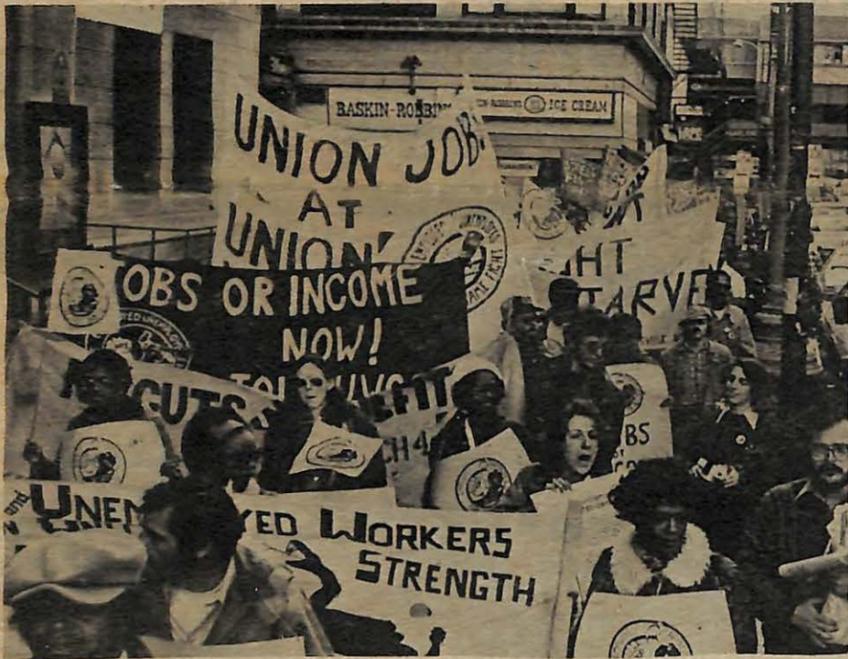
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**DOWN WITH BREIER AND POLICE REPRESSION!**

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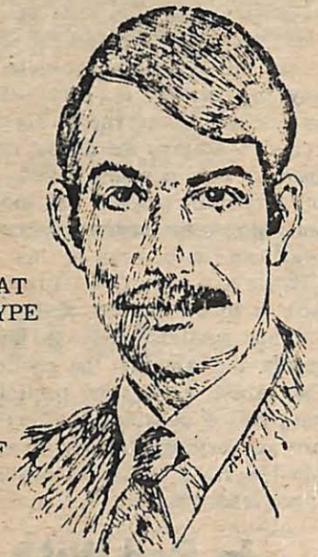
WAS IT A HEART ATTACK LIKE THE MEDICAL EXAMINER FIRST REPORTED?

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# What's Brewing

## People Unite vs. Northside Rapist

As we go to press there's a sex fiend on the loose on the northside of Milwaukee. A perverted man has raped six pre-adolescent Black girls in the past three months.

What does the Milwaukee Police Department do about catching this degenerate result of a sick society? They have dragnetted the inner city, using the rapist as an excuse to pick up Black men with beards at random, often booking them on minor charges, traffic violations and old warrants.

The people of the inner city know better than to rely on the cops to help in any way. Neighbors have organized patrols. Friends and relatives have volunteered to help with closer supervision of the children. Families have stuck closer together. An organization has sprung up to collect any information or leads. The organization, "Concerned Northside Parents" states: "We do not want this man hurt or possibly killed. But we do want him stopped and indeed we want him in the hands of professionals who can help restore his mind."

What has been Chief Breier's response to the efforts of the people? He has publicly criticized the news media for alerting the public about the rapist, saying the publicity will hurt police department efforts. What are you saying, Harold? Do you want him to rape again so you can get more leads? ■

## In Bed With Garner Ted

Garner Ted Armstrong, radio and TV evangelist for the Worldwide Church of God, has found new ways to spread The Word for fun and profit. Six of his former students have published a full-color expose of the raunchy side of Garner Ted's operations.

One article, titled "In Bed With Garner Ted—America's Playboy Preacher" tells the story of how re-

ligion can be fun. The back cover, "Tithing Pays Off" shows photos of the mansions and grounds of Garner Ted and other church officials. Estimates of the value of the residences go as high as \$2 million.

With 60,000 members and an annual income of more than \$60 million, the church has a good-sized hunk of the rock. Garner Ted must be one of the chosen few ■

## Heads Roll at Schlitz, AMC

Eugene Peters and Roy Chapin, the top bosses at Schlitz and AMC, are out of a job because of the intense competition going on in brewing and auto.

They dug their own graves. They worked for and promoted a system that treats workers like so much machinery: use it, kick it around, chuck it on the trash heap when it no longer makes maximum profits.

Peters made his mark in the highly monopolized brewing industry cutting off distributors who wouldn't pay kickbacks to big customers. Chapin was part of the AMC team that brought on the vicious speed-up and layoffs these past 5 years. Live by the ax—die by the ax. ■

## Workers Get BURNed

Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, has come up with a way to reduce unemployment. He says give big business a tax break of 48% to 52%. Of course this is on top of every other loophole big business already has.

Is this going to bring more jobs? Whenever they invest in new equipment, it's always the most automated. More often than not expansion inspired by tax breaks eliminates jobs. All the proposed tax breaks are just another example of the people getting burned. ■

# Editorial Comment

## What Is the "Worker?"

The October 27 issue of the Milwaukee Labor Press ran an editorial entitled "What Is The Worker?" The editors state that they have been asked this question many times by workers. In response, they quote from our statement that "The Worker puts forward the political line of the Revolutionary Communist Party." Then they say that the RCP is hell-bent on creating chaos in labor/management relations. They hint that we are a bunch of conspirators who sneak around in trench coats like in movies from the 1950s.

Secrecy and manipulation are not what the RCP is all about. The pages of The Worker speak for themselves. We are for all the interests of the working class, whether it is the day to day battle for better wages and conditions on the job; for an end to police harassment and repression; or for a society free of all oppression.

We'd like to ask and answer the question "What is the Labor Press?" From what we've seen it's an outfit totally controlled by the top leaders of the AFL-CIO in the area. It's

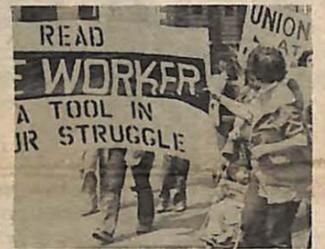
political line is little different than the Democratic Party. They stood for the war in Vietnam. They made no protest when Nixon imposed wage controls. They stand for deportations of foreign born workers. They act as if a worker's only interests are in how far his paycheck is falling behind inflation and what are the bowling results of the union leagues. The only stories they ever carry on local union affairs is "Why no story on your local?" (which says the reason no stories appear is because they haven't been requested by the top local leaders) which appears just about every month. The rest of the paper is filled with ads for Lumaside siding and for a quarter of beef.

This editorial attack by the Labor Press came because people are looking to The Worker for answers about struggles in the shop, as well as about the broader questions in society. They also ran this editorial to confuse the rank and file who these top officials are daily losing their control over. ■

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## S. Africa Makes Pitch to UWM

The African Liberation Support Committee has recently revealed the existence of a letter sent by the South African embassy to Dr. Werner Baum, the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The letter states "you might be approached by groups who profess to act solely on behalf of the peoples of South Africa." The letter says these groups might ask the university to sell stock of American corporations involved in the Republic of South Africa. The embassy letter asks the chancellor to study an attached "backgrounder." The 17 page statement claims that most criticisms of South African apartheid are unjustified.

The statement is such a pack of

## FRED HAMPTON'S SPIRIT LIVES

December 4th will mark 8 years since the murder of Fred Hampton. In the early morning of Dec. 4th, 1969 the Chicago cops opened fire on his apartment. They killed Hampton and Mark Clark as they slept.

Hampton had been marked for execution by the rulers of this country. He was not only a strong and courageous leader of the Black Panther Party (BPP) and the struggle of Blacks against their oppression but he also stood for the unity of working and oppressed people of all nationalities.

lies that even Baum probably doesn't buy most of them. But he and the UW Board of Regents still use many of these arguments to defend the university investments. The most common is that if the US corporations wouldn't invest in S. Africa it would be the Blacks there who would suffer the most because they would have no jobs. The low pay, apartheid system and foreign domination are just incidental in Baum and his ilk's twisted profit hungry minds.

The UW students and the majority of people know different and they want to fight apartheid. The South African racists know this, and that's why they have this letter writing campaign. ■

He pointed the finger at the real enemy—the capitalists. The growing understanding of who was to blame for the oppression of Blacks and all working people was feared so much by the capitalists that they rubbed him out. His murder was part of a nationally coordinated campaign initiated by the FBI to violently repress the Panther Party.

Five thousand attended the funeral of Hampton and Clark. A two year trial was white-washed by the same

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# CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN COALFIELDS SIMMER AS SHOW DOWN NEARS

On October 6 contract negotiations between the United Mine Workers (UMWA) and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA) opened. The national contract expires December 6. Talks began with the BCOA presenting their demands while Arnold Miller, UMWA president, meekly listened.

The BCOA's main demand is to "restore stability and improve productivity." This means the coal bosses want more work at the expense of safety and less wildcat strikes.

These demands are attacks on two fronts. The decade has seen a tremendous growth, punctuated with massive upsurges, of the miners' rank and file movement. Wildcats have ripped across the coalfields time and time again as miners have fought many battles to defend the gains of past contracts that coal operators launched assaults on--like the recent medical benefits cutbacks--and taken on other issues as well, such as the 1973-74 energy freeze. And in 1975, 80,000 miners wildcatted for a month to defend the strike weapon.

Secondly, since 1969 coal productivity has dropped from 16 tons per man per day to nine tons in 1976. The operators have suffered this loss because it is harder and harder to dog the men and work them to exhaustion. Safety rights have cut into production as well as new job rights, which have added helpers to machine operators, also a safety measure. Still mining is among the most dangerous jobs in the U.S. The energy companies and the

BCOA claim that "working together is the only way" and they intend to tighten their belts around the miners necks to prove it. Big stockpiles of coal are being prepared in anticipation of a long strike. The capitalists are determined to screw the miners come hell or high water, and are threatening to bust the UMWA if necessary. They've even put their propaganda to music with a jingle, "Keep West Virginia Working" which was played at a West Vir. University football game.

The importance of this battle extends far beyond the coalfields. Coal miners have been in the forefront of the working class' battles and their struggle has been an inspiration to workers in every industry. Beyond the coal contract, the capitalists hope to use the miners contract as an example, too, by breaking the struggle.

The union leadership is expected to try and sell the miners down the river. The UMWA leadership has been forced by the tremendous struggle of the rank and file to give lip service to the right to strike. But lip service it remains and their "battle plan" is a call for a limited right to strike, with the emphasis on limited. This is simply another way of taking away the rank and file's main weapon.

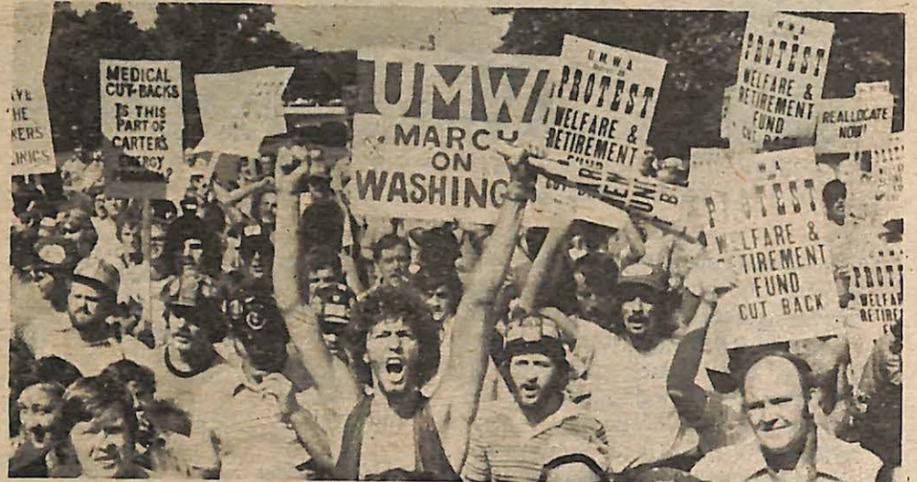
Rank and file conferences were promised to get input on the contract demands. The union leadership, however, fearful of the rank and file and their determination not to be

sold out, has cancelled them and substituted cozy get-togethers to test the water and see just how far he can go. He has proposed working past the Dec. 6 contract deadline and has hinted that five-year contracts, rather than the present three years, will help to stabilize the industry.

The rank and file are preparing for a heavy fight. It's common to

cerned about union weaknesses, especially that the union is run by the likes of Arnold Miller. They are worried about disunity and lack of organization in a hard fought strike.

The key to resistance by miners in the upcoming contract battle will be independent rank and file organization within the union. The more openly a center of struggle exists, the more unified and powerful the



RANK AND FILE MINERS MARCH ON WASHINGTON DURING WILDCAT TO SAY NO TO MEDICAL BENEFITS CUTBACKS

hear miners say, "We'll have to vote at least the first one down just so they'll know we're serious."

The main questions among miners revolve around how they can succeed in turning around the attacks of the coal operators. Miners know they are up against a powerful and determined enemy and they are con-

miners will be in the fight. The Miners Right to Strike Committee (which is affiliated with the National United Workers Organization) has played an important role in building this rank and file strength in the past and has set itself the task of doing it even more so in the coming period... ■

## Houston Cops Fined \$1 For Murder

On October 3 the jury brought in its verdict; the cops were acquitted of the murder of a Chicano worker and Vietnam vet and were convicted of a misdemeanor charge of "negligent homicide." In a vicious endorsement of police murder and in utter contempt for the lives of the oppressed, the judge gave the cops a \$1 fine and one year's probation!

On May 2, Joe Campos Torres had been arrested in a bar in Houston's East End. The six arresting officers beat him unmercifully. When they arrived at the city jail to book him for disorderly conduct, the cops on duty wouldn't accept him as a prisoner, saying that the arresting officers had to first take him to the county hospital for treatment.

Instead of the hospital, Torres wound up in a secluded area near Buffalo Bayou. The six pigs beat him again. Then one of these badge bearing bastards, Terry Denso, said, "Let's see if the wetback can swim."

The semi-conscious Torres was dumped into the water where he drowned.

There was tremendous outrage in Houston's Chicano community over Joe Torres' murder. Because of this, and with the eyewitness testimony of one of the cops who decided to break the police "code of silence," two of the murderers were brought to trial. Part of the local ruling class' efforts to vindicate the murderers involved moving the trial from Houston to Huntsville, Texas, a small city 70 miles away where the main state penitentiary is located and employs 30% of the city's workforce. In addition, there are almost no Chicanos and few Blacks living in Huntsville.

The outrageous verdict and sentence hit like a bombshell. People were furious. The reaction of the masses of people scared the hell out of the ruling class in Houston.

The struggle to bring the murderers of Joe Torres to justice has been

the most significant battle against police brutality and the oppression of minorities to shake Houston in several years. The fury of the people at this and a series of equally barbaric police killings has been organized into powerful action. Shortly after the court rulings, and because they were met with strong, organized and angry demonstrations, the federal government was forced to come out with indictments against the killer cops for violating Joe Torres' "civil rights." It was an important, but by no means final, victory.

Even before the vicious killing of Torres, the Houston police had earned a reputation for brutality and murder. Last year, Milton Glover, a Black vet, was walking through his neighborhood when two policemen called him to their squad car. When Glover instinctively reached for the Bible he always carried in his pocket, the cops shot him dead. Earlier this year a cop emptied two clips of his .45 automatic into a derelict who he claimed was attacking him with children's scissors! In another incident within the last two years, a young Black man was chased to his home by 20 to 40 squad cars and two helicopters for exceeding the speed limit. There he was beaten by police in front of his parents, who were pushed around and called "niggers."

On the initiative of the Revolutionary Communist Party and the National United Workers Organization, a group was formed, People United to Fight Police Brutality, to provide an organized way for fighters from the

Chicano community and other communities to take up the Joe Torres fight and overall police terror.

Together with other groups and many individuals, People United has mobilized the anger and demands of the people into large protests and demonstrations. This in turn has brought new threats and intimidation from the city and the cops and efforts of sellout groups like the League of United Latin Americans (LULAC) who claim to speak for the Chicano community in order to cool out the struggle. At one point LULAC put out a leaflet which was given a big play in the media, calling on people to "remain calm and patient" and to "believe in the judicial process." In a thinly veiled attack on People United, it called on people to "have faith in your leadership (meaning LULAC). Do not be led by people whom you do not know to be part of your community."

But the big response to calls for mass actions have made it clear that the people are not about to be intimidated or sit back and "have faith" that the courts will set everything straight.

The only reason the federal courts have stepped in is because of the hell raised by angry people of Houston. After so much bitter experience with the "wheels of justice" which crushed Joe Torres to death and vindicated his killers, the masses of people in Houston demanding real justice have not been sidetracked. Seven years ago, the last time the federal courts in Houston indicted a killer cop, he was acquitted after a year's delay. The ruling class and their police would like to repeat this, but their plans could well be upset by the people, organized and united! ■



# Carter Embarrassed by South African Buddies



ABOVE: PERCY QOBOZA, EDITOR OF THE BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSPAPER, THE WORLD, ON THE DAY HIS PAPER WAS BANNED.

New outbursts of rebellion exploded in South Africa October 20 in the wake of the latest moves by the racist regime of Prime Minister John Vorster to crush Black resistance to apartheid and white minority rule. On October 19 the Vorster government outlawed 18 Black and multi-racial newspapers and jailed dozens of Black leaders.

Throughout the world people hurled new condemnations at the outlaw South African dictatorship. These new outrages, coming on top of the continuing rule of brutality and terror that keeps the Black majority in bondage have made things quite uncomfortable for the staunchest backers of the South African regime: the imperialists of the U.S. and Britain.

For years the U.S. ruling class openly supported and praised South Africa. But as Portuguese colonial rule fell, and the liberation struggles in Rhodesia and Namibia (Southwest Africa, which is controlled by South Africa) grew they were forced to change tactics a bit. This was also motivated in no small part by the desire to block further Soviet inroads

in Africa. Andy Young trotted off on several trips to southern Africa, condemning apartheid in the name of the Carter administration and stating that the U.S. is in favor of majority rule.

## ATTEMPTS TO PRETTY UP SOUTH AFRICA

But at the same time, the U.S. ruling class has tried to picture South Africa as somehow different from Rhodesia. Only a week before the latest crackdown, the Chicago Tribune said that despite "vestiges of apartheid and petty discrimination" great progress was being made towards a peaceful solution in South Africa. In fact Carter and the U.S. media yelled in anger and embarrassment. It was as if this mangy dog that calls itself the government of South Africa was biting the hand that feeds it.

In an effort to maintain the position of influence it has attempted to build as a "mediator" in Africa and to head off any really severe action against the Vorster regime, Carter was forced to take some action. The U.S. ambassador was called home for

"consultation" and Andy Young began circulating a U.S. position paper around the UN that called for "limited sanctions" against South Africa. This entailed an arms embargo and the vague threat of economic sanctions at some time in the future. These limited sanctions, according to the U.S. plan, will not go into effect for six months "to give the South African government time to reform itself."

## ARMS EMBARGO A PHONEY

This arms embargo is a joke. There has been a UN arms embargo against South Africa for years, and it has never stopped the U.S. or the Western European imperialists from building up the South African military machine, which is used solely for the repression of the Black majority. The U.S. claims it has observed an embargo, but next to British and France, it is the largest

arms merchant in South Africa. This is done by the simple device of licensing foreign firms to produce U.S. arms for shipment to South Africa.

Ford, for example, licensed a major Italian arms manufacturer, Otto Melara, to produce the M-11A1 armored personnel carrier for South Africa. 400 have already been delivered. The South African regime has M-47 Patton tanks, M-41 Walker Bulldog tanks, Lockheed F104G fighter-bombers, F-51D Cavalier counter-insurgency strike aircraft, Augusta-Bell Iroquois helicopters, and Lockheed P-2 Neptune anti-submarine patrol planes—all U.S. weapons. South African Police Minister James Kruger has publicly stated that his security police have received riot-control instruction in the U.S.

## SAVE U.S. BUSINESS

One of the most outrageous arguments the U.S. makes against economic sanctions is that they would hurt the Black workers the most. What they really mean is that South Africa is key to continued U.S. control of southern Africa and is extremely im-

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## Local Papers Condemn Apartheid Censorship

In the third week of October, the white minority regime in South Africa closed down the two leading Black newspapers. They jailed the editor of The World and many other activists. They banned all progressive Black organizations. All this is designed to suppress the massive resistance that has grown up particularly since the murder of Steve Biko.

"Newspapers can play a key role in the fight for freedom. The World has defied the racist, discriminatory system of apartheid, despite repression. Three reporters have been detained in the past year, one for as long as eight months without trial. The Black South African press has provided some of the only news about the struggle inside South Africa. Reporters from the paper were in Soweto in 1976 when the Black youth of the Johannesburg suburb told the world they would no longer be dominated by the white regime.

We condemn this blatant violation of free speech and free press. Vorster's suppression of the Black press is an attack on all struggling people.

Furthermore we demand that President Carter and the United States government discontinue all support of this racist regime.

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## Common Council Forced to Oppose Krugerrand

At a recent meeting in Philadelphia, the Steering Committee of the African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC) decided to take up a nationwide campaign against the sale of the South African Krugerrand in the U.S. This gold coin not only symbolizes the ruthless exploitation of South Africa's black majority, its sale concretely enriches this racist ruling class and the campaign to promote it in the U.S. has been used to build up South Africa. The following report describes the work of the Milwaukee chapter of the ALSC against the Krugerrand.

Shortly before African Liberation Day last May, the Milwaukee ALSC began an anti-Krugerrand campaign aimed at the M&I Bank, formerly owned by the family of Congressman Henry Ruess (Dem., Wisconsin), Chairman of the House Banking Committee. The campaign has included numerous demonstrations and petitions supporting "Victory to the People of Southern Africa!" and demanding the end of Krugerrand sales.

The main focus of the work became the Milwaukee Common Council after its Black president came out in defense of Andy Young, who was receiving considerable media flak a while back. ALSC members jammed

the council president to take a stand against Krugerrand sales and back a resolution condemning southern African apartheid and censuring M&I Bank and other businesses for the sale of the Krugerrand. After many delays and attempts to "lose" the resolution in the city bureaucracy, and hemming and hawing on the part of the Common Council President, ALSC was assured the resolution would soon be introduced. But on that day, ALSC showed up with the press, including reporters from several Black newspapers. The Common Council President was put on the spot and forced to introduce the resolution. Then the Council quickly shuffled the resolution off to committee where they hoped it would die, but ALSC kept the demand alive through demonstrations and protests at council meetings. The issue was made even sharper when reactionary scum from the Euro-American Alliance came out, talking about "the gutless people who will not stand up for the whites of South Africa who are protecting white culture and civilization from black savages."

After Steve Biko, the black freedom fighter, was murdered in a South African jail, ALSC was able to turn the spotlight of public opinion on the

council resolution and force it out of the committee.

Then with the latest outrages in South Africa, ALSC was able to push the Common Council at a public meeting to actually take a vote on the resolution. By a margin of 10-4 the resolution was passed, condemning apartheid and businesses selling the Krugerrand. The council managed to delete the specific condemnation of M&I Bank.

But now the ALSC has brought out the fact that the city of Milwaukee has over \$11 million invested in M&I and the campaign against the Krugerrand has been turned full steam on making this resolution more than just a piece of paper by forcing the city to withdraw this money if M&I does not discontinue its Krugerrand sales.

The Milwaukee activities are a taste of what will be happening in many cities across the country as ALSC unites with other forces to build for big regional demonstrations on December 3 in Chicago, Atlanta, Oakland and a large East Coast city to be announced. ALSC reaffirmed at its Philadelphia meeting that the theme of its work this year would be "Fight Imperialism and National Oppression from the USA (Union of South Africa) to the USA (United States of America)."



M&I WAS THE TARGET OF FREQUENT DEMONSTRATIONS THIS SUMMER FOR THEIR CONTINUED SALE OF THE KRUGERRAND, A GOLD COIN FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

# Crisis in Carter's Energy Plan

Wearing a white hat and firing silver bullets, Jimmy "the people's President" Carter blazed away at the big bad oil companies for trying to pull off the "biggest ripoff in history."

Carter's two-gun stand came at a national press conference after the Senate had left his energy program in shambles. The main blows had been thrown around Carter's demand to continue regulation of the price of natural gas, although at a much higher level than now. The oil companies demanded the elimination of all regulation. Jimmy Crusader said this would amount to picking the pockets of the American people for \$50 billion - ever so much more than the \$100 billion his plan was already offering the oil companies. He said that before the 1973 Arab oil embargo and the OPEC price increases the oil companies were making about \$18 billion a year. Under his plan they would get almost six times that amount by 1985. But that wasn't enough for them, he said, they are greedy!

What do we have here? A president standing up to some of the biggest capitalists in the world on behalf of the poor working man and woman? Hardly.

Despite all Carter's antics, there are no good guys in this show. What we see is the workings out of the capitalist system in the form of a bitter bloodletting between competing and conflicting capitalist interest groups and their political representatives. And in this dog eat dog battle the only thing the bigshots agree on is that the masses of people must pay, pay, pay.

The lineup in Congress over Carter's proposal clearly reflected the splits among the ruling class on this issue. On the one hand the representatives from the industrial states, where capitalists depend heavily on natural gas and every increase in prices means a loss in the rate of

side, the senators and congressmen from the gas producing states were standing squarely with the energy giants, and the senators from other non-industrial states were easy pickings for the oil companies, which launched the most massive campaign of vote buying in years. They succeeded-

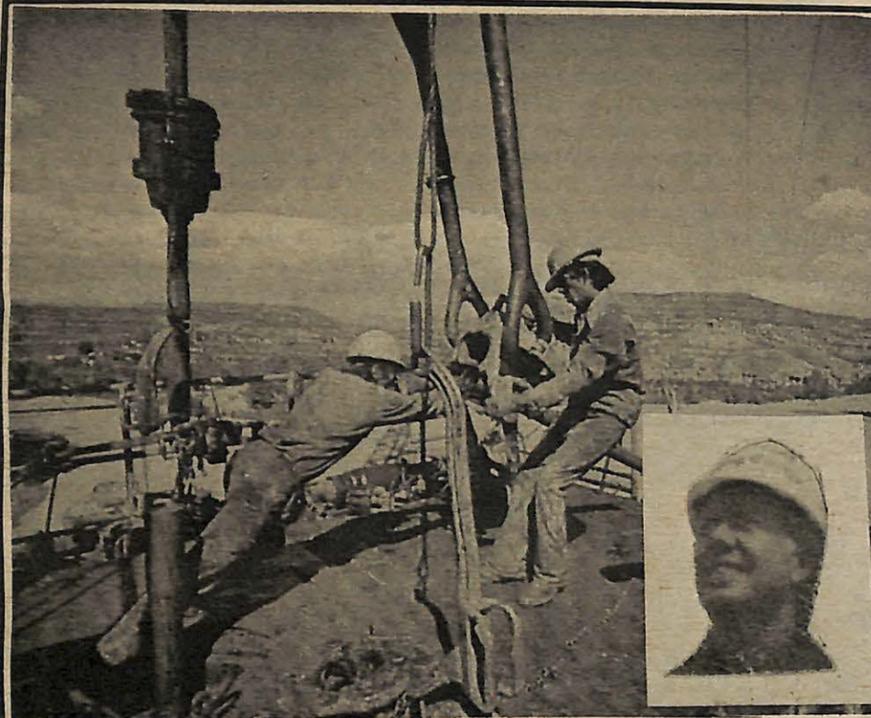
The capitalist class as a whole needs a "national energy policy." Becoming increasingly dependent on foreign oil, for example, is dangerous for business. Not only does it contribute to huge deficits in the capitalist international balance of payments, it leaves them vulnerable to oil boycotts, new price hikes and the like, not to mention the military implications. But when it comes time to draw up exactly what this national policy should be, the contradictory interests of the capitalists pull at it from a dozen different directions. Therein lies Carter's predicament.

The oil and gas industry have made their position clear. Laying waste to all the arguments they themselves promoted a while back about "energy shortages," their advertisements make it clear there is plenty of gas and oil in the ground and under the oceans.

"We question the doomsday forecasts that oil and gas are about to run out," says Mobil Oil. But they go on to threaten disaster unless "the maze of government imposed price controls, leasing delays, overly severe environmental restrictions and other unrealistic impediments" that stand in the way of their maximum profits are eliminated.

As usual when thieves fall out, each side reveals much truth about the other - and about the workings of their system of robbery. Who could argue with the Carter charges that the oil companies are holding out the threat of disaster as blackmail to obtain massive profits. But the "case"

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ENERGY SHORTAGES? NOT REALLY, THERE'S PLENTY OF OIL AND PEOPLE WILLING TO DO THE WORK BUT THE PROFITS AREN'T HIGH ENOUGH FOR THE OIL COMPANIES. CARTER PROPOSES TO GIVE THEM \$100 BILLION IN PRICE INCREASES BY 1985 BUT THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE OIL COMPANIES WHO WANT \$150 BILLION.

profit, were almost unanimous for Carter's proposals. On the other

ed in getting the Senate to pass a bill deregulating natural gas.

## Up Against Arco's Profit Drive

# Kenosha Workers Strike Anaconda

Workers at "The Brass" in Kenosha are on strike against the Arco-Richfield Co. (ARCO), one of the ten largest corporations in the U.S. The 850 members of United Steelworkers (USWA) Local 9322 and Machinists Lodge 34, along with workers in six other plants in the Anaconda-American Brass Division of ARCO are on strike against sharp attacks on their jobs and their standard of living.

The bosses at Anaconda see lower wages in the rest of the industry as a threat to their markets. They want the workers at Anaconda to work for the average wage of all brass shops in the country, so that the company can maintain its profits.

As well as trying to cut wages directly, Anaconda has been sending out more work to non-union subcontractors. "If you won't work for peanuts, we'll find some one who will." As a result, there are fewer jobs at "The Brass" and the non-union workers at the sub-contractors do the same work as Anaconda workers but for less pay.

The strikers at "The Brass" say, "NO WAY!" They have fought hard for their gains in the past and they won't be fooled by company pleas for cooperation.

A big question on the picket line is what to do about the "free gate." Before the strike began, Anaconda got a court injunction prohibiting picketing at one gate where trucks come in and out with orders. One department is still running, using foremen and office workers to fill the orders. Contracting crews are coming in to repair the building, and there has been talk of them in-

stalling new equipment that will mean fewer jobs after the strike. The union officials say they can't do anything about the scab work or the trucks crossing the lines. But some of the strikers see it differently. One truck rolled through the gate, and rolled, and rolled, and rolled... Somehow, the hydraulic brake lines were disconnected. With the courts in the company's back pocket, the workers are looking at ways of taking things in their own hands.

Workers have nothing to gain by giving in to the company demands. The bosses at ARCO, U.S. Steel, and everywhere else are only concerned with keeping their profits up. Even the big oil companies like ARCO have to rake in maximum profits in every division. The question isn't whether or not ARCO can afford to give workers a raise. They'll never hand over anything without a fight.

Riding the crest of soaring oil prices, ARCO's gross revenues are up 34%. In spite of record profits, ARCO joins the other oil companies in protesting federal regulation of natural gas prices. Whether it's the workers at The Brass, car owners that need gasoline, or people who need gas to heat their homes, the rich capitalists that own ARCO see only the profits that can be made.

They didn't care if people didn't have gasoline during their phoney oil shortage a few years ago. They needed an excuse to raise prices. And they don't care if The Brass workers have to walk the picketlines all winter. If they can succeed in cutting wages and jacking up their profits, they'll give it a try.

For several years, ARCO has been nervous about investing overseas.

In 1971, the Anaconda mines in Chile were expropriated when the Chilean government no longer would stand by as Anaconda plundered all her vast mineral wealth. Anaconda wrote off \$302.6 million in losses in their 1971 taxes. Since then, the U.S. government and Chilean government have paid Anaconda more than the original loss as compensation.

Now, with investments guaranteed by U.S. taxpayers, Anaconda is boldly stepping up foreign operations, with brass plants in Mexico, Brazil, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, and a plant under construction in Saudi Arabia. As ARCO profits from Middle Eastern oil have gone out of sight, it only makes sense that they are looking around for more ways to rake in some cash over there.

These overseas plants will give

Anaconda another club to hold over the head of American workers. Like the basic steel bosses that wag a finger at Japanese imports as the cause of layoffs at Johnstown and Youngstown, Anaconda will soon be saying, "Take a cut, or we'll take the work to Saudi Arabia."

No negotiations are scheduled, and workers are sure the strike will go on past Christmas. Members of the National United Workers Organization are making plans to take up plant gate collections to support the strikers. A key element in this struggle is the unity of workers in the face of the company drive for profits. This unity is building on the picket line and at other plants in the area. Not only will this unity help to win this strike, but it will also mean a stronger fight in the battles to come.



ANACONDA WORKERS OPPOSE WAGE CUTS AND SUB-CONTRACTING.

# 1500 Stand Up to Cops, Gas at Kent

Students militantly assembled at Kent State again in their campaign to move the gym being built on the site of the murder of four students on May 4, 1970. With an injunction in force prohibiting assemblies on the campus, up to 1500 students marched and rallied in Kent on October 22. The May 4th coalition, of which the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB) is a part, decided that the best way to deal with the in-

Over the preceding months and years the university authorities had tried to stop the struggle by sweet-talk, by court injunctions, by using the mass media to declare the fight over and try to spread the lie that only a tiny handful opposed the gym. But the authorities showed at the demonstration the point that their murders had driven home in 1970: when all is said and done, military might backs up their rule.

had not been smashed. Everyone ran towards each other, jumping up and down in joy and solidarity.

Police reacted to their failures of the day by moving on the "strip" at night. In and around the student hangouts police busted over 30 people for pot, open beers, etc. in a night of harassment and repression. Most of those arrested were not connected with the demonstration that afternoon. It was a police move to pun-

ing order were distributed by the coalition and hundreds were ripped to shreds and left lying on the floor. The students listened to speakers condemning the university's repression and by showing up, showed their firm support for the continuing struggle.

The university is going for a permanent injunction on Nov. 10, to last through July, the period when the gym will be under construction. But in trying to lash out at the students they have wound up hitting themselves in the face. More and more students are joining the struggle, seeing that this is more than simply whether or not to build a gym and where it shouldn't be built.

The coalition will be working to defeat the court injunction in the days leading up to Nov. 10 by holding meetings ("illegal assemblies") and circulating petitions, including nationally, which the RSB will play a large part in.

In a related move, the reactionary school newspaper, the Daily Kent Stater, has filed phoney charges against RSB members in the May 4th Coalition, claiming they misused the newspaper in building for the Oct. 22 demo. The staff's intention is to get RSB'ers expelled from school and the RSB organization kicked off campus.

The events of the last month show that the stakes are high for both sides in this battle--the tens of thousands of students at Kent and elsewhere who have taken a stand, and for their enemy, the Kent State administration and the ruling class behind them. The authorities desperately want to wipe out the site of the May 4, 1970 murders. They called that brutal and despicable act a "tragedy" with victims but no perpetrators. Yet in their very efforts to bury the memory of that struggle with a gym, they are underscoring the very lesson they are trying to hide. By calling in their police to attack students and threaten them openly with another "tragedy" they make clear that all that enables them to begin construction of the gym on a site totally unacceptable to the people is their cops, their courts and their jails.

At the same time, the students have shown that despite attempts to beat down the struggle with clubs and gas, they have not given up. The memory of the Kent martyrs and the fight against the Vietnam War is still strong and people are refusing to have it covered over by a damn gym! ■



STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR DEMONSTRATED AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY SHOWING THAT THE MEMORY OF THE FOUR STUDENTS MURDERED ON MAY 4, 1970 IS STILL STRONG

junction was to defy it.

For six hours, students from Kent and all over the Midwest, East and South marched and countermarched back and forth in the campus, advancing on the site of the May 4, 1970 murders and the site of the gym, and retreating in the face of police attacks, and advancing again.

Over 300 police were turned out to smash the demonstration. They attacked with clubs at least twice, mounted on horseback and used tear gas and pepper gas many times. Police threatened students with shotguns and some revolvers were drawn - this on the very site of the murders seven years earlier! But this massive use of force failed to bust up the demonstration or break the spirit of the students.

During the demonstration hundreds of students leaned out of their dormitory windows to yell "Pigs off campus" and to clench their fists in anger and solidarity. At one point, some 400 students who were not part of the demonstration left their dorms and advanced on the hill where the gym is being built. There they spoke in support of the struggle, chanted and opposed the police.

The demonstration, on one of the advances back to the hill, linked up with the dorm students, combining their forces. This moment was one of the high points of the action when the students who had been getting gassed all afternoon saw their brothers and sisters waiting for them near the hill, and the students on the hill saw that the demonstration

ish the student body as a whole.

On Monday, six students were arrested for trying to read the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution--illegal assembly. On Tuesday, six members of the May 4th Coalition were charged for holding a press conference on campus--illegal assembly.

The students at Kent are getting very uptight over the repression brought down on the campus by the new university president. On Thursday, Oct. 27, over 300 students jammed into the lobby of the student union to await KSU President Golding. They had issued him a "summons" to appear before the people. Golding didn't show.

At this "illegal assembly" copies of the court's temporary restrain-

## IOWA BEEF

# English Dockworkers Lend Strike a Hand

Workers at Iowa Beef's Iowa plants have been on strike since February 26. The company's hiring of scabs, dishonest bargaining, extensive ad campaigning and a multitude of slick tricks show it is going all out to bust Local 222 of Amalgamated Meatcutters and Butcher Workmen. Despite this the workers are out strong and the strike, along with a boycott, have cut Iowa Beef's slaughter rate and sales.

Recently the company suffered another setback--dockworkers in the port of Felixtowne, England, members of the Transport and General Workers Union, found a ship full of Iowa Beef berthed there. In a powerful show of international solidarity, they decided to "hot cargo" it--refused to unload or handle the scab meat at all.

Meanwhile, Patrick Gorman, chairman of the board of the Amalgamated Meatcutters, is talking a lot of bull. In an editorial in The Butcher Workman, he boasted that meatcutters could slow down, could hold sympathy strikes, could take action against scabs, could make it an issue for the whole continent... BUT,

they're not going to. In fact, Gorman emphatically condemns any rank and file militancy. He places all his hopes on those packing companies under union contract that are buying scab beef from IBP. He calls them "friendly packers." He doesn't seem to understand why his old friends are buying scab beef. He says "Only recently to our dismay, we learned that one of the largest family owned pork packing companies is accepting 100 carloads of IBP meat each week among its 11 plants--true friendship indeed." By the way, this "friendly packer" is Oscar Mayer. (Pat have you ever asked the Oscar Mayer workers how friendly the boss is.)

For IBP strikers who are struggling along on \$65 a week strike benefits--the answer is clear: a scab is a scab, a boss is a boss--For a big shot union leader who counts on those dues checks from the company every month to pay his \$75,000 a year salary it is friendship--it's true love. The dockworkers in England and the many meatcutters through out the U.S. who stand with the brothers and sisters at IBP, know the way workers' solidarity should go. ■



IOWA BEEF PROCESSORS IN THE FOREFRONT OF BOXED BEEF, AUTOMATION, AND UNION BUSTING. ABOVE, WORKERS ON THE 3.3 MILE LONG CONVEYOR.

## Who Killed Roger Lyons?

# JAIL THE KILLER COPS!

One after another a parade of witnesses took the stand in the Roger Lyons' inquest. Warren Hill, assistant medical examiner and DA McCann and his assistants asked most of the questions. The jurors, four men and two women, were handpicked by Sheriff Wolke. Their cynical questioning and expensive clothes and hairdos contrasted with the straightforward answers of most of the witnesses.

The witnesses painted a grim picture of the death of Roger Lyons at the hands of Milwaukee police.

On the night of September 30, a fight broke out at the Bus Stop Tavern on 52nd and Capitol. Three Outlaws, including Roger Lyons, scuffled with three other men. The bartender called the police. The fight lasted a few minutes and ended with all six men buying one another a round of drinks.

Shortly after the fight ended about fifteen cops from the 7th District, 36th and Auer, entered the Bus Stop, led by their sergeant, Dean Collins. The cops positioned themselves around the tavern. They ordered all of the men who were in the fight out of the tavern except Lyons, who they recognized as a member of the Outlaws. Collins and several of the other cops fanned out around Lyons, who was standing at the dimly-lit bar. "Put down your drink!" came the order.

When Lyons didn't move fast enough they attacked him, as one witness testified, "like a pack of wild dogs..." As cops beat and kicked him Lyons was dragged to the floor and to the juke box where they formed a circle, trying to hide what they were doing. Lyons was handcuffed by Collins and carried from the pool

of blood where he had been viciously beaten, outside to the street. He was dropped on his head twice. Once outside the cops stomped on his head, beat him with handcuffs and threw him into a paddywagon "like a sack of grain."

Michael Goodman, one of the other Outlaws, was arrested for loitering when he asked cop Fred Tice why Lyons was being beaten. Goodman was thrown into the paddywagon where Lyons was lying in a pool of blood "the size of a trash can cover." "This man is dead or dying" he yelled to the cops. But these butchers didn't care. They slammed the paddywagon door shut. It wasn't until an hour later that the cops finally delivered Lyons to the hospital, "dead on arrival."

The facts are clear. Roger Lyons

was savagely beaten to death by Milwaukee cops. The facts came out despite the cops' clumsy attempts to cover themselves. They took him to the 7th District station even when he was dying in his own blood.

Lyons' family would not accept the story that their son and brother had "collapsed while being questioned." Attorney Alan Eisenberg, the family's lawyer, pursued the truth in the death of Lyons. After Warren Hill announced that Lyons probably died of a heart attack, Eisenberg confronted D.A. McCann with the testimony of a New York pathologist that Lyons was beaten to death. McCann was forced to investigate and call an inquest.

Police Chief Breier and his mouth-piece Inspector Hagopian have obstructed the investigation by first not answering any pertinent questions and have now gone so far as to refuse to provide such basic evidence as a standard police nightstick for the inquest. At one critical point "high police officials leaked a story" to the Milwaukee Sentinel that said there's no way the cops could have killed Lyons because they were under the command of a strict rules and regulations "Serpico-type" cop that night.

Despite the past history of McCann and Hill in whitewashing murders by police, and even McCann's present refusal to subpoena necessary evidence, the outrage of people around the city and the clear facts of the case are pushing for justice for Roger Lyons and jail for the killer cops.

leave off in the streets. In the Lyons case, McCann has pulled his usual stunt of passing the ball to assistant county medical examiner Warren Hill. In the past McCann has used this underling to let the cops off the hook and keep himself above criticism. Hill and his boss Chestly Irwin let Raymond Marlow off the hook after he shot Jerry Brookshire in the back. The same two said cop Ruiz was justified when he shot down 17 year old Richard Flynn on the Southwest side in 1974.

McCann is on the anti-Breier bandwagon—not because he's against brutality or repression. Repression is his business. McCann's moves fit in with the whole trend in the ruling class to curb the most outrageous moves of the police. The exposure of the police murder and burglary ring in Fox Point, the exposure of the county deputy beating of an inmate in the county jail, the exposure of cops with cocaine and pot—all these are being let out because the people can not tolerate the corruption and brutality of the police.

McCann may be after a few heads in the Lyons' investigation. The resistance and resentment people have against the cops' open trampling on their lives may force McCann to cut a few cops loose.

But to win a victory against police repression the people must demand that the GUILTY COPS BE JAILED FOR MURDER ONE & THAT CHIEF BREIER BE DUMPED IMMEDIATELY. The people of Milwaukee have been abused too long by the goons in blue. The anger and mobilization of the people can push back police brutality.

It was the anger of the people that forced the Lyons case out into the open. But police repression is part and parcel of this system. Whenever a class of parasites daily rips off the majority of people, they've got to have a force of strong-arm thugs to enforce and regulate their order. The violence and vice of the cops will only end when the anger of the people goes over to an organized and conscious movement that can defeat the system that produced Breier, Collins and McCann—the system that killed Roger Lyons. ■



## Editorial

# Stop Breier, Police Repression

Roger Lyons is dead and the cops who killed him are still on the street. Dean Collins, the cop who supervised Lyons' murder, has been promoted to lieutenant by the Fire and Police Commission with police chief Breier's personal recommendation.

People around the city are angry that once again the cops killed in cold blood, as one eyewitness testified, "like a pack of wild dogs..." Lyons' family, his friends and many other people who every day face police harassment and brutality are outraged and demanding justice. In attempting to show that "the system can work" District Attorney McCann has started an investigation and inquest.

People are angry at what the cops get away with. And they are suspicious about how far the inquests, grand juries and investigations will go. They have seen too many white washes. This time McCann and the other bigshots downtown must be forced to punish the killer cops. A firing or suspension isn't enough. It's time that the cops are held accountable for their actions. Dean Collins and the mad-dog cops who

beat Roger Lyons to death at the Bus Stop Tavern must face Murder One and time in Waupun.

The murder of Roger Lyons is not an isolated incident. It is in keeping with the policies Chief Breier has established over the years in the police department. He has dutifully served the rich of the city maintaining their rule and their "law and order."

Breier's elevation to top cop came over the years because he constantly showed himself to be in favor of vicious repression—to hell with anyone's rights. In 1940 he shot a burglary suspect in the back 4 times. In '65 he shot another suspect whose hands were in the air. When Black peoples' anger against discrimination burst into open rebellion in 1967, Breier protected the rich man's system. "If the Blacks rise up again," he said, "we'll put them down again."

Breier tries to run the police department like a secret gestapo style outfit. His most common quote to the media is "No comment." During Breier's reign as police chief the department has been caught red-handed in scandals, including stag parties, tavern payoffs and wife swapping. They're notorious as rough-housing

scab runners, like at Masterlock and in the meatcutters' strike. And they are among the foremost racists around, whether it's staging gambling raids exclusively in the inner city, beating Blacks and Latinos in jail, or just using racial slurs.

Following Breier's example his boys have committed a whole series of murders, usually of Blacks. Snead Carrol killed 19 year old Jackie Ford several years ago. His story was that he tripped "up" the stairs to her apartment and his gun accidentally went off. His story was so good he was promoted. Clifford McKissick, Mary Pendleton, Johnny Starks, Randy Anderson, Charles Daly, Richard Flynn, Jerry Brookshire....these are some of the victims of the Brier years.

The fatal beating of Roger Lyons is the latest abuse that Breier and his cops have committed against the people of Milwaukee. Breier has got to go.

District Attorney McCann makes a big show of being opposed to Breier's fascist methods. But much of what he does is for show. McCann and his office cannot and will not stop the mad dog cops. His job is to pick up in court where the cops

## CARTER and TORRIJOS AGREE

# Gunboat Diplomacy and the Panama Canal

The debate within the ruling class over the Panama Canal treaty has been heating up. Conservative politicians are jumping all over the "American Canal at Panama" issue, attempting to build the kind of coalition of forces that can vault them into the White House in 1980.

To build up public opinion for the treaty, Carter has assembled his own stable of spokesmen, including getting right-wing hero John Wayne to come out in favor of the treaty. Carter even had Panamanian leader, Gen. Omar Torrijos, come to Washington for consultation and media exposure.

Conservatives like Senators Strom Thurmond and Robert Dole and perennial pretender Ronald Reagan are hammering away at the treaty as a sellout of U.S. (imperialist) interests and a concession to "communism." Carter's men are blasting right back. But rather than issuing statements about how the treaty is a slight step away from the U.S. colonial heritage, or good for the Panamanian people, or other such liberal-type rhetoric, they are arguing that the treaty is definitely good for U.S. imperialism and that all genuine cold warriors and anti-communists should be supporting the treaty.

In the first week of formal debate on the treaty, Defense Secretary Brown and an army full of generals, admirals and other braided types paraded their support for the Carter

proposal. They pointed out that if the canal isn't turned over in name, the Panamanian people will probably rise up and take it, in name and in fact. They pointed out that the treaty proposal retains U.S. rights to intervene militarily. Included in these brass fittings was the commander of U.S. forces in the Canal Zone, Lt. Gen. D. McAuliffe.

### U.S. INTERVENTION OKAYED

Two weeks later, when Torrijos came to Washington, any confusion about whether the U.S. could legally intervene, a bone of contention, was cleared up. Carter and Torrijos affirmed that the U.S. could intervene for "defense" but not "in the internal affairs of Panama." In short, the U.S. can send thousands of soldiers but not a single politician!

Good old fashioned imperialist gunboat diplomacy—just a little "modernized"—is the bottom line of both "liberal" and "conservative" arguments.

Carter and Torrijos were anxious about the Oct. 23 Canal referendum in Panama. A really successful vote would "prove" that the canal treaty was widely supported by the people of Panama.

To insure a large "yes" vote Torrijos censored all anti-treaty newspaper articles. The government waged a large-scale public relations campaign to convince the people that the treaty is in their best interests. And when the vote came down it was not surprising that "yes!" won out. Still



PANAMANIANS BURN THE AMERICAN FLAG TO PROTEST DOMINATION OF THEIR COUNTRY AND THE CANAL BY THE U.S.

the margin was only two to one (despite the high probability of fraud) and opposition to the treaty is growing. Many Panamanians feel they are being sold out.

The battle over the treaty will continue to rage. As Henry Kissinger pointed out, the administration must convince the public "that we are not retreating, that we are protecting our long-term interests." And this is

not only true, it is exactly what's wrong with the treaty. U.S. imperialism, boxed into a corner by the fight of the Panamanian people, has been forced to find a new way to keep a grip—an imperialist grip—on this vital waterway. The American people should be clear on what this treaty, as well as its big time opposition, represents. ■



IRANIAN STUDENTS WEAR MASKS TO PROTECT THEIR IDENTITY FOR FEAR OF IMPRISONMENT AND POSSIBLE DEATH AT HOME.

## Iranian Students Prepare to Hit Shah's Visit

The Shah of Iran, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, is coming to the U.S. sometime in mid-November to pay his respects to Jimmy Carter, two weeks before Carter is expected to return the compliment by visiting Iran. The Shah is a fascist, a murdering butcher and a flunkey for the U.S. rulers in the Middle East. Carter will give him a rousing welcome.

Thousands of Iranians studying in the U.S. and progressive Americans are planning to rousingly "welcome" the Shah, too, with a militant national demonstration. (The exact date has not yet been set.) Local conferences have been held in preparation for the action.

Leading up to the demonstration, some local actions are being called by the Iranian Student Association (ISA). In Chicago, for example, on Oct. 26, over 150 people demonstrated at the Standard Oil Building to point out ties between the Shah and the big U.S. energy monopolies.

The ISA has also exposed and denounced an underhanded maneuver by the Iranian Embassy and SAVAK, the Shah's secret police who also operate in the U.S. with the knowledge and cooperation of the American government. These agents have gone to Iranian students and some Americans at college campuses around the country offering a free round-trip

## HUD Secretary Comes to Milw. but Housing Won't

When Jimmy Carter's Secretary of Housing and Urban Development was in town for a fundraising dinner for Henry Ruess, she let it be known what HUD is all about. Patricia Harris said the nation's redevelopment policy has to be one that "accepts the use of the profit motive in pursuit of social objectives."

As she spoke at the Pfister to 800 of Milwaukee's big shots, she commented on the things like "equal opportunity for all races," "good edu-

cation," "clean air and water," "good health" and even "the common struggle for jobs."

The real meaning behind her liberal rhetoric comes through pretty well in a recent HUD study called "Analysis of Major Commercial Districts." Its aim was to cutback government aid for housing and social services. It proposed doing away with the present requirement that at least one fifth of all HUD money has to go to low income housing. The report says that even one fifth being spent on low income housing is "inhibiting the revitalization of the commercial district."

When Ms. Harris was in town, Congressman Ruess gave her a ride around town to see the renewal projects the local big shots want fundraising for. The three areas are downtown West of the river, housing and business on the Park West Freeway corridor and the Menominee River Valley.

With HUD's increased emphasis on commercial development - and "the profit motive," you can bet that a proposed \$10 million dollar grant to install a steam energy system for business in the Menominee River Valley and to replace the Muskego Ave. bridge will get first priority. And what about housing in the area of the freeway that was never built? The people always come last so the city can attract more businessmen like Bernie Peck to the industrial valley. ■

ticket to Washington and \$200-600 to anyone to join in a demonstration friendly to the Shah. The fact shows quite clearly how little support the Shah has among Iranian students studying in the U.S. Elections can sometimes be bought as cheaply as \$10 a shot but to get support for the Shah is a big budget operation.

The Shah's regime is utterly reactionary and corrupt. The actions against the Shah's visit will be powerful and mass expressions of outrage. The fight of Iranian students against the Shah and particularly these demonstrations deserve the sympathy and support of American workers. ■

# Rallies Nationwide Support Affirmative Action

## Bakke Case Under Heavy Fire

As the case of Allen Bakke, would-be medical student, is being considered by the U.S. high court, struggle against the Bakke decision (handed down by the California Supreme Court) is growing from coast to coast. If the Bakke decision is upheld the affirmative action programs won in the struggles of national minorities in the late '60s will be in serious jeopardy.

On October 8 demonstrations were held in numerous cities involving thousands. The actions, called by the National Committee to Overturn the Bakke Decision (NCOBD), were a new high point in the battle to halt attacks on affirmative action. The Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB), student organization of the Revolutionary Communist Party, endorsed and participated in NCOBD actions as well as holding independent actions, particularly on the West Coast.

The largest actions took place in Washington, D.C. where 1500 people marched; Seattle, 1500 people; Los Angeles, 600; Sacramento, 600, and Oakland, 3000. The NCOBD actions

were sponsored and endorsed in some places by as many as 100 different organizations and individuals. Among the groups were a number of professionals' organizations, of lawyers, doctors, medical technicians, and others.

A week later, the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition (ABDC) held an action in the Bay Area. Over 2500 people turned out, mobilized in large part by MECHA, a Chicano student group.

On the day the U.S. Supreme Court opened its hearings on the Bakke case, the RSB in California distributed 5000 armbands declaring: "Minorities and Whites, Unite to Defeat the Bakke Decision!" In a day of struggle, the RSB organized rallies, demonstrations, forums and debates in an effort to build the battle to "bury Bakke."

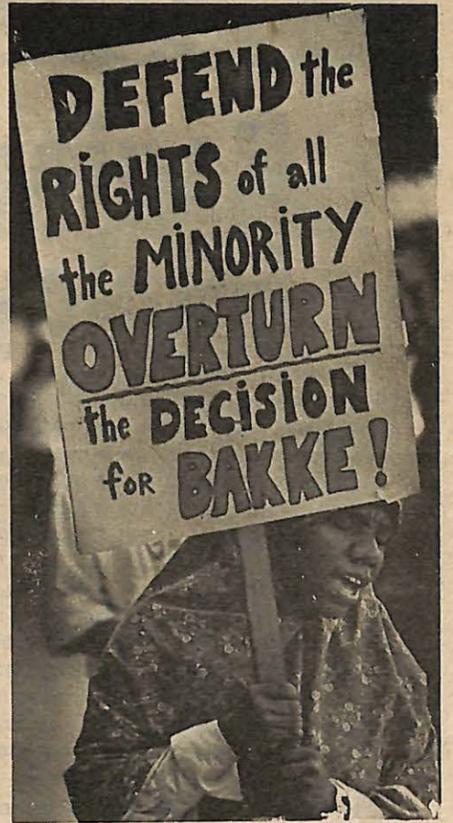
At the University of California at Berkeley, over 2500 students wore armbands. A rally was held where speakers from the RSB and the Chicano students program spoke to the demand to smash the Bakke case and

pointed to the class interests behind the attacks on minority admissions and all students. That evening 800 students attended a debate between pro- and anti-Bakke forces.

At San Jose State in California, 450 students joined a rally organized by the RSB and the Committee to Defeat the Bakke Decision. Afterwards, some 300 people marched on the administration building to confront the school's president, a big supporter of the Bakke decision.

The struggle to defeat the Bakke decision, whose heart is the fight against national oppression and inequality, is very important. Some recent maneuvers of the Supreme Court have indicated that this particular case may be sent back to lower courts. Even if a victory is won, there will be continued attempts to block affirmative action or make it meaningless.

But a line is being drawn and a movement growing, focused on the Bakke case. It is saying loudly and militantly that the attack on affirma-



BATTLING BAKKE!

tive action, the attacks on minorities, must be battled and stopped. ■

## Loss of Jobs, Loss of Services Threatened

# Budget Cuts Hit Welfare Dept

This year's county budget cuts hit hardest at the welfare department. Over 166 welfare case workers are threatened with layoffs. If the cuts go through, welfare recipients face an almost total breakdown in services. Already the waits are long, coming back day after day just to see a case worker. Often it's another two month wait until the check finally comes. If the state refuses to add a million dollars to the county's budget and, in fact takes away another million, there is no way the welfare department will be able to function without the protection of the National Guard.

For county workers, the effect of the new budget will be felt the day it goes into effect. January 1st 115 civil service and 51 CETA workers are slated to be laid off. Another 80 will be laid off if the extra million gets cut. This will leave only 260 workers to do all the financial assistance work for a growing number of welfare cases. On October 28th case workers began a protest by dumping

over a thousand cases on Silverman's desk. These cases are the overload that the workers are presently handling. They also began an action to refuse overtime making it clear that they were not going to put in extra hours to help catch up the backlog just so they could get laid off in January. Already this year case workers have put in over 40,000 hours of overtime, especially in the last 6 weeks since a freeze in hirings began.

County Executive O'Donnell's answer to this problem is to try and blame it all on the state government and to request \$75,000 for a study on county worker absenteeism. O'Donnell recently spent \$25,000 to have his office remodeled.

As the winter goes on the most immediate effects of this cutback will be felt by those needing assistance, welfare mothers, minimum wage and part time workers, those disabled and unemployed. Now boxes of unprocessed applications are shifted from floor to floor. There are 3652 unprocessed welfare cases. If

the cuts go through extra space will be needed just to store the overload of applications the case workers can't get to. The wait will stretch from one to two months into closer to 6 months. The increasing impoverishment of the lowest section of the working class is clearly intended by the system to create a greater threat to the jobs and wage levels of all workers.

Many now leave the office on 12th and Vliet every day with nothing to show for it except a ticket to come back the next day. These will turn into hundreds each day if the cuts go through. And many more will be discouraged from coming at all.

The case workers and the aid recipients aren't the only victims of the supervisors' ax. Last year 400 county workers' jobs were lost. Many were laid off in the county institutions in the laundry stores and house-keeping and later replaced by \$2/hr. county welfare people. Now the county is trying to lay off hundreds more in food service and bring in non-union

outside food service. Food stamp outreach centers as well as the south side welfare office are threatened with closings. And at the children's home 48 beds out of a total 112 may be eliminated. Add this to a slowdown of hiring at the county hospitals, refusal to pay Title 19 money for abortions, and refusals to add more slips for Great Lakes fishermen at the marina. It is clear the county budget is an attack on all working and poor people in Milwaukee. It's going to create an explosive situation at the welfare building and beyond. ■

## Meanwhile... Pay Raises for State Officials

While a working man and woman's pay keeps falling behind inflation, state government officials are busy voting themselves more pay. The legislators feel they are doing such a good job that they deserve an extra \$5 a day spending money. So they raised the daily fun money from \$25 to \$30. They jacked their pay up from \$17,843 to \$19,767. Remember that's all "above the table" money. Who knows how much they take in under the table. Governor Schreiber must have been worried about how he's going to make it when he gets old. So the lawmakers jacked his pay up from \$44,292 to \$65,800. Now he's the 4th highest paid governor. Too bad he'll never catch up to Jay Rockefeller, governor of West Virginia. Besides buying little Jay a political career, John D. Rockefeller left his son a small piece of the rock. Jay reports his worth at over \$19.7 million. Sounds like a regular Beverly Hillbilly. ■



CASE WORKERS PROTESTED BY DUMPING WORK OVERLOADS ON SILVERMAN'S DESK.

# Carter Attacks Unemployment Insurance "We Demand Jobs - Union

## Regional Actions Unite Employed & Unemployed

On October 28-29 in the streets of New York City, Chicago, Seattle and San Francisco, hundreds of workers, employed and unemployed marched and rallied, putting forward the demands, "We Want Jobs—Union Jobs at Union Wages" and "Stop the Attacks on Unemployment Insurance." The regional demonstrations, each with delegations from other cities, hit at the policies being carried out under Carter, aimed at undercutting unemployment insurance and forcing unemployed workers into low paying slave wage jobs.

The actions were focused on getting out the news of Carter's hidden attacks and preparing for major actions in January at the time of Carter's State of the Union address. This will

be a joint action by the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee and the National United Workers Organization-NUWO.

The speaker from UWOC at the rally of 300 in Union Square, NY explained: "According to George Meany and some of the liberal politicians, Carter and his programs are 'Too little, too late'. They say Carter hasn't done enough. 'Too little, too late'?—That's a joke. One of the first major laws that Carter signed after coming into office was a bill cutting 26 weeks off the unemployment benefits. That's too little? He came out with 150,000 public service jobs that paid minimum wages, jobs that replaced laid-off unionized city

workers. That's too little? Well, that's not why we're out here today. He ain't done too little, too late. He's doing too much too fast! And we are out here today to say that we are going head up against these policies and unite the working class employed and unemployed, to fight in our own interests."

### THE MARCH IN CHICAGO

In Chicago, workers gathered from the Midwest area for two separate car caravans through the city, starting at a Zenith factory which is running to Taiwan and at US Steel, which is threatening to close down. Part of the route went by Chicago's richest neighborhood—the Gold Coast—and the workers let their anger be heard. After the caravans, 150 marched through the shopping area of the Loop to Zenith's showcase store and to the federal building where a proclamation was posted denouncing the attacks on unemployment. A worker from Zenith, a member of NUWO, laid out how Zenith is trying to hide behind the imports question. "When it comes down to it, their choice for us is this; work for 65¢ like they're forced to in Taiwan, or be without a job at all. We say we have another choice—to fight the companies' offensive and to fight the layoffs and runaways."

A speaker from Milwaukee, the former head of that city's National Welfare Rights Organization and now a member of UWOC, denounced Carter's workfare proposal, "Who the hell wants to work for \$2/hr. When they throw you out on the street now, they are saying the one way you can get back in is by working for \$2/hr. But you can't support a family on \$2/hr, you can't even support yourself!"

### CARTER IN DETROIT

On October 21, 70 workers showed up to confront Carter when he went to Detroit for a 'Congress of the Poor.' The audience was mostly politicians and handpicked government approved "po' folk". There were cops on horses to prevent the picketers from entering. But the cops were afraid to completely push the demonstrators out of shouting range because of the scene they would have created.

While these actions were not enough in themselves to stop the attacks, they were important in exposing what is happening. The capitalists are doing everything in their power to hide these attacks as "reforms" and come up with thousands of excuses for the layoffs coming down—any reason they can come up with which will shift the blame from themselves.

But through actions like these, word is getting out and more people are seeing the necessity for action and are getting involved. As a worker from Electric Boat said after the rally in New York, "As far as I'm concerned, they haven't heard the last of us. We're gonna take our organization and struggle to Washington in January and hit them with the unity of employed and unemployed."



CROWD AT THE BUDGET HEARINGS

## County Budget Arouse

The knives are out at the County board. County Executive O'Donnell has proposed to eliminate general assistance, a bare subsistence welfare program mainly granted to single men who are out of work and out of unemployment insurance. Anybody who has ever waited around for days at the Welfare Office trying to get some help and anyone who knows people need work at decent jobs to hold their head up would like nothing better than to see that House of Bondage at 12th & Vliet destroyed entirely. The welfare system in the United States does nothing more than keep you breathing long enough to be insulted and pushed around another day.

But O'Donnell's plan starts at the bottom and steps down, not up. His plan is for union-busting and slave labor jobs. Anyone who applies for the General Assistance program will be referred to:

- 1) "Pay for Work" program (Work Experience and Training Program). This program orders general assistance recipients to work at \$2/hr. 32 hours a week, in many cases replacing union workers. Cleaning streets and parks, shovelling snow, building maintenance, typing, etc. If you refuse, you get cut off what little assistance you were getting from general relief.
- 2) "Learn to Earn." This new program pays \$46 a week to go to school. For job skill training? Welding, machinist? No such luck. You learn to fill out applications.



ZENITH'S RUNAWAY OF 5000 JOBS TO NON-UNION DICTATORSHIP TAIWAN IS TYPICAL OF THE PRESENT WAVE OF ATTACKS ON JOBS.

## Jarchow Caught Red Handed UC Examiners Back the Bosses

Anyone who ever went through an appeal for unemployment benefits knows that the deck is stacked against us and in favor of the companies and state. Well, now it's official. For the last 5 years Melvin Jarchow, a so-called neutral agent of the state, has hovered over appeals claims examiners in his position of chief examiner. He made it his declared and open policy that the examiners should believe the company, not the unemployed worker.

Several present and former examiners have come forward to testify that he blackmailed them into deciding against peoples' claims, and even reversed their decisions when they had favored the unemployed. Jarchow made the point very clear: If you rule against my country club golf partners, you won't be around long.

Thousands of unemployed workers have faced hunger and desperation, threats to their family stability and

even self-respect because this parasite Jarchow ruled that they had been dismissed for MISCONDUCT, and therefore were ineligible for benefits. So what happens to Jarchow for his "misconduct"? He got transferred with a cut in pay, all the way down to \$28,500 a year.

In fact, Jarchow was doing his job. He was no small time flunkey, he was the chief of all claims appeals in the state of Wisconsin. The working class has unemployment benefits today because we fought for them. But any chance the bosses get, they will cut, delay or deny them. They cry that the funds aren't there, that people are "taking advantage" of the benefits. Recently a bill passed the legislature cutting the amount the companies have to pay into the funds for unemployment benefits.

Jarchow and others like him should be thrown out on the streets, and that would be going light on them. ■

## What Carter

Spring 1977—Under the Carter administration, the Supreme Court ruled in key cases against unemployment benefits for workers laid off because of a strike in another part of the same corporation. They ruled against benefits for striking workers because of a policy of so-called government non-interference and neutrality in free collective bargaining.

May 1—Carter proposal on unemployment becomes law after Congress rushes it through. This law, PL 95-19, cut 13 weeks off unemployment immediately and 13 more weeks on Oct. 31, 1977. It contains a provision that any worker on federal benefits must accept any job offer, in any

# Jobs at Union Wages'

## Marxist - Leninist Analysis What Causes Unemployment



DEMANDS AND WINS A LARGER ROOM.

### Budget Cuts Anger

The best application in the world doesn't help when there aren't any jobs to be had. Only 144 out of 1907 people referred to Learn to Earn ever got jobs in private industry, supposedly the No. 1 priority of the program.

Resistance to this cut-throat attack has taken many forms. More than 1/3 referred to Learn to Earn in its first 3 months either refused to even show up for this farce or got disgusted and quit, and got cut off general assistance. So many people quit the Pay for Work program that Ken Deal, the director of the program for nearly 10 years since it started, quit last June. He said the County ran it like a "peanut program" and that no one in his right mind would work nearly full-time for only \$8 a month more than they were making on general relief. The County Labor Council passed a resolution against Pay For Work. AFSCME District Council 48, representing the union workers who are losing jobs to the project, sued the County.

At the County Board Budget Hearing on October 29, people's anger exploded. First the nearly 300 people who were protesting a number of vicious cuts in the budget proposals threatened to bust up the hearing if the Supervisors didn't move to a room where they could fit in to hear the proceedings. The Supervisors gave in. Then speaker after speaker denounced the slave-labor programs.

The fight against the cuts will continue in November. ■

### Has Done

trade, so long as it pays at least the minimum wage and 20% more, before taxes, than what the worker is collecting on compensation.

August 6—Carter presents his proposal on welfare to Congress. This would eliminate food stamps and aid to families with dependent children. Welfare recipients without young children would be forced to work at minimum wage public or private sector jobs or lose their welfare checks—setting up a labor pool to replace laidoff unionized workers. For the disabled, aged and parents with young children benefits would be fixed at 65% of the poverty level with no increase for inflation. ■

Today we hear a million explanations for the fact that millions are unemployed in the U.S. We hear that people are just too damn lazy to look for work, while there are plenty of jobs available. We hear it's the immigrants. Then it's foreign countries—foreign workers they imply whose products are imported to the U.S.

But every one of these tales is a lie and a cover-up, spread from the top by the rich and powerful who have every interest in pushing confusion. Unemployment is built right into the capitalist system, which breeds the ridiculous and criminal situation of multitudes out of work in the midst of tremendous wealth. Unemployment comes from the basic nature of capitalism. In fact, capitalism can't exist without it.

In this system, capital (mainly in the form of money to be invested) chases after profit. Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, who first analyzed this system a hundred years ago, said that the capitalist is really only capital personified. His money must continue to make money or he'll go out of business, no matter what he wants to do.

#### WILD CHASE FOR PROFIT

The result of this chasing after profit, and the constant competition for more profit, is that capital is constantly being pulled out of one area of investment and thrown into another which seems more profitable. The economy only develops by "fits and starts," constantly throwing people in and out of work.

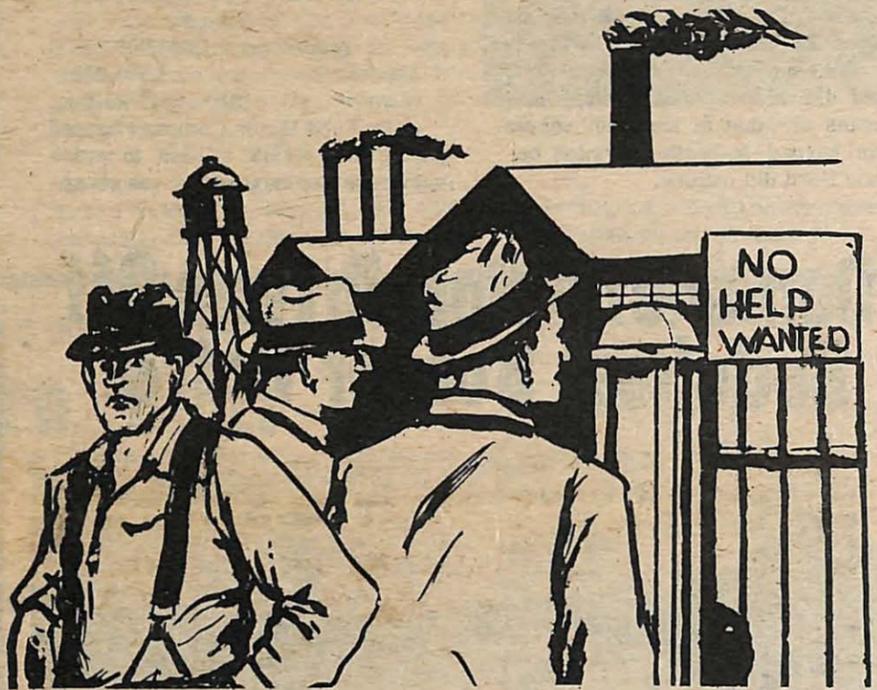
This results in constant dislocations in the economy and more suffering for the people—as in the recent case, for example, of Zenith, which is laying off 5000 workers, not because nobody needs or wants the TVs they make, but because there's more profit to be made in setting up factories in low wage areas like Taiwan and Mexico.

Capitalism doesn't—and can't—plan production and economic development in a rational way and according to the needs of the people. Each capitalist or corporation does try to plan things out for its own operation, and to some extent the big corporations conspire to fix prices, divide up markets, etc. But they can never cooperate to plan development in an all-around way, nor can they even maintain their agreements for very long because of their conflicting drives for a bigger share of the market.

festos, "live only so long as they find work and who find work only so long as their labor increases capital"—in other words, the working class. This process of driving more and more people into the ranks of the working class, so that they have no choice but to work for wages for the capitalists who own the factories and big farms, goes on constantly as capitalism develops.

#### RESERVE ARMY OF LABOR

From the beginning, the capitalists



This has been the way with capitalism from the beginning. Capitalism arises and can only arise on the basis of ruining a large section of the population, the small farmers, artisans and other small property owners

Capital crushes them, drives them off their land, deprives them of ownership of any means of production, and converts huge numbers of them into a class of people who, as Marx and Engels put it in the Communist Mani-

have a pool of poor people, not only employed in their factories, but also to serve as what Marx and Engels called the "industrial reserve army" of the unemployed.

The capitalists need such a "reserve army" because, given the anarchy of capitalism, its "booms and busts," they need a group of people who can be added to the work force quickly in times when new markets are opened and production must be expanded to maximize profit, and who can be thrown out on the streets when, inevitably, production puts too much on the market and the gears have to be thrown into reverse.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT IS BUILT IN

The reason why the capitalists always have such an "industrial reserve" on hand is the way that capitalism itself develops. In order to beat out the competition, each capitalist is constantly forced to try to make his products more cheaply, both by speedup and other measures designed to get more production out of each worker, and by buying new machinery which will do the same. The capitalist has no choice, because if he doesn't do this, some other capitalist will, and drive him out of business.

All this means that a smaller and smaller proportion of the money invested goes for hiring workers, and raw materials. While a particular successful company might expand its hiring, it will spend a smaller and



EMPLOYED, UNEMPLOYED MARCH IN CHICAGO LOOP

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# How Much is Your Life Worth? Ford Motor Says Less Than \$11

The Ford Pinto is a death trap. The gas tank, located a mere six inches forward of the rear bumper, is liable to rupture at collision impact speed of five MPH or more. Every crash test Ford did at speeds over 25 MPH ruptured the fuel tank. When you're driving behind one of the two million Pintos on the road today, check it out. That long silver object you see below the bumper is the gas tank.

The Ford Motor Company knew its gas tank was dangerous before the car went into production, yet they did nothing to improve its safety. All that was required was to install an \$11 rupture-resistance fuel tank, or use a 'saddle-type' gas tank—which Ford owns the patent on and which is used by over 40 Japanese and European car models in the Pinto's price range—or use a \$5.08 rubber bladder, which Ford had tested successfully in 1970. Until 1977, Ford did none of these things. Estimates are that at least 500 people have burned to death in Pintos because Ford did nothing.

Yet in 1972 the Ford Motor Company wrote an internal memorandum titled "Fatalities Associated with Crash-Induced Fuel Leakage and Fires," with a section on "benefits" and costs. The following is from the report:

**Benefits:**

Savings: 180 burn deaths, 180 serious burn injuries, 2100 burned vehicles.

Unit Cost: \$200,00 per death  
\$67,00 per injury,  
\$700 per vehicle.

Total Benefit:  $180 \times (\$200,000)$   
 $+ 180 \times (\$67,000)$   
 $+ 2100 \times (\$700)$   
 $= \$49.5 \text{ million.}$

**Costs:**

Sales: 11 million cars, 1.5 million light trucks.

Unit Cost: \$11 per car, \$11 per truck.

Total Cost:  $11,000,000 (\$11)$   
 $1,500,000$   
 $(\$11) \$137 \text{ million.}$

The Ford Motor Company figured paying out \$49.5 million to crash survivors and next of kin was cheap-



AROUND 500 WILL DIE BECAUSE OF THE PINTO GAS TANK AND 5000 WILL BE SERIOUSLY BURNED--ALL TO MAKE MORE PROFITS.

er. Cheaper than \$11 per car—or even \$5.08 per car. But maybe they shouldn't be blamed. After all, they only figured on killing (and paying for) 180 people, not killing at least 500. And there have been probably at least 5000 people seriously burned

many scarred horribly for life, not the 180 Ford figured on. Maybe their figures would have added up different.

To the two million people who own and drive pre-1977 Pintos right now: How does it add up for you? ■

## Demonstration Drives Off Bedsheet Border Patrol



The Ku Klux Klan got a lot of publicity from the capitalists' newspapers and media around the country recently with the announcement that they are planning to patrol the borders from Texas to California to stop Mexican workers—a cowardly and reactionary scheme. But the whole story of this announcement wasn't widely reported. After receiving a helicopter ride and a grand tour of the facilities of the Immigration and Naturalization Services in San Diego, a fact that the INS later tried to deny, David Duke, one of the leading lizards of the Klan and a handful of followers were sent scurrying by a few well-aimed eggs and shouts of "Death to the Klan" and "Smash the KKK" from 25 demonstrators, primarily from the Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

Following the Klan's announcement the VVAW, together with the LA chapter of the National United Workers Organization, the Revolutionary Student Brigade, the African Liberation Support Committee, and the Revolutionary Communist Party began organizing to take the Klan on. A leaflet was put out calling for a demonstration in San Diego on October 25, the day the Klan was supposed to begin their patrol. The leaflet brought out a tremendous hatred for the Klan and many people decided



THE KLAN HAS BEGUN TRYING TO WHIP UP HYSTERIA AGAINST MEXICANS.

to drive the 2 1/2 hours to San Diego to make a stand. The question of the Klan is a big one in the area because of their activities in Camp Pendleton and the railroading court martial of the Pendleton 14: 80 people turned out for the demonstration, but the Klan was nowhere to be seen, which was probably just as good for them. ■

## Companies and Union Leaders Put the Lid on Can Workers

Can workers, already hit by layoffs, plant closings, speedup and forced overtime, found out the bosses had another ace up their sleeves - the sellout leaders of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA). As provisions of the new national contract began to leak out, it is clear that there is very little good news to report.

For months, can workers have been demanding to know what was going on in the negotiations in Miami Beach. At American Can in Milwaukee, when union officials asked for strike authorization, workers said, "Tell us what we're going to strike about." The response there, and at can union meetings across the country was, "Leave it to us and we'll take care of you."

Now that the union presidents have ratified the national contract, it is easy to see that the bosses and their sacred profits are the only ones the union was looking out for.

Otis Brubaker, research director for USWA, claims the contract provides "unprecedented levels of income security" in the face of plant closings and layoffs. Hundreds of jobs are being lost because of the development of two-piece can technology. These are the same promises these "labor leaders" made when they sold out basic steel workers earlier this year. Within 6 months, 20,000 steelworkers have been laid off. So much for their claims of income security.

Brubaker admitted that the union made concessions on overtime and scheduling in "an effort to save jobs and at the same time give (the companies) the latitude they need to get their share of the business." For can

workers, the implication is clear. Either the union fought for the workers' demands or the bosses' profits. And these "labor leaders," sunning themselves in Miami Beach, wining and dining on union dues, decided the company came first.

What did the workers get in return for these concessions? A so-called "improved" pension plan that enables layed off workers to collect their pensions, provided their age and years of service add up to 65. The cost of living provision on the pension, highly acclaimed as a major victory last time around, was ripped off.

But the whole story of the sellout of '77 is yet to unfold. For the first time, rank and file can workers in six cities began organizing to make the contract a battle. In Los Angeles, workers at National Can put forward the demands of the rank and file at a union meeting. The hacks were shocked that anyone would dare to "interfere" with their sellout plan. Finally, workers forced them to send a telegram to Miami demanding to know what was going on in negotiations.

At Continental Can in Milwaukee, workers who wanted to raise questions about the contract were denied the right to speak at the union meeting. The officials only wanted to discuss holiday turkeys.

Although the workers can't vote on the national contract, each company must negotiate specific provisions with the union, and then a third round of talks begins on local issues. Can workers are already mobilizing to slow the bosses down. ■

# Thousands Greet Freedom Fighter Cordero in Puerto Rico

Andres Figueroa Cordero, one of five Puerto Rican nationalists imprisoned in the U.S. for over a generation, was released in early October and returned to cheering crowds in his home in Puerto Rico. 2000 supporters greeted Figueroa, a symbol of Puerto Rican independence, when he arrived in San Juan and two days later 6000 rallied to honor him in his hometown of Aguada.

Figueroa, who is terminally ill with cancer, called on "every Puerto Rican" to "fight to the end against Yankee imperialism," and promised to continue to fight for Puerto Rico's independence from the U.S. in the few weeks he has left to live.

Figueroa together with Lolita Lebron, Rafael Cancel Miranda and Irving Flores Rodriguez were given life sentences for spraying the U.S. House of Representatives with gunfire in 1954, shouting "Free Puerto Rico!" The House, at that time, was debating a bill to continue U.S. control and plunder of Puerto Rico. A fifth member of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, Oscar Collazo, is also serving a life sentence in the U.S. for attempting to assassinate President Truman in 1950.

All five prisoners refused to ask for a pardon, saying that they have done nothing wrong and that they will never ask the U.S. imperialists to forgive them. The government has used the fact that they have not asked for such a pardon as an excuse to keep them as the longest-term political prisoners in the U.S.

President Carter's announcement that Figueroa's release was because of illness, on "humanitarian grounds," were words of sheer hypocrisy. Figueroa has had cancer for at least five years and the government has denied repeatedly that he was seriously ill or in need of special medical treatment. The truth is that Carter, in the midst of all his "human rights" propaganda, wanted to avoid the embarrassment, uproar and protests that would have resulted from Figueroa's death in prison.

The fight to free the remaining four Nationalist prisoners is increasing in strength in Puerto Rico and in this country, and is an important part of the struggle to free Puerto Rico. Soon after Figueroa's release, 30 demonstrators seized the Statue of Liberty, demanding the release of the four and independence for Puerto Rico. While Figueroa's strength is



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waning, many others are rising to take his place. Figueroa's call for his country's liberation, after years in prison and failing health, is indicative

of the strength and determination of Puerto Ricans who will one day smash the chains of U.S. domination. ■

## Victory Against Racine Cops

A year ago John Simmons, an inmate of Waupun State Prison, was beaten by police while being returned to the Racine county jail. Just 3-4 weeks earlier two Chicanos, the Ruiz brothers, were also brutally beaten by the same jailers. These police attacks come on the heels of growing police brutality and harassment in Racine by street cops, as well as the county jailers, aimed especially at minorities—Blacks and Latinos.

On Oct. 31, 1976 Simmons was lying in a hammock along with other prisoners in the rec room watching TV. He had just been found innocent in a trial. But the Racine jailers didn't like the court's finding and they decided to hand out their own sentence. In walked an officer and ordered Simmons out of his hammock, saying it was in violation of prison regulations.

The next thing Simmons knew, the rec room was emptied of the other

prisoners, 3 overstuffed jailers, armed with steel chairs, began beating him. Swollen and bruised, for 3 days Simmons was denied medical treatment. His eye was permanently damaged.

Simmons was a slim, 5'8" Black man, armed with a dust pan for self defense. He was charged with 2 counts of assaulting a 'peace officer'.

Knowing the type of railroad justice that put him in Waupun in the first place, Simmons called on his family to pack the courtroom and show support. John's family, with other members of the National United Workers Organization, went into action. They called for a demonstration and press conference on the day Simmons went to court, demanding the charges be dropped and for an end to police brutality. The call alone was enough to freak out the local ruling class. They were already up-

tight about a lawsuit filed against the county jailers for police brutality by the Ruiz brothers.

First they tried to terrorize Simmons by sending a message through his lawyer that he would get 16 years on top of his present sentence if his case became a "political issue." Next they offered the carrot—"no extra time if he pleaded guilty and no demonstration happened." The court finally dropped one charge and no extra time was added to his sentence.

In this case the mere threat of people getting together and going up against the power that be was enough to stop a brother from getting railroaded by the rich man's court system. The road to getting the police off our backs is a long and hard one but with the growing unity of the people we can win victories and ultimately get out from under their thumbs. ■

### Retaliations at Waupun and Fox Lake

Retaliations are still being reported against prisoners who took part in protests against harassment this past spring at Waupun and Fox Lake. The Indian group has been disbanded at Fox Lake because 2 Indians were involved in the riot. Before the June '77 protest the group was allowed to meet 3 times a week, to have guests twice a year for a social, and to observe cultural and religious traditions.

At Waupun, 4 inmates have been charged with assault on a guard. Doug Fellenz, J.J. Holland, Blanco, and Billy Wells had to appear in Dodge County Court on October 14. The incident stemmed from a pushing incident on the rec field in which several inmates objected to the guards attempt to take Wells to "the hole" for a petty rule infraction.

After all the talk of reform and all the bad publicity they gave the guards around the time of the state workers strike, "the walls" is still the maximum institution of repression. The men on the inside will keep on fighting. ■

## Drop the Charges - Bust the Union Busters

The four workers who were arrested for disorderly conduct at the Advanced Management Research sponsored conference on union busting will go on trial December 15th in city court. These four, along with the hundreds who have fought union busting in one way or another, have made this struggle a big issue. TV 12 even did a series on this threat. It's about time. Most recently we have seen unions at Banta publishers in Menasha and at La Crosse Telephone Co. get beaten in long strikes. Support the 4 and build a workers' movement that won't let our unions get wiped out. ■



AMRI WAS FORCED TO HOLD THEIR CONFERENCE UNDER ARMED GUARD

Editor supports unions everywhere except in his own plant

# STRIKE AT MADISON NEWS IN 2nd MONTH

The strike of almost 200 newspaper workers against Madison Newspapers, Inc., the publisher of Madison's two daily papers, is starting its second month. The writers, pressmen, printers and mailers on strike are picketing around the clock and putting out a widely distributed strike newspaper as an alternative to the scab papers. This effort is up against an all-out effort by Madison conglomerate Lee Enterprises, half owner of MNI, to bust the unions.

While all the unions have made it clear they are ready to negotiate, MNI has only met with each union once or twice during the last four weeks. When the unions proposed compromises, MNI answered with "offers" like no strike deals and reclassification of jobs—in other words, lower the wages.

MNI has hired scabs at lower than union pay. One of MNI's demands is for an "open shop" where they can keep the scabs on after a negotiated settlement, but keep them out of the union. The National Labor Relations Board just issued a complaint against the daily morning paper, The Wisconsin State Journal. They ruled against the State Journal for refusing to agree that strikers would be offered their jobs back when a contract is reached.

An MNI camera scans the picketline

continuously, watching for possible criminal charges and reasons to fire strikers. A Lee reporter flown in from Iowa came to Madison to make the rounds of the local Madison radio and TV stations. He asked for all their tapes and transcripts of coverage of the strike as possible evidence of "defamatory statements." Eight out of ten stations handed over the material.

The editor of the Capital Times, the daily evening paper, called the Cap Times strikers "revolutionaries". He said "the Guild is dominated by a group that seeks to overthrow the system by creating a revolution at the Cap Times." Diane Woodstock, lead of the Guild, said McMillan apparently didn't really understand the issues of the strike.

McMillan is probably still smarting from community criticism of the Capital Times since the Cap Times had traditionally been a pro-union paper. The University of Wisconsin Daily Cardinal said "He supports unions everywhere except in his own plant."

Sympathy for the strikers has grown with the reports of MNI union busting tactics and a lot of people resent the fact that a large out-of-state conglomerate wants to win control of the only papers in Madison. Workers see the union busting as a growing threat statewide.

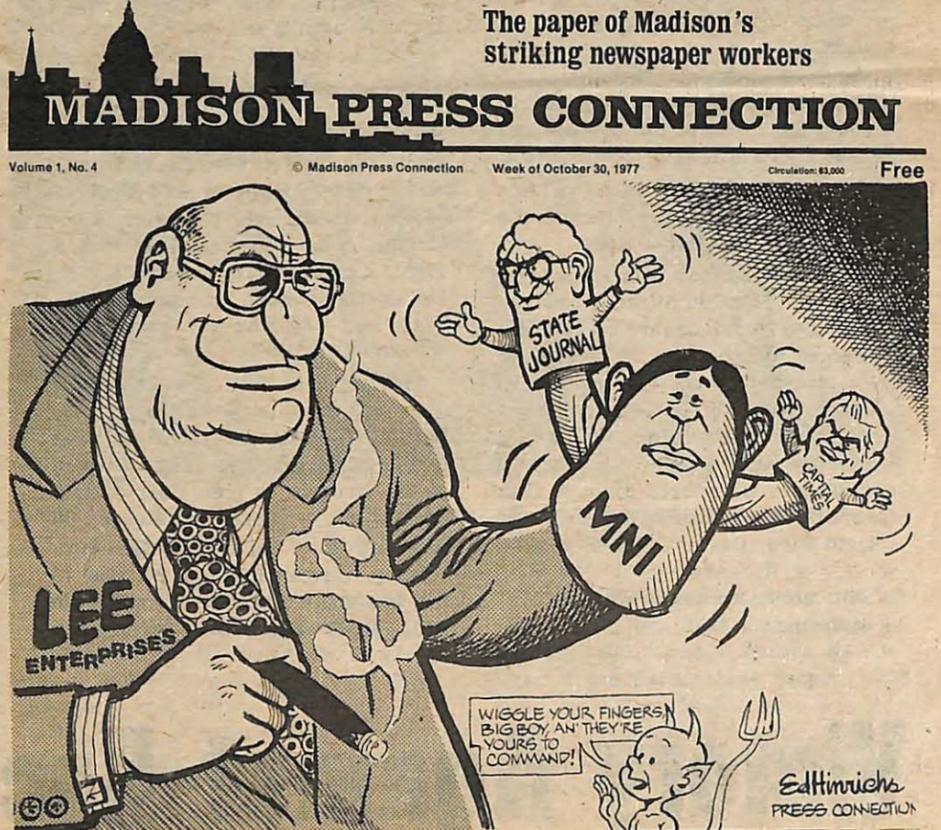
The Madison Press Connection, the strikers paper, has done a lot to inform the community about the strike, as well as presenting a highly praised variety of articles about local news. Strikers work together in an atmosphere of freedom and respect to put out the paper every Sunday, with members of all the unions working to produce 63,000 papers that are distributed free to Madisoners, at no

charge, by volunteers.

In an open letter to Cap Times editor McMillan one striker said "In short, we're having fun and we're getting the news out without anyone having to behave like a boss ... Right now reporters have received only a small amount of money compared to what our Guild contract provided at the Cap Times; you're right there. But come on over and see how rich we feel."

With one month down the end isn't in sight for the strike but people are determined to keep on picketing, put out the Press Connection and spread the boycott which has hurt MNI's profits. ■

The paper of Madison's striking newspaper workers



Who's John Schmidt Dating Now?

## Candidates Line Up For Governor's Race

The upcoming race for governor of Wisconsin has already brought out a lot of revealing information about the intentions of the candidates. Each one in his own way has already tried to show how responsible they'll be to big business interests.

In an October 13 speech at the Milwaukee Athletic Club, Governor Schreiber told an audience of executives that he would continue the Pat Lucey policies of tax loopholes for the corporations. A month earlier he indicated his administration was thinking of abolishing all state corporate income tax!

Carley, the likely Democratic challenger, has all the credentials to appeal to the money men in the state. After unsuccessful races for governor and lieutenant governor in the '60s, he used his political connections to amass a fortune. He became a millionaire with executive positions with Inland Steel Development Corporation, Midland National Bank, Continental Mortgage Insurance Corp., and the Milwaukee Bucks. His current involvements include Viking Media Cable Television, Wisconsin Power and Light and the Carley Capital Group. Concerned about his politi-

cal image, Carley has thus far declined to disclose his net worth.

Bobby Kasten is a Bayside rich boy getting a head start in politics. He was catapulted into the U.S. Congress through the influence of his family, one of the wealthiest in the state. His father is president of the 1st Wisconsin National Bank. The family originally gained its money as major shareholders of Briggs & Stratton stock. He opposes "excessive government regulation." One way this came out lately was voting against a bill that would limit an employers' ability to dodge union elections.

What has been the response of the official labor spokesman, John Schmidt? He's acting like a love-struck school girl playing hard to get. While he's clearly in Schreiber's corner, he's following the national AFL-CIO policy of dangling union votes and money in front of both

parties. They're trying to look like they're really not in love with the Democrats. Recently Schmidt paraded before a statewide meeting of Republican Party campaigners. Schmidt and AFL-CIO honchos like COPE strategist Alexander Barkan say they'll give favors to whichever candidates give them the best deal. They are miffed at some Democrats for voting against AFL-CIO sponsored legislation. Schmidt's attempts to make the Democrats jealous have nothing to do with the real demands of working people. This kind of labor politics that Schmidt and George Meany talk about is a total disgrace. Does it have anything to do with the mobilization of workers to fight in our own interests? Or is it based on trying to get just enough to look good for politicians who are bought and paid for by the top corporations and banks? ■

## 120 STRIKERS MURDERED IN ECUADOR

The Ecuadorian government has the blood of 120 workers on its hands. When workers at the Aztra Sugar mill had their demands for a wage increase turned down repeatedly, they staged a sitdown strike and took control of the mill. The government, which is part owner of the mill, ordered a police attack on October 19 with tear gas grenades. The cops drove a large number of strikers into giant water vats in the plant and let them drown there. 120 died. The Ecuadorian working class will not forget. This crime will surely be avenged. ■

## Author of pro-Nazi Book Speaks in Suburb

### THE HOAX OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY



by A. R. BUTZ

A guy named Arthur R. Butz showed his face in Wauwatosa Oct. 21. He goes around the country saying that the Nazis didn't kill Jews during World War 2. He wrote a book called "The Hoax of the 20th Century". Butz claims that most of the Jews in Germany were deported or died of typhoid. He says the gas chambers of Dachau and other concentration camps weren't for gasing people but were for disinfecting clothes. He says that the history books and survivors of the camp lied to us. His book is so full of distortions that no company in America would even print it. It had to be printed in Great Britain by a company that also published a pamphlet called "Did 6 Million Really Die?"

Butz's appearance in Wauwatosa was sponsored by the Liberty Lobby, a group that cries that the U.S. is "living under the United Nations Char-

ter", that everybody to the left of Jimmy Carter is a Communist, that water fluoridation is a plot and that the government is working against private enterprise. Now that the Nazis are afraid to show their faces, more "respectable" suburban right wing organizations like the Liberty Lobby are doing their dirty work. Along with the John Birch Society, the Euro-American Alliance, and others, the Liberty Lobby is pushing Arthur Butz and his trash heap of lies.

Butz, the Liberty Lobby, and their kind have met with the wrath of the people. A group from Concerned Jewish Citizens picketed Butz's appearance in Wauwatosa. In the future these brown shirts in business suits will suffer the same fate the Nazis did in Humboldt and Jackson Parks. Run 'em out of town! ■

# What Causes Unemployment cont.

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smaller percentage of its total investment fund on wages. Relatively fewer workers are employed, in comparison with machines, which in effect replace the workers. The more that big capitalists swallow up little ones and the more capital becomes centralized in the hands of a few financiers, the faster and the more violent this process becomes.

This is a historic tendency of capitalism which happens inevitably as the system develops. In this country it's usually referred to as "automation," and many workers on the unemployment lines know what it means for the working class. The development of machines and more efficient methods of production, instead of making life easier for the workers, under capitalism only leads to more unemployment and misery.

These machines that displace the workers and are bought with the profits wrung from the workers' own sweat—they are the fruits of the workers' own labor. The more profit the workers produce for the capitalists, the worse the position of the majority of workers is in relation to the capitalists. As Marx put it in *Capital*, his thorough analysis of the capitalist system, "in proportion as capital accumulates, the lot of the laborer, be his payment high or low, must grow worse."

## A CLUB OVER WORKERS' HEADS

This is true not only because of unemployment in itself and the suffering that it causes, but also because of the effect that unemployment has on the whole working class, employed and unemployed. The more the capitalists wring out of the workers, the more they throw out of work, and the more that are out of work, the bigger the threat of unemployment that the capitalists use as a club to make those still employed work even harder. The capitalists try to use the industrial reserve army to hold down the wages

and the sicknesses of the system partly hidden for a time are now more and more exposed and growing worse.

Especially in the last few years, what's happened in the factories of this country, with unemployment and speedup coming down on the working class like a one-two punch, shows how little capitalism's nature has changed since Marx first described "the condemnation of one part of the working class to enforced idleness by the overwork of the other part."

## "TOO MANY PEOPLE?"

Capitalists can't hide unemployment but they try, talking as though some aren't unemployed at all—just "extra." For years they defined "full employment" at 3% to 4% unemployment. Now it's been redefined to a point or two below the 7% rate it's hung at or above for three years now.

"Youth aren't unemployed" — they are "just youth" and "unskilled." Old people are "useless." Women — though half now work to keep the family afloat — "just work for pin money." Immigrants, Blacks and other minorities suffering national oppression are somehow "inferior" or "stealing jobs." Sometimes they tie it all together by saying the problem is "too many people." We hear this even though, from housing to medical care, there are a million things crying out to be done!

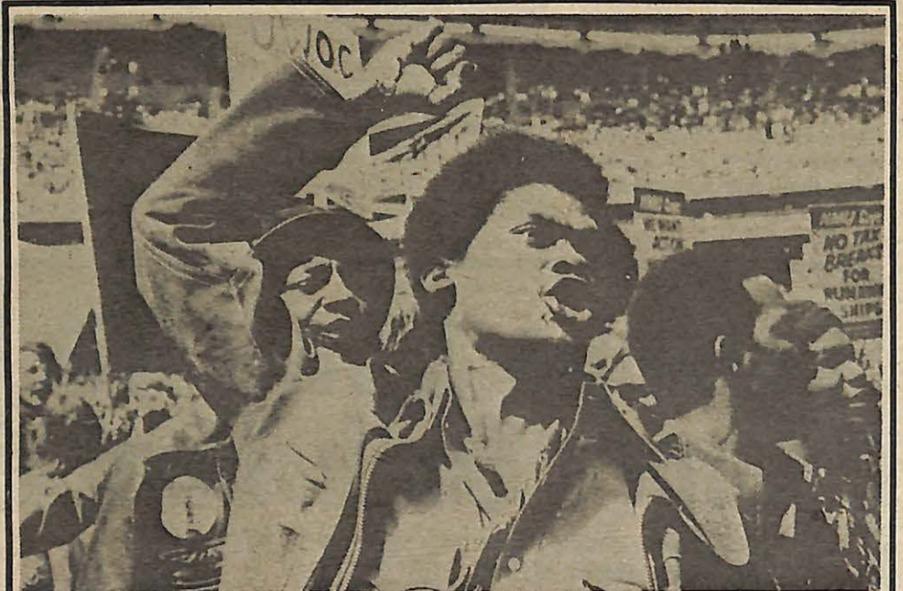
There is no abstract limit of population we're facing, just the limits imposed by the capitalist system of production. They used to say China had too many people. But today, with a far greater population than India, China-under socialism-is feeding her people well while India—stuck under imperialist rule—is plagued with starvation.

Today it is a criminal indictment of the U.S. capitalist system that its spokesmen are nearly openly confessing they cannot provide employment to a new generation of workers.

and must unite to fight against unemployment and the attempts by the capitalists and their government to push down the unemployed — through cutting benefits, etc. — in order to push down the employed as well.

But although there is much to be won in this struggle — and the capitalists will push the workers deep into the dirt if this struggle is not waged — there is no way to end unemployment and its misery as long as the capitalist

collectively to society instead of being snatched up by the employing class. Under the rule of the working people it can be allocated in a fully planned way to develop different branches of industry, open up new industries, make new breakthroughs in machines and technology, etc. And machines will be able to be used to lighten the burden of labor, instead of being a burden on the backs of the workers and a chain enslaving them.



1975- 60,000 EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED RALLIED IN WASHINGTON D.C. DEMANDING "JOBS NOW", SHOWING THE DETERMINATION OF THE WORKING CLASS NOT TO BE DRIVEN DOWN.

system stands. That's why the Revolutionary Communist Party seeks to educate the workers about the cause of unemployment in the course of this struggle. As the Party's Programme explains, the RCP "builds the struggle around unemployment as a major battle of the whole working class, a decisive part of the struggle not only to keep from being crushed under capitalism but to finally overthrow it, and in doing so end the cause of unemployment."

## SOCIALISM WILL END UNEMPLOYMENT

Socialism will make it possible to end unemployment because the surplus produced by the working class, that which is produced over and above the necessities of life, will belong

All this can be done without throwing people out of work, and in fact improving the working and living conditions of the people step by step. There are no longer any capitalists competing for private profit, and therefore no anarchy of production, no "fits and starts" as under capitalism, but steady and rational development. This is no fantasy, but exactly the way things are done in socialist countries.

In our own country, socialism will make it possible to use the full potential of every worker and of all of society to rebuild the slums and all the rotten housing, to construct new schools and hospitals — in short, to accomplish all those deeds that cry out to be done, including making a contribution to the liberation of all mankind. ■



UNEMPLOYMENT LINES WILL ALWAYS BE A FACT OF LIFE UNDER CAPITALISM.

and working conditions of the employed by robbing them of the will to fight—there's a thousand more out there ready to take your job if you don't like it," by making strikes harder and recruiting scabs easier when the workers do fight back.

For a while after World War 2, the U.S. imperialists were able to patch up and/or cover up many of the contradictions of their system because they had gotten the upper hand against the other imperialists and the people of the world, but today that has led to even more competition from these other capitalists and more rebellion against imperialism all over the

Marx's denunciation of capitalism still rings out today. It is a system where "accumulation of wealth, at one pole, is therefore, at the same time accumulation of misery, agony, of toil, slavery, ignorance, brutality, mental degradation at the opposite pole" — that is, on the side of the working class that produces this wealth.

Unemployment, a fact of life always of capitalist society, grows to massive proportions when the capitalist system is wracked by crisis and millions more are thrown out of work. All this makes it clear why the whole working class, employed and unemployed, can

## Agribusiness Looks for Workers to Sterilize

The latest scandal over industrial health concerns a chemical pesticide called DBCP. When Shell Chemical began experimenting with it in 1953, they soon found it caused sterility in test animals. Hiding these test results, it was put into production. Not until this year did workers at plants making DBCP find there was a good reason why their wives weren't having kids. Of 86 male workers at one plant, 62 were found to be fully or partially sterilized!

As if this crime did not show just how little the capitalists care about the well being of men and women who labor for them, consider the reaction of Robert Phillips, head of the National Peach Council, an agri-

business publicity organization— DBCP is important for peach growers. Ignoring the new findings that also link DBCP to cancer and other diseases, Phillips managed to look on the sunny side: "While involuntary sterility caused by a manufactured chemical may be bad it is not necessarily so." He suggested hiring older workers and said that some people "might volunteer for such work posts as an alternative to planned surgery for a vasectomy or tubal ligation, or as a means of getting around religious bans on birth control."

With "fringe benefits" like this, who needs health insurance? ■

# Strange Life of a Giddings & Lewis Scab

The conflict between Giddings and Lewis and the International Association of Machinists Lodge 1402 has taken an unusual turn. The workers struck this Fond du Lac machine tool maker on October 1, 1975 against an incentive plan that would have cut the rates in half. They stayed on strike thirteen and a half months.

Now the strike is over and the case is being dragged out in NLRB hearings. The testimony of a former scab, Paul Erhard, tells a lot about union busting. Erhard crossed the picket lines every day. After the strike had been going for about a year, G&L's manager for industrial relations, Harold Maury called Erhard into his office and told him how to gather names on a petition for decertification of the union. Erhard had trouble getting it signed so he reported back for advice. They told him they would "look the other way" if he solicited on company time and



FORMER GIDDINGS&LEWIS SCAB, PAUL GERHARD, TESTIFIES ABOUT HIS ROLE IN GETTING THE MACHINISTS LOCAL DISENFRANCHISED DURING THE 15 MONTH STRIKE.

property. They let him represent other workers when they had a problem on the job. They let him make long distance phone calls and use

the company copying machine free of charge.

One of his duties was to collect money from the scabs to pay for

a scab Milwaukee lawyer named Vergeront. A few months later it became clear that he had stolen the scabs' legal fund of over \$1600. When confronted and threatened by his fellow scabs, he said if they didn't shut up he would spill everything and wreck the decertification drive.

Erhard next turned up in August of '77 testifying for the union about how the company manipulated the anti-union election. Now he's getting \$225 a week from the IAM Int. plus \$4000 in "relocation expenses."

The company got embarrassed by his testimony and asked for a delay. Now the delays are dragging the hearings out. Many strikers have not gotten their jobs back. There is no contract. And this scab has become a "star witness."

Seems that there's just no honor among scabs! ■

## Thumbs Down On Coors Scab Beer

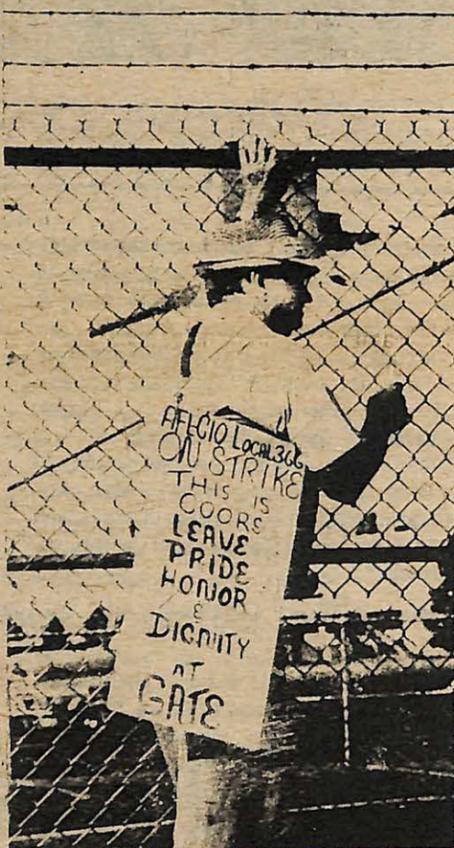
The strike of workers at the Coors brewery, the world's largest, in Denver, Colorado is now in its seventh month. The company is out to break the union, Brewery Workers Local 366 of the AFL-CIO, like it broke the union at its packing division a few years back.

The union officials pushed relying on the NLRB while Coors staffed its operations with scabs and have neither mobilized the strikers to stop the scabs nor worked to build the kind of widespread support among workers in the Denver area that is possible.

### Solidarity with the Strike

However, other workers have come to the aid of the strike. Union locals have made donations, and the WORKER for Colorado and the Denver members of the National United Workers Organization have spread the word among the rank and file.

The biggest show of support has been the effective boycott of the company's product. Formerly the largest selling beer in California, Coors sales are off 25%-50% in strongly union areas like San Francisco, according to the U.S. Brewers' Association. Even though the brewery's production has been cut back to its 1962 level, Coors is still having to destroy thousands upon thousands of returned brew. This support has hurt



Coors - its stock has fallen from \$34 a share to \$14 since the strike began - and helped give the strikers determination to fight on to victory. ■

## Buddy Cochran Convicted

Buddy Cochran was convicted on eight counts of aggravated assault in his week-long trial in Americus, Georgia. The trial stemmed from charges brought against him after he drove his car through a Ku Klux Klan rally in Plains, Georgia on July 2.

Because Cochran pleaded not guilty due to temporary insanity, he has not been sentenced but rather consigned to a state mental institution for observation.

The trial was a railroad. The judge okayed jurors who said they had already decided Cochran was guilty. The judge told them they couldn't understand the legal technicalities of the charge, aggravated assault, so they really couldn't think he was guilty before the trial had taken place. The judge denied every single defense motion, including ones to allow Cochran to participate in his own defense or to move the trial to another county.

That the questions of discrimination and inequality are linked with the trial was revealed sharply when a defense lawyer asked the prosecutor to address Blacks in the jury pool as "Mr." and "Mrs." as he did with the whites, instead of by their first names. The judge immediately slapped the defense attorney with a contempt of court

citation, for being "smart alecky."

The jury deliberated for 12 hours over two days. Twice they told the judge they were deadlocked and twice they were told to come back with a verdict. When the guilty verdict came down, the foreman read it tearfully.

The Atlanta chapter of the National United Workers Organization (NUWO) which had been deeply involved with Cochran's defense campaign, feels that the defense of pleading temporary insanity was a mistake. While inside the courtroom the trial was a political event, with a lot of exposure of the Klan, the media was able to use the insanity plea to publicly turn the trial into an examination of Cochran's head. The plea - which was made mainly because Cochran and his lawyers felt it was the best chance to beat the rap - also confused many of the people who hate the Klan yet had questions about what Cochran did. This hurt building a spirited people's defense.

Whatever the state of Cochran's mind, and in spite of the conviction, actions like Cochran's and those of a growing number of people like him in stomping on reactionary snakes like the Klansmen and Nazis wherever they launch attacks on the people makes perfect sense. These Klan-busters deserve full support. ■

## Hampton ...

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government which had ordered the execution.

The whole trial was a mockery. The press screamed of the cost to the taxpayers. The family's attorneys were harassed. One was jailed. The daily transcripts were kept from them.

The court ignored proof that only one bullet was fired from inside the apartment and that one by Mark Clark as he lay dying. A Mayor Daley croon, Judge Sam Perry, disregarded evidence that a police agent had drugged Hampton, who never woke up; and that hundreds of rounds of ammunition were sprayed into the apartment by the cops. He ruled "justifiable homicide", pardoning the cops, Hanrahan (the state attorney)

and other officials who ordered and planned the raid.

For daring to seek justice and bring out the truth, the families of Hampton and Clark were ordered to pay total costs of the trial. In order to appeal the decision, \$100,000 is needed to pay for the transcripts alone.

The raid which took the lives of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark will never be forgotten. The growing struggle of working people of all nationalities against discrimination and oppression will bring justice to the murderers of these two revolutionaries who gave their lives to fight the oppression of Blacks and people of all nationalities. Hampton himself always said, "You can kill a revolutionary but you can't kill the revolution." ■

## S. Africa ...

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portant economically. Britain and the U.S. are South Africa's two largest trading partners. The U.S. does almost \$2 billion a year in trade with South Africa. And U.S. investments, not to mention bank loans, themselves amount to over \$2 billion. Hundreds of U.S. corporations are doing business in South Africa. The 13 largest (including GM, Texaco, Standard Oil of California, Mobil, Ford, General Electric, IT&T, Chrysler, and IBM) account for almost 75% of this investment—with the labor

of Black workers producing their profits. In addition, the U.S. imports large amounts of strategic materials, including chromium and uranium from South Africa.

The Carter administration moves to "enforce" UN sanctions against South Africa, like previous U.S. "compliance" with the arms embargo, are a sham. All their anguished cries and denunciations of Vorster's latest moves are nothing more than attempts to cover the embarrassment they've suffered in their filthy campaign to prop up South Africa. ■

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# Gas Company Cuts Off Supply to Crystal City, Texas

The entire city of Crystal City, Texas is being held for an \$800,000 ransom. The entire citizenry's natural gas has been cut off to force them to come up with the money. But, unlike your run-of-the-mill extortion cases, the FBI has not been called in (at least not against the extortionists.) The difference is that the thieves trying to rob the people of Crystal City are none other than a ruthless band of monopoly capitalists, namely the Lo-Vaca Gather-

ing Company, a subsidiary of Coastal States Gas Corporation.

The Lo-Vaca outfit does not engage in interstate commerce, therefore its rates are totally unregulated. In the past two years the price for Lo-Vaca's gas has been jacked up by 550% from 36 cents to \$2 per thousand cubic feet of gas.

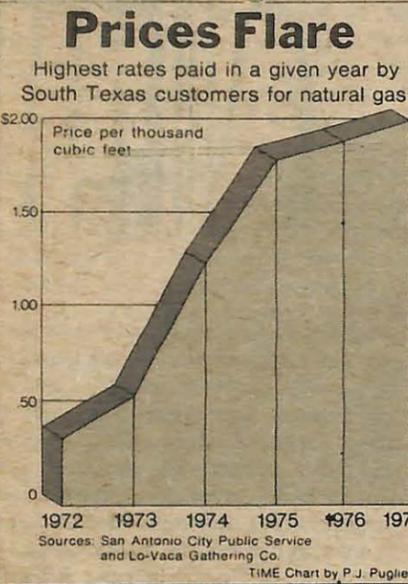
Crystal City's residents are primarily Chicanos and Mexicans and some two-thirds of the city is below the official poverty line. The people simply could not pay for the 550% increase so the city government, controlled by a faction of the La Raza Unida Party, continued to charge customers only 36 cents per thousand cubic feet and fought Lo-Vaca's rate hikes in the courts. On September 23, after the court battles had been lost and \$800,000 in unpaid bills had been run up, Lo-Vaca shut the gas off to the entire town, stationing armed guards at their facilities.

The people are being forced to turn to butane or electricity-or to gathering wood-in order to cook. But winter is looming and it will not be possible for the vast majority to switch to other means of heating their homes. Even though Crystal City is in southern Texas, Blue Northerners (arctic air masses) can still turn things bitter cold.

While the people search out other



THE ENTIRE TOWN OF CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS HAS HAD ITS GAS CUT OFF. ABOVE, A WOMAN COOKS WITH AN ELECTRIC HOT PLATE ON HER GAS STOVE.



means to cook their food and worry about how they will keep their children warm this winter, they are growing very angry. As the city's police chief said, "Just mention LoVaca and some people get very radical." The people's rage is heightened in that Crystal City lies amidst natural gas fields, pumping out millions of cubic feet of gas yearly.

Crystal City is not alone - in two ways. Some twenty other south Texas towns are withholding payments to Lo-Vaca, although they are charging the citizens, putting the money into

escrow accounts. Lo-Vaca is very worried that the resistance to its robbery will spread.

But further, price hikes and energy blackmail are what's in store for all the American people. As the big capitalists who control the nation's - and much of the world's - energy sources find their rate of profit squeezed they are demanding that all natural gas be deregulated, so that they can begin jacking up rates like Lo-Vaca. Crystal City is a concrete example of how the ruling class intends to solve the energy crisis.

## Energy...

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of the oil companies is just as "logical" within the framework of the capitalist system, although it's unlikely to generate any popular support! Unless banks and investors are convinced that money invested in oil and gas will return as much or more on the dollar than money invested in other fields, there will be a continued showdown in new developments of oil and natural gas - which is exactly what the situation has been for a number of years in the U.S., where known deposits haven't been exploited, exploration slowed down and so forth.

But the rest of the capitalists who purchase energy, already enmeshed in the economic crisis and struggling against a decline in their own rates of profit, are not about to pick up the tab for the oil companies in the form of unlimited increases in the price they are forced to pay for fuel for their plants, trucks and stores. Besides the basic contradictions in this battle between oil and gas capital and capitalist oil and gas users, a hundred and one other capitalist interests get in the way: the auto companies opposing attempts to cut back gasoline consumption, capitalists with billions invested in supertankers resisting attempts to cut back on oil imports, and so on.

The whole thing makes a mockery out of the capitalists' attempts to "plan" the economy. Carter's pro-

posals, which are based on trying to reconcile the interests of the various capitalists, might have some chance if things were going reasonably well for their class as a whole. But with the economic crisis deepening and each capitalist forced to think almost exclusively of his own survival, such a sweeping proposal was bound to end up on the rocks.

In fact, this is the most serious fight over U.S. economic policy in a long time. And like other current conflicts over steel imports and trade restrictions in the garment and electronics industry, the stakes are very high. It is not simply the \$50 billion that Carter cites, but the very survival of different capitalists, all faced with the need to "expand or die." Indeed, people have been assassinated for far less.

It is certain that any energy plan eventually adopted by Congress will be nothing but a Christmas truce between the various capitalist interests, based on their relative strength, bound to break out into warfare as soon as the presents are opened and each finds theirs lacking.

For workers and the masses of people there will be no presents at all. There will be more calls for sacrifice and more sacrifice. None of the alternatives put forward by the politicians mean anything but skyrocketing prices, more unemployment and misery. Each of these so-called solutions will only lead to deeper economic crisis. None of them can pump life into a system whose decay and inability to overcome crisis is coming more to the surface in the fight over a national energy policy.

## Desempleo...

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tasa mínima del desempleo ya por tres años.

Dicen que los jóvenes no tienen derecho a llamarse "desempleados" - "son jóvenes sin destreza." Los viejos son "inútiles." Aunque la mitad de todas mujeres trabajan, para darle de comer a sus familias, "trabajan sólo para comprar cosas de lujo." Dicen que los inmigrantes, los negros y otras nacionalidades minoritarias oprimidas son "inferiores" y que quitan los empleos de otros. De un modo u otro, dicen que al fondo el problema es que hay "demasiada gente." Dicen esto aunque hay tantas cosas que se debieran de hacer, desde la construcción de nuevas viviendas hasta el cuidado médico decente!

Hoy en día, la admisión por los portavoces del capitalismo en EEUU que no puede dar empleo a una nueva generación de trabajadores es una acusación contra este sistema criminal.

La denuncia del capitalismo de Marx todavía es verdad. El capitalismo es un sistema donde "la acumulación de riqueza, por un polo, es por consiguiente a la vez una acumulación de miseria, de agonia de fatiga, esclavitud, ignorancia, brutalidad, degradación mental por el polo opuesto" - por el lado de la clase obrera que produce esta riqueza.

El desempleo que es una parte diaria de la vida en la sociedad capitalista crece a proporciones masivas cuando el sistema capitalista está sacudido por crisis y millones más están botados a las calles. Toda la clase obrera, los desempleados y los empleados, puede y tiene que unir para luchar contra el desempleo y los esfuerzos por parte de los capitalistas y su gobierno de pisotear a los desempleados - rebajando beneficios, etc. - para así pisotear a los empleados también. El grito "Empleados, Desempleados, Misma Crisis, Misma Lucha" es la verdad y señala el camino adelante.

Pero aunque es posible ganar muchas victorias en esta lucha - y los capitalistas empujarán hacia abajo

a los trabajadores si ellos no se defienden - no es posible acabar con el desempleo y su miseria mientras que exista el sistema capitalista. Por eso el Partido Comunista Revolucionario se empeña en la educación de los trabajadores acerca de la fuente del desempleo en el curso de esta lucha. Como explica el Programa del Partido, el PCR "construye la lucha contra el desempleo como una batalla mayor de toda la clase obrera, una parte decisiva de la lucha no sólo para no dejarse aplastar por el capitalismo, sino también para finalmente derrocar al sistema y así acabar con la causa del desempleo."

Socialismo acabará con el Desempleo

El socialismo hará posible el fin del desempleo porque entonces el sobrante producido por la clase obrera, o sea lo que se produce en exceso de las necesidades de la vida, pertenecerá colectivamente a la sociedad, en vez de ser arrebatado por la clase patronal. Bajo el mando de la gente trabajadora, el sobrante puede ser usado en una manera comple-

tamente planificada para desarrollar los varios ramos de la industria, para construir nuevas industrias, para nuevos avances en la maquinaria y la tecnología, etc. Y la maquinaria será empleada para hacer menos pesada la labor, en vez de ser una carga sobre la espalda de los trabajadores y una cadena que los esclaviza.

Es posible hacer todo esto sin pedir a nadie, de acuerdo con el mejoramiento paso a paso de las condiciones de vida y de trabajo del pueblo. No habrá más el desarrollo a empujones, sino desarrollo constante y equilibrado. Esto no es fantasía - es la realidad actual en los países socialistas.

En nuestro propio país, el socialismo hará posible aprovecharse de la plena potencial de cada trabajador y de toda la sociedad para reconstruir los arrabales y toda la vivienda destartada, para construir nuevas escuelas y hospitales - en fin, para realizar todo lo que es necesario hacer, incluso hacer una contribución a la liberación de toda la humanidad.

# Analisis Marxista ¿Porque El Desempleo?

Hoy dia escuchamos todo tipo de razón para explicar el hecho de que hay millones sin trabajo en EEUU. Se dice que son todos flojos, pues que hay bastante trabajos. Se dice que son culpables los "ilegales." Se dice que es la culpa de países extranjeros—o sea, trabajadores en el extranjero—cuyos productos son importados a EEUU.

Pero todo esto es pura mentira propagada por los ricos y poderosos a quienes les sirve muy bien el fomentar confusión. El desempleo viene del sistema capitalista, de la naturaleza básica del sistema que roba el trabajo a millones en medio de tremenda riqueza. Pues, el capitalismo no puede existir sin el desempleo.

Bajo este sistema, el capital (por lo más en la forma de dinero a ser invertido) persigue la ganancia. Carlos Marx y Frederico Engels, quienes fueron los primeros a analizar este sistema científicamente ya hace cien años, dijeron que el capitalista no es más que el capital personificado. Su dinero tiene que seguir dando dinero—si no, se le quebrará, no importa lo que éste quisiera.

## Caza para Ganancias

El resultado de la caza de ganancias y la constante competencia para más ganancias es que el capital siempre está siendo sacado de un area de inversión y tirado en otra que parece más gananciosa. La economía sólo se desarrolla a empujones, y los que tengan trabajo un día nunca saben si lo van a tener el día siguiente.

Constantemente resultan dislocaciones y sufrimiento para el pueblo—como, por ejemplo, en el caso de la Zenith, la que está despidiendo a 5000 obreros, no porque nadie quiere los televisores que producen, sino porque es más ganancioso producirlos en países como Taiwan y Mexico donde los sueldos son más bajos.

El capitalismo no planifica la producción y el desarrollo económico de manera racional conforme con los intereses del pueblo ni puede hacerlo. Claro que cada capitalista o corporación hace proyectos para sus propias operaciones y a cierto grado las corporaciones más grandes conspiran para fijar precios y dividir mercados, etc. Pero nunca pueden cooperar para planificar la economía de forma más general, ni pueden mantener sus acuerdos por mucho

tiempo, debido a sus incompatibles necesidades de una mayor porción del mercado.

El capitalismo los aplasta, los ahuyenta de sus tierras, los quita todo medio de producción y convierte a muchísimos de ellos en una clase de personas que, como explicaron Marx y Engels en el Manifiesto del Partido Comunista, "no viven sino a condición de encontrar trabajo, y lo encuentran únicamente mientras su trabajo acrecienta el capital"—o sea, la clase obrera. Este proceso de precipitar a más y más gente en las filas de la clase obrera, sin otra alternativa menos que trabajo asalariado, siempre continua con el acrecentamiento del capitalismo.

## "Ejército de Reserva de Trabajo"

Desde el principio, los capitalistas han contado con un grupo de gente pobre, no sólo para trabajar en sus fábricas, sino también para servir de lo que Marx y Engels llamaron "el ejército industrial en reserva"—los desempleados.

A los capitalistas les es necesario e tal "ejército de reserva porque, debido a la anarquía del capitalismo, su desarrollo a empujones, necesitan un grupo de gente que pueden añadir a la mano de obra rápidamente cuando hay nuevos mercados y hay que aumentar la producción para sacar las máximas ganancias, y que pueden echar a la calle otra vez cuando, como es inevitable, hay productos de sobra en el mercado y hay que poner frenos en la producción.

## Parte Integrante del Sistema

Los capitalistas siempre disponen del "ejército en reserva" debido a la forma en que desarrolla el capitalismo mismo. Frente a sus rivales, cada capitalista siempre se ve forzado a tratar de producir sus mercancías más barato, ambos por acelerar el paso de trabajo y otras medidas para exprimir más trabajo de cada obrero, y por nueva maquinaria para hacer lo mismo. El capitalista no tiene alternativa, porque si no hace esto, otro capitalista sí lo hará, y ése caerá en la bancarrota.

Por eso una siempre más pequeña proporción del dinero invertido va por emplear a obreros, y una proporción siempre más grande va por nueva maquinaria y materia prima. Aunque una compañía próspera quizás siga



aumentando el número de sus empleados, gastará una proporción más pequeña de sus inversiones en total en pagar los sueldos. Emplea a relativamente menos trabajadores en comparación con máquinas, las que en efecto reemplazan a los trabajadores. Lo más que los capitalistas grandes tragan a los más pequeños, y los más que el capital llega a ser centralizado en manos de unos pocos financieros, lo más rápido y violento se hace este proceso.

Esta es una tendencia histórica del capitalismo que pasa inevitablemente con el desarrollo del sistema. En este país, se llama "automación", y muchos trabajadores en las líneas de desempleo saben lo que esto significa para la clase obrera. Bajo el capitalismo, la introducción de nueva maquinaria y nuevos métodos de producción, en vez de mejorar la vida de los trabajadores, sólo resulta en más desempleo y miseria.

Las máquinas que reemplazan a los trabajadores son compradas con las ganancias que vienen del sangre y sudor de los trabajadores—son los frutos de su labor. Cuanto más ganancias los trabajadores producen para los capitalistas tanto pedres, la posición de la mayoría de los trabajadores frente a los capitalistas. Como dijo Marx en El Capital, su análisis cabal del sistema capitalista. Cuanto más se acumula el capital, tanto peor es la suerte del trabajador, sea su sueldo alto o

bajo."

Es así no sólo debido al desempleo en si mismo y el sufrimiento que esto lleva, sino también debido al efecto que tiene el desempleo para toda la clase obrera. Cuanto más el capital que los capitalistas sacan de los trabajadores, tanto más grande es el número de los desempleados. Y cuanto más el número de los desempleados, tanto más la amenaza del desempleo que los capitalistas tratan de usar para sacar aún más trabajo de los todavía trabajando. Los capitalistas tratan de aprovecharse del ejército de reserva de trabajo de los desempleados para mantener los sueldos bajos y las malas condiciones de trabajo de los empleados robándoles su espíritu luchador—"hay miles de gente dispuestos a hacer tu trabajo si no lo te gusta"—y haciendo más difícil las huelgas y más fácil el reclutamiento de esquirols, e cuando los trabajadores se defienden.

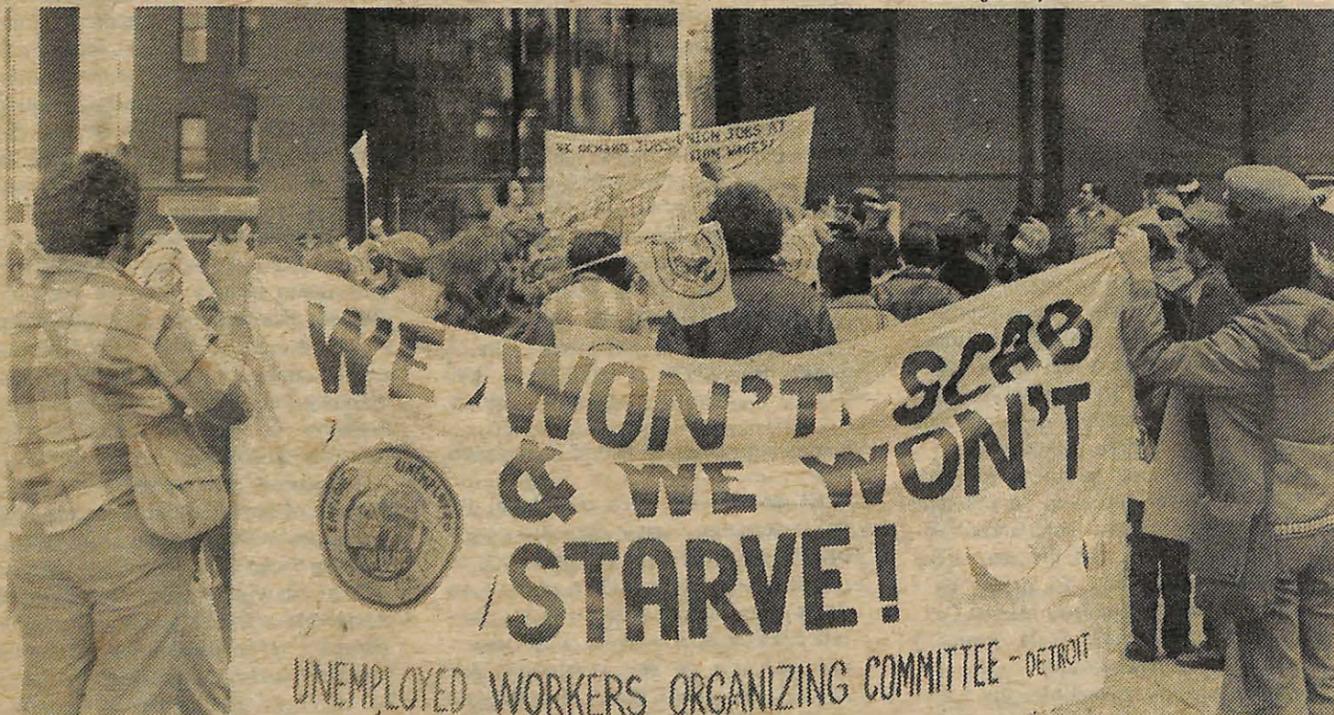
Por un tiempo después de la 2da Guerra Mundial, los imperialistas de EEUU pudieron cubrir muchas de las contradicciones de su sistema porque dominaban a los otros imperialistas y a los pueblos del mundo. Pero hoy día esto ha resultado en aún más competencia de esos otros capitalistas y aún más rebelión contra el imperialismo a través del mundo. Las enfermedades del sistema las que hasta cierto punto eran cubiertas por un tiempo ahora están más y más expuestas y creciendo peoras.

Sobre todo en los últimos años, e lo que ha pasado en las fábricas de este país, con el desempleo y el apresuramiento golpeando a la clase obrera como do puñetazos del mismo enemigo, señala como la naturaleza del capitalismo ha cambiado muy poco desde el tiempo cuando Marx describió como "una parte de la clase obrera está condenada a trabajo excesivo debido a la desocupación involuntaria de la otra."

## "Demasiada Gente"?

Los capitalistas no pueden esconder el desempleo, pero tratan de cubrirlo hablando como si algunos de los desempleados no fueran verdaderamente desempleados—como si fueran "extra" nomás. Por años las palabras "empleo completo" ha querido decir un 3% o 4% desempleado. Ahora lo han redefinido para decir que el "empleo completo" es uno o dos puntos de porcentaje bajo las tasa actual de 7% la que ha sido la

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# Miles Saludan A Figueroa En Puerto Rico

Andrés Figueroa Cordero, uno de los cinco nacionalistas puertorriqueños encarcelados en EEUU por más de una generación, fue soltado en octubre y permitido a volver a su patria. Más de 2000 apoyantes vinieron al aeropuerto de San Juan para saludar a este símbolo del independentismo, y dos días más adelante 6000 personas honraron a Figueroa en Aguada, su pueblo natal. Figueroa, quien está sufriendo de un cáncer mortal, llamó a "todo puertorriqueño" a "luchar hasta el fin contra el imperialismo yanqui," y prometió a pasar las semanas de vida que le quedieran luchando para la independencia.

Junto con Lolita Lebron, Rafael Cancel Miranda e Irving Flores Rodríguez, Figueroa fue condenado a cadena perpetua en 1954 después de una acción en que echaron balas en el Congreso de EEUU gritando "Que Viva Puerto Rico Libre!" mientras éste estaba debatiendo un proyecto para poner aún más cadenas en la isla de Puerto Rico. Un quinto miembro del Partido Nacionalista de Puerto Rico, Oscar Collazo, fue condenado por un atentado contra la vida del Presidente Truman en 1950.

Todos los cinco presos han rechazado pedir un indulto, diciendo que

no hicieron nada por que debieran de pedir perdón. El gobierno se ha aprovechado de este hecho como una excusa para mantenerlos encarcelados por más tiempo que cualquier otro preso político en EEUU.

El anuncio del Presidente Carter que había excarcelado a Figueroa por "razones humanitarias" debido a su enfermedad fue pura hipocresía no más. Figueroa ha padecido de cáncer por al menos cinco años y el gobierno ha negado que su enfermedad era grave o que necesitaba más tratamiento médico. La verdad es que debido a toda su propaganda sobre los "derechos humanos," Carter temía el alboroto y las protestas que cierto habrían resultado si Figueroa muriera en prisión.

La lucha para librar a los otros cuatro presos nacionalistas está cogiendo fuerza en Puerto Rico y en EEUU, y es una parte importante de la lucha para librar a Puerto Rico. Unas semanas después de la excarcelación de Figueroa, 30 personas tomaron la Estatua de Libertad en Nueva York para demandar la libertad de los cuatro y la independencia de Puerto Rico. Aunque Figueroa está muriendo, muchos otros están surgiendo adelante para avanzar



RAFAEL CANCEL MIRANDA, CONDENADO A CADENA PERPETUA POR SU PARTICIPACIÓN EN EL ATAGUE CONTRA EL CONGRESO DE LOS E.U. EN 1954, ALZA SU PUÑO EN MUESTRA DE DESAFÍO DURANTE UN PERMISO QUE RECIBIÓ PARA ASISTIR AL ENTIERRO DE SU PADRE. "SI ALGUN DÍA ME PONEN EN LIBERTAD," DIJO CANCEL, "SEGUIRÉ LA LUCHA EN POS DE LA LIBERTAD DE MI PAIS."

su causa. Su llamada por la liberación de su país, después de tantos años en prisión y su enfermedad mortal, señala la fuerza y determinación de los puertorriqueños, lo que romperá las cadenas de la dominación de EEUU. ■

## Torres...

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Con la iniciativa del Partido Comunista Revolucionario y la Organización Nacional de Trabajadores Unidos, se formó el grupo Pueblo Unido para Luchar Contra la Brutalidad Policiaca, para así porveer una forma en que luchadores de la comunidad chicana y de otros comunidades pudieran avanzar la lucha acerca del caso de Joe Torres y contra el terror policiaco en general.

Junto con otros grupos y individuos, Pueblo Unido ha movilizado el coraje y las demandas de la gente en manifestaciones y protestas masivas. Por esto ha surgido nuevas amenazas y intimidación de la municipalidad y la policía y nuevos esfuerzos para pacificar la lucha de grupos vendidos como LULAC (Liga de Latinoamericanos Unidos), que dicen que hablan por parte de la comunidad chicana. A un punto LULAC difundió un volante que también fue publicado en los diarios llamando a la gente a "mantenerse tranquilos y paciente" y a "crear en la justicia de la ley." En un ataque poco velado contra Pueblo Unido, llamó a la gente a "tener fe en su liderato (o sea, LULAC). No déjense ser despistados por alguna gente que no Uds. conocen y que no son parte de su comunidad."

Pero la respuesta a las llamadas por acciones de masas lo han hecho claro que la gente no se va a dejar intimidar ni mantenerse tranquila a tener "fe" en la justicia de las cortes.

Los cortes federales se metieron en esta situación sólo debido a las protestas y la ira popular del pueblo de Houston. Después de su experiencia con "las ruedas de justicia" que aplastaron a Joe Torres y dejaron libre a sus asesinos, la gente de Houston ha demandado justicia verdadera. Hace siete años, la última vez que los cortes federales en Houston pusieron cargos contra un policía asesino, se le exculpó a él después de un retraso de uno año. Ahora la clase dominante y su policía quisieran hacer lo mismo otra vez, pero el pueblo organizado y unido pueden volcar sus planes! ■

# Campesinos de Texas Manifiestan en Washington

El 5 de septiembre, un contingente de campesinos texanos llegaron a Washington, D.C. Habían cubierto 1480 millas a pie. Caminaron 20 millas por día durante 82 días como parte de su lucha por establecer un sindicato en los campos donde se cultivan melones y verduras en el valle del Río Bravo. Allí en Texas, las escopetas de los terratenientes, las porras de los Texas Rangers y las leyes antilaborales del gobierno federal están siendo usadas para oprimir a los campesinos. El viaje a Washington fue parte del esfuerzo que están haciendo los campesinos para romper las cadenas que impiden el éxito de su lucha.

Desde 1966, los campesinos de Texas han estado tratando de establecer una unión y negociar un contrato con los productores del sur de Texas. 500 campesinos se declararon en huelga contra los productores de melones en la zona de Star City en 1966. Estaban luchando para conseguir más de los \$3 diarios de sueldo por trabajar en el campo y lograr alguna influencia sobre las condiciones de trabajo. En esta huelga los campesinos fueron derrotados por las fuerzas combinadas de los Texas Rangers y la Migra, que importaron rompehuelgas de México.

Repetidamente, los campesinos de Texas trataron de interrumpir la cosecha y conseguir un contrato—en '67, '72 y '75. En 1975 un productor disparó contra un grupo de huelguistas, hiriendo a once. Pero en cada ocasión la fortaleza de los productores, a apoyados por las distintas ramas del gobierno, derrotaron a los huelguistas.

A través de los años los campesinos texanos han reconocido la necesidad de establecer una estrecha solidaridad en ambos lados de la frontera. Se creó un programa de radio



CAMPESINOS TEXANOS SE CONGREGAN EN LA CAPITAL DESPUÉS DE MARCHAR 1480 MILEAS HASTA WASHINGTON, D.C. COMO PARTE DE SU LUCHA PARA ESTABLECER UNA UNIÓN EN EL VALLE DEL RÍO BRAVO.

llamado "La voz del campesino", transmitiendo el mensaje hasta Guadalajara. Mantienen que no existen ilegales y que todos los obreros, sin tomar en cuenta ser nacionalidad, formarán parte de la unión.

Los campesinos de Texas están comunicando su causa al pueblo. Camino de Washington pasaron por ciudades y los campos del sur. Compararon su solidaridad con los obreros negros en los cañaverales de Luisiana, mineros en huelga y los trabajadores de J.P. Stevens, que también están luchando para organizarse. La marcha se hizo para protestar contra las cadenas legales que impiden el progreso de su lucha. Las primeras leyes laborales que garantizan el derecho de organizarse excluyen muy específicamente al campesino. Y la sección 14B de la ley Taft-Hartley protege los "derechos de los rompehuelgas".

Los campesinos caminaron hasta Washington para decirle a Carter y a las demás eminencias federales que vale más que le quiten las cadenas a los campesinos y a todos aquellos obreros que están tratando de organizarse.

¿Donde estaba Carter? ¿Donde estaba el presidente que cultiva el maíz? Estaba reunido con un grupo de dictadores latino americanos y ofreciendo una recepción en el Jardín de las Rosas en honor de la Semana Hispánica Nacional.

Cuando los campesinos tejanos resuman su campaña para organizar el campo, tendrán el apoyo general de los obreros a través del país, y eso es lo que cuenta. Es la unidad del obrero mexicano y mexicano-estadounidense, más la fortaleza de toda la clase obrera, lo que permitirá el establecimiento de una unión en los campos de Texas. ■

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## Los Hechos Del Ataque De Carter

1 de mayo—El Congreso rápidamente aprobó un proyecto de ley propuesto por Carter sobre el desempleo. Esta ley elimina 13 semanas de beneficios de desempleo inmediatamente, y elimina 13 semanas más el 31 de octubre, 1977. Según esta ley, cualquier obrero que está recibiendo beneficios federales tiene que aceptar cualquier trabajo que se le ofrezca, no importa de que tipo, a condición de que este trabajo pague al menos el sueldo mínimo legal y 20% más que el obrero está recibiendo en compensación—sin tomar en cuenta los impuestos.

6 de agosto—Carter presentó al Congreso su proyecto acerca del "welfare". Esto eliminaría los cupones (estampillas de comida) y la ayuda a los familias con niños dependientes (ADC).

Los recipientes del welfare que no tienen niños serían forzados a trabajar al sueldo mínimo, en trabajos públicos o provados, so pena de perder todos beneficios. Así será establecido un grupo de gente que podría ser utilizada para reemplazar a los obreros unionizados. Para los incapacitados, los anianos, los niños y los padres desempleados con niños jóvenes, los beneficios serían fijados a 65% del nivel de pobreza oficial, sin ningunos aumentos para cubrir inflación.

Primavera de 1977—Bajo la admin-

istración de Carter, la Corte Suprema decidió en unos casos claves que los obreros en "layoff" en una compañía debido a una huelga en otra parte de la misma compañía no tienen el

derecho a recibir beneficios de desempleo. También decidió que los obreros en huelga no pueden recibir beneficios, porque, según la Corte, de otra forma el gobierno "dificul-

taria la libre negociación" y no sería "neutral."

Además de estos ataques y rebajas en el seguro de desempleo en el nivel federal, el gobierno de Carter también ha estimulado los gobiernos estatales y locales a rebajar y restringir los beneficios de desempleo en el nivel local.

Cientos de trabajadores, empleados y desempleados, marcharon en las calles de Nueva York, Chicago, Seattle y San Francisco el 28 y 29 de octubre, gritando "Queremos Trabajos—Trabajos de Unión a Sueldos de Unión" y "Fin a los Ataques Contra el Seguro de Desempleo." Estas manifestaciones regionales, cada una reuniendo a gente de varias ciudades, protestaron las políticas de Carter de rebajar el seguro de desempleo y forzar a los desempleados a aceptar empleos pagados a sueldos de hambre. Estas acciones dejaron a saber las noticias de los ataques de Carter los que han sido escondidos. Fueron parte de la preparación para una protesta masiva de trabajadores empleados y desempleados en Washington, D.C. en enero, al tiempo del discurso de Carter sobre "el estado del país." Esta campaña de protesta está siendo llevada a cabo por el Comité Organizador de Obreros Desempleados (el UWOC) y la Organización Nacional de Trabajadores Unidos.



OBREPOS TANTO EMPLEADOS COMO DESEMPLEADOS MANIFESTARON A TRAVES DEL PAÍS EL 29 DE OCTUBRE PARA EXIGIR TRABAJOS BAJO UNIONES CON SUELDOS AN NIVEL SINDICAL, Y PIDIENDO QUE CESEN LOS ATAQUES CONTRA LA COMPENSACIÓN POR DESEMPLEO.

### Ira en Houston

## Policías Multados \$1 Por Asesinato

El 3 de octubre un jurado exculpó a dos policías acusados del asesinato de un joven chicano veterano y obrero, y les declaró culpables de "homicidio negligente" nomás. Prestando su apoyo al asesinato policíaco, despreciando totalmente las vidas de los oprimidos, el juez multó a los policías \$1 cada uno y les dio un año de prueba.

Se le arrestó a Joe Campos Torres el 2 de mayo en una taberna en un barrio chicano de Houston. Los seis policías lo golpearon despiadadamente. Cuando lo trajeron a la cárcel para procesarlo por "conducta contra el orden público," los carceleros rechazaron a aceptarlo, diciendo que los policías debieran de llevarlo al hospital primero.

Pero en vez de un hospital, lo llevaron a una laguna aislada donde lo golpearon otra vez. Entonces uno de estos pandejos dijo, "A ver si el mojado puede nadar." Tiraron el hombre casi inconsciente en la laguna, donde ahogó.

La comunidad chicana en Houston reaccionó con coraje frente a este asesinato. Debido a esta reacción, y al testimonio de uno de los policías que decidió a romper "la ley del silencio" policíaca, al fin se pusieron

cargos contra dos de los asesinos. Como parte de sus esfuerzos para exculpar a estos, la clase dominante local mudó el juicio de Houston a Huntsville a 70 millas, donde se ubica la penitenciaría estatal la que emplea a un 30% de la mano de obra de ese pueblo. Además, allí no hay casi ningunos chicanos ni más que unos pocos negros.

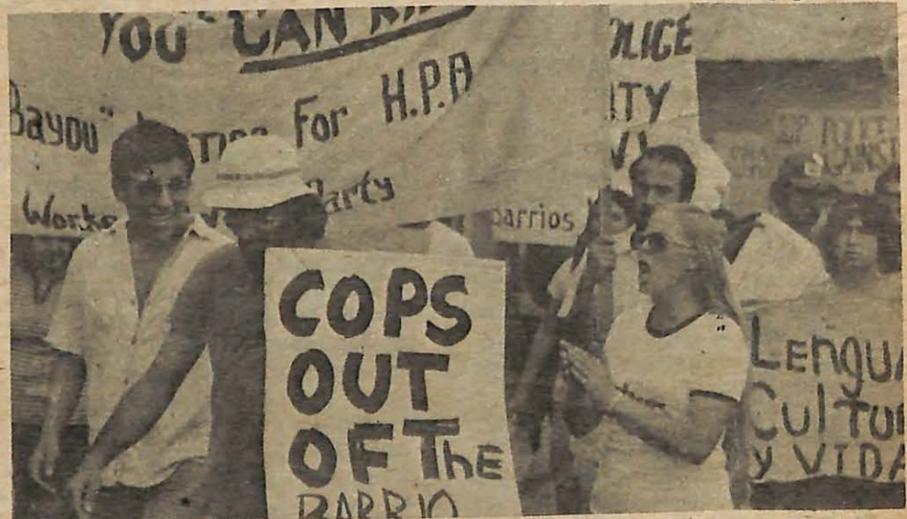
El veredicto y sentencia ultrajosos se estallaron como bombas en la comunidad. La reacción popular le echó miedo a la clase dominante de Houston.

La lucha para castigar a los asesinos de Joe Torres ha sido una de las más significativas batallas contra la brutalidad policíaca y la opresión de las minorías en Houston por muchos años. Se ha organizado en acción poderosa la ira popular contra este y serie de asesinatos inatos policíacos igualmente bárbaros. Poco tiempo después de los fallos—y después de ser confrontado con manifestaciones de protesta muy fuertes y organizadas—el gobierno federal se vio forzado a poner cargos de "violación de los derechos civiles" de Joe Torres contra los policías asesinos. Fue una victoria significativa, pero de ninguna manera final.

Aun antes de matar a Torres, la policía de Houston había ganado una reputación por su brutalidad y asesinato. El año pasado, un veterano negro, Milton Glover, estaba anando por su vecindario cuando lo llamaron dos policías. Al dejar caer la mano instintivamente para coger una Biblia que solía llevar siempre, los policías lo mataron a balazos. Al principio de este año, otro policía tiró dos

cargadores de cartuchos de su automático .45 a un vagabundo alcohólico que, según ese, lo estaba acatando con tijeras de niños. En otra incidente de los dos años pasados, 20 a 40 carros policíacos y un helicóptero persiguieron a casa a un joven negro por exceso de velocidad. Los policías lo golpearon frente a sus padres, quienes fueron empujados y llamados "molletes."

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MANIFESTACIONES HAN FORMADO PARTE DE LA ENORME REACCION EN HOUSTON DEBIDO AL ASESINATO DE JOSÉ TORRES POR LA POLICIA.