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## WORKER'S JOURNAL

By Charles Denby, Editor

### A Wallace Rally: The Spectre of Fascism

I attended a rally at Cobo Hall in Detroit, held for Presidential candidate George Wallace. I felt it was a must for me to attend and see the action and reaction towards that man.

As soon as I entered the building I could feel and sense the tension. You felt like you were sitting among a jungle of wild beasts and that if you did not quickly transform yourself into a ferocious beast or escape from this meeting you would be caught and destroyed as soon as this mad man got in the position to do it.

#### THE BEASTS

You could see these beasts putting fear or trying to put fear into anyone who opposed this mad beast. This was the tone of those few that spoke before Wallace came to the platform.

Long before Wallace came to the platform, some of his supporters attacked a group of protestors. A huge Wallace supporter hit a small woman in her face with all the force he could and the other Wallace supporters cheered him on. When the police finally came you could see they were on the side of the Wallace supporters.

When Wallace finally came out to speak, the reporters wrote that he received a seven minute ovation before he could get started. The truth is that the resentment and boos were so loud and long that his supporters were yelling hoping to drown out the boing. He finally started in the midst of all the boing and yelling.

#### I FELT FASCISM

Wallace said the same words he has been saying from the beginning of his campaign. I wondered what was making these people click. Then I felt, "This is Fascism." These were the people who were yelling when the dogs were tearing the insides out of black people in Birmingham, Ala., in 1963, under the direction of George Wallace. These people were screaming and yelling when Wallace police and state troopers on horses, with clubs in hand, had Civil Rights workers' blood running down the streets of Selma, Alabama.

There was a large group of black and white protesters in the balcony and I noted carefully that no Wallace supporters or the police attacked them. At first I was thinking that the overwhelming majority were Wallace supporters, but there were protesters all over the place against him. After he began speaking many young whites began to yell in opposition to him. The yelling was so long and loud we could hear only a word every five minutes.

It was nerve wracking, listening to what Wallace said. He would yell at the demonstrators, telling them to have their fun now because after Nov. 5 they were through in this country, as though these people who are citizens of this country will have to leave the country if he is elected. He yelled about law and order and never used the word freedom or justice.

#### LAW AND ORDER 1865-1968

I heard a black speaker state several weeks ago that the record will show that over 25,000 black people have been lynched since 1865, and not one of the white lynchers has been convicted. All during this long span of time there was not this cry of law and order. What kind of law and order is Wallace crying for? Why is it you never heard him say let's have justice as well as law and order.

When he was inaugurated as governor of Alabama he said, "Segregation today, segregation tomorrow and segregation forever." He said if he is elected he would support South Africa and Rhodesia because they are friendly countries. What he should have said is that these countries' racial policies are the same as his philosophy; there is no such thing as freedom or justice for blacks and whites who oppose him.

#### RACIST SOCIETY

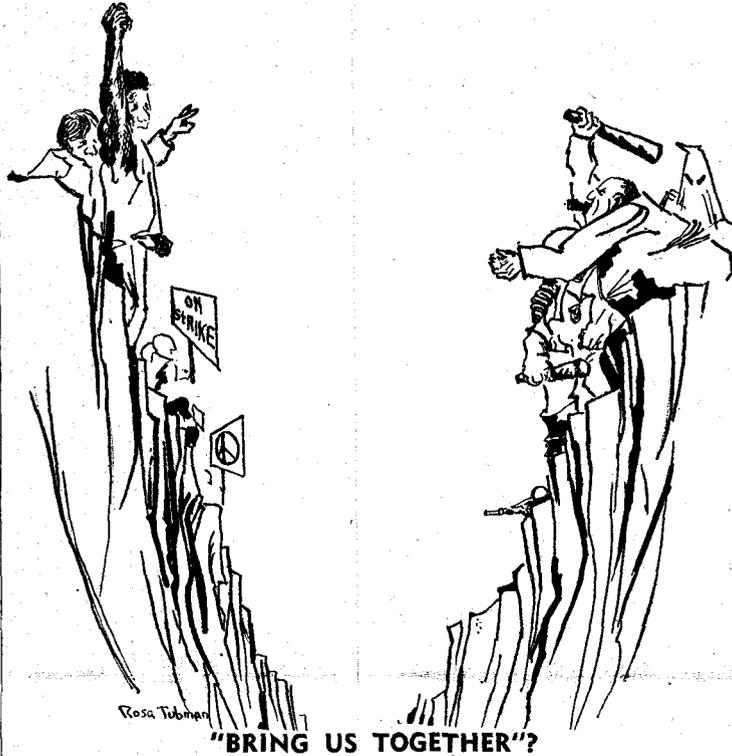
This is a racist society, as has been shown over the past five years. Black people have known it all along, but they have just brought it out in the open a few years ago. What the racist white worker does not realize is that Wallace has warped his mind. He will put the white workers in concentration camps along with the blacks if they ever oppose him in any manner, and there are many ideas that Wallace has that the white working class cannot accept. Segregation forever and separate schools is just what he knows will catch votes. But that is just the beginning.

The freedom of all people is the most important thing that faces this nation today. This means the individual freedom of every man, woman and youth—and justice to everyone. Wallace and his supporters never mention these words.

## Nixon Victory Will Intensify Old Problems, Add New Ones

by Eugene Walker

The first talk in the auto shops after Nixon's hairline victory was of a recession ahead. The workers felt that by the middle of next year many of them might be laid off. Younger workers were asking older workers what the Depression was like. It was a sharp reminder that not only have the elections not solved any of the crises which brought about the Nixon victory—war, the race question, inflation—but that all questions remain, and new ones are added. The crisis has been, if anything, intensified.



#### VIETNAM WAR

The abhorrence of the American people with the Vietnam War was central not only to the ultimate victory of Nixon, but to the dramatic rise of Humphrey and the decline in the Wallace percentage.

It was the deep anti-war feeling throughout the land that made Nixon act the dove on the Sunday before the election as he announced he would "go to Saigon" if it would help the new level of negotiations that the bombing halt was supposed to bring, but which the Saigon government refused to participate in.

It kept the Humphrey campaign at a standstill until he moved away from the Johnson Vietnam position, beginning with his Salt Lake speech, suggesting he would halt the bombing if elected.

It helped to drive the Wallace percentage down, as he chose super-hawk Curtis LeMay as his running mate and called for greater participation by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in making the vital decisions concerning Vietnam.

All are now asking where will Nixon go on Vietnam. The electorate has stated where it wants to go. Out. In addition to being a decisive factor in the presidential election, the anti-war element made itself felt in the Senatorial races.

Almost all the doves, who were expected to have great difficulty being re-elected, won. Ribicoff in Connecticut, McGovern in South Dakota, Fulbright in Arkansas, Bayh in Indiana, Church in Idaho, all won. Hughes of Iowa won a Senate seat.

Allen Lowenstein, the man who started the anti-war faction in the Democratic Party to dump Johnson, which began Eugene McCarthy's presidential campaign, won a seat in the House of Representatives in a strongly Republican district. Even where doves lost, as did Gilligan in Ohio and Morse very narrowly in Oregon, the loss was not to war hawks.

The only city to have a referendum on Vietnam, Dearborn, Mich., voted by 57 percent in favor of immediate withdrawal.

The message is clear and Nixon, whether he was playing politics about going to Saigon or not, will have to read it. The only way he can hope to "govern" the country is to end the war in Vietnam.

#### RACE

If the selection of Curtis LeMay was the final madness which turned people away from Wallace, it was the black people who first saw the danger of his candidacy and provided the first opposition at the Wallace rallies.

## Fleetwood Workers Wildcat Against Working Conditions

DETROIT, Mich.—Neither the company nor the union were listening to what we were saying about conditions at Fleetwood. We wildcatted. Maybe they will listen now.

It began on the afternoon shift. All at once everybody said the fifth floor is gone. We went to the window and saw those that went out. And out we went. Everyone was talking and saying we should have done this a long time ago.

#### WE STAYED OUT

We wanted to stay and stop the day shift from coming in. We wanted to jump on the union men whose only words for us were to go back in. "This is an unauthorized strike." "We have procedures." We stayed out.

The next morning a picket line turned back the day shift. In the afternoon the second shift workers came to see what would happen. We gathered in front of the entrance and began discussing whether we should stay out. Across the street the union spokesmen repeated over and over through a loud speaker that the plant was open and that we should go in.

But the men would have none of it. We argued with the union men. To them everything was procedure. There was a procedure for filing grievances, for calling strikes, for settling issues. To us it was a question of how we existed in the factory as human beings.

The company was trying to turn us into machines by speed-up and overwork. We could not be bound by procedures which allowed the company to run rough-shod over us. Two months of this was too much. We booted the union men down and went home.

#### WE FOUGHT COMPANY

When we had come back to work after model changeover the company had begun a policy of breaking up teams of workers, of speed-up, of piling more work on individual workers. We fought back by filing grievances as the contract calls for. But the procedures are too long. We have been back over two months and things aren't settled yet. The committeemen have to handle too many people. It takes them too long to get around to everyone.

We asked for a strike. Here, too, everything is procedure, procedure. You have to notify the International, wait a certain number of days and get their permission. You have to notify the company and give them so many days.

#### UNION SAID NO

And to top it all off the union said that we couldn't have a strike because there was a strike of Buick workers in Flint and the union could not handle another strike at the same time. This is the same union which has often shut down all of Ford or all of GM, and yet they said to us we can't handle another strike now. And what better way to help our brothers in Buick than to show that we, too, are not going to stand for a speed-up and inhuman working conditions?

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## Italian Workers Strike American Firm

Genoa, Italy — There has just been a strike in a rather important plant in Genoa, and it's an American one: the Chicago Bridge plant. The struggle became particularly difficult when the company decided to fire three workers.

The last news I have is that the "Americans" have agreed to discuss all the grievances with the workers, after having called back one of the three.

Other struggles are going on all over the country. In Turin

the two Lancia plants have been on strike for more than a week, after several hundred workers had their week reduced to 24 hours.

The students had already contacted the Lancia workers, and now the Communist Party and the Trade Unions have officially accepted them as "comrades" in the struggle. For the first time, students and other left-wing militants who are not Communist Party members can go in front of the Lancia gates and discuss with the

workers without being attacked (verbally or physically) by CP or Trade Union members.

In Milan and Turin, the Pirelli plants, with 66,000 workers in all Italy, have begun an important struggle, with a general strike, after several one or two hour single strikes in the different shops. In Pisa, the Saint-Gobain works are at the center of the city's attention. Here also the students are on the workers' side; there has been a clash with the police; the struggle continues.

In Venice yesterday, the whole city went on general strike. The center of the movement was the Porto Marghera industrial site. In Cosenza, in Southern Italy, more than 10,000 peasants and workers had a great demonstration yesterday. Here in Genoa last week 1,500 students blocked the traffic in all the city center from 5 to 8 p.m.

### ITALY WAITING

I don't know how well one can analyze what is happening or what will happen in the next period. One must remember that Italy has a monocolored government, formed only by Christian Democrats, while the country is waiting for the Socialist Congress which will decide whether the Nenni-Saragat party will again form a center-left government with the Christian Democrats or not. Italy is waiting.

On the other side, the Communist Party, after the invasion of Czechoslovakia, has decidedly changed some parts of its policy. It seems to be preparing itself to "open up" towards some kind of discussion, not only inside the party itself, but with all the left-wing groups that up to now were only insulted and accused of treason.

## Farmworker News

### GRAPES TO VIETNAM

Grape exports to servicemen in Vietnam have doubled many times since the start of the California grape strike. In 1965, when the strike started, Vietnam received \$32,438 worth of grapes, making that country the 17th largest importer. In 1967, the year that UFWOC (United Farm Workers Organizing Committee) struck Giumarra's table grapes, this figure had jumped to \$214,330 worth of grapes, the ninth largest importer.

During the first five months of this year, the lean part for grapes, they managed to ship \$92,111 in grapes to Vietnam. This could project to a 12-month figure of about \$500,000 — which would place the war third on the export list. Is the government subsidizing the grape-producing corporations in their dispute with the farm workers?

### TOMATO WORKERS

Farm workers in the tomato fields of Lucas County, Ohio, have won union contracts with at least 22 growers. Agreement was reached last month between the growers and the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC), after 500 workers had walked off their jobs. FLOC is a migrant union organizing in northern Ohio and southern Michigan.

The contracts call for an approximate ten per cent wage increase effective immediately, a union shop for next year with FLOC recruiting the farm workers, and improved living conditions. This is a breakthrough in the unionization of field workers in the midwest migrant stream. FLOC Director Blademar Velasquez says the union now has over 1,000 members.

## EDITORIAL

### Mine Union Bureaucrats Bargain Away Vital Work Control for Wages

Stopping miners' wildcat strikes is the main point in the new contract signed by the United Mine Workers union and the Bituminous Coal Producers Association on Oct. 18. And for the first time, a direct penalty is written into the contract if miners wildcat.

This clause states that any miner who goes out on any wildcat strike during the next year will have his \$120 Christmas bonus cut off. In addition, and also for the first time in the mines, if a miner does not work the day before or the day after any one of eight holidays, he loses the holiday pay.

Many people do not know the extent of wildcat strikes in the country, and the record of the miners alone during the past 30 months shows how little is published in even the labor press—let alone the capitalist press—about the number of strikes that take place.

### DAILY WILDCAT STRIKES IN MINES

The figure is 428,000 man-shifts lost in that time through wildcat strikes. This is an average of 14,300 miners out on wildcat strike every week, or, with mines averaging some 300 to 400 men, it comes to about 40 mines hit by a wildcat each week. These strike figures reveal several important facts. First, they are a measure of the continuous opposition of the miners to their conditions of work. Second, they show a near total inability of the local unions to handle grievances over conditions of work, which forces miners to take matters into their own hands. And third, this effort on the part of UMW President "Tony" Boyle and the local operators will fail completely, because miners value their lives more than they do money, and they must continue to wildcat to protect themselves because the coal operators will not correct the abuses and dangerous conditions willingly.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that not one of these wildcat strikes involved wages or money; every one was over unsafe conditions of work, inhuman production speed-up and boss harassment.

These are matters which are not spelled out in the contract, and because of this have always produced serious problems. Under the unending pressure of the coal operators for more and more production, mine bosses in turn try to push men to impossible work limits and into deadly unsafe work conditions. The men have filed mounds of grievances, but union committeemen ignore all but the most clear-cut cases—and even many of these are not touched. The result is that the men have no choice but to go out on strike in defense of their very lives.

### WAGE INCREASE NOT CRITICAL ISSUE

Most of the reports on the UMW contract highlight the wage increase of \$3 a day now, \$2 more next year and another \$2 the year after that. To be sure, the miners need the wage increases, but they have never made wage increases the central issue. For them, the most important thing has always been, and remains today, the conditions of work.

What they wanted much more than the wage increase was a clause in the contract to control the clouds of coal dust released into the air during the coal producing process. This is deadly dust. Breathing it causes silicosis, tuberculosis and other serious respiratory diseases. This is also the dust which explodes with greater force than gunpowder to rip bodies and leave widows and orphans to mourn the violent deaths of their husbands and fathers.

If this provision had been written into the contract, the rank-and-file miners would have enforced it with a vengeance. But instead, Boyle undoubtedly bargained this critical matter away for some other fringe benefit—and took it completely out of the hands of the rank-and-file by deciding to try to get a dust control provision through federal mine safety legislation.

This means federal mine inspectors would be charged with enforcing the law, if it is ever passed by Congress. Every coal miner knows there are thousands of violations of the present safety code every day; that mine inspectors are not in the working areas daily to see the violations; and that as a part of the federal code the dust control provision could be totally useless.

While the contract also expands seniority to include area moves and increases vacation benefits, the added dime miners wanted the operators to pay into the Health and Welfare Fund was dropped by Boyle. This Fund pays for medical-hospital expenses of miners and their dependents, and pays retirement benefits. Miners wanted the extra 10c so widows and surviving children of dead miners would continue to get hospital-medical coverage instead of being cut off as they are now, and to increase the retirement benefits of miners above the present pitiful \$115 a month.

Another provision miners wanted and didn't get was a clause to prevent scab (non-union) coal from being processed at union mines. Today's high quality market demands require quality processing, and non-union operators usually make deals with operators who have existing union-operated processing facilities. The very principle of processing non-union coal has always rankled union miners, not only because non-union miners are often too old, underpaid and can't fight effectively because they are pretty much at the mercy of the non-union coal operators, but also because non-union coal is a real economic threat to them.

And so once again the pattern shows up in the mines as it does elsewhere: The union bureaucrats bargained away the vital life and death matters of control over conditions of work the miners so desperately need, in exchange for a wage increase and a few fringe benefits. Because this is so, the future will hold more, not less, wildcat strikes in the mines.

## Black Olympic Protest

The silent protest by Tommie Smith and John Carlos at the Mexico City Olympics showed the whole world the determination of black people to be free of American racism.

When Avery Brundage, U.S. Olympic Committee Chairman first suspended Smith and Carlos, and then—at the urging of the State Department—gave them 48 hours to leave Mexico, many U.S. athletes, white and black, offered to walk out, but Smith and Carlos urged them to stay and protest. One white athlete, Australia's Peter Norman, on the victory stand with them, wore a button of support.

Black athletes seemed inspired to make literally superhuman efforts to win their events in order to have the opportunity to protest on the victory stand in their own way. Some wore black berets, some black socks, and one accepted his award barefooted.

The protests for freedom at the Olympics were not limited to black Americans.

The Czechoslovak Women's Gymnastic champion twice refused to look at the Russian flag as it was raised and instead bowed her head in mourning over the invasion. Asked if she was going to defect to the West, she answered that she was returning to her country to present her medals to Dubcek and Svoboda as a gesture of her support.

The Olympic big-shots, worried at the meetings between American black athletes and Africans, and the display of a world in revolt in their midst, decided to limit the march during the final ceremonies to only six hand-picked members of each team. Their efforts were in vain, however, as athletes from many countries broke through police lines to join their brothers and sisters in the arena in a final gesture of solidarity.

In contrast to Brundage's racism and hypocrisy, the protesting athletes showed the world what the Olympics were supposed to mean — human brotherhood.

## Way of the World

By Ethel Dunbar

### Young People, Black and White vs. White Leaders

Who is right to lead the people on the right road to peace? The youth are in revolt all over the world because the old leaders are trying to keep their old ways and stop the people from running over these "great white leaders".

These young people, black and white, see just what these older heads really mean when they talk about "law and order". They mean to keep their rule over the black people and the poor whites.

So many people can't see this is what these leaders mean when they start talking about how they will "change things". They don't mean to change things to help people live better in the United States. When a man wants to win a political race, he will say anything to get the job. But the politicians will never fool me — or a lot of other people who have heard all the things they talk about before.

### "LAW AND ORDER"

The hardest thing to understand is how so many people could swallow George Wallace, when he has never said one thing that he would do for the poor white or black people. He has only talked of how he is going

to stop the crime rate, the "burning and looting and killing".

His "law and order" would help the rich man, but it would have to be used against his own poor white followers just as much as against the black people. Then they would have to turn around and do away with him.

It is more true than ever that so long as you keep the black man branded, the white man will never get any place, either. Yet the race-haters seem to really believe that they can turn history backwards. It can't be done.

### WHITE REBELS

History shows us just what the black man has done for this country. Black soldiers fought and died on the same battle fields that white men did. They are still doing it. But as soon as some whites get on the ship to come back to the U.S., they want to forget what they have learned together.

The truth about the white race is that they just hate to give up being "on top" of the whole world of other people. The "hippies" and the young white rebels know this truth, and want nothing more to do with trying to hold other races back from the truth.

When you have that many whites fighting with the blacks against the "great white leaders," a new world is not far away.

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### DETROIT GRAPE BOYCOTT HELP NEEDED

The farm workers who are fighting for a decent wage and working conditions need your help in their grape boycott. If you would like to volunteer some time to the campaign, or help picket on Fridays and Saturdays, write to:

**United Farm Workers  
Organizing Committee**  
2500 Howard Street  
Detroit, Mich. 48216  
or call 825-4811

# From The Auto Shops

## Fleetwood

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eat the union held a meeting and tried to persuade the workers to go back. It was really a controlled meeting with hand-picked people giving the same line about an unauthorized strike and how this will break the union. They tried to tell us that Fleetwood has the best working conditions.

But many workers would not buy this. One worker got up and asked why do we have to fight again for things that we were supposed to have 25 years ago. It was against the speed-up and harassment, the intimidation by foremen, that the union was first formed.

We are back now and a lot of us are asking what does a union stand for. It seems that the union was on the company's side on many of the grievances. Why doesn't the union back us? Sometime the committeeman is working hand in hand with the foreman. We don't even bother to talk with him.

When the union doesn't back us the company feels it has a free hand. They are still working the hell out of us. The committeemen say nothing.

### COMPANY FIRINGS

During the wildcat the company took pictures of workers in front of the building. Foremen came down and took down names of workers they recognized. As a result 38 workers were fired. What is going to happen to those workers?

In some departments where

the workers are really together the company has had to change policy as a result of the wildcat. One example is the glass job where the company gave them two more men.

The wildcat could be just a beginning. Many of the young guys are saying we have to have a change. Even if we might lose we have to try. Most are waiting for the first train moving to get on and make a change.

First Shift Worker, Fleetwood  
Second Shift Worker, Fleetwood

## Ford Rouge

DETROIT, Mich. — The assembly line has really been something since the beginning of the model year. Workers are being written up for poor and careless work without any job standards being set. The contract says that standards should be set at the beginning of the model year. This protects a worker from the foreman giving him extra job.

### CLASSIFICATION

Right now guys are being made to work out of their classification. Assembly workers who make \$3.38½ an hour are being worked on utility jobs which are supposed to pay \$3.56 an hour. The workers are not getting the higher rate.

The union says that the company in not bargaining on these jobs in good faith. But the union has not done anything about setting strike procedures in motion. In fact, with the presidential election occurring, the union seems to be more tied up in the election and is doing nothing for workers' grievances in the plant.

### DEGRADE WORKERS

The company seems to be making a psychological effort to degrade the workers and the union is not doing anything about it. One foreman, Spenser, called some black workers savages. The workers were damn mad and wanted to have that foreman removed. But the union hasn't done anything to get him away. Instead, some foremen have been riding certain workers who complained about this racist foreman, in an effort to get rid of them.

—Rouge Assembly Line Worker

## Mahwah Ford

Mahwah, N.J.—The Mahwah division of the Ford Motor Company finally withdrew their resistance to the apprenticeship program agreed upon contractually between the Ford Motor Co. and the UAW on a national level.

But to assure the least possible disturbance of the old practice of denial of opportunity other than to those accepted by a Joe McGuire, this program affords little or nothing to a graduate in terms of becoming a skilled tradesman or journeyman in the maintenance department at the Mahwah Ford plant.

### NO TRADESMEN NEEDED

Since it became known that the apprenticeship program was definitely accepted, there has been a special effort to hire into this department more tradesmen in this short period than were hired at any time in the history of this plant.

Therefore, at the conclusion of the apprentice's training period there will exist no available need to add to the manpower in the trades.

There is, however, an alternative and that is to return to the assembly line or seek employment elsewhere. Should one elect to return to the line to wait for an opening in the skilled department, he can certainly anticipate a problem should the department management remain as it is today.

## Workers' Leaflet at Mahwah

(Editor's Note: The following leaflet was distributed by workers at the Mahwah, N.J., Ford assembly plant.)

**AS A LATE GREAT AMERICAN ONCE SAID: SOME PEOPLE SEE THINGS AS THEY ARE, AND ASK WHY? I SEE THINGS AS THEY SHOULD BE AND ASK WHY NOT?**

We, the Black workers of the Mahwah plant must now ask ourselves, and others this same question. Why Not? We must ask ourselves, why haven't we achieved the benefits, or come any further along the line in this plant or union.

The Black Men must now come together and organize, as is being done all over the country. We must not sit idly by and expect someone else to give us what we ourselves should be demanding. We have learned that we stand alone. Only by coming together in organization, can we expect to have any meaningful voice.

By being a united front, we can say to Ford: "No longer will we settle for anything other than equal opportunities, respect and dignity as a man. No longer will we stand idly by while one of our own is cursed, or abused by some racist foreman. No longer will we be denied the equal right to jobs in any area in the plant to which we are qualified for . . . No longer will we depend upon the grievance procedure to settle major difficulties."

Only by becoming a strong body can we be sure of equal representation in any future policy making or appointments.

I am not asking you to do something new, or unique and untried. Nor am I asking you to attempt the impossible. To become a part of a movement never before tried any time or place. On the contrary, I'm asking you become a part of the greatest movement this country, this world, has ever seen. I'm saying its time to form with the other concerned Black people, that are not only saying it loud, but are making themselves heard by banning together into black organization.

United Black Brothers of Mahwah Ford

### On the Line

## Workers Will Be Abused as Long as Company Controls

by John Allison

On the second page of the UAW contract with Chrysler Corporation, you will read these words: The corporation has the exclusive right to manage its plants and direct its affairs and working forces. Now add: shop rules, right to hire and fire, set production standards and control time.

Let me explain. Workers have nothing to say about the time they start and quit work. And if a worker fails to comply with the contract, company policy or shop rules, he or she will be subject to discipline, and in some cases to discharge.

### DIFFERENT RULE

Shop rules are in a safety book workers receive when hired. However, your supervisor has some rules in his head that are not in the book, and he is the one who has the last word in most cases. What this means is that the workers are very much at the mercy of their supervisors, regardless of whether what he says is in the book or not.

Now let's take a look at company policy. When a worker is ill and cannot come to work and is at home in bed, he or she will get a "Dear John" from management's insurance department ordering the worker to report to their doctor.

If you can't pick up your bed with yourself and get over to the doctor's office, the next day you will get a second "Dear John" letter notifying that your seniority has been broken. In other words, you are discharged, discharged because you did not comply with company orders or policy.

Those who work with management insurance, doctor's compensation or department supervision are all stool pigeons. All work together as an anti-union force against the working class.

### OWN LAW

The auto industry can teach Wallace a lesson on law and order, and the two would understand each other very well. It's the kind of law and order they make up to suit their own interests, and is against anything that is human.

The union in the shops sets a value on seniority above almost anything else, and says it

will defend this right to the end. But saying and doing are two different things. Because it makes no difference how long you have worked in the auto shop if you get sick. If you have to go home because you are ill, you are a prime subject for a "Dear John" letter from your employer and all of the rest of the harassment that goes along with it.

This is the way it is in the shop today, and from the looks of things, conditions are going to get a lot worse before they get better.

## Work Conditions In Scottish Mills

(Aberdeen, Scotland — The following excerpts about conditions workers face in the paper mills in and around Aberdeen, are from the "Aberdeen Militant," paper of the Aberdeen branch of the Syndicalist Workers' Federation.)

### STONEWOOD

The Mill becomes more like a prison every day; not only have dogs been used against workers pilfering, but in some departments now employees must wear name and number tabs and carry passport-style passes.

There has been talk in the mill lately of taking industrial action for better conditions, and a ban on overtime when the mill has a lot of orders seems possible at the moment.

### DONSIDER MILL

Donside was the only mill in the Clan group to show no profit last year; in fact it recorded a loss of over £500,000, mainly due to breakdowns of new machinery. The management, however have used the loss as an excuse to attack working conditions and for the last few months the workers have been subjected to increasing speed-up. Of course the workers have resisted and resisted this, and a situation has been brought about where 60 workers have now been sacked, allegedly for "persistent malingering."

### CULTER

In Culter Mill the bosses seem to think that because they are dealing mainly with country workers they can get away with anything. A profit of almost £700,000 last year for the Culter Guard Bridge company has brought no improvement to the workers' conditions. They are continually cheated out of bonus and overtime payments as well as increments and have to go to great lengths to get them.

Safety precautions in the mill are poor; fire-fighting equipment is inadequate and electrical fittings a danger to life. To make things worse, men are often forced to do other men's jobs, with no compensation if they are injured. Another source of discontent is that many workers are on 12-hour shifts.

What holds some workers back from action is the tied-cottage system; many workers live in mill houses and to lose their jobs would also be to lose their houses. One thing which would be a big advance would be the right to elect shop stewards to deal with grievances as they arise.

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**Editorial Appeal**

**Fight Against Wallaceism Is Needed More Than Ever**

The fact that George Wallace failed to plunge this country into the so-called "constitutional crisis" that hung like a sword of Damocles on Nov. 5, but did not fall, has not solved the real crisis we face—any more than Wallace and Wallaceism will disappear now that the election is over. They will not disappear until the cancer they represent is destroyed at its root. And the root of that cancer is racism.

Wallace's failure to win any but five of the most benighted states of the Deep South, and his failure to win the big "blue collar" vote he expected in the North, cannot permit us to forget that more than nine million votes were cast for him—across the land. They were the votes not only of the KKK in the Deep South, but of the Birchites who have chapters in every major state in the country, of the White Citizens' Councils, the Minute Men, and the hundreds of other far-right organizations that infest every state of the union, who are out to destroy both the black revolt and the labor movement.

The labor bureaucracy's belated campaign—under pressure from the black workers in the shop—to expose Wallace's true labor record, undoubtedly helped some of the white workers Wallace had counted on, to regain their good class sense in sufficient time. Yet it is the labor bureaucracy that must bear responsibility for helping to nurture Wallaceism by its utter failure to fight racism, beginning in its own house.

Four years ago, white and black labor united briefly to defeat Goldwater—but the transition to a united struggle against racism did not develop after his defeat. The fight against Wallaceism, the fight against racism, cannot be put off for another four years again. It must be fought now. And daily. And it is the poor and the rank and file workers, black and white, who must be counted on to end it.

**CLASS STRUGGLE AND BLACK REVOLT**

It is more true than ever that "American civilization has been on trial from the day of its birth. Its hollow slogans of democracy have been found wanting from the very start of the labor and Negro struggles at the beginning of the 19th century. The first appearance of trade unions and workingmen's parties in the U.S. paralleled the greatest of the slave revolts and the emergence of the Abolitionist movement. This parallelism is the characteristic feature of American class struggle. Only when these two great movements coalesce do we reach decisive turning points in U.S. development." (From *American Civilization on Trial*).

It is this intimate connection between capitalism and racism, and between class struggle and black revolt which the labor bureaucracy has concealed, and which it cannot reveal so long as it remains tied to the capitalist organizations. To fight racism, to fight Wallaceism, requires a totally new philosophy, the unifying philosophy of Marxist-Humanism.

The workers who have responded to our Appeal for Help in the last issue, have expressed this most clearly:

"The union should be writing about Wallace the way your paper does," wrote one white auto worker, who lived through the 30's and knows that without the Negro, the CIO could never have been built.

"The best article I ever read was the one in your paper about Wallace. The union should have done something about letting workers know what he really stands for a long time ago. What I want to know now is what Marxist-Humanism really stands for," said another black worker.

What Marxist-Humanism really stands for is the philosophy and the practice of human freedom. News & Letters Committees is the organizational expression of this unity of theory and practice; and our paper remains the only one anywhere edited by a black auto production worker which combines the talents of workers and intellectuals, and has become a real weapon in the freedom struggles.

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**Readers'**

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA**

I distributed your Special Report on Czechoslovakia to as many as I could. I wish I could get it translated into Italian. A friend who was in Czechoslovakia just before the invasion says he will probably use your article in one that he's getting published in some intellectual magazine here.

Correspondent  
Milan

It is obvious that Dubcek has made many concessions of a predictable kind. The battle is only at its early stages. We are right about Hungary not being the end.

I could easily be wrong, but it looks as if the centre of the struggle is shifting back to Europe, but this time, the experience of Africa, Asia and Latin America will have some bearing upon the shape it takes.

Marxist Humanist  
Scotland

The Soviet invasion proves once again (as if it really needed proving) that state-capitalism is as opposed to modest reform as is the capitalistic U.S. Keep up the good work of applying the Marxian method to current events, and relating both to present living theory.

Teacher  
Philadelphia

Your issue on Czechoslovakia with the special report was very interesting and informative even for those of us who were supposedly already well-informed, having just been there. The fact is that what we had read up to then was mostly news or otherwise opinions on what had happened coming from the "communist field," meaning the Italian Communist Party.

I want also to tell you that I liked very much all the many articles from auto workers in your last few issues.

Correspondent  
Genoa

No thinking person, no genuine revolutionary could fail to share the sense of horror over the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia expressed by Andrew Filak in the Oct. News & Letters. However to allow the idea of the spontaneous unity of the Czech and Slovak peoples in their heroic resistance, to obscure the deep class divisions in Czechoslovak society both before and after the invasion may, in the long run, be a disservice to the Czechoslovak and world working class because it creates the impression of an identity of interest between the Czech workers and the "liberalizing" faction of the ruling Communist Party lead by Dubcek.

This lack of sharp class analysis even affects the reporting of the Czech resistance. It is true that there was a general strike, but it was a one-hour strike held during lunch-hour. If the workers had really felt that the liberal regime represented their interests, or if that regime were based on genuine organs of workers' power (like workers' councils), the strike would have been more than symbolic.

Today, it is increasingly clear that Dubcek and his followers are desperately clinging to power and that they

will be willing to swallow almost any compromise with their Russian overlords in order to preserve it. This will inevitably lead to direct police persecution of outspoken Marxist intellectuals within Czechoslovakia and to increased oppression of the workers, who will be made to pay the costs of the Russian invasion and its attendant economic disruption.

It is therefore imperative not to allow any illusions about the nature of the Dubcek group or any illusions about "national unity," but to concentrate on the working class, which "has not yet had its say." When it does, the clear signs of worker self-activity and self-organization will be evident for all who have eyes to see, and it will not take the form either of largely symbolic reforms or a symbolic strike.

D.G.  
New York

It's hard to decide who showed more contempt for the masses—the Communist Party that defended the invasion by Russia; or the Maoists who condemned the invasion (the Russians were imperialists), and also condemned the Czechoslovaks (they were nothing but revisionists).

So far as I am concerned the Russian invasion proved how "revolutionary" were the developments in Czechoslovakia. Otherwise, why would it have been so imperative for Russia to crush them, before this "first stage" could ever develop further?

Reader  
Los Angeles

**WAR AND THE LEFT**

Over 100,000 marched in London on Oct. 27 to oppose the war in Vietnam. And now that the big demonstration is over, there is a good deal of speculation about the future.

We have to face the fact that the mass of the workers are far from being involved. It is still a movement of students with Tariq Ali and Pat Jordan (members of the Fourth International) scooping up the publicity. Other organizations were involved in the demonstration, but they are seldom mentioned. Tariq Ali is now talking about uniting the Left groups on some issues nearer home.

While there is some talk about the "revolution" (said to be almost imminent), no real revolutionary message is being brought to the workers. Marxism is often referred to in passing, but little is said about what it means.

On top of this, while there is strong feeling among ordinary people about Czechoslovakia, nothing is being done by the "Marxists." This is

deplorable when we know that the struggle in Czechoslovakia is far from over. The Russian leaders want a purge, and are using every possible means to get it I am looking forward to the new pamphlet.

H. McShane  
Glasgow

I don't understand how the U.S. can do all the bombing and fighting they've been doing in Vietnam, and then yell about China and Russia sending aid to the North. They act like the U.S. can go into any country in the world and do what they want to and nobody else has anything to say about it—especially the people right in that country itself. Do they really think they own ALL the world?

Auto Worker  
Detroit

If you ask some people why they support the war in Vietnam, they'll tell you it's to stop the Communists from coming to this country and taking over. What a fatal misconception that is, besides showing ignorance or unconcern over the suffering of the Vietnamese people!

By the late '50's, the Communists had just about dried up in this country. The Communist Party was full of FBI agents. The *Daily Worker* had become a weekly. But now, since the barbarous American aggression in Vietnam, their membership is climbing again and they're putting out a new daily newspaper.

Obviously, American aggression is making Communists in America, strengthening Communism right here at home. If the war keeps up much longer, they won't have to swim across from Vietnam to take over; there'll be plenty here already.

Reader  
Philadelphia

**ELECTION COMMENTARY**

Those automation machines sure ran true to form. The way the computers were breaking down all over the place during election night seemed a fitting commentary on the "great society" they were supposed to be computing!

Machine Operator  
Detroit

The vote in the South will not really represent what the poor people there think. I am sure there will be many who will be voting for Wallace because they will be afraid not to. I have never lived in the South in my life, but it has only been recently that I finally believed my vote really was secret. For years I was sure that they could tell how I voted. If I felt that way,

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# Views

can you imagine how Negroes in the South feel?

Steelworker's Wife  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

## MAYOR LINDSAY

It was enlightening to read recently about the meeting of New York's Mayor Lindsay with the Communist Mayor of Moscow. They chatted about common problems, these two large-scale employers of municipal labor.

Lindsay seemed to envy the totalitarian's "docile" labor force—about half a century without a strike. I wouldn't be surprised if Lindsay wouldn't be happier as mayor of Moscow right now.

Observer  
Florida

## THE BLACK REVOLT

A Negro worker was in line for a better job in the mill but they hired a fellow off the streets, saying that he had worked with the railroad and had more experience. The worker did not do anything about it until the next opening came.

Then he filed a grievance with the help of a few white workers. The day he went downtown about the grievance I gave him a "Freedom Now" button I had, to put on his coat. They only negotiated 15 minutes and he got the job.

Steel Worker  
Pittsburgh

Would you mind sending me also a copy of "Black Mass Revolt?" I liked very much your position on black power in your thesis. Carried to its logical conclusion, the concept of black power could end up in the formation of something similar to South African Bantustans which, with unemployment on the upgrade, would be very useful to the system.

On the other hand, one has to support without reservation the struggle of the black people for having immediately that minimum right of not being beaten and murdered on the streets.

Politico  
Italy

I am sick to death of hearing so-called "Negro leaders" urge separation of the blacks from the rest of the country. Some idiot was quoted as advocating that Harlem secede from New York, and, I suppose, the Union.

I don't of course, object to anybody's self-determination, but I do object to the utterly unrealistic pronouncements of self-styled "leaders." Leaders like that, nobody needs.

What is needed is workers, black and white, joining to fight to change New York and the Union. Maybe the workers could secede from the Union—by striking together for a new society.

Reader  
New York

The newscasters dwell at length and in detail upon the rebellions, but never notice the message of the fight for freedom. I am personally convinced that nothing will defeat the revolution for Freedom.

White Teacher  
Florida

## THE SICK SOCIETY

The recent goings on in this country leave me very disturbed. Even in France there

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**ORGANIZATION**—We are an organization of Marxist Humanists—blacks and whites who are seeking to change our conditions of life in the shops, the schools, the society as a whole. To do this we feel that all of us—workers in the factories, students in the universities and high schools—must come together and talk about how we can end speed up and racism in the plants, miseducation in the school; how we can build different human relations, by abolishing the division between mental and manual labor.

We invite you to write for the paper, and to join our organization.

is nothing but reaction to date. Even Soustelle has returned to Paris.

Then you watch Johnson's Study Commission on Violence with the longshoreman "philosopher" Hoffer presiding, and you remember that he has a chair at the U.C. in Berkeley without "proper" credentials, while Eldridge Cleaver is prohibited from giving a credited course because he doesn't have credentials.

To top it all, there have been a rash of bombings around Los Angeles. You just feel sick.

Marxist Humanist  
Los Angeles

## CUBA, CHINA— AND ITALY

By what stretch of the imagination is Havana's regime a case of "participating democracy"? Che said he was for "redemption." For this, his guerrillas were to turn themselves into "killing machines".

Unless I am mistaken some of Castro's guerrillas sought "redemption" through warfare against Batista, but were tossed out after Castro got power and they had lost their usefulness. They were not allowed to participate in the "participating democracy."

On the other hand, the Communists in Cuba who went along pretty much with Batista ended up with more of Che's "redemption" than some of his guerilla friends who made sacrifices and risked all.

Reader  
Florida

A Chinese friend of mine from Hong Kong keeps up with journals and papers from China and has some interesting information and ideas about the Red Guards and the youth that Mao used.

She says that Mao was not able to use the city youth, who would not listen to him. He went to the country, where the poverty was so terrible that the peasant youth had nothing to lose and were getting a free ride to Peking. They fed themselves by simply breaking into people's homes in gangs.

She says the school system is unbelievable now. The Red Guards broke up the chairs and tables, and have so humiliated the teachers that they don't want to go back to the schools. As a result, school is about two hours a day and every child has to bring a stool to sit on.

Observer  
California

Here in Italy all of the Left groups have held their Congresses, all of them divided—

evidently over the question of whether one should be more for Castro or more for Mao.

The only group that didn't split was the PCDI (Partito-Communista Marxista-Leninista d'Italia), and entire sections of various groups throughout Italy, joined en masse the PCDI. Thus, it is the Maoists that have won this round.

Even the Anarchists, who held their international convention in Italy this summer, split. It seems that it was principally a dispute between the younger and older generations.

Observer  
Milan

## ON OUR APPEAL

Enclosed is my check for \$10. I enjoy your paper despite the fact that I have been a wobbly for the past 50 years or so. More power to you, and may the devil keep you all.

Old Wobbly  
Chicago

Here's a dollar for my sub. Can you come and distribute your paper at my plant? The guys in our shop need it.

Ford Worker  
Detroit

I'm pledging one-third of the price I get on my next piece of sculpture toward your Sustaining Fund. Wish me luck.

Artist  
New York

Greetings from the woods. Here's \$5 as a token of our gratitude for News & Letters as a link with Detroit and "the land of the free" we have just escaped from. Last week 35 students from the university here joined pickets from metropolitan stores in protesting poor wages and working conditions. Greetings to all the freedom fighters there.

Friend  
Ontario

As a neophyte in the movement towards a better America, I'm prompted to compliment you on News & Letters. Humanism is the greatest of all foundations to build upon.

Sometimes we preoccupy ourselves with only those local and-or regional problems seemingly crying for our attention, yet we neglect the full perspective of man's struggle internationally.

News & Letters brings into focus crisply, concisely and lucidly the panoramic view. Please continue the good work.

New Reader  
California

# TWO WORLDS

EDITOR'S NOTE: We print below excerpts from the Foreword to our new pamphlet:

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

### Revolution and Counter Revolution

In the stealth of the night, when most of Czechoslovakia slept, hundreds of thousands of Communist troops, in endless columns of Russian tanks, rolled into the country which had just completed the very first act of peaceful revolution—ousting the old Stalinist (Novotny) leadership and electing a new one, establishing a free press, radio, TV, and, above all, letting the people find their own tongue.

The ruling Russian bureaucracy had tried to justify their counter-revolutionary act by inventing a blatant two-fold lie, to the effect that "counter-revolutionary" forces were about to take over Czechoslovakia from within, and that the Russian Communist Party and state leaders had been "invited" by persons, unspecified, in Czechoslovakia. Instead, what the invading troops found were a people never before so united in opposition to the occupiers—not from West Germany, as charged, but from the "fraternal Communist countries."

The youth who were supposed to have been interested in nothing but "material things" were laying their lives down for the freedom of their country. "The little old ladies" who were supposed to have lived their lives, were taunting the troops as, by the thousands, and tens of thousands, the people streamed into the streets to sit defiantly in the squares. Brief but effective strikes were carried out. No Czechoslovak collaborators were found anywhere. **DUBCEK: ILLUSION OR COMPROMISE?**

Not only could the invaders not find a Quisling; they could not even find a Kadar. The defiance was total. When their leaders returned from Moscow, having there accepted the degrading conditions of the invading power, and showing they were becoming experts at speaking with two voices, the Resistance continued. So Dubcek is back in Moscow trying to see whether he can get the occupying forces out of his country. Is he subject to such vain illusion or only searching for a formula to make occupation acceptable?

*"For three minutes on Red Square I felt free. I am glad to take your three years for that."*

—Vadim Delone, 23 year old student, upon being sentenced to prison for protesting the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia.

The shock of the invasion did not exhaust itself in the non-Communist world, but penetrated to the Communist parties. Thus, the two biggest Communist parties in Western Europe—the Italian and the French—opposed, as did the British Communist Party and those of the smaller countries.

What is far more important is that the brutal invasion of Czechoslovakia has made it necessary for the anti-Vietnam war movement to fight on two fronts since it has, of necessity, centered attention of freedom fighters to the Russian, and not just American, danger. Surely, the Russian ruling bureaucracy visualized just such consequences. Why, then, did they embark on an action, the military success of which spelled out ideological failure?

There are some who think that it was Poland's Wladyslaw Gomulka, faced at home both from the Left and the extreme nationalist Right, who tipped the scales in favor of invasion. There are others who think the Russians have been led into the fatal decision by East Germany's Walter Ulbricht, who built an impregnable Berlin Wall to keep his workers from escaping to West Germany—only to find that the German workers could now make good their escape by a simple visit to a fraternal country, and from Czechoslovakia easily cross over into West Germany. There is, of course, no doubt that both of these situations were factors in the final decision. But anyone who believes in the fairy tale of the tail wagging the dog doesn't know the Russian bear.

*"Would I go to jail for something I think is not right?"*

—Vladimir Dremlyuga, unemployed worker sentenced to three years in a prison camp, upon being asked by the Russian court if he still considered that his protest was right.

No, to perceive the reasons for such a calamitous adventure one must look at Russia itself. Moreover, in looking at Russia, one cannot restrict himself to look only at repercussions in Russia of events abroad. Rather, one must keep eyes glued on what emanates from Russia.

As against the Sinyavsky and Daniel trial in 1966, the 1967 trial of Ginsburg and others (who are not part of the inner core of the highly structured Moscow literary establishment) had expanded their "platform" from literary freedom to civil rights, including that of public demonstrations in which they had participated. While it is true that these are all still literary men, and they have not succeeded in establishing a relation with workers as had the Czechoslovak intellectuals, there is also no doubt that unofficial groupings exist underground that publish "literary essays," including expressions of sympathy for Czechoslovakia, and demands for more freedom in Russia. The ruling bureaucracy knows well that where there is that much discontent in the privileged strata of the population, the restlessness among the masses is deep indeed. As one inmate of the Vorkuta forced labor camp, where there was a revolt back in 1953, expressed it then: "Russia is more than ever full of revolutionaries."

Thus, two altogether new features characterize the latest trial—that of Pavel Litvinov, Larisa Daniel, Konstantin Babitsky, (Continued on Page 7)

# Doing and Thinking

## The Role Of The Teacher

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This month I turn my column over to David Paine, whose article continues the analysis of the present educational system, begun in "School vs. Education" and continued in "The Individual in Our Miseducational System," on a very concrete and current level.—Bernard Wendell)

by David Paine

If the student is a convict, then surely the role of the teacher in capitalist society is that of a brain policeman. The teacher, while technically transmitting to the student knowledge necessary to his education, in reality merely programs him with the schizoid values of the decaying capitalist society, while training him for his role in that society. As almost everyone admits, this programming is done in a sterile and alienating way that makes true education almost impossible.

Whether the teacher wants to or not, he is forced by the system to take this role of an intellectual policeman. Pressured by vicious and incompetent administrators from above and by resentful students from below, he easily turns to emotional sadism based upon his small morsels of superior knowledge.

### RACE AND CLASS

This role, however, is modified along race and class lines depending upon the community in which the student-teacher relationship takes place.

In upper middle-class white schools, the teacher drills the student in the intellectual and managerial skills he needs to take his place in the elite. At the same time, students are taught the ethic of cut throat competition, and to look down on lower class kids.

In schools in working class communities, students are fitted

## 1,500 at Antiwar Demonstration

Detroit, Mich.—On Oct. 26 an anti-Vietnam War march and rally took place, drawing about 1,500 people, which is pretty good for Detroit. In 40 degree weather people showed their protest to the government and their solidarity with the Vietnamese people.

An ultra-right wing organization showed up to picket our protest and maybe cause some trouble, but one look at the Black Panthers there and they didn't say a word.

### OPPOSITION HERE

The opposition to the war is growing faster and more violent each day. In cities all across America people say they are not going to give up until the U.S. pulls out of Vietnam and ends her imperialist policy across the world. Not only is this mass movement saying to end aggression in other countries, but to also end the racist policy here in America. A new unity of all different people against U.S. policies is here and the government is afraid of that. People in solidarity is the main threat to this racist society.

### OPPOSITION ABROAD

People around the world are rising up in protest to the brutal acts of aggression committed by the United States government.

When we unite with our oppressed brothers all over the world, then we will be able to make a beautiful world for all people to live in, not die in.

High School Student  
Detroit

for jobs in low level administration and in production, while being constantly supplied with a hate object by racist teachers and textbooks.

This racist element is used in black schools, where the teacher is most actively despised, to deprive the black child of his heritage, while only giving him a chance to enter the most menial and unimportant jobs.

### BRAIN POLICE

The brain police, like their physical counterparts, are underpaid by the oppressors and reviled by those they oppress. Hence it is no surprise that along with the wave of police strikes in recent months, fully ten percent of the nation's teachers were out on strike at the beginning of the fall semester.

Unlike the militancy of the cops, however, this new teacher militancy has positive aspects as well as a simple motive of asking better pay for oppression. In New York, for example, the original teachers' union came out for progressive goals in classroom education and in opposition to stultifying bureaucratic control, using strikes as a weapon.

### RADICALIZE TEACHERS

The experience of the strike has been instrumental in breaking down the illusions of "professionalism" that teachers have had of themselves, and has made them more amenable to organization as members of the "new working class." Unlike policemen, the individual teacher is usually a basically decent person, not a confirmed racist, and so can be reached both on the level of his realization of his role and his distaste for it, and on the level of his own liberation from the oppression and insecurity of being a cop in the capitalist system.

So it can be seen that strikes for strictly economic reasons can break down certain barriers separating the brain police from the average worker, and that strikes dealing with improved education, while their goals are usually reformist, can serve to radicalize teachers in their work and its purpose.

### NEGATIVE MILITANCY

However, there is another aspect of the new teacher militancy that, as described in the last issue of News & Letters, is obviously negative. This concerns teachers' strikes, such as the recent one in New York, concerned with black control of ghetto schools and the veiled racism of the "disruptive child" issue. The willingness of teachers to take unfair and shortsighted stands on these things shows that their new militancy, like that of the police, can become, rather than a device to change the oppressive system in which they operate, a justification for their present role within that system.

The issue of black control of black schools is the watershed. If teachers can see why such control is necessary even at the cost of a few racist or incompetent teachers' jobs, then their movement, with the added impetus lent by struggle, can help to change their role. If not, they cannot help but retreat into their previous status in capitalist society, and a teacher strike, like a cop strike, will become just another squabble among our enemies, in which the petty oppressors will hopefully stay off their jobs as long as possible.



# → YOUTH

## Puerto Ricans Face Blood Tax

San Juan, Puerto Rico—The trials of over 100 Puerto Ricans who refused induction into the Army, will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 12, and are expected to go on into February.

The number of resisters indicted for induction refusal has just about doubled in the past four months. During the four months just ahead, it is expected that many more will refuse to be inducted.

Since the people of Puerto Rico cannot vote for President and are not represented in Congress, they do not pay federal taxes. However, the draft — the blood tax — is a different matter.

It is hoped here that demonstrations in the United States will take notice of the season of draft trials and draft protests. Nov. 14 has been designated the day of solidarity with Puerto Rican Resisters.

## Antiwar GI Faces Courtmartial

DETROIT, Mich.—Pfc. Walter Kos, an antiwar GI and a member of the Young Socialist Alliance before he was drafted, faces imminent court-martial on a charge of disobeying an order at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he is stationed.

Kos made his political views clear to army brass before he was drafted and said that he would exercise his constitutional right of freedom of speech within the armed forces. He was finally handed an order to cease and desist from distributing antiwar literature on the base.

Later, asked by an Army Specialist "5" for his copy of Vietnam GI (an antiwar newspaper written by GIs), Kos complied. According to the army brass, this constituted disobeying an order, and Kos has been so charged to be court martialed shortly.

## Canadian Students Seize Nine Campuses In Quebec

Montreal, Canada — On Oct. 21 we marched with more than 6,000 young CEGEP (like junior colleges in the U.S.A.) students from McGill University to L'Universite de Montreal. We walked through downtown Montreal, singing, shouting, laughing.

This was a happy day, and three slogans represented the purpose of the day: Pouvoir Etudiants (Student Power), Ouvriers-Étudiants (Workers and Students), and Quebec Quebecois. (Quebec for the citizen of Quebec).

The latest stage of student discontent broke out into the open three weeks ago, when the students of Lionel Groulx school in Ste. Therese and St. Jerome (Montreal suburbs) voted to occupy their campuses.

### STUDENT DEMANDS

There were three major issues: 1. more money, more grants and more loans with decreased interest rates.

2. Internal reorganization of the CEGEPs — student control over content and form of classes; better teachers; better administration giving a voice to the students; development of the professional-technical sectors vs. the classical sector.

3. Jobs and a chance for further education; a second French university in Montreal.

The students at Lionel-Groulx voted 509 to 313 to occupy their facilities. All doors but one were barricaded, and the school was divided into eight zones. Student patrols kept order and controlled the entrance. The cafeteria continued to function, but at half-price.

Teachers were allowed to conduct seminars and classes, but the administration was excluded. Study sessions were held continuously and the students' political level continued to rise. This rise was led by the 12th year students who immediately joined with the students at Lionel-Groulx. These young people —

16 to 18 years old — were in the forefront after the first day — and will continue to be so in the future.

The CEGEPs were established by the government of Quebec two years ago in response to growing demands for increased access to higher education. In a world where university and technical education is a necessity for economic progress, Quebec awoke to find its post-secondary education in the hands of a tiny privileged minority.

### QUEBEC EXPLOITED

Quebec is a French-speaking nation with its economy completely dominated by foreign interests — especially by Great Britain and the United States, with the complicity of the Ottawa government. Quebec has been kept economically backward by its own leaders as well as by the Catholic Church and by a tiny bourgeoisie — who conspired to grow rich and fat on the misery of the people.

All these forces combined to preserve Quebec's colonial status, both within Canada and vis-a-vis the United States. This colonial status is reflected in its educational system, and thus as national consciousness grows, the demands for a modern educational system rise to take the lead.

It is not surprising that the students in the CEGEPs should be the most sensitive. They were promised a chance for a better life. They were promised a university or technical education which would prepare them for good jobs — and all these hopes were smashed. What the CEGEP students found was the same putrid classical courses that the priests had given and technical courses so antiquated and of such low quality that the students were prepared for nothing but more unemployment.

### NINE SCHOOLS HELD

Up to nine campuses were ultimately occupied throughout Quebec, but the UGEQ (Union General des Etudiants de Quebec) executive failed to act. Afraid of being called elitist, it demanded consensus of all its members, and thus it achieved only paralysis.

The results were: (1) the demands were not comprehensive enough, (2) no uniformity of demands between different CEGEPs was achieved, and (3) no cohesion on specifics of demands was achieved.

The occupations are over. The great march of 6,000 staged by UGEQ was too little, too late. But the movement for a new Quebec has only begun. The young students have learned a lot. They have become politicized, and things will never be the same again.

Not only are the students' demands rapidly expanding, but the face of the Quebec nation is being transformed. If Quebec is ever to achieve its independence, it is these citizens who will lead. The Quebec flags were prominent today — and a new society is in the wind. The 6,000 who marched today will settle for nothing less.

R. T., McGill  
M. C., Ste. Therese

### of hate

hate?  
yes i hate  
and with  
passion  
oh how i  
hate  
(damm you)

do i hate?  
ha  
i feed it  
water it  
grow it  
i even love  
it  
(damm you)

does it shock  
you  
that i should  
hate  
and not  
what you call  
love  
(damm you)

you  
preach of love  
but  
breed only hate  
ha

i've reaped  
but  
what you sowed  
(damm you)

good you say  
to me  
while  
you do only  
evil  
then you  
wonder why i  
should hate  
(damm you)

you  
lie, cheat  
steal  
kill even  
yet  
i should love  
you  
(damm you)  
love you?  
when there is  
rhodesia  
south africa  
viet nam, memphis  
appalachia,  
mississippi  
or

chicago, greece, the  
indians  
(damm you)

yes  
damm, damm, damm  
you  
to the deepest  
lowest  
pit of hell  
you  
your children  
and  
their children  
damm  
you all  
you, you, you  
ha  
there's nothing  
lower  
than you  
may  
you rot in  
hell  
i only  
hope i'm there  
to see  
it  
(damm you)

—Ray Ford

Two Worlds

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Revolution and Counter Revolution

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Vadim Delone, and Vladimir Dremlyuga. First and foremost, this group appeared the day after the invasion of Czechoslovakia with placards demanding "Hands Off Czechoslovakia!" Secondly, this group of young intellectuals included an unemployed worker, Vladimir Dremlyuga.

The extreme military act of violating the sovereignty of Czechoslovakia was not to meet military threats, but to stop history's clock signalling the creation of Communism's gravediggers. As Ivan Svitak put it the day of the invasion: "Authentic Marxism is the main enemy of the Soviet power elite, not the Americans or Chinese."

What delusion to think that such an "enemy" can be stopped by tanks. Nothing can divert the masses from the road to freedom, much less the idea of freedom. New ideas are spreading throughout the world more powerful than the struggle for power between Russia and America, or Russia and China, much less East and West Germany. Czechoslovakia itself is proof of the emergence of a new world movement as a freedom movement, the very existence of which corroborates the Marxist-Humanist approach.

SPECTRE OF MARXIST HUMANISM HAUNTS COMMUNISM

A spectre is haunting Communism as it has haunted private capitalism—the spectre of Marxist Humanism. It is this which has crossed over the boundaries between nationalities within a country and the borders between countries. It is this which transcended the boundaries that separate the generations and keeps workers and intellectuals apart; transcended, not as something super-human or supra-historical, but as the very stuff of which revolutions are made and remade. Its unifying vision of spontaneity and organization as a single force cannot be encapsulated in an elite party, but releases itself as a forward movement of the masses.

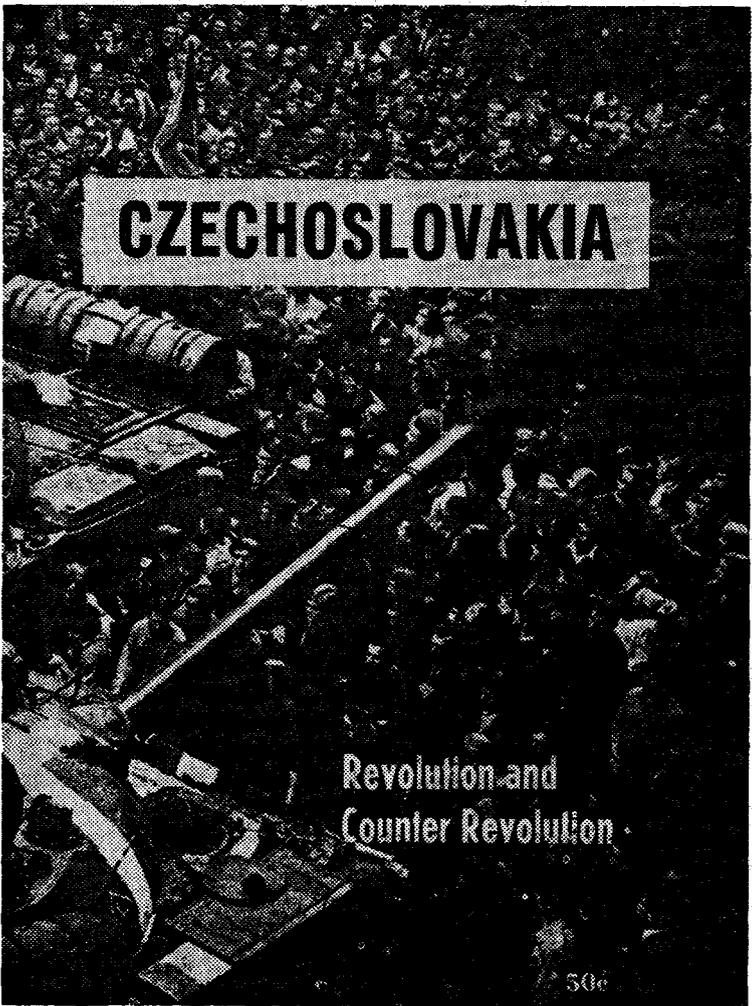
Czechoslovak Spring 1968 may not have reached the heights of Hungarian October 1956 with its Workers' Councils. But it has established new points of departure for unifying Marx's theory of liberation with its practice, and for this Czechoslovakia will forever remain enshrined in the hearts and minds of freedom fighters the world over. The Aug. 20 invasion by Russia and its satellites can no more erase the Czechoslovak experiment than it can stop history from dialectically developing to the end that something which is totally new: authentic Marxism, Marx's Humanism, which is no longer only what it was when Marx first proclaimed it in 1844, or even as recreated in 1956 in the Hungarian Revolution.

Czechoslovakia's greatest achievement is that it began anew the working out of a relationship between theory and practice, philosophy and revolution, freedom and reality. What it was prevented from completing remains our task. It begins with studying the Czechoslovak experience as told by its participants in the pages that follow. It does not end until, throughout the world, the philosophy of freedom has become reality.

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Red Power: Indian Self-Determination

Montreal, Quebec—Have you ever heard of Red Power? It is making itself felt in important places across Canada. It is Indian power—a demand for Indian control over their future.

Self-help and self-pride are the rules—Indians themselves are taking control of the Indian version of the NAACP from the white directors. They are creating a new organization—the National Association for Red Power.

It is a cry against genocidal forced integration of Indians into alien white society, economy

and policy; and for the preservation, or better, the resurrection of an Indian national and racial identity.

DIVIDED & RULED

"Canadian" Indians spread over the vast northland of the continent are divided into two major categories: "official" or reservation Indians, who are under the control of the Federal Government in Ottawa, and are not accorded the rights of Canadian citizenship, and "unofficial" or non-reservation Indians, who are under provincial jurisdiction.

In the past, such division has prevented Indian solidarity. With

the addition of the indirect colonial control of the reservations from Ottawa, and the vast distance (both figuratively and in terms of mileage) of the provincial governments from Indian needs and Indian voices, the birth of Red Power had been a slow and painful process.

REVISE & CONQUER

The Federal Government is now revising the Indian Act, but not to make it in accord with numerous ancient treaties and agreements which apparently have been forgotten. The revision is an attempt to deflect a growing Indian consciousness, to modify in order to better exercise white imperialist control. But, more and more, Red Power is demanding not to be "plugged-in" to the Canadian political system, demanding Indian control of Indian land, self-government and economic independence.

Thus Red Power is on the rise.

Growing consciousness of a racial and cultural identity is leading to new grass-roots organizing and greater solidarity. The government Indian Affairs Branch is attempting to keep itself in business by keeping the red man weak and divided.

Most of Northern Quebec was "sold" to Quebec, but the government never got around to paying for it. The great economic exploitation of this and other stolen Indian territories should be providing income for Indians. Expropriation of large tracts of Indian lands without compensation has left them at the mercy of the white man's governments.

The revised Indian Act will be designed to give Indians the appearance of limited self-government without the real power or financial basis required. Actual power will remain in the hands of the alien white authority, with a small portion of the wealth taken from the Indian lands given back in the form of charity—welfare, education and medical "services."

More and more the Indians are demanding Red Power not more empty promises. Incredible poverty, political and police repression, little or no law enforcement, and a complete absence of individual or collective pride are now being attacked not for but by Indians.

Demands for the rewriting of history to correctly portray the Indian past and present; teaching in Indian languages as well as in French or English: quality education not "Mickey Mouse education", and real Red Power are the demands which will not be quieted by a sham revision of an illegal exploitative Indian Act.

Write for the National Association for Red Power Newsletter, Box 6152, Vancouver 8, B.C., Canada.

—R. T. Montreal

Police, Wallaceites Attack Integrated Demonstrators

Detroit, Mich.—On Tuesday, Oct. 29th, George Wallace came to Detroit to reiterate once again his vicious, racist philosophy. This was to have been a major policy speech by the candidate, but due to the furor generated by anti-Wallace hecklers it was transformed into a major flop. Among over 10,000 in the hall, there were almost 2,000 disgusted protesters.

Throughout the speech Wallace was continually shouted down and drowned out by the cries of "Seig Heil," "Freedom Now," "Wallace Go Home," "Wallace for Halloween," and other appropriate chants. In one section of the auditorium a large group of black students started a rhythmical chant of "Seig Heil, I'm Black and I'm Proud."

FIGHTS BREAK OUT

A couple of times scuffles broke out on the main floor between anti-Wallace and pro-Wallace people. In each case the police rushed in to crack heads and arrest the protesters. A number of Wallace supporters were also encouraged to leave, but in a more gentle manner than the others. All of this, the heckling and the fighting, proved to be

such an interference to the speech that Wallace had to cut it 15 minutes short.

The occurrences inside were only a preface to what was to occur outside. As people were leaving and milling about, fist fights broke out between pro-Wallace and anti-Wallace people. One Black youth was maced by a Wallace woman.

COPS ATTACK CROWD

While this was going on, a strong line of special forces officers were lining up to separate the two angry camps. Then the charge came, but not at the Wallace camp.

Screams of "run" sprang up from the crowd, and people started pushing and running for safety. We just had time enough to turn around and catch a glimpse of Chicago '68 and Bloody Sunday before dashing out of the way from the swinging clubs of the police.

After things calmed down for a moment, wounded young people were helped away by their friends. Then the second charge came, and this time dismayed people took refuge on the patio of a hotel across the street.

DEMONSTRATORS TRAPPED

This refuge turned out to be a trap; people were cornered on a 10 ft. high ledge with no alternative left but to jump. The jumps resulted in quite a few broken legs.

As if this wasn't enough, the people falling on the ground in pain were beaten into getting up and running again. Most of the beatings were in areas like the head, neck, chest and kidneys.

Many incidents of police madness took place late into the night. There were many reports of white cops beating selected black people wearing Panther buttons, and of Wallace supporters throwing rocks at the protesters, but being ignored by the same police.

The whole scene can be summed up by the question of one white youth who asked an officer if he was for Wallace. The answer, "You bet we are," came as no real surprise.

Spanish Ferment

I met an interesting Spaniard in a small bar. He was a real obrero, a workman. His hands were rugged, because he was a stone-mason, even though he had a very small frame.

He told us about the difficulties of getting a job in Spain, and said that many people were not working at all. He said that Spain was boiling underneath the surface, and that many people were becoming disillusioned about the situation.

He expected a great war in three or four years, a civil war which would have the aim of overthrowing Franco and his government. He said that he was a Spaniard, would always be a Spaniard, and no matter where he was, when the storm broke he would come back to his country and fight for his beliefs, even though he might only come back to die . . .

A large number of workers here work in the orange industry. Others in bananas. Many go to other countries to work in order to live a half-way decent life.

With so many workers not even in their own country, a revolution would seem difficult to achieve. But being an outsider, and unable to find any work here whatsoever, I may be all wet. Take it for what it's worth.

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## Nixon Victory No Solution

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They showed the white youth, who had wanted to concentrate all opposition on Humphrey, as a protest against the war, that Wallace's racism had to be dealt with.

The percentage for Wallace dropped from the expected 20 or more of six weeks before the election to 13 on election day, but the danger he represents cannot be ignored (See Editorial, page 4). Neither can it be forgotten that while racist support for Wallace came from all parts of the country, the loud opposition to him also came from all parts of the country—including the Deep South.

Some of the most creative and effective opposition came from the white and black youth who disrupted his rallies in New Orleans and Texas. Except for all-Negro campuses in Alabama the place where Wallace has the least support is at the University of Alabama, where students resent his having shamed their university before the world with his stand-in-the-door against integration.

The ghetto support of Humphrey was the only other way many black people felt opposition to Wallace could be shown in this election. As one black woman put it: "After Kennedy was assassinated and after Chicago, I swore I would stay home on election day. But when Wallace began making so much noise, I had to do something."

The frustration of the labor and Negro movement at being stuck with Humphrey and the Democratic Party was evident early in the campaign. The labor bureaucracy which has for years tried to sell workers and black people on this coalition soon found that no one was buying. Some white workers looked toward Wallace. Many black people did not even see the point in registering to vote.

The most the labor bureaucracy wound up doing was convincing white workers to vote against Wallace's anti-labor record, and black workers to vote against his racism. But it was already too late in Illinois, Ohio, New Jersey, Indiana and Missouri.

While the black workers in the shops were elated that Wallace got such a low percentage, especially in industrial areas like Michigan, they are now asking where they will be going with Nixon.

Nixon's pledge upon being elected was to "Bring America Together." But nationwide, less than ten percent of the black voters preferred him.

For white audiences Nixon had Spiro Agnew speaking about law and order. But the black community read very well the sign language of "law and order." They have already begun to tell Nixon what their answer will be.

On the day after the election signs on the windshields of cars coming down the assembly line of a Ford plant read "Nixon Wins, Burn Baby Burn" and "Nixon Wins, Long Hot Summer." The race question remains the question in the United States.

### RECESSION

The workers' talk in the factory about recession is no idle talk. Business has been talking about how to solve the question of inflation. It is no secret that Nixon and big business have one solution to inflation: slow down the economy with perhaps another

two million being added to the unemployment rolls.

Such a recession would cut very deep. One older woman, who participated in the Hunger Marches of the 30's said, "The next Depression would be a lot worse than the last one. People were already poor then, they didn't have as much to lose as they do now."

Capitalism may think it has learned how to plan against another big Depression like the '30's, but big Depression or "little" recession, it will hit hard on all those who have houses on 30 year mortgages, and cars on three year plans. How well workers know this is seen in the advice they were giving each other the day after the elections, not to buy anything they didn't really need.

Nixon has made no secret of his desire to cut off whatever little help the poverty program gave. The Job Corps is his number one target. This, too, will add to the ranks of the unemployed.

In truth the crises which America has been going through, the crises of war, race and class, will not be resolved by the winners or losers of this election.

### WHO WILL DO IT?

If the "unprecedented prosperity" of the Democrats left us with the same ghettos, poverty (35 million people live below what the government chooses to define as the poverty line of \$3,130 per year for a family of four), and alienation at home, and the wholesale destruction of a country and its people abroad, can a planned recession and a still bigger defense budget do any different?

If the Vietnam War ends it will be because of the Vietnamese people and the anti-war feeling in the United States, not because of the politicians.

If white capitalism has failed in the last century and ruined the lives of millions of black, brown, yellow and white human beings, how can Nixon's solution of black capitalism be anything but a dead-end alley.

The solutions cannot come from the politicians in or out of power. They must come from ourselves. The anti-war left must ask itself what does it do when the war is over. Is the movement deep enough so that it will continue after the war or will it die and leave black people to fight on alone? Even if the Vietnam War ends it does not mean that the U.S. will not war elsewhere in South East Asia or around the world.

The factory worker does not want Wallace, he wants a human existence. We must not write him off, but work with him as he fights the company and the union bureaucracy.

Beginning in California the election campaign triggered a new movement of black and white. The Black Panthers and white youth who worked to form the Peace and Freedom Party represented a coming together in a way very different from the early Civil Rights movement. White radical youth and black people were everywhere against Wallace. They must ask themselves what they will do next, now that the election is over.

Three hundred thousand votes for Cleaver and Gregory is a good beginning only if it is made a jumping off point for a new movement that will not only unite black and white but theory and practice.

## Our Life and Times

By Peter Mallory

### PANTHERS JAILED

Huey P. Newton, leader of the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, was ordered to begin a sentence of two to 15 years in California jails despite a petition containing almost 30,000 signatures testifying to his good character. Despite the fact that his case is being appealed to higher courts, County Judge Monroe Friedman denied him bail and sent him off to jail.

Another Panther, Eldridge Cleaver, author of "Soul on Ice" and a candidate for President of the United States, was ordered jailed for alleged violation of his parole. A lower court had freed him of charges growing out of a fight in which the Panthers' 17-year-old treasurer was killed by the police and Cleaver wounded. The court held that he was being held because of his political opinions, but the court of appeals reversed the ruling.

### GREECE

The U.S. has resumed shipment of heavy arms to the military dictatorship in Greece. The first shipment included two minesweepers and 60 aircraft and will be followed by more tanks and armored personnel carriers. The shipment of small arms and ammunition has never stopped. The excuse used by the U.S. State Dept. was, that the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia made the strengthening of the Greek military necessary.

This poor excuse found no sympathy among the Greek people who demonstrated 300,000 strong on the occasion of the funeral of the former premier, Papandreu.

Further aid to the Greek military dictatorship is being provided by Aristotle Onassis who has just arranged a \$350 million deal with the dictatorship to build a new seaport and an aluminum processing plant in conjunction with the American Reynolds Aluminum Co.

With the U.S. providing military and financial aid on this vast scale, is it any wonder that no one trusts the U.S.?

### WEST GERMANY

The theft of an American sidewinder missile from a NATO base in West Germany and its subsequent shipment to the Soviet Union by common air freight has touched off a series of spy scares in that country.

German Rear Admiral Herman Ludke sent a roll of vacation snapshots to a photo shop for developing, where it was discovered that he had included nine shots of secret and top secret NATO documents. The German military establishment took no action against him, but while under suspicion of espionage, he was found dead by suicide. On the same day Major General Horst Wendland, Deputy Chief of the Federal Intelligence Service (their C.I.A.), shot himself in his office.

In rapid succession an official of the Economics Ministry hanged himself, a woman working for the Federal Press and Information office took an overdose of drugs, Lieut. Col. Johannes Grimm of the Defense Ministry shot himself and a senior clerk in the De-

fense Ministry disappeared, leaving a suicide note.

It is too late to question any of these people now but it is known that Ludke held Cosmic Top Secret clearance and had access to the most sensitive details of NATO logistics which he had probably transmitted to the Soviet Union.

### FRATERNITIES

Years ago it was a big thing to be invited to join a fraternity at college. The Free Speech Movement at Berkeley ended all of that rubbish. The Phi Delta Theta at Berkeley invited 209 this year to join. None accepted the offer, and the Phi Deltas, with only two members left, have decided to go out of business, as did two of the girls' sororities.

The Frats, which for years barred black membership, now find that the blacks don't want to join even when invited. Freedom has its own culture—and it has nothing whatever to do with the inanities which used to pass for college life.

### CUBA

Fidel Castro has revealed the existence of a well-organized opposition group in Cuba consisting primarily of young people who, among other things, go around burning the Cuban flag and tearing down pictures of Che Guevara.

In language usually used by the reactionaries in the United States, Castro called them "shaggy, bead-necked and unbathed Cuban youths." He claimed that these youth were apparently influenced by the Czechoslovak type of liberalism and wanted to make out of

### CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CRISIS

The dispute between the membership of the Catholic Church and the ruling hierarchy over doctrine and questions of birth control, the liberties of priests to express their opinions as citizens, to act as citizens in civil rights disputes without facing disciplinary action against them by their bishops and other doctrinaire matters, has reached the crisis point in the church.

A Catholic research group has reported that over 711 Roman Catholic priests have left their posts over disputes with the church during the past two years.

The National Association of Pastoral Renewal report said,

"The departure of priests from the active ministry involves such an alarming number of men as to demand a public, fully financed study by the American bishops."

More than 108 of those who quit their religious vocations were longtime priests, or-

Havana a revived version of Prague. He ordered their activities stopped by stringent police measures.

The police conducted a round-up at La Rampa, a popular gathering place for the youth, arrested many and sent them off to Camaguey, a province containing many of Castro's forced labor camps.

The organ of the Young Communist League, *Juventud Rebelde*, claims that many of its former members have joined the groups in opposition, who call themselves "Los Beats", "Los Chicos Now", "Los Chicos del Si, Si, Si," etc. Their slogan "Do what you want, anyway you want, whatever you want—do it now" is apparently having a profound effect on the Cuban youth who are tired of the regimentation and lack of democracy in the Castro regime.

### DEATH ON THE JOB

The U.S. Labor Dept. reports that one worker is killed on the job every eight minutes during the working day. Every year between 14,000 and 16,000 workers are killed on the job, while injuries each day account for 8,500 disabled and 27,000 hurt.

These figures indicate that going to work in the morning can be not only harmful to your health, but you could get killed before the day is over. These are the facts of life in this automated land where the machine counts for more than the human being. Even when not sent off to the wars capitalism constantly breeds, the lives of workers are constantly endangered.

ained for 15 years or more—the report noted. Most of the rest had been priests from 3 to 12 years.

Declaring that the findings showed the need not only for study of why men are leaving the ministry but also for a change in the church's negative attitude toward those who do leave, the report said:

"Seven-hundred and eleven who held responsible positions in the church cannot all be classified as 'derelicts' (a reference to a phrase in a recent bishops' pastoral letter). The decisions of such men must be respected."

The real point is the crisis in the land, the fact that even this most authoritarian religion cannot escape reality forever, but must reflect the feelings of its adherents. The right to birth control is but one of the aspects of the totality of the world crisis that is affecting the church.

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