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Waterloo at Watergate

Nixon Is Ripped Open

by Don Baier

APRIL 29 — Until very recently Richard Nixon was a strongman President. To the Democratic Party, the liberal press, the Communist Party-dominated "left," and even many working people, Nixon looked like King Kong.

"The King is ugly," many workers said to themselves, "but he is strong. He will give us order and stability and a better chance to hustle our daily bread than these other clowns."

CP, Rizzo Ally to Thwart NU-WRO

PHILADELPHIA, May 2 — The Communist Party USA joined Mayor Rizzo's cops today in a desperate attempt to stop the Labor Committee from implementing the high school and ghetto youth organizing drive of this city's NU-WRO chapter. Rizzo's police in

collaboration with the police station CP-YWILL, held two Labor Committee members for questioning for ten hours today before releasing them without making any charges. Indications are

that a massive campaign has been launched by the police and CP aimed at stopping NCLC and NU-WRO organizing. It is expected that all known Labor Committee members in Philadelphia will be randomly picked up by the cops over the next couple of weeks.

NCLC member Shu Rosenblatt and Mike Brown were picked up for questioning today at 8:30 AM while they were leafletting and talking to students at Thomas Edison High School in North Philadelphia. About 50-70 students watched the police take the Labor Committee members into custody after they had distributed about 50 copies of a leaflet called "Edison Principal Calls the Cops." On the previous day, after students had read aloud a NU-WRO leaflet in halls and classrooms, the principal had called the police, who

in turn warned the two NCLC organizers not to return to Edison. The police at first informed Rosenblatt and Brown that they were being held in connection with an incident last week in which a CP member was beaten up near Temple University. At about 2:20 PM, three youths who were all unknown to the LCers appeared, and talked to make a positive identification.

At this point the police told Rosenblatt and Brown that they were now being held in connection with the initial April 11 confrontation at Temple. At 6 PM the door to the LCers' cell opened — and eight CP-YWILL members stood outside, nervously looking away from Rosenblatt's and Brown's angry stares. Mike Magglo, Ed Aguilera, and Waldo Woods were among the YWILLers, who once again admitted that they could not positively identify these LCers. As the others retreated from the cell with their comrades of the police department Woods stayed a moment longer and muttered hysterically, "I know you know my address. I know you'll be seeing me soon."

Rosenblatt and Brown were released shortly afterwards.

"King Kong is strong and we are weak," said the clowns. And they gathered around him, shaking their fists and howling "Executive privilege!" "Congressional authority!" Occasionally one of them would rush up to the monster, scream "Watergate" and pretend to kick him in his hairy shins. Then — much to the horror of the world bourgeoisie — one of the kicks accidentally landed.

King Kong toppled over. His gorilla suit burst open, and out crawled a few slimy advertising men, marketing executives, lawyers, all quarreling and reeking of booze and carrying tape recorders and microphones. A little boy named Dicky was the last to leave. Hoping he could wipe the muck off his sailor suit, Dicky sneaked off to Camp David all by himself.

THE WHOLE SICK CREW

It was in this fashion that strong-man rule became no-man rule, as the Nixon Administration and the Republican Party died in Washington this week. The President himself had said in some jargon of his personal authority — he has not yet been directly accused of ordering the buging of Democratic Party campaign head-

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Gus Hall Sets Up YWILLers for Hospital— Hopes 'Martyrs' Will Draw Cop, Liberal Aid

"Hey, we want to talk to you!" shouted a couple of Labor Committee members to a YWILLer at Queens College in New York City.

"Why, what do you want?" he shouted back as he came to an abrupt halt while dropping his briefcase.

"We want to talk to you about the way the CP is blocking with Nixon against NU-WRO," he was told.

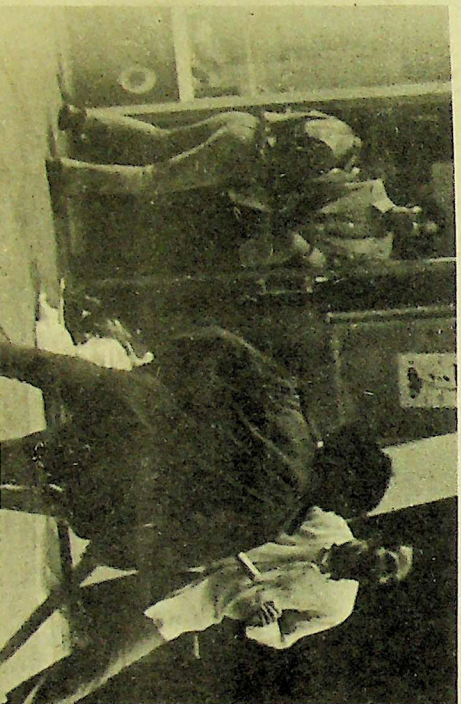
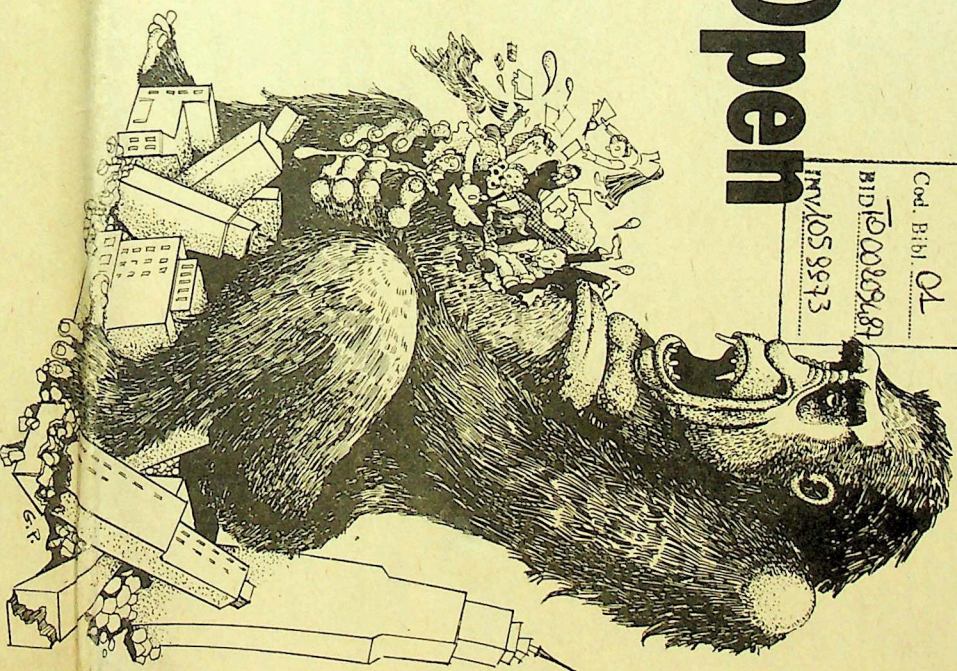
"Leave me alone," cried this pitiful specimen, as he grabbed his briefcase and ran.

All around the country, scenes like this are being repeated on a daily and

even hourly basis. The Communist Party is in total rout. The Daily World screams out in hysterical agony. The rest of the "left" covers in fright.

"The Labor Committee has gone crazy," wail these terrified clowns. "Hurry, let us all unite to defend our world, to defend everything we have ever known. Who is the Labor Committee, anyway, to announce that it will destroy the Communist Party — and then do it!"

So while terrified liberals, government agents, college administrators, and local police rush to defend Gus Hall's rotting corpse, the Labor Committee's



CLUB WIELDING YWILLers scurry for cover, leaving their "comrades" who were't so fast to face Operation Mop Up ALONE.

ON Monday night, April 30, the leadership of the CPUSA decided to sacrifice some of its black and Puerto Rican members so that a picture of Labor Committee literature salemen and defense squads could be taken. The CP set up its own members to go to the hospital!

The preceding Saturday's Daily World challenged the Labor Committee to come to the opening of the Center for Marxist Education: "The announcement that

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NCLC
National Conference
Winning Socialism
in the Depression
May 26-27
New York City

A Very Curious Process...

There is a curious process at work in the U.S.A. today. At the same time that the Labor Committee becomes more and more isolated from the traditional "defenders of democracy" in the U.S.A., it is extending its influence at breakneck speed. After observing the collapse of the former "left" into raving anti-Labor Committee idiots, more and more socialists are realizing that they have no choice: they must join the Labor Committee in organizing on a classwide basis, or be exposed as Nixon's scabs against the working class.

The isolation would appear to be devastating to any ordinary word-spouting socialist or worker. Labor Committees have been barred from Temple University in Philadelphia and the University of Buffalo. Expulsion is threatened at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York, and the Board of Managers at Columbia University has disciplined the Labor Committee by denying it future use of the Student Activities Building.

Each day another civil liberties group unleashes its pathetic venom against the Labor Committee. Today the NECIC, the day before that the ACLU, and the day before that some Committee to Defend Civil Liberties, hastily erected by a terrified Communist Party. The left has finally brought itself together — to whine in unison. How can the Labor Committee withstand such a huge and "moral" opposition?

Who Are These Enemies'?

We do it because we know our enemies for the cowards they are — you are. We disregard their words of outrage because we can see and expose their actions as scabs — the students who join work-study programs, the recipients who decide to hustle. We can drive through the billows of rationalizations raised by socialists around the country — all those tricks to avoid confronting the necessity of taking power in this decade — because we understand the responsibility they're avoiding and its absolute necessity for the future of humanity.

Hence our "isolation" — from the slumlords of Columbia and Temple University, the race-science advocates at the University of Buffalo, and the scabherding "left" — only spurs us to a more ruthless attack. We will not rest until this process of division reaches into the mind of every working-class person in the U.S.A. — students, socialists, workers and unemployed. They must be pressed to the wall on the major issue of working-class organizing today — organizing the class to become the government, fighting the government's plans to recycle human beings by joining with the NU-WRO and the NCLC today.

Our opponents today — many of the CP youth themselves — are now in a frenzy against us. But at the same time they cannot leave us alone — they cannot dismiss the strength they see in us, a moral integrity they never had. We meant what we said — when we said that the capitalist government would collapse, that we would destroy the CP, maybe we really meant to take power by the end of the decade. They will back away from us, rage at us, but keep listening just the same.

The Process at Swarthmore

The process has proceeded in an exemplary way on the Swarthmore Campus, where the Labor Committee has had a presence for a long time. A number of students and faculty had joined in support of rebuilding the NAWRO before NU-WRO's founding, but they didn't realize how serious the fight was. When the Labor Committee attacked the CP for attempting to destroy it, NU-WRO's "supporters" here protested in dismay.

In the face of their hysteria, the Labor Committee pressed its political attack. Classes, meetings, and even Parents' Day were turned into discussion of the need to organize the unemployed on a classwide basis, and of the necessity of destroying the CP. The protesters became the defendants. And the Labor Committee immediately gained six new members at Swarthmore, including a member of the NAM swamp.

It is this confrontation which Labor Committee members will be carrying throughout the country over the next month in preparation for our Strategy for Socialism Conference on May 26-27. Like it or not, all self-professed revolutionaries, "liberal" bystanders, and the rest of the working class will have to face the Labor Committee. We will be telling you that you can't escape: Nixon's charade has exploded, the CP is dead, and only the Labor Committee is organizing.

We dare you to come to the Strategy for Socialism Conference on May 26-27.

Rubber: The Ball Bounces to You

So you think everything's going to work out all right in the end? After all you've got a union to protect you. So did 23,000 men at 16 Goodyear rubber plants whose contracts expired last week. That's why they got creamed.

For the first time in more than a decade a master contract in the rubber industry was signed without a strike: sixteen per cent over three years and no cost-of-living escalator! Or, as Nixon's Assistant Secretary of Labor W. J. Usery put it: "This is another in a recent series of developments in which it is strongly indicated that labor and management are striving to reach a new era of statemanship and understanding."

That means, in plain English: the garment unions have been routed; the rail unions have been routed; the Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers have

been routed; the construction unions are a dead issue; the best of the teachers unions have failed to break even; steel has capitulated; auto refuses to fight on anything but pensions and compulsory overtime; and the Teamsters are giving every indication that they will collapse in their upcoming fight.

"But what about the rank and file," you ask? Well, what about them? Have they done anything more than kid themselves that they had a union to protect them when they knew they didn't? The better ones played a little game called rank-and-file militancy (the jolly caucus race). And they too are routed. There's not a rank-and-file caucus left in the country that's worth the paper its program is printed on. Now you know. There's no one left fighting but us — the outsiders. Wake up or slave.

Depression Psychology

A Little Less Meat, a Little More Speedup; and You Take It

You think you have a mind of your own, don't you? Every time you make a compromise with necessity — by going along with the new rate of speedup, by saying your kids don't really need so much meat — you make this excuse to yourself. It's not ME that's giving in, you say; the real me knows better and WILL do something about it... some day.

But these compromises are not just words. Each rationalization, each adaptation, has an effect in reality. You know it — day by day these compromises help you turn yourself into the sullen beast of burden which capitalism needs to sustain its bloodsucking existence. As the anger in you is pressed down deeper and deeper, you are killing your brain, by fame the "real me" is ready to act, it will be far too late.

New Solidarity plans to help you save the "real you." Every time you make a compromise with capitalist reality — the depression — we are going to rub your nose in it. We are going to make these rationalizations so unbearable that you will be forced to think and rage. If you can reject the outbursts of depression psychology you find described in this column — sentiments governing the actions of yourself and others — there may be hope for you yet.

They called them Victory Gardens during World War II, those pitiful vegetable patches which families were forced to tend in the face of a food shortage. Today, in the face of a food inflation and threat of shortages induced by desperation-crazed farmers, these gardens are being revived again. Such opposites as Peter Brennan, construction unionist and head of Nixon's Labor Department and Stewart Mott, millionaire, are uniting to revive this "productive kind of amusement," to quote one New Yorker.

And look at the response? "The desire to lower your food costs isn't sufficient — there's got to be that dividend of satisfaction for you." "You won't beat the cost of eating but you can make a dent in it." So quotes the New York Times.

Which families in your apartment building are going to get the quarter-acre yard or the roof garden plot to plant a garden? The ones who push others off the roof?

Now that the meat boycott is over, you have your choice of new gimmicks. Some of you are hell-bent to continue voluntary starvation. Following the suggestion

of the likes of Dr. Charles Goodman, marketing analyst at the Wharton School of Business, shoppers are moving toward a long-term experiment. As one boycotter said to the New Solidarity reporter, "I never liked meat very well anyway."

Another is the horsemeat fad documented in the press. Anyone want to bet on the price rise in horsemeat in the near future?

In case you still have any doubt where this process of reasoning is leading, look at this suggestion from a U.S. Agriculture Department researcher which appeared in the April 12 Philadelphia Inquirer:

"We are just seeing the beginning symptoms of the day when there will not be enough food to feed the world's population," he said. "The United States certainly has a much greater potential food production, of course. But the day will come when a starving person will sell a child for something to eat."

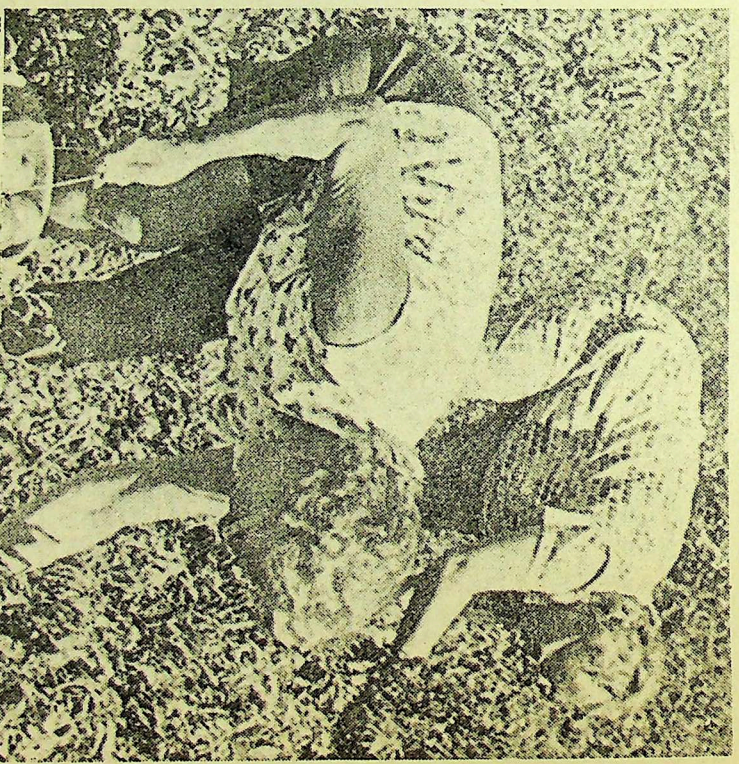
For those of you who've had a little money to "invest" in our economy, who are fooling yourselves that your private hustle will pay off, do these recent tidbits from the financial pages jolt your fantasies about the silver lining in the clouds? A recent review of How to Profit from the Coming Devvaluation appeared in the Medical Financial Adviser this April:

"Use your inflated dollars to pay off long term obligations, and avoid lashing commitments at this time. Don't invest in mortgages until we see where the economy is headed. Keep several thousand dollars in cash in a private safe or non-banking type security box for the next few years at least. Start a collection of silver coins. Chiefly dimes and quarters from 1964 back. These could be the greatest liquid assets you own in a real money crisis. And if one never comes, at the rate even the more common denominations are being melted down, the coins will steadily gain in both numismatic and potential bullion value.

"Buy a retreat far from the city, and keep it well provisioned. But select a place you would enjoy as a vacation home, not just an emergency shelter."

"While the inflation continues, the stock market remains a nice place to visit. BUT SIT NEAR THE EXIT." (emphasis added)

The kindly economists fail to tell you that in the depression they so politely refuse to name, THERE IS NO EXIT for the working class — except through the grist mill of forced work which only leads to early and grisly death.



Would you stoop so low? Depression crazed housewives are trying to beat rising food costs by picking their own vegetables from a "U-Pick-Em" field and put farm workers out of work.

Fight Phase Three / Build NU-WRO! Philly Union Election Campaign Zaps Teachers, Ghetto Youth

PHILADELPHIA, April 29 — Speaking before today's NU-WRO steering committee meeting here, Mary Jane Coates told the forty organizers, "You must evoke a response. You must pin them down. If they are irate, that's good; if they want to beat you up, that's good too — just be prepared."

Coates, who is the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization's candidate for president of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, was not talking about her fellow "professionals"; she was referring to those high school and ghetto youth which the welfare, student and socialist organizers of the NU-WRO chapter are attempting "to mobilize against the teachers."

Over the last week Labor Committee and other NU-WRO organizers began to teach local high school students some lessons that you can't learn in school. "Look around you, brother! What are you going to do with your life, sister? Will you join the U.S. Army to escape the ghetto? Will you be a junkie and end up in the gutter in two years, dead? Will you spend your life behind bars to escape the ghetto?"

"You don't have a future. And NONE of you are fighting it. You're doing what Nixon wants you to do — robbing candy stores, looking for a street corner hustle. You're scared to fight the miserable, filthy conditions of your lives so you take it and shut up, like slaves."

Put yourself in the position of a high school student who has just received this leaflet from a NU-WRO organizer. "Who do these college punks think they are, telling me I'm doing nothing. This thing really makes me mad. What do they know about the ghetto anyway?"

The leader goes on to demand that these youth take a stand and confront their teachers. Are your teachers really interested in your education, in decent housing and in productive jobs? Demand your teacher oppose Nixon's slave-labor welfare policies by supporting Mary Jane Coates, the candidate of the ghetto.

When New Solidarity reported last week that its NU-WRO campaign in Philadelphia was going to "mobilize the ghetto against the teachers," a shock went

through the down show, otherwise known as the "left." One could hear the screams, "The Labor Committee HAS CHANGED ITS LINE, and is now supporting the black community and not the labor movement."

So let us now explain to these poor fools: You never understood what we were doing in the first place. Unlike you, we do not posture in support of one sector of the working class against the other. No, we and our collaborators in NU-WRO are creating a socialist movement of real human beings by shocking ghetto youth and teachers alike into looking at the cruel reality they call their lives, and by demanding of both groups that they do something about it now.

By "mobilizing the ghetto against the teachers" we are saying to each ghetto youth, "Yes, we know more about you than you do yourself. Take on your teacher. Not in the old five way, in the real way. What do you think you're proving when you cut up in class, when you cuss out the teachers, or try to scare them by bringing in a gun or a knife? You are proving that you think of yourself as an animal, that you think you can be no better than an animal, a baby animal.

"What you're really afraid of is that maybe the teacher IS right. Maybe you are failing because YOU are no good, and not because the system is rotten. But if you really believed the problem was the capitalist system and not you, then you wouldn't make a clown of yourself in school. You'd go out and find out what's wrong. Then you'd confront your teacher with it — Here's what's wrong, here's what we have to do to change it. You'd say that to your fellow students too. Then you would stop being a clown; you would take yourself seriously. You would know you were needed in order to change this God-damned world. Then you would become human."

THE TEACHER AS PRISON GUARD

NU-WRO organizers were met with resistance from high school youth and fear from the PFT leadership during the past week. Some college students who had agreed at last week's NU-WRO meeting to join the initial leafletting of local high



NU-WRO organizer Mary Jane Coates.

schools had second thoughts on the matter. Mary Jane Coates urged organizers today to confront themselves with their own fear of this new type of organizing if the urgent tasks of the NU-WRO campaign are to be fulfilled.

There was much initial interest in the NU-WRO campaign at Dobbins High School, a technical school in North Philadelphia which recently boasted of hiring 100 percent of its seniors "studying" welding into work-study jobs. After the first leafletting visit four students arranged to meet with NU-WRO college and high school organizers. When that meeting took place, a teacher tried to break up the meeting and insisted that classwide organizing could not be discussed with "children."

At this point a Labor Committee member denounced this "professional" for insulting these youths. The students were apparently impressed; the meeting continued outside the school building. At South Philadelphia High School, Labor Committee teacher Fran Podhorn addressed a student council plenary of 30 student government representatives. Students rolled their eyes, giggled, and popped bubble gum during the first part of the speech. All at once a white teacher advisor frantically ran up to Podhorn at the first mention of the word "socialism." "Is this a political speech?" he demanded. Podhorn assured him it was; he approached her, raving.

At this point, a male Labor Committee member stepped up beside Podhorn calmly, arms folded and as she continued to speak the cowardly advisor crawled back to his seat. At this point

the students suddenly began to listen to Podhorn. All this did not go on unnoticed by the PFT leadership. The day after the South Philadelphia High School events, the PFT executive board reportedly spent considerable time discussing the NU-WRO high school leaflet. When challenged by Mary Jane Coates, PFT President Sullivan first agreed to a debate but then stipulated that it must only deal with shop issues and take place in the PFT Executive Board room — which seats about 10 people! Coates told Sullivan he was a coward and the PFT president asked for time to reconsider.

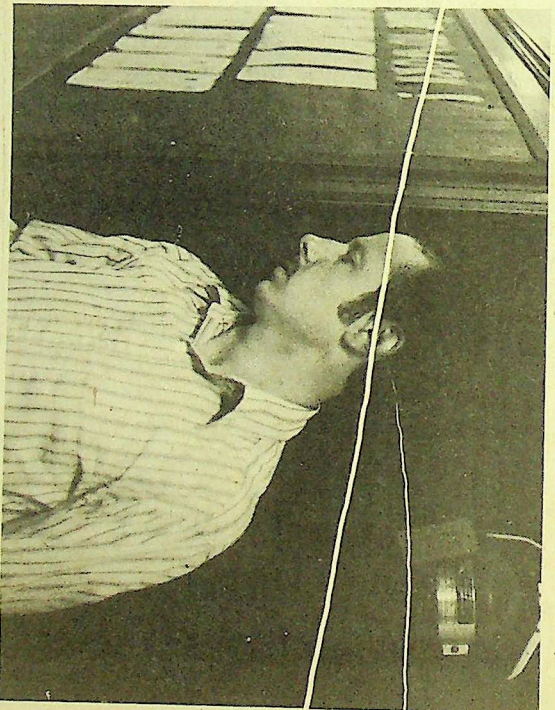
Sullivan knows he is in trouble in this election. The PFT's failures during its last strike have produced disillusionment with the union and growing support for a new rank-and-file caucus led by a member of the Jewish Defense League. This new caucus, called "MSJ" is quickly outpacing the pitiful CP-supported Progressive Caucus by calling for "decentralization of the PFT" and "teacher control over training and certification." The growing support for JDLer Eliot Florin reflects the growing cop mentality among Philadelphia teachers.

Organizers at today's NU-WRO meeting decided to intensify their activity and around the city's high schools over the next ten days. A citywide forum will be held this Monday night, May 7, the day before the PFT election.

Coates pointed out that this week organizers must make sure that students actually confront their teachers on her campaign. Many youth, including the handful who have actually agreed to join up with NU-WRO, expressed agreement with the goals of NU-WRO's work, but have not yet been convinced of the importance of acting on their convictions. Coates further reported that she planned to demand discussion of her campaign in the teachers' cafeteria and in all the classes of her own school.

Much of the meeting was taken up with a discussion between Labor Committee members and a welfare organizer member of NU-WRO. When this welfare organizer expressed doubts about NU-WRO's work, Labor Committee members pointed out that the real problem she was having was common to many NU-WRO welfare recipient members — she was still trying to hustle. And just as it is with high school and ghetto youth, no one can beat the depression by hustling.

Agent Admits Cops Want to Know What We're Doing to CP



As the Labor Committee's "Operation Mop Up" runs smoothly along, the Communist Party and its friends in the Police department find it more difficult to cope with.

Obviously understanding that they can't make heads or tails out of the hysterical whining of YWLL members in their not so secret, secret meetings, various police agencies attempted to intervene directly to get information. They sent in an agent.

This cop goes by the name of Al Schurr. He first became familiar with the Labor Committee around the transit crisis three years ago. Then posing as a transit worker, he attempted to gather information on Labor Committee activities. Suddenly, three weeks ago he reappeared with a burning desire to join the defense apparatus of "Operation Mop Up."

When asked why he thought the CP should be destroyed, he murmured, "Cause they're old, you know, just old." Revealing in the process that he knew absolutely

nothing about the CP's history of class treachery.

When asked why he wanted to be a socialist he sighed that silly worn-out Maoist phrase, "I want to help the people, you know," to make a change."

Soon after this whining attempt to convince us he was a socialist he admitted his real social concern. "Every police agency in the city wants to know what this 'Operation Mop Up' is all about."

He then admitted on tape that he was a transit cop and had received orders to infiltrate our organization.

To Al Schurr, to the cops in the various police agencies, to the agents who sit on the central committee of the Communist Party, to the YWLL: You will not get any cops on the inside of our organization to help the cops on the outside prevent "Operation Mop Up" from mobilizing up the CP.

All working class organizers should memorize this picture to put an end to Al Schurr's dirty business.

Can Farmworkers Find Dignity in Slavery?

Chavez, Pious Soul, is Washed Up

by L. Alexander

Farmworkers will soon be without a union to represent them.

Many of you have been reading in the papers how those big bad Teamsters have been bullying the United Farm Workers Union (UFW). First they raided the lettuce workers and now they have taken California's grape workers right from under UFW contract. Cesar Chavez, UFW president, keeps saying that he could lick the growers in a fair fight if only he could get those goddamn Teamsters off his back. And you would like to believe him.

After all, there must be at least one honest trade-union militant left who is not just a lot of hot air. There must be at least one tough guy who means what he says and knows how to deliver on his promises. You admire him, maybe even wish he was leading your fight against speedup. He wouldn't sell out to productivity deals like your leaders have. Well, don't be so dumb.

Chavez and the UFW leadership are all bluff and bluster. The UFW is a paper union — scrap paper. Sure it has a membership, though even that's evaporating now. But it doesn't have any guts. It won't fight and if it did fight now, it wouldn't win. Don't let anyone fool you. Chavez doesn't know how to organize farmworkers. He doesn't even know what a farmworker really is.

FARMWORKERS AS SLAVES.

Farmworkers are slaves. They are the most oppressed part of the working class and have been for some time. Farm profits are made from the blood and guts of farm workers. They are not even given the miserable crumbs that have even grudgingly conceded to you, the rest of the working class.

Knocked around, the farmworkers' rage lies close to the surface, waiting to be unleashed against a society that has never provided for them. You can see it in their eyes, especially in the eyes of the younger workers who wish to do something about their wretched lives. So why don't they rip off their chains?

Well, for one reason they are being told that they shouldn't. They should act dignified. After all, Chavez and the UFW organizers tell farmworkers, we will give you dignity. We'll organize you so you can have your union, have your rights, be like everybody else. What a joke.

The farmworkers are slaves. The only way to organize them is to organize a movement that can do away with back-breaking farm labor and give farmworkers decent well-paying productive jobs. If you want to organize farmworkers, then you'll have to organize them as part of a movement that can fight for those productive jobs. Anything else is bullshit.

So Chavez organized a union. Do any of you believe that just a union can do anything for you these days? What's your union done for you lately?

THE GROWERS DON'T WAIT

The growers, however, unlike the UFW, are organizing to do away with farm jobs — through speedup and mechanization. And they are organizing the Teamsters' union and the UFW to do their dirty work for them.

The key clauses in the Teamster lettuce contracts and now the grape contracts give the growers the right to introduce unlimited mechanization into the fields and sheds with no regard whatever to job security.

The growers fully intend to disregard masses of farmworkers on the human scrap heap and greatly speed up the fortunate few who remain. Growers can even toss their sweatshirt Teamsters a few crumbs in the way of pitiful wage gains to make their disgusting contracts more palatable to the confused workers. If all else fails Teamster goons will help the workers reap the benefits of their new packs.

The Teamsters are brutes, goons for the growers," cry the UFW organizers.



Cesar Chavez lectures farmworkers on dignity. . . .

"Only we can give farmworkers dignity." Over the last few months many workers under UFW contracts with Minute Maid company in Florida have found a new dignified existence as part of the growing legions of unemployed, while the remaining workers have found themselves being sped up under UFW direction. "Everyone benefits with the UFW, even the growers," as one confused UFW organizer was heard to comment. Minute Maid has certainly benefited since they have been able to reduce crews by more than one third.

THE BIG HUSTLE

Both the Teamsters and UFW are hustling. Both avoid real organizing of farmworkers and instead wind up politicizing them. Some old UFW organizers have rejected on their own lack of commitment. A dazed and confused look has replaced the burning conviction of past years.

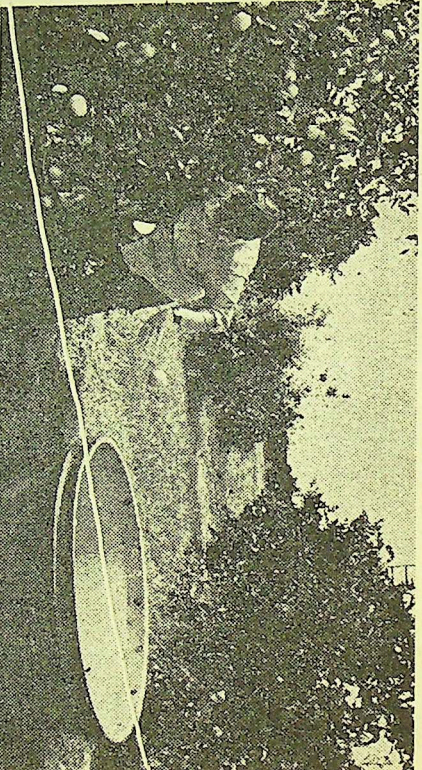
In the back of their minds they realize the awful truth — UFW or Teamsters, it's all the same hustle. The organizers are trying to sell farmworkers a union, dignity, and speedup in the same way that a poverty pimp peddles community control

and even workfare to desperate ghetto victims. In this way the organizer can carry on a little longer under the illusion that he is doing something.

The UFW is being destroyed by the government and the growers because of its potential — ten to twenty organizers who have the potential to break away from the hustle and the dignity crap and to politically organize to unleash the rage in the farmworkers. If this happened, do you believe that a Teamster organizer could walk into a field of enraged farmworkers organized around a political program and draw them around what the Teamsters are offering? He wouldn't walk out alive.

SO WHAT NOW?

We seek to organize the rage that we know exists in farmworkers. The question before the UFW is this: Will you join us in building a movement that can direct that rage, that will struggle for productive jobs at capitalist expense, that seeks to become the government? Will you help build NU-WRO? If you don't, your further degeneration is a certainty, and you will pass from impotence to non-existence.



. . . the dignity of a backbreaking, Arthurless job.

Motor City Militants Caught Scab-handed

DETROIT, April 17 — Suppose your union leaders were letting the boss fill your job with workers at a lower wage scale. Suppose you found out that the leaders were ASKING the boss to hire these new workers. And suppose the leaders told you they were just good militants trying to fight speedup. What would you call them?

Scabherders, right? If you wanted to be polite, that is.

This was the opinion of six Detroit welfare workers in and around the Detroit Labor Committee when they learned that four Welfare Employees Union (WEU) officials are negotiating with the Department of Social Services to fill clerical jobs with workers hired into a new, lower-paid job category.

About a third of the new workers will come from the WIN (Work-Incentive) program — a program Nixon has designed to break unions by replacing unionists

with welfare recipients at below-union wages.

FIGHTING SPEEDUP?

The Labor Committee members have publicly charged the four leaders with "scabherding against their own membership and destroying the credibility of the Union." Scabherding is punishable under Article IX, Section I of the WEU constitution.

Believe it or not, the leaders' defense is that they're fighting speedup. The Department of Social Services has been refusing to hire new workers, breaking down job classifications, and generally doing everything it can to extract more work out of a shrinking work force. The leaders have responded by demanding that the department hire more workers.

But, according to the Labor Committee charges, the leaders have advised the department to pick the new workers

Liberal College

Joins

Anti-NU-WRO Drive

MAY 1 — Labor Committee members John Sigerston and Kevin Coogan were effectively expelled from Sarah Lawrence College today in an administration effort to halt NU-WRO organizing here, the only serious political organizing on the campus.

While Sigerston, Coogan and student supporters planned for the upcoming protest against a Queens College student scab conference, a closed hearing of an administration-faculty-student committee hemmed and hawed for hours before mandating the race-baiting charge of "racial and sexual abuses aimed entirely at black women" as an excuse for barring these organizers from the college grounds until 1975.

The expulsions are the most recent evidence of a national pattern of Labor Committee purges by university administrators, allied with the Communist Party. At Temple, Buffalo and Columbia Universities, and now at Sarah Lawrence, college officials have stepped in to "protect" students from being organized into active support for NU-WRO.

On two occasions during the past week, Sarah Lawrence president Charles DeCarlo sought out and disrupted political discussions between Sigerston, Coogan and groups of black students — with vague threats that the LCers succeed in winning these former black cultural nationalists to serious class politics constituted a "disruption" of the college, and would be dealt with along the lines of last year's firing of leftist professor H. Bruce Franklin from Stanford University.

De Carlo, however, was not alone in playing upon the anti-LC hysteria generated in the least serious of the black student group. Known Communist Party sympathizers saved the administration from the absurdity of its "disruptors" charge by providing the left cover the CP is using nationally to slander Operation Map Up: racism. CP-influenced students and faculty were able to have the original nebulous charges changed and to begin circulating an "anti-LC-racists" petition on campus.

There are no specific charges or rule violations behind these expulsions — only a blanket condemnation of the LC's steadfast political organizing method. An injunction will be sought to prevent disruption of continued NU-WRO propaganda and contact work.

Last week's New Solidarity incorrectly reported the inflation fueling the Cambodian mass strike explosion at 20 per cent per year. The rate is actually 20 per cent per MONTH.

up cheap from Nixon's slave-labor programs. In addition the union leaders, some of whom are in the Progressive Labor Party, have participated in a vicious slander campaign against NU-WRO and joined with Ozzie Edwards' sabotage efforts against the only unemployed organization in the United States.

Under the union's by-laws, the Labor Committee charges should be aired at a general membership meeting. Instead, the "socialist" swine who run things held a full executive board meeting last week without notifying the members who were bringing the charges. When they found out about it and appeared at the meeting, they asked for an extension in order to ready witnesses who could testify that they had been scabberded. Six of the twenty union executive board members present voted against the extension. All the rest abstained. (A further expose will appear in the coming issue.)

Why New Solidarity Outraged the Little People

by Don Buck

A storm of outrage and abuse greeted New Solidarity's publication two weeks ago of an article called "Big People, Little People: The Farce of Robeson."

Labor Committee members were accosted on the street, at work and on the telephone. "I knew you were rotten — but this!" say Trembling Communist Party members and other admirers of the Anti-Monopoly Coalition's longtime cultural hero. A recent issue of the Communist Party's Daily World even took the unusual step of adding this article to the list of alleged Labor Committee "crimes" associated with Operation Mop Up.

Why all the hysteria about this particular article?

The whole sick story of Paul Robeson exposes to the light of day the Communist Party's private emotional rationale for its political method. The Party's method — Robeson's revolting method — is to pandor to the self-hated and fear which capitalism implants in the working class. The Party DOES NOT make random mistakes which can be corrected by a speech at a Central Committee plenum or by a respectful question to your local Party official. Its "mistakes" come from a thorough rottenness, both public and "private."

Old-time CPers can tell you about Robeson's role in the 1948 Henry Wallace presidential campaign. Robeson toured the country for Wallace in the company of a white civil libertarian and fellow-traveler named Clark Foreman. Foreman was from a Southern aristocratic background — his father had owned slaves in North Carolina, where Robeson's father had been owned. The Wallace campaign rallies were staged like this: first Foreman would mournfully tell of his slave-owning past. "I am so guilty," he would cry, "My sins are so many and my burden is so great."

Then the little people's hero Robeson would lumber up on the platform and say in deep and impressive tones, "Yes, I know. My people have suffered. But we always forgive. We forgive you, Clark." Then they would turn to the audience and say, "Vote for Henry Wallace, the Progressive candidate."

Imagine the effect of this crap on a worker who has returned from fighting in Europe or the Pacific. He's still full of fight and he says, "By God, we licked those fascists. Now we're going to lick the bosses here at home." He seeks out the Communist Party, the Party of revolution, and he finds Robeson at Madison Square Garden serenading his oppressor with "All is forgiven."

"You have done us grievous wrong,"



Paul "Emperor Jones" Robeson; Fatalist in plays and real life CP role.

Robeson was saying, "but the heroic little people can take anything. That's what makes us heroic — we can forgive anything."

Then Robeson breaks into his theme song: "Ole Man River...he don't pick fatters, he don't pick cotton, and them that picks 'em, is soon forgotten...and Ole Man River, he just keeps rolling

along." Those great flat masses, 'old bless 'em, they just keep suffering

along. Just like Jesus Christ. Thousands of workers, potential revolutionaries, came to hate Robeson, because he expressed so well the brake which the Communist Party applied to the huge post-war strike wave. The workers said of their defeat, "I hate it, but I have to take it. Robeson is taking it. And besides, there's no alternative organization to the Communist Party." So despite the feeling of power and self-respect these workers brought home with them from the war, a few demoralizing years in the Communist Party turned them into little people again. Then they walked out of politics during the McCarthy years, hundreds of them every week.

Now there is an alternative organization. Thanks to Operation Mop Up and the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization, many of these workers will return to revolutionary politics, as many of their sons and daughters already have.

The little people in the CP and elsewhere who want to remain little people will scream. Those who want to be revolutionaries, those who are sick of being pandered to, will begin to work with the National Caucus of Labor Committees.

Operation Mop Up keeps rolling along.

Nixon Pulls Brennan Off the Bend, onto Slave Labor Team

Secretary of Labor Peter Brennan earned his keep again last week by testifying before the House Labor Subcommittee in favor of Nixon's proposed new law which dooms youth to sub-minimum wages.

This "voice of labor" in the cabinet, who broke the Long Island Railroad strike last winter, has now helped to set up all unions for attack by the revolting-door or "recycling" method. Employers everywhere are booting out older, more expensive workers to replace them with youth or desperate welfare recipients.

The miserable proposed minimum wage of \$2.30 for adults won't even take effect until 1976, and the bill has been written to exclude state and city government employees from coverage. This will ensure that millions of unemployed across the nation will follow in the steps of the 15,000 welfare victims in New York City who are working off their grants by taking jobs once held by unionized city employees.

Brennan the Judas knows full well what he has done. In the construction trades from which he comes, over half of the work has become non-union over the last several years.

A few days after Brennan's despi-

cable performance before the Labor Subcommittee, he gave another show along with George Meany and Richard Nixon before a legislative conference of 4,000 construction union bureaucrats at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Nixon arrived at the conference prepared to rub submissiveness faces in the mud. It was only a month ago that the AFL-CIO went on record that it would wage in Congress an all-out attack on Nixon's budget-slashing destruction of essential working-class services. Yet here Nixon got away with actually demanding continued support for the cuts!

Not wishing to embarrass these assembled hacks on the minimum wage issue, Nixon avoided it except to lecture on the morality of Brennan's decision to stab the working-class in the back:

"Let me say one thing: Pete Brennan never sells out on anything. He fights for what he believes all the way down the line. And Pete Brennan is a team player." For the benefit of any senile fools present who believed through all of this that they were in a position to bargain for concessions, Nixon toyed with their illusions by giving the Brennan story a different twist. "Peter Brennan is a team player and he knows you can't

win them all," he said. "In this cabinet you win some and you lose some."

Brennan must know that he is nothing but a mouthpiece for Nixon in a cabinet composed of other jumps who have proven their absolute loyalty to destroying all opposition to Nixon's austerity policies in housing, education, health and jobs.

As soon as Nixon left the hall, George Meany decided it was safe to step forward and launch a tirade. Did all this angry shouting signify a new determination to fight? Hardly. Meany found it better to keep attacking Peter Brennan. "If Pete is on the team and that is a team, then I submit that he will have to admit that he cannot be on two competing teams at the same time." He added, "The team idea is propaganda, mere propaganda."

But this was bluster, pure bluster. Meany himself is still playing on the same team by collaborating with Nixon on Phase Three, by sitting in on the Cost of Living Council and the National Commission on Productivity.

Meany postured, "Labor is still in there pitching, but how long we will stay I don't know." Meany does know

that he doesn't have any place to go if he decides to walk off, since the promised land of Congressional action on price rollbacks and budget cut restorations has proven a mirage.

Brennan himself appeared later on to speak in his own defense before his "dear friends". Promising to resign the day he should resign, he asked his peers if he should resign. He was answered by a few scattered shouts of "No" while thousands of others maintained an embarrassed silence. How could they expose Brennan without exposing themselves and their inability to do anything more than beg for deals?

Just the day before, Ed Carluough, president of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, had tried to seal a construction industry "peace" plan to accept shaky promises of a guaranteed income for construction workers — which would evaporate at the first sign of financial crisis — in return for union promises to enforce a rigorous program of speeding and work-tittle changes.

It is the threat of competition from the unorganized and unemployed that causes such desperate suicidal pacts to come into existence. Thank you, Peter Brennan.

Who Has the Last Laugh? Blacks? Whites?... or Nixon?



AS EVERYBODY KNOWS, New York City housing is in such good condition that we can afford to turn away people looking for jobs as skilled construction tradesmen. And as everybody knows, America is a free country. So if 700 men spend the night sleeping on the sidewalk in search of 250 available work permits, the only fair thing

to do is to divide them up evenly. One for you, one for me...one for black, one for white, until they're all sold out. Even a child knows that "This little piggy went to market, this little piggy stayed home. This little piggy had roast beef, this little piggy had none. And this little piggy cried wee, wee, wee all the way home."

Pension Sucker-Game Keeps Wall St. Afloat

by Marianna Stapel

Suddenly pensions are the number one labor-management question this year. Contracts are being made or lost on the turn of the pension issue. Pension "reform" bills are key matters in every legislature. Millions of letters have been mailed to legislators demanding pension reform and adequate coverage. You've probably given more thought to your pension—or lack of pension—this year than in all the last 10 years put together.

This is depression psychology. Last year your job seemed secure. Last year retirement was something off in the future. Last year the business you work for seemed to be invincible. Last year your union was winning you wage increases.

Now, when you're glad simply to have a job, your pension takes on real importance. It's the only thing standing between you and welfare. Forget a wage increase—Phase Two took care of that. Go for the pension instead—just to be sure.

And that's just what the capitalists are thinking too! Over 40 per cent of all private pension funds are invested in common stock. But pensions aren't in just any old stock; they are almost exclusively invested in the inflated growth stocks—blue chips—like IBM, Xerox and Polaroid. Pension funds, along with other institutional investors, control more than 50 per cent of the stocks in these key companies. What happens when pension investors decide they can't afford to continue to take a beating in these stocks as they have in the last three months? The Ford Foundation Vice President for Finance, Roger Kennedy, answered that question in the Wall Street Journal last month: "It wouldn't create just an air pocket, it would be a positive wind tunnel."

Your pension depends on the fate of the U.S. stock market—that same stock market which fell over 150 points this year as nervous corporate treasurers and financial managers frantically maneuvered to temper the growing liquidity crisis—and the rancid stock market, and the business it represents, increasingly depends for its existence on your pension. At \$125 billion in market value, non-insured pension plans make up the largest single pool of private investment capital. Add to that \$105 billion in public and insured pensions, plus the as yet untapped market of self-employed and the unprotected employee, and you begin to see just why capitalists are eager to "go for the pensions." Your willing participation is key to their survival. Your future is being hooked to prop up the rancid stock market.

THE LOOTING BEGINS

This is not the first time pensions have assumed prominence in workers' and capitalists' minds. Pensions began as a serious labor-management concern in the early 1940's, in a period with many familiar features: runaway inflation, industrial profits swollen by war production,

unmanageable wage-price controls, and increasingly resentful working class in the ebb of mass strike ferment. What the bosses needed was a source of accumulation—of profits—that would appear beneficial to workers without seeming to worsen the inflation.

The 1942 tax law met this need: all employers' pension contributions and earnings on those contributions were made tax deductible. Pensions, considered real gains by workers, began to replace more costly wage increases. In just five years pension bargaining was made official by the 1949 Inland Steel decision. In just five years the capitalists had turned your future into a golden goose around your neck, squeezing off your wages with their profit-hungry hands.

Between 1940 and 1970 this new capitalist looting source grew 4500 per cent. Today, it is estimated that U.S. capitalists save \$3 billion each year from tax deductions alone, not to mention the billions pocketed through mismanagement, bankruptcy and plain theft of pension funds.

So why reform now? Surely Javits isn't suddenly concerned about the 30,000 people each year who lose out on their pensions when their employers go broke. Surely Nixon isn't losing sleep over the one out of every eight workers who actually cashes in on his pension. And Rockefeller definitely hasn't opened his heart to New York's poverty-stricken old people.

Once again, the capitalists need a new looting source to make good their huge and growing debt burden. The stock market needs fresh blood and speculating corporate treasurers need ready cash. Pension funds as they now stand are both too small and too unregulated to meet these needs. The pension "reforms" were designed by these "protectors of the people" to meet these inadequacies. And, just as important, they were designed to make you a willing participant in the looting.

NIXON AND NADER AGREE

Nixon's proposed pension bill is the capitalists' model. If passed, the bill will make it possible for self-employed workers and workers handicapped or not covered at all to deduct 15 per cent or \$7,500, whichever is less, from taxes for contributions to pension plans. The Senate's version also contains this key section. Sound good? It did to Wall Street. Last December when the bill was introduced, the ailing stock market soared in expectation of all those new investment suckers.

The remainder of the Nixon bill is so obviously bad that even George Meany was forced to denounce it. A provision for 50 per cent vesting (an employee receives 50 per cent of his pension when his age and years of service add up to 50) will intensify discrimination against older workers; no employer will hire a man at 45 who can claim a half pension after only five years of "service." And the plan's failure to provide federal

pension insurance or to increase presently dismal pension levels speaks for itself.

The real local control, corporatist skeleton of this idea is clear in a plan devised by that old "people's warrior" Ralph Nader and endorsed by none other than George "friend of the CP" McGovern. Nader—always looking out for the little guy—announced in May of last year that he had developed a plan "which would preserve capital in the private sector while providing, at the same time, an equitable means of guaranteeing retirement security." He would create a limited number of private, competitive, cooperative and insured institutions insured and regulated by the SEC (!) empowered to receive pension contributions from anyone on a tax exempt basis. And—are you listening all you local controllers?—every employee could choose his own stock investment plan. What'll it be boys, 50 shares of falling IT&T or 100 shares of collapsing Polaroid? Commenting on this plan last September, Daily World commentator and well-known "Communist" George Morris, said "but don't count on anything being passed this year. A great deal will depend on the composition of the next Congress and on whether Nixon will still be in the White House."

SAVE NOW, EAT LATER

But federal legislation is not the only source of pension "reform." The private sector has plans of its own to make sure that the salary money that used to be "wasted" in working class consumption is available instead for speculation. One increasingly popular gimmick is salary reduction plans where you can actually win the right to participate in your own destruction. At least 50,000 workers so far have agreed to take a payout to lower their taxable income while their employer puts the amount of the payout into a pension plan—and takes his tax deduction.

Think that's crazy? If you've been considering early retirement you're in the same depression mentality. As the economy collapses, employers are increasingly buying off frightened older workers with the promise of 50 per cent of their salary at ages 50 to 62. These workers are then replaced at far lower salaries by more efficient, more easily sped-up younger workers. And pensions are replacing wages as the key bargaining demand just as they did during the 1940's. Three major settlements this year—rail, rubber and New York's Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA)—have all traded off wage increases for pension gains.

AND IN EUROPE NOW...

As should be expected, pension "reform" is especially popular in neo-corporatist European countries, and especially in countries where economic decay is most pronounced. "Those workers' paradises"—Sweden and Denmark—

are the furthest advanced in barefaced looting of their workers' pension funds—and all in the name of saving your country's economy. Premier Bannsgaard persuaded an inflation-ridden Parliament to abandon the practice of increasing pensions in line with wage increases to lowest paid industrial workers. Since then, while inflation is rising at over eight per cent, pensions have risen only 3.5 per cent annually.

Bannsgaard's neighbor in debt-ridden Sweden just last month proposed that the state pension fund set up in 1969 in lieu of that year's wage gains be used to prop up the ailing Swedish stock market. The Social Democratic government plans to buy the equivalent of one-third of the volume of the worthless Stockholm bouree with the \$12 billion national workers pension system!

...AND THEN

To see the real content of these schemes—with all pretense pushed aside—we can look at the world's first fully corporatist state—the best example of a capitalist state in collapse: Nazi Germany. What happens to pensions—even insured, bargained pensions—when the capitalists decide they need the money for other purposes? From 1932 to 1937—depression years in Germany—the number of pensions paid for prolonged illness was cut by almost one-third; the number of old age pensions was cut in half; the number of pensions paid to sick widows decreased by more than one-fourth and orphan pensions by almost half. But while overall pensions were thus cut by over one-fourth, the pension fund nearly doubled in five years, from 4,628 to 7,439 marks! The social insurance system financed Germany's economic "recovery."

THE WORKERS' FUTURE

We are not in Nazi Germany. Not yet. But pension protests won't keep us from getting there. Fighting for pensions in a depression is like digging for claims in a tidal wave. Old age and health care must be guaranteed all workers by a government that views wage payments as the means to reproduce the working class, not a necessary evil. Bannard politics won't bring that government into being. Nor will all those letters and marches keep the stock market from collapsing on your pension. Until you begin to organize an alternative government and a new economy, you might as well kiss your pension—and your future—goodbye.

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Fight Hard Times... By Going Hungry!

by Jenny Leonardo

"We can defeat those who are responsible for the high cost of living by boycotting every kind of food on which the price is raised." Sound familiar? Like Bella Abzug? Or the Communist Party's Daily World? Or the Socialist Workers Party's Militant? Or Arthur Burns, perhaps? It could well be any one of the current leaders of Operation Meat Boycott. But it's not, because it so happens that food boycotts are as old as the boom-bust cycle of capitalism, despite the fact that in every instance of their emergence they have nothing whatsoever to do with the cost of food. In fact, as several historical cases reveal, food boycotts consistently serve as a counter-insurgency weapon against the real interests of the working class.

1912: THE LAWRENCE STRIKE

Actually the militant assertion cited above was made by Boston Mayor John Fitzgerald in August 1912, at a time when the mass strike wave that had found its focal point and peak in Lawrence, Massachusetts, was still spreading throughout the entire New England textile industry. As the economy headed toward the 1913 crash, speedup and wage-gouging had so reduced workers' income that the question of the "high cost of living" was immediately a question of life or death for the working-class family.

Instead of "starting down by inches," as one of the Lawrence strike leaders put it, workers had chosen militant "industrial action" to demand more of what they needed, and with the leadership and conscious organizing of the IWW they fought for a 15 per cent wage increase and the abolition of speedup. In the face of the strike wave, it is understandable that Mayor Fitzgerald was anxious to promote

"consumer activism" in behalf of "the public." Reformers were busy passing "protective legislation" like the reduction of the work week to 52 hours from 54 — a handy vehicle for the pre-depression assault on the working class, as industrialists promptly deducted two hours pay from every worker's check each week. (Thus, by the way, was the particular spark that set off the Lawrence strike on Jan. 12.) Like the "concerned" progressives, Mayor Fitzgerald surely knew that "consumer power" was one thing and class war quite another.

More importantly, by late 1912 the powerful strike wave was beginning to ebb as unemployment grew along with the right-wing "god and country" reaction to both the labor ferment and the worsening economic conditions. As the depression bit in deeper, the call to boycott food served to consolidate the downturn, to incalculable the psychology of austerity. The crash came some months later, in the summer of 1913, and by the winter of 1913-14 unemployment was massive and widespread. From the capitalist point of view, an attitude of militant self-sacrifice was just what was needed on the part of the working class to see the economy through the breakdown crisis.

To be sure, the boycott movement of 1910-12 had nothing to do with the price of food, which meretriciously soared — especially with the wartime and post-World War I inflation of massive new credit into the stagnant capitalist economy. By 1919 the price of agricultural products in the US had risen to an index level of 230, as compared to the base years (index level 100) of 1910-13, as the market for food was supported by the issuance of new credit by treasuries and central banks in all the capitalist nations. The food price boom continued unheeded — boycott or no — until precisely that moment when the general 1921 world credit collapse forced the

abrupt turning off of the credit spigot.

1948: DON'T BUY MEAT!

DON'T BUY MEAT was the Communist Party's rallying cry during the summer of 1948. In calling for that meat boycott the Communist Party was celebrating its apparently infinite capacity to harness the working class to the boom-bust imperative of capitalism — at a time when the mass strike wave, which the CP had also faithfully boycotted, was clearly routed. The Aug. 10, 1948 Daily Worker illustrates the vicious irony that underlies this pathology that calls itself working class politics: "Mrs. Florence Studak... didn't have to wait for a grass roots rebellion against high meat prices to start cutting meat out of her family's diet. She was forced to institute her own boycott because 'Prices are just out of this world!'" Hoorah for Mrs. Studak! screams the Daily Worker, she joined the meat boycott before we even thought of it! In just this fashion the destruction of working-class consumption at the hands of capitalist irrationality is embraced and peddled as a positive political act of "grass roots rebellion."

With the formulation of the Marshall Plan, the U.S. had the vehicle to consolidate its "allied" victory and bail out the depression-rotted economy by pumping out a stream of new credit on the basis of the prospects for buying up the war-ravaged remains of European industry. The resultant inflation saw the wholesale price of corn, wheat, and soybeans and beef, for instance, more than double over the two-year period from 1946 to 1948.

In the first week of August, the "Peoples' Lobby," darling of the Communist Party, brought 5,000 people to Washington in a real show of "people's power" to protest the high prices. Calling on such "progressives" as New York City Mayor Bill O'Dwyer to institute

viewed in the Penn Garden lobby, Communist Party stalwart Bill Scott walked in the front door. Chaikin called to him, Scott recognized NCLC chairman Lyn Marcus standing next to Chaikin, came over with his hand extended and said, "Lyn, how are you?"

As Marcus and Scott chatted amiably about Operation Mop Up, several CP members clustered together in the lobby. "C'mon Bill, we have to go."

"Just a minute, you guys."

Further conversation with Marcus. "C'mon Bill."

"I'll be right with you."

The CPers were unmoved to see one of their "main men" utterly disregarding all of the Daily World's geese-honking standers against the NCLC — "fascists, CIA agents, racists, brown-shirts, Trotskyite wreckers" — and rowd speaking pleasantly with his old pal, the devil himself!

Upstairs, Labor Committee members continued to confront the CP's hallway guards: "How can you stay in a party that joins Nixon to scab on the unemployed? Isn't it true that your party tried to bust up the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization?" The CPers remained nervously silent, lacking any answers.

One, more honest than the rest, wanted to talk. Despite the tense atmosphere, he asked "Where do you get this information? I can not believe that the Communist Party would do these things."

"That's crap," one Labor Committee organizer responded, "You know about it because I've sold you Solidarity myself three times. Now come clean — how can you stomach this filth?"

"Well, look," the CP'er replied as his friends hidged, "here is why I am in the Communist Party. I am from the working class and I am from Puerto Rico. The Communist Party has educated me and I have learned that the main enemy is imperialism and Nixon. Why do you have to use violence against the Communist Party?"

an emergency price rollback, the Communist Party blamed the inflation on those Republicans and Democrats who had supported the elimination of the war-time wage-"price" controls!

By midweek of the boycott caper itself, Newsweek reported that, "...live-stock prices were off only a discouraging few cents a hundredweight, while retail prices varied little." Nonetheless, for an entire month the CP's Daily Worker featured the boycott, cheering as meat sales dropped by 50 per cent, and fervently advocated the extension of the boycott beyond the mere week which had been earmarked for it!

SO WHAT'S NEW?

Here it is, 1973. With the cost of living soaring, with workers under the gun of speedup, layoffs and unemployment, and the monstrous spectre of recycling — the Nixon Administration and its "sworn enemies" in the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party, along with "progressive" senators, congressmen and trade union hacks like Victor Gotbaum of DC 37 have raised the banner of "people power" once more: DON'T EAT MEAT!

It's really the same old thing — organizing the working class to deprive itself of what it needs to survive and grow, instead of demanding MORE — more food, more housing, more useful production. Only one thing's different. This time around the ideology of deprivation has been cloaked in the pseudo-scientific garb of the zero-growth quacks. This time the attack on working class consumption has been cultivated in the cesspool of the youth culture, with its celebration of primitive culture, and its embrace of "Victory Gardens" as the new wave — parading under the cover of "ecological" awareness.

Today the meat boycott is nothing other than a giant leap into the wholesale boycott of humanity that capitalism offers as the Second Great Depression unfolds.

Communist Party's Desperate 'Assassination' Hoax Collapses

NEW YORK, April 27 — The Communist Party thought it had a good gimmick, one that might net the CP some credulous liberal allies against the National Caucus of Labor Committees' "Operation Mop Up."

A CP press release was received by all major radio and TV stations this morning, announcing that an assassination attempt had been made against Ra-shed Storey, New York State Communist Party chairman and joke "mayoral candidate." Details were to be furnished at a 10 A.M. press conference at the Penn Garden Hotel.

Shortly after the press arrived, the joke was over. No specific "incident" at all had taken place. The "pattern" of Labor Committee operations, designed to break up CP scabbing and disruption of unemployed organizing, "added up to" an assassination attempt! As the CBS reporter told the Labor Committee with a smile, "It's not what I'd expected."

It was a desperate gimmick. It backfired so completely that the Labor Committee availed itself of this morning's press gathering for its most successful press conference to date on the NCLC's Mop Up campaign and the Chaikin-Johnson-Washington electoral drive.

Before the conference began, New Sol-idarity reporter Marjorie Mazel sat down in the conference room, ready to hear Storey's statement and challenge any possible misrepresentations. Each reporter was asked for his affiliation. When Mazel gave hers, the CP froze.

"You can't be here."

"Is this a public press conference?"

"It's open to the public, but not to you."

And what if the CP were to lie and slander the Labor Committee? Always the same answer: "You can't be here." Perhaps the Communist Party gleaned that Marjorie Mazel would singlehandedly beat up Rasheed Storey and all the goons he could bring with him?

In the hallway outside the conference room, four NCLC organizers had arrived to enter the press conference. Their

way was barred by three very nervous "security" men, who explained that they could not go in because the Labor Committee might get emotional, has been disruptive and slanderous, was not wanted, etc. The NCLC organizers began to argue with the CP doorman, and then who should arrive to preserver an opposition-free press conference but a squad of the Communist Party's only consistent defenders, all dressed in blue.

The CP explained to the police that the Labor Committee could be excluded from a public press conference because the CP had rented the room and it was therefore temporarily the private property of the Communist Party. The police could sympathize with this private property angle! So the Labor Committee agreed to remain in the hallway to direct the exiting press to the NCLC conference in the main lobby.

They were all there: TASS, the Soviet press agency; Radio Free Europe; several New York radio stations; and the UPI television news service.

THE CP TALKS TO THE NCLC

Of all the press represented, only TASS and Radio Free Europe saw fit to accept the Communist Party presentation without checking it out by interviewing NCLC New York mayoral candidate Tony Chaikin in the lobby. But that figures, TASS and Radio Free Europe have similar heavy responsibilities in maintaining the international status quo — and here the safe, secure, "coexistence" left is being overturned, "coexistence" is no longer the sole U.S. Left agenda item. The Labor Committee and its collaborators have replaced it with revolutionary working-class organizing, which will not be disrupted merely because the Communist Party disapproves, attempts to start race riots — as in Philadelphia and Chicago, allies with fascists — as in Philadelphia, and Buffalo, or calls the police — as they have done throughout the country.

While Tony Chaikin was being inter-

viewed in the Penn Garden lobby, Communist Party stalwart Bill Scott walked in the front door. Chaikin called to him, Scott recognized NCLC chairman Lyn Marcus standing next to Chaikin, came over with his hand extended and said, "Lyn, how are you?"

As Marcus and Scott chatted amiably about Operation Mop Up, several CP members clustered together in the lobby. "C'mon Bill, we have to go."

"Just a minute, you guys."

Further conversation with Marcus. "C'mon Bill."

"I'll be right with you."

The CPers were unmoved to see one of their "main men" utterly disregarding all of the Daily World's geese-honking standers against the NCLC — "fascists, CIA agents, racists, brown-shirts, Trotskyite wreckers" — and rowd speaking pleasantly with his old pal, the devil himself!

Upstairs, Labor Committee members continued to confront the CP's hallway guards: "How can you stay in a party that joins Nixon to scab on the unemployed? Isn't it true that your party tried to bust up the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization?" The CPers remained nervously silent, lacking any answers.

One, more honest than the rest, wanted to talk. Despite the tense atmosphere, he asked "Where do you get this information? I can not believe that the Communist Party would do these things."

"That's crap," one Labor Committee organizer responded, "You know about it because I've sold you Solidarity myself three times. Now come clean — how can you stomach this filth?"

"Well, look," the CP'er replied as his friends hidged, "here is why I am in the Communist Party. I am from the working class and I am from Puerto Rico. The Communist Party has educated me and I have learned that the main enemy is imperialism and Nixon. Why do you have to use violence against the Communist Party?"

A heated discussion followed between this CP'er and the Labor Committee. "Now the CP is making you scab. You didn't become a Communist to scab, did you?"

The Party superiors stared from the sidelines at this Party member who dared to converse publicly with "CIA agents." They walked over and whispered, "Don't talk to these people. They're just trying to provoke you."

"The Party tells you to shut up all the time, doesn't it?" the Labor Committee rejoined to the Puerto Rican worker. "When was the last time you tried to ask a question in the Party? Did you ask about McGovern? Are you asking about Badillo or NU-WRO?"

"Well," said the Puerto Rican, "I'm just a rank-and-filer." From the rest of them, silence.

The Puerto Rican was offered a copy of Solidarity. "Here, read what you can't read in the Daily World." He looked at the Labor Committee in the eye, then accepted the newspaper and folded it carefully into his pocket.

"Don't let those people over there take it away from you. And don't let them interpret it for you either. You know we're right." The frustrated, silent CPers glared. How they wanted to act! Argue, run, fight — emotions raced through their minds, but the Party had said, "Keep quiet! These people are cops." So they kept quiet.

In front of the Puerto Rican stood Zake Boyd, whom the Daily World has called "a police agent, an informer" who was kicked out of the Black Panther Party. In the dead silence, Boyd looked straight at the CP'er, then offered his hand. A five-second pause. They shook hands.

That was too much. The chief CP hack looked around at his eight goons and at the three Labor Committee organizers in the narrow hallway. Then he said, "Let's go." The CP turned and walked away down the hall, shame, fear and rage burning in their hearts.

Why Do 'Claridad' Editors Ignore Conclusive Evidence of CP Treachery?

NCLC Replies to PSP Criticism of 'Operation Mop-Up'

by L. Marcus

MAY 1 — The April 30 issue of CLARIDAD, newspaper of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, is the first publication apart from New Solidarity itself to attempt an objective account of the NCLC's Operation Mop Up against the Communist Party. Despite the important political errors in CLARIDAD's brief account, its criticisms deserve our public acknowledgment and fraternal reply.

The thrust of CLARIDAD's criticism against the Labor Committees is the argument that internecone factional violence within the left tends to help the class enemy. Usually this is true, indeed, with the exception of two of the smallest socialist groupings, the Socialist Forum and the Vanguard Newsletter. Labor Committees have the only socialist organizations during recent years to oppose internecone violence.

CLARIDAD's editors have blundered by refusing to "take sides" on the decisive facts of the issue. By ignoring the all-important facts of the CP's actions, the editors are able to make it appear to themselves that Operation Mop Up involves nothing but a "petty factional issue" within the left.

This point should have been made clear to those editors by their more careful study of the reasons for the outright lies and criminal libels in such publications as the Daily World, the Guardian, and the Socialist Workers Party's Militant.

THE ISSUE CLARIDAD AVOIDS

During the week of March 26-31, the Communist Party leadership openly and knowingly turned over its resources to a known former CIA agent and self-proclaimed "national socialist," Ed Schwartz. It did this for the purpose of aiding President Nixon's campaign to impose *slave-labor upon the most oppressed strata of working people in this country.* That charge cannot be competently refuted.

Ed Schwartz, the government and corporate agent the CP supports, was exposed in the famous 1967 Ramparts magazine feature as the agent through whom CIA funding and control was exerted over the National Student Association. During that period, these facts were published in the old Worker, predecessor of the Daily World. There can be no doubt that the CP leadership was conscious of Schwartz's past role at the time it rallied its forces to support him.

The CP was also aware that the forces around Schwartz were government and corporation agents, acting in the interests of the Nixon Administration and Nixon's Health, Education, and Welfare Department, to herd welfare victims, veterans, drug addicts, and street youth into slave labor Talmadge-amendment programs to bust jobs of unionized and other employed workers.

The CP was also aware that FBI agents and local police agencies were conducting vicious frame-ups of Welfare Rights organizers "guilty" of opposing the Faith Evans-Johnne Tillman group of Talmadge Amendment agents. The Communist Party was also aware that not only police frame-ups and FBI harassments but also hoodigan attacks against these organizers and their children were occurring in "reprisal" for opposition to the Nixon programs being pushed by Evans et al. The CP leaders in Philadelphia itself moreover knew that Schwartz and other principals around Schwartz were collaborating hand-in-glove with the Urban Coalition, a well-known corporation-funded counterinsurgency organization.

With this knowledge, the Communist Party leadership consciously contributed its organization in an effort to destroy a conference of welfare organizers, trade-unionists, socialists, and other unemployed organizers, convened in Philadelphia. It rallied every one of its local stooges in Philadelphia, including the notorious Mohammed Kenyatta, in a joint coalition with Schwartz and Schwartz's dupes and counterinsurgency cronies. The

CP then lent itself to a Lynch-statement broadcast through the Philadelphia press and a major TV outlet, calling for a riot to break up the NU-WRO conference.

Furthermore, in an effort to actually whip up such a riot in support of the Nixon policy and its agents, Communist Party members in Philadelphia went to neighborhood gangs with the lying report that "an organization allied to the Klu Klux Klan" was attempting to "break up a black organization" and to "stop black community welfare checks."

The Communist Party has continued to spread this kind of Lynch propaganda even after the March 31 conference.

That is the reason why it would be criminal to oppose Operation Mop Up. The Communist Party leadership is no longer within the socialist movement, now that it has joined with a known former CIA agent and presently professed "national socialist" — i.e., fascist — in support of a government slave-labor attack on both employed workers and the most oppressed unemployed. The CP is the conscious arm of the Nixon forces closest to the left. CLARIDAD avoids this issue that is the fundamental blunder in its criticism.

PRESS COVERAGE

CLARIDAD's editors overlooked some other revealing evidence, as well. Almost daily since Operation Mop Up began, there have naturally been extended lying reports in the Communist Party's Daily World, two hair-raising false accounts published in the Militant, and denunciations to outright lies in a variety of left and campus papers. The distorted coverage in these organs forms a most revealing pattern which deserves to be examined more closely.

The Daily World's lies are only to be expected from that publication. More significant is what the Daily World to the date of writing has not mentioned once the CP's alliance with the fascist and former CIA agent Ed Schwartz. It does not dare mention this crime before the CP membership!

The Militant organ of the "Trotskyist" Socialist Workers Party, is rather more instructive on the issue. The Militant claims to be horrified by "Labor Committee hoodiganism." In fact, during the past twelve months, the SWP leadership has not only repeatedly refused to join any united front against CP hoodiganism, but has refused to even defend its own members against repeated CP hoodigan attacks.

Stupidly, not only does it repeat CP lies, but adds a few criminal libels of its own, and on this pretext proudly ships 50-70 SWP-YSA goons to provoke a riot in support of chief CP goon Rashide Storey at Columbia University! The smell of sun-ripened fish is very strong in the Militant's pages.

Phila NAM: Rip Fellows' Scabbing

The following is an excerpt from a statement in support of the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO) and the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC) by Robert Gibbons, a member of the Philadelphia chapter of the New American Movement (NAM) who stated that the statement represented the views of the chapter. The National body has graciously declined to take a position in the class struggle, hence leaving its Philadelphia members to combat with scabs from the Durham chapter.

"... Right now a 'coalition' of liberals, black nationalists, reformers and a bankrupt CP is uniting with police and anti-social groups like CAWANN to wreck the only hope for working class mobilization: NU-WRO. Incensed at NU-WRO's success as the first class-wide organization, they are bound to destroy it for the threat it represents to their interest-group/separatist-politics."

"The Philadelphia Area NAM Chapter has worked for, participated in and



Where was the pious Left when the CP joined Nixon and tried to provoke race war at the Philadelphia NU-WRO Convention?

The lengths to which the Militant went should not be overlooked. Referring to an incident in Philadelphia, in which at least five CP goons were hospitalized in the course of a knife assault on a Labor Committee member, the Militant volunteers the false report that there was no knife assault — on the "testimony" of an SWP member who was nowhere near the scene of the incident!

The pattern evolves as one's attention moves to the Guardian. The Guardian is the open unofficial house organ for the hoodigan Revolutionary Union collection. Furthermore, the Guardian has been consistently supporting varieties of "radical hoodiganism" since the spring of 1969, while periodically opposing only the most extreme, terroristic adventurism. Suddenly this notorious rag begins posing like a Ladies Aid Society against "violence." Is such moral outrage from that source really to be believed?

Or, to take a more obscure instance into account, we have the hoodigan bunch gathered around the Bulletin. These goons, who have not only refused to protest CP hoodiganism at any time during the past year, but who have even endorsed CP hoodiganism when it occurred right under their noses, suddenly become morally outraged and declare themselves compelled "on principle" to offer a united front "against hoodiganism" — to the Communist Party!

Two campus newspapers fall into the same general pattern. Following the knife

supports NU-WRO and takes seriously its promise as a nucleus to build an organization that can reach and mobilize the masses of working class people in all sectors. This support is being seriously threatened by the actions of an OEO operative travelling regionally for National NAM out of the Durham, NC chapter. This person expects NAM TO HOLD AN ANTI-NU-WRO conference on workare. Some vacillating chapter members even suggested holding the meeting in another city to escape NU-WRO's offensive against such a disorganizing move. This covert attack on working class unity is hereby denounced and will not go on over the opposition of NAM members who support NU-WRO....

"What about the Labor Committees policy of forcibly preventing the CP-led 'coalition' from destroying NU-WRO? ... It is not an adventurist call to violence; the working class will not lightly rise to violence. It is a well-thought strategy to defeat those who have long betrayed the working class...."

attack and earlier assaults by CPers on Labor Committee members in Philadelphia, the Temple News printed as "objective reporting" the lying account being issued by the local Communist Party. In New York City, the Columbia University Spectator has self-righteously exercised itself for a week over an incident at that campus, scrupulously omitting reference to the 50-70 SWP-YSA goons who provoked the incident in question.

For a year there have been repeated incidents of CP hoodiganism, to which virtually the entire left except the Labor Committees and two of the smallest groups have turned a blind eye. Suddenly, when the most notorious hoodigan of the left, the CP, begins shrieking "Help, Police! The Labor Committee, a tiny campus organization is destroying the giant Communist Party!" these assorted neo-Stalinists, "Trotskyists," liberals and whatnots instantly begin shrieking about "hoodiganism."

Such a pattern should have warned the editors of CLARIDAD that the issue of "violence" is absolutely not the issue of Operation Mop Up. Certainly, neither the Communist Party, the Guardian, the Militant, nor the Workers League could be honestly accused of principled opposition to "left hoodiganism" in the past. There must be something else behind their sudden conversion to the profession of peace-makers.

The SWP has two reasons for rushing to the support of the CP at this time. The first reason is one it shares in common with the Revolutionary Union, the Workers League, and the Spartacists. As the Spartacists expressed this "principle" nine months ago, in denouncing Labor Committee efforts to stop CP hoodiganism, the rest of the non-CP left is terrified that the Labor Committees will reduce them to irrelevance by seizing a position of left hegemony in the U.S.A. from the CP. The main reason the present strange assortment of "Trotskyists," "Stalinists," "neo-Stalinists," and "Maoists" has banded together in support of Gus Hall is that they agree on only one thing: Now, in their common opinion, is their last chance to stop the growing Labor Committees from consolidating a dominant position in the U.S. left.

Not one of them cares a damn about "violence." The record of the past year and longer proves that fact. What moves them now is their recognition that a defeat of the CP by the Labor Committees means that very few workers in the U.S. would ever take the SWP, the Revolutionary Union, or the other rag-tag left seriously. If the Labor Committees beat the CP, they are finished; that is the only thing drawing these groups into their common Men-shhevik swamp.

The SWP has a second special reason for fearing the Labor Committees.

Until March 26th, the SWP-YSA was, on performance, the most rightwing "socialist" group in the U.S.A., openly allied with an anti-working-class counter-insurgency agent, Luis Fuentes, in the Manhattan District One campaign. Increasingly, over the past five years, the SWP-YSA Barnes leadership has broken with every vestige of working-class politics, moving by stages ever closer toward the fascist policies of Nazi leftwinger Gregor Strasser and Philadelphia fascist Ed Schwartz — toward the fascist policy of merging "nationalism" with "socialism."

In general, despite the slimy alliance of the CP leadership with fascist counter-insurgency specialist Ed Schwartz, the hard-core working-class membership of the CP is far more socialist than the average SWPer and YSAer. The typical CP and YWLL working-class cadre is still pro-working-class, where the typical SWP and YSA young rank-and-filers are committed anti-working-class radicals imbued up to their eyeballs with a variety of petit-bourgeois syndicalism that is becoming closer and closer to the fascist theory of corporatism.

This is significant in explaining why the smaller SWP was able to mobilize 50-70 goons against the Labor Committee where the much-larger CP could not mobilize even 15 goons. The Communist Party rank-and-file youth is conscience-stricken about the Philadelphia crime, but the typical younger SWP-YSA member has no conscience at all.

THE REST OF THE LOT

During the past two weeks most of the rag-tag left in the U.S.A. has been engaged in the preliminary stages of forming itself into a striking political swamp around the slogan of "Stop the Labor Committees." Every petty honcho with delusions of grandeur knows that once the Labor Committees have consolidated their victory over the Communist Party, the SWP and the rest of the swamp will be exposed as political zeroes. The tiny Spartacist League was the first to openly recognize this fact, in its leaflet attacking the Labor Committees last summer. This is the only reason for the sudden clamor of "moral outrage" about alleged Labor Committee "violence" against the ever-peace-loving Communist Party.

Not one of these miserable petty-bourgeois groups takes up the issue of Philadelphia. Not one of them gives a damn about union-busting, job-hunting, or the oppression of welfare victims and unemployed; not one of them gives a damn whether or not the CP allies with fascists, whether or not the CP is lined up as Nixon agents against the unemployed and labor. These contemptible little petit-bourgeois honchos care about only one thing: their sick little delusions of future grandeur.

The same political issue motivates the liberal editors of the Temple News and Columbia Spectator. What do these liberals care how many welfare victims are framed up by FBI and local police — so long as their campus proceedings are not annoyed?

Edith Tiger of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee exemplifies the liberal viewpoint. When she was approached a few weeks back about the plight of welfare frameup victims, she treated the whole problem of the oppressed with contempt. The instant some Communist Party hack approached her with a song and dance about the minor disturbance provoked by 50-70 SWP goons at Columbia, she instantly signed a joint statement with poor old Corliss Lamont, denouncing the Labor Committee — and appealing to the same New York Mayor Lindsay who has taken the lead in herding welfare victims into slave labor.

It is suitable that Tiger should put herself in company with that paragon of ethical enlightenment, the jockstrap of the Columbia Spectator's editorial board, who edited Spectator readers with a ranting denunciation of bodily contact activities on the campus.

Corliss Again Sheds Crocodile Tears for CP

by Morris Finestein

On April 25 the Communist Party members' eyes were attracted to a Daily World article, "Liberties Group Hits Goon Attack at Columbia University." Corliss Lamont had dashed off a tele-gram to Mayor Lindsay protesting "violent disruption," exclaiming "outrage" "opposing strongly" and defending "democratic rights." Good old Corliss.

Corliss is protecting us again. As he has done for so many years. He is so convincing; those epithets hurled for decades seem to sound alive again. People listen to Corliss. He is a born spokesman.

Corliss can tell the American people things because he is super-American. Son of the wealthiest banker in the land, he went to Harvard and became a Humanist. That's a person who knows he loves everybody and shows it in his benevolent, self-satisfied face. He is the perfect spokesman; he has none of our vices. He is not foreign-born, or Jewish, or an ordinary man, and never gets angry.

We love his eccentricities — his baggy red pants, the constant tennis at his Westchester estate where he lives sheltered from the angry lesser people, free to contemplate true Humanism.

Of course, we also know how much Corliss loves us. We publish his pamphlets, we give him coast-to-coast radio time, we send him to Moscow and we bill him as a top civil libertarian, a Humanist above the dirty political squabbling. Corliss is terribly modest but he likes to display his unbounded goodness to others — especially on coast-to-coast radio.

We haven't seen much of him lately but we remember the time in 1937 when he...

And here the memory of the love relationship is mixed with anxiety. Memory begins to fade, a pang of guilt, a cruel thirst of reality images on the loving reminiscence. What were we trying to recall?

New Solidarity will refresh your memories.

THE MOSCOW TRIALS

1937. While the world looked on in amazement, men of the Bolshevik general staff, tortured into submission by the goons of the GPU, stammered to the Soviet state attorney Vyshinsky, conspiracies. The exiled Leon Trotsky, architect of the Red Army, was "convicted" by Stalin's court of conspiring with Nazis and the Japanese emperor.

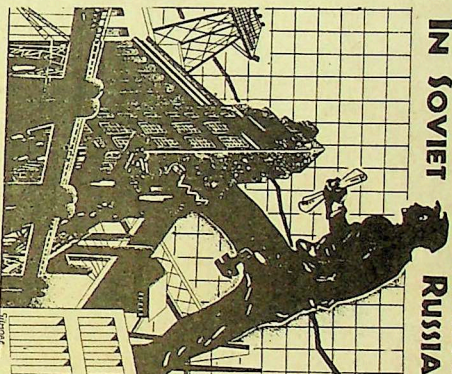
In Moscow in 1938, reporting for the magazine, Soviet Russia Today, Lamont announced his confident opinion of the verdicts: "Trotsky and his followers actually succeeded in assassinating Sergei Kirov, one of the top Soviet leaders.... Trotsky, as a desperate measure, cooperated with foreign governments interested in bringing the downfall of the Soviet regime....After careful consideration of the main facts involved, I felt no doubt of the defendants' guilt and of the sweeping and frequently surprising confessions."

In defending this horrible judicial extrication of the Bolshevik tradition, Lamont knew no shame. As a spokesman for "The American Friends of the Soviet Union," an open CP front, he announced in a broadcast over Columbia Network radio (Dec. 13, 1937): "Legal experts and observers from foreign countries at the trial almost without exception reported that they were conducted in a fair and judicial way....if you read the long and detailed verbatim proceedings of the trials, you receive an overwhelming impression that they were genuine."

Those Americans who dared attack Stalin's blood purge, like John Dewey, who chaired the "Commission of Inquiry in the Case of Leon Trotsky," were accused by Lamont of "aligning themselves with professional enemies of the Soviet government and the Soviet people." Lamont attacked the Communist government as "the chief sponsor's pronouncements as 'the stock in trade of fascists and reactionaries, who everywhere use them to justify war, violence, and the crushing of democratic liberties.'"

Continuing in this "pro-democratic"

SOCIALIST PLANNING IN SOVIET RUSSIA



By CORLISS LAMONT

FRONT MAN for Stalin, front man for proto-fascists: It's all the same to Corliss, so long as he gets to love everybody.

vein, Lamont hisped over national radio that "fascists and semi-fascists had cooperated with dissidents inside the Soviet Union," while boasting "the new Soviet contributor's broad guarantees of democratic and human liberties....Only yesterday," he chirped, "Soviet citizens went to the polls!" In this broadcast Lamont's Humanism swelled to peacock dimensions as he intoned, "Like most Americans I hate any form of violence and bloodshed; but I can hardly blame the Soviet Union for taking action to protect itself from its violent enemies both external and internal."

George Novack, then secretary of the Trotsky defense group, knew Corliss well.

A CP 'Civil Liberties' Front

On April 24, Corliss Lamont, Chairman of the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (NECLC) and Edith Tiger, NECLC Assistant Director, sent a telegram to New York Mayor John Lindsay demanding police protection for the CPUSA's right to scab against welfare organizers in NU-WRO. The NECLC expressed its "sense of outrage" at the NECLC's "flagrant violation of the Bill of Rights."

NECLC is a Communist Party front organization founded in September 1951. At that time the main task of these erstwhile civil libertarians was defending the CP from government persecution under the Smith Act — top CPers had been sent to jail.

For the CP hacks and professional fellow-travellers who founded NECLC, the recognition of an emergency came rather belatedly (eleven years late!). The Smith Act was enacted in 1940 and applied shortly thereafter to Trotskyists and militant trade unionists. The top leaders of the Minneapolis teamsters union, members of the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party who thought the class struggle should go on despite the Soviet-American wartime alliance, were jailed in 1941. Where was the "emergency" then?

The Communist Party proceeded to compile dossiers to help the government round up Socialist Workers Party members who had the gall to support workers' strikes over the heads of Papa Roosevelt and Uncle Joe Stalin. Charging the SWP and John L. Lewis with "Nazism" the CP helped establish the Smith Act as the vicious government weapon which was later used against them.

But what about today's government frameups, harassment, and intimidation of the welfare mothers organizing NU-WRO, the first nationwide organization of the unemployed in over 30 years — surely THAT would be an emergency for a self-proclaimed "permanent organization dedicated to the preservation of the Bill of Rights and the expansion of Civil Liberties"?

NECLC Assistant Director, Edith Tiger, refused three times during the week of March 6-13 to lend NECLC resources to the defense of NU-WRO organizers



Novack wrote that Lamont "is trying to pass himself off as a liberal gentleman anxious for the welfare of fellow-spirits. He is constantly calling up, writing or phoning our members to tell them he loves them, and that their good names are being misrepresented by Trotskyite fiends," asserted Novack in a March 12, 1938 letter to defense committee members. "He has circulated letters to our membership, accusing the Committee of forging the names of its members in letters sent out to the press." This Lamont had borrowed from a front-page slander in the Daily Worker.

Novack also noted that Lamont and the

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whose homes had been sacked, children beaten, and lives threatened in an obvious pattern of federal police harassment. Contacted by telephone on March 13 by a Labor Committee organizer who apprised her of an Atlanta death threat to travelling welfare organizer Sylvia Burton, Tiger abruptly exploded, "You are looking for publicity"! She desired not to be contacted again regarding the plight of these endangered black militants.

Letters expressing "outrage" about "democratic rights" to New York Mayor's is nothing new to the NECLC. Back in 1960 this CP front spotted an emergency when Mayor Robert Wagner denied Nazi Party leader George Lincoln Rockwell the right to speak in New York City. A socialist world without fascists is too terrifying for the Popular Front mind to even contemplate. So to preserve the political world of the Communist Party, the NECLC took pen in hand to denounce Wagner for his refusal to grant Nazis their "civil liberties."

In 1970 the NECLC vigorously fought the U.S. Government's refusal to grant admission to the European Trotskyist Ernest Mandel. Why should the NECLC do this for their enemies? Times had changed; the SWP was now part of the Communist Party's political world and no longer a threat. By 1970, both organizations were actively collaborating in the pop front National Peace Action Coalition, and People's Coalition for Peace and Justice.

The working-class organizers in NU-WRO and the NCLC are not part of the Communist Party's political world. They are the enemy. The NECLC is "outraged"; the Communist Party's "democratic rights" are under attack. Organization of the working class for socialism will destroy the rotting Communist Party. The NECLC is "outraged"; the Communist Party's "democratic rights" to collaborate with Philadelphia fascist Ed Schwartz, and to attempt to create a race riot against the NU-WRO convention are under attack.

Mayor Lindsay is part of the Communist Party's world — they helped elect him twice. The NECLC cries to Lindsay, "Help us now!"

Watergate: King Richard Loses His Stuffing

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quarters at the Watergate last summer — but practically everyone close to him has now been implicated in the network of scandals rapidly growing out of the original incident. Among those reportedly under investigation by a federal grand jury are everyone from John Mitchell, former U.S. Attorney General and Nixon campaign manager, to Patrick Gray, former head of the FBI. The entire top level of the White House staff has admitted its guilt.

FALLING-OUT AMONG THIEVES

The original bugging has faded away as these gentlemen have leaked charges and countercharges to the press in an effort to save their own necks. The more remarkable recent revelations include FBI Director Gray's virtual admission that he destroyed documents obtained from the convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt, and the release of Justice Department memorandum recording the Watergate espionage team's raid on the offices of the psychiatrist of Pentagon Papers defendant Daniel Ellsberg.

The ruling class watched in agony as the "moral authority" of the President — his ability to con working people into believing that he represents anything more than a gang of petty capitalist thugs

— threatened to evaporate. The New York Times reported that the routine from the Executive Office Building down to the lowest division of Naval Affairs had been entirely disrupted as staffers stood in the halls discussing the scandals. "How to save the institution (the Presidency)" was the number one topic on their agenda, according to one anonymous White House aide.

"HORSEMEAT NIXON"

What the Times and other capitalist spokesmen realize is that the Watergate, bourgeois democracy's latest self-inflicted wound, may cripple Nixon's efforts to hold the U.S. working class in check as the depression deepens. With a 70 per cent annual rate of food price inflation, with 20 per cent of the workforce unemployed, with major union contracts still to be negotiated, with delicate European trade negotiations hanging in the balance and the threat of another run on the dollar everpresent, the bourgeoisie cannot afford to show weakness. Workers have already begun to refer to the President as "Horsemeat" Nixon. What if they begin to act?

The Watergate scandals only underline the point that the major obstacles to socialist revolution, to the establishment of workers' governments in the U.S. and Western Europe within five years, are the illusions of working people themselves.

If they merely laugh cynically at this spectacle, if they are willing to sit around passively griping about "that bunch of bums in Washington," they are buying a one-way ticket to a fascist slave-labor camp. Every trade-union militant, every unemployed organizer, every person calling himself a revolutionary socialist — everyone who is beginning to suspect that the rotting corpse of bourgeois democracy must be cleared away if the human race is to survive — must make it his or her business to be at the National Caucus of Labor Committees' Strategy for Socialism conference in New York City on May 26. Together we will begin to organize the forces to put Horsemeat Nixon out of business.

THE REPUBLICAN GRAVEYARD

For after Watergate, there can be no doubt that the Republican Party has joined its Democratic counterpart in the graveyard. A horde of Congressional Republicans rushed to disassociate themselves from the President. Leading the charge was former Republican National Chairman Robert Dole, who announced that "The credibility of the President is now zilch



Nixon explains . . . and explains. . . .

— zero." Not far behind was Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, who found it "inconceivable" that Nixon did not know about the bugging and the subsequent attempts at coverup. Ever since Senator Barry Goldwater revealed that Republican fundraising for the 1974 elections had ground to a standstill because of the scandals, the party has given the President no peace.

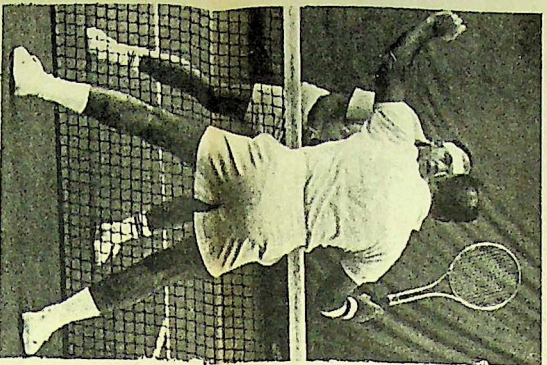
The unkindest cut of all was delivered by Vice-President Agnew, who called his own press conference to express "full confidence in the integrity of President Nixon and in his determination and ability to resolve the Watergate matter to the full satisfaction of the American people." As numerous journalists pointed out immediately, such professions of Vice-Presidential loyalty, a quality normally taken for granted, serve as a not-so-subtle advertisement. Is it an accident that the word "impeachment" has been whispered in Senate and House cloakrooms?

The Democrats, on the other hand, were too terrified by the havoc they had wrought to press for a political advantage. Major Democratic Congressional spokesmen were silent. They left it to Senator Sam Ervin, head of the Senate committee investigating the Watergate mess, to issue restrained statements praising the President's new-found determination to get at the facts.

With a totally supine Congress, which only a short time ago aborted its attempt to reimpose price controls, with the Democratic machines of New York, Chicago and other major cities in a state of collapse, the Democrats knew they repre-

A Revealing Ride with Bill Ruckelshaus

"My God Bob, I thought YOU burned the files," says aide John Ehrlichman.



went out against very bad speedup. And here in Detroit. Everybody knows there is bad speedup."

Ruckelshaus, then Administrator of Nixon's Environmental Protection Agency — "That's crap. There's no speedup. Why, I sent 50 men into Lordstown and we checked it out and there's no speedup."

One of the two men in the back seat, to the driver — "Do you know who you're sitting next to? William Ruckelshaus, the next Secretary of Transporta-

IN THE FLESH

The NCLC organizer was stunned. While he had believed the government to be wrong and obsolete, in a general historical sort of way, in the back of his mind he had retained a certain awe for government officials. The gutter refuse riding in his cab didn't fit his mental image of the government he was opposing.

Driver, picking up the conversation — "And the slave labor, forcing welfare recipients to take away other people's jobs so the government can bust unions."

From the back seat — "Isn't that TOO BAD, they have to WORK for their dole." The three burst out laugh-

ing. The driver persisted until Ruckelshaus became angry, almost hysterical, demanding to know who the driver supported politically. Since he backed none of the presidential candidates, the driver said, "I support Chaiklin in New York," referring to Tony Chaiklin, the Labor Committee's candidate for mayor of New York City.

Ruckelshaus became hysterical, "Chaiklin! That rock-throwing fanatic! That crazy fanatic. . . ."

Driver — "Tony Chaiklin is not a rock-thrower. He's a socialist." Ruckelshaus exploded, carrying on for some time about how Chaiklin is a "fanatic." Then — "We've got a list on him a mile long. The FBI knows all about him."

Driver — "The FBI knows about a lot of people. They probably know about me."

Ruckelshaus then demanded to know the driver's name. He got no answer. Turning to his friends in the back seat, he snapped, "Get his name."

When they arrived at their destination, Ruckelshaus said to the driver, "I want to speak to you later." The driver answered, "That will be a dollar fifty." The gentlemen gave the driver a 50 cent tip, and complained that he hadn't said "thank you" as the cab sped off.

sented no real alternative to Nixon.

DON'T ROCK THE BOAT

The Democrats' factional allies in the liberal press, though loud and long in their denunciations of Phase Three and Watergate, were equally cautious about rocking the ship of state any harder. The New York Times contented itself with a pious wish that clearing away the fumes of scandal rising from the White House staff "may make it possible for Cabinet members and members of Congress and others who have complained of isolation from the President to make more of an impact on his thinking, or at least to state their case more fully."

Equally spineless was the reaction of organized labor's Chief windbag, George Meany. At a Medal of Honor Society dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, Meany lashed out at Nixon for, of all things, his recent trade agreements with the Soviet Union. Spewing protectionist garbage, Meany charged that the trade deals would mean loss of jobs for American workers. With this nonsense Meany, who has swallowed Nixon's toughest anti-labor measures with little more than a grimace, was saying in effect: Dick, you're in a lousy bargaining position now. Make me a little better offer.

THE EUROPEAN VIEW

Meanwhile the European bourgeoisie held its breath. The prestigious British banking weekly, The Economist, wrote anxiously, "What diplomats want to know is whether the other fellow's master is in control of his country. If he is, you can do business with him, within prudent limits. . . . (Watergate) could, however force Nixon to start his trade negotiations without adequate powers, just as it could rob him of moral authority to ask wage restraint from the trade unions." And the influential German financial organ Frankfurter Allgemeine-Zeitung devoted a full page to the scandals, concluding, "Nixon can and should spare no one" in his efforts to preserve some tattered remnants of authority.

No wonder Henry Kissinger, one of the few major figures in the Administration unharmed by the scandals, was hustled on-stage to dangle a "new Marshall Plan" before the uneasy Europeans. Kissinger's New Atlantic Charter proposal sounded so much like hot air that the Times, which wished it were otherwise, consigned itself by noting that "The Marshall speech, looking back on it now, was very thin and almost superficial, but. . . ."

MR. BREZHNEV TO THE RESCUE

There was only one man whom the international ruling class felt confident would not desert Nixon — Leonid Brezhnev, head of the Soviet Union. The London Financial Times found a measure of satisfaction in the thought that "The Russian leadership is already committed to working with the U.S. and cannot easily call off the process of detente without damaging itself."

The Watergate scandals only make obvious what the NCLC has been saying for some time: there is an enormous and rapidly expanding political vacuum in the U.S. If the left had responded to the Labor Committee's united front call for a national working-class election campaign a year ago, instead of burying itself in the anti-war movement, the working class might well have had the revolutionary leadership to defeat Horsemeat Nixon in a major battle right now.

As it is, there exists a single revolutionary organization, the National Caucus of Labor Committees. Ranged against it is a terrified bunch of meat boycotters, CPers, potheads, and civil libertarians with clubs, a bunch united only by their opposition to the classwide organizing of the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization and the NCLC. For working-class organizers who are sick of Horsemeat Nixon there is only one place to go: be in New York on May 26 for the NCLC conference.

Are You Ready to Boycott Gasoline? Cars?

by Henry Burt

APRIL 20 — During the past nine days the Nixon administration has delivered a double-barreled attack on the ability of working-class families to earn a living under deepening depression conditions. As a result of his actions thousands of workers will, within months, be forced out of their jobs and onto the welfare rolls or into scavenger-like existence.

On April 11 the Environmental Protection Agency announced new automobile-related air pollution regulations for 1975 and 1976, and one week later Nixon outlined his new proposals to deal with the "energy crisis." The implications of these two announcements are that automobile ownership in the U.S. is slated to become a ruling-class privilege in the near future!

Skyrocketing gasoline prices and decreasing gasoline mileage will price automobile ownership above working-class means under depression-imposed poverty. With freedom of travel and consequent ability to search for a job in a contracting job market destroyed, increasingly desperate workers will become potential fodder for workfare and other scabberding schemes, thus advancing Nixon's recycling program one crucial step further.

Large-scale gasoline shortages, if not outright rationing, are now only a few months away. In many parts of the country it is already a common occurrence to drive into a service station for a fill-up only to find the pumps empty. These shortages are, in fact, a direct result of government-industry planning to consciously limit refining capacity and new well drilling.

With the industry's growing financial squeeze stalling any major efforts to exploit these reserves, the oil barons have given notice that a steadily expanding working-class living standard is of trivial importance compared with the debt obligations of their paper titles.

Meanwhile the Federal government has left no doubt about its position on this matter. Moulning Nixon's supply-and-demand lies, U.S. energy researcher Eric Hirst announced Jan. 10 that the solution to the gasoline shortage was a reduction in consumption — not the development of new sources.

Fresh from the success of the meat boycott in convincing Americans to voluntarily lower their meat consumption, ruling class circles are even now playing with the same technique of self-imposed austerity for gasoline. Last week, the Attorney General of Connecticut suggested a nationwide boycott of Sunday driving. "People" he said, "should cut out Sunday's joy rides, stay home, and putter around in their back yards." As the prices of automobiles skyrocketed, the same idiots of austerity will be recommending that workers boycott cars and "putter" their way to work on bicycles and pedi-cabs.

OIL DILEMMA

The collapsing financial condition of the oil industry has already been detailed in New Solidarity (March 12-16, 1973). The number of well drillings and refineries and the total volume of domestic crude oil production have all declined since the late 1960's, despite the fact that demand continues to mount and known domestic reserves still total 39 billion barrels — with even larger amounts available from foreign sources. The one section of the industry's budget which continues to grow is debt payments, always the first priority for any capitalist firm.

In their depression-induced scramble to avoid bankruptcy, the oil giants have no intention of meeting the energy needs of the American public. Refinery construction and well drilling have gone the way of the "affluent society." It was no surprise, therefore, that oil interests reacted to Nixon's April 18 energy proposals with ill-concealed glee.

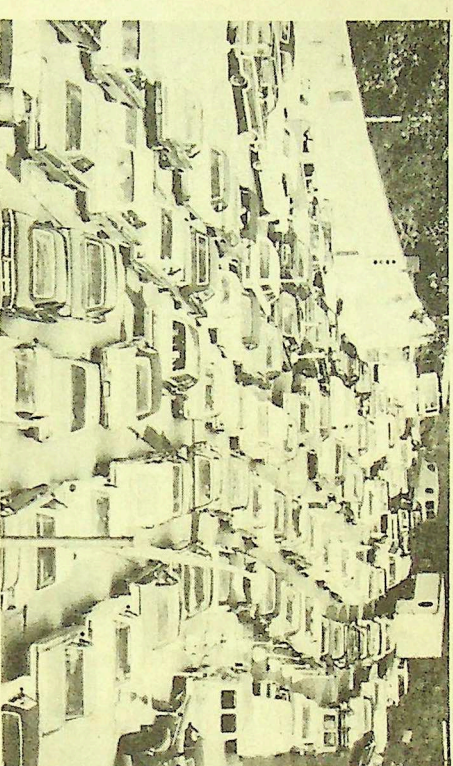
The steps Nixon outlined were: (1) the de-regulation of government-fixed well-head prices on natural gas; (2) elimination of the oil import quotas; and (3) incentives for new continental and offshore drilling. This latter step requires huge capital outlays which EVEN IF

ATTEMPTED would yield no results before the end of this decade. Similarly, any large imports would necessitate both new refineries and deep-water facilities to handle the super-tankers needed for such shipments.

The real reason for junking the import quotas is simply that U.S. oil companies are no longer even capable of producing enough crude oil for their already shrinking refining capacity! Since the price of foreign crude oil now tops domestic, the oil barons will hang all blame for price increases on "fanatical Arabs" out to wreck the U.S. balance of payments and blackmail the West into returning Jerusalem. Incredible as this seems, such garbage can now be read almost daily in the pages of the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal.

YES, WE HAVE NO GASOLINE

The real guts of the Nixon proposals is the de-regulation of natural gas well-head prices. The official well-head



Capitalists have found a solution to traffic jams: Rising gas prices will soon force workers to abandon their cars and bicycle or walk to work.

price for natural gas was raised only last September, and regional controls on the wholesale price of gas were eliminated April 12 by the Federal Power Commission, to be replaced by a national "ceiling" which will permit significantly higher prices. The added effect of the proposed de-regulation can only be to send prices skyrocketing.

Already thousands of small discount service stations are being forced to close. These independents, who for years have purchased leftover gas from major suppliers at a lower cost, are the first victims of the declining ability of the capitalists to produce adequate energy supplies for society. Car owners too, however, will soon feel the full effects of ruling-class cost-cutting as they are forced to buy gasoline at name-brand stations where prices are expected to rise to 60¢ a gallon this summer and \$1.00 a gallon by this time next year.

The Petroleum Industry Research Foundation predicts gas shortages of 125,000 barrels PER DAY this summer while the Chase Manhattan Bank says that shortages should reach 300,000 barrels per day in 1974 and 900,000 barrels per day by 1976! Texaco, the largest gasoline dealer in the U.S., is today rationing gas to service stations on the West Coast, while in Vermont there are official predictions of retail rationing by this summer. And this is only the calm before the storm.

AUTO DILEMMA

On April 11 William Ruckelshaus, head of the U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA), added further to the future impossibility of car ownership for working-class families. His decision called for stringent pollution controls on 1975 and 1976 cars. Although the 1975 standards actually represent a relaxation of the previously proposed standards, they are still severe enough to make the one-year delay merely an insignificant temporary reprieve.

What the EPA decision actually represents for the Administration is one step back in order later to take three steps forward.

Originally the 1975 deadline for the harsh standards — a 90 per cent reduction

in carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide and hydrocarbons — seemed acceptable to both the financial and business communities. The auto companies, however, derailed on their part of the bargain when it became apparent that their decrepit industrial capacity could not even meet the challenge of developing an effective air pollution device. Both the Japanese Mazda's Wankel engine and the Japanese Honda's dual carburetor stratified-charge engine can meet the tough standards with ease, but mass production of these engines by U.S. auto companies would require extensive re-tooling and capital expenditures.

Unable to attempt such drastic measures, the auto barons decided to develop a pollution device which could merely be attached to the presently existing engine — and then they botched that! Their "solution," the "catalytic converter" is a Rubie Goldberg device which will add \$500 to the price of a car, and lower by one-third car efficiency

and gas mileage, which on present 1973 cars is already much worse than five years ago. To top it off, the converter simply doesn't work.

This pollution control fiasco is nothing less than a public admission by the auto czars of their total incompetence to meet the needs of a socially expanding working class. The largest of all American industries is now on the skids.

Despite record-breaking sales through 1972, and even higher sales so far this year, "blue chip" auto stocks on the New York stock exchange have stagnated at prices even lower than the 1971 levels. Wary investors have nervously taken note of the mounting profit squeeze in Detroit. Take General Motors. GM has \$23 million in debt which matures this year. The amounts for 1975 and 1976 are \$57 million and \$68 million respectively, and in 1976 an astronomical \$274 million in debt comes due. For Ford and Chrysler the situation is similar: Chrysler's total long-term bonded debt has risen from \$216 million in 1966 to \$790 million in 1972.

DEBTOR'S WOE

Expecting modest drops in sales this year after 1972's record pace, auto officials have been at a loss to explain the boom during the past three months. Auto sales in March were the highest of any month in history. Readers of New Solidarity, however, will recognize this immediately as a symptom of the pre-crisis explosion in consumer credit (See New Solidarity, April 16-20, 1973). Fined by the capitalists' need for immediate speculation on workers' income in order to stave off a credit collapse, outstanding auto loans increased by \$909 million in January and another \$827 million in February.

As car prices continue to rise, prospective buyers are enticed with longer-term loans of from four to five years. Only a year ago auto loans of more than three years were unheard of. Not surprisingly, interest on the longer loans is significantly higher than usual.

With the bursting of the speculative bubble only weeks or months away, the auto industry represents a corpse kept

alive only through massive doses of adrenaline. When the tourniquet is applied to consumer credit, sales will plummet. Only those able to pay cash will be allowed new cars. Guess who?

During the last great depression many working-class families circumvented the need for a new car by hanging on to one old beat-up relic and pouring their hard-earned wages — wages desperately needed for health care, clothing and other necessities — into keeping it operational. In such a situation a car is the family's lifeline to potential jobs and a means of escape from one particularly depressed area. Unfortunately for frantic workers, bloated gasoline prices will cut off even that one lifeline in this depression, literally forcing workers back to 19th-century existence—or worse. Meanwhile, although no one would consider buying a used car from Nixon, once the severity of the depression becomes clear, Tricky Dick's cronies in the finance companies will have their henchmen repossess YOUR used car — all perfectly legal, of course.

75¢ FOR WHAT?

Perhaps some naive reader believes he can escape these calamities simply because he lives in a large urban area and doesn't own a car. Unfortunately he can't count on being the "exception."

All large municipalities have traditionally had a special arrangement with the oil companies. Every year cities calculate the total amount of gasoline they will need for ambulances, fire trucks, busses, police cars, taxis, etc., during the coming 12 months and then let oil companies bid for the total contract.

This system is now dying due to the oil companies' refusals to make bids. Boston has twice received no bids on a gas contract which begins May 1, and in Detroit, city vehicles are using commercial pumps — a course most cities will soon be forced to take. The EPA's 1975 pollution standards will require the installation of catalytic converters on municipal vehicles and taxis, cutting into gas efficiency which, coupled with frequent jumps in the retail price of gasoline, will kindle sizeable fare boosts.

Another step under serious consideration in many cities to reduce air pollution is a ban on cruising taxis. Since ghetto areas are normally the worst served by mass transit, many poor people depend on taxis for transportation to hospitals, job interviews and the welfare office. The proposed ban will effectively lock these people into the ghetto in an updated version of the Nazi-polliced Jewish ghettos during World War II. The New York Times laid it squarely on the line in a Feb. 12 editorial when, speaking of the effects of the new air pollution laws, they stated: "New Yorkers are going to have to adjust to some possibly shocking changes in their way of life, and it is an understatement to say that they are unprepared for them."

SOCIALIST STRATEGY

There is of course the possibility Nixon will take emergency steps to prevent the full brutal effects of the auto collapse from striking the working class in the months immediately ahead. Far from any concern for workers, however, such a move would signify Nixon's fear he couldn't impose such severe austerity measures without causing massive popular anti-government unrest. For some time now Nixon has been hesitant to institute large scale attacks on the working class in the name of ecology for fear that such actions would rip away the humanistic veneer of the zero-growth movement and expose the fascist storm boot underneath.

Nixon, however, is only playing for time until a grass roots fascist movement can take root. It is essential, therefore, that the anti-working-class underpinnings of the ecology movement be exposed in the eyes of all workers, and the unified working class demand an increase in production. The only alternative is sharing the poverty, a poverty gradually sinking back to Stone Age existence.

CP Leadership Set Up YWLLers for Hospital

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(Rasheed) Storey would speak at the Center on black liberation demonstrates the refusal by the CP to be intimidated by the NCLC's government inspired, racist, anti-communist, fascist-like attacks...."

Aha. It seemed that the "Communists" had finally decided to stand up like men and defend themselves. Surely the "Party" would now attempt to mobilize its deorticated trade union hacks, its supporters in the black community, etc. In a last-ditch attempt to escape the executioner's ax.

Thirty Labor Committee members were assigned to take up the CP's challenge. As NCLCers approached the Center they were seen by 20 young YWLL members and sympathizers, who immediately scampereed into the building and bolted the door. One of the "defenders," however, failed to get inside. "Let me in," he cried, as he banged on the door, "I surrender." His comrades failed to heed his pleas.

As the NCLC members started to leave, the door opened and several of these terrified youth came out, throwing bottles and cursing the Labor Committee defense squads. A young black woman tried to attack the Labor Committee members with a bimby ruler, a draftsman's T-square, as the NCLCers returned, and was dealt with. She obviously thought that other YWLL members and supporters were behind her—but they were not. As one Labor Committee member put it later, "The rest of them had taken off in the general direction of the

Hudson River."

Near the end of the encounter about 8 YWLL members and supporters raced up the street as if to attack. As they came within thirty feet of the Center, they panicked and stopped short, unable to even attempt to defend their comrades. "Why fight?" they said to themselves, "It would just be suicide. And I'm just not sure what I'll be defending by defending the Party, I'd better look out for myself first."

Why didn't the CP leadership mobilize more "defenders?" The answer appeared on page one of the May 2 Daily World. A picture of the young black woman on the ground. She was now identified as YWLL National Black Liberation Secretary Carolyn Black. Gus Hall had what he wanted — a picture of NCLC members beating up a poor, defenseless, black woman — a new martyr for the Party stalwarts. Now Hall could say to liberals and police, "who can doubt that the Labor Committee is big and tough, and that we are weak and pitiful — and need help."

...AND IN PHILADELPHIA

On the preceding Friday evening, Herbert Aphreke spoke in Philadelphia and 25 Labor Committee members came to lead the meeting. About 40 CP-YWLL members were present but the "Party" apparently needed reinforcements, so ten members of Mayor Rizzo's Red Squad emerged from the building. After identifying themselves, the cops stationed themselves in a line between NCLC and CP-YWLL members.

ided to break its wartime alliance with Moscow and the American CP did Lamont again become concerned about "democratic rights." At the height of the first wave of McCarthyite terror in 1951, the Communist Party formed the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee to fight the Smith Act.

The government was now jailing CPers under this anti-communist law. Cortiss Lamont was a founding member of the ECLC and presently serves as its chair-

LCers Expelled

from Sarah Lawrence College

—see page 4

man.

Communist Party members' recall of Lamont during the last decade must be slight. The McCarthy period over, and the CP languishing, it had little use for him and him for them. Beyond hosting National Guardian plenums on his country estate and maintaining the chairmanship of the ECLC, his Humanism had little stage presence on the left.

In 1967 Cortiss found a new home. Or, rather, two insidious anti-communist professors, Sidney Hook and Paul Kurtz leaders of the purge apparatus called UCRA (University Centers for Rational Alternatives), gave him a new home. In 1967 after taking over the formerly liberal-athiest Humanist magazine, they put Cortiss on the editorial board.

Immediately, under the "progressive" banner of Lamont's five-point definition of "humanism" first published in *The Humanist* in 1942 and resisted by Kurtz soon after assuming editorship, the magazine became a house organ for Hook's and Kurtz's UCRA; the notorious anti-black "race-scientists" Jensen, Shockley, Herminstein, and Eysenck; the labor-labor speeding vanguard behavioral "scientists" such as B. F. Skinner; and the various quackademics of the proto-fascist Zero growth movement.

Today the Humanist is the leading journal of academic fascism in the United States (see *New Solidarity*, May 15-19, 1972). It was the first U.S. journal to print the fascist line of the British academic Eysenck (July-Aug. 1969) that blue-

Daily World Caught With Pants Down

FLASH — May 2 — In a desperate attempt at race-baiting incident, the Communist Party's May 2 Daily World claimed that "20 armed Labor Committee goons" attempted to break up a May Day celebration sponsored by the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) in the Latin and Black community in Camden.

The World article lied further that NCLC spokesmen had threatened PSP organizer Rafael Hernandez before the April 29 rally, supposedly saying, "If you don't let us speak we will take over the rally."

In a conversation last night with a New Solidarity reporter, the Camden, N.J. PSP organizer made the following statement regarding the World article:

Among the CPers were Tony Montiero, Royce Adams, and Mike Maggio. Montiero was greeted with catcalls: "Hey Royce, Royce, help me" heckled a Labor Committee member. These had been "Tough Tony's" first words in his last confrontation with Labor Committee members. Maggio sported a brand new bandage on his nose — a mistake he had made a few days earlier when he tore up some NCLC literature.

Royce Adams had apparently been doing some heavy colonizing over the last couple of weeks. One of Rizzo's CD men shouted out "Royce, hey Royce, how are you doing?" when the CP thug walked

collar workers are genetically inferior. It was the chief propaganda arm of and organizer for UCRA when it led the mobilization of forces to purge Angela Davis, Bruce Franklin, and professors at the State University of N.Y. at Buffalo, the magazine's home base. The editorial board turned over the whole January-February 1972 issue to race scientists Jensen and Shockley — including their recommendations for sterilization of the poor — with editorials of support from Hook and Kurtz. And at the end of 1972 the magazine presented 1964 scientist B. F. Skinner "The Humanist of the Year" award.

For Cortiss there were the same rewards he formerly received as a front man for the CP. His book "A Humanist Wedding Service" was published by the Humanist. He was trotted out by Kurtz to appear in a TV series called "Humanist Alternative" along with Hook, Skinner and ethnic separatist Michael Novak which the magazine sold to over 100 TV outlets around the country. Cortiss's lecture "What is Humanism?" was billed as number one.

Hook and Kurtz published and filmed all this stuff under the rubric of Humanism. In the January-February 1973 issue of the Humanist when the editors were asked to discuss the adoption of the Humanist Manifesto written during the last depression by a group of Unitarian ministers, one point bothered Cortiss: "Point 14 goes beyond the proper scope of humanism to analyze the economic system of capitalism to advocate some form of socialism." Cortiss asked that this point be deleted.

The Communist Party is in its worst and final crisis. As each day brings them closer to organizational death, they desperately cry out "Get Cortiss, he'll help us." Like the actor about to go onstage, the CP straightens his costume, powders his face and thrusts him forward. He performs probably his last CP role. It's only a role... "outrage," "democratic rights," "violent disruption," "we demand..." the martinet's feet and mouth move.

The CP is finished. And Cortiss already has another role. The puppet of goodness has lent his wooden Humanism to the academic neo-fascists, and he will stick with them. Poor fool, he doesn't know that the "so-called National Caucus of Labor Committees" will tear out his sawdust Humanism no matter where he goes. Revolution is not playacting.

"No such thing happened, and everybody there knows it. A member of the Communist Party was there. The Labor Committee asked to have a speaker from NU-WRO (National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization), and I said the Party would have to approve it. The Party disapproved." The organizer noted that Labor Committee leafleters at the rally were peaceful and made no attempts at "disruption."

Once again, as with its scabbing against unemployed militants, the CP has shown its contemptible racism — in this instance using the name of the PSP to spread gutter slanders against the National Caucus of Labor Committees.

out of the building. Can you imagine the despair felt by young black YWLLers recently recruited to "Marxism-Leninism" around the fight to free Angela Davis as they watch their hero, Adams, yak it up with Rizzo's cops?

Around the country the political terror within the CP continues to mount. In Seattle, Washington, Art Perlo, son of CP leader Victor Perlo, suddenly became hysterical. It turns out that a number of working class organizers within the orbit of the CP had joined the local NU-WRO group. What Perlo did about this symptomatic of the hysteria now gripping the CP.

Perlo demanded that a meeting be set up between himself and leading members of the Seattle Labor Committee. What did he want to do? To repudiate the CP's alliance with fascists in Philadelphia? Hardy, Perlo demanded that the Labor Committee refuse to allow his former buddies to remain in NU-WRO! Needless to say, the NCLC representatives did not accept this "demand."

The CP, however, is not alone in its terror. In Pittsburg the SWP and CP recently announced the formation of a coalition. Its purpose: defense against the Labor Committee. That in itself would not be such an hysterical response under "normal" conditions. But these are not normal times — the NCLC has only four members in Pittsburg!

The Labor Committee became the major subject of discussion at many New York City college campuses over the last week. At Columbia, NYU, and the New School students tried to figure out "what is this Labor Committee" that was disobeying all the rules. Many students who had taken several Political Science courses tried to remember in what semester they had studied the historical precedent for "Operation Mop Up" that explained just what the Labor Committee was doing. They haven't yet found it, but they're still looking — and still talking.

The events over the last week at Hostos Community College in the Bronx exemplify the process going on. The clearest case of anti-Labor Committee organizing in New York occurred here when, on April 30, a CP teacher organized a gang of vigilantes, including the local campus police, against NCLC "outsiders." "This campus is for Hostos students and faculty only," said CP prof Jerry Meyers and his friends from the administration.

Two days later Labor Committee members returned to the campus with a leaflet denouncing the CP for its collaboration with Nixon to stop NU-WRO's organizing against slave labor and its collaboration with the Hostos administration. Unlike in the past practically the whole campus wanted to talk to Labor Committee leafleters. A typical case was that of one Puerto Rican man. Denouncing the NCLC's attacks on the CP, he approached Labor Committee members. A long discussion then took place. At its conclusion the student helped a Labor Committee member put up four posters announcing the Strategy for Socialism conference on May 26-27 in New York City.

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"American Friends of the Soviet Union" labelled all supporters of Trotsky as "stool pigeons, fascists, gangsters, and underworld agents." They called Carlo Tresca an agent of Mussolini."

While Lamont scurried around polite bourgeois circles gathering such prominent liberal names as Max Lerner and Paul Sweezy in support of a manifesto denouncing the Dewey Commission as "a blow to the forces of progress," CP-allied hoodlums threatened Dewey's life almost constantly, promising to mobilize Mexican unionists to "mob him at the border" as he travelled to Trotsky's home in Mexico.

Actually, no blows were too low for Cortiss. Vulgarly aping Stalin's exploitation of anti-Semitism against Jewish revolutionaries Trotsky, Zinoviev and Kamener, he slyly noted that most of Mr. Trotsky's defenders in America are "like Mr. Dewey, New York City intellectuals."

"Any criticism of the wickedness of Joseph Stalin," slyly remarked Mr. Lamont at a mass rally in 1941, "is playing Hitler's game." And what of the CP's own silence about Nazi aggression during the period of the 1939-41 Hitler-Stalin Pact? "They had good and sufficient reasons, which are unnecessary to go into."

THE SMITH ACT

At the outbreak of World War II, Franklin Roosevelt's liberal administration seized the opportunity of general wartime hysteria to legally assault "traitorous" Socialist Workers Party and trade-union officials under the new anti-communist Smith Act. Surely civil libertarian Lamont, today's NECLC chairman and long-time member of the American Civil Liberties Union, protested this action, a precedent for the McCarthyite legal dismantling of the CP in the '50's?

Not at all. Now a spokesman for the National Council on American-Soviet Friendship Inc., a front probably organized by the Russian secret police, Lamont aped the CP's accusations of "Nazism" against the Trotskyist SWP and John L. Lewis, who dared support workers' strikes "against" the Stalin-Roosevelt alliance. The Communist Party completed dossiers on Trotskyists and turned them over to the FBI.

Not until the American bourgeoisie de-

Pilot Projects to Soften Up L.I. Workforce

by David Wilson

Recycling is coming to the suburbs. For the moment it's coming the only way it can be smuggled into the well-trimmed lawns and high-mortgage homes of working-class suburbs — as a study, an experiment, a demonstration project. It's coming all the same, and the question now is how long it will take these "well-off suburbs" to realize that it's meant for them.

The demonstration district is Nassau County, the half of Long Island where many of New York area's better-paid workers live. What's being demonstrated — the recycling of human beings — is something Nassau residents should recognize quickly enough. For years it's been going on right next door in Suffolk County.

Suffolk, which takes up the other half of the island, is the temporary home of 10 to 25 thousand migrant farmworkers. The migrants, mostly impoverished Southern blacks, are shipped up North in trucks, housed in barracks, and worked for all they're worth. When fatigue, disease, drugs and alcohol have done their job, these workers are disposed of and the truck goes South for a fresh batch.

The basis for this operation is the immigration of the small Southern farmer. Unable to make a living in the South, he comes North and allows every bit of his physical and spiritual energy to be squeezed into profits for his boss. When there's nothing left to be gotten out of this worker, the boss isn't worried; he knows there are more like him at home.

THE GOAL: WORKING TO THE LAST DROP

For almost a year now the Eastern Farmworkers Association has been straggling to put these workers back up on their feet. But the struggle in Suffolk has had no interest for the Nassau County worker. Why should he care? He has his home, his car and his family to think about.

This supposedly prosperous worker doesn't know it yet, but he is trapped,

The Nassau County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) is offering local youths "Summer employment in the healthful outdoor atmosphere of our national parks and forests." Living in camps on national park land, the youths will do conservation work and learn about group behavior.

For one thing, they'll learn the value of coeducation: "On conservation work projects," BOCES reports, "the girls kept up with the boys and learned to adapt to primitive facilities and rugged living conditions. This also set a good pace for the boys...Girls were more concerned about the pro-

being shanghaied North in a crowded van.

The Nassau worker lives by commuting to a job in New York City or by working for aerospace and defense plants on Long Island. A third section supplies services for the others — the construction workers, for instance, who built up the area during boom periods. These jobs are disappearing. New York City employment has been declining steadily for years. The aerospace and defense industries are closing shop. And there's no need to spell out what's happened to the boom in residential construction.

Where does this leave the Nassau worker? He lives surrounded by thousands of workers who are unemployed but otherwise just like him — just as skilled, and just as concerned with their homes, their cars, and their families. They are perfectly willing to take his job, even at a faster pace and lower pay. Once he understands this, he too will work harder for less. If he stands on his dignity and refuses, a few months on the unemployment line will teach him a little less self-respect. Eventually, after further deterioration

of the economy, he will find himself in a barracks on a farm, his mortgage foreclosed, his car repossessed, and his family somewhere far away, with relatives or on welfare. He will become the migrant worker, drained of his strength and ready to be replaced by others like him — maybe his own children.

THE PROJECTS: WORKFARE, SCAB TRAINING

This at least is what the County of Nassau, determined to "improve its business climate," has in mind for the Nassau working class. The small but numerous experiments now in operation are testing out ways to make sure this goal is realized.

For instance: Since 1971-72 Nassau County has cut some five to seven thousand human beings from its welfare rolls — a 10 per cent reduction in a period when next door in Suffolk the number ROSE by 10 per cent. This resulted not from more employment but from the vigorous enforcement of longer eligibility forms. There aren't less poor people, just more poor people looking for less jobs.

Meanwhile, the county welfare department has started up a "public works project" which puts welfare recipients into municipal jobs, such as sweeping streets. As of this March the program contained only 128 people. Despite its size Nassau workfare is actually much more ambitious than similar projects elsewhere. The other projects are limited by law to recipients in the home-relief category: the Nassau project is empowered to tap the larger pools of able-bodied Aid to Dependent Children mothers and unemployed fathers.

Another county agency, the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), is helping the unemployment situation by providing training for other people's jobs. In one town BOCES has two groups of four to five students getting on-the-job training for municipal employment. The county is reputedly maintaining a freeze on hiring for these unmade jobs.

The BOCES adult program trains for,

blems of their environment and served to inspire the boys toward greater effort."

They'll also learn about discipline: "Discipline? Yes, and plenty of it but it is mostly self-discipline. All cops members are encouraged to participate in the democratic process of developing standards for enrollee living and of working out methods of monitoring each other's behavior."

If this sounds to you like something half way between a summer idyll and a training camp for Nazi youth, that's probably just what BOCES is planning — something half way on the road from the first to the second.

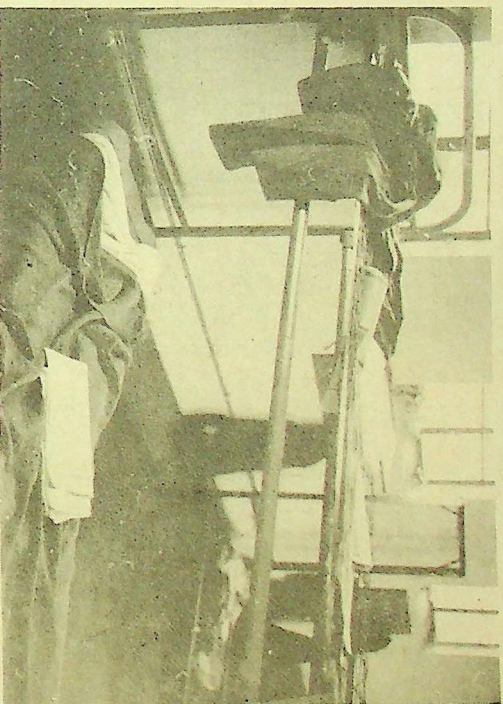
among other things, jobs in the building trades — while the unemployment rate for union construction workers continue to rise.

MORE PROJECTS: SPEEDUP, THE WORKHOUSE

As with the migrant workers, the prospect of recruiting a fresh crew of workers opens the way for speeding up the workers they will replace.

Last November the county, along with New York Senator Jacob Javits and Nixon's National Productivity Commission, announced a pilot study "on how to increase worker productivity as a result of labor-management bargaining on the municipal level." With aid from the federal government, investment banks and private foundations, the county will spend \$350,000 demonstrating to the nation ways "to grant the taxpayers the best return for their tax dollars," according to the County Executive.

In other words, the municipal employees will be worked until they drop. At that point, the high-school students will replace them, just as fresh truckloads from the South replace the migrants.



Nassau workers — here is your future.

One more project is necessary to complete the parallel with Suffolk: duplication of the crowded, squalid farm barracks where migrants decay during their leisure time.

The conservative Nassau County Board of Supervisors is notoriously tight with tax money, but recently it has allocated \$230,000 for the renovation of an old hospital building in Plainville. Here housed, given medical treatment and provided with yet more vocational training. Presumably they will be bused from Plainville to their public works project sweeping streets — or anywhere else the county needs a chain gang.

In fact, the "fiscally responsible" county administration is considering plans to dot the countryside with what they call "Youth Homes."

BREAKING RESISTANCE: THE INSTITUTIONS

But these are only pilot projects, the tiny first steps towards turning the whole county into a mammoth migrant workers' camp. For the Nassau homeowner, playing with his kids or washing his car on Saturday afternoon, these experiments are no more of a concern than, say, the Suffolk farmworkers.

Which is the point. If the county moved to implement such policies on a large scale, it would run into opposition from all sections of the population. Already, the Youth Homes proposal has aroused some traditional right-wingers, who realize that a workhouse or a concentration camp in the neighborhood wouldn't work wonders for local property values. The experiments are designed to whittle away this and other, more serious opposition.

The county is moving in on any social institution which could possibly coordinate such opposition. These institutions have already been weakened by the economic situation, as an alternative to weakness, the county offers "power" — involvement in the administration of the projects. When the operation is over, the institutions are hopelessly compromised before their own memberships, or have even become a permanent feature of the recycling apparatus.

One target is, of course, the unions. Municipal workers are represented by the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA). The CSEA is hardly a union at all, but it could serve as a rallying point for resistance to speedup and workfare. It won't. The CSEA leadership, which has been having trouble getting so much as a sweetheart contract from the county, and even more trouble selling the sweetheart to the rank and file, readily agreed to participate in the county's "productivity study" and vocational training projects. The CSEA is trapped inside the same machinery that will be used to destroy it.

The process is further advanced with welfare organizations. The strongest of these organizations was the Nassau Tenants Coordinating Committee. As soon as the 1969-70 recession made the going rough, the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) moved in with funds, job offers and police harassment. Since 1970 the

former welfare organizers have been working on a Client Advisee Council, which helps the welfare commissioner funnel recipients into workfare positions.

Organizers working with the OEO are no longer simple sellouts. The director of the Roosevelt OEO office exposed his and his colleagues' state of mind when he informed New Solidarity that Hitler and Mussolini weren't so bad after all. "They got their people together," he explained.

BREAKING RESISTANCE: THE DREAMS

But none of this concerns the employed, private Nassau worker. What if welfare recipients are moved into city jobs? Good — it gets the bums off welfare. What if city workers lose their jobs? It saves tax money. What if the local community organizers are fascists? That's not HIS problem.

Meanwhile, the same process is going on under his own roof. His fondest dream — what gets him out of bed in the morning and puts him through a hard day at the shop — is the hope that his kids will end up "better off than their old man." If he can just hold on to his job, he reasons, he'll be able to send them to college.

Nassau BOCES does more than give vocational training as part of the high school curriculum. It also provides students with an alternative to the tedium of an education which, to judge from the experience of their friends and relatives, leads nowhere at all. The BOCES newsletter prints testimonials from its graduates. "I never enjoyed going to school as much as I did during the two years I went to BOCES," says an air-conditioning and refrigeration trainee. "My thanks again to BOCES."

Another true believer testifies: "It's a shame that BOCES can't be introduced to students in ninth grade, before they start to make up their minds about college."

The property taxes the Nassau worker slaves to pay finance schools which teach his children to give up on college — and settle for taking their father's job.

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This is not to say that the process is anywhere near completion. The county is moving with caution, because it knows that if its workers faced up to the implication of these projects, they would have together to resist. They would see the municipal unions, the welfare organizations, even the Farmworkers Association as potentially their own organs of defense; they would recognize their own dreams in the dreams of the welfare recipients or the migrant workers, and unite to make these dreams a reality.

But the county needn't worry too much. Spring is here, it's time to mow the lawn. Welfare chiselers, long-haired students, the home, the car, the kids — the Suffolk farmworker is starting the Nassau homeowner in the face, and the Nassau homeowner is doing everything in his power not to look back.

Agenda: Depression, Fascist Renaissance Italian Labor Ctte. Confronts Ultra-Left Clowns

by Anna Varga

MILAN, April 20 — Lotta Continua and Il Manifesto, the two largest clerical specimens of Italy's putrescent "New Left" phenomenon, joined forces with left degenerates from a Maoist sect to force the postponement of a lecture on the world capitalist depression scheduled to be held in Rome by the Comitati Operaia Internazionale, Italian representatives of the International Caucus of Labor Committees (ICLC). In announcing their move in their daily newspapers, the pathetic left buffoons of Manifesto and their idiot-anarchist counterparts from Lotta Continua have committed a major factional blunder, which is certain to quicken the emergence of the modest ICLC forces here on the scene as the only serious left opposition to their clowning.

The ICLC leaflet presented the case for an imminent world depression and demanded that socialist forces orient towards the urgent tasks imposed by the situation. Its distribution at the University stirred up what one Roman observer described as a "hornet's nest." The first serious contribution to political debate to be made in Rome in the past five years (at least) reached the wretched local left community out of its squalid torpor, and loud howls of anguish issued from the editorial offices of Il Manifesto in particular as the leaflet was eagerly passed from hand to hand among the city's numerous self-styled socialists.

Shortly after the leaflet first appeared, delegations from Il Manifesto, Lotta Continua, the Maoist Servire Il Popolo, and, according to some reports, the Mandel "Fourth International," presented themselves at the bookshop where the debate was to be held. The Manifesto spokesmen, who pride themselves on their efforts to stimulate the "broadest possible debate" on the left, joined the others in threatening the bookstore owner with a boycott by their membership if the debate was allowed to go on. The owner of the shop, himself a specimen of the Maoist drags, accepted the blackmail. Notices announcing his decision were speedily prepared with the help of Lotta Continua and Il Manifesto editorial scribblers.

FACTONAL BLUNDER

The infantile, hysterical reaction of the largest Roman groups violates the first law of factional warfare — never mention your most feared opponent if you can possibly avoid it. By now every serious Italian leftist who reads the two dailies is asking himself, "Why should Lotta Continua, Il Manifesto, the two largest groups in this country, use their resources and newspapers to muzzle the Comitati Operaia? What are they afraid of anyhow?" The quicker the ICLC succeeds in its efforts to communicate the answer to that question, the quicker Lotta Continua and Il Manifesto, minus their still-usable cadres, can be flushed into the septic tank of history.

The ICLC leaflet, "The Second World Depression is Arriving," pointed to the coming crash and to the chauvinist, pro-capitalist response of the PCI and the other communist parties. It showed the little time remaining to recreate the international communist party around the proven methodological competence of the Labor Committee's International Revolutionary tendency. For Lotta Continua, the present world depression — a word they and Manifesto absolutely refuse to print or pronounce — is an "unheard of" analysis. For Manifesto the depression has "no credibility whatever within the left."

As is typical of the anarchist spoiled brats who make up a large part of their membership, both groups evidently suppose that world history will offer them no surprises they are not prepared to accept. In addition, both groups object to what they call "delirious insults" and "presumption and animosity" in the ICLC leaflet. They prefer a polite conversation among philistines to a serious discussion of the issues determining the fate of humanity in the only terms in which such a debate could conceivably be conducted.

The Milanese counterparts of the cited Roman groups had demonstrated a minimum of bureaucratic know-how in their handling of a previous Milan leaflet and forum on the same topic by the ICLC. They played their obvious card, ignoring both. What provoked their Roman associates to go ape?

The answer to this requires us to plumb the seemingly bottomless depths of the anarcho-syndicalist swinishness, virulent chauvinism, philistine refusal of progress, and proto-fascist cults of violence, populism and Zero Growth that has been passing for socialist politics in this country during the past five years. Since the explosion of "New Left" student ferment in the 1967-68 period, the Italian left has utterly failed to produce a viable force that could be considered for thirty seconds as a real political alternative to the PCI. This has left the PCI worker cadre without a single external programmatic ally, in effect giving carte blanche to Enrico (Noske) Berlinguer's sickening series of right turns, each one timed to coincide with a new partial collapse of the capitalist world economy. Revolutionary impotence and PCI betrayals have fed the rapid growth of the fascist Movimento Sociale Italian-Destra Nazionale (MSI-DN), which last week indicated its readiness to launch a serious struggle for state power by murdering a cop with a hand grenade in Milan.

FASCISTS MEAN BUSINESS

The fascist goons had brought their grenades to the city streets to protest the mayor's decision to call off a provocative rally scheduled to be held on the 12th by Cicco Franco, Franco, leader of the extremist MSI-DN faction and local ringleader of fascist terrorist activities in depressed Reggio Calabria, had cooked up the Milan fireworks to show he means business. While he and other party officials marched to the mayor's office to "democratically" protest the rally cancellation — his goons let loose with hand grenades. It was a clear display of brute fascist violence, a promise of what the fascists could do to the working class if capitalism were ready to hand over power; it was also a warning to the police, forced by the attack to use tear gas against their erstwhile buddies; it was a warning to conservative fascist elements, as symbolized by Almirante's double-breasted image of parliamentary pluralism, that the real nature of neo-fascism will not be disguised; it was, most emphatically, a challenge to the PCI and the entire left.

Andreotti, who depends daily on fascist votes to stay in power, was helpless and could only utter meaningless verbal professions against generic "violence." The PCI, the only left force capable of mobilizing workers against fascism, exploited the event to demand that this government fall, to be replaced by "something different." To appease the working class, the PCI and unions called a one-hour protest strike!

The day after the bombs in Milan, the home of an MSI-DN parliamentarian was the target of a nazi-bun arson attempt that burned two of his children alive. This horrid incident did the trick to mobilize the press against the left, immediately blamed for the deaths, and to set the general tone of protest against "violence" per se. The fascists, undoubtedly encouraged by the mammy-pammy reaction of the PCI, struck again in Milan today, planting bombs in the "Palace of Justice"; this should be eloquent enough a warning to whatever courts and magistrates might dare proceed against the MSI-DN.

"NEW LEFT" CIRCUS

What does the desperate PCI cadre see as he looks to his left for an alternative to the new pro-capitalist policies and the symbolic protests against fascism coming from his party's rulers? First two motley assemblages of populist-Maoist clowns and anarcho-syndicalists: the latter area identifiable with the well-known anarchist sects Lotta Continua, Avanguardia Operaia, Potere Operaio,

These groups refuse theory and program much as Mussolini did — there are too many programs already, the important question is power. That is however a question that only the MSI-DN, aware of the depression, will know how to answer — certainly not these pitiable cretins.

Despite their desire to use anti-fascism as a pretext for confrontations with the police, the anarcho-syndicalists' anti-fascism is purely formal. (Note the pathetic anti-fascist song fest they held last night in Milan, with guest stars Pietro Valpreda and other anarchists.) They are



"Hand grenades? A bit premature," says parliamentary fascist Almirante.

In fact swarming with exactly that type of lumpen and student anarchist who, in the history of depressions and capitalist crises in this century, has punctually made his appearance in the left wing of fascist mass movements. The drug addicts and street fighters who infect Lotta Continua's base thus clinically represent a social tendency infinitely more hideous in its imminent implications than the entire Berlinguer, Amendola, Pajetta crew of PCI parliamentary cretins from the Botteghe Oscure.

Manifesto, by contrast, is a mere catch basin for those who reject both the PCI and the most palpably suicidal traits of the hardline anarcho-syndicalists. In its stagnant pools one finds anti-communists, skeptics and ultralefts among an abundant collection of garbage — but also, one hopes for the sake of the future of the human race in this country and in the Mediterranean region more generally, a few potentially viable revolutionary cadres. The main recent activity of Lucio Magri, Luigi Pintor, Rossanna Rossanda and the rest of Manifesto's ex-PCI cultural bureaucrat shopkeepers has been gathering in aims to stave off for a few more months the utter collapse of their incurably menshevik daily newspaper, which has been going for almost two years.

These groups are doubtless more hysterically incapable of seeing the world for what it is than any others in the advanced capitalist sector. Their obsessive, psychotic emotional loyalties make it impossible for them to see the immense world depression, followed by fascist victories — with Italy being first on the list — unless something is done very soon. They have assumed the stance of terrified ostriches vis-a-vis the real questions facing the world socialist movement in this decade. In Rome, where degenerate anarchist moods are stimulated by the feid prevalence of government bureaucracies and similar parasitical employment, with the total absence of real production, where a moral stench exists that makes even northern Italy seem aseptic by comparison, these groups went wild when the ICLC rudely shoved reality before their faces.

ST. ANDER CAMPAIN

The Roman groups have further documented their degeneracy by their reaction to the serious programmatic orientation towards socialism which is utterly alien to them: whispering campaigns have been set afoot to the effect that the

ICLC are CIA agents, parasitists, etc. Maybe Manifesto will send its U.S. correspondent, Barry Rubin, to interview fascist Ed Schwartz and other government agents in Philadelphia for additional international "documentation" of these charges.

The putrescence of the Italian sects is further complicated by their overwhelmingly Catholic outlook of humility and self sacrifice. When Lotta Continua began printing its daily newspaper last spring they announced that they, sons and daughters of the petty bourgeoisie, would sell all they have to give to the poor, i.e., to certain impunized strata where they intended to recruit. Large portions of the present base of the larger Maoist groups and Lotta Continua anarchoid scum came over directly to those organizations from the Catholic, priest-led student movements of the late 1960's. These Catholic groups concentrated on assuaging their affluent members' guilt feelings by performing acts of charity for the poorest and most humble in society — southern immigrants in skid-row bidonvilles, the chronic unemployed, etc. The basic attitudes generated by such work live on in "radical" form in what Lotta Continua describes as a "correct attitude towards the masses" — with the self-styled revolutionary's nose firmly tucked into the rump of any backward, anti-communist lumpen or worker he can scare up.

TAILING THE MASSES

Any deviation from this exquisite Catholic humility is roasted as elitism, intellectualism, etc. Lotta Continua's policy of tailing the "masses" when the MSI is making grant strides in all strata of the population will lead in a direction which is easy to predict — and which has already been explicitly forecasted by the critical support offered by Lotta Continua leader Adriano Sotri to the fascist-dominated Reggio Calabria local control riots in the recent past.

If is thus the urgent historical necessity, not created but merely articulated by the ICLC, of building a new revolutionary general staff in Western Europe in the next couple of years that inevitably seems like the most arrogantly intolerable elitism to these deluded Catholic anarchists. The moral intensity of the ICLC's demand that they abandon their miserable faith in the "creative ability of the masses to make their own program in the struggle" and related bourgeois ideological drak is in the last analysis the main cause of the inhuman rage set off by the ICLC Rome leaflet. It is above all this attitude in the groups that will be challenged when the scheduled debate goes on after a two-week delay.

In the broadest sense, however, there can be no serious intent to create, for the first time, a real revolutionary movement capable of beating fascism in Italy without first dredging up and exposing the pitiful ideology that animates ALL these groups, from the PCI to the most laborized anarchist potbreak. Unless anarcho-syndicalism, chauvinism, anti-programmatic philistinism and similar attitudes which here inform the hegemonic conception of what political life is for socialists can be implacably revealed as one-way tickets to a new fascist inferno, there can be no psychological basis for serious resistance to the MSI. The first step towards saving Italy must therefore be the most brutal and ruthless destruction of the left credibility of the actually anarchist groups that populate the Italian scene like toadstools. The PCI worker, the southern unemployed agricultural day-laborer and others must not be permitted to confuse such anarchist swamps with an actually revolutionary internationalist alternative. The question of that alternative on a world scale, fortunately for the left in Italy and in similar countries, has already been decided. In Europe the implications of what happened in Philadelphia last March 31 and what has happened to the CPUSA since then.

The Community Votes to Destroy Schools

by J. Kozlov

NEW YORK, April 30 — This week a pathetic farce is being played out as New York City voters exercise sham "local democracy" in selecting community school boards in the city's 32 school districts, "Community control" poverty pimps, political hacks, and the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) are fighting over who will be granted the power to control the blood-letting which is in store for NYC schools.

Terrified that the anti-teacher "anti-poverty" apparatus, which tried to destroy the UFT in the 1968 teacher's strike, would win decisive control over the boards, the UFT decided to prove that teachers could help push themselves over the cliff by backing states in 30 districts. While the "pro-teacher" states might be a little more hesitant about satiristically sitting teachers' throats in the fiscal pinch, they can be counted on to agitate for money for THEIR schools only by attacking other city services or calling for higher taxes.

As for the "left" the demoralized, pitiable remnants of the Communist Party and their Socialist Workers Party goon squads have joined together again — this time in an attempt to elect the state of notorious racist scabherder Luis Fuentes in District One.

But like so many flopping puppets, the actors in this electoral farce have nowhere to go, nothing to say, except to carry out slight variations of a script that has been well-planned for their performing capabilities — to dangle hoodlums and gutless from the strings of the capitalist puppeteer.

THE FATAL SCRIPT

The script is a report released last fall entitled the Fleischman Commission Report on the Quality Cost and Financing of Elementary and Secondary Education in New York State. The Commission,



FLEISCHMAN COMMISSION SCRIPT will answer demands against budget cuts with more teachers laid off and replaced by volunteers and low-paid staff.

created in 1969 by Governor Rockefeller and his friends on the Board of Regents, represents a concerted move toward the unadvising, cost cutting, and de-schooling crucial to the maintenance of capitalist rule in the immediate future — a blueprint for permissible educational "reforms."

Providing a co-optive cover for the blind acceptance of the report by desperate victims of capitalist brutality is its local control come-on. The Fleischman Commission suggests that small community districts should run their schools with the power to hire and fire personnel, determine wages, decide curriculum, etc. While the Communist Party in its typical masochistic death-rattle gurgled wildly in supporting this painfully dismal prospect, serious socialists should ask themselves this question: why is the capitalist class willing to give a sector of the working class "power" to run their lives? The cruel truth is that it is more efficient, from the standpoint of capitalist counter-insurgency, for the working class to de-

stroy itself by being duped into managing its own poverty. With budgeted funds being eliminated or drastically cut, local interest groups are already being forced to cannibalize each other in order to provide even a minimum amount of desperately needed services.

In fact, the Commission recommends pitting welfare victims against a portion of the SAME community responsible for control of the schools by recommending that the state cease to assume the cost of welfare grants which would "free state and local funds for education." So whose side is a welfare mother with three children in the school system on? To whom does she owe her allegiance in terms of support when the locally controlled school system is out to get money at the expense of the welfare population? If she wants her kids to have expanded educational facilities, her welfare check gets cut. And if she opts for the other side, her kids get cheated in school. This is the kind of future the local control advocates, the "Communist" Party and now the UFT are fighting for so vehemently.

GET THE TEACHERS

Most of the Commission's recommendations are couched in an attack on teachers, making them scapegoats for working-class anger at the educational murder of their children. The Commission energetically clamors for teacher wages tied to productivity, disregarding ITS OWN FINDINGS on the high correlation of success to socio-economic background (class). Regardless of this parallel, TEACHERS, it says, should be held responsible for student's test scores, and increments in their wages and continuing employment should be weighed accordingly.

In addition, it is also recommended that the average class size be raised from 20 students to 22. (It should be noted that the 20- or 22-1 student-teacher ratio is a false one since non-teaching personnel

are included in these figures. The average New York City class size is between 30 and 35 pupils per teacher.)

Adding to the Commission's drive to bust the New York teachers' union are the recommendations concerning teacher certification. Four new categories of teachers are suggested: interns, classroom teachers, special teachers, and master teachers. Interns would be newly-graduated teachers, desperate for employment, who would be required to teach at special "intern" schools with full responsibilities for two years at below union wages. If performance (based on new accountability schemes) was deemed satisfactory, the intern would then become a classroom teacher. HOWEVER, if the locally controlled school system (now finding itself strangled for funds) chose not to rehire the intern, it would then simply hire another intern, ready to begin his or her two-year stint at reduced wages. The cycle could be repeated indefinitely, driving down wages, professional enthusiasm and competency, and the unions would



be powerless to do anything about it.

ANYONE CAN TEACH CHEAPLY

As the need to cut costs becomes more and more acute, the Commission's plan for a "more rational division of labor" leads the way toward layoffs and the recycling of personnel. The plan includes the expanded use of paraprofessionals, volunteers, and students in the classroom. The parags, et al, would begin to take over some teachers' duties, and with layoffs and attrition would find themselves TEACHING without teacher benefits. An entire army of volunteers, low paid scabs and WIN recipients would be forced to work as jobs get harder and harder to find.

Teachers are also being attacked concerning pension benefits and wage increments based on completion of graduate work. The government is out to pit "greedy" New York City teachers who up to this point receive somewhat decent pensions against the rest of the working class who are forced to tolerate even more miserable conditions.

The United Federation of Teachers, recognizing the report's vicious polemic against teachers, correctly charged that the commission report, if implemented, would "create chaos, paving the way for the destruction of the school system." Not possessing a socialist world-view however, the UFT offers no alternative and does not carry criticism of the report beyond its blatant anti-teacher posture.

CP DOES IT AGAIN

Coming out appropriately enough, to the right of the rotten UFT leadership, was the CP-influenced, little rank-and-file caucus within the UFT, the Teachers' Action Caucus (TAC). Squealing with absolute delight at the prospect of attracting a few deluded black sympathizers, TAC asserted that the commission's recommendations for unionbusting, deschooling, and austerity implementation "should not blind us to the very, very good things that the Fleischman Commission is proposing." Because the Communist Party's incredible level of general stupidity makes them totally incapable of conceptualizing what education means to the working class, and therefore what a socialist program of education would entail, they are incompetent to analyze a document so blatantly opposed to working-class interests as the Fleischman Commission Report. TAC probably chalks up to its own credit that fact that proto-fascist, but "Third World" Luis Fuentes gave the report his complete support. In addition, a black feather in its cap is represented by Kenneth Clark, upon whose anti-teacher school plan of 1970 for Washington, D.C. the Fleischman Commission report is based.

STUDENT SCAB-TRAINING

Even during a depression, some production takes place and part of this work requires skilled labor. So the portion of the Fleischman Commission Report dealing with vocational education recommends just enough cut-backs in this area of training to allow an emerging fascist movement an adequate supply of trained

scabs ready to be mobilized to break strikes and set the recycling process into full gear.

Another important feature of the Commission's recommendations concerning vocational education is its heavy emphasis on work-study. At a time of full employment, on-the-job-training poses no threat to currently employed workers; but during a period such as the current one when layoffs are mandatory if plants are to continue to operate, work-study is simply a fancy name for forced scabbing. When hordes of scabbing students materialize into plants and municipal job slots all over the state, New York workers will have to accept speeding and productivity deals if they want to keep their jobs.

The trend toward de-schooling is not only limited to the vocational sector. Quality education in the academic area costs too much money too, so the Fleischman Commission suggests the way to improve the crumbling high school facilities in New York State is to break them apart more comprehensively. Mini-schools, schools without walls and public "alternative" schools are advocated as a means to relieve "the rigid relationships that develop between students and teachers." If these plans go into effect, the only reason the RIGID relationships would disappear is because the relationships PERIOD would be eliminated.

Under socialist organization of the entire economy, the highest level of education for all is a socially necessary component in the reproduction of humanity. An educated workforce is needed in order to conceptualize and implement creative theoretical and technological advances, insuring that future generations will enjoy a higher standard of living, materially and culturally. This means that in order for individuals to locate their positive human identity in terms of their contribution to humanity as a whole, they must be prepared with EXPANDED educational facilities for the total society.

If education is one of the tools with which we prepare ourselves to build our future, then when the future is void of building materials or the power to build, the tool becomes useless — has no value and therefore becomes too costly to produce and maintain. Why produce hammers if there can be no construction? Why educate our working class youth if their labor is not intended to materialize in general productivity of the class?

But no! Education IS socially necessary, the highest quality of education, higher than any we can presently conceive. IS absolutely necessary for our own and our children's continued existence as human beings. The rot and filth which leads organizers to pathetically submit to "making it" against the collapse of capitalism by hiding their trembling heads on their own little block must be rooted out and destroyed. Education can only be saved by organizers looking beyond their navels and courageously joining with others in the passionate real educational process which is the organizing for a socialist transformation of the entire society.

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Philadelphia's Mayor Frank Rizzo enjoys being described as "the toughest cop in America." He has earned that description by his brutal suppression of blacks in this city, especially his brutal treatment of Black Panthers and other radicals. In his attacks on left-wing groups, Rizzo's henchman is the notorious George Fencel, head of the "Civil Disobedience" (Red) Squad.

Thus there was probably no one more shocked than the Philadelphia YWLLers when Gus Hall and the top Communist Party leadership ordered them to crawl to Rizzo and Fencel in order to "get the Labor Committee." For the past few weeks, the CP/YWLL in Philadelphia has been turned into an arm of the Philadelphia police department. This alliance was confirmed by Fencel himself when he slapped around some Labor Committee members and promised not to let the NCLC run the CP out of his town. YWLLers now follow Fencel through the jails to identify NCLC members, they meet secretly with the Red Squad to pore over photographs of LCers, and they are the henchmen who tell the cops who to arrest at NCLC-CP confrontations.

How does it feel to these young black Communists to become the junior deputies of the hated Rizzo-Fencel team? Tony Monteiro and Royce Adams have so far managed to hide their feelings of disgust behind a mask of unconvincing bravado.

But in the case of Sam Jordan, we have an inkling of his feelings about the role that he has been thrust into by Gus Hall and Company. After an NCLC-CP fight on May 6, Jordan broke down and wept when confronted with the rottenness of the Party and his role. For Jordan, who spent so much of his time and energy defending his sister-in-law Angela Davis

against police repression, that brief moment of horror when he saw himself as the ally of the cops against other communists was enough to break him down. But it was not enough, for later at the court Sam reverted to fingering NCLC members again for the cops.

WHY THE CP NEEDS RIZZO

The Sam Jordan incident is just one small reflection of the internal chaos and terror which is wracking the Communist Party. The Party is collapsing from within, collapsing from the weight of guilt and shame that its more honest members feel about the CP's crimes against the working class. The demoralization over the McGovern debacle set the stage, and the party's racist attack on welfare and unemployed organizers at the founding convention of the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO) in Philadelphia on March 31 pushed the CP over the brink. Now with the party's degenerate affair with Rizzo and Fencel out in the open, few CP/YWLLers even have the moral courage to fight for "their" party. Why else would a "Communist" party have to hide behind the cops when attacked by a smaller organization?

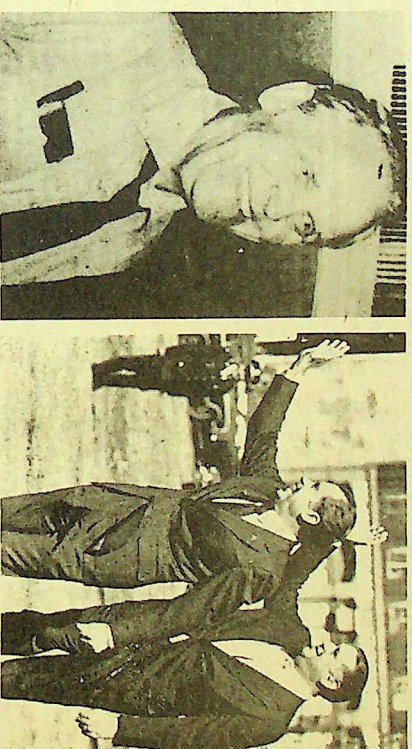
The internal collapse and the loss of self-confidence and respect were obvious at a Springfield, Mass., "New Unity" meeting on May 6. Two CPers, one of whom has been in the party for almost 40 years, both denounced the Communist Party. When confronted with the party's crimes, they couldn't even summon up the will to defend their party. The same thing is happening, in less dramatic ways, a hundred times a day against the country. It happens every time a YWLLer picks up the Daily World and reads about

Hall gave the signal to move. An ugly racist pact against NU-WRO was made with Ed Schwartz and the notorious Mohammed Kenyatta in Philadelphia. For three days before the convention they toured the city with sound trucks, crudely trying to foment a race riot against NU-WRO. The CP had declared itself an open enemy of the working class.

You won't read about NU-WRO in the Daily World these days—the CP doesn't dare remind its readers what political conflict lies behind the Labor Committee's Operation Mop Up. What you'll read are the same miserable standers and TVs that CPers pushed over radio and TV and from sound trucks through the ghetto in the days preceding the Founding Convention: the Labor Committee are allied with the KKK and the Nazi Party; the NCLC is a racist organization seeking to destroy blacks and Puerto Ricans; the LC is a CIA operation; etc. But the Philadelphia blacks are not the guilty stickers the CP took them to be—the CP could only turn out a moldy crew of 40 middle class students and a handful of poverty pimps to picket the convention. Pump them full of lies, rile them up, scream racism at the top of your lungs, the stupid fools will believe anything—those were Gus Hall's instructions to his agents on how to "organize" the Philadelphia ghetto.

And ever since it crossed class lines to work with Nixon a desperate, cornered CP has increasingly resorted to this guttural racist tactic with its own members often the chief victims.

In a recent brazen attempt at race-



Nixon and Rizzo have good reason to salute Gus Hall, who is providing them with a "radical" cover to step up their attack on NU-WRO organizing in the ghetto and among the unemployed. In return, Gus is sweating and praying that Rizzo and the cops can save his dying party.

the party's alliance with the cops and with right-wing university administrations. His first reaction is to recoil with horror and ask himself what has happened to the Party. The second reaction is to look in the mirror and ask "What's happening to me?"

In this sense, Operation Mop Up is like nudging a house of cards: a few taps and the whole rotten edifice collapses.

WHY RIZZO NEEDS THE CP

As much as the CP needs Rizzo right now, there's a lot in it for him as well. Rizzo has been trying to stop NCLC organizing in Philadelphia for years, but after getting his fingers burned in an unsuccessful "bomb-plot" frameup case in 1969-'71, he's been laying low, waiting for another chance. Now he thinks he's got it.

Using the CP's charges and "John Doe" warrants as his pretext, Lt. Fencel has been harassing NCLC members and arresting LCers doing NU-WRO organizing at ghetto high schools. Using the CP as his cover, Rizzo and Fencel hope to stop the only revolutionary organizing going on in Philadelphia.

Is it any surprise then that Fencel blurted out "I'm not going to let you run the Communist Party out of this town," when interrogating NCLC members at a Philadelphia police station on May 6? "The Communist Party are a bunch of punks," shouted Fencel, "but you guys are even bigger punks."

If anyone is naive enough to think that the Communist Party's present alliance with the cops in Philadelphia, New York, and Buffalo is some sort of accident or fluke, we would remind them of just what the Communist Parties are. Even in this country, the CP aided and abetted the U.S. government in prosecuting and jailing leaders of the Socialist Workers Party under the Smith Act in 1940.

But history is replete with bloody cases of Communist Parties allying with capitalist governments to jail and murder revolutionaries. In Greece following the Second World War, the CP aided the bourgeoisie in murdering thousands of revolutionaries who wanted to seize power in the then-revolutionary situation. Upwards of ten thousand Trotskyist workers were slaughtered in Vietnam during the same period. The case of the Spanish Civil War is also well known.

More recently, the CP-supported Allende government in Chile has often attacked and killed revolutionaries: the most recent known case was a police attack on a MIR (Left Revolutionary Movement)-organized takeover of a government good distribution center, in which one leftist was killed. In France the PCF

is notorious for aiding the government in suppressing leftists. A well-publicized recent case was that of a young Maoist who was murdered by a Renault plant guard: the PCF supported the killing of the young radical.

The list goes on and on. But the point should be clear. In defense of its Moscow-directed "peaceful co-existence" policy, Communist Parties again and again have aligned themselves with the capitalist class against actual revolutionaries, providing bourgeois governments with a cover for hounding, imprisoning, and even murdering revolutionaries who break out of the Popular Front straight-jacket.

What is happening today in Philadelphia is in principle no different from these cases and many others we could cite. The Communist Party is allying with the government to stop real communists from revolutionary organizing, the type of organizing which threatens the interests of the "progressive" capitalists of whom the CP is so fond.

It is for this reason that Operation Mop Up is quite literally a matter of life and death for revolutionary socialists. For if the Communist Party had been allowed to regroup and recover from its present collapse, and if it had remained the hegemonic left organization, there would have been no possibility of successful socialist revolution in this country or any other.

Under conditions of a revolutionary upsurge, if the CP had been the dominant left organization, they would have temporarily been able to lead hundreds of thousands of revolutionary workers. For a brief period the CP might even have been incorporated into the government (the "People's Front), just long enough to carry out its essential task of helping to decapitate the genuine revolutionary left.

Under such crisis conditions the Communist Party would have had no compunctions about slaughtering thousands of revolutionaries if the bourgeoisie and Moscow demanded it as the price for the popular front. It has happened before and only the hysterically-blind could deny that it could have and would have happened again.

The alliance in Philadelphia between Rizzo and the Communist Party would be merely a portent of things to come—Operation Mop Up were not carried to its conclusion. Operation Mop Up is a life-and-death question: it is the question of whether we will have socialism or fascism by the end of the 1970's. Either the Communist Party is destroyed, or there will be no human race worth speaking of for the rest of this century. Now that you know it, what are you going to do about it?

CP Racism Victimizes Its Own

Black welfare organizers carrying their fight against Nixon's slave labor plans to trade union meetings... gathering forces to support strikes... organizing along with the Labor Committee the first national organization of the unemployed in over thirty years... revolutionary working class organizing goes forward over the howls and abstenion of a demoralized and impotent U.S. left.

Nixon and the FBI take note and move swiftly... vicious government frame-ups of these welfare rights organizers proceed across the country... hoodligan attacks against these black militants and their children take place... death threats become common-place. Five hundred-organizers prepare to come to Philadelphia on March 31 for the Founding Convention of the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization.

For three months the CPUSA sits by, paralyzed, watching the momentum build for the Philadelphia convention. Nationally, over one hundred YWLLers sign a statement of support for NU-WRO organizing, openly disguised with the CP's initials. A divided, floundering CP monolith tenses as March 31 approaches. The decision can no longer be postponed. Will the party of Lenin support the unemployed, or scab for Nixon?

Dr. James Jackson, National Educational Director of the Communist Party, provided the outline of things to come with his cry on March 9 in New York City at the West Side Marxist Forum: "The welfare mothers will be far better off with no organization at all than with one brought about by the likes of the Labor Committee."

One week before the convention Gus

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Why the Swamp Needs the CP

For the first time in the history of the U.S. left all the assorted groups—"Trotskyist," Maoist, Stalinist, anarchists and other nuts and splinters—have something to agree on: that crazy goddam Labor Committee has got to be stopped.

What they tell each other is that the NCLC's Operation Mop Up violates proletarian democracy, that the NCLC is full of cops, that violence is abhorrent to the socialist movement. What they don't tell each other—because they only dimly recognize it themselves—is that their world is crumbling. Their entire illusory world of parlor talk, finely-honed positions, is collapsing before their eyes.

They think they fear Labor Committee violence. What they actually fear is a world without the Communist Party, for their whole dream world is composed of a permanent pecking order. In which the Workers League pecks away at the SWP, the SWP pecks away at the CP, the Guardian and the Revolutionary Union pretend that someday they will replace the Communist Party. IS (International Socialist) pretends that they are fighting Stalinism, and so on and so on. Take away the Communist Party, and the whole charade falls flat on its face.

They are all hysterical with fear. The left world as they knew it has disappeared forever. From now on there will be the Labor Committee, and there will be a stinking Menshevik swamp composed of the SWP, IS, RU, PL, and other effluvia. The swamp will have one purpose for existence: to organize against the Labor Committee and to gather morbidly around the rotting corpse of the Communist Party.

How many hours, how many days did they spend fantasizing about destroying, someday in the far-away future, the CP? But now they know: without the CP they are nothing. They are fleeing into each others' trembling arms to avoid the reality: that they are in fact nothing, nothing at all.

THE SWAMP'S ORGANIZING

What is this swamp doing throughout the country? At State College, Pennsylvania, the entire left has formed an anti-LC "Defense" Coalition. This comes at a good time for the countercultural Revolutionary Union, the Workers League, SDS and the local anarchists: it finally gives them something to do.

In Detroit, the SWP is learning to think before it lays another hand on an LC member, as it did last Friday night. When the Labor Committee retaliated—as it warned it would—against the SWP and its swamp partner, IS, the whole hysterical left "forgot" their differences and formed a mutual pact against the LC. This pact includes the SWP, the IS, Youth Against War and Fascism, the Workers League, the Spartacist League and a local anarchist grouping, the Fifth Estate.

The SWP's first activity in this coalition occurred when its Detroit organizer, Mike Kelly, called up the Labor Committee and, in a terrified state, mumbled, "We have no plans to retaliate, but what are you going to do to us?"

The IS is in a similar position. Their tough "working class" masks are shattered, revealing them to be the swinish

fence-sitters they always were. Their first "Coalition" activity was to attempt to extend their defense pact to the CP, claiming that the CP needs them because the CP is being swamped. Not wanting to be swamped twice, the crumbling CP rejected their alliance.

The next activity of most of the swampers in Detroit was to call off most of their organizing activities and public meetings, a phenomenon occurring in other parts of the country as well.

A public forum by IS leader Jack Bloom was called off in Detroit last week, supposedly because there were too many cops around the place, but probably because the IS called the cops and then realized how embarrassing this would be to the working class "base." Likewise, the CP called off a public appearance by theoretician Herbert Aptheker, no doubt because they couldn't get the necessary alliance of cops to "defend" the meeting, a standard procedure at most CP meetings up and down the East Coast.

DISCUSSING OPERATION MOP-UP

In Buffalo, the Spartacist swampers called a public meeting for the sole purpose of "discussing" the Labor Committee. The meeting didn't proceed much past a non-scheduled Labor Committee presentation on Operation Mop Up and the organizing of the unemployed. When a deafening silence accompanied the speech, the Spartacist League knew they were finished. The Labor Committee left the meeting to proceed with their organizing.

LC intelligence has revealed that the countercultural, New Left November 4/Guardian coalition now police their public meetings in a fashion similar to the way Joe Curran's plug-uglies run marriage union meetings. They are looking out for the Labor Committee, and talk of Operation Mop Up is on everyone's lips. A recent Guardian sponsored forum had upwards of 40 RU goons armed with clubs ready to do everything but search people who were not "familiar" faces. Any independent speaker was hustled away from the mike, with one persistent independent actually being clubbed! Will people soon have to strip naked in front of these potheads to prove they are not part of the Labor Committee?

POLITICS BY REPUSSION

The left bluff has been called by the Labor Committee. When the CP attempted to wreck and sabotage the organization of the unemployed, the Labor Committee promised and then proceeded to destroy the Communist Party. The left has joined the CP, hoping that they can go back to the good old days.

They all "deplore" Labor Committee attacks on the CP. But where were they when the Labor Committee was the subject of thug attacks by the Communist Party before and after the TVAD conference in July? Where were they when welfare organizers were being framed throughout the country in a Nixon/Hew campaign to persecute those organizers? Where were the defense coalitions then? From now on, every move the swamp



The same CP leaders who collaborated in the assassination of Leon Trotsky are now in an open alliance with police Red Squads against the Labor Committees. As if to spit on Trotsky's grave, the "Trotskyist" swamp is lining up in support of the CP.

makes will be in reaction to Labor Committee organizing. Whatever the announced topics of their meetings, the real discussion will be about the Labor Committee. If the Labor Committee says white, they will say black. If the Labor Committee says up, they will say down.

Communist Party Racism

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hating incitement the May 2 Daily World claimed that "20 armed Labor Committee goons" attempted "to break up a May Day celebration sponsored by the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) in the Lathn and Black community in Camden."

The World article lied further that NCLC spokesmen had threatened PSP organizer Rafael Hernandez before the April 29 rally, supposedly saying, "If you don't let us speak we will take over the rally."

In a conversation with a New Solidarity reporter, the Camden, N.J., PSP organizer made the following statement regarding the World article: "No such thing happened, and everybody here knows it. A member of the Communist Party was there. The Labor Committee asked to have a speaker from NU-WRO, and I said the Party would have to approve it. The Party disapproved." The organizer noted that Labor Committee leafletters at the rally were peacemakers and made no attempts at "disruption."

The Big Racist lie dumbly wrapped in the garb of moral concern for the downtrodden and oppressed minorities is the best this cowardly and pitiful organization can do as its class treachery is ruthlessly dealt with by the NCLC. The Daily World, for example, screams of an "elderly pregnant black welfare mother," Thelma Moore, beaten by the LC—Moore who is neither elderly nor was beaten, immediately issued a statement disclaim-

In this way they will become a counter-insurgency center, defining themselves by their opposition to NU-WRO organizing. They will become Nixon's counter-revolutionary agents, all in the name of socialism. And they will talk and talk and talk....

ing this lie.

When these racist scum finger LCers to the cops it is the blacks and Puerto Ricans they name. Almost all of their vicious cop-baiting has been directed at minority group LCers—for example, a 21-year-old Puerto Rican Labor Committee woman member, who is a Temple University student, becomes in the Big Racist Lie a parole officer and cop.

CP MARTYRS

But it's toward their own members that the rotten racist policy of the CP is most viciously directed. When NCLC members carried Operation Mop Up to a Rashed Storey pep talk at the Marxist Center, to which the Daily World dared the LC to come, the CPUSA intentionally sacrificed some of its black and Puerto Rican members so that a picture of Labor Committee leaders and defense squads could be taken for a front page run in the Daily World. The sickening racist CP set their black YWIL organizational secretary, Carolyn Black, and a couple of other minority members up for a trip to the hospital, flinging them out armed with drabmen's T-squares (!), so that the CP could have its martyrs to bring to its bankrupt liberal supporters.

LIE AFTER LIE

Even considering the CP's ability to spew out lie after lie (which it does better with each issue of the Daily World) it will not be able to explain away one simple fact of CP life. While it is attempting to rope in new layers of militant black youth around the Angela Davis "anti-repression" tactic, the Communist Party is using its black YWILlers to finger Labor Committee members to Rizzo's police in Philadelphia, the most repressive police force in the country. Explain to your black YWIL member, Mr. Gus Hall, how that tactic is fighting repression. Explain to us, Mr. Gus Hall, how much longer you think you can get away with this. The Communist Party is dead. Everyone will realize it shortly.

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Watergate Means Workers Must Organize

Nixon, Congress Helpless

by Don Baier

MAY 7 — Howling, sweating, and biting his nails, a terrified ruling class watched President Nixon wallow in the muck as the Watergate sewer overflowed repeatedly again this week. Could they save him? Did they dare to let him drown?

Nixon's attempts to save himself in his televised speech on the scandals were so obviously inadequate that one Republican Senator confessed to syndicated columnist Joseph Kraft after viewing the President, "I wanted to throw up." Since then Nixon's position has deteriorated still further, as the National Security Council, the Marine Corps, and the CIA have been swallowed by the spreading slime. And former White House aide John Dean is now strongly hinting to newsmagazines that the President himself ordered a coverup when the original bugging story broke last summer.

In corporation board rooms, in Washington law offices, in Fifth Avenue suites decorated with the latest in primitive art, one question is now on everyone's lips: "What if it all comes out?" Yet the capitalists also realize that at this point any sudden interruption in the steady flow of scandal would leave the unmistakable impression of a new whitewash attempt.

MILD REBUKES

Sophisticated politicians are therefore covering their tacit support of Nixon by demands for a special prosecutor, for a thorough investigation, etc. They do not intend, if they can help it, to launch a full-scale offensive against the President. Senator Erwin's Watergate Investigating committee is quiet. House Majority Leader Thomas O'Neill has told newsmen he hopes the scandals will provide an opportunity for Congressional Democrats to improve relations with the White House. And the New York Times, Nixon's bitterest critic, has contented itself with accusing him of every crime short of biggery while at the same time treating the whole affair as a character-building experience for Richard Nixon. The Times has called only for "a new Presidential attitude."

It is not that the ruling class would not like to get rid of Nixon — the capitalists

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"The Watergate scandals mark the end of the first period of Bonapartist rule in the U.S."

NU-WRO Organizers Call Rockefeller's Bluff In NYC Garment Fight; Rallies Aid Strike



NU-WRO leader Victoria Skatton (at mike) and NCLC mayoral candidate Tony Chatkin (center) at strike support rally in the New York City garment center.

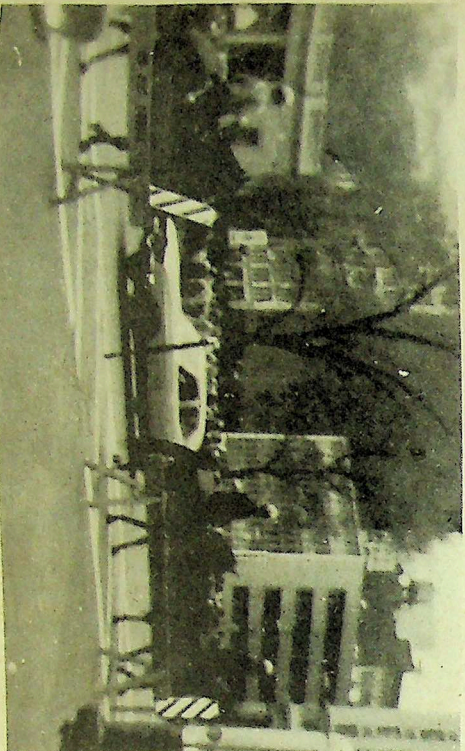
NEW YORK, May 8 — "Remember, these are the graduates of Shulberg's school for servitude, the slaves on Dubinsky's plantation. Show them a little unemployment, threaten them with welfare, and there is nothing they won't accept. They may look like men and women, but they are the products of forty years of fascist organization in New York's garment center. Lock them out and you'll see. They will leave kneeling and return crawling begging for more work at lower pay."

This was roughly what the officers of the Chase Manhattan Bank, the real owners of the New York City garment center, had been saying to each other the first week in May, as they screwed up their courage for the bold and dangerous gamble which came to light in this city's garment center on May 1. On that day, two major employers' associations forced a strike of about 5,000 District 65 workers in textile converter shops. The union's demand was \$15 down from \$20, for the first year of a three-year contract, and limited cost-of-living. For three dollars and pennies, the manufacturers' associations had forced the first major New York garment strike in eight years. Or had they?

The three dollars was not the issue, nor were the two-bit converter employers and their 5,000 workers the real disputants. The real fight, from the start, was between the major New York banks — the actual title holders to most garment district property — and almost one-quarter

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CP's New Ally: Lt. Fendl of Phila. Police



Three mounted husky workers in blue help keep law and order at Communist Party organized International May Day festivities in New York. May Day rallies celebrate strength of workers movement.

by Ed Spannaus

"I'm not going to let you run the Communist Party out of this town!" he said, slapping the Labor Committee member around. "And the next time we won't treat you so gently."

Who was this stalwart defender of the CP? Tony Monteiro? Royce Adams? Some other CP leader? No, the speaker was Lieutenant George Fendl, head of the Philadelphia police department's Red Squad, and a figure most hated by all radicals in that city.

Fendl was interrogating Juan Torres and other NCLC members in a Philadelphia jail after a May 6 fight between members of the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL) and the NCLC, which was stopped when the police conveniently arrived and arrested 16 NCLC members and three YWLLers. Later, at the police station and the court, local YWLL leaders

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Why You Are Still Depending on Nixon

You hate to admit it, but it is you who has allowed your paycheck to shrink as retail food prices soar as high for example as 29 per cent annually in the Washington, D.C. area. What do you do? You mutter, "Nixon will stop this inflation" as you run to the local Beneficial Finance office for a loan to buy a car, a new washing machine, new furniture NOW, because you KNOW these same goods will cost 10 per cent more in two months. Do you realize that this is what prevents you from acting against the government's destruction of your existence?

In a May 2 statement, trumpeted in advance as a new policy on inflation control, President Nixon coolly announced that although he had no solution to inflation he wanted to assure everybody that the American people "working together" can solve the problem. "We should be mature enough to recognize that there is no instant remedy for this problem (runaway prices — Ed.)... working together the American people will solve the problem of inflation, but the process will require patience, cooperation and understanding from us all."

"I have no solution, cooperate with me," says Nixon confident that the working class is not yet able to offer organized resistance to Phase Three speedup, inflation, and growing unemployment. "I have no solution, be patient," says Nixon, confident that you have not thought about an alternative to capitalist collapse. "I have no solution," says Nixon, but bear with me anyway" — and you accept it because you want to believe that if he REALLY chose to, he could stop the inflation.

Yet the Watergate swamp throws back in your face your worn-out, silly notion about the viability of capitalist government in this depression. Caught between relying on the government and contriving each day for your little piece of bread, you are confronted with your own impotence. Now we offer you a chance to change this feeling of helplessness, to act to turn around the dizzying plunge into capitalist depression. Attend our Strategy for Socialism Conference on May 26 and 27. If you have the courage to make this first step then we can mobilize an alternative to capitalism. Or are you more comfortable getting by with your schizophrenic impulses to hold onto Nixon's bootstraps while scrounging in the dirt for your daily existence?

Nixon has no solutions. Remember the food boycott charade of recent

State of Labor

Another Contract Torn to Bits & Thrown on the RR Tracks

by A. Friedman

Remember those pieces of paper called contracts, agreements and union cards. The fine print was never read but that didn't matter. What counted was that enough bread was put on the family table and the mortgage payments weren't backed up too far. And the job? Just a few more years to hack it out and onto easy street with a big fat pension.

That's the picture, but not any longer. A few thousand rail workers on the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad woke up one morning to find out what a piece of paper really means during depression times. NOTHING!

The rail companies have played big daddy with their workers for years. When things got tight with the family budget — bankruptcy after bankruptcy, Penn Central, the Erie-Lackawanna, etc. — some belt tightening was needed. The rail companies merged, somehow hoping that if one company was in less debt than the next by some miracle both of them would become solvent. Such was the case when the Erie-Lackawanna and the Norfolk Western combined in 1968. But one problem remained — their children, the rail workers.

Out of the rail barons' back pocket came a piece of paper, a written agreement. The workers would receive an allowance. If any workers were laid off owing to overlapping positions or budget cuts their salary would be paid in full. If they were moved into a lower-paid job classification the company would also compensate. The union members were satisfied with the deal. At least they were saved — after all, it was a written agreement.

Were the rail workers "wrong" for accepting the deal? At first it didn't look like it; the plan worked. Several thousand Erie-Lackawanna workers were thrown out of work but they still received their steady allowance. But then times changed. The creditors came knocking at the Erie-

weeks? Did Nixon's "freeze" freeze anything? Did the capitalist-led boycott campaign cut back anything other than your own increasingly inadequate diet?

Why not? Easy. The present skyrocketing inflation, led by food prices, is not a matter of "supply and demand"; nor is it a matter of "greedy bosses." Rapidly increasing prices are an absolute necessity for capitalism's survival in the depression talspln. There's no solution that does not dump property titles, which now stand in the way of expanding production rapidly and cheaply.

Prices are determined by how much capital is necessary to maintain inflated corporate debt and equity values. Speculation on anything from potatoes to the air you breathe replaces productive investment as a means to make quick money to bankroll the inflated capitalist book values. In the process, more debt and useless paper is created for the rotting economy to support. To keep the paper circulating, to keep the operation afloat, the Federal Reserve and the Treasury are compelled to print more money.

This perpetual infusion of new credit into the economy — without an equal amount of real goods and services — necessitates new rounds of price inflation to prop up the ever-larger paper through increased looting of working class incomes. Any decrease, or even leveling off, of prices would cause tremendous corporate defaults on debt and equity payments. The present euphemism of an "overheated" economy is actually the acknowledged present euphemism of an "overheated" economy and consumers alike are buying now, knowing prices will go up tomorrow.

If the naive demands for broad "price rollbacks" shouted by middle-class housewives, Congressmen, pulled-up union bureaucrats and the Communist Party were actually enforced, prices would drop for sure — in an immediate depression bust! But if prices are again in the commodity markets, the capitalists face bankruptcy from another direction. Higher prices for credit and materials will push them to raise prices beyond the endurance of any buyer — or to collapse because it's too expensive to go on. The chain reaction starts at another point, but it works out the same.

Nixon's May 2 statement on inflation shows him to be sufficiently aware of the needs of his class not to voluntarily sink the capitalist ship by turning off the money faucet, but too fearful to attempt to put a lid on prices. Instead, he called for 500 more Internal Revenue Service employees to "review" corporate price increase requests — and asked for your "cooperation."

What Happened to the Tough Guy?

How does he get away with telling you he isn't going to control inflation and that you should be patient and cooperate with him when you can't even afford to feed your family? Didn't you vote for him because he acted like he could run things?

And, well, didn't he... after all, you have seen him successfully police the Phase One-Phase Two austerity drive; you have seen him knock off your unions one by one; you have seen him ruthlessly pare down the budget and eliminate services; you have seen him slash welfare rolls and institute slave labor — in a convincing display of executive authority. Certainly he's no softy, surely he can stop the inflation....

And yet your daily existence dramatically belies this phony belief that things will turn out okay. On your job, you give up a wage increase to get some sort of miserable pension; "at least I got something." You scab left and right on the guys in and out of the shop to keep your lousy job, because you know jobs are scarce and getting scarcer. You seize every sale at the supermarket to store up, knowing today's price is lower than tomorrow's.

The government, the Nixon administration is the last pillar you clutch for as all the other previously reliable institutions crumble under the weight of economic depression. Look around. You think you have a strong union behind you? Look at your pathetic brothers in steel, look at the Good-year rubber contracts. Maybe you would like to forget that the Consumer Price Index is almost 9 per cent annually. The Democratic Party inescapably smells of decay. The old labor alliance was certified dead when the Democratically-controlled Congress forced wage controls on Nixon, and thereafter supported all anti-labor cost-cutting policies. Even the Communist Party — which you had always assumed was the radical alternative to capitalism — apes the moribund Democratic Party lacks feeble screeches in favor of "price rollbacks." You scan the political horizon in desperation. Horrified that none of the forces you thought you could look to can help you, you turn to Nixon — "You're the government.... you can do something... you must!"

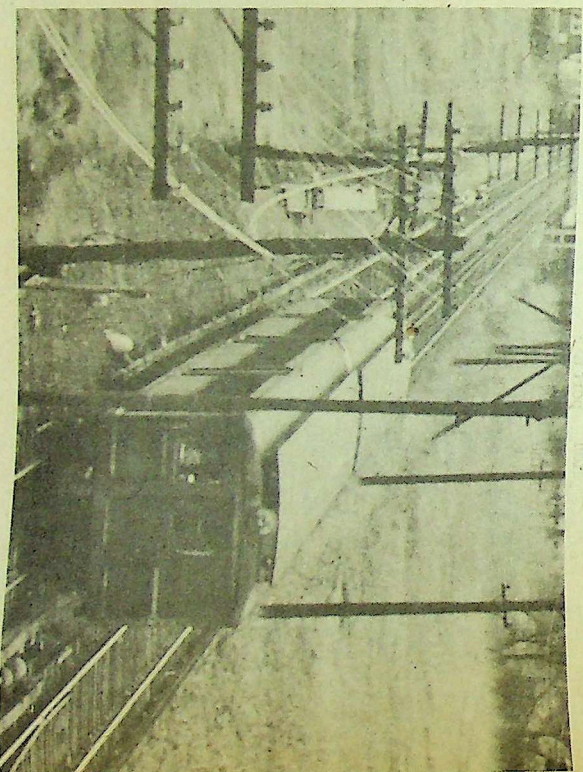
But Nixon and the capitalists themselves have destroyed his charade. His strength always did depend on our weakness. Now are you going to do anything about it?

But the rail militants feel there is one last hope: the union card. The 21 unions on the Erie-Lackawanna line are fighting to reverse the decision in the courts. And even if they lose, won't the rail unions be strong enough to limit the ruling to the Erie-Lackawanna alone?

The last illusion of the rail militant will soon be shattered. The unions have compromised with daddy too long. They have lost the crew-size battle. Job classifications are being eliminated. The last contract spelled an end to any wage gains. There is nothing left in the child's pocket to give up.

With the whole northeast rail system (Penn Central, Erie-Lackawanna, etc.) going through Congressional bankruptcy hearings, two choices have been left the rail workers. Either the government takes over the lines and proceeds to slash crew sizes and lay off men; or the lines are broken down into small feudal estates, with rail barons chopping crew sizes and laying off men.

There is no choice for the rail worker, except to give up his illusions and fight the real fight. The decision on the Erie-Lackawanna will set the precedent for the entire rail system.



Existing contracts in the railroad industry are starting to go the way of service — down.

Fight Phase Three / Build NU-WRO!

Black Phila. Teachers Ask: 'Are These Polemics Necessary?'

PHILADELPHIA, May 8 — Can an organization of the unemployed recruit trade unionists to its ranks? This is the question which the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO) is trying to answer in the affirmative through its campaign in the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers (PFT).

With the election occurring today, a precious handful of teachers have been won so far to active support of NU-WRO's classwide organizing. When the Philadelphia NU-WRO chapter announced four weeks back its plans to run Mary Jane Coates for PFT president its intention to bring in "outside" forces from among high school and ghetto youth as organizers for her campaign, NU-WRO leaders explained that only a few of the most committed teachers would be immediately recruited. And this is precisely what has happened.

ONLY BLACKS IN THE REVOLUTION?

"The teachers want to stick a rag in my mouth" was the way Mary Jane Coates summed up the general reaction that she has met these past weeks from her fellow union members. But this is nothing compared to the response from school and local police officials to NU-WRO's organizing work. Thomas Edison, Gratz, South Philadelphia and other high school principals were busy this week helping the police try to throw cold water on the NU-WRO campaign. However, a dozen high school students and six teachers were among those who managed to make it to last night's NU-WRO citywide organizing meeting at the University of Pennsylvania.

There was little excitement in yesterday's meeting until Labor Committee teacher Fran Podhorn turned to a black teacher member of the PFT's Progressive Caucus and demanded that the man stop scowling and speak his mind. Podhorn went on to denounce the CP-supported caucus and finally drew a response. "You people can't make a revolution. Only black people can be revolutionary," he began.

A long and heated discussion then

1199's Union Drive Stalls Out—

By Art Leaderman

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 5—The organizing drive of local 1199E, Hospital and Nursing Home Employees, stalled here last week, as a critical election for creating a bargaining unit was lost 276-226 at Georgetown University Hospital. The union had been building toward the election for more than one year and hoped that success at Georgetown would allow them to quickly bring a number of other hospital and nursing home facilities into the local. Herb Quinn, chief Washington organizer at Georgetown, gave an indication of how much he had learned from the struggle when he said, after the vote took place April 27: "We will try again next year."

The election prospects had already begun to look dim during the days before the vote. A pre-election rally at the Sheraton Park Hotel two days prior drew only about 75 people. The largest portion of these were volunteer organizers for 1199, mainly socialists who had been manning 1199 offices and handling clerical work connected with the drive, and also handfuls of representatives from various shops where the union has already organized or has begun drives. Scarcely any Georgetown workers attended.

The only speaker with a strategy at the rally was Etha Horn of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization. Horn, for many years leader of the City-wide Welfare Rights Organization, had built strike support previously for 1199 in their successful drive at Kayferts Hospital in D.C.

Etha Horn electrified the small gath-

er took place. Labor Committee members, NU-WRO National Coordinating Committee members Margaret Baynes and Juanita Bianco, and even a number of the high school students confronted this teacher with his nationalist garbage. "We have to get this filth out of people at meetings so we can organize them" was the way one black Labor Committee member put it.

During the first stage of the meeting a few of the students had questioned the political necessity of "Operation Mop Up." But after listening for a while to this Progressive Caucus teacher rant on and after NU-WRO organizers had shown how the CP always plays on such racist separatist notions of "black power" to destroy what is actually human in potentially viable black revolutions, the high school students understood just what "Operation Mop Up" was all about.

"But was this necessary?" asked another black teacher from a Philadelphia suburb after the confrontation with the Progressive Caucus member had ended. This woman who had left the Young Workers Liberation League (YWL) about two years ago, indicated that she agreed with NU-WRO's classwide organizing perspective but just couldn't see "why all these polemics were necessary." At the end of the meeting she walked up to Coates and Podhorn and said that she now realized that the NU-WRO organizers had been absolutely right in describing all the ugly realities of "black power" and local consistency organizing. She then indicated that she wanted Coates to speak at her union meeting the following day.

Another teacher, a PFT shop steward who had arranged a meeting of 15-20 teachers from his school to listen to Coates a couple of weeks back, sat silently through the entire meeting, thinking: "Should I commit myself, or should I continue to stand back while leaving one foot in the door?" But when the meeting ended, this teacher decided to take two copies of New Solidarity with him. "I'll put one of them on the reading table in the faculty room," he said. "They'll all

ering at the pre-election rally when she greeted the group by saying, "Good evening, future welfare recipients!" She explained how welfare recipients like herself would be forced to take the jobs of workers out in the audience. People there knew it was true. She explained how cuts in day care would send working mothers back home and back to welfare. And how then welfare programs would send them out again at lower wages with their children snipped to the cheapest kind of child care compound. While throwing all lip-porg to a victory at Georgetown, her message was clear: Begin to fight along with the welfare recipient and unemployed person or you will go down with him.

UNSERIOUS MILITANT

In spite of the serious condition of the 1199 drive few of the union's leaders were anxious to connect their organizing to NU-WRO. Fred Punch, area director of 1199, refused to discuss strike support or the building of NU-WRO's founding convention with Mrs. Horn when she called him at his office in mid-March. Punch was more than willing at that point to turn away potential community support. In his abrupt conclusion to the conversation he refused to give any reason for his reluctance at that time, but his decision would not have pleased those very few Georgetown workers who were struggling with 1199 to get union recognition.

Punch has long been known in the Baltimore-D.C. area as a militant unionist with a ready speech on the end of his tongue for an assortment of current causes. But the prospect of serious joint work between his union and welfare and unemployed organizers who are confront-

know who did it. That will be my first step."

Welfare organizers take note. The best trade unionists can be recruited to NU-WRO now, but we must confront their illusions about themselves just as we confronted you when you first joined NU-WRO. When you try to talk to a trade unionist, check your first impulse. Don't appeal to him as a poor welfare recipient who needs his help. No, organize him just as you would other welfare recipients by reaching his potential humanity as a classwide organizer.

Such a ruthless organizing approach will initially scare the same trade unionists that we are trying to recruit, as occurred with many members of the PFT. But this organizing method is not aimed at winning masses right off; only potential and actual working class leaders.

NU-WRO organizers and supporters could all learn something from the following account of a day of organizing at Vane Junior High School. Notice how Labor Committee organizers have affected both teachers and students at Vane.

"What does it mean to be a socialist? Tell me about Mary Jane Coates' campaign for president of the PFT? Why

don't you vote for her?"

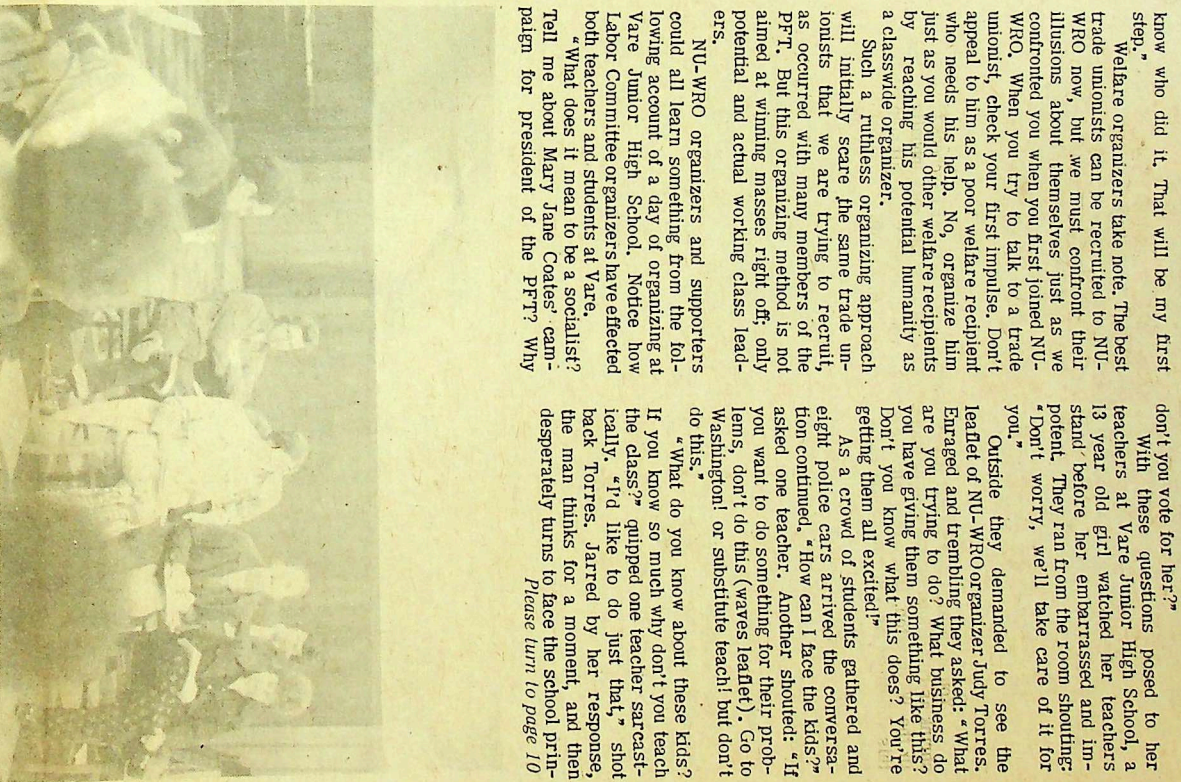
With these questions posed to her teachers at Vane Junior High School, a 13 year old girl watched her teachers stand before her embarrassed and impatient. They ran from the room shouting: "Don't worry, we'll take care of it for you!"

Outside they demanded to see the leader of NU-WRO organizer Judy Torres. Enraged and trembling they asked: "What are you trying to do? What business do you have giving them something like this? Don't you know what this does? You're getting them all excited!"

As a crowd of students gathered and eight police cars arrived the conversation continued. "How can I face the kids?" asked one teacher. Another shouted: "If you want to do something for their problems, don't do this (waves leader). Go to Washington! or substitute teach! but don't do this!"

"What do you know about these kids? If you know so much why don't you teach the class?" quipped one teacher sarcastically. "I'd like to do just that," shot back Torres. Jarrred by her response, the man thinks for a moment, and then desperately turns to face the school principal.

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NU-WRO teacher candidate Mary Jane Coates (third from right) tells high school, college, and other organizers how the NU-WRO campaign has penetrated her union.

NU-WRO Tells Why

vors to those like Horn who have helped them in the past, they are far from understanding the kind of organizing they are going to have to do now in order to win.

1199 tried to sell a union at Georgetown like they were huckstering, not organizing around life and death issues of worker survival. While the union promised new benefits for the workers if they voted the unit into the local, the Georgetown administration played at matching the union's promises with their own. "How good" workers asked themselves, "is a trade union's promise anyway? I don't see very many unions fighting for much right now." Quinn now says simply, "When the boss came down with his propaganda we weren't strong enough to counter it." The union also reports that it mis-estimated its strength because of a high turnover of workers.

Perhaps the workers at Georgetown understand more about what they need than the union. By this time they all must be beginning to know that anyone who really cares about their future will be talking about not simply what can be won in the shop, but what must be won outside. With Washington's unemployment and underemployment in the area of 40 per cent, with each worker suffering under the stress of budget cuts in essential services in this wretched city, it will take more than a promise to convince a worker that he should pay the costs of a union. When men like Punch are not ready to take up the struggle of welfare recipients and then try to keep their ranks separate from those who want to join the fight on the union's behalf, it is not surprising that many workers don't believe the union means business.



NU-WRO organizer Etha Horn addresses 1199 rally.

ing exactly the same problems his unions face, sends him into hiding.

1199's chief Washington organizer, Herb Quinn's own efforts to get some area support from 1199 for the founding convention met the same kind of mindless opposition from Punch. Now, one month later, Quinn found himself in the embarrassing position of facing working class organizers from NU-WRO who were still demanding that HHS union defend itself with all available forces. When able to assure that a NU-WRO representative could speak. But, to his credit, he did not fall into the plegisiness of his superior. He invited Horn.

While some organizers of 1199 may have a practical insight into the value of outside support for their in-shop fights and while they may want to pay back fa-

Steelworkers Union Leads the Way—Crawling

by Don Phan

The trade union movement in this country is dead and you still don't believe it. In the months ahead you will see every single gain wiped out, gains that working people have taken for granted over the past thirty years. From a living income, to protection from speedup, to pensions and safety rules, everything that you joined a union for will disappear.

You scoff, Shaking your head, you throw out every militant sounding phrase you know. Your union is powerful, you could cripple your boss if you struck. You have thousands behind you. You're militant, you have the numbers. Just get rid of some bureaucrats and you can't lose.

COLLAPSE FALLS

Not too long ago there was a group of trade unionists who had exactly the same illusions. They had the numbers, over a million members in their union alone. They were powerful. Not only could they cripple their boss but an entire nation as well. In 1939 they struck and brought nearly all U.S. production to a halt. These were the men who stand at the foundations of the economy, the men who make steel. Together they make up the million-plus United Steelworkers Union (USW).

Today there is no steel union. It died as the first major victim of the second world depression. Last March the grave was officially sealed when the USW gave up the right to strike, gave up collective bargaining and accepted a 3 per cent annual wage increase, an obvious joke even by government standards. And all this was settled a year and a half before contract expiration. In return workers will receive a \$150 "bonus." But the decay was setting in already in 1971 when the last contract was signed. That year the steelworkers union settled for a pro-ductivity deal that it had struck against in 1959 for 16 days.

How could this happen to the steelworkers? Even some Wall Street brokers expressed amazement that the USW could be bought off so easily. When we told you a year ago or even a few months ago that this would happen you said we were crazy.

IT'S ALL ABEL'S FAULT!... OR IS IT?

"But wait!" a faint but earnest voice cries out from the ranks. "Wait, you've missed the point entirely." The voice grows louder. "It's not the unions, it's the bureaucrats, like USW president L.W. Abel, who are to blame," "Abel's a sellout," "a company stooge," "a labor traitor," the militants scream.

But these militants aren't alone, are they? You're thinking right now that that's what's wrong with your union, your self-asserted leadership. Get rid of the Mearys and

Woodcocks and the little Mearys and Woodcocks and the trade unions would stand again.

If you believe this, you're a fool. We put to you one question. Could one lone man destroy a million-member union if the membership was against it? He couldn't, he wouldn't dare. The truth of the matter is that nearly every steelworker has accepted Abel's no-strike deal, reluctantly, but accepted it. In the same manner they've accepted Abel's productivity-protectionist campaign for the last two years.

All the explanations Abel has given to back up every rotten deal he's pulled off have been based on one simple theme. Abel just admits that the union cannot do anything to protect its members from losing their jobs. We need the company, we need their jobs to stay alive, and if we want to keep working we'll do what they say. This is the essence of every piece of protectionist and productivity propaganda Abel and the companies have put out and not one steel militant can respond to it.

This was the very theme of "Where's Joe?", the joint union-company film that

Ah, Yes—'Progressive' Labor Leaders

Everyone knows that L.W. Abel is a sellout. But there is another kind of fink, even more treacherous than "No-strike" Abel. Who could be worse than Abel? Look at the militant CP-supported Executive Board of New Jersey's largest Steelworkers' local at the U.S. Metals Refining Company in Carteret, N.J.

While unannouncedly endorsing a resolution in opposition to "giving up the right to strike," the membership of Local 837 simultaneously followed "Grassroots for Wage Freeze McGovern" Tony Cascone of the National Steelworkers Rank and File Committee (NSWRFC) into the fascist jaws of Immanuel Baraka. According to the Communist Party's Daily World, the membership of this local also endorsed a resolution backing the construction of Baraka's barracks (Kawalda Towers) in Newark. "We as working people cannot stand in the way of any person seeking decent housing."

Instead of joining with NU-WRO to mobilize the forces necessary to actually defend the right to strike, the membership of Local 837, following the lead of the CP, gave support to "Papa Doc" Baraka, who in 1971 was paid by local capitalists to bust the Newark Teachers Union, and more recently paid by the Federal Government to build Kawalda Towers in order to bust the building trades by herding black unemployed

was shown in every steel plant and was on television across the nation. The film simply reminded steelworkers that they face the risk of losing their jobs if they insist on holding on to their union rights.

It reminded them that during the sixties, over 100,000 steelworkers permanently lost their jobs. It reminded them that in 1971, steel employment dropped 200,000 men, worse than anytime since the thirties. It also reminded them that since then only three quarters of this number were recalled from layoffs; the rest were out due to plant closings and crew cut-backs.

Where's Joe, you ask? He's on unemployment, welfare or working for \$1.65 an hour. Joe is the guy who was working next to you, the film says, and he wants a job, any job, YOUR job. So shape up or ship out.

FOREIGN WORKERS SCAPEDGATED

Abel scared the hell out of his members and then conveniently puts the blame on foreign workers, an untouchable scapegoat. The point is quite clear: If you want to work, lick the boss's ass, we can't do anything. No matter how much rank-and-

against white employed workers.

Passing militant-sounding resolutions is a way of life for the company "communists" in Local 837. "We are in favor of strong bargaining positions and job security as the basis of negotiations," the anti-Abel resolution concluded. But what about the unemployed? Is Tony Cascone and the Executive Board of Local 837 really opposed to collaborating with the steel industry? Are they really any better than L.W. Abel?

"BRING IN THE COMMIES..."

In May, four New Solidarity distributors and NU-WRO organizers were arrested by local police for trespassing on company property. Did the CP once again ally with the employers in calling the cops on the Labor Committee in order to cool the interest workers were showing in Operation Mop-Up?

At the Stationhouse, the police chief, a small-town fencel, adamantly warned the Labor Committee not to disturb the class peace at Local 837. "I'll be nice—get your asses out of Carteret fast. And if you come back, you'll end up in the hoosegow." As he was escorting Labor Committee members out of town after the run-in, another cop asked them excitedly: "Gee, what are you communists doing in Carteret?"

are unemployed or who are temporarily working in areas outside the jurisdiction of these programs. A special incentive benefit which is basically a payment of up to 25 per cent of the employer contribution, will go to any worker who has been fully employed and has received less than 40 hours worth of the other benefits in any two-year period.

...AND A FEW PROMISES

In return for these incentives the union would agree to the following work-rule changes: Sheet metal foremen will be selected by the employer not the union. There will be no restriction on the amount of work a sheet metal worker may turn out or on the kind of tools he may use, subject to safety regulations. Workers must be at their workplace at starting time and remain till quitting time "in accordance with historic custom." Slowdowns, stand-by crews and featherbedding "will not be tolerated." Union stewards

hate Abel they know that this one point rings true. It's why thousands of steelworkers came out from viewing "Where's Joe?" nodding their heads in approval and talking about fighting themselves who did the surrendering to the companies, Abel simply held out the white flag.

It's not the threat of foreign workers

A quarter of the 200,000 steel layoffs since 1971 have been PERMANENT

that steelworkers care about. It's the fear of the guy working next to you. The fear that next week he'll be working at your job and you'll be out in the street. It's not the Japanese workers that scare you but the workers at the plant down the road or in the nearby town or city.

KILL MY BROTHER, NOT ME....

A column in the union newspaper of Local 1397 in Homestead, Pennsylvania, once a militant local, makes the point clearly, "We are not only competing with the frightening import problem, but we are also in competition with sister plants throughout the country. If there are plants to be closed due to unproductiveness, then let it be some other plant, not Homestead. If jobs are to be lost due to unproductiveness let it be elsewhere, not Homestead. Most of us remember the closing of the plant in Donora and Monaca. Remember..."

Like starving dogs, steelworkers and steel locals are at each other's throat. Do you still think there's a steel union? And while this goes on the "militants" keep yelling about getting rid of Abel. In practically every issue for the past month, the Daily World has told and retold about the same three or four steel locals which voted at their union meetings to protest Abel's deal. The Communist Party screams "sell-out" and proclaims that the National Steelworkers Rank and File Committee (NSWRFC) is launching a great militant battle to stop the sellout. Demonstrations will be held, campaigns waged, the workers will unite. The NSWRFC even hopes to get the courts to rule Abel's February election illegal.

These militants have grand illusions because they don't have the guts to face reality. Only fools think you can change anything by yelling loud enough. Not one of these militants in these canons has an alternative to Abel because not one of them knows how to fight a depression—and steelworkers know it. These pitiful rank-and-filers can not only not get steelworkers to fight, they can't even raise \$2500 to file a court suit against Abel's election.

If you're in another union and think what's happening in steel will never happen to you, think again. As the depression deepens, the guys in your shop will bend and break just like the million steelworkers did, and consequently your bureaucrats will "sellout." Sure, there'll be some strikes just as there'll be some local strikes in steel, but if you keep going the way you are now, they will be on the companies' terms. A few isolated broken strikes are just what they need to convince you of your total hopelessness. Don't look at the guy next to you for the answer because he's looking at you. If you're determined not to break, not to turn into a scrounging company ass-hiker in order to save your job, you have no choice but to join with us and begin organizing the guy next to you and the working class as a whole. Your unions are dead. Either be buried with them or start living.

"NU-WRO and OPERATION MOP UP"

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Sheet Metal Union Makes a Few Promises

Edward J. Carrough, president of the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, announced on April 9 a stabilization plan for the construction industry that would give union members a guaranteed income and other benefits in exchange for a few promises....

Under the plan, called the Stabilization Agreement of the Sheet Metal Industry, sheet metal workers would receive the following benefits: An "underemployment benefit" that would pay a worker who is laid off or who worked fewer hours than the average for his local through no fault of his own, the difference between his actual income and the income he would have received if he had worked the average number of hours over a six-month period. Up to \$500 would be paid for workers who must travel to find work. The money would be used to help pay travel expenses and tide the worker over until he received his first pay check at his new location.

The plan would maintain the health and welfare programs of workers who

Why Would Anyone Support Racist Cop Biaggi?

by Barbara Dreyfuss

NEW YORK, May 8 — The stink of Watergate has permeated and accentuated the scandals and collapses of the local New York City mayoral candidates. The latest to fall is the former frontrunner, "Tough Cop" Mario Biaggi, laid low by the horror surrounding his recently uncovered reticence to answer questions about his personal finances before a 1971 Federal grand jury probe.

He has lost his campaign manager. The right-wing Conservative Party, which early on gave him its nomination, is beginning to have second thoughts. And his campaign has ground to a halt as the case is dragged through the courts. No public appearances. No press releases on the issues. Just waiting, waiting for the stink to blow away.

Those who have feared Biaggi as a conservative Law and Order man are breathing sighs of relief — "He's finished." But Biaggi is far from a conservative. He is a radical, potentially very dangerous; but right now — and this is crucial — he is impotent.

What person would even look twice at a candidate who hasn't put out any position papers? A man running for mayor who refuses to talk about the problems of housing, education and health care would hardly begin to receive support in ordinary times. But these are not "ordinary times," and before the scandal broke Biaggi was beginning to attract supporters.

Biaggi's supporters have assumed that there is "no money around" for expanded jobs and services, that budget cuts are only natural. Instead of standing up to fight the cuts, to demand taxation of banks, landlords, etc., to pay for expansion, Biaggi's supporters are finding reality too difficult to deal with. They would rather delude themselves.

They say that Mario Biaggi is strong: a former cop, a godfather type who in some mysterious way will have the power to keep this city together and to let "me" keep what "I" already have now that it seems to be slipping from my grasp.

They react like children; this new father will set things right, but it's not for them to know how. The most typical defense of Biaggi's candidacy is: "Things under Biaggi will be the way they should be... he knows what to do."

THE WORM TURNS

Biaggi boasts about his 23 years of shoot-'em-up adventures with the New York City Police Department. A worker who crawls like a worm all day on his

job, who is a worm with his family, who is incapable of taking on and beating his class enemy, can relish a pitiful vicarious battle against the petty mugger through Biaggi.

With no trade union or other organization which can now actually defend his living standards, the worm-worker will look to Biaggi to "protect the Dignity and Decency of my family." He crawls to Biaggi — whose chief campaign strategist is Lawrence Marchini, president of the Century Bank and Trust Company — a factoring operation that daily sucks the blood of New York's garment workers.

But Biaggi moves far beyond the crime issue. He appeals to people's "mytical essence" — their Irishness, Jewishness, Italianness, or lately even their Blackness or Puerto Ricanness. Not to a worker's real social identity, but to a false feeling that because of this national identity he is different from someone else. As if one person's needs for decent housing, education, health care, for a job and a life that creatively contribute to society, were any different from the next person's needs!

This mask becomes more important for the worm-worker as the economic crisis deepens. It is more comforting than seeing his true self — a member of the political working class who must actively help change the existence of his whole class, employed and unemployed alike.

Actually, the most ardent of Biaggi's non-banking supporters are not "workers" at all but hysterical middle-class youth threatened with lumpenization, loss of what's left, little status they have. A Biaggi appearance at a mid-March meeting sponsored by the Jewish Defense League at City College of New York illustrates the point.

Biaggi blew his own horn as a tough gut fighter for the interests of Jews in the Soviet Union. He praised JDL leader Meir Kahane as a man willing to go beyond customary forms of struggle; that is, beyond the law. Biaggi claimed to have been one of the first politicians to take up Kahane's defense.

Biaggi then proceeded to rip into the JDL audience. "Look," he said, "I'm a fighter. Your leader Meir Kahane is a fighter. But you people are softies. You're not willing to be put out in fighting your enemies, the Reds. You've got to get passionate, you've got to go all out, you've got to show some guts!" They screamed with delight; they loved it.

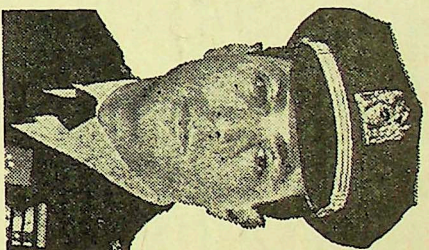
Biaggi has been working politically with at least three black street gangs in the South Bronx: the Renegades, the Sacred Hearts and the Stan Spades. He speaks

depression budget. In like manner, the Chaiklin-Johnson-Washington New York electoral campaign promises to put forth a widely public intervention in the budget hearings.

RULING CLASS PARALYSIS

While Labor Committee and NU-WRO organizers gear up for the budget, the state of mind of New York's ruling bankers and politicians is shown by their head-in-the-sand position. Mayor Lindsay is a lame duck mayor. Why should he mar his last term with an ugly budget scene, when he can postpone the affair — with the help of the chaos caused by Nixon's revenue sharing budget cuts — until the last minute, make a dignified statement against Rockefeller, and set a reasonable tone for a possible race against the Governor next year?

It is primary time for the 1973 city elections. Why should any of the Democratic contenders make an issue of the budget when they have no counter-budget of their own to offer? Better to make a sitemanlike speech about the budget when the issue is in the news. Better to see how the scandal about candidate Mario Biaggi's grand jury testimony develops. Also on the sidelines for the moment is Governor Rockefeller, recovering from his embarrassing attempt to exhumate Robert Wagner and prop him up as a mayoral candidate.



"Tough Cop" Mario Biaggi

glowingly of "black pride," meaning perhaps pride in a job — any job at any wage?

This could be why Congressman Biaggi voted on April 16, 1970, to eliminate employment standards from the welfare Family Assistance Act. He thus approved government use of welfare recipients as scab laborers to lower the wages of employed workers.

When he does speak out on material issues of life, he always gets back to the "mytical essence." On housing, keep neighborhoods ethnically segregated because "There's a spiritual life there and some of these low-income high rises bring crime... We're talking about preserving neighborhoods, the identity and culture of a people. Their roots."

IS HE OR ISN'T HE?

Now here is a riddle for the reader. What do you call a politician who boasts of having shot people as a cop, who was under the surveillance of two separate police commissioners for his ties to organized crime, who is backed directly by bankers; who calls for segregation of the races but tries to manipulate street gangs; who incites proto-fascist youth to go beyond capitalist law to defend their "ethnicity" by fighting "communism"; who says that city workers will have to produce more, and who votes for forced work for welfare recipients to make sure the workers will do it or be replaced?

Wrong! Mario Biaggi is not a fascist, not yet.

If he were he would never have been stilled by his current scandal. He would

By its own vacillation and division, the ruling class had created an atmosphere where the working class is waiting for "the other shoe to fall." The potentially explosive nature of ruling class paralysis becomes clear as normally isolated ferment tends to spread. It is not accidental that continued protest in the Queens ghetto over the killing of a young boy by a cop occurs at the same time as widespread ferment in the garment center. It also fuels the Queens protest over which the Queens District Attorney was recently forced out because of widespread corruption in his office, and now even his replacement is under attack for corruption.

In this wide-open political situation there can be no room for the traditional budget hushing. Look at what happened to the most recent victims of the old "me first" attitude — the daycare activists. Egged on by government poverty pimps who were eager to keep the protest under control, daycare groups bused up to Albany, demonstrated at City Hall, and finally took over the HEW office, ripping it apart. And then? Because they couldn't see beyond their own noses, the daycare protesters didn't join with other groups suffering from cuts in funds — they marched alone straight to defeat. True, the government (HEW) gave an inch. But that inch doesn't mean a thing to parents who will be forced to leave a job and go on welfare because

have said to capitalist factions not yet prepared to deliver themselves over to a fascist keeper: "To hell with your quibbles about my testimony, about the Fifth Amendment, about trivia!"

"I am the leader, I will be mayor, I will lead the people and clean up the mess. I am strong and you who quibble and quail are weak. So shut up, the people are behind me, they crave my strength."

But Biaggi hung back, just as Nixon did with Watergate. He has heavy ties to a whole set of still-hopeful stock and real-estate lawyer-swindlers, to speculators who still need the carefully ordered rules of capitalist legality more than the jarring "strength" of the blood-crazed fascist. So Biaggi mumbles consoling words to his wavering Conservative Party colleagues. He goes to closed meetings with rightwing backers. If a campaign schedule exists for him, it is a closely guarded secret.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

There is an obvious implication here that no working-class organizer must miss. The Democrats have been in a shambles for quite some time. Now the right wing is smeared all over with a stinking mess, unable to account for itself. If ALL the capitalist politicians are weak, if the WHOLE GOVERNMENT is in a collapsed state, who then can be strong? If the answer doesn't scare you a little, and move you to revolutionary socialist organizing with the Labor Committee, you're not thinking very clearly.

Tony Chaiklin, Labor Committee candidate for mayor of New York, has debated, exposed and humiliated the anti-labor candidates Badillo, Blumenthal and Postel. When capitalist candidates dare to make public campaign forays again, the Labor Committee campaign will take them on and rip them apart before a broadening working-class audience. But today the capitalist campaigns are quiet, the names are rising from their stilled mimeograph machines.

Tony Chaiklin and other New York Labor Committee organizers are holding daily organizing rallies in the explosive strike atmosphere of the Manhattan garment center, bringing dozens of new workers each day into the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization. When capitalists stumble, you can organize workers as communists. Or you can sit home and wait for Biaggi to recover as you may have believed was inevitable. Will you be a self-pitying victim, or a conqueror?

They can't afford the high daycare fees.

New York City's budget occupies a central position in what the government now admits is a depression economy in New York City. What sets the 1973 budget apart from previous service-cutting, tax-raising budgets is that Lindsay and company are no longer merely throwing us on the scrap-heap. Now they are picking over our bones by means of their plan to recycle us. This plan represents none other than the beginnings of a concentration camp system aimed at ALL sections of the population. Standing between that "final solution" and the working class is the Labor Committee and NU-WRO's determination to stamp out the me-first, "hushing" mentality which has previously crippled the ability of organizers to confront the government's austerity budgets.

ORGANIZING MEETING

Saturday May 19, 1973

New York University
12 noon

Labor Committee

Topics include: Organizing
Against Lindsay's 1973
Depression Budget

Rocky & Lindsay Keep NY Depression Budget Under Wraps

NEW YORK, May 8 — In more normal times, May in New York is the month which witnesses the annual "battle of the budget." This sound and fury is actually a well-choreographed minuet, with Mayor Lindsay and Governor Rockefeller steering budget protests into the time-honored "city vs. state" sidetrack. The real "battle" in fact, consists of the use of every counterinsurgency divide-and-conquer trick in the government's arsenal in order to dispel working-class ferment which accompanies budget cutbacks.

But these are not normal times. The usual budget scenario is being disrupted by the same government paralysis which on the national level is manifest in the Watergate scandal. To the surprise of veteran budget-protest organizers there is a new phenomenon... there is no budget! After delay of the budget for days and then weeks, city officials are now promising a city budget in mid-May, a full month late. Public budget hearings have been postponed to early-to-mid June, promising a more intense budget debate as the city rushes to meet the June 30 end-of-fiscal-year deadline.

The "normal" budget protest fizzles are similarly in danger of being disrupted. Labor Committee and National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO) organizers are gathering together the organizers with the drive and program necessary to mobilize a united, class-wide opposition to Lindsay's

CP Building New Counter-Insurgency Apparatus

The CP's racist and anti-working class alliance with Nixon and the FBI, fascists Ed Schwartz in Philadelphia and Jim Easton in Buffalo, and Red Squads throughout the country against NU-WRO and the NCLC is moving full speed ahead as their demoralized and crumbling organization ceases any activity not concentrated on bourgeois counter-insurgency. In a desperate attempt to consolidate itself, the CP has hatched onto an infamous Chicago cop, Renaul Robinson, president of the Afro-American Patrolmen's League, the man who figures most prominently in every liberal capitalist politician's program for the pacification of the ghettos. Robinson, the Daily World's latest political pin-up, is a principal sponsor of and spokesman for a conference the CP is holding in Chicago May 11-13 to build a "national defense organization against racism and repression."

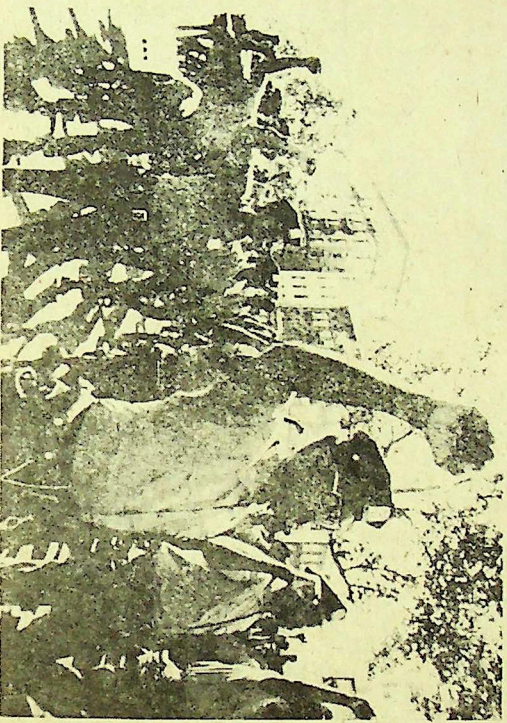
To complement the efforts of Chicago cops the CP is also featuring Madison, Wisconsin's mayor Paul Soglin whose campaign renouncing his previous "radicalism" and announcing his desire to "work with the establishment to strengthen the system" made him an excellent choice for the CP's new counter-insurgency front group. To pull this off the CP continued its long term exploitation of Angela Davis who was hustled around the country to pack them in for Robinson, Soglin, and the CP.

But isn't this after all just another of the score of pathetic and opportunistic 'anti-repression' coalition fronts the CP has established over the last few years?, a cautious reader might still ask. Where do you think Robinson's gun and Soglin's stick will be pointing, dear reader? In a Daily World forum, "Constitutional Crisis and Repression," held in Chicago on April 26 the answer was made abundantly clear. Mrs. Frances Gabow, acting

organizational secretary of the Illinois Communist Party, stammered at this build-up for the CP conference that the fight against repression of the labor movement by Nixon and big business is a fight against the NCLC! Watergate and the NCLC represent the main forces of repression in the U.S. the Daily World screams in a recent editorial! We can expect that a good portion of the agenda of the "anti-racism and repression" conference will be appealing to Robinson and Soglin, liberal has-beens, and whatever the CP can draw from the left swamp for support for the CP's class treachery against NU-WRO in behalf of Nixon's slave labor plans. And further cries of "Help!" to comrades Robinson, Soglin et al. to defend the pitiful CP from the NCLC's Operation Mop Up. Many YWLLers al-

ready sickened by the CP's scabbing on NU-WRO and CP Operation Cop Up will have a new crew of cops and capitalist politicians shoved down their throats by their cringing organization.

Of course, the racist and repressive CP is not really concerned with organizing any kind of political defense to racism and repression but with fooling party members into thinking that the Labor Committee is not the only organization on the left that is doing any real organizing. It is particularly ironic that they should put Angela Davis in the forefront of this charade since the CP's defense of her was par excellence an example of refusing to organize a political defense against government repression and racism in favor of establishing musky front group Angela Davis Defense Com-



New recruits for the CP's anti-repression coalition?

mittees to snicker moralistic liberal recruits into the Party. In many places this racist and opportunist ploy failed miserably.

In Buffalo, for example, enraged/black high school and college students refused to be used by the CP's Angela Davis Defense Committee and booted the racist CP out of it altogether for refusing to organize a defense of other political prisoners and fight government repression directed against ghetto youth. The embarrassed CP was without an Angela Davis Defense Committee for several months until they sheepishly set up shop again on the State University of New York at Buffalo campus.

When shortly thereafter the Labor Committee proposed a united front political defense of Angela Davis around a campaign against the University Centers for Racial Alternatives (UCRA), Sidney Hook's Buffalo-centered campus purge apparatus which forced her firing as a professor at UCLA and which set her up for the government's frameup, the Angela Davis Defense Committee head, CP Prof. Jim Lawlor, retised "because some of those UCRA guys might come around and support McGovern!"

The refusal of the CP to mount a political defense of Angela Davis again brutally exposed the CP ignominiously closed down their campus front two days later!

The front was recently established again in Buffalo under the name of the Angela Davis Committee Against Repression. Its first significant political act? Joining with the CP-YWLL in their cop-calling attack on NU-WRO, the only organization fighting repression against welfare recipients and the whole working class!

Canadian CP Publicizes Labor Committees' Left-Hegemony

MAY 6 — Faster than the Communist Party of Canada (CPC) can spread its slander campaign against the Labor Committee, the word is speeding through Canada: the tiny Labor Committee has the CPC in a panic. By spreading all over Canada the news of the CPC's latest attempts to silence the Labor Committee, we intend to turn this panic into a full-scale riot.

The Canadian Party of Labour (CPL), the Canadian equivalent of the Progressive Labor Party, fronted for the CPC in a vicious goon attack on three Labor Committee members in Toronto on May 5. The 50 CPLers who had assembled from the four corners of Canada and the Northern U.S.A. to march in celebration of May Day, were dismayed to read a Labor Committee leaflet which, in the course of announcing a May 17 meeting to build for the NCLC's May 26-27 Strategy for Socialism (conference, devastatingly characterized them as "palldbearers for the CP." So ardently did the truth hurt that 7-8 CPLers flew into a rage and assaulted three unarmed Labor Committee members with canes. One of the Labor Committee members received a cut between the eyes which required six stitches.

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If by such activity the CPL hopes to prolong the life of the CPC — which now allows it to survive as a mere shadow of the Party itself — it could not be further off base. The repercussions of such an attack — the repetition of which we have the means to prevent — will be to attract even more Canadian leftists to this important enemy of the CPL and CPC. As the political basis for this attack on the Labor Committee is revealed as active sabotage of the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO) and its organizing of the unemployed against slave labor and recycling, the CPC will be the loser indeed.

But the CPC has not relied solely on its hired hands in the CPL to convey its fear of the Labor Committee. After the Labor Committee's latest exposure of the Organization of Anti-Poverty or-

ganization (OAPO), a CPC-led organization to beg against poverty, on April 26, a Canadian LCLer received a telephone call from one Jean Clout, Clout, a leading CP member in St. Catherine's who has distinguished himself most recently by his role in cooling down the 1972 Quebec general strike, intended to serve a warning to the Toronto Labor Committee to keep off his turf. Such warnings, to groups such as the CPL, have in the past been prelude to goon attacks.

Clout was apparently disarmed by the fact that a woman answered the phone. He, an opponent of the "sexist" Labor Committee, could not believe that a woman was smart enough to know with whom she was associating. He proceeded to tell her how the Labor Committee must have duped her, a stupid female, and to change the topic to women's talk, the women's liberation movement. The Toronto Labor Committee member brought him up short by bringing the conversation to politics, especially those of the CP-led counterinsurgency

The Communist Party U.S.A. has resurged another paper "mass organization" to serve in its defense against Labor Committee Operation Mop Up. Meeting in convention in Pittsburgh the weekend of April 29-30, the "People's Coalition for Peace and Justice" (PCPJ) urged that "every effort be made to isolate the NCLC and its members." (Daily World, May 1)

There is an obvious irony behind this pathetic Communist Party gambit. PCPJ was the first victim of the Labor Committee's ongoing campaign against CP class treachery!

Formed by the CP in 1971 as a campaign platform for such "dovish" wage-freeze advocates as New York Mayor John Lindsay, the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice was once a highly successful front group. This "multi-

anti-poverty organization, the OAPO, Clout then lashed out his message: that the Labor Committee was nothing but a bunch of goons and fascists, hired by the CLJ; that it was breaking up meetings in the U.S.A., but would not do so in Canada; where do you think you'll get with violence, he concluded — in a voice mixed with menace and hysteria.

Clout's warning follows an extensive whisper campaign by the CPC against the Labor Committee, a campaign that began with the Labor Committee's first proposal to the OAPO in February. In response to the Labor Committee's notion at that time that the OAPO support and join in the classwide organizing of the unemployed into NU-WRO, CP leader Norman Brudy moved to exclude the Labor Committee as disruptors for bringing politics into the discussion. In his hysteria he also nearly threw a non-affiliated woman out of the conference for being an LC agent, just because she raised an embarrassing question. She had never even heard of the

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issue anti-war coalition" seduced into its orbit the numerous anarchist sticklers of the Mayday Tribe and boasted as firebrands such venerable Movement leaders as Sidney Peck, David Dellinger, and Renne Davis (the latter a recent convert to the Saptgur Maharaj ji).

Then at its June 1971 national convention, attended by 1,000 activists in Milwaukee, the Labor Committee took PCPJ by storm. A mere ten NCLC cadres momentarily persuaded the electrified gathering to shuck moralistic "peace" activities and to build support in the anti-war movement for a potential national steel strike. The convention, attended by many members of the CP's youth group, YWLL, overwhelmingly passed the Labor Committee strike support resolution despite the gagging and goon tactics of such CP flunkies as District 65 Vice-President Al Evandro!

Labor Committee before that day. In an attempt to quiet the interest stirred up by the Labor Committee in the OAPO, the CP has been spreading rumors that Labor Committee members are "long haired draft dodgers" who "disrupted" the OAPO. If there's anyone you shouldn't listen to, it's them, the whisper goes around. Who? thinks the listener. If the CPC's out to get them, I'd better check them out!

The Toronto Labor Committee plans to help the CP's publicity campaign along. Soon St. Catherine's will be plastered with posters for the May Conference in New York City. Every Canadian leftist whose address we can get will get a chance to read about the latest CPC-CPL sabotage of NU-WRO. Press releases on these incidents will go out from Vancouver to Montreal.

Now take it from us, comrades: try to police us or goon us — and if'll backbite in your faces. You're only screaming your impotence.

Terrified by this intrusion of class politics into its perennial love-affair with anti-war, unobscuring politicians, the CP ordered its PCPJ officers to frustrate implementation of the convention decision at regional PCPJ meetings. Such reliable CP goons as Gil "Browder's Boy" Green engineered the exclusion of NCLC spokesmen from these local affairs.

But the CP had been chastened. Rather than risk further embarrassment by honest socialists at PCPJ front activities, the sagacious CP hacks subjected PCPJ to complete encystment against the non-CP left. Two years after the huge Milwaukee gathering, the crowd at the recent anti-LC "mass" Pittsburgh convention was too small for two successive articles in an embarrassed Daily World to dare report its size!

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accompanied cops past jail cells fingering certain Labor Committee members for hearse charges.

The same afternoon in Springfield, Massachusetts, two CP organizers denounced the Communist Party when NCLC members confronted them at a meeting of "rank-and-file" organizers.

These two incidents, when combined against the backdrop of the Daily World's coverage of May Day, present a concise portrait of the internal state of the Communist Party, one month after Operation Mop Up commenced. The picture is one of internal collapse and psychological terror, as the once-mighty CPUSA crumbles to its knees.

It is not physical fighting and violence which is causing the Communist Party to collapse. The weight of shame over the enormity of the CP's crimes against the democratization of Party members who realize that there is nothing to defend, is too much for the outer shell of the CP to withstand. The CP is crumbling from within, collapsing from its own internal decay. The Labor Committee is simply mopping up the whole stinking mess.

FENCL AND HIS FRIENDS

The extent of the internal rotteness in the CP was exposed for all to see in Philadelphia on May 6, when CP-YWILLERS openly paraded their alliance with Frank Rizzo's cops. The incident began as a group of sixteen NCLC members arrived to distribute literature at a public meeting at which Muhammad Kenyatta, aspiring black capitalist, poverty pimp, and CP darling was scheduled to speak. They met about 25 YWILLERS armed with pipes and hammers outside the meeting and a fight broke out. As the YWILLERS fought listlessly, the cops arrived to save them, having been summoned by the leading local YWILL hoodlums, Royce Adams, Sam Jordan and Tom Cronin — immediately *dangered three Labor Committee members to the cops. The other thirteen LCers* were also rounded up by the cops and taken to the North Central police station, where CPers walked through the cell block fingering other LCers to the cops on account of involvement in other NCLC-CP confrontations in April.

Later, when the prisoners were taken to court, other YWILLERS were present. Significantly, newer black members of the YWILL refused to finger NCLC members for the cops, thus refusing to degrade themselves to the level of Jordan, Tony Montelro, and Sandy Patrinos who were eagerly helping the cops identify NCLC members.

The bitterness of Lieutenant Fend toward the Labor Committee members is understandable. Fend and his boss Rizzo have been trying for years to stop radical organizing in Philadelphia's ghettos, framing up SNCC organizers in 1964, Revolutionary Action Movement members in 1967, and then trying unsuccessfully to frame up the Labor Committee on a phony "bomb plot" charge in 1969.

Now Rizzo and Fend have their excuse. During the past week, two NCLC organizers were arrested while they were distributing leaflets and discussing NU-WRO organizing with students at Edison High School. They were picked up on charges placed by YWILLERS against NCLC members from earlier confrontations, and at the police station a total of 11 YWILLERS were led to the cells and asked if they could identify the Labor Committee members. Police harassment of NCLC organizers has increased at other sites in Philadelphia as well.

Is it any wonder that Fend and Rizzo are so eager to prevent the Labor Committee from "running the CP out of this town"?

CP DENOUNCED IN SPRINGFIELD

The non-violent confrontation with the two CP organizers at the "New Unity" meeting in Springfield, Massachusetts on the same day indicated the psychological terror which Operation Mop Up has spread throughout the Communist Party. CPers had earlier entered the New Unity group in order to prop it up in hopes of eventually turning it into a branch of

Trade Unionists for Action and Democracy.

One young CP organizer, who has been counterorganizing for some time against the Labor Committee and NU-WRO was confronted with the CP's role in scabbing on the NU-WRO organizing. He could not find words enough to deny knowing anything about NU-WRO, to deny his affiliation with the CP and the YWILL, to deny knowing anything about anything. All this occurred without any physical threats, and in front of the people he had been trying to organize into the CP!

The other CP organizer at the meeting, a middle-aged black man, was likewise left speechless when confronted with the CP's crimes in allying with Nixon against NU-WRO unemployed and welfare organizing. Unable to defend the Party's actions, he also agreed to denounce the Communist Party for what it had done.

The denunciations mean little in themselves, since neither of these two CP organizers really seemed to have grasped the enormity of the CP's crimes. But what is significant is that neither was able to come forth with any defense of the Party, both knowing in their hearts how rotten and indefensible the CP has become. These two organizers truly the hundreds of disillusioned CPers and YWILLERS who are beginning to realize how little respect they have for the Party, and therefore how little respect they have for themselves because of what the Party has done to them.

THE DAILY WORLD OUTDOES ITSELF

However badly one wanted to discount New Solidarity's accounts of the effects of Operation Mop Up, he would still find ample confirmation of our analysis by examining only the evidence presented in the pages of the CP newspaper the Daily World.

Daily World coverage of Operation Mop Up began the way the Daily World always covers events when it isn't sure of their significance — with relatively straight news coverage. Within a few days, the amount of lying had increased and the Daily World was frantically screaming for the police to prosecute the NCLC, and for university administrators to throw the NCLC off campus. Then they got even more hysterical: one day we were out to destroy the CP, the next to destroy all "people's organizations," the next we were ultra-leftists, then fascists, then

In between ruthless heckling of Sam Jordan, one of the LCers he had fingered to Rizzo's police quietly said, "Sam, the CP scabs on welfare recipients . . . Look what they're doing to you, turning you into a cop."

The terrible realization, the loss of self leapt up inside him. The CP had already turned his wife Fania, her sister Angela Davis, into superstars — clowns.

The only human thing Sam could do . . . he wept.

"Trotskyite fifth-columnists." At first, pictures of CP casualties were plastered across the Daily World in a plea for sympathy. Later a YWILLER allegedly in critical condition scarcely deserved mention. But the May 5 Daily World, examined clinically, presents an overwhelming picture of a once-proud organization reduced to blubbering idiots, spewing forth lies so transparent that even hardened CPers must cringe with embarrassment when reading their Party's newspaper.

The article on the New York May Day rally in Union Square tells us much more about the state of mind of the CP than about anything else. Seeing the Labor Committee in every shadow, the Daily World describes mythical NCLC members "lurking in nearby side streets, where they clucked lead pipes and whispered over walkie-talkies." (The CP obviously has a hard time telling its friends from its enemies.) If anyone had walkie-talkies, it was the CP's newly-recruited defense guard of New York City police, who lined the perimeter of the rally, often standing shoulder to shoulder with CP goons with whom they carried on amiable

conversations.

One CP'er seen rubbing shoulders with the cops was a colonizer in the local welfare workers union. This particular individual, in a telephone conversation with a Labor Committee acquaintance about a week earlier, would not say a word for or against the CP's scabbing on the NU-WRO convention, but he did assert that the CP did not need cops to defend

SWP Butts In, Gets Bruised

The Socialist Workers Party was warned not to interfere with the NCLC's Operation Mop Up campaign against the Communist Party, but even after their experiences while gooning for the CP's Rashied Storey in New York on April 23, they still hadn't learned their lesson.

On May 4, Labor Committee member Jeffrey Forrest walked by mistake into a room on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit where the SWP was holding a public educational conference and a mayoral rally. For-

itself against the Labor Committee. He had consciously chosen the CP over the NCLC because the CP was the stronger organization. Now, there he stands, chatting with a cop who is defending his powerful organization against the "insignificant" Labor Committee.

Although the NCLC was miles away, organizing or just resting up, Operation Mop Up was the number one topic on May Day audience's mind. The CP's goons spent the whole while straining their eyes to see where the NCLC would make its entrance into the square. The rally itself was a tense, dreary affair, with people's thoughts clearly elsewhere. The mood was more that of a wake than a rally. When a folksinger tried to rouse the crowd with a Paul Robeson song, not a single voice was raised from the audience. Beulah Sanders of the old National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO) spoke, incredibly never mentioning either NWRO or NU-WRO! No applause, for her or for other speakers. Was anyone even listening? Probably not, for it was as if someone had died. Yes, someone had, or at least something . . . the CPUSA.

The mood was so tense that had a couple of Solidarity salesmen appeared, the entire rally would have erupted into chaos. It was for this reason that the NCLC avoided any confrontation with the CP and the cops at Union Square — any disturbance would have triggered a panic in the crowd which could have resulted in dozens of innocent people, especially older people, being crushed or trampled in the melee. Operation Mop Up is aimed at the Communist Party — not at other groups or bystanders.

The May 5 Daily World contains many other lies, which merit only the briefest treatment in discussing a "string of defeats" suffered by the NCLC, it mentions our retreat from a "well-guarded" meeting in Philadelphia on April 27. Only they forget to mention who the meeting was guarded by — ten Red Squad detectives and four squad cars full of uniformed cops stationed nearby. YWILL members, who were fraternizing with the Red Squad and who were on the receiving end of taunts from NCLC members who were prevented by the cops from approaching the meeting, know full well the degree of falsehood in the Daily World report.

The next item — a complete fabrication — suggests just how desperate the CP actually is . . . that it will use its supporters to try to dupe its readers. The Daily World's lie that the NCLC tried to disrupt a rally organized by the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PRSP) in Camden, N.J., has been refuted by the Camden PSP organizer. Nonetheless, oblivious of its rapidly-dwindling credibility, the CP repeats the lie.

The lies that the NCLC has physically attacked NWRO members, NAACP members, etc. are of the same order. They are a last-ditch attempt to rally others to do what Gus Hall and Company cannot

themselves do: save the CP from utter collapse.

The evidence of the CP's collapse is piling up before our eyes: the alliance with cops, attempts to help university administrators throw the NCLC off campus, reports of conversations with demoralized CPers, and desperate lies in the pages of the Daily World. The picture is that of an organization no longer con-

cerned about respect, or credibility, or even concerned about what its own members think of its frantic behavior. It is an organization trying to hold onto one last shred of existence, before forever disappearing as a serious political organization.

There are still many who do not want to believe, who cannot believe. For them the Communist Party is like motherhood, the flag, and apple pie: it is eternal and unchallengeable, it cannot be vanquished. But the unthinkable IS occurring: the long-hegemonic CP is being smashed. Clinging to their illusions — your illusions — as you will, reality cannot be denied. But we warn you and promise you: this is only the beginning, a disastrous but necessary step to bring about far greater changes than you ever imagined possible.

With the CP out of the way, one giant obstacle is removed on the road to establishing workers' government in the U.S. by the end of the decade. That is the key to the seriousness and the ruthlessness with which Operation Mop Up is being conducted, and that is the key to its success.



PHILADELPHIA, Flash, May 9 — The kangaroo court trial at Temple University began today as CP-YWILLERS, Temple administration officials, and local "Red Squad" police tried to blame four Temple Labor Committee members for leading the attack against 20 YWILL members here on April 11. With paddy-wagons and police cars parked outside the courtroom, and with dozens of members of the city police wandering in and out of the building, YWILL members and their supporters gave totally contradictory testimony on almost every possible detail in the incident which sent six YWILLERS to the hospital.

During the "trial" another Labor Committee member was fingered to the police by the CP. Lieutenant Fend and his Red Squad members were well prepared for their assignment to defend the Party today, many of the cops carried long lists and pictures of Labor Committee "punks" — as Fend so identified NCLCers recently. One of Rizzo's cops carried a picture of New Solidarity editor Nancy Spannaus — perhaps Rizzo hopes to put this paper out of commission?

One of the few moments of reality came during CP-YWILL leader Tony Montelro's turn to testify for his friends in the administration — whom Montelro had denounced as "racists" the very morning before he met up with Labor Committee defense squads. Although he was generally hysterical during his testimony, "Tough Tony" felt when he saw Labor Committee members approach him on April 11, "I knew they meant business."

by J. Lombard

David Felton, editor of the rock-counter-culture newspaper Rolling Stone, recently wrote of his contemporaries: "A new kind of fascism has emerged in the wake of the so-called acid revolution. Born of boredom, loneliness and intense spiritual hunger, it has captured some of America's most creative young minds."

"In a period of extreme personal liberation, it has caused more and more believers to opt for serenity, to let their lives — their careers, pleasures, loyalties, even choice of lovers — be controlled by the holy whim of one man."

Although Felton is right in locating the fascist ideology underlying the acid culture, he makes several fundamental mistakes. Most importantly, this "new kind of fascism" is not new at all. On the contrary, it is a historic phenomenon that accompanies the periodic economic and social collapse of the bourgeoisie.

Second, Felton has no idea just how widespread the fascism he speaks of is today — you see, Mr. Felton would never guess that he, too, is potentially a fascist — as we shall see later.

The Lyman Family

Among the communes that are sprouting up all over the country, in the cities as well as rural areas, a strange and frightening phenomenon is taking shape. The hippies of the 1960's who clamored for freedom, for personal liberation, are flocking to what are essentially fascist communities. Instead of achieving personal liberation, they have taken refuge in serenity, in the "most intense forms of discipline and submission to authority."

Five years ago a small community of young white intellectuals and self-styled artists from the Boston-Cambridge area moved onto the Fort Hill section of Roxbury, the Boston ghetto. They were the beginning of what is now known as the Lyman Family. Who were these people?

Their leader, Mel Lyman, used to be a musician; a well-known hippie harmonica player who just happened to believe he was the son of God. And his recruits, his "Family"? Mr. Lyman identifies them for us: "There's all these kids that don't know what to do with themselves. For them life is so abstract, they have no values. They tried to go out in the woods and rediscover life, but they had no plan, no rootedness, and after a couple of years they had nothing left, there was no life after that. So they came to me."

And what did Mel teach them: "... you're all too full of pride and ideas and yourselves to know what's good for you any more." Mel taught them that they had to suffer if they really wanted to get in touch with themselves.

The brutality of the Lyman Family is sometimes physical but mostly mental. Lyman takes them through "acid therapy." He hits them with 1500 micrograms of pure LSD and he studies them. He plays pure noise soundtracks — machine-gun fire, screams. And when they are absolutely out of their minds, he plugs them into a Lyman Family group sing — of love, togetherness, belonging. He tells them they have to give up what they might have THOUGHT was personal freedom for a greater freedom.

And they believe him. These people are convinced that if they think, if they have ideas, then they cannot FEEL. So they don't think, they carry out acts, acts that Lyman tells them to carry out (like beatings, robbery, and kidnapping) so they can get in touch with their FEELINGS.

Five years ago, the Lyman Family consisted of about 12 people living on Fort Hill. Today there are about 300 of them in six different communities! There are other parallel groupings, the Children

of God for instance. These ex-hippie drop-outs who protested the drill-and-grill methods of their own bourgeois education now memorize the Bible. They can speak only by reciting from Scripture readings.

But in the Feb. 17 issue of the Detroit Free Press, it is pointed out that "despite the Children's somberness, anybody who has ever seen their live music festivals in the wee hours of the morning in their colonies know what exuberance these kids can generate."

These exuberant youngsters issued a leaflet forecasting the apocalypse and the coming of the Anti-Christ (that is, communism — J.L.) who will run things for a thousand years before the armies of Christ save the world. Only those who fight the Anti-Christ in the streets, they say, will be saved.

When questioned directly by a Detroit LC member about the "fighting in the streets" one of the Children readily affirmed that he intended to shoot down any communists who attempted to seize power.

What About You!

There are very few among us who would refuse to admit that the Lyman Family and the Children of God are proto-fascist formations. Even David Felton, editor of the leading counter-culture rag in the United States admits it. So what? These are sects, not groups led by psychotics. That certainly doesn't indicate that every hippie is a potential fascist, right? Wrong.

If you were able to say those things to yourself, you don't understand the first thing about what fascism is or how it develops. What do you think of when you think of fascism? Saber-rattling nationalism, violence, brutality, storm-troopers, Auschwitz.

But you've missed the point. Fascist movements which have seized power in the past have been POPULAR movements. They have enjoyed the active or passive sympathy of a majority of the population.

Who becomes a fascist? Do you think that thousands, millions of psychotics who were hiding out for years suddenly emerge and expose themselves? Who do you think the youth of the Wandervogel youth movement in Weimar Germany were; who do you think the kids in these sects are? THEY ARE YOU. They are you in a different stage of your own development. These sects are only the radical expression of a philosophy shared by the counter-culture in general, and by many workers who consciously reject the raiment of the counter-culture. It was the SAME philosophy that was prevalent in Weimar Germany.

"Ah! At last, Weimar Germany," you sigh. "Now I will be thrilled and chilled by the shocking horrors of Weimar Germany."

"I'm tough," you say, "I can take it — GIVE ME THE GORE. Give me the gore and make it gory enough so I can be sure that you really aren't talking to me. Let me continue to believe that if I just keep my eye out for these nut groups, for the Children of God, for the Lyman Family, for the JDL, I'll be okay." Sorry, folks, but the blood and guts you desperately want just ain't there.

The Case of Weimar

The development of Nazism in Germany was not a mystical process. What happened in Germany is not very different from what is happening in the United States and the whole advanced capitalist sector today. It was a period similar to the present, a period in which increasing numbers of people despair of remedies for the social and economic crisis through "legitimate" means.

The Germans believed that once their quest for national unity was won, that their problems would be solved. Just like you believed, many of you — that once the WAR was over, America's problems would be solved. But when the quest was won at last in 1971, they were disappointed. Instead of the national self-aware-

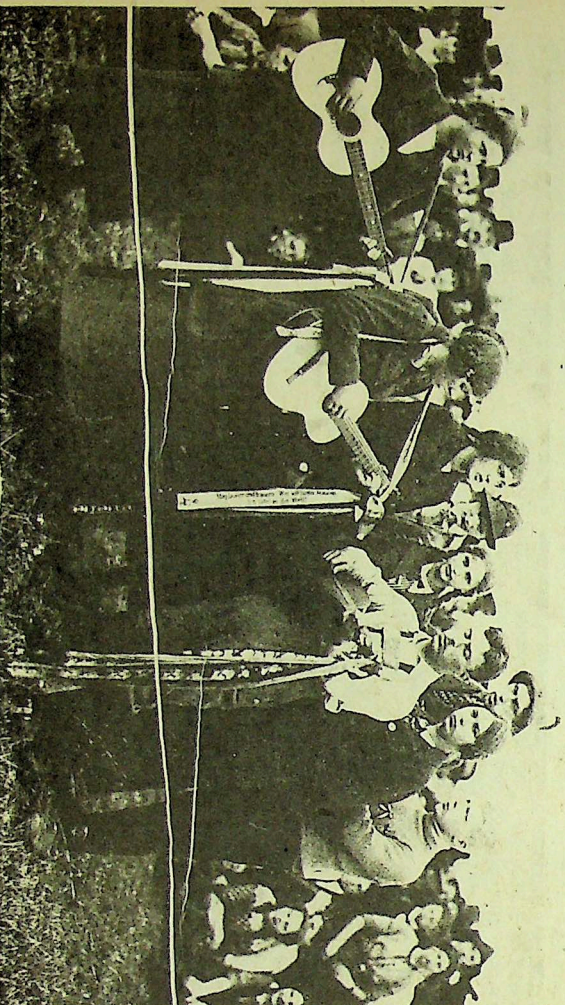
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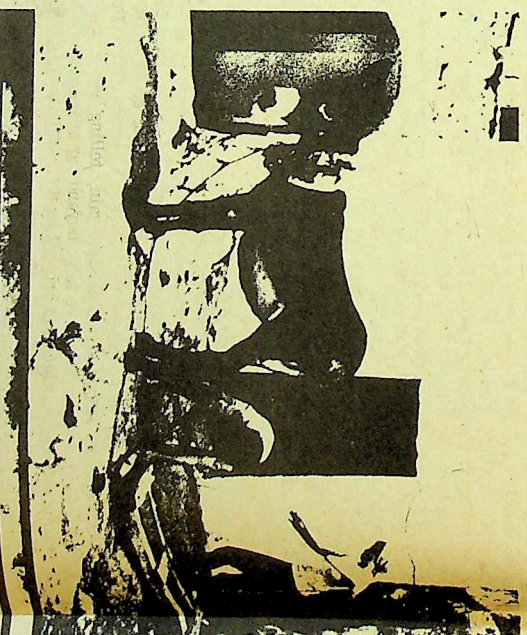
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You try politics. The German youth tried politics in the form of a national unification movement. What did they get?

They got the chaos of the social, economic, and political transformation of Europe; the dislocation of the population that accompanied industrialization; the obsolescence of traditional crafts, tools, and institutions; the subsequent economic maladjustments and ultimate chaos.

And you tried politics, too. You tried politics in the form of an anti-war movement that was engineered for you by the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers' Party, who knew what a farce it all was, but needed a recruiting ground for their dying organizations. And what did you get? You got demoralized by one meaningless demonstration after another, you got beat over the head and arrested for desperate schemes to prove that you really weren't impotent. But you were.

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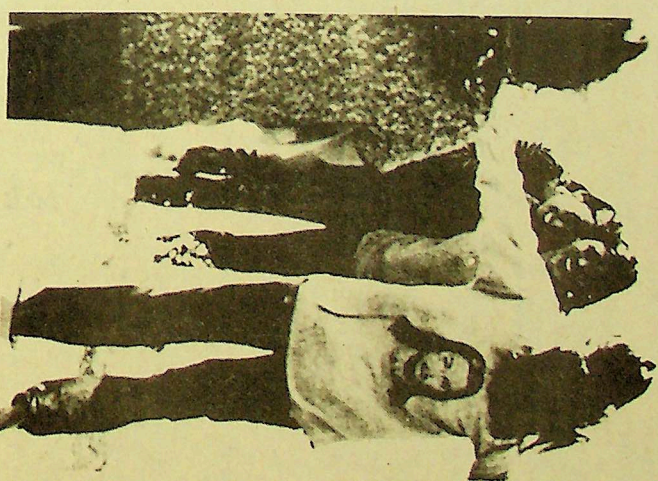
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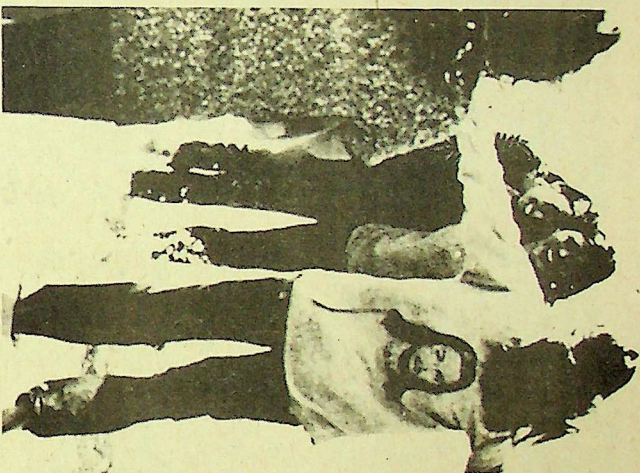


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Let's talk about YOUR Family, because your organization isn't structured all that differently from Mel Lyman's.

What has happened to you within your own organization? Doesn't your organization demand that you deliberately avoid the development of any critical self-awareness? Haven't YOU been reduced to a state of helplessness?

Look at how you operate. Your party leadership tells you what to do and you do it. You are given tasks to carry out and you do them. You don't really think about them, and you certainly don't question them, any more than a member of the Lyman Family would dare question Mel.

You, YWILLer, you campaigned for McGovern, even though you were more or less aware of what an anti-working-class creep he was. You drove a sound truck through the ghetto trying to incite a race riot against what you know are working-class organizers. Finally, you join in an alliance with your worst enemy — the police.

And while the CP-YWILL commits class-treachery, what do those of you who call yourselves "Trotskyists" do? You defend them.

Why do you do it? Why do you try to make yourself believe what you know are lies?

Because if you question your leaders you know they'll kick you the hell out, and that terrifies you. It terrifies you because you NEED your "strong party leaders" to tell you what to do. You know that you've forgotten how to think. You have lost the strength that made you want to be a revolutionary in the first place, and now you need someone big and strong to give you the strength you've lost.

You share the ideology of the counterculture. The thing that differentiates you from the Lyman Families of America is that you still cling to your working-class cover — and you still have a bit of respect for ideas, which is why the Labor Committee scares you.

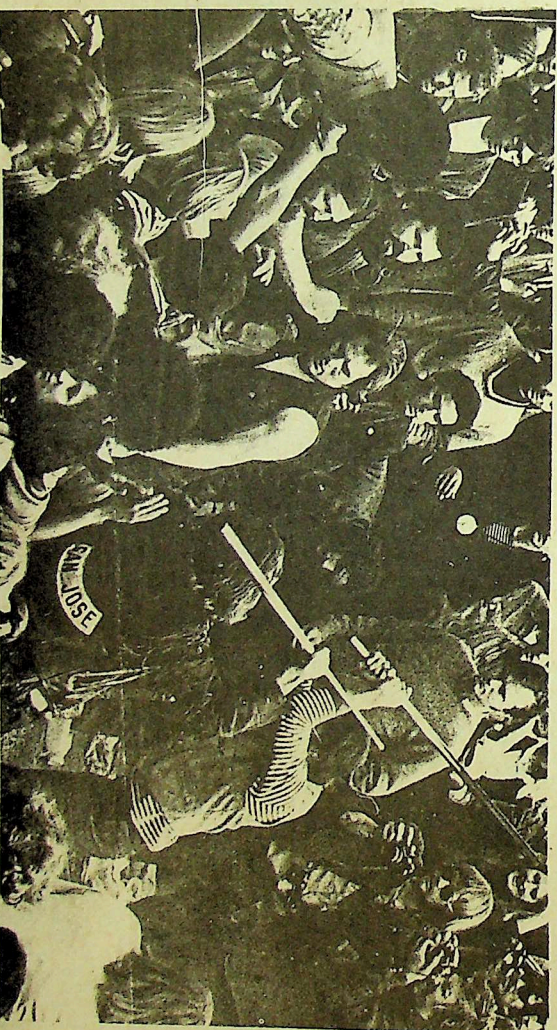
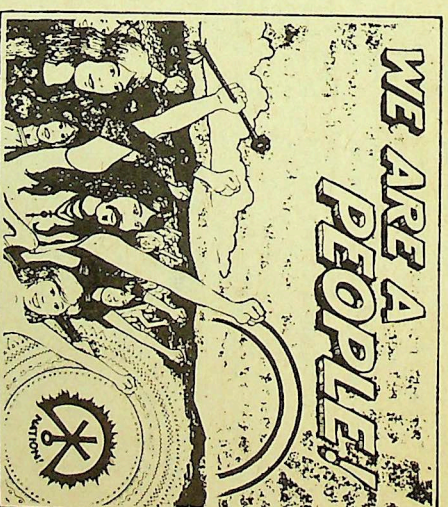
Now, your "big, strong" organizations are collapsing; they can't give you strength any more. Where will you go now? The Nazi SS recruited not only from the German counterculture but from Communist militants. Will you find the strength you once had, and join the only organization that is creating the organizers necessary to turn around the rot the working class is forced to wallow in? Or will you find someone else who will tell you what to do — your Mel Lyman, your Otto Strasser?

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JUST ONE BIG HAPPY PEOPLE: The Hell's Angels provide law and order storm-trooper style as counterculture nation gather at Altamont Concert.

Deluded Hartford UAW Rejects NU-WRO Aid

by K. Taylor

HARTFORD, Conn., May 4 — Picture this. You've been on strike for three weeks. The International's paying you benefits, but the company doesn't seem to be moving an inch, or even getting worried. It's getting a bit dismal on the picket line. Then one day some new faces appear to join the line — some students, welfare recipients, a teacher or two. They start talking about that feeling of futility you're trying to suppress and of a new method of struggle — uniting with the unemployed. What would you do? Call the cops, of course.

At least that's what the leaders of UAW Local 376 did when members of the Hartford chapter of the National Union employed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO) tried to support their strike. "We don't need your support, we don't want your support," snapped picket captain Joe Darby. As workers began to gather to hear what was happening, Darby moved to summon the nearby police. When the NU-WRO members arrived to join a mass picket line on April 30, they were met by the Red Squad, and herded to the opposite end of the street "to prevent a riot." Both a teacher and welfare recipient

were threatened with jail.

If it seems to you that the UAW officialdom is announcing its confidence a little too loudly to be convincing, you aren't too far off. Local 376 was forced out on strike by the Colt Firearms Division on April 8. Yet it still insists that the union is on the offensive. The men on the line are clinging desperately to the hope that they can do what every UAW local in the country is finding impossible — win a decent contract they can enforce. "If we stay out long enough, we can win," said one picket, pretending not to know the fate of strikers at Norwood, St. Louis and Lordstown.

The local's contract with Colt's Firearms Division in Hartford, West Hartford and Rocky Hill expired on Sunday, April 1. The union took a strike vote and received the international's sanction. The union and company then agreed to continue negotiations and keep the factories open, the union working day-to-day without a contract under an agreement that the company would not change the work rules, disciplinary procedures, etc., and that the union would not "hinder" work on Monday.

In a memo to all employees from Colt president D.C. Eaton, dated April 6, the

company claimed that it learned that the union leadership "had apparently told (its members) to hinder company operations by refusing to do a normal day's work and by refusing overtime.... Employees were told that the company expected them to comply, as usual, with normal work assignments and NECESSARY OVERTIME (emphasis added). A series of mass refusals to work the usual scheduled overtime began to hinder operations on Monday. It's obvious the employees were being told to turn down overtime — the union had broken their promise given on Sunday."

effectively render the union impotent. Colt is unperturbed by the shutdown. A company official glibly stated that "despite the fact that there is a strike in progress at our Firearms Division in Hartford, we do not expect it to have a material effect on our second quarter results." The reason should be obvious to any but the blind strikers. Sales at the Firearms Division comprise only seven per cent of the total sales of Colt Industries. What with the massive military base closings, end of the Vietnam war, and imminent economic collapse, the handwriting is on the wall for this aspect of Colt production. In addition, the relatively skilled workers at Colt are just too expensive. Colt's lease on its factories expires in two years, and it is an open secret that they have a plant in Korea with a docile, cheap labor force.

On Tuesday the company threatened the union with disciplinary layoffs for half the plant, and the union's 1500 men walked out. No contract negotiations whatsoever have subsequently taken place.

"NECESSARY OVERTIME"

The company's whining about "necessary overtime" and resulting disciplinary action was nothing more than sheer provocation to strike — a virtual lockout! The company has one intention: to break down and demoralize the union so that it — and not Colt — will crawl in negotiations and yield key concessions which will

Teachers Ask: 'Are Polemics Necessary?'

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principal. "This person wants to teach a class. Will you let her?" he says. The principal responds: "If she comes into the school I'll have her arrested for trespassing." Obediently, but now trembling, the teacher shrugs and follows his co-workers back into the school. Other teachers proceed to break up the crowd of students. The prison door slams shut.

NU-WRO organizers went to schools throughout the city this week to confront both teachers and students with the phony games they play each day in school, and to demand that both groups begin to educate themselves seriously for the first time. What was so horrifying to these teachers from Vare was not that a student movement was mobilizing against them; in fact, only four young girls had dared to ask questions at all. Each teacher was asking himself: "What would I do if my students really did stop playing this game with me? What if they refused to believe they had to accept the world as it is? I will be exposed as a blustering fool if they throw all my facts and education courses out the window."

DEFENDING THE GAME

Shunned by these questions, the Vare teachers planned to harass and isolate those among them who dared to break the rules of the game.

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The company has been escalating its attack against the union for months. Like their fellow capitalists throughout the

HARTFORD, Conn., May 7 — Three LC members were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct while leafletting at the UAW picket line here today. Without warning police officers acted on the orders of Lt. Antonucci and singled out Steve Parsons, Mary Gilbertson, and Jerry Belsky as the "troublemakers" among ten NU-WRO and NCLC members.

tion, Colt has been increasing layoffs and compulsory overtime to avoid paying extra benefits for a larger workforce. Seniority rights have also been steadily undermined. Senior members who have traditionally had the longest-running jobs were finding younger workers taking their places, especially those who have been "eroded" by the company. Work rules have been strictly enforced, with senior members getting fired after a few times of punching in a minute or two late.

The NU-WRO members were not too surprised at their reception by the Colt workers. They had run into the same sort of hysterical short-sightedness when they had called up other unionists in Hartford in an attempt to mobilize their support for the Colt strike. The Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 671 expressed what both the rest of the Hartford labor movement and the strikers themselves were thinking — "If the UAW needs this kind of support, they may as well fold up."

Look who's talking about folding up in face of the reality of unemployment and the capitalists' offensive. Not NU-WRO. We are offering you a different way to FIGHT, the only way to beat the many-legged monster which surrounds you. We will support you whether you join us or not. But when you're ready to face reality, don't "fold up" — join us.

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NU-WRO Frustrates Bankers' Garment Plans

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million garment workers, with their allies in the labor movement and their parents, children, sisters and brothers among the welfare-unemployed.

ROCKEFELLERS GAMBLE

The battle plan which David Rockefeller and friends set in motion May 1 was roughly the following: The converter shops, organized by District 65 Disruptive Workers of America, process and supply the fabric for the entire ladies garment industry. When the strike began, the supply stopped. The experience of the 1965 strike of textile converters had taught that within a week, chain-reaction layoffs would spread through the entire industry in New York. The laid-off cutters, rack-pushers, pressers and operators, would spit at the unhappy District 65 strikers, breathe a little self-pity to the guy at the next bench, and stumble home to collect unemployment, waiting to be called back at any wage and under any conditions. The new ILGWU contract, representing these non-District 65 workers, would become the only toilet paper cutters of al. could afford.

Many workers would not be called back to the plantation at all. They would go from unemployment to welfare and rot there until drafted by the WIN-Talmadge amendment or by Nelson Rockefeller's forced workfare to take their old job back from their old "buddy" at workfare wages of \$1.65 an hour.

This was David Rockefeller's plan. It backfired!

NU-WRO STEPS IN

Within three days from the strike's start, NU-WRO and New York Labor Committee organizers were on the scene, holding the first of series of daily lunch-hour rallies in the center of the world's largest garment district.

At the first rally, 25 workers, mostly black and Puerto Rican men from the lowest-paid trades, stepped forward to sign NU-WRO pledge cards demanding jobs for all at a \$150 minimum wage. On the second day, 60 came forward. By the third day, the District 65 strike was settled. NU-WRO was without a doubt a factor. In the face of the threat of a joint NU-WRO-New York Labor Committee organizing campaign among the super-exploited garment district workers, David Rockefeller chickened out! There might have been other factors in Rockefeller's decision to draw back, but it certainly wasn't the independent strength of the union. The demoralization on the picket lines indicated this.

A handful of slaves stood up, and the slavemaster covered. Instead of slinking home, the once quiet slaves of ILGWU President Shulberg's plantation gave notice at that first NU-WRO rally that they were human. The years of the ILGWU's and employers' fascist-like goon terror, the years of the Jew against the Italian, the black against the Puerto Rican, the presser against the rack-pusher threatened to vanish almost in a day. The mice of the little firetrap toffs, with their squabbles and fear threatened to become fighting men.

ENTER LIVINGSTON, CRAWLING

David Rockefeller backed down, and David Livingston, District 65 president, jumped in, ready as always to sell out the real struggle for a few pieces of silver granted HIS members. Rockefeller's only fear at the start was that real trick 65 should stand up and fight the real battle — to organize the rest of the garment center. He threw Livingston this challenge, and Livingston backed down. Now Livingston's textile shop workers, the house servants of the garment plantation — better-kept and better-fed to the point where they disdain the field niggers — will return to work, smug and contented until the employers launch their next attack. Smug and contented, they will not notice their former co-workers who have not returned to work to reap the benefits of the wonderful new contract. Smug and contented, they will not notice as the 200,000 non-District 65 workers in the

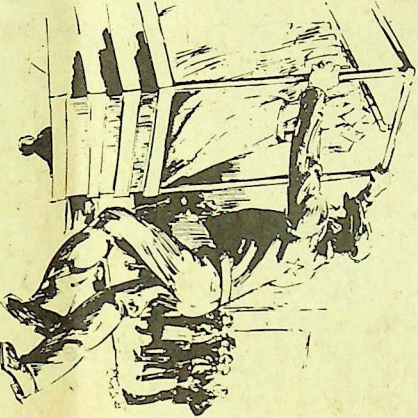
industry and then themselves are systematically reduced to beeging dogs, as employers threaten layoffs and wage cuts, bring the shops run away to the South, or bring the South to New York.

THE ORGANIZING WILL GO ON

So be it. No one ever expected more of David "Sweetheart" Livingston, the miserable trade-union hack masquerading as a progressive, whose repudiation in the garment district was built on a mutual non-aggression pact with David Dubinsky and Louis Shulberg, respective chieftains of the ILGWU over the past decades, and the real overseers of the plantation. To them, Livingston was never anything more than a "difficult" hired hand. A riding boss who took his job too seriously — a bit tough to handle at times, but deep down a faithful servant of the firm.

No one ever expected that David "Sweetheart" Livingston would make good on the promise he enunciates so eloquently at yearly union conventions in the Catskills, as a sort of tribute to his once-radical past: "Organize the unorganized." Least of all his own members. And especially not the workers in the recently organized shops who know that the strength of the union depends on just such a policy, but who would prefer to ignore it since "they're getting theirs," or so they pretend.

But the organizing will go on! The strike and the threat it raised before every



Why CPUSA Scabs on NU-WRO

May 4 — Leaders of a District 65 strike-rally today mobilized a 15-man defense guard against the New York Labor Committee and NU-WRO organizers who attempted to hand out a leaflet supporting the strike. The leaflet called for all workers and unemployed to support the strike by organizing themselves around demands for full employment and a \$150 minimum income.

As the union's defense guards attacked, they called Labor Committee members "cops and CIA agents," a byzantinism that has been circulated nationally for the past year and a half by the Communist Party of the USA to disrupt the Labor Committee and NU-WRO organizing. This latest in-

cident is yet another example of the CP's desperate attempts to line up behind Nixon, this time by providing the scab cover to cut short NU-WRO's support of the District 65 strike.

CP interference against NU-WRO reached its high point on March 31st at NU-WRO's founding convention in Philadelphia when a tiny CP-led picket line unsuccessfully attempted to provoke a race riot outside the convention. Earlier that week, CPers had toured the Philadelphia slums with a sound truck making the hysterical racist claims that the NCLC was in alliance with the Ku Klux Klan. In this effort, they joined with Ed Schwartz, a former CIA agent and avowed "national socialist."

This is one of the four plainclothes cops who paraded up and down outside the homes of Labor Committee organizers on Manhattan's Upper West Side on the night of May 2. This officer stood for several hours on the otherwise deserted corner of Amsterdam Avenue and West 121st Street outside the apartment of two leaders of the Labor Committee. From time to time he spoke ostentatiously into the walkie-talkie radio visible above in his right-hand pocket. On the same night three other plainclothes officers posed outside an apartment building at West End Avenue and 106th Street, where other Labor Committee organizers live.

These officers were not intending to arrest anyone that night. Their purpose was to continue the Federally-coordinated harassment and surveillance of leaders of the National Caucus of Labor Committees and the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization, harassment which has reached the point of frame-ups over the last six months in several cities. Recently the police have become particularly interested in protecting the Communist Party from the Labor Committees' Operation Mop Up. Al Schurr, an undercover police agent whom the New York Labor Committee recently discovered trying to infiltrate its ranks, told the NCLC that "Every police agency in the city wants to know what this Operation Mop Up is all about." (See New Solidarity, May 1, 1973.)

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and he knows it. For weeks he has tried to fool himself that when the time comes to be thrown back onto the scrapheap, he will be leaving Shulberg's plantation for something better. To be a musician or a gas station attendant. Anything but a rack-pusher. "I'm not really a rack-pusher."

The skilled male worker — the cutter or presser — knows that if he lives through forty years of fifty-hour weeks, speeding and intermittent layoffs, he can graduate to a life of ease as an ILG retiree on \$20 a week and free eyeglasses. The woman pieceworker, rightly called the "operator," knows that if she sews herself to exhaustion, eating lunch at her machine, or not eating at all, she will be rewarded by seeing the woman at the next machine thrown into unemployment or welfare before she is.

The garment center is a case study in fascist organization. It was not enough to divide every "trade" against all the others — pressers local against cutters local against operators local. It was not enough for the union to tolerate non-union shops down the block, like the notorious "cut-up shops" in which union officials have been involved. Within the trades themselves, the workers are pitted against one another by "race" or nationality. The operators have not one but three union locals: one for the Jews, a second for Italians, the third for Puerto Ricans. In every shop the same thing — trampling one another to do the most favors for the boss, to sleep with the boss, to turn out more dresses while selling fellow-workers down the road on piece-rate schedules. This is the way slaves and prisoners are organized by their masters. This is why the goons can handle anyone who gets out of line.

Now this system can be defeated. Over the past five years organizing, about ten workers were human enough to step forward, by name, to fight with the Labor Committees. In the first three days' rallies this week, 120 have signed up with NU-WRO. Now it is your turn, wherever you are, in New York City or elsewhere. Sign a NU-WRO card. Organize. The time is now.

In mid-March, New Solidarity warned the CP that if it dared to ally in this manner with Nixon and the capitalist class against NU-WRO, the Labor Committees would destroy the CP, finally and ruthlessly. Carrying out our promise, "Operation Mop-Up" was launched six days after the CP's open scabbing on the NU-WRO convention. "Operation Mop-Up" is now in full swing. CP members have been hospitalized, their meetings prevented, and their membership panicked. Nixon's police are now the sole prop of GUS Hall's crumbling empire, the only force willing to defend the CP from the Labor Committees. In a matter of weeks, the CP will be dead. Its reign of terror and betrayal against the U.S. working class will have finally reached an end.



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ference hall before the anxiety of these realities became unbearable and she cried out in agony to Jennette Washington. She had arrived at 9:30 A.M., or thereabouts. The air was crisp and cool, and she crawled, as students do, into the conference building in anticipation of the temporary warmth of professorial approval. She looked forward to the dignity of bur-ancauchs before her on a speaker's podium, and speeches on "voluntary action" which would elicit from her those very personal stories of "human experience" as a volunteer; she could no doubt add greatly to the conference in this way, she thought.

A DREAM SHA-TTERED

Inside the building, suddenly, there were people with signs "VOLUNTEER-SCAB ON YOUR OWN FUTURE." Someone shoved a leaflet toward her; she turned away, only to find this newspaper reaching out to her, and a voice behind it: "This is a scab conference. They want students to replace laid-off. . . ."

She rushed through the first set of doors, thinking to be quickly free of those unsettling intrusions. But leafleters seemed to be everywhere. People all around her were agitated, and the agitators wore small red "Chaitkin-for-Mayor" buttons, and were speaking to people in front and behind her. "Are you going to the volunteer conference?" they said. "It's a scab conference. . . ."

"Look at this as a whole," said Chaitkin to groups of students nearby. "Unemployment is skyrocketing. How can you people not see what this conference is for? There are no jobs anywhere. People are being laid off every day. But at the same time there is WORK-fare, WORK-release, WORK-therapy, WORK-study, and a hundred others. Jobs are disappearing for employed workers, but name an unemployed worker and there is a WORK-something program for them. Only one thing makes sense of that: one work: SCAB. . . SCAB. . . SCAB. Why do you think they want volunteers from. . . ."

April walked zombie-like toward the registration desk, where an extremely polite and refined woman took her name. She walked into the meeting hall, and took her seat near the back. For the next three hours, her expectations, her delusions, and her entire notion of her life began to be slowly undermined.

THE TAKE-OVER

The keynote address was supposed to have been given by John Gardner, the suave former secretary of HEW. He intended to explain the work of "Common Cause," his national "citizen action" group, which gadflies around connecting people like April to parliamentary politics—to what is dead—in order to make them feel they are more alive. That was to have been the keynote.

The real keynote was fortunately given by Tony Chaitkin. Of course, Gardner tried to speak. He failed in the face of

heckling and constant short speeches on the real issues, delivered by the working-class organizers between his every line. Gardner paused, stopped, lost his train of thought a dozen times or more. No one was listening to him—Labor Committee and NU-WRO organizers were debating, arguing in dozens of conversations around the hall: "They want to prepare students as scabs, that is what this conference is about. You do have an alternative. . . ."

Finally, embarrassed by Gardner's inability to cope, Queens College President Joseph Murphy intervened, pulling the shaken Gardner back from the microphone. Murphy, a former CIA operative who privately brags when drunk about all the people he arranged to murder in the good old days below the Tropic of Cancer, stepped to the microphone himself and said "The National Caucus of Labor Committees can have a speaker in the conference. Would they please appoint a spokesman?"

This is how it happened that the Labor Committee and the Volunteers gave the keynote speech at the Volunteers' conference, and went on to give the summation as well. After Chaitkin explained how students were allowing themselves to be turned into cannon fodder for depression-crazed capitalists, no student could avoid the issue. As April's hysteria showed, they had to confront the choice posed by NU-WRO: join in building a united front of students, unionists and unemployed to replace the government, or be recycled in the name of "humanism" and a few college credits. "You can't just 'go to college' any more.

The remaining speakers scheduled for the morning plenary did get to speak, but they had lost both their confidence and their audience. A spokesman for

John Lindsay tried to woo the now-confused students with visions of civic medals: what a wonderful job volunteers were doing in helping get welfare slave laborers to work! He was forced to cut his remarks short.

Mr. Herbert Cahoon, director of "volunteer" scab operations for students at Yale University, was all of a sudden measure of his point of view: "I don't know exactly," he muttered again and again. Civic leaders Elmer Guggenheimer and Douglas Kinsey, head of the National Center for Voluntary Action, could not seem to recall what they had planned to say; they muttered something about "two points of view" and sat down very quickly after they had begun.

THE CHOICE BECOMES CLEAR

The outrage expressed by April, that the class struggle could impinge on her own "private" charity and desire for a meaningful work-study "experience," did not dissipate at the end of the morning plenary. "How can you say this—get out of here!" was the response of student after student as the or she was confronted by NU-WRO and NCLC organizers in the afternoon's workshops or in the halls. But when the NU-WRO organizers would not leave, many students would not either; they felt compelled to listen.

Those students at Queens College, like students all over the country, are not quite ready to move. Their financial desperation, their lazy awareness of a social crisis, has softened them up for the capitalists' current attempt to form them into a strikebreaking force (also known as environmentalists, volunteers, and work-study students). But their hearts aren't in it yet. They can get upset, but still not mobilize themselves to throw

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have not forgotten his blundering during the recent monetary crises—but doing it is a tricky business. For one thing, who has the authority and the reputation to clean up the mess? Not Teddy "Chap-quadrick" Kennedy. Then there is the problem of the line of succession, otherwise known as the Agnew problem. Clearly it would take a broad "national unity" coalition, a united front of the bourgeoisie from Kennedy to Goldwater, to form a new government. And what if Nixon decides to fight back? There's plenty of dirt on Congressmen in those FBI files, and a berserk Nixon wouldn't hesitate to use it.

On the other hand, Nixon is practically useless as President. How can this petty tyrant, this weak-kneed gangster when every worker now knows for what he is, how can this nebish break a strike? impose a wage freeze? control inflation? If his term were practically over, they might ride it out, but four more years. . . .? The severity of the ruling class's predicament was dramatically illustrated in

one of last week's more remarkable incidences. On the same day that Nixon announced the resignation of Presidential aides Haldeman, Ehrlichman, and Dean—an action which ripped the guts out of the President's Bonapartist austerity apparatus—Congress passed a one-year extension of the Economic Stabilization Act empowering the President to set wage and price controls! After four months of whining about "excessive Presidential power" after thousands of moans and groans about the failure of Phase Three, Congress could think of nothing better than to pass the buck to this shattered strong-man. As it watches Congress run and hidle, the bourgeoisie knows it must create a new Bonapartist government or have virtually no government at all.

Columnist Anthony Lewis, darling of the liberals, has openly admitted as much. After breathing a sigh of relief that "The explosion of the Watergate scandal has saved America from the immediate threat of centralized Presidential power," Lewis took a quick look at the future and decided U.S. ability to hold the world capitalist

out those socialists who disturb their illusions. They are not scabs—not quite yet. That is why we must shake them now.

It was not only the NU-WRO members' exposure of Nixon's plans to recycle the work force at lower and lower wages which moved Queens students to begin to think. They saw their gods, the teachers, the "professionals" turn into raving idiots before their very eyes.

When confronted by a Labor Committee member about the role that volunteer and work-study labor would play in building a fascist movement, one workshop leader objected. If there had been a national volunteer network in Germany, he protested, there would have been no need for those horrible concentration camps at all! No—those goodhearted students, just minding their own career and carrying out their "humanism," would have VOLUNTEERED for slave labor instead!

As the conference came to a close, it became increasingly clear to the hundred students or so who stayed to the end that there is nothing "voluntary" about volunteerism at all. They are being driven by economic necessity to seek a "practical" education; the college tells them to get it by work-study; taking some municipal unionists' jobs. They are being pushed by the meaninglessness of their tireless jobs and courses to "volunteer" to help others; they are thrown against the very same poverty-stricken workers they thought they might help. As the fifty students who gave their names to NU-WRO agreed, there was only one decision they could make to escape the choices being offered to them by the capitalist class: to begin working with the welfare recipients. Trade unionists and NCLC members in NU-WRO,

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economy together was severely impaired. "What threatens America now is an enfeebled Presidency. . . . The authority of the President, which is to say the authority of the United States, will be gravely damaged," he concluded.

SEIZE THE TIME

The Watergate scandals mark the end of the first period of Bonapartist rule in the U.S. For the next few weeks, possibly the next few months, until the bourgeoisie gets up the courage to oust Nixon, or until a new monetary crisis, a major wildcat strike, or some other threat to continued capitalist stability forces its hand, they will continue to vacillate, to act indecisively, to pull their punches. The slave labor pilot projects will go on. The wage gouging and speedup will go on. Unemployment and prices will continue to rise. The depression will not go away. Nevertheless, new possibilities are opened up for the working class.

For it is in just such periods, when the ruling class is at its weakest, that it is possible for socialists, trade unionists, unorganized and unemployed to establish VERY RAPIDLY a fighting force capable of taking on the government. It is in just such a period that the working class will take state power several years hence, if the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization is strengthened now.

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NEW YORK, May 7 — Did you believe, along with Victor Gotbaum, head of AFSCME's District Council 37, that you could fight workfare by challenging its "constitutionality" in court—without the "outsiders" from the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO)?

Gotbaum's Slave-Labor Suit Flops

Last week, Justice Samuel J. Silverman ruled in New York State Supreme Court that workfare will go on. Justice Silverman didn't resort to legalistic cover-ups for his defense of Rockefeller's right to bust the municipal unions. He stated very bluntly that "the whole concept of work relief, by doing work for public agencies, would have no meaning if the work had to be of a kind that Civil Service employees do not do"—thus knocking out Gotbaum's attempt to stake out a turf for

government employees. He acknowledged "that one reason Civil Service employees are not employed in greater numbers is budgetary restrictions."

Justice Silverman also ruled that forced work for a welfare check does not constitute slave labor; welfare recipients always have an option—starvation.

So while 21,000 non-union "outsiders" are working off their welfare checks in New York City in jobs formerly held by Civil Service workers, Gotbaum's only feeble answer to NU-WRO's classwide organizing has collapsed. Will you now wait for his expected appeal to the Supreme Court to meet the same fate?

Are workers going to shrug their shoulders, as one DC 37 laborer did when a Labor Committee organizer pointed out that "Gotbaum is on Lind-

say's side. He's only going to make a law suit—no really fight workfare?"

"That's true. We know that. But what can you do?" was the laborer's demoralized response.

YOU don't have to shrug your shoulders while Gotbaum and Lindsay offer your job and your union in sacrifice to the gods of "productivity" and "budgetary restrictions." You can join the NCLC and NU-WRO in the current campaign to force every DC 37 local to discuss the urgent question of classwide organizing as the only means of defense against workfare. NU-WRO is sending letters to the presidents of all DC 37 locals asking them to place this discussion on their meeting agendas. You can begin to fight RIGHT NOW by joining us in leading the DC 37 membership to join with NU-WRO in really fighting workfare.

Cab Drivers Are Hustling to Self-Destruction

by Susan Warner

You don't believe us when New Solidarity thrusts the existence of the deepening depression on you; when we demand that you look at the ghetto and see your future and your children's future. You don't believe us because you hide behind a cushion of time — tomorrow, next week, anything but today.

Look out onto Madison Avenue, Woodward or Market Street TODAY. Look at those yellow taxi cabs and the shuffling human beings driving them. That is the depression.

CABBIES OR COOLIES?

When you see a yellow cab driver today, do you think you see a trade unionist? A worker struggling for a decent standard of living? Wrong. You are only looking at the taxi driver's illusion of himself. You are looking at your own illusion of yourself. Deteriorating conditions and vicious piece rates have made cab drivers nothing more than coolies. By scurrying like mice for a fare and by hustling a fellow driver out of a passenger, the taxi driver accepts the degraded conditions of a coolie. By refusing to fight for an alternative to those conditions, the cab driver accepts his role as coolie. Depression conditions hit cab drivers first and from two sides. Inflation-shaken incomes force a decline in business as fewer people can afford cabs. And job security in the taxi industry (which is a half-way house between employment and unemployment) is buffeted as throngs of unemployed workers clamor for any job under any conditions at almost any wage. These forces have transformed the Taxi Drivers Union Local 3036 in New York City from its former pitiful approximation of a workers' defense organization to nothing more than a police apparatus for the owners.

Besides the degradation of this near-socially useless job, cab drivers are now "denuded" by an organization which has set up a cop Motor Corps to turnh unproductive drivers, which has started through-union hacks that it cannot defend anyone who comes in with 20 or 30 per cent below the "average" bookings, and which is now pushing to restrict union membership to only drivers who are acceptable, that is, desperate enough. New drivers are funneled in at a commission of 6 per cent less than drivers with several

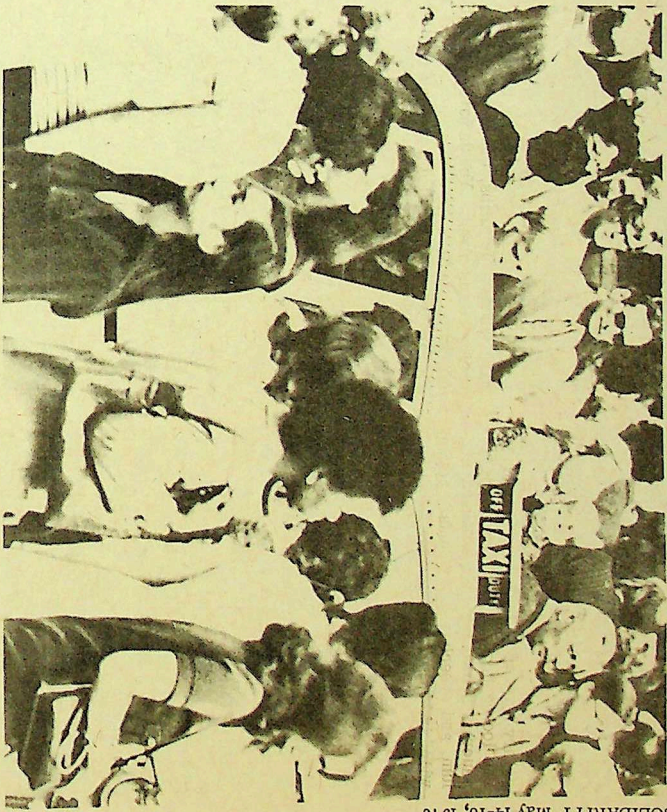
years seniority. Not only does this drive down wage levels, but it allows the union hacks and the owners to pit new, younger drivers against older workers. And to insure that these new drivers maintain a profitable "average" some employers are demanding a thirty day probationary period in which to weed out "unproductive drivers."

And how do cab drivers think they can fight this dehumanizing speedup and recycling? Do they link up with the unemployed layers and the unorganized cab drivers (eyptsies) which are thrown against them? No, after refusing to support the building of the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO), the Taxi Rank and File Caucus (TRFC) is now jumping head first into its grave. It is considering, among other idiocies, a drive to municipalize the taxi industry. The TRFC would prefer Smiling John Lindsay and his band of speedup experts to the current owners. Harry Van Arsdale, president of the local and arch-enemy of the TRFC has already sensed the air of decay surrounding the caucus. At the April 11 annual meeting of the local, which was highlighted last year by Harry's goons throwing chairs at the caucus, Van Arsdale solicitously quieted the audience and gave the TRFC a full half-hour to speak. Can a militant caucus sink any lower?

The trade-union alternative, militant or otherwise, is dead, yet cab drivers are not flocking into the only other political alternative. What stops cabbies from taking up the fight of the unemployed, the unorganized and of NU-WRO? What keeps them plodding along through those ten and fourteen hour days in jobs in which draft horses are treated better?

The desperate illusion of the \$1000 ride to Tennessee keeps cabbies trapped in their coolie-like conditions. Every taxi driver has his version of TOMORROW'S \$1000 fare to Nashville or Bangor, Maine. And that pathetic dream gets him through each wretched day. Or he plays garage roulette. He keeps searching for the perfect or near-perfect garage — no hot seats, no speedup push, new cars. He ignores the reality which screams that no garage will alleviate the rat-like madness of declining passengers and increasing cabs.

The most prevalent form of madness in New York City is "if only we got rid



The individual taxicab driver has become a piecework anarchist fighting for his own neck in the swarm.

of the eyptsies.* Organized licensed drivers in this city mystically assume that the underpaid ghetto drivers are their enemy. That way they can ignore the real battle — allying with those very drivers now, to join combat organizations which can fight speedup, and the inhuman conditions of the taxi industry.

Just as pitiful are the young drivers who still whimper, "I'm not really a cabbie, someday soon I will make a movie, go back to school, get a good job in a factory." And they close their eyes to the capitalist onslaught against productive jobs and education.

How long will you cling to your \$1000 ride? How long will you locate your sense of self in your knowledge of a wretched Brooklyn alley? As long as you clutch those miserable illusions you cannot fight speedup or Van Arsdale or disappearing jobs. But when you locate yourself in the struggle for a decent living for everyone, when you join in the struggles of the unemployed and the unorganized — then we can fight.

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These plans to recycle the Puerto Rican labor force to match the Brazilian military dictatorship's cost-cutting are the policies that Yanqui imperialism has in store for the entire human race in the 1970's. The Puerto Rican government is carrying these plans out under the guise of radical sounding propaganda.

So it is not a coincidence that "disfranchised" demographers, in conjunction with the Island's Secretary of Health have stepped up the Negative Population Growth movement by propagandizing in newspapers and universities, and by giving economic incentives to couples who "decide" to postpone their marriages. Such couples also receive priority in obtaining public housing. At the inauguration of a birth-control pill factory last February, Teodoro "Operation Bootstrap" Moscoso, Secretary of Industrial Promotion, told workers: "You are the immediate solution to our population problem. We have to learn to produce instead of reproducing ourselves." After all, how can costs be cut if the working-class population continues to grow?

WHAT IS THE PSP DOING?

Does the PSP know we are in the midst of the Second Great Depression? Has the PSP decided that we are on the threshold of massive radicalization of the working class? Seeing the economic chaos both in the U.S.A. and on the island, they must

know that the Depression is here. Seeing the explosive growth in their own membership, they must know that the masses are already beginning to seek radical, revolutionary solutions. Until these important conclusions become the conscious basis for the practical political activities of the PSP, the Labor Committee will continue its critical policy toward the PSP, a policy that Claridad misunderstands as "opportunistic."

The PSP leadership must know that we take their Party very seriously. For us, this Party is not a picturesque, colorful outsider that should be patted on the back and then be ignored as if it didn't exist. This has been the unfortunate attitude with which the CPUSA had treated the PSP and the Puerto Rican movement generally.

The reality is otherwise. The PSP, today, apart from its strength in Puerto Rico, is the only serious grouping of socialist pro-working-class organizers in the U.S.A. outside the Labor Committee. In this sense, the PSP is not an outsider for us, but a fraternal organization whose alliance in struggle we seek, and whose mistakes we attempt to remedy. The PSP must not run away from the fact that it is a serious force for the socialist transformation of the U.S.A. It must accept this responsibility, and it must model its strategies both on the island and in the U.S.A. on the basis of this responsibility. The PSP so far, lacking a serious commitment toward the revolution on the mainland, has committed a series of

blunders in Puerto Rico and has failed to expose the pseudo-radical, "anti-monopoly" ramblings of Governor Hernandez.

Although some members of the PSP political bureau have openly criticized the PPD's "anti-inflation" program, the trade-union faction within PSP, dazzled and captivated by the apparent success of MOCU, has forced the party into bed with Nixon's Phase Three enforcement bodies. The PSP has been willing to join local town committees established to police Hernandez' "anti-inflation" regulations.

An even more flamboyant gesture of PSP's willingness to accept joint responsibility with the colonial authorities for the solution of Puerto Rico's food problem was given directly by Juan Mari Bras, the Party's General Secretary. The PSP leader told the Governor: "... the short term solution to the problem of rice and other basic food products lies 50 per cent in the hands of Hernandez Colon and 50 per cent lies with PSP." If only Hernandez would persuade the Great White Father in Washington to give Puerto Rico special dispensation from some protectionist legislation, the PSP would persuade friendly socialist countries to send over cheap food products.

The "practical politician" in Mari Bras must have imagined that Salvation Army food shipments from socialist countries would win friends for "socialism" and for the PSP in the same way that the Washington, D.C. postmarks on welfare checks lead thousands of Puerto

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Ricans to view the U.S. government as their benefactor.

But is this a way to organize for revolution?

Is surrendering to the backwardness of the trade-union faction a way to organize for revolution? True, the PSP has solved the problem of attracting Trade-union militants. But has it solved the problem of making socialist organizers out of these militants? As long as this is not done the Party will be condemned to seek "short term" solutions, in the words of Mari Bras.

TOWARD MAINLAND ORGANIZING

And this problem will not even begin to be solved, until the PSP begins to seriously orient its activities on the mainland toward organizing the revolution here in the U.S.A. Only this kind of serious policy will convince radical organizers on the island that the fight is not just for "short term" solutions, not just for getting a piece of the action in the petty parliamentary politics of San Juan.

Who can believe that an "independent" Puerto Rico is not a joke as long as the brutal might of capitalism on the mainland remains unchallenged by those who, like the PSP, have the resources to challenge it — and to challenge it immediately by getting into the fight against the slave-labor schemes of the Nixon administration advanced jointly by HEW officials, poverty pimps and the CPUSA?

Liberal College Attacks NU-WRO Organizing; Expels Lers

by J. Victor

On May 1, Labor Committee members John Sigerson and Kevin Coogan were effectively expelled from Sarah Lawrence College, following a kangaroo-court hearing of a hastily-called ad hoc student-faculty-administration committee. At the mock hearing, which the two LC members refused to attend, nine students allegedly accused the two of "verbal abuse and harassment... directed exclusively against black students and most often against black women," including "racial slurs and verbal sexual insults."

Coogan and Sigerson were never informed either before or after the hearing of the specifics of these outrageous racial-baiting charges. However, rumors picked up on this small campus in Bronxville, New York indicate the train of lies and distortions which must have gone into their fabrication.

These rumors included the claim that five alleged pipe-welding LC goons entered the black students' house on the night of April 26, and that the LC planned to bomb the same house on the night of May 1 after the suspension decision. Others include wild sexual distortions of political conversations between Lers and students.

As was reported in last week's New Solidarity, the suspension was obviously an effort by the administration and anti-LC students and faculty to halt the NU-WRO organizing which was just gaining momentum on the campus. Yet any number of equally phony charges could have

Stung by NU-WRO Organizers, Students Begin to Wake Up

by Mark Sonnenblick

"You're antagonizing everybody!" complained a student leader at Hostos Community College in the Bronx, New York to Labor Committee organizers distributing a leaflet entitled, "Will You Scab on the Unemployed? Will You Scab on Your Future?" The whole school is in an uproar. You've alienated the people who agree with you," moaned the Student Government president.

Reactions like this have become commonplace on campuses around the country as Lers press the two-pronged drive to build the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO) and destroy the Communist Party that stands in its way. Student sympathizers and playpen leftists become apologetic as Operation Mop Up convinces them that NU-WRO is for keeps and not just a Sunday School exercise in "doing good for others."

But at Hostos, the fury was mixed with shame. The leaflet, which was distributed with an LC leaflet group pressent, explained to Hostos students how they had been used the week before: "They got convinced by a couple of CP lackeys that Hostos was their turf and they kicked organizers for NU-WRO and the NCLC off the campus. They got suckered into the CP's attack on the only organizing of the

been fabricated in order to throw out the LC. How is it that the cry of 'racism!' was found so easy for even many LC sympathizers to swallow?"

Readers of New Solidarity will have already noticed how similar the above charges are to those used by the Communist Party USA as normal operating procedure in their hysterical defense against the NCLC's Operation Mop-Up. This is more than a coincidence: at least one known CP sympathizer on the campus supplied the information and many of its student dupes with this cover tactic. In fact, parts of the written decision to suspend the two LC members could have been lifted directly from any recent issue of the Daily World.

The CP has made Sarah Lawrence president Charles DeCarlo's job a lot easier. Formerly an IBM executive, DeCarlo was originally brought to the college solely to raise funds and snarely convince terrified students and faculty to remain passive in the face of enlarged classes, higher tuition and less funding.

When LC organizing threatened to open up political discussions about the real reasons behind austerity at Sarah Lawrence, DeCarlo threatened Coogan and Sigerson in private that he was willing to risk the time-honored "liberal" reputation of the college for the sake of a few more pennies from peace-loving patrons. Two days later, he intervened personally to prevent political discussion between a black student and NCLC members, throwing the latter off the college grounds with no explanation.

unemployed going on in the country...

"At a NU-WRO organizing forum in March, a serious welfare organizer came to show students how to unite with outside layers and fight Nixon's Phase Three attack on students, workers and unemployed. The CP's hacks on campus, Jerry Meyers and Peter Roman, did everything in their power to disrupt the forum by whining, forget about Nixon, forget about slave labor and budget cuts, forget about outsiders: just hustle for our own miserable existence as a Hostos student..."

"The students who kicked organizers of the unemployed off campus were going along with that swinish mentality. They were just as bad as the Canarsie parents who don't want those outsiders, those black children, on their turf."

Almost all Hostos students are working-class blacks and Puerto Ricans, and they didn't like being told they'd been made fools of. If got under their skin that Roman and Meyers treated them like "boys" and some had fallen for it. So the local Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) organizer blasted the leaflet for its "lack of respect"; another student leader threatened a lawsuit.

Labor Committee Directory

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Students with little or no knowledge of Operation Mop-Up found the blanket charge of racism to be the best way to soothe their uneasiness about the growing awareness of NU-WRO as part of the only nationwide organizing going on in this country. A petition denouncing the two suspended LC members as "racists" was circulated and signed indiscriminately.

But since no student is a friend of "the administration," many have since rationalized: "Yes, these racists should be booted off campus, but I wish it had been some other way."

The hysteria reached a peak among the "uneasiest" group on the campus: black students, mostly on scholarship, who have for some time been special tools of DeCarlo in his plan to "manage" Sarah Lawrence into the depression.

One of DeCarlo's favorite tricks is to tell teachers to take pay cuts or else face the guilt of cutting off scholarships to black students; he then turns around to tell black students to take less scholarship funds if they value their education. A two-bit pro at capitalist divide-and-conquer tactics, he creates hostility between black and white students by approving slightly larger budgets for all "black" activities.

The college trains black students well for their future roles as managers of slave-labor. No matter what job they aspire to now, as the depression deepens, these professional or semi-professional slots will cease to exist, leaving only one option open to "enterprising," "socially conscious" black students: finally saying that your Marxism isn't the same as the stuff Professor Meyers teaches?"

The difference between NU-WRO's flesh-and-blood organizing and the reassuring revolutionary posturing of CP pros Meyers and Roman started to come out. "Jose," a veteran and tenant organizer studying math brought up something that's troubled him a long time: Last year, when 23 Hostos professors — including most of the outspoken ones — were fired, "revolutionary" Meyers and Roman went into hiding. They saved their necks by letting the others get axed.

"If Meyers is so spineless as to let his own kind get screwed," Jose explained, "I can't trust him an inch in the ghetto struggle. All this bullshit about supporting Angela Davis — that's just his cop out from supporting the struggle here."

The big question in the minds of potential revolutionary organizers like Jose is what makes NU-WRO and the NCLC different from these guys. Jose himself has organized "Salvation Army" operations to help slum dwellers fix up a house, and he knows that this method doesn't accomplish anything. But he's afraid that if he goes back to the streets saying, as he puts it, "we can't do anything until the working class takes over," no one will listen to him.

Jose really let the cat out of the bag,

flouring as administrators of a coming fascist "human recycling" apparatus.

They hate DeCarlo and his administration, but know they can't get along without him. They cling to their "nothing" "Black Students' Association," attempting to preserve a shred of respectability, hiding the knowledge that their days on campus are numbered until all scholarships dry up.

Small wonder why proposals for the unity of black and white students, welfare victims, unemployed and underemployed workers and trade unionists to prepare a successful fight against this miserable prospect provoked such hysterical indignity to let some black students be goaded by DeCarlo and the Communist Party's secret hacks into demanding the expulsion of LC members from the college. "We just want to be left alone," complained some to the administration, saying in effect: "Let us die in peace!"

This is the ignominious end of liberalism at Sarah Lawrence College, a college known for its "unconventional" approach to education. Gone are the times when, in 1965, SDS co-chairwoman Susan Parmacek — now a member of the NCLC — and Tom Helstein organized a march of hundreds of Sarah Lawrence students and faculty through the center of Bronxville in support of striking black Lawrence Hospital workers, and received only a mild scolding from the administration for their strike-support work. Working-class organizing is now a deadly-serious matter, as more and more colleges where the NCLC is active are realizing.

however, when he said, "Einstein was like you, a socialist. But he didn't do shit for my people." He won't admit it but when Jose talks about Einstein, he's really talking about a part of himself. Although he wants to become a mathematician, Jose thinks using his brains is a cop-out, because his "brany" teachers have copped out of the class struggle. So he'd rather clown around cozy Hostos posing as a "man of the people" than use his intelligence to become a working-class leader.

Do you think Jose is closer to joining NU-WRO after being talked to so "disrespectfully"? Or do you think he'll help Roman and Meyers the next time they try to throw the Labor Committee "outsiders" off campus?

The answer's simple: Jose, and students like him, don't like being told they're screwing up. But they like being treated like children even less. Amos knows we mean it when we say he can be organized into NU-WRO and become a revolutionary, that he can become human.

As for lackeys Meyers and Roman — they stayed indoors to avoid the action. Following CP national policy, they tried to get the college administration to call the cops, but were vetoed by the same student leader who ranted about how the Labor Committee antagonized and alienated everyone. He too wants to be organized.

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The CP's Short Memory

Free Speech at Columbia U? Since When?

by J. Fiske

•Their tactics seem so calculated to alienate anyone with the smallest sliver of belief in human freedom that we can almost appreciate the Communist Party's contention that these people must be government agents determined to destroy the CP and the left...

•How can anyone take seriously a group which makes statements such as 'Anyone who crosses class lines will be deprived of free speech'...?'

The Columbia SPECTATOR Editorial, April 25, 1973

How profound the ringing words of the Columbia University newspaper seem, hastily written though they were. Why, before the ink had dried the CP's Daily World reprinted them for the whole wide progressive world to see. Look who's defending us! Columbia is listening to us! The scholars care about us!

Magestic Columbia. The scholars. What in fact had happened? As a result of Mop Up operations on the Columbia campus, the university administration heaped the NCLC from using the student union building and all its facilities. The Labor Committee's status as a campus organization is presently "under review," with a good chance that Labor Committee and NU-WHO organizers will be barred from the campus.

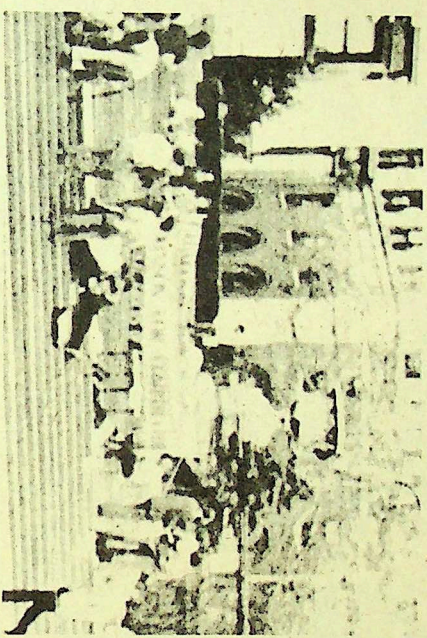
Stunlord Columbia, bastion of human freedom, had started a Labor Committee purge — and the CP celebrated, Columbia supports civil liberties, they beamed. How sickening it is to learn that for the last forty years Columbia has constantly used this "free speech" line to attack the left, and the CP itself has been unceremoniously persecuted and purged by successive Columbia administrators. That's the true story about Columbia and civil liberties.

But where else could the CP turn for aid against the Labor Committee — except to their anti-Communist allies, the scholars, these guardians of free speech? These "communists" love being victimized. They even worship the master's whips.

FIGHTING THE STRIKE WAVE

It was in 1932, at the height of the depression, that the communists on the Columbia campus first made their presence felt, through the Social Problems Club. And it was in the spring of that year that the administration decided to try to put a brake on the spreading campus radicalism, by expelling the editor of the Columbia Spectator, Reed Harris.

In the winter of 1933, when a controversial speaker was invited on campus amidst arched eyebrows and rising protests, no less a figure than Columbia University President Nicholas Murray Butler rose to the guest lecturer's defense. "Columbia University has been for more than a century and three quarters a home and center of freedom," he said. "It does not ask what a man's opinions may be but only whether he is intelligent, honest, and well-mannered in his presentation and discussion." The beleaguered



Labor Committee members sell literature on Low Library steps on day after Columbia Mopping-Up operation (Columbia SPECTATOR photo).

speaker? Hans Luther, the Ambassador from Nazi Germany. While a thousand students recruited from around the city by the NSL leafleted outside Horace Mann auditorium, Hans Luther gave an "intelligent, honest, and well-mannered" exposition on the Nazi state as the true will of the German people. Thus did Columbia University make its big splash in the Free Speech Movement.

It was short-lived. In May of 1934, Harry Mill, a leading organizer for the Columbia Emergency Employees, a union of Civil Works Service workers at Teachers' College, was fired for trying to put up union posters in the Administration building.

Throughout the depression, the bind that held the radical movement together at Columbia was, believe it or not, the Daily Spectator. In those days, the editorial board of the paper was dominated by members of the CP youth group, the Young Communist League (YCL), who guided the paper far to the left of Reed Harris. News of mass strikes filled the paper's lead pages; editorials called for student solidarity with workers, and blasted Roosevelt's early New Deal fakery.

THE SPECTATOR STRIKES

It got to be more than the Columbia administration could take. In April of 1935, the administration provoked the Spectator staff into a strike by demanding a new constitution taking supreme editorial power away from the student editors. The strike never spread beyond the Spectator staff: the YCLers, who had begun their rightward shift into Roosevelt's anti-monopoly coalition, made no attempt to enlist the support of the student body as a whole.

A few weeks after the Spectator walked out, the administration added insult to injury; it banned the use of the Low Library steps for rallies related to the annual anti-war strike. The student strikers conceded gracefully — and Columbia's left entered into its ebb. The CP made peace with the Columbia administration, just as it had made peace with Roosevelt.

NAZIS AGAIN

The following Spring another administration-student confrontation threatened to explode onorningside Heights. Again the issue was Columbia's flirtation with fascism. When the administration accepted an invitation to participate in the Heidelberg cultural and academic festival, pro-

tests spread from the administration building to President Butler's home. Bob Burke, one of the leaders of the protests, was expelled some days later for allegedly shouting obscenities at Butler's doorstep. Burke's expulsion ignited a series of rallies and demonstrations; strike talk was in the air. Butler dissipated it by announcing a "new policy" on campus unrest. Student rioters were from now on to be liable to arrest; if necessary, the police would be brought on campus. The strike never came off. And Columbia University

had no need to make good on that threat until thirty-two years later, when the ebb began in 1935 was checked by the Labor Committee-led Columbia student strike of 1968.

The CP's self-imposed muzzle during World War II made the period 1937-48 a relatively quiet one for Columbia. But once the war was ended and witch-hunts started up, the trustees of Columbia jumped right into the parade. As conscious as any agents of capital of the threat of post-war working-class ferment, they "did their part" and renewed their attack on the free speech of Communists at Columbia.

MUZZLING HOWARD FAST

In 1948, CPer Howard Fast was invited to speak on campus by the Young Progressives, a left-liberal student group. The administration barred Fast, on the grounds that he was then under investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee for alleged subversive activities. The officials insisted that once Fast was out from under this cloud of suspicion, the University would be happy to welcome him. Fast was never convicted of anything, but when he was re-invited in 1950, the administration's response was still "no." President Grayson Kirk layed it on the line: "The university is not obligated to approve any speaker... whose record creates honest doubt that his presence would contribute to an objective examination of issues of public importance."

The Fast case was just one more thrust in Columbia's already-mounding Red-purge campaign. The year before, two socialist groups, the Marxist Society and the Progressive Students of Columbia were suspended on technical grounds — the Marxist Society, for example, was thrown off campus for meeting in a classroom without getting prior approval from the Student Activities Board! Also in 1949, Columbia joined NYU in banning a Conference on Democracy in Education, organized by various CP campus groups. Again, a "non-political" excuse was given.

WORKING FOR MCCARTHY

By 1950, however, Columbia's Red-chasers were ready to drop the "technicalities" charade. In December of that year, the Labor Youth League (LYL) was banned from campus because of "its affiliation with its parent subversive group" — the Communist Party. The purge of the LYL silenced any CPers remaining in the student body.

With the students effectively sanitized, Kirk and Co. next went after the "subversives" on the faculty. In March of 1952, the Board of Trustees declared that it "will not countenance the presence of an avowed Communist on its teaching staff." In a strenuous exercise in Newspeak, the Board asserted its belief in "academic freedom" in the abstract; practically, however, this does not mean "the license to attack our basic freedoms..." The trustees do not know of any repression of ideas and OPINIONS WHICH ARE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE UNIVERSITY." It was official. Communism was not in the best interests of Columbia University.

In January of the following year, Senator Joe McCarthy announced that he was considering extending his witch-hunt to the campuses, and that, if he did, Columbia would be one of his first choices. Grayson Kirk just couldn't wait, he said he'd "welcome" such a probe, and that he'd fire any faculty member proven to be an "active Communist." This not-so-subtle hint to CP-faculty to de-activate was followed up with a sacrificial lamb: on April 1, 1953, anthropologist Dr. Gene Weltfish was fired after she refused to testify before HUAC. McCarthy got what he wanted without even setting foot on campus. Columbia shelved its "great liberal tradition" and policed itself.

THE 1968 EXPLOSION

During the 1965-68 period which saw the student movement at Columbia come to life once again, the left had to deal once more with the university's phoney "free speech" rhetoric. In fact it was the success of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) chapter at Columbia in exposing the hypocrisy of the administration's notion of a "value free" campus that laid the basis for the Labor Committee-led mass uprising in April, 1968.

During 1965-67, the SDS-led national student movement tried to mobilize support for its anti-Vietnam war campaign by attempting to throw recruiters for the CIA, Marines, and war-related companies like Dow Chemical off college campuses. At Columbia, President Kirk fought this tactic by opposing such "senseless violence" and by claiming that the university was "value free" and should be open to all points of view. SDS was able to demonstrate just where Kirk's values came in when it discovered that he was, along with David Rockefeller, the head of a Pentagon-corporation think-tank — the Institute for Defense Analysis.

By April of 1968, Columbia had another attempt at unionization by low-paid black and Puerto-Rican cafeteria workers, thrown thousands of area tenants out of its now-vacated slums, and started building a new gym for its students alone in Harlem's one park. Only because Kirk and his "free speech" cover had been so totally exposed, and only because the newly created SDS Labor Committee had just become the hegemonic left tendency in Columbia SDS, did the Columbia student strike of April-May 1968 take place at all.

IN THE MASTERS' BED

This is the sordid history of civil liberties at Columbia. It is into this bed that the CP has crawled. Viciously victimized by witchhunts in the past, the CP now volunteers its services as auxiliary campus cops. As they beg for protection from Columbia and other college administrations, crying about Mop Up, they are providing a rationale for purges of all socialist organizers.

The CP is providing a left cover for the rapid rightward shift on Columbia and other campuses. It is the Communist Party alone that certifies the credentials of these "civil libertarians," for their anti-communist record is plain enough.

If we did not destroy the scabbing Communist Party, they would be crushed by their own desire to be loved.

FREE SPEECH FOR FASCISTS
Columbia University was beginning to get a reputation for being uncivil and illiberal; however, it sought to make amends

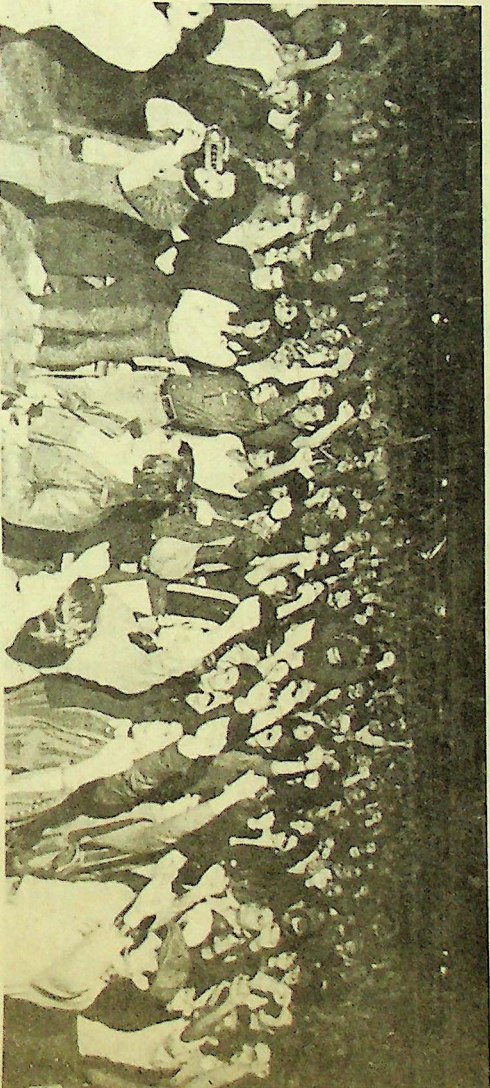
Will PSP Get Serious?

by Ivan Gutierrez del Arroyo

The collapse of the world capitalist system swept over Puerto Rico early this year with a tidal wave of rising prices that still continues to mount. The massive collapse of productive investments is generating massive unemployment that is becoming unbearable even for Puerto Ricans who for years have been compelled to accept high unemployment rates. "Operation Bootstrap," Yanqui imperialism's runaway-shop strategy for Puerto Rico, has collapsed. With all the generous incentives that are provided to attract U.S. corporations to exploit cheap Puerto Rican labor, only about four thousand jobs were created in the 1971-72 fiscal year.

SPEEDUP AND ZERO GROWTH IN PUERTO RICO

When Rafael "Anti-Monopoly" Hernandez Colon was elected Governor of the island last November, he was confronted with the international capitalist task of slashing the miserable living standards of the Puerto Rican people. But the Meany-type union bureaucrats who had served him so well in the elections were powerless to force the radicalized working class to tighten its belt. A growing responsiveness of workers to the United Workers' Movement (MUO), led by the Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) had occurred. Furthermore, PSP organizers in labor unions, community groups, the student movement and in unemployed and ecology groups were all on the move.



PSP's first congress in the U.S.: "national liberation" vs. building working-class government in the U.S. and Puerto Rico during this decade.

Hernandez Colon and his Popular Democratic Party Government, faced with a crumbling economy and a radicalized population, knew well that they could not govern the island without a massive, radical-sounding propaganda effort that would sell his "progressive" objectives to the population.

Governor Hernandez' "anti-monopoly" measures, aimed — like Manhattan Congressman Herman Badillo's rhetoric — at

international capitalist class will repeat the "runaway" process again. Only this time running away FROM Puerto Rico. Therefore, the government is against raising the minimum wage level, which is pegged way below the average minimum wage prevailing on the mainland. Fully 82 per cent of the entire labor force in Puerto Rico is paid less than \$1.50 an hour.

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NU-WRO Organizers Bust Up Scabherders' Day on Campus

by M.B. Elliott

NEW YORK CITY, May 5—A young woman seated toward the back of the hall suddenly screamed out in the middle of a speech by national unemployed leader Jennifer Washington. "I can't stand you people," she was finally crying after three hours of intense silence. "I am sincere, I am. I'm trying to be sincere. I will be a volunteer, I don't care what you say." She half sobbed, "What are you saying? You have no right. What can you be trying to... you have no right... you...". The young woman collapsed back into her seat tearful, convulsive, and perhaps doubly shocked by the heated emotion which attached itself to her own words.

"Well now, I see we've gotten to somebody at least." Thus Washington responded to the young hysterical, and explained her to herself. "You want to be a volunteer, honey? That's cool. But I'm just telling you what's going down... you do the rest... We've got slave-labor in welfare... speed-up for workers... they come in and offer us 'community

control' of our rats and roaches... and everyone's supposed to go out and scab. Some folks volunteer, other folks..."

WHAT BROUGHT THEM THERE

The young woman seated toward the back (her name was April) would not be sleeping well that night. As a concerned student, she had come to the much publicized conference on "Student Volunteerism: The Coming of Age," at Queens College, Saturday, May 5. Perhaps she had responded to one of the full-page ads in the New York Times, or had come upon the conference in some other way simply because she felt so strongly about doing some good in her life—a desire for humanity so cynically exploited by the capitalist and government-connected organizers of the "volunteer movement" and this kind of "volunteer" conference. Just as likely she had been assigned to come by her professors—and promised some credit for her time—as were nearly half the 500 students and seasoned volunteer activists present.

In any case, April did not know that

her path was about to be crossed by the juggernaut of a major working class organizing drive, launched by the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization in Philadelphia on March 31. She did not know, or hid from herself, the circumstances surrounding the conference. The conference she walked into was perhaps the only government-backed anti-working class activity going on as scheduled anywhere in the country during these weeks of the Watergate destruction of all but the last shreds of political credibility had by the capitalist class.

She did not know the conference was designed to sell "volunteerism" as a scab-labor form of "education" among students, to recruit the administrators, the co-ordinators, the staffs—the scab HERDERS—for campus "work-study" schemes. The National Center for Voluntary Action, the Rand Corporation, and Queens College's own Marilyn Giffell were kicking off a major national effort to expand long-respectable volunteerism into scabbing, as the U.S. economy plummets into depression. She did not sus-

pect that spokesmen and organizers from the National Councils of Labor Committees (NCLC) and the National Unemployed and Welfare Rights Organization (NU-WRO), led by Washington and by New York Labor Committee mayoral candidate Tony Chaitkin would also be there to turn the conference around from its intended goals.

She should have known. There is no haven from politics today, not even on the campus. With class war brewing across the U.S., April should have known that the working-class side would stop the conference and take it over, if it could.

It could, and did. So April, who came expecting to hear something to enhance her sense of personal worth as a "volunteer worker" providing "service" to the needy without pay or thought of reward, without thought at all—so desperate was her need for "some human connection"—ended up hearing quite another thing, putting her sense of worth in dire peril.

But it was three full hours in the con- Please turn to page 12

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Keynote The Next Step:

The First Revolutionary Youth Movement in History

Depression Labor Tactics:

How the Unemployed Leagues Were Organized in the Thirties

The Present Depression: Capitalism's Worst Crisis

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The Case of Weimar Germany

Local Control, Social Democracy, and the CP Popular Front:

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