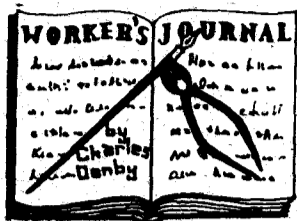


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UAW contract avoids plant work issues

by Charles Denby, Editor

I have talked with many workers about the recent contracts signed with the Ford Motor Company and Chrysler Corporation. Practically everyone said that the most important things they wanted were safety, better working conditions, and something done about the overtime. One worker said all this business about extra days off doesn't mean a thing when you're working 10 to 12 hours a day.

A Chrysler worker said when he asked at a union meeting what the union had negotiated on working conditions, he was told that the steward would explain it to him later.

We had a meeting of retired workers and they got nothing for us. The chairman told us we should send a word of thanks to the Ford workers for taking some of their gains and putting them into the retirement fund that we will get in three years. I pointed out that there is more money in the workers' retirement fund than the union and company will ever spend. So why do workers have to pay for our retirement?

THOUSANDS SEEK 200 JOBS

We were promised that unemployment in auto would be solved by early retirements, mandatory vacations, and limited overtime. That was a big joke. Recently, a Cadillac plant in Detroit put up a sign on the bulletin board that 200 jobs would be available in the weeks ahead. Thousands showed up the next day to apply.

We have an army of unemployed here, from the 1974-75 auto depression, who will never get back to work. Nobody can believe that 13 more days off in three years will solve that problem.

A Chrysler Mack worker, who had gotten his hand crushed while working on the frame line, told me that production was so fast that injury was practically an everyday happening for many workers. He had been hurt before, when a frame fell off the line on his shoulder. He said, "There are a lot of workers that get hurt real bad, some of whom will never be able to work again."

I know another worker that got his hand crushed in a machine and now he cannot bend his fingers. So he went to the union and the local officers told him he should let the doctors amputate his fingers, because the company will pay him so much for every joint that the doctor takes off.

We know the company thinks we are just things to be paid for and that should satisfy us. But when the union takes the same position, it just shows us that they are one and the same.

Working conditions, safety and health are what is on every rank-and-file worker's mind today. I went down to the Federal Building to a trial where four women from Automatic Retailers of America (ARA) are suing the union for not processing their grievances, and Wil-

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French-Canadians win stunning victory in Quebec election

by Calum Weir

Montreal, Quebec—The stunning victory of the independentist Parti Quebecois in the Quebec elections of Nov. 15 is a tremendous breakthrough for French-Canadians, and marks a turning point in Canadian history.

The question is not that the Quebec people have elected Rene Levesque as their new leader, or whether or not he represents all of their aspirations. This election represents a total rejection of the intolerable situation which French-Canadians have lived under for many years.

The economy is almost completely dominated by a few (mainly U.S.) "multinationals" who respect neither the land nor the people. The government has been rife with corruption and scandal. A few years ago, the now-defeated Premier Bourassa literally gave away hundreds of thousands of acres of virgin forest to the ITT, much the same way as the reactionary former Premier Duplessis did in the '30s, '40s and '50s.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND EXILE

It is a rejection of an over-all "official" and permanent unemployment rate of over 10 percent, but which is in fact unofficially much higher. In some areas, such as Mont-Laurier, it is an astounding 50 percent.

Many Quebecois are forced to exile themselves to places of work far from their homes, for low wages and under barracks-like conditions — places like the Baie James, or earlier, Manicouagan and Churchill Falls, or in the very dangerous and brutalizing conditions

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Thousands jam Cadillac auto plant in Detroit looking for non-existent jobs.

Carter victory will not resolve problems of unemployment, racism

by Felix Martin, West Coast Editor

The reality of 5,000 unemployed women and men, Black and white, waiting hours for a job application at the Cadillac plant in Detroit the day before the presidential election, tells more about Carter's win and why, at the same time, it will no more fundamentally change conditions than the reams of economic statistical data coming out. Ford's anti-labor economic policies, which had helped to perpetuate unemployment at the highest level since the Depression, compelled a substantial majority of union members to cast their vote for the ex-Governor of a right-to-work state.

of the pulp and paper industry, mining, and the deadly asbestos. Quebec agriculture, also depressed, has taken a terrible toll on family life, and especially the youth.

There has been a shocking wave of suicides recently among youth, who had lost all hope—and this when the suicide rate among young people in Quebec was already by far the highest in North America, except for Native peoples. The majority of jobs which are available scarcely pay more than subsistence wages. French-Canadians are discriminated against everywhere on the basis of language, at the same time there is the constant humiliation of being "quaint" and pandering to the tourists. Prostitution is widespread.

WORKING CLASS SUPPORT

The movement for Quebec independence has become such an overwhelming force because all avenues to full equality, even minimal respect within Canada, have been closed. The Parti Quebecois (P.Q.) won in every district where working people predominate, and in a great many rural areas also.

The P.Q. victory was decisive and overwhelming. The P.Q. did get "only" 41 percent of the popular vote to win 69 of the 110 seats, but the newspapers pointing to this forgot that this percentage represents a majority of the French-speaking voters. The vote wasn't necessarily entirely separatist, however, and in fact, the issue of independence may be decided by a referendum two years from now. There are other more pressing questions.

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Hand-in-hand with Ford's anti-labor stance was the administration's attempt to turn back the clock in the area of civil rights. In his opposition to the creation of public works jobs and to the building of low income housing, in his attempt to cut back social services such as food stamps and most especially in his attempt to return to segregated education, Ford demonstrated the racism which, together with his anti-labor actions, has been the real continuity between his administration and that of Nixon. Black voters in the South as well as the North voted in overwhelming majorities against the racism of Ford, and gave Carter his victory.

RACISM IS ENEMY OF WORKERS

Unfortunately the racism is not confined to the administration of a Ford or a Nixon, but is in the very fabric of American society. That Ford, despite the economic jungle he has kept the country within, despite his links with the total corruption of the Nixon administration, could have almost won the election, and did in fact take a majority of the white vote, shows how deep runs this Achilles' heel of racism, which includes a segment of the white working class.

In the auto plant where I work, I spoke with white and Black workers about this election. While most white workers voted against Ford, I have run into a number who voted for him. Sometimes they used the excuse that they voted for Ford because they were against the union bureaucrats who were selling us out in the latest auto contract negotiations, and who were at the same time pushing Carter.

I want to know who are these workers trying to kid? These white workers are not being truthful to themselves. Do they think that having Ford in would have meant anything for working people?

Workers who would use this type of reasoning better look at what they are doing, because they are selling their souls. To have voted for Ford despite everything he has said and done against the working man could have meant only one thing—racism. It was a racist vote no matter which way you cut it.

The Black workers were quite clear on Ford. They saw the link between his racism and his economic policies and knew exactly what they were throwing out of office. And they recognized the division between themselves and white workers. One Black worker commented, "How can any white worker vote for Ford

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ARA women win landmark sex discrimination case

Detroit, Mich.—In what is bound to prove a landmark decision, four women have won their suit in Federal District Court against their union, Local 1064 of the RWDSU, on charges of sex discrimination and non-representation. During the six week trial, their young lawyer, John Runyan, of the Wayne State University Law School, entered nearly 150 pieces of evidence, ranging from grievance books to civil rights complaints, and from contract negotiation notes to copies of the local constitution.

The women, who serviced the food vending machines at Great Lakes Steel, had earlier settled out of court with the company, Automatic Retailers of America. Only one, Shirley Wooton, is still on her job; one, Frances Ratliff, is now dead; and the other two, Minnie Farmer and June Chambers, injured on the job, have long been unable to work. (See *Worker's Journal*, p. 1.)

What their supporters in the courtroom relished the most was that the witnesses the union brought forward to try to discredit their charges frequently turned out to be the most damaging witnesses against the union, instead. The midnight steward, for example, testified he had done his best to negotiate the women's grievances. At once, one of the women produced the book containing these written grievances, in which she had discovered that the two carbon copies routinely sent to the company and the business agent when a grievance is processed were still intact in the book. Faced with that revelation, the union's attorney, William Mazey, and his witness, Fred Bella, turned purple.

Later, this same woman, who had a briefcase filled with all the records she had carefully preserved over

Film shows women as Reason

"Union Maids" is a very powerful and often moving film which is important for today's women's movement, not only in what is presented, but in what is left out. It is a documentary film on three union organizers during the formation of the CIO: Sylvia, a Black woman who worked in a laundry and whose father was a Garveyite; Katie, who worked in a men's garment factory; and Stella, who worked in the stockyards.

The interviews with the women and film footage of actual strike picket line, mass union meetings, and confrontations with police, show the courage and creativity of working women.

But it also shows the women as Reason: Katie saying socialism means "who's going to have the say-so" over what you do, and constantly reminding herself of her responsibility as a "radical" to speak up for human rights. It is this creativity and reason which continues among working women today, and which we in Women's Liberation must seek out as part of our history.

While I am very grateful to Julia Reichert, Jim Klein and Miles Mogulescu for putting these three women's history on film, today is also part of that history, yet what women are doing now was largely left out.

While the film makers discussed this a little after the film, the three women's ideas on why unions have so totally changed from the '30s—so that women have had to seek out their own organizations and still remain unorganized and unrepresented—would have been an important part of the whole story. I was interested to know why Katie, who they said had been active in the Communist Party then, is very anti-CP today.

The purpose of the film is obviously to inspire us to go out and organize. The archive films, particularly of the mass marches at the funerals of 13 Blacks killed by police in eviction protests—with hundreds of thousands of Blacks and whites, arms linked, filling the streets—are the most moving I have ever seen. But unless we try to understand how the tremendous mass movement these women participated in turned into the mockery of a workers' union it is today—witness the recent GM settlement—the same will happen to our own movement, no matter how much organizing we do.

—Suzanne Casey

WL NOTES

In October, police in India shot into a crowd of 5,000 people who were protesting a government round-up to forcibly sterilize men with over two children. Hundreds of men, women and children were injured, and up to 150 were killed.

An injunction prohibiting the Federal government from stopping Medicaid payments for abortions was upheld Nov. 8 in New York. In Montana, a law requiring written notice to the husband of a woman obtaining an abortion was struck down, and New Jersey courts ruled that non-profit, non-sectarian hospitals can't refuse to provide abortion services.

On Nov. 16, Spanish feminists invaded a provincial court in Madrid with a petition of over 12,000 names, demanding an end to the oppressive adultery laws. Previously, feminists had occupied a church, demanding an end to the divorce and anti-abortion laws.

the years, produced a petition that had been circulated by men employees in 1962, demanding that the better-paying jobs not be given to women, or they would get another union to represent them. On the petition was the name of the very steward testifying, Fred Bella.

Though they were not permitted to fight the case as a class action suit, the result of the trial will be far-reaching. Indeed, the seven-year-long battle has already had its effect. Two ARA workers, servicing food machines on the Wayne State University campus, who read in the Nov. issue of N&L that the trial had opened, immediately identified Minnie Farmer, whom they had never met, as "the one who got us these jobs." Other ARA workers in different establishments also expressed excitement at discovering the trial was in progress after the long delay, and said they had some accounts of their own to settle with Local 1064—who represent 73 different units. The decision just handed down is not the ending, but just the beginning, of the battle at ARA.

1000 Chicago Nurses Strike

Chicago, Ill. — Over 1,000 nurses, who had been working without a contract for four months, have been on strike at Cook County and Oak Forest Hospitals since Nov. 3. Their union had to disassociate itself from the strike or be slapped with devastating fines. The authorities are now trying to single out individual nurses for arrest, and threatening them with jail sentences, pursuing a policy of "rule or ruin." Support for the strikers has come from the King Movement, who themselves are confronting the Hospital Commission over inadequate health care for the Black community.—Ed.

I am out here on strike as an individual person, a nurse, because we are engaged in a struggle against the Governing Commission of the hospital. As workers, we are organizing to protect ourselves and to improve working conditions for ourselves and our patients.



For the last six months that we have been negotiating, the Governing Commission has consistently taken the position that they will give us nothing and, in fact, they are trying to take away our sick benefits.

The effect will be that sick nurses will be forced to work, caring for people who are already sick, increasing disease among the patients. The Governing Commission is not the least concerned about that; all they care about is saving a little money and breaking our union. We refuse to accept that.

This strike was forced by the Governing Commission. They have already used it as an excuse to lay off workers. We are being used as a scapegoat in their plan to cut services to the people of Cook County.

We have a right to participate in the conditions under which we work and, as professionals, to make use of our judgment about the care of people for whom we are working. We have asked that nurses not be sent to critical care areas where they have not been trained to deal with complicated equipment.

We have a Patient Care Committee to go in and assess a situation and send in nurses if necessary. We want the Commission to recognize that we need to be specially trained before we work in critical care areas, but they say, "a nurse is a nurse is a nurse."

Peace women of Northern Ireland: a discussion

Many of the so-called "radical" groups have been coming out hard against the Peace Women in Ireland, even to calling them a "reactionary, imperialist-backed" movement that is "shunned by working-class Catholic women." I don't pretend to know all the facts, but I do know that most of these "radicals" wouldn't recognize a genuine freedom movement if it swept them off their feet.

Tomas MacGiolla, the President of Sinn Fein, stated almost a year ago, in January 1976, that "peace was the most revolutionary demand in Ireland today." But it wasn't made concrete until the women's organizations in Belfast and Dublin brought thousands into the streets marching for peace, ranging from very conservative groups to trade unions and Sinn Fein activists. The Republican Clubs had been waging a year-long campaign under the slogan "Sectarianism kills workers," and no matter how much the British or anyone else tries to make capital out of it, the women have created something very new. What remains to be seen is: Where Do We Go From Here?

Women's Liberationist
Detroit

This year has been Ulster's bloodiest since 1972. It is hard to undertake a proper analysis in a short space, but I feel some things must be said. The Peace Movement in Northern Ireland is doomed. From the start, its leaders have singled out IRA violence for condemnation and almost completely ignored the violence of the British Army and Loyalist para-militaries which is many times worse.

The Peace Movement will not take up the issue of civil rights in this semi-police state because they are afraid of losing the support of the media, church and politicians. For this reason they will fail. The army wants to subjugate the Catholic ghettos once and for all, Loyalist terrorist groups will continue killing people until their Protestant privileges are secured.

It is the politics of the IRA leaders — Social-Democratic Nationalism — that keeps the Provos in the dead-end of armed struggle without class struggle. However, it is not to be ruled out that rank and file Republicans and people in the ghettos generally will discover class-politics as a means to

Change in sexist language is one measure of women's revolt

by Molly Jackson

The current revolt in South Africa, which may well continue until freedom is won, began over the question of what language is to be used in Black schools. The South African youth wanted English as their second language, not Afrikaans, the language of the oppressors which is used nowhere else in the world. Who would have thought that language would spark revolt?

But language is important, and not just for communicating with others. It is often a reflection of real oppression—and revolt. The Chinese ideograph for woman is someone bent over like a beast of burden. The Chinese revolution hasn't found time in 29 years to change it. Maxine Hong Kingston, describing her pre-revolutionary relatives in *The Woman Warrior*, says: "There is a Chinese word for the female 'I'—which is 'slave.' Break the women with their own tongues!"

Karl Marx criticized a similar situation in his time. He chastised people for using the word "slave" and "Negro" interchangeably, thereby confusing a condition of oppression with the nature of a race. All people, he said, have been slaves at some time in their history.

There has been a change in entire speech patterns, from the use of "woman" and "girl," to addressing women without fixing their marital status, to renaming many jobs and positions. These changes in language reflect actual struggles for women's rights.

The ARA women (see story this page) had a typical union contract which didn't state that certain jobs were "for men only." It just called the full-time, higher-paying position "serviceman," and the same work for less pay, "attendant." The difference was "understood"—until the women challenged it.

The women's movement has had to demand extensive changes in language because sexism is so old, so deep and so universal. But whereas we have ceased to be "baby," substituted "mankind" for "man," and even changed our own names, none have equalled the vision of Sojourner Truth, who rejected her old slave name and put her whole philosophy of freedom and actual life's activity into her new name.

The Women's Liberation Movement—quite explicitly what we're fighting for—is now often called "feminism," an old word which covers the entire spectrum of interests in the subject of "woman." What bothers me also is the change from words like "freedom" and "our rights," to the more limited concept of "equality." I don't want the same treatment men get in this society. I want to transform society so there are new human relations—for all.

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The Peace Women in Ireland ought not to be limited by media-appointed "leaders" . . .

But it remains to be seen if the media-appointed leaders can be bypassed, or whether we wind up with mass disillusionment and a stillborn movement. Can the ranks of the Peace Women re-define their own movement and creativity? We do not yet know. The Peace Women are under terrible pressure—a more hideous dimensional pressure is coming down on them than ever struck the IRA. There are many good things to say about the Peace Women: their spontaneity, their creativity, they voice the depth of the people, the aspiration, the only possibility of the future. But most important and this is the new dimension, the Peace Women of 1976 are the first Peace Women movement in Ireland to be largely working class.

Seamas
Minnesota

NY cab drivers tell union: 'no leasing, no way!'

New York, N.Y.—More than 1,000 taxi workers attended a Local 3036 meeting on Nov. 18 to discuss contract negotiations. The union bureaucrats' "reports" were endless and confusing, but everyone got the idea they would accept some

Uniroyal workers fear sellout

Detroit, Mich.—Two strike deadlines were set over local negotiations by our union at Uniroyal, but everybody, including the company, knew it was a joke. At our local union meeting our officers came right out and said they weren't going to call a local strike on top of the four-and-half month national strike we just went through.

When you tie your hands behind your back, you can't fight. And that's exactly what the union did by saying there'd be no strike.

The strike deadlines came and went, and we kept right on working and waiting to hear something. But nothing came. It's just like the national contract negotiations—nobody knows what's going on.

We did hear that the union agreed to change the payday for afternoon and midnight shifts from Thursday to Friday to try to cut down on worker absenteeism on Fridays. We also heard that the midnight shift will begin the workweek on Sunday instead of Monday night.

But more important is the report of a company demand that the tire builders will have to work for \$2.65 an hour when they have to rebuild bad tires.

At Uniroyal, everything is on a piece-work basis, and when the company put in dual drums to automate production in 1970, some tire builders knocked themselves out and made pretty good money. Then the company had one worker all set up who put out 500 tires in one day, and the company set this as a standard. It is impossible to get that kind of production on a regular basis, which meant that the tire builders got pay cuts. They made more money than other workers before, but now they make less than many other workers.

There are other important problems like protection against dangerous chemicals, but nobody knows what's going on. Many workers are afraid that our union officials will give away more than we gained in the national contract.

—Millroom worker

form of leasing. Workers kept chanting "No leasing, no way!", yet the leadership ruled "out of order" a motion to that effect.

If leasing cabs is agreed to, drivers will have to pay a large amount of money in advance just to take the cab out. The leasing plan will mean working 12 or more hours per shift just to begin to make your share, according to the rates being discussed. And even if we get "fairer" rates, what if the cab breaks down? Since the boss already has his money, you can bet he won't hurry to send out a mechanic.

When one of the union flunkies at the meeting moved to give the negotiators a "vote of confidence", it was rejected at least five to one. So the bureaucrats left their own meeting, at which point several hundred workers began to organize themselves to prepare for a strike.

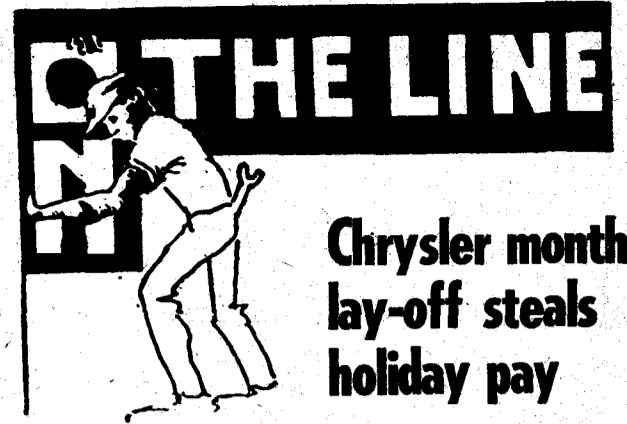
In the last year, almost one-third of the fleets have closed down, selling off their medallions to mini-fleets for close to \$20,000 each. This is obviously way beyond the reach of a cab driver, even if you can get credit. The mini and owner drivers often work 12-plus hours a day, six or seven days a week, to keep up with their payments. This is supposedly "until" they get the loan paid off—only they never do.

Throughout this period of garages closing down, the entire city has been in a fiscal crisis with frequent demonstrations and strikes against the cutbacks by every conceivable labor, community and student group. What was the response of Local 3036 to all this?

Not only did they refuse to do anything about the minis, except a useless court challenge and supposed "political influence" with the City Council, but our local president, Harry Van Arsdale, actually serves on the Pay Board, something even many other labor bureaucrats refused to do. Thus Harry attempts to give this group of never-elected bankers the appearance of labor involvement, while they ram through the cutbacks. This type of "political influence" has gotten us thousands of drivers laid off.

Just as New York has refused to "drop dead" for Ford and the bankers, the 20,000 fleet taxi drivers are not about to "drop dead" either while our jobs are eliminated. Nor are we going to accept a plan where a number of us lease cabs and work long hours. One feeling is that if our 20,000 jobs are eliminated, there just might not be any cabs in New York.

—Taxi driver, Dover Garage



Chrysler month lay-off steals holiday pay

by John Allison

The United Auto Workers union has just concluded new contracts with the Big 3 auto giants, but before the ink was dry, Chrysler was playing the part of the jackal.

At Dodge and other plants making compact cars, the word has gone out from Chrysler corporation: close them all down after Thanksgiving, and don't call them back until Jan. 3. Now this means that the workers will not receive their holiday pay for Christmas and New Years. They will be required to go to the unemployment compensation offices as well as the SUB (Supplemental Unemployment Benefit) offices at the plants during the holiday period.

Last year Chrysler got around the contract by laying the workers off just before the holidays; this year by laying them off for the whole month of December. So this makes the second year that Chrysler has played the part of the jackal.

The reason Chrysler can do this is because since the new '77 models hit the dealers' show rooms, Dodge has been working a 10-hour day. Working all this overtime, Chrysler has built up a backlog of new cars.

What it comes down to is—old contract, new contract, the same conditions still exist. The UAW says the new contract is the best ever, but never in the history of the UAW have so many workers—both production and skilled—rejected the contract.

In the past, if less than 75 percent of the workers voted against the contract, it was considered a real slap by the workers against the union. This time, only 58 percent of Chrysler's production workers and 57 percent of the skilled workers voted for the contract.

After looking at what the union put out about the Ford contract and their own contract, the Chrysler workers knew they had no need for a strike because there wasn't anything new or important for them to strike about. They were getting the same old soup, just warmed over.

Pressmen fight power of paper

Washington, D.C.—Fifteen members of Local 6 of the International Printing and Graphic Communications Union (the pressmen's union) go on trial in Washington, D.C. this month on charges of rioting and damaging the presses of the Washington Post when the pressmen went on strike here on Oct. 1, 1975.

The charges against these 15 men mask the real crime at the Washington Post: that a powerful and influential newspaper chose to place its desire for exorbitant profits above the safety of its employees.

As a direct result of this business-before-people, 200 pressmen have been "permanently" replaced by strikebreakers, and a nationwide publishers' blacklist bars Local 6 members from work at other papers.

The Washington Post, which also owns a television and radio station in Washington, D.C., as well as Newsweek magazine, had sent management personnel to a special school in Oklahoma run by the Newspaper Publishers Association whose sole purpose was to train management personnel to take over production jobs. The Post then spent the months before the strike forcing the union to arbitration over every dispute. The cost of winning the arbitration was often higher than the settlement awarded the union.

As safety conditions in the pressroom deteriorated—many pressmen suffered hearing losses or serious bodily injuries, and one lost his hand—management coolly informed pressmen that safety equipment cost too much, and then cut back the press maintenance program. In a major move late in 1974, the company "laid off" 36 pressmen and offered to rehire them as part-timers not entitled to benefits or overtime. A judge later ordered them reinstated.

The 15 indicted pressmen are the scapegoats of this drama. What actually was a minor act of vandalism in the Post pressroom Oct. 1, 1975, has been distorted by that newspaper and federal prosecutors into charges of rioting, inciting to riot, assault, property destruction, and grand larceny.

The effect on the pressmen has been remarkable. At first, many of the men could not believe what was happening to them. More than a year later, as they await trial and wait for their unemployment benefits to run out, they are aware of how a corporation like the Post can use the government.

The trial will be expensive. Contributions to the pressmen can be sent to:

Local 6 Legal Defense Committee
12433 Kemmerton Lane
Bowie, Md. 20715

FROM THE AUTO SHOPS

Fleetwood

Detroit, Mich. — The biggest thing being discussed among Fleetwood workers during GM contract negotiations was the six non-union plants GM has set up down South. All the plants produce the same things as plants they already have, but in the new ones they hire the workers for less than what they pay here.

The Packard Electric plant in Warren, Ohio, used to be the only source of automotive electrical wiring in the GM system. Then they built a plant in Mississippi that took part of the production, then more. When the plant in Warren went on strike, GM was sending up more wire than they could use from the Mississippi plant alone.

We haven't heard more than the news reports on the UAW's settlement with GM yet, but they announced they got a letter from GM giving their word that they would stay neutral in union organizing in the Southern plants. The company has not lived up to its word in past contracts, so how does the company's word this time solve the problem of non-union shops?

—Fleetwood worker, second shift

GM South Gate

South Gate, Cal. — Forced overtime continues as the work day gets longer and longer, particularly for night shift body and trim shops. Every time there is a line breakdown workers are made to wait, sometimes for hours, until it is repaired and then work to finish the day's quota. One night, body shop worked 12 hours and 18 minutes!

Along with overtime comes lack of concern for workers' well-being in other areas. Last month a worker had a heart attack on the shop floor and it took a half hour for the plant nurses to get there and decide the man needed an ambulance. One worker ill with a fever went to the plant dispensary only to be told there was nothing wrong with him and that he had the same "illness" all the other workers were getting, implying he was trying to get out of work.

Workers here are tired of these abuses. One Black worker said, "GM and the union have got our minds so confused with fears of do-nothing strikes, another long lay-off and crazy overtime. If workers would just sit down together, they would know what's being done to them and they would know what to do about it."

—GM South Gate worker

Ford Rouge

Dearborn, Mich.—The union says that the new contract will attack unemployment. But as soon as the contract is signed, the company announces layoffs. This clearly is no answer. We get promises, this time about addressing unemployment, but when the facts are all in, it all comes down to "Wait for three more years and maybe something will be done."

Every time it rains hard, we have water coming through the ceiling and backing up in the assembly plant. When we had our last big rain, a worker slipped in the water and cut a gash in his arm, severing the nerves. He won't be back to work until next year.

When we report these things to our safety representative, either at work or at the union meeting, he rants and raves, saying that workers should refuse to work in such conditions. This makes him sound like a fighter, but the truth is that he blames the workers for what he is supposed to do. We pay him to make the Ford Motor Co. live up to its safety responsibilities to the workers, not to blame the workers for being forced to work in unsafe conditions.

—Assembly plant worker

Dodge Truck

Warren, Mich. — Many of the questions workers asked at the union meeting on the new contract could have been answered if the union had printed copies of the contract itself instead of those slick summaries which didn't have any of the bad points. Still, local officers talked and talked but couldn't answer some questions, like what does the agreement say about overtime? Most of the points on the local agreement should have been taken care of already, like parking lot security and blowers in paint balcony.

Many workers don't see how the contracts passed at Truck. Everyone I spoke to says they voted against the national and the local, and so did everybody THEY spoke to.

Meanwhile, the foremen have been giving workers time off over the holidays so they won't get holiday pay. Some were only a few feet out of their work areas; others had medical excuses for absenteeism from their personal doctors which the company wouldn't accept.

—Main building worker

EDITORIAL Workers hit hardest by world economic crisis

Facing U.S. President-elect Carter before he ever assumes that most powerful office on earth are not only severe economic problems at home, but a world economy in total disarray. Even Carter's new-found-friend Arthur Burns was forced to admit, although in wild understatement, that "both here and abroad, recovery from the deep recession of 1974-75 has been incomplete."

The truth is that, far from a state of recovery, the world economy is at present staggering from crisis to crisis. In Britain, unemployment has now reached its highest levels in 36 years, including no less than a half-million youth jobless. The inflation rate is running at 29 percent of the 1960's average, and the pound, supposedly "floating", has sunk from \$2.00 in March to \$1.50 today. This devaluation has already forced drastic cuts in the real wages of British workers. Yet the U.S., Germany and Japan, as the powers of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), are now demanding increased unemployment and greater "worker discipline" as conditions for the multi-billion dollar loan the British government wants.

The Trades Union Congress, responding to continued layoffs, joined with the Confederation of British Industry in calling for import curbs—as though that would solve things.

ITALY WORSE THAN BRITAIN

Such "protectionist" measures have already been introduced in Spain, France and Italy, stirring up discord inside the Common Market. The Italian economy may well be in even worse shape than Britain's. Its nearly-bankrupt Christian Democratic government is asking \$530 million from the IMF, as well as \$900 million from the U.S. and the Common Market. The British "scenario" was played out again, this time with an expert supporting performance by the Italian CP.

This opportunism on the part of the Italian CP, while nothing new in itself, comes after the mass activity of the workers, women and youth last spring toppled the Moro government, and after the CP had thus far failed to convince the capitalists that the "historic com-

promise" it sought was in the best interests of economic and social "peace." So hungry for a "piece of the action" are they, that neither their rejection at the hands of Andreotti nor the unprecedented protests of thousands of CP members, including well-publicized resignations, have deterred the leadership from its determination to "prove itself worthy" of entering the most corrupt of Western Europe's governments.

SPAIN: STRIKES AND NEW ORGANIZATION

In Spain, where the Communist Party is nowhere near entering the government, workers have been deserting the CP-led Workers Commissions in droves, not to return to the Franco-era "vertical unions", but to establish their own non-party organizations. Throughout the month of November, strikes broke out all across Spain, often spontaneously, culminating in a one-day general strike of a half million workers centered in Barcelona, Madrid, Bilbao and Seville.

So worried are the capitalist policy-makers about what they have called the "Portuguese syndrome" that not only has neighboring Spain become a special priority area for OECD and IMF study, but Portugal itself has just received a Ford-Kissinger farewell loan of \$300 million—with promises of \$1 billion more to come—on the condition that Soares continue his "stabilization" program against the workers and farmers.

Nor are the countries of East Europe free from the economic crisis, even if the policymakers there may be worrying about the "Polish syndrome". Labor rebellion continues to break out in Poland, and its effects have evidently spread to East Germany, where no less than 100,000 are now listed on the rolls to emigrate, in spite of certain reprisals which may cost a worker his or her already poorly-paid job.

OIL HIKE THREATENS ALL

Hanging over all is the threat of another oil price increase emanating from the OPEC conference in Qatar. So unstable are literally dozens of world economies, that a price increase of 15 percent could well mean their bankruptcy. Britain, France and Italy are not the worst.

Hardest-hit are many of the nations of the Third World, who have never been able to pay the increased oil prices, and who have not yet begun to recover from the economic crisis of 1974-75.

Even Mexico, among the most industrialized of Third World nations, has suffered such economic reverses that the last two months have seen the peso decline 56 percent in value and all currency trading halted. Nowhere, however, are the effects of the crisis more graphically seen than in the skyrocketing death rate in Asia since 1974. Where bourgeois intellectuals talked callously and offhandedly of "triage" in 1974, the last two years have seen its actual implementation, as no less than 30 million "excess" deaths.

The worldwide crisis of capitalism, far from being subject to the "reforms" of a Jimmy Carter, Leonid Brezhnev or Hua Kuo-feng, have now grown so total that only all the forces for freedom—workers, Blacks, youth and women can resolve them. The need has never been more urgent.

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ELECTIONS: USA

The desperate rush of workers looking for jobs got national publicity when 5000 showed up at Cadillac in response to a mere rumor, but the same thing is going on all over. In Milan, Illinois, 2000 applicants showed up for 60 jobs at a Deere farm implement warehouse in response to a similar word-of-mouth "leak." They were herded into a conference room for mass interviews, 50 at a time. That's what elected Carter.

Socialist
Detroit

Allying with the Democratic Party which is certainly not interested in workers taking control of their own affairs did nothing to gain votes for Proposition 14. The results might have been different had farm workers been allowed to speak for themselves and the UFW leadership not been so eager to ride in on the fringes of a Party ticket.

Activist
Los Angeles

For the last eight years the Democratic Party has promised to do things better than Nixon-Ford. Now they will have no more excuses. The hollowness of Carter's promises and program will become apparent very soon, and I think we will see a resurgence of independent mass activity. The King Movement in Chicago, about which I knew nothing until I read of it in N&L, is very exciting. I would be interested to know their social base and whether they plan to branch out. News about the movement would be very interesting to a lot of Blacks here.

Activist
Flint

The news that Carter won the election is nothing to celebrate, but one should be thankful for small mercies, I guess. We shall not be stuck with Nixon's nominee for another four years. Ford seems to have been Nixon's revenge on the American people.

Correspondent
Nigeria

ELECTIONS: QUEBEC

One of the most dangerous and most blatant lies of the Liberal scare campaign was the attempt by multimillionaire Richard Bronfman (Expos baseball, Seagrams, Ltd.) to frighten Montreal's

Jewish voters into voting Liberal, proclaiming that if the P. Q. won . . . "I see the destruction of the Jewish community" (in Quebec). Nothing could be further from the truth and it's time to set the record straight. The truth is that in the time of the Rassemblement pour l'Indépendance Nationale (the RIN) in 1965, one of the early expressions of the independence movement, independentists often cited Israel as an example of how it was possible for a small and persecuted nationality to win their national independence successfully. Bronfman grossly underestimated the Jewish community. Far from being panicked, people were shocked and in disbelief at his dishonesty and chauvinism. In fact, he was publicly denounced by members of his own family! Still Celebrating Quebec

ELECTIONS: CZECHOSLOVAKIA

There are signs Czechoslovakia is beginning to feel the economic pinch. It is not too visible on the surface, except that there are difficulties with meat supplies, above all in Prague, as there are with some consumer goods. But shortages of energy in many production units and strains in exports are quite severe. The elections that took place on Oct. 22 and 23, were a farce — a single list of candidates chosen by the party apparatus and put forward to be "elected." Most people went to the polling booths not because they wished to, but because they feared the consequences. A Barnum-like publicity campaign could not hide the facts — a deep cleavage between the words of the mass media and the hard reality of everyday life.

Correspondent
East Europe

NELSON SMALL LEGS

I would like to thank Shainape Schapwe for the things she wrote about my son, Nelson Small Legs, Jr. in her column in News & Letters, July 1976. The things she wrote were pretty good. There have been so many terrible things said about my son since he took his life and I know what my wife and I and my daughter-in-law and their kids have had to go through since that time. I am sure they will thank her too when they read what she has said.

Nelson Small Legs, Sr.
Canada

WOMEN'S LIBERATION

I was pleased to see your report on the Trico Equal Pay Strike here. This strike has shown that the Labour Government's Equal Pay Act is full of holes and the women strikers have by their actions added a definite working-class dimension to the Women's Liberation movement here. The great news is that the strike is won — after 22 weeks. It's a great victory for women all over Britain.

Dave Black
London

Your readers can support Detroit's only women's bookstore by doing their holiday shopping at Hershelf. Records, crafts and books by and about women are available: poetry, fiction, herstory, political, non-sexist children's literature, Black and other minority women, plus magazines and newspapers from all over the country.

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ON THE AUTO LINES

The workers in the body shop have no control over what's happening to them. We don't know our line time — there are no set hours. We work 10 hours or 10½ hours, go home to sleep a few hours and get up for work again. A friend of mine had blisters on his hands so bad he could hardly drive home. And at the same time other workers can't even get a job.

GM worker
California

A book about the Toyota Auto Company factory, by Satoshi Kamata which was published in Japan in 1973, has just been published in France. Satoshi, who worked there, has not only made a public disclosure of the secret of the rapid

Reader

development of the Toyoto Company, but has written intimately about the work on the line. It is an old philosophical proposition, but it is always new. It would be wonderful if workers in Detroit, as well as workers in France, could share his work. Correspondent Japan

Editor's Note: Copies of the French edition of "Toyota, Factory of Despair: Diary of a Temporary Worker" can be ordered from Les Editions Ouvrieres, 12 avenue Soeur-Rosalie, Paris 75621, France.

FROM ISRAEL

The letter from the "Los Angeles anti-Zionist" in your Aug.-Sept. issue, which just arrived here, demands clarification. New Outlook is not aligned with Mapam or any Israeli party, but brings together views ranging from those within the government, including Mapam, to more radical left oppositionists. We will be happy to send a sample copy to any N&L readers who request one. Your correspondent's characterization of Mapam happens to be not far off . . . The characterization of Matzpen betrays utter ignorance. To call this small group "the only detectable Marxist, truly internationalist group in the Middle East" must be the ultimate in sectarianism. Even my friends in Matzpen whose supposed Marxism is too often overshadowed by a one-dimensional, dogmatic anti-Zionism, would not make such a ridiculous claim.

David Mandel
New Outlook
8 Karl Netter St.,
Tel Aviv, Israel

PARLIAMENTARIANISM

The parliamentary business here is in a mess. There is much talk of a Coalition. The Callaghan element are worried about the "Lefts" They could lead a breakaway. Mrs. Thatcher wants Callaghan to drop the proposal to nationalize the shipyards and air industry. She also wants to be Prime Minister. I feel, however, that there will be an attack on rank and file Lefts very soon.

TWO WORLDS

POST-MAO CHINA: WHAT NOW?

by Raya Dunayevskaya
Author of **PHILOSOPHY AND REVOLUTION**
and **Marxism and Freedom**

Editor's Note: We print below excerpts from a new three-part Political-Philosophic Letter by Raya Dunayevskaya on Post-Mao China. Part I, excerpted below, takes up the two opposing "last wills" of Mao; Part II what is Mao's legacy?; and Part III the global relations. Copies of the complete letter can be obtained for 50c plus 15c postage from News & Letters. See ad p. 7

In a world beset by myriad crises and irreconcilable contradictions, one, I suppose, should not be surprised at the appearance of such absolute opposites as vultures acting like love-birds over the corpse of Mao Tse-tung, and every country in the world, from the U.S. to Russia, from Chile to Japan, and from South Africa to Albania shouting out a unanimous chorus of glorification.

The hypocrisy of this total outpouring was in no way pierced by the one-day unanimity among Mao's "closest comrades-in-arms"—the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China—as those fighting heirs for Mao's Mantle mounted the platform over Tien An Men Square, where a million had gathered for organized mourning. What did get everyone scurrying was the speed with which victory came to one Hua Kuo-feng over Chfang Ching, Mao's widow and leader of the so-called radicals—in one short month.

THE RAPID VICTORY of Hua Kuo-feng over the major known tendency—Chiang Ching, Wang Hung-wen, Chang Chun-chiao and Yao Wen-yuan—makes his version of Mao's "Will," if any such exists, the one that pours out of all mass media. It is, however, first necessary to look at what Chiang Ching claimed to be the "Will," not because that is necessarily any truer than Hua's version, but because one of these was circulated while Mao was still alive, whether or not he knew about it. . . . (1)

Far from accusing Chiang of "wild ambitions," Mao had allegedly pointed a warning and a way to continue the fight: "Human life is limited . . . In the struggle of the past ten years, I have tried to reach the peak of revolution, but I was not successful. But you could reach the top . . . If you fail, you will plunge into a fathomless abyss. Your body will shatter. Your bones will break . . . It will be necessary to wage partisan warfare once again." The final warning was against "foreigners." Just as the collapse of Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang was due to the belief in "foreigners," so she must beware of both the U.S. and Russia—"The bird and the northern star are equally to be distrusted."

Let us for the moment disregard that that seems to fly in the face of the fact that Mao was the one who rolled out the red carpet for Nixon (and that after riding himself of Lin Piao who evidently opposed that move); that Mao was the one who also invited Schlesinger to China the moment Ford fired him for resisting detente with Russia; and that, in that respect at least, Hua surely carried through Mao's "Will" and now has the U.S. government's promise to sell China the Cyber computer which can easily be used for military purposes.

THE WILL WHICH Hua Kuo-feng refers to as "forged" refers not at all to the "Will" which was circulated back during the summer, at the very time when Teng was removed and Hua was designated as Teng's replacement. Instead, the accusation of forgery against Chiang Ching is based on the fact that she is supposed to have been "arrested while they were forging Mao's will on the transfer of political power. The group of conspirators were surrounded by security forces which, according to another reliable source, were composed of the personal bodyguards of Hua." (2)

Along with these dispatches from London and New York came one from Peking by the *Le Monde* correspondent, Alain Jacob. It quoted the *People's Daily*, *Red Star*, and *Liberation Daily*, all of which published a

common editorial on Oct. 25, to the effect that Mao sent a note to Hua, April 30, in his own handwriting. It read: "It's you who'll be running the show so my mind's at rest." Further, it is claimed Mao "made certain arrangements to settle this problem," that is to say, the question of the "gang of four." . . .

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WHO WE ARE

News & Letters was founded in 1955, the year of the Detroit wildcats against Automation and the Montgomery, Ala. Bus Boycott against segregation—activities which signalled new movements from practice, which were themselves a form of theory. *News & Letters* was created so that the voices from below could be heard, and the unity of worker and intellectual, philosophy and revolution, could be worked out for our age. A Black production worker, **Charles Denby**, is the editor.

The paper is the monthly publication of *News and Letters Committees*, an organization of Marxist-Humanists that stands for the abolition of capitalism, whether in its private form as in the U.S., or in its state form calling itself Communist, as in Russia and China. The National Chairwoman, **Raya Dunayevskaya**, is the author of **Philosophy and Revolution and Marxism and Freedom** which spell out the philosophic ground of Marx's Humanism for our age internationally, as **American Civilization on Trial** concretizes it on the American scene. In opposing this capitalistic, exploitative, racist, sexist society, we participate in all freedom struggles and do not separate the mass activities of workers, Blacks, women and youth from the activity of thinking. We invite you to join with us both in the freedom struggles and in working out a theory of liberation for our age.

Views

The Communist Party, here in Scotland, is very vicious. Another problem is the fascist danger, particularly in England. The movement is weak in this regard because of the disease of parliamentarianism.

A party of men from the EEC has arrived here to look at the books before deciding on a loan to Britain. It is expected they will tell Callaghan and Healey how to put their house in order. Callaghan has talked about cutting the commitment to NATO, but Britain will do nothing to separate herself from the U.S. British politicians are wondering if the election of Carter will affect the relationship. Whatever happens, the workers of Britain will undergo greater hardships unless they fight very hard.

Harry McShane
Glasgow

THREE URGENT APPEALS

Marie and Noel Murray have been sentenced to death by a special criminal court in Dublin for shooting an off-duty policeman (Roman Stenson is still so ill after being tortured during interrogation that his part in the trial had to be postponed, but when he is fit for trial he faces the same sentence.) They were convicted on verbal confessions extracted under torture. But evidence of torture was not accepted by the judges. There was no jury to see the trial. The defense was not allowed to put forward evidence and were not present for a large part of the trial, including verdict and sentencing. If you were on a jury would that be enough evidence to have people killed? If not, please help us to save them.

I learned of the case on a recent visit to Britain where the case has received considerable attention, though little in the U.S. Messages of protest might help if sent to the Ambassador, Republic of Ireland, 2234 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Libertarian Activist
California

Amnesty International has just published a list of 167 trade unionists who

are imprisoned or have disappeared in 16 countries around the world. The 16 countries named are Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Central African Republic, Chile, India, Indonesia, Mali, Morocco, Pakistan, Paraguay, The Philippines, Rhodesia, Singapore, Tunisia and Uruguay. The list is by no means complete, and is a mere sign of the depth of unfreedom today. All international and national trade union organizations are being asked to intervene on behalf of the detainees. Your worker-readers who would like to help and need more information can write to Larry Cox at:

Amnesty International
2112 Broadway, NY, NY. 10023

We are a group of Japanese concerned with the plight of freedom-loving Koreans in South Korea. Repression in that country is worsening almost daily. In April 1971 two young brothers, Soh Sung and Soh Joon-Shik, who had gone to South Korea from Japan for study, were arrested on charges of being leaders of a spy group working for North Korea. This was a few days after massive student protests had taken place in South Korea. "Confessions" were extracted under torture and they were sentenced to life and seven years, respectively. Trials such as they received are frequently used as a warning to student groups and to overseas Koreans, two of the most potent sources of criticism of the regime of Park Chung-hee. Please have your readers contact us about how to strengthen the movement to restore democracy in South Korea.

Save the Soh Brothers Society
c/o Nishimura Makoto
645 Sarashiya-cho, Shimogyo-ku,
Kyoto, Japan

TV IN FRENCH

Those in Detroit and Windsor who speak French, can now tune in their TV sets to UHF Channel 78 for full-time programming in French. This is a real victory for French-speaking people outside of Quebec, especially considering the

wave of anti-French racism sweeping Canada right now. Unfortunately, the chauvinism is so great on the American side of the border that neither the *Detroit News* (which is notoriously anti-French-Canadian) nor the *Free Press* deemed it worthy of reporting, even when the station opened on Oct. 5, and none of the American TV Guides list the broadcasts.

Observer
Detroit

PHILOSOPHY AND REVOLUTION

Your analysis of the situation in Rhodesia, in your Political-Philosophic Letter on Africa, is excellent. The Kissinger packet cannot be accepted. Kissinger has put Britain in a difficult position, and all sections of the Labour movement are closing their eyes to the situation. They will be forced to open their eyes very soon. The point you make about oppression in Africa wearing a white face is a telling one. The movement must be compelled to take it up.

Marxist-Humanist
Scotland

Editor's Note: Send for complete list of Raya Dunayevskaya's Political-Philosophic Letters. (See ad, p. 7)

Enclosed is payment for two sets of the small kit on China you have offered. We hope that the mess now going on in China finally jolts people to reality. Maoism has been a reactionary tendency, vulgarly materialist and mechanistic in its orientation, thereby having nothing to do with Marxism.

Intellectual
Montreal

I have no sympathy for either side in the power struggle going on in China, since both are factions of a ruling class that will continue to make the workers work harder and harder. But I am disgusted with the way in which the "moderates" are discrediting Chiang Ching, Mao's widow, the supposed leader of the "radicals."

They seem to be spending little time attacking her political positions and much on her personality, especially certain "female" characteristics. They have described her as a nagging wife who bothered Mao about money all the time, calling him "hen pecked." She is pictured as badgering him and disobeying him when they had disagreements—and there is no possibility that she was en-

titled to have a political disagreement with him.

I wonder what the feminists who think China represents true equality for women will do with this.

Feminist
New York

The election that made Carter the new president shows something new for our age. Much like the 1870s wherein there was a drive to get a large Black power base, the politicians of the 1970s have recognized the need for Black political power. The question is will it reflect the thoughts and feelings of the Black masses? When we see the Black Caucuses and Black leadership in general giving their blessings to Kissinger's forays in southern Africa—efforts to stem the tide of revolt initiated by Black youth in Soweto and Johannesburg—it seems unlikely that the "Black power" mongers, Black or white, are going to listen to the cries from below.

Black Intellectual
Los Angeles

The election of S. I. Hayakawa to be California's next Senator and the defeat of Proposition 14 has distressed many people here. Hayakawa's history has been bad enough—breaking a student strike at San Francisco State University in the late 60's. But added to that, his campaign statements while running for the Senate were absolutely fascist. He's for ending the minimum wage laws, and repealing the laws against child labor, so that employers could hire children at low wages.

In my view, racism against Chicanos also helped defeat 14 and Tunney. After the elections a popular San Francisco columnist said that the sponsors of Proposition 13—an initiative to legalize dog racing, which also lost—and 14 should get together next time to sponsor an initiative to legalize the racing of Mexicans. That remark brought several Chicano community groups out in front of the *Chronicle's* doors the next morning to call for a boycott of the paper.

If every union member had voted Yes on 14, it would have passed. If we don't start to overcome all forms of racism here, any progressive movement is going to have a tough time growing.

14 Volunteer
Oakland

Chicago Freedom Riders fight Nazis, KKK



—News & Letters photo

Members of King Movement march in Marquette Park.

Chicago, Ill.—I was proud to participate in a freedom ride with the Martin Luther King Movement Coalition on Oct. 30 to Marquette Park, the latest symbol of Chicago's racism. This ride was the culmination of more than 30 marches to the park over the summer, during which women, children and men were met with bricks and bottles thrown by Nazis and the KKK, with the support of the local police.

We had tried to march to the park on Oct. 9, but the police illegally stopped us from crossing the street in front of our headquarters. (See *News & Letters*, November, 1976.) As Rev. A. I. Dunlap, a spokesman for the Coalition said, "The Bureau of Streets and Sanitation categorically refused our request for a permit. The

Teach-in exposes Latin terror

Ann Arbor, Mich. — Hundreds of people, many of them Spanish-speaking, attended a "Teach-In on Terror in Latin America," Nov. 15-18, at the University of Michigan. The four days included workshops, films, and panels. I attended several sessions, and was disappointed both in the general lack of a broad political-philosophic framework which would help us see the connection between torture in South American prisons and the deteriorating condition of our own American life, and in the greater attention given at the conference to both torture and terror rather than the ever-continuous revolt of the Latin-American masses, and the revolt of the Latino/Chicano community here in the U.S.

A speaker at one workshop, on "Anti-Semitism in Latin America," so lacked a total view of liberation, that, while rightly mentioning anti-Semitism among the Left, concluded that the Left was now a greater threat to Latin-American Jews than the right-wing dictatorships! (See "Our Life and Times", page 8.)

We were urged to sign petitions and write to our Congressmen protesting the torture of Chilean prisoners — and I support signing petitions, but is that enough? Can we forget the direct role the American government played in the coup that overthrew the democratic coalition?

That others felt as I did was evident at the speeches of both Isabel Letelier and Isabel Allende, when the audience broke out in loud and spontaneous applause at precisely those (few) points when the connection was made between terror in Latin America and the needed American revolution here at home.

WORKER'S JOURNAL

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liam Mazey is the lawyer defending the union. (See story, p. 2).

I have been a union person since early in 1943 but I never was so ashamed of the union before. These women were in such bad shape — one had injured her shoulder, one had a leg injury that put her in a brace and on crutches, and another hurt her back so badly she faces a lifetime of wearing a brace.

UNION IGNORES GRIEVANCES

All this happened while they worked as truck drivers and vending service attendants for ARA at Great Lakes Steel. And these women had written many grievances to their local union and never heard anything from them. One woman told me that after her accident, the company put a man on her job and he was on it about two weeks and had the same accident she had.

Mazey talked about these women as though they were not human—not mentioning the condition they were in or the misery and suffering they had gone through. I told Mazey I hoped the women would win. He said I did not understand, that things are not the same as they were many years ago.

So now all of the Big Three have agreed to contracts with the UAW and not one mentions speed-up, safety or health and working conditions.

When I first went into the plant, when a worker got hurt, practically every worker in the shop knew about it and hell would be raised until something was done about it the same day. Now workers get hurt and nobody pays any attention to it because it happens so often. That is how far the union has gone downhill, because little by little it has separated itself from what we face on the line every day.

There was a time when the union fought for our human rights, but no more. We just can't let this go on without losing everything we are as human beings, as well as losing our health and limbs to the speed of production. This is what we have to stop, and stop soon.

Chicago Park District allowed us to peacefully assemble in a predominantly Black park, but refused to issue us a permit to go to Marquette Park . . . Mayor Daley refused to condemn the violence in the area and meet with members of the King Movement."

Our bus had a banner pasted on both sides that read "Freedom Ride 1976." As we drove through the Black community singing freedom songs, I was struck by the horrible truth that a freedom ride is necessary in 1976 in a Northern city just to be able to walk through a park without being molested. It just shows how far backward we have gone in human rights.

When we reached Marquette Park it was rainy and empty. We marched around the park with our signs shouting freedom slogans. We felt it was quite a victory.

The King Movement has gotten little support from other Civil Rights groups and are, in fact, the only group fighting the Nazis in Chicago. Rev. E. Jackson, of the King Movement, explains the reluctance of the Civil Rights leaders: "Whereas the so-called Civil Rights leaders have achieved their position and status from the mass movement of the poor, the disenfranchised, the disinherited, dishonored Black, white, and Chicano, these leaders are now saying that marching is obsolete.

"They are now saying that direct confrontation with oppressive forces in the government should be stopped or cooled. They are in error because the world is marching. In Rhodesia, in Angola and in South Africa millions are marching for redress of grievances, freedom and control of their destiny. We say to those so-called Civil Rights leaders that their insight, their historical perspective of people's right to protest peacefully, their vision has been distracted by the glare of thirty pieces of silver."

The idea of a freedom ride inspired all of us, not only because it was successful but because of its historical tradition. The King Movement is determined to continue to fight racism in Chicago and not only in Marquette Park, but in schools, the health care system, the realty companies and wherever racism raises its ugly head. I am sure the Freedom Bus will roll again through the streets of Chicago.

—Marxist-Humanist

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Canadian AIM holds vigil to stop Peltier extradition

by Shainape Shecapwe

Members of Canadian AIM (American Indian Movement) and supporters came from all across Canada to Ottawa, Ontario, to participate in two rallies on Nov. 7 and 8. The first was a memorial to Nelson Small Legs, Jr., an Indian from the Peigan Reserve, Alberta, who took his life last May to protest the living conditions of the Natives of southern Canada.

The second activity was a 24-hour vigil to try to stop the extradition from Canada of Leonard Peltier, a Native of the U.S. He is wanted by the FBI, allegedly in connection with the murder of the two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Reservation on June 25, 1975.

In talking to a friend who took part in these rallies, two aspects struck me as important to our movement for freedom.

WOMEN EXCLUDED FROM DECISIONS

Because there is always a conflict about the role of women in our movement, I was concerned about the part the women played in these activities. My friend said that the women didn't take part in any of the decision-making for the group during this time. At one point, one of the women said that they were tired of being pushed to the background. She said that the women would march with the men to the American Embassy, not six paces behind them. The man she was talking to told her disgustingly that she could march anywhere she wanted to.

He clearly didn't take her protest seriously. Those men spent two days talking about Natives' rights of self-determination and freedom without caring how the women in that movement felt.

We know from history that traditionally in some tribes women held responsible leadership positions. Women contributed to the strength of the movement at the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973. The Indian movement will never be a true movement for freedom until the men in it accept the fact that women must be able to take part in it creatively and responsibly.

SPIRITUALISM AND POLITICS

The other aspect I was interested in was the kind of "spiritualism" demonstrated and talked about during these activities. One man said that AIM was both a spiritual and political movement. He said that the traditional pipe ceremony and the traditional singing and drumming gave the people strength to deal with the realities of present Native existence in this society.

They talked about problems in every aspect of our lives, from the kidnapping of Native children by white people to the hunting and fishing rights of Natives. They talked about the welfare system and how it affects us and how the Mackenzie Valley pipeline would affect the Natives of northern Canada if it is allowed to be built. One man compared our situation to that of the Natives of Rhodesia. He talked about our mutual need for self government and self-determination.

Their last act was to march to the American Embassy where they sang and danced to the AIM song, rather than demonstrate at the nearby Justice Ministry where the decision to extradite Peltier would be made. They said by their actions that the problems for Peltier started in the United States, and that if he went back there his life would be worth little. I think their actions showed a total understanding of why they were there.

In other words, "spiritualism", as these people see it, involves looking to the future to deal with the problems that we face, in this society, not in trying unrealistically to get off by ourselves to live the way we think it ideally should be. This kind of spiritualism makes us see that we ourselves must fight for our freedom rather than wait for it to be handed to us. It is a kind of spiritualism to be proud of and for this reason needs to include the creativity of all the members of our movement—women as well as men.

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Detroit schools force students to wear I.D.s

Detroit, Mich.—There is a controversy in the Detroit schools over the matter of I.D. cards. I.D. cards were a major issue last year, but when students refused to wear them, as ordered, the matter was, though not forgotten, not stressed. Now, however, the whole matter is on the scene again. School Superintendent Arthur Jefferson has now ordered that every student in the Detroit high schools must wear an I.D. card.

You must wear the card on your coat when coming in school, then transfer it to your clothes, then to your coat again when you leave. When one student complained to her teacher about wearing the I.D.'s, the teacher responded that she shouldn't complain and "should be glad that at least the pictures were in color".

The rule for wearing the cards is now in the Student Code of Conduct. One student at Western High said they

were told that if a security guard caught a student without an I.D. on, he/she could be expelled, but if the police caught a student (police were added to patrol schools last year) then he/she could be fined \$25! If you are kicked out of school you can't come back without having a parent/counselor conference.

Notices were sent home to parents of students, which the parents had to sign saying that they would make sure their children wore the I.D. cards.

At another high school in Detroit, Redford, a student told me that her friend had her pictures taken but they were somehow lost. She then had a second set taken to make up for the first lost set. The first set then turned up later in the counselor's office.

The counselor called the girl down to the office and told her that because she had too many pictures taken, she was going to have to pay one dollar for the extra set, because students were only entitled to one set. The girl walked out of her office saying she wouldn't pay a cent and was going to bring in her parents. The matter is not yet resolved.

Keeping in mind that this is a school, and students should learn—what are they learning: prison-like conditions where every move is planned and dictated. How can students possibly develop their imaginations, enjoy school (like they're supposed to), be creative and have freedom of expression under these conditions? They certainly are being prepared for our society as it now exists. Do as you're told and ask no questions or be beaten down by the system.

CUNY aid cuts hit minorities

New York, N.Y. — With the imposition of tuition at the City University (CUNY) this year, students are angered at the way the state has denied financial aid to many Blacks, Latinos, and poor students who are most affected by the new fees.

When the battle to preserve free tuition was waged last year, the administration always promised that any students who couldn't afford tuition would get financial aid. But this term the state decided that students must be enrolled in four non-remedial courses in order to get aid.

This ruling was meant to hurt the open admissions and SEEK students, many of whom are forced to take several remedial courses by the school. And the administration well knows that open admissions and SEEK students are concentrated at heavily Black and Latino campuses like City College, Bronx Community, Hostos, and Medgar Evers.

The students forced to take remedial courses for "deficient" high school education had their requests for financial aid either denied or ignored. Then out of the blue the state decided this week that students can count remedial courses toward the four course minimum required to get aid.

One student said, "I applied for aid over three months ago, and they told me I should get some assistance. But the term is already half over and I haven't heard a word from them. So I've had to get a job. It's like what always happens, the bureaucracy messes things up."

Another student at City College said that the lines at the financial aid office are only getting larger as the term wears on, because many students taking such remedial courses were never told of the state's restrictions, keeping them totally in the dark.

The figures show that with the new cuts and the elimination of many courses, many minority students are already being forced out of school.

— CUNY student

French-Canadians win victory

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This is what one Quebecoise woman told us: "Right now the big problem is to get back on our feet economically and to have an honest government for a change. The Liberals were totally corrupt. The province now has a deficit of \$1.3 billion, not including the Olympics which almost doubles that amount. We can't expect any help from the federal government! The Parti Quebecois is ours, it is financed by the small contributions of the members, not by the big companies. Financing is a very crucial question.

"As members we also have to keep an eye on the people we've elected if we are to get things we need. We may not necessarily separate from Canada, but we will if we have to. The English-Canadians depend on us for their cultural survival and they know it. Otherwise they would simply be absorbed into the U.S. This is their last chance to decide what sort of equal relationship they want with us."

A Native North American in Quebec said this: "I hope that this will be a new hope for us. For one thing, maybe we won't have to close Manitou College. Now that the Quebecois are gaining their autonomy, maybe they'll be more sympathetic to autonomy for Native peoples in Quebec. If not, they'll hear from us!"

In the last three elections the Liberals have run incredible scare campaigns against the P.Q. In 1970 it was front-page pictures of armoured trucks carrying money out of Quebec. In the "Stolen Election" of 1973 it was "gerrymandering" which conveniently gave the P.Q. only 6 of the 110 seats, though they won over 34 percent of the vote.

This time the Liberals pulled out all the stops. This time former Minister Bryce Mackasey and millionaire Richard Bronfman issued dire warnings of companies fleeing Quebec. Bourassa even went to the extreme of publishing "anti-clerical and immoral" poetry by his local district opponent, Gerald Godin—a well-known writer. The "public" wasn't "shocked." Godin won anyway, and Bourassa lost even his own seat.

Discontent and crisis, social and economic, are also deepening in English-Canada. The latter '70s are going to be an exciting era in North America.

Gary Tyler rally: for whom?

by Jim Mills

I attended a fund-raising rally for Gary Tyler in Detroit on Oct. 30. Gary Tyler is a Black Louisiana high school youth who was framed and sentenced to death for allegedly killing a white student who was in a racist mob assaulting the school bus Gary was on.

Although working for Gary Tyler's freedom was the theme of the rally, the impression one got from the groups organizing the rally—the Student Coalition Against Racism (SCAR) and the Committee to Free Gary Tyler—was that they were saying that the masses of people moving for Gary's freedom must join these organizations to fulfill that goal, or at least must be organized specifically by them.

The speaker from SCAR flatly stated that Gary Tyler must be used as a symbol of accomplishment for building movements. A speaker from the newspaper associated with the Committee to Free Gary Tyler stated that his organization was based in the schools and among working class youth. And the chairwoman of the rally who was also from the committee asserted, "We are going to free Gary Tyler."

What was wrong in the first instance, was that Gary Tyler's freedom for his sake was made subordinate to recruiting members for that organization. In the second, there was no forum for high school youth to express their views in their own voices at that rally. And in the third instance, the 200 people at the rally were delegated to the task that only thousands united across the country can hope to accomplish.

All three cases reflect how these organizers try to substitute themselves and their activity for the activity, and the thought inherent in it, of concerned masses.

The slate of speakers all stressed the need for some kind of unity, each realizing that lack of unity dooms any movement. Even though there was a diversity of tendencies represented on the platform, they still didn't add up to a total viewpoint.

For instance one speaker, the director of Focus: HOPE, only focused on the oppression of minorities, as if many whites, particularly working class, are not oppressed too. Another person rooted the division between Black and white America in racist "conspiracies" instead of in alienating capitalist relations. (She didn't mention Gary Tyler at all).

Surely, the urgent need is to attract and unify as broad as possible an interest and activity to free Gary.

But only a philosophy of freedom which can effectively identify the contradictions and generate activity to overcome rather than live with them, will underline any kind of revolutionary unity.

Ed. Note—The barbarous Angola State Prison in Louisiana holds, along with Gary Tyler, 16-year-old Johnny Ross, selected arbitrarily by New Orleans police to be framed and tortured into confessing to the rape of a white woman in July, 1974. Contributions for Johnny's defense can be sent to: The Southern Poverty Law Center, 1001 S. Hull St., Montgomery, Ala. 36106.

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TWO WORLDS

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WHAT IS A FACT is the disagreement on the Chou-Teng way of carrying out a Five Year Plan, and a long-range 20-year Plan to make China a global economic power. The campaign against Teng was really an attack on Chou En-lai. The Chinese masses evidently had felt all along that Chou En-lai had escaped an unnatural death by dying a natural death. Thus, the April 1976 demonstration was the first spontaneous one since the Cultural Revolution and it was in opposition to the new rulers. Chiang Ching topped that list. But Hua Kuo-feng, as top cop, differed not at all with Chiang in putting down that demonstration. The arrests were followed by the removal of Teng. All, all—Mao himself and Chiang Ching and Hua Kuo-feng—were as one when it came to hitting out against the Chinese masses.

No doubt Chiang had been viewing herself as leadership ever since the Cultural Revolution started and Mao had chosen her to head the Arts. With Chen Po-ta and Chang, she had become overseer of the Cultural Revolution, though all had to work under the slogan: "Learn from the Army."

Whether or not the Army thought Chiang had anything to contribute—and that is very doubtful indeed—surely Mao gave her such illusions. In any case, she thought herself so important and, like Mao, so distrustful of anyone else, that without telling either Mao or the Central Committee, she chose a Western historian, Roxanne Witke, (3) to pour her heart out to. It was the beginning of the end of her, not because the present ruling clique is using it against her and concocting a story of "betrayal of state secrets," but because Mao, judging by all he did to more worthy successors like Liu and Lin, would have resented any Ego parading him or herself as the new type of person to emerge out of China . . .

TANTALIZING IS THE fact that just before the removal of Teng (but when the campaign against him was already in full swing), there was such total concentration against "capitalist roaders" that Mao once again (March 10, 1976) pinpointed the struggle as one within the Communist Party: "A socialist revolution is being conducted without knowing where the bourgeoisie are. They are in the Communist Party."

Now, however, foreign policy is brought into the campaign against "the gang of four": "At the international level, it was planning to jettison the principle of proletarian internationalism and capitulate to imperialism." Whether Hua Kuo-feng and his cohorts meant to include "social imperialism," meaning Russia, was not clear . . .

There has always been no small amount of ambivalence on the question thrown in, most deliberately, throughout Mao's campaign of "Russia is Enemy No. 1." That was so during periods when all of the actual activity and relations seemed to favor the U.S. The fact that they want to have it both ways is pure Big Power politicking. We must instead see what flows logically from Mao's legacy. The fact that one can interpret the "Will" (no matter which Will one chooses) any way one pleases, testifies to one thing and one thing only, and it is not just a question of what the interpreter says. Rather it is the many gaping lacunae in Mao's heritage.

WHAT IS OF THE essence is not that he has not designated any one, single or collectively, as the "inheritors." It is that he has stripped all—and not only those he physically eliminated—of any actual roots in the Chinese Revolution, or its philosophy. Thus, it is not only those that he had first designated as "closest comrade-in-arms"—first Liu Shao-chi, as Party, then Lin Biao as Army—and then called traitors. It is that all history has been so rewritten that none exists with any historic past. Since the elimination was achieved, not via an open struggle of "two lines" that had equal access, if not to the mass media, at least to the "cadres" of the Party, or the Army, or the State, but via declaring them to be "capitalist roaders," and to have "always" been that, there is no history other than that of Mao and Mao alone.

In a word, there is no history of the Chinese masses except as an abstraction. The history of the Chinese revolution is the Thought of Mao. None who now fight for the mantle have roots in either . . .

- (1) The most complete quotes in English from what Chiang Ching circulated appear in Victor Zorza's "Mao's Last Will and Testament" (Manchester Guardian, 11-7-76).
- (2) The New York Times reports (9-30-76, 10-14-76) are from Hong Kong, the Toronto Globe and Mail does date from Peking, but I found the most thorough of the official press to be the one in the Le Monde section of the Manchester Guardian (10-31-76). See also the article by Merle Goldman (Christian Science Monitor, 10-21-76), and "The Coming Power Struggle" by Tiziano Terzani (La Repubblica, Rome), excerpted in Atlas Report, November 1976.
- (3) Presently Roxanne Witke, whose "biography" of Chiang Ching, or whatever she will call the book when it is finally published, has been appearing on the "talk shows," stressing how secret all her meetings were.

We regret our error last issue in not including, along with excerpts from Raya Dunayevskaya's critical commentary on Bill Harrell's essay in Paunch, the title of Harrell's article—"Marx and Critical Thought"; and the address where readers could obtain copies of the issue itself: Paunch, 123 Woodward Ave., Buffalo, New York 14214. Copies are \$3 each.

OUR LIFE AND TIMES

by Peter Mallory and Ron Brokmeyer

Neo-Nazi movement in Argentina spearheads murder and terror

The return of Juan Peron to power in Argentina in 1973, after his exile, was a major factor in the surfacing of what is now a rising neo-Nazi movement, using this country as its base to print and distribute Nazi books, pamphlets and other propaganda throughout the world.

Since World War II, Argentina has been a refuge for escaping German Nazis who helped form the many anti-Semitic fascist youth organizations — the Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance; the National Restoration Guard; the Tacuara Group, which spawns terrorism; the Nationalist Liberation Alliance of Juan Querulito, which serves as teacher of the new fascist groups that have emerged under the military dictatorship.

The late Catholic priest, Julio Meinville, was a noted anti-Zionist, authoring the book, *The Jew in the Mystery of History*, an anti-Semitic work now in its fifth edition. Also, former government minister

Gustavo Martinez Zuviria, writing under the name Hugo Wast, has had new editions of his two anti-Jewish novels issued in Buenos Aires.

The targets of the new fascists include not only Jews (over one million live in Argentina), but also leftists, Masons and the Catholic Church. But Jews remain their prime target, with bombs being set off in Jewish neighborhoods and Jewish stores.

The military dictatorship of Argentina under General Jorge Videla admits that anti-Semitism is prevalent in the junta but does nothing to stop it, being far more concerned about wiping out the "left." The police and the military are conducting open warfare against the Peronist Montoneros and the Peoples Revolutionary Army. Over 100 guerrillas were killed in an attack on a major arsenal outside Quilmes.

Despite military raids which have captured guerrilla arms factories and killed many of the leaders,

become so bad that the National Association of Publishers issued an angry protest against the armed thugs who have been raiding for years without the arrest of a single person.

Two weeks ago a gang of plainclothes police assaulted journalists and lawyers involved in a trial of five police inspectors accused of torture. The inspectors were given perfunctory sentences.

Spain

The illegal trade unions flexed their muscles in a nationwide 24-hour general strike in Spain, on Nov. 12, which was supported by 500,000 workers. In Madrid and Barcelona over 400 workers were arrested. They were protesting a wage freeze and demanding the release of political and trade union leaders.

Recently there have been strikes of construction workers in northern Spain; dockworkers closed the Port of Bilbao; olive oil processors struck in Vigo; teachers in Asturias, and mailmen and bus drivers in Madrid went on strike.

New unions are emerging, including the Workers Commissions, dominated by the Communist Party, and the General Union of Workers dominated by the Socialist Party. Dissension in the Workers Commissions has come from those to the left of the Communists, who accuse the Communists of attempted purges. Communist purges during the Spanish Civil War are still too fresh in the minds of Spanish workers to let them get away with it.

The Spanish government, despite recent reforms, is still the regime left by Franco. Unions are still illegal. Trotskyists and Maoists were rounded up by police in the days before the 24-hour general strike, and the convention of the Socialist Workers Party scheduled to meet in Madrid was banned to satisfy the right wing of the government.

Right wing "commandos" have been raiding bookstores throughout Spain, bombing the stores and burning books by labor and Marxist authors. It has

Russia

Twenty-two dissidents were jailed for 15 days in Moscow for demanding written notification of how long it would be before they could leave the country. One of those arrested, Vladimir Slepak, is a physicist who has been waiting for seven years.

It was apparently a rash of telegrams of support from the U.S., including Jimmy Carter and Edward Kennedy during the election campaign, which helped secure the unprecedented release of two demonstrators, Boris Chernobyisky and Iosif Ass, who were to get five-year sentences for "malicious hooliganism".

The new demonstrations by Russian Jews for the right to emigrate and the implementation of the 1975 Helsinki accords come when anti-Semitism has reached a new disgusting level even for the Russians, when it comes to courting the Arab world.

Valery Yemelyanov, an official Communist Party lecturer, recently told the PLO, who were being smashed by Russian-armed Syrians, about "world Zionism" that "works in a strictly secret framework" and includes "all the presidents and parliaments of the developed capitalist countries."

they are unable to uncover the heart of the movement—students, workers, office workers and members of their own armed forces, who work in small underground groups, strike and then return to obscurity.

The government of the United States has done nothing to end the rise of fascism in Latin America and root out Nazi war criminals. On the contrary, the men who become the military dictators in every Latin American country are trained in the "war colleges" of the United States. The U.S. provides them with funds and arms and ignores their murderous behavior.

(A further analysis of anti-Semitism can be found in Political-Philosophic Letter #1 by Raya Dunayevskaya, "The UN Resolution on Zionism—and Ideological Obfuscation Also on the Left," available for 50 cents from News & Letters, 1900 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207.)

Iran

The Iranian Students Association in Chicago, along with others throughout the country, held a vigil in front of the French Consulate on Nov. 8 to protest the French government's collusion with the Shah's secret police (SAVAK). An Iranian diplomat in France, who the students say was also a SAVAK agent, was killed Nov. 2.

A group named for an Iranian revolutionary martyr, Reza Rezaii, claimed responsibility for the shooting. The French government, however, arrested six members and supporters of the Confederation of Iranian Students, two of whom are International Secretaries of the Confederation.

Members of the Confederation are protesting because they say the charges against the leaders are completely fabricated and that deportation to Iran, where the International Commission of Jurists estimates there are over 100,000 political prisoners being detained and tortured, means imprisonment, torture, and execution.

On a TV interview, the Shah said SAVAK is active in the U.S., with the help of the CIA, in suppressing the Iranian Students Association. Indeed, the U.S. takes the lead in bolstering the Shah's police state — its number one customer in arms sales, now up to \$4 billion annually. The Shah's arsenal is already so vast and sophisticated that there are over 27,000 American military advisors in Iran to help him. A Senate report in August said the Shah couldn't wage war "without U.S. support on a day-to-day basis."

Carter victory will not resolve problems of unemployment, racism

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after Nixon. It has to be racism."

In California, the division between race and class was revealed in the vote for Ford, for Hayakawa to be Senator, and most importantly against Proposition 14, the initiative put on the ballot by the United Farm Workers.

It went down to defeat 3 to 2, which meant that many, many working people voted against a labor initiative. The leaders of agribusiness, which included very large companies such as Southern Pacific Railroad, International Telephone and Telegraph and a number of oil companies, chose to take the ground of access to private property—the fact that union organizers would be given access rights in order to talk to farmworkers before and after work and during the lunch hour.

RIGHT TO ORGANIZE REAL ISSUE

There is in fact no other way to really organize a farm which is so spread out. Those who fought for the initiative, especially Chavez and the United Farmworkers Union, accepted these grounds. The fight became one over whether private property was really being invaded. As a result, when workers, especially white workers, went into the voting booth, they could again fool themselves that they were voting on private property, rather than voting on the rights of lower paid workers, who are in the vast majority Brown and Black, to organize themselves.

When my industry, auto, was organized in the 1930s, and there were the sitdown strikes, no workers thought that the auto companies had a private property right over the machines and the factory itself that was above the right of working people to form a union. The workers occupied the factory to show what they thought of that private property! Have the working people today forgotten that lesson?

When we saw the governor and other officials all for Proposition 14, and all the "Yes on 14" bumper stickers, we fooled ourselves that the initiative would win, even though it was being fought on the growers' ground. But we were wrong. If the ground chosen had been the correct one, that of the right of low-paid, unorganized workers in this country, a high percentage of

whom are minorities, to organize themselves, then the working people would have had to make a choice on the real issue of class and race. Again it was the Black workers who recognized this best. One said to me, "Look what private property has done to the white man's mind."

The defeat of Proposition 14 no doubt contributed to the election of the extreme right-winger Hayakawa. But it was a shock nonetheless. Not only has he been against youth and minorities with his attacks on the student body at San Francisco State University, whose president he was in the late 1960s, but his proposal for a substantial lowering of wages for youth is viciously anti-labor. And his remarks about how the internment camps for the Japanese during the Second World War helped them to assimilate, were racist to the core.

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but where is he going to find the jobs? Look at General Motors, where we have just gotten another contract pushed on us. Since the '73 contract, GM has automated some 60,000 jobs away, out of a total of 450,000. This is happening time and time again so that the army of unemployed has become a permanent feature of this society.

Meanwhile those of us who do have a job work under conditions out of our control. At my plant we have been working 10 and 11 hours a day since coming back to work on the new model. We don't have any control over when we go home, or under what conditions of speed-up, or health and safety we will be working.

Neither Carter nor the Democrats have anything to say about that. Far from being concerned about our working conditions, they are in fact only concerned with productivity, increasing the U.S.'s gross national product. That in turn comes from more automation, more speed-up, more sweat from us as workers. Neither the employed nor the unemployed will find any fundamental changes in going from Ford to Carter.

MORE OF THE SAME

In foreign affairs, everything Carter has said so far has indicated his willingness to continue the general line that Nixon and Ford have taken. His remarks on the Panama Canal were as offensive to the Latin American people and their right for self-determination as Ford's policy. That attitude will no doubt be present globally.

The question of where we are going in the future does not rest in the hands of a Carter. It rests in our own hands. Leaps to freedom have come when working people—women and men, Black and white, organized and unorganized—have united, as in the birth of the CIO. When divided we will only have the very narrow choice of the ballot box, always the lesser of the evils.

Meanwhile the real issues of how we labor and live continue to go unanswered. Or more precisely, are answered by those who make us labor and not by those of us who labor. Only when we decide what happens at the point of production through our own thought will any real changes occur.