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On November 19, rescue workers removed the bodies of the 11 people, including 8 miners, who died in the explosion last March 11 in the Scotia mine in Letcher County, Kentucky.

That explosion was the second of two blasts which killed 26 people in all. These miners died in a mine which was known to be unsafe, just so the coal bosses wouldn't lose a day's production or a dollar's profit.

This very same week, it's been learned that the Coal Operators' Association is advising its members to start stockpiling against the threat of a miners' strike. The United Mine Workers' contract expires exactly one year from this Monday, December 6.

How many more miners will die in hazardous mines this year, just so the bosses can stockpile enough coal to stop them from winning safer conditions next time?



CARTER PAYS THE PIPER



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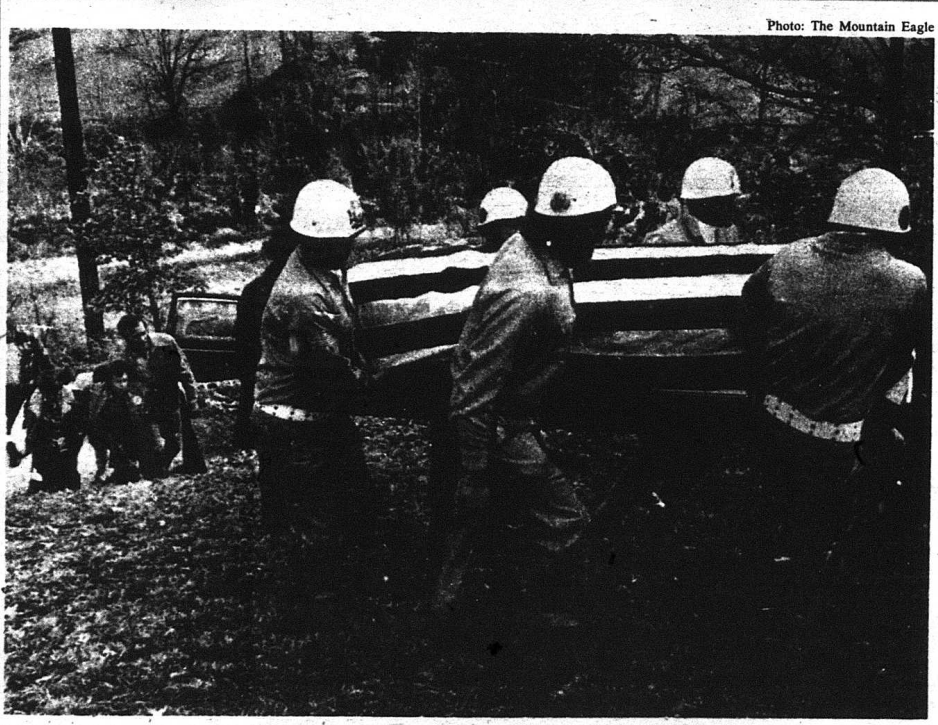


Photo: The Mountain Eagle

by Gay Semel

How much does it cost to buy a place in the top level of Carter's Administration?

If Carter's first cabinet level appointment is the standard—\$4.7 million is the answer.

Carter has announced that he will appoint Thomas Bertram "Bert" Lance to one of the top economic posts in his administration, most likely Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Lance is a millionaire banker in Atlanta, worth \$3.1 million, and a good friend of Carter's. A very good friend.

Lance's bank loaned \$4.7 million to Carter for his peanut business over the last eighteen months.

Carter's aides do not expect any flak over the \$4.7 million loan.

They consider the loans "routine" and in no way a "conflict of interest."

From their point of view they are right. There is no conflict of interest between the Carter Administration, the wheelings and dealings of business, and the buying and selling of cabinet level posts.

But Lance's appointment is definitely in conflict with our interests.

FISCAL CONSERVATIVE

Lance is a self-proclaimed fiscal conservative. That means he believes in balanced budgets and is generally opposed to large government spending programs like jobs, housing, welfare, health care—all the promises of Carter's campaign.

In fact, despite Carter's campaign promises, Lance told the press he is a fiscal conservative "just like Jimmy."

Lance's appointment is seen as a signal to business that they have little to fear. Carter is telling them he intends a go-slow approach to the nation's economic ills.

It also means that it will be a long, hard winter for the 8 million now on the unemployment lines. □

IN TEAMSTERS LOCAL 25, McCARTHY WINS BEFORE THE ELECTION

by Karl Werner

BOSTON—It's election time in Teamsters Local 25, New England's biggest freight local. For twenty years William J. McCarthy has been Local President, and he will be for at least three more. McCarthy is also a big power in the Eastern Conference and was chief negotiator for the UPS contract until Fitzsimmons stepped in.

McCarthy is running unopposed. His name won't even appear on the ballot. His victory is already assured.

"Continue Progress" is the slogan of the McCarthy Team. Many rank and file Teamsters think that just means "Progressively Worse Conditions"—because that is exactly how things have been going.

The last three years have been some of the worst for New England Teamsters. Local 25's membership has dropped from 16,000 to between 8,000 and 13,000 due to layoffs.

DON'T MAKE LIST

Working conditions have steadily deteriorated. More and more trucking companies are being allowed to use "union waiver agreements." For six months of the year—from May 1 to October 31—new employees do not make the union list. No job protection, no union representation.

Impossibly long hours are another issue—the 10 hour turn. Under this arrangement a driver makes the 500-mile round trip to New York City on New England's most heavily traveled roads, braves New York traffic, drops off a trailer, and gets back to Boston in one ten-hour day. Of course, during the whole time the driver must not exceed the 55 mile speed limit. Of course.

Conditions in the union are going the same way—downhill. Firing opposing officials from their elected posts, ruling speakers out of order at meetings, and looking the other way when union reformers are fired by the companies is the order of the day for the McCarthy Team. This is "Progress" rank and file Teamsters should want to "Continue"? Not hardly.

It appeared that Joseph Conlon, the local's ex-Secretary-Treasurer, would run against McCarthy. The two had often clashed over whether business agents should be elected or appointed.

The clash led McCarthy to order the Local Executive Board to fire Conlon from his elected post. The history of rivalry has led many members to view Conlon as the only one with a chance of beating McCarthy.

Conlon, however, decided to run for his old post of Secretary-Treasurer.

Almost any defeat of McCarthy or his "Team" would be a victory for the ranks. Even though once in office Conlon and the other present oppositionists would not be any better than he, getting rid of McCarthy is a crucial step in breaking up the Team's iron grip on this important local.

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whatever happened to the great AMERICAN DREAM?

UNION PENSIONS: THE STEAL IS ON

by Ken Brown

On October 27, retired hotel employees held a rally at their union's New York headquarters to protest pensions of \$55 to \$60 a month or less. Then some of the elderly workers marched to the Hotel Association to demand pensions of \$80 a month.

Officials of their union, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International (HRE), said they would conduct a study with management to determine the cost of the pension boost.

In fact, it wouldn't take much examination to find out why the HRE's members are in trouble. Their union and now their pension fund are being plundered, much in the same way the Teamsters union and pension funds have been ravaged by the gangsters who run these unions. In some cases, it's the same rip-off artists at work in both unions.

With almost half a million members, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees is the 14th largest union in the country. Its members include thousands of low paid waitresses and bus boys. Its president, Edward Hanley, sits on the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO.

Hanley became president in 1973. Since then, salaries of International officers have risen 400%. Hanley gets \$138,552 a year, although he didn't even go to the union office between last December and June.



Hanley. Looks like Mr. Clean...

Since Hanley took over, the union's expenditures have doubled, while net assets were reduced by 39%. The number of International Organizers rose from 19 to 100, while union membership fell by 12,000.

HANLEY'S HEROES

Here are a few of the stars in Hanley's cast of characters:

- Teamsters will not be surprised to find Jackie Presser near the top of the list. He's an International Vice President of the Teamsters and gets \$85,000 from Teamsters Local 507 in Cleveland. This busy man also gets \$16,590 as an HRE International Organizer and 19,500 as President of HRE Local 10. Then there's another \$12,705 from a third union, Bakery and Confectionary Workers Local 19, where Presser is Financial Secretary. Presser's 1974 total was \$176,571.

- One of Hanley's newly-appointed organizers is John Lardino. Lardino is a former Syndicate executioner, a suspect in several gangland slayings, and the former head of HRE Local 593 in Chicago. He resigned from Local 593 and destroyed records when he was called before the Senate McClellan Committee on racketeering.

- Thomas J. Hanahan is a Democratic legislator in Illinois who calls himself "labor's representative." He is under federal indictment for misconduct in office. Hanahan received \$17,984 from the HRE in 1974-75, as well as almost \$30,000 from the Carpenters. He was the protégé of Thomas Burke, head of gangster-run Local 25 of the Service Employees Union.

ROYAL TREATMENT

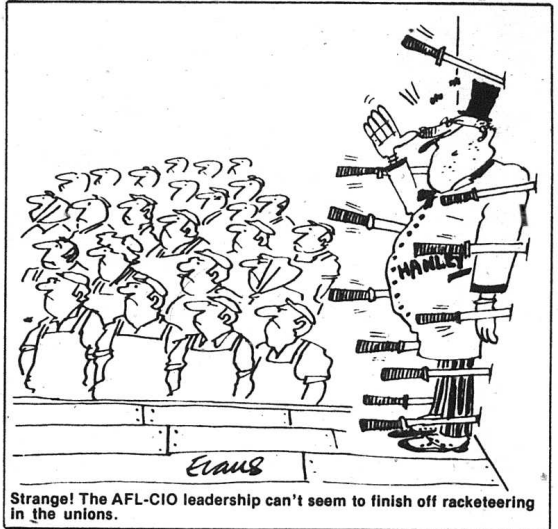
Edward Hanley gives himself the same kind of royal treatment that Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons gets. The HRE has spent \$29,359 for a furnished "guest apartment" in Cincinnati where the International has its headquarters, but Hanley rarely uses it. He prefers to spend his time in Palm Springs and Chicago.

Until recently the union leased two jets at the cost of \$638,207, including the salary for a stewardess. This sum could buy 1,734 coach tickets between Washington and Los Angeles.

The union also spent \$82,000 on new office furniture and nearly \$20,000 for a mobile home.

Hanley has been carrying out the same type of centralization that Hoffa did in the Teamsters. In 1975, there were 48 mergers involving 110 out of the union's 441 locals. These mergers didn't have to be approved by the rank and file.

In Los Angeles, as soon as the locals were merged, they were promptly put into trusteeship so there could be no election. In San Francisco, 10 HRE members filed suit, protesting the undemocratic merger of five locals.



Strange! The AFL-CIO leadership can't seem to finish off racketeering in the unions.

The reason for these mergers is the estimated \$100 million in various local pension and welfare funds. The merged locals, in the hands of reliable officers, will transfer these funds into the International's newly-created Pension and Health and Welfare Fund.

Four of the 18 trustees of this new fund are linked to Sidney Korshak, the most important union "fixer" and link between organized crime and legitimate business in the country.

What's in store for the Pension and Health and Welfare Fund can already be seen by what Hanley has done with the International's assets. He sold off the union's Treasury Bonds, a most stable investment, to make real estate loans.

Two million dollars was lent to Morris Shenker's Murrieta Hot Springs. Shenker is a former Hoffa lawyer, and has received millions

from the Teamster pension fund. Murrieta Hot Springs has been a consistent money loser, and by December 1975 was \$116,667 behind in payments on its loan from the HRE.

Another loan of \$2 million went to the Dutch Inn of Orlando, Fla., even though that establishment was already in default on a \$12 million loan from the local Savings and Loan Company. Only a few thousand dollars have been paid back on that loan.

Finally, Hanley loaned \$2.25 million to personal friends who own a Chicago motel that employs HRE members.

This type of activity takes political protection. So Hanley gave \$50,000 to Democratic Governor Jerry Brown of California, \$25,000 to Mayor Daley of Chicago, and \$25,000 to Joseph Alloto of San Francisco. These are exceedingly high political contributions compared to those of other unions.

Perhaps in recognition of what Edward Hanley has brought the labor movement, George Meany named him to a seat on the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

The AFL-CIO Code of Ethics says that no affiliated union should employ anyone "known to be a crook or racketeer preying on the labor movement and its good name for corrupt purposes, whether or not previously convicted." With that on the books, it must be no coincidence that the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee hasn't met in years.

The committee hasn't met because the AFL-CIO doesn't care that gangsters are stealing pension money right and left. It's OK as long as they don't give George Meany a hard time.

When you come right down to it, our trade union leaders don't really care that retired workers have to survive with pensions as low as \$50 a month. That's why the retired hotel workers were picketing the union officers. They realize that if something's to be done about this scandal, it's up to them to start it.

Back at the Teamsters...

The Teamsters Pension Fund has had a cosmetic change of trustees, but business goes on as normal. Two of the leading crooks—Frank Fitzsimmons and Roy Williams—remain as trustees. Williams was twice indicted for embezzling union money.

All of the union trustees had offered the federal government their resignations in return for immunity from prosecution, but the government refused.

One of the new trustees, Loran Robbins of Indianapolis, is known as Roy Williams' man. He is known to the rank and file for breaking up a Teamsters for a Decent Contract meeting in Indianapolis last winter.

The other trustees, Hubert Payne of Knoxville and Robert Schlieve of Appleton, Wisconsin, will not disrupt the Fund's affairs.

On October 14, ten present and retired Teamsters filed suit against the Pension Fund. One retired Teamster from Local 705, Chicago, was denied

pension because of a three-month break in his 22 years as a Teamster member.

David Dutchack, 76 years old, was denied a pension because he belonged to different Teamster locals. He filed an affidavit saying: "he was told by a lady at the union local in Florida that if he persisted in trying to get his pension, he could be thrown in a ditch. He went directly home, and an hour later got an anonymous phone call from a man who said, 'For \$1,000 and a plane ticket you can be killed.'"

Attorney Lawrence Walner who filed the suit estimates that 80% of retired Teamsters were ineligible for benefits under past rules of the Pension Fund.

The suit asks the court to remove the present trustees and appoint in their place persons independent of the influence of the present power structure of the funds and the Union. It also calls for an independent audit of the funds and that the pensions be paid.

Six-Month Beer Strike Ends, But Organizing's Just Begun

by Gene Chaplin

LOS ANGELES—The six month strike of some 600 beer drivers, helpers, salesmen and warehousemen in Los Angeles County is finally coming to an end. Most of the strikers were members of Teamsters Local 203. Although the strikers voted several times to reject the beer distributors' offer, the employers and top Teamster officials finally forced them to accept it.

The strike was marked by an unusual degree of rank and file activity, laying the basis for continuing organization among beer workers.

However, the new contract and the way it was pushed through indicate clearly the depths to which Teamster officials will sink in the face of a concerted employer attack.

The contract drastically weakens the power of the union in the beer industry. It raises the load limit for drivers by 25%, eliminates seniority rights for those transferring from one shop to another, eliminates the hiring hall, and gives no cost-of-living, pension, or health and welfare increases.

It makes future strikes unlikely by establishing October 1 as the contract expiration date, instead of June, which is the beginning of the peak beer season and when the brewery workers' contract expires.

ARMED SCABS

Local 203 never had a strategy for winning a decent contract. On June 1, Secretary-Treasurer John Fahy decided to strike only four shops.

Led by Coors Beer, the employers used scabs, armed guards, and dogs to make sure the beer trucks rolled. Strikers were stabbed and beaten by armed scabs. The employers also threatened decertification elections, whereby the scabs would vote the union out.

The union discouraged action to keep the struck shops from operating. Finally, after over four months, Local 203 voted to pull out all the shops except three which were allowed to work under "me-too" agreements. All the struck shops used scabs.

Strikers were demoralized and angry with their Local leadership for not informing them about negotiations or stopping the scabs.

STRIKE COMMITTEE

In late October, the strikers began organizing on their own. Some of the workers at Markstein Distributing passed out copies of Grapevine to the picket lines.

Grapevine is the paper of the Los Angeles chapter of Teamsters for a Democratic Union (TDU). It called for a mass picketing and dealing firmly with the scabs.

The Markstein workers called a meeting which over 100 strikers attended. It voted to set up a strike committee which would conduct mass picketing and get the next Local 203 membership meeting to make it official. It also set up a rank and file negotiations watchdog committee.

At the next Local meeting, though, it was discovered that Fahy, who had always recommended rejection in the previous contract votes, had gone to the hospital. Two witnesses were supposed to have seen him "slip in his bathtub."



The meeting was taken over by Guy Lewis, backed up by top officials of Joint Council 42. Lewis is Secretary-Treasurer of Local 896, a statewide local of soft drink and beer bottlers and warehousemen. The officials informed the



membership that the International had approved the merger of Local 203 into Local 896 on December 1 and there was nothing they could do about it. They allowed no motions or discussion about the strike.

MASS PICKETING

The strike committee, which consisted of representatives from every struck shop, decided to begin mass picketing anyway.

The next day 50 strikers picketed Pasadena Beverage, took care of some scabs, and succeeded in shutting down the shop. The next day 75 strikers came out, the following day 125. Not a truck moved.

Alarmed by the growing confidence of the strikers, Guy Lewis

announced that Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons had ordered a mail ballot on a new offer. It turned out to be nothing but the employers' old offer, only worse.

Meanwhile, mass picketing continued at several other shops. The employers got court restraining orders against it.

The contract was rejected again, 317-242. Lewis then urged the Local 203 Executive Board to conduct another vote, this time shop by shop.

By this time, the spirit of the strike was broken. The strikers did not have the confidence that they could win the strike completely on their own, especially with the peak beer season over, living on \$35 a week, and Christmas getting closer.



Rank and filers put on the pressure with mass picketing during the L.A. beer strike.

Although the strike was defeated, the foundations for rank and file organization were laid. The mass picketing and the TDU support showed the strikers their own power and the importance of unity with other Teamsters.

TDU members helped to set up barn meetings in other locals to get financial and other support. Beer strikers got an enthusiastic reception at other locals' meetings. A number of the most active strikers joined TDU. As they enter Local 896, they will organize along with TDU beer workers in northern California.

The beer workers lost this round, but they will be far better prepared to fight the next one. □

HAS CIA DECIDED TO MURDER PHIL AGEE?



Demonstration in Britain against the deportation of Agee and Hosenball.

The plans of the CIA and the British government to deport two Americans, Philip Agee and reporter Mark Hosenball, are proceeding.

There are many possible reasons at this time for the CIA to be stepping up its campaign to destroy Philip Agee, a former CIA agent who is now dedicating his life to exposing its activities.

A new CIA station chief named Edward Proctor has taken over CIA operations in London, replacing the former chief Cord Meyer. The CIA is evidently reorganizing and upgrading its activity in Britain.

This probably included efforts to infiltrate and disrupt left-wing workers' organizations. They do not want experienced CIA-watchers like Agee and Hosenball there to warn people about what is going on.

Agee's second book exposing CIA activities is near completion. They will want to prevent it from

being published, or even kill him before he can finish it.

Agee is continuing to dig deeper into the CIA's international web. In the December issue of Counterspy magazine, he has a sensational article exposing how the CIA tried to sabotage his first book by using an agent named "Leslie" who gave him an elaborately bugged typewriter.

Agee reveals how this June, he finally tracked down "Leslie"—real name Janet Strickland—in Geneva. She had infiltrated the International Labor Organization (ILO) and was apparently helping recruit CIA agents to disrupt unions all over Europe!

Agee has also been extremely active in disclosing how the CIA is instigating violence and murder to overthrow the mildly left-wing government of Jamaica. While in Britain he has also spoken out and written to warn British workers the CIA can do the same to them.

These are only a few of the reasons the CIA wants to throw Agee's life into turmoil again.

Agee and Hosenball, a radical anti-CIA newspaperman, have only one appeal, before a hand-picked government board. They are allowed no legal representation.

SECRET TIES

The only real hope for their remaining in Britain is not the government's rigged appeal procedure. It is the flood of protest, demonstrations and outrage among British journalists and trade unionists over the deportations, that could force the Labor Party government to back down.

It is clear that British officials are not acting on their own in this case. They have been told by their close friends, the American CIA, that the CIA wants Agee and Hosenball out of Britain.

The deportation would deprive Mark Hosenball of his right to work

as a journalist. Even worse, it would expose Phil Agee and his family to desperate danger from the U.S. Justice Department and the CIA's worldwide network and hit squads.

The CIA is confident its plan will succeed because the CIA has long-term, secret ties to many leading Labor Party government officials—including Prime Minister James Callaghan, Home Secretary Merlyn Rees and senior cabinet minister Denis Healey.

Healey is also currently in charge of begging the U.S.-backed International Monetary Fund for a massive loan to keep the tottering British economy afloat. He will do whatever Washington and the CIA demand.

Most of all, the CIA is determined to hound, destroy and eventually imprison or murder Philip Agee to make sure no one ever dares to expose its crimes again. □

THE PLOT TO RAPE NAMIBIA

A year after Angolan independence, the war there has still not completely ended.

In the last few weeks, there have suddenly been a series of western news reports of major new battles between MPLA and UNITA forces in southern Angola.

A recent UPI report, for example, says UNITA guerrillas "regularly attack road supply convoys, communications and rail links in the south."

"Refugee Kwanyama tribesmen straggling into Omungwelume (a village in Namibia, occupied by South Africa) said the MPLA and Cuban troops were burning villages, killing cattle and destroying crops."

Eight months ago, the MPLA's national independence movement won a decisive victory over pro-imperialist tribal movements. The tribal-based groups, known as FNLA and UNITA, were backed by the United States and South Africa.

The MPLA controls the government and the economy, rebuilt the shattered Benguela railroad, and drove FNLA out of the country and UNITA into the southeastern bush border areas. The MPLA is assisted by Cuban troops and military aid.

All the recent reports are being sent from Johannesburg, South Africa, or from Namibia. The South African government and military are the sources of most of the information.

It is quite likely that fighting has been going on in the Angola-Namibia border area for months. What is significant is that South Africa now finds it convenient to publicize it.

South Africa is continuing the war against Angola to provide a cover for its continuing massacres and forced removal of Ovambo villagers in Namibia.

U.S. officials like Secretary of State Henry Kissinger use the reports of continued fighting in Angola to block the country's admission to the United Nations.

But these reports actually show that South Africa and the United States still give support and supplies to the forces out to destroy independent Angola.



In a related development, the pro-U.S. African state of Zaire is also helping to create turmoil and severe economic hardship in Angola.

The Benguela railroad is the link between several African countries and the Atlantic coast. The railroad was returned to service following the liberation war by the MPLA government. It runs through Zambia, Zaire and central Angola.

However, Zaire refuses to use the railroad to ship copper. Instead it uses a far more expensive shipping route, eastward through white Rhodesia and South Africa. The Zaire government also refuses to allow Zambia to ship its copper on the railroad.

The economy of Angola is suffering a big loss of shipping fees as a result. They are badly needed to make up for the shattering losses of the war.

Zaire supported the pro-west FNLA during the Angola war and is a close ally of the United States in Africa.

Zaire's economy has also been hard-hit by the closing of the Benguela railway and falling world copper prices, yet it continues to boycott. There is no way Zaire can afford the financial losses—unless it is being repaid for them.

Aid from Washington is how Zaire makes up for its losses. That's just one more way that the U.S. government is trying to strangle the Angolan people. □



Southern Africa—the leading edge of revolutionary struggle in the world today. One of the hot spots is the border of Angola and Namibia, where South African-backed forces continue the war against the MPLA.

The South African government, along with United States and British big business, have devised a plan to rape Namibia—the huge, rich country to South Africa's north-west.

The secret plot was published last week in the British newspaper, "Sunday Times."

Since the end of World War I, Namibia has been ruled by South

Africa as a puppet state. Today the country has a million people, only 90,000 white.

According to the "Times," enormous funds from American and British corporations have been poured into a propaganda campaign on behalf of a Chief Kapuuo. Kapuuo is a tribal chief, a puppet who is being promoted as a future black President of Namibia.

With Kapuuo in charge, South Africa and the U.S. figure they will be free to plunder the tremendous mineral wealth of Namibia.

The "Times" uncovered documents revealing the American plan to back Kapuuo—with troops and ammunition if necessary.

The puppet Kapuuo's chief financier is Alan Manus. Manus is a millionaire speculator who owns 15% of a former German mining company.

This company owns the mineral rights to 25 million acres, more than one-sixth of Namibia. But Kapuuo is also supported by more conventional British and U.S. mining companies.

According to the secret documents, as part of their plan to destroy Namibia's liberation movement "there will inevitably be bloodshed."

This helps to explain why South Africa and the United States are still backing efforts to cripple the newly-liberated Angola.

ANGOLAN CONNECTION

The victories of the Angolan MPLA (popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) terrified South Africa and its western allies into developing a plan of action.

Angola was the first success in a new wave of national liberation wars throughout southern Africa. The immediate strategy of the

western powers and South Africa is to prevent that success from spreading to Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and Namibia.

The western countries' aim to crush the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO). SWAPO guerrillas are fighting for Namibia's independence from South Africa.

PHONY TALKS

To do this, the U.S. and Britain are encouraging phony peace talks over Zimbabwe and Namibia, pretending they will bloodlessly lead to black majority rule. Meanwhile they encourage the killing of thousands of Zimbabwean and Namibian freedom fighters.

As the articles in "Southern Africa News" on this page show, they are also trying to blockade Angola, to destroy its economy.

Even if MPLA, SWAPO and the Zimbabwean fighters cannot be wiped out, the U.S. hopes they will eventually be forced to accept a solution imposed by western economic and military muscle.

Every move the U.S. makes is towards its goal of stopping the southern Africa revolution. Namibia is as big a prize as Angola. Rather than allowing it to be free, the western powers are ready to destroy it—with the same war machine which rained bombs and terror on Vietnam. □

LEBANON: THE NEWEST OCCUPIED TERRITORY

For 19 months, Moslem workers and Palestinians in Lebanon fought against the right-wing, religious sectarian structure of the country. Now the barricades are down—but nothing is settled.



(Ph. Sipa)

The all-out shooting war in Lebanon is over—for now. Finally, we are told, a new Lebanese government will be formed to ensure peace and rebuild the country.

But Lebanon really is no longer an independent country at all. It has become the Middle East's newest Occupied Territory.

The Syrian Army, with its trucks repainted white and with its new title of the Arab League Peace Force, has occupied almost all of Lebanon.

TEMPORARY?

Of course, the Syrian military takeover is supposed to be only temporary—just until normal and stable conditions are restored.

But in 1967 the state of Israel seized the Sinai peninsula, the

Golan Heights and the West Bank territory of Jordan. That occupation, too, was only to be "temporary," until "a stable Middle East peace settlement is negotiated."

Nine years later, the Zionist state still holds almost all the territory it temporarily ripped off in 1967. The Syrian takeover of Lebanon is likely to be just about as temporary as the Israeli seizure of its occupied territories.

The ruling classes of Israel and Syria are bitter enemies. Yet despite differences, they have many things in common.

For one thing, they have common methods of justifying their land grabs.

THE RIGHT TO ROB

Israeli Zionists claim that the whole territory of Palestine (includ-

ing the occupied lands) is part of a Biblical "Greater Israel." Therefore they claim the right to rob all Palestinian Arabs of their homes, their land and their national rights.

Syrian government officials, including President Hafez al-Hasad, refer to both Lebanon and Palestine as part of "Greater Syria" which they also plan to liberate by taking over.

Second, Israel and Syria have a common ally in their crimes—the United States government.

VICTIMS

The U.S. arms Israel and defends its racist policies. It has also encouraged the slaughter of Palestinian and left-wing forces in Lebanon. The U.S. armed and financed the right-wing armies in Lebanon and gave its approval to

the Syrian invasion.

Israel and Syria also share common victims—the people of Palestine.

Palestinians living as refugees in Lebanon are being crushed—this time by Syria and Israel both.

The Palestinian fighters were the backbone of the resistance to the Syrian invasion. By itself, Syria could not have defeated them without suffering huge casualties and risking revolts in Syria itself.

But the rulers of all the Arab states, at Washington's urging, got together and ordered a cease-fire which gave the Syrian regime a clear path to complete its takeover.

So another Middle East country—this time Lebanon—has gone down under the imperialist carve-up. But any kind of real Middle East peace is further away than ever. □

BOUGHT OFF WITH OUR OWN MONEY?



Left to right: Pete Estes, President of GM; Woodcock; Carter; Detroit Mayor Coleman Young; John Riccardo, Chairman of Chrysler Corp.; and Henry Ford II, Chairman of Ford Motor—in a pre-election love fest.

AFTER THE ELECTION—Carter Dumps Woodcock

United Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock announced November 23 that he "doesn't want" a seat in Jimmy Carter's Cabinet after all. It was widely believed that Woodcock had been promised he could be Secretary of either Labor or Health, Education and Welfare, in exchange for his support of Carter before the election. Now Carter has apparently told him the deal's off. The UAW had looked bad in the 1972 Presidential primaries,

particularly Michigan's, when the leadership supported Humphrey and many white UAW members ignored the UAW endorsement and voted for Wallace. The UAW wanted to make sure the Wallace threat was stopped before it could embarrass them this time. They decided Carter had the best chance of defeating Wallace in the crucial Florida primary. So instead of backing one of the liberals or a candidate friendly to labor, they threw their support to Carter. Because of its many

retirees in Florida, the UAW was instrumental in Carter's victory. But now that Carter has won he doesn't need Woodcock anymore. He is the first member of Carter's electoral coalition to be openly stabbed in the back. **Too bad, Leonard. Guess you'll have to finish out your career as a labor statesman with only auto workers to screw, instead of the whole American labor movement.**

MONEY?

THE UAW PREPARED for ratification of its proposed agreement with General Motors this week. Committeemen from all over the country came to Detroit November 30-December 2 to hear the details of the agreement. They are expected to sell it on the shop floor and at "informational meetings" on Sunday, December 5.

Just as at the GM Council meeting, UAW leaders were very defensive about the contract. They tried again to refute the opposition's claim that it contains only one cent new money. Wendy Weinberg, Committeeperson at the Chevrolet Gear and Axle Plant in Detroit, told Workers' Power, "It was an intimidating atmosphere. I spoke to how this contract would do nothing for job security and people applauded. But you could tell the majority were going to follow the Administration line and support the contract back in their locals."

PHONY BONUS

The GM contract is in essence the same raw deal ratified by Ford and Chrysler workers earlier. The biggest selling point will be the check for an average of \$792.88 before taxes which workers will receive on December 23 if they ratify the agreement. Detroit newspapers are referring to this check as a "bonus."

However, it is actually just the regular paycheck plus holiday pay and the retroactive pay due since September 20.

As a leaflet issued by the Coalition for a Good Contract (CGC) stated, "Not one penny of

this check is new money. Not only are they trying to buy us off, they're buying us off with our own money!"

The 30-and-Out Committee, a group of GM local officials which pressed during the bargaining period for cost-of-living on retiree pensions, has said it will not recommend either a yes or a no vote. Chairman Hank Oginsky of Local 599 told Workers' Power that GM retirees will be a little better off than those from Ford and Chrysler because their participation in the dental plan begins in February rather than October 1977.

The Committee has apparently decided to be satisfied by UAW Vice President Irving Bluestone's vague promise that the union knows what the retirees' problem is and will be bargaining on it in 1979.

The Independent Skilled Trades Council (ISTC) held meetings December 2 and 3 to organize for the largest possible No vote. Because of the closeness of the holidays and acceptance of the contract by Ford and Chrysler workers, no one expects rejection.

But the CGC and ISTC point out that a large No vote is a sign of dissatisfaction with the UAW leadership. Even the expected ratification does not mean workers are content with the contract. It is an expression of the ranks' lack of confidence that there is anything they can do to force the leadership to bring back a better offer.

GM workers who want to show their disgust with both GM's offer and the way the UAW maneuvered it through should vote No to this contract.

Local 595 Shop Committee Jumps the Gun

General Motors workers in Linden, New Jersey face an attempt by local officials to slip a new local contract by them. From 1973 to 1976 Local 595 had no local agreement. They lived under the 1970 agreement for six

years. The second shift was laid off in 1974. When it was put back on last spring, the local executive board appointed the second shift's shop committee members. This half-appointed shop committee negotiated a new local contract in August. It was the first UAW local to announce agreement with management—a month before the national contract expired.

their plan may backfire. Some committeemen know the contract is no good, and may recommend rejection. Also, skilled tradesmen want strong language on lines of demarcation between the trades and they're ready to vote no to get it.

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TWO DAY'S GRACE

The two sides reached agreement only two days before elections for a new shop committee were held. The Local 595 officials were afraid that if negotiations weren't finished by election time, somebody unsympathetic to the company might get their two cents in on the local contract. General Motors must have been very happy with the agreement. The Labor Relations Department threw a party for the guys on the shop committee. At the membership meeting November 21 members asked why no information had been distributed since the agreement was negotiated three months ago. An Executive Board member responded that somebody was working on the highlights and they would be distributed shortly.

It's obvious the local is keeping its membership in the dark, hoping to pull a fast one at the ratification meeting this month. However,

Workers' Power Sick Society Award

Last week Workers' Power presented our readers with a few choice items the rich will be buying for Christmas this year.

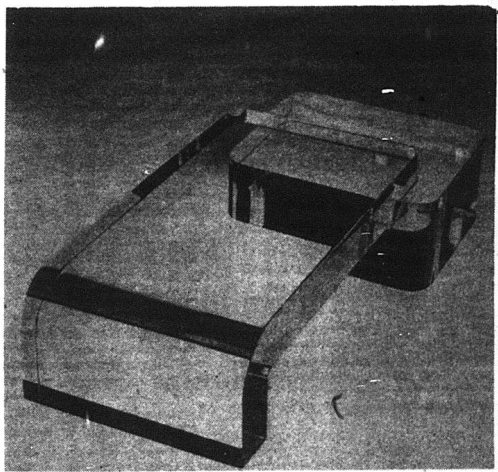
We showed a set of 10 prize fans at the low, low price of \$9500 and other assorted goods.

Readers since told us that our sample barely registered a 3 on the decadence scale.

So, in our unending search to show our readers the real way the other side lives—off of our labors—Workers' Power is sponsoring a contest.

Each week, from now to our final pre-Christmas issue, we will show, and rate on the decadence scale, the most outrageous toys of the ruling class.

THE PRIZE: one each of every poster Sun Press produces over the next year—beginning with the SMASH APARTHEID poster. All promise to be excellent tools in the struggle to overthrow these parasitic bastards.



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DECADENCE SCALE

What to Buy for the Couple Who Own a \$50,000 Couch—A \$40,000 Cocktail Table

This week's decadent item clearly rates at least a 9. It's a \$40,000 cocktail table made out of solid acrylic (better known as plastic).

Rush out today—the supply is limited. In fact, there are only

six. They are signed by the designer, Gary Gutterman, and numbered.

And for the price of one, three families could live for an entire year.

Send all entries (pictures aren't absolutely necessary, but help) to: WORKERS' POWER SICK SOCIETY AWARD, 14131 Woodward, Highland Park, MI 48203. All entries must be in by January 2.

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If you agree with the views expressed in this paper and would like more information, or would like to join the International Socialists, then send this form to: INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS, 14131 Woodward Ave., Highland Park, MI 48203.

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Lisa, Detroit.

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“The Red Tide will become the univ revolutionary movement.

“We will train the future leaders of class and graduate the baddest re this system’s ever seen—with a over-throwing this rotten, racist, sic

Red Tide Convention TURN CLASS TIME INTO CLASS STRUGGLE

by Gay Semel

DETROIT—Over sixty young people attended the second national convention of the Red Tide November 20 and 21. The Red Tide is the youth group of the International Socialists.

Red Tide members came from Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and New York. The mood of all present was excited, yet serious.

Over the last year the Red Tide has made tremendous gains. Nine young people moved from the West Coast less than one year ago to build the revolutionary youth group. Today there are established branches in three cities and beach-heads in several more.

Frank Runninghorse, Red Tide Field Organizer, explained the Red Tide history.

“The founding convention occurred in Los Angeles over a year ago. Over forty people attended.

“The Red Tide was then, as it is now, an organization of young activists, with a newspaper, who terrorized school administrators.

“We led walk-outs, students strikes, teach-ins, demonstrations. We led strikes for union wages for young people.

“We were in many ways the best of a new generation of very young revolutionaries. But we had many problems to overcome. We were a very small and predominantly white group. We were isolated on the West Coast.

“We made the decision to move the organization to Detroit, the industrial heartland of the Midwest. From here we could spread out and reach the industrial working class.

GAMBLER

“It was a risk. We took a gamble. We knew we’d sustain heavy losses. And we had no guaranteed results.

“Around nine of the leading comrades moved 3000 miles to Motor City. We did sustain heavy losses. We lost the West Coast branches. But even so, over this period, the Red Tide has been a success.

“The Red Tide is bigger, stronger, more integrated, more dangerous to the ruling class than

it has ever been before.”

The convention was organized around five themes, addressing both the problems and tremendous potential of the Red Tide.



Rufus, Cleveland.

Build a Base in the High Schools

Many of those attending the convention were high school students. It is in the high schools that working class youth are molded, bent and twisted into the disciplined workforce that the bosses need.

As Frank put it: “Even though high school is not the heart of industry, or ‘the point of production,’ it is the ‘point of mis-education’ where the rich capitalists have a monopoly on propaganda. They use it to indoctrinate the working class with backward illusions and politically wrong ideas, historical lies and mis-lessons of the history of our

class.

“We must break their monopoly of ideas, and challenge their lies and philosophy.”

It is also in the high school where working class young people, black and white, are coming to grips with the reality of their futures—no jobs if you’re black; rotten, body-breaking, mind-destroying jobs if you’re white.

In the high schools very fertile ground for revolutionary ideas is found.

One young brother from Cleveland, Rufus, told what it was like at his school and how he has organized.

“I taped one of my Red Tide newspapers on my briefcase and sold all but the one. I was in the library and the librarian was looking at my one Red Tide. She read most of it, and she wouldn’t give me a dime. Well, she gave me a pass to the office, finally.

“There they told me I couldn’t sell illegal papers. I told them it would be better for someone in there to read something different, something to do with the system. Because really, nobody don’t want to read their nasty books. They still got the elementary books we passed in the fourth and fifth grade.

“When you go the lavatory, you got a police armed with a gun right behind you. They call it ‘for security.’ So I asked the principal why the police were carrying weapons around in school.

“He told me they did it to keep violence down, and for discipline inside the building.

“So I asked him, ‘You call that protection for the school, but what if one of those guns go off one day and hit a student? What you gonna say about it then? Is the cop gonna go to jail and do the time?’

“Or just place another bullet in there for the one that left?”

Building Campaigns

It is through campaigns that the Red Tide has grown.

The convention discussed why campaigning was a good method for organizing and which cam-

paigns the organization would carry out over the next year.

As Wendy stated: “The term campaign refers to the method that the Red Tide uses to put our politics into practice.

“When we are in a campaign it means that we have chosen a single important and relevant issue to discuss with people we meet. It is a form of transitional politics—the transition from explaining to someone something that is now happening in the world, to explaining to the same person what that issue means in terms of the socialist society we are building for.”

Over the last year the Red Tide has campaigned around busing, against the racist offensive, taking on the Nazis in Chicago and Mothers Alert, Detroit in Detroit.

GARY TYLER

The Red Tide’s biggest campaign has been building a national movement to free Gary Tyler. Because of the Red Tide, the case of the black Louisiana youth falsely convicted of shooting a white

student has become a national issue.

The next major campaign to be carried out by the Red Tide will be building solidarity with the South African freedom fighters.

Build a Multi-Racial Organization

A successful revolution can only be made by a united working class—black, white, latin; male and female.

Over the last period the Red Tide has attracted mostly young blacks. This is the result of the campaigns the Red Tide has conducted: Gary Tyler and against the racist offensive.

Hoppy explains why:

“During the first few months that the Red Tide started recruiting in the high schools a conscious effort was made to recruit blacks.

“The Gary Tyler campaign and the sudden rise in racism in this



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(Above) Frank Runninghorse. (Below, left to right) Rufus, Willie, Cheryl, and Dan at the convention.



"We want to make revolutionaries as fast as GM makes cars—only we want them to last longer."

¶ The purpose of this convention is to chart a course for our organization, to harden our cadre, to move forward. We are mapping out a course that will lead us eventually to a socialist revolution. A revolutionary socialist reconstruction of society so that it will be a fit place for ourselves, for our children to grow up in.

There is something different about revolutionaries. We look at the world differently. It's our philosophy. We don't allow ourselves to be drugged and anesthetized into passivity and despair by a few six-packs of beer or a Sunday afternoon football game.

WORLD VIEW

We now know that the society we live in, capitalism, is a very sick society. In fact, it's like an incurable cancer. No band-aids can save it, or even operations for that matter.

We don't hide from the pain and the death that surrounds us every day. We don't pretend it's not happening or that it doesn't affect us.

We know it exists, and it does affect us. Revolutionaries are sensitive people. Not only do we feel our own pain and suffering, we feel and understand the pain of our brothers and sisters around the world.

KILL THE CANCER

Capitalism causes wars, starvation, poverty, fascism, disease, pollution, racism, sexism, ghettos—everything that's bad. It's an oppressive, suppressive, repressive, exploitive, unjust, fucked up bigoted society.

Our humanity is our most precious possession. We fight our own oppression head on. We accept no compromises. We don't run and hide in the struggle for liberation. You'll find us in the thick of it.

It's like a malignant cancer. It must be removed or the patient will die. Yes, society is a patient, capitalism is a cancer, and we must become the doctors—with PhD's in revolution.

As Emiliano Zapata, a great Mexican revolutionary, said, "It is better to die on your feet, than to live on your knees." And most of us have bloody knees from living on them too long.

We, the revolutionaries, are aided by the ugliness and repulsiveness of this society in our efforts to reach new revolutionaries.

We don't intend to die though. We intend to live, and we want to live. And we want our children and grandchildren to be able to live in society, without going through the suffering and pain and bullshit we see around us everyday.

We will build a new society based on freedom, equality and liberation, or the cancer will spread. Fascism and racism will triumph.

We are going to live and we are going to fight so that our children can live in peace without having to see the bullshit.

We here in this room will make history one way or the other, with our success or our failure. The Red Tide is about revolution. It's no game.

BREAK THE CHAINS

The stakes are the future of the human race, and human society. We can't afford to lose.

We recognize that in order to change the system, we must fight to break out of the chains that the system puts on our minds. We must revolutionize ourselves so we can revolutionize the system.

Revolutions don't just happen. Revolutionaries make them. To make a revolution you need tough, dedicated, hard, bold and responsible revolutionaries.

We must become new men and new women because our task is enormous—the overthrow of the most vicious, brutal, exploitive, killing machine the world has ever seen.

It means more than getting up and giving good speeches. It means much more than coming to a demonstration. It means a way of life.

We know that we will make it. We will go on and we will be victorious.

The Red Tide is about making revolutionaries. Right now its a slow process, but this is one area where we support speed-up. We want to make revolutionaries as fast as GM makes cars—only we want them to last longer.

You can kill or jail a revolution, but you can't kill or jail a revolution. The future belongs to us and we will rise and take it.

Frank Runninghorse

TIME!



Wendy, Detroit. Audience at Convention.

Building a Leadership

Capitalism is falling apart. Young people understand this better than most. Years of hanging out because there are no jobs is proof enough. But knowing that change is needed and doing it are two different things.

As Larry outlined the convention document on Building a Leadership:

"All joint action requires organization and leadership. The whole working class must make a revolution together.

"But that's where we run into a problem. As we can see, the working class is nowhere together enough to do that today.

Building an Education Program

Becoming working class leaders is not achieved simply by proclamation. Leadership is the product of training, study and experience.

One major concern is the Red Tide's need to quickly train its membership politically.

Part of training to be a revolutionary is untraining—teaching Red Tide members the real history of the struggles of working class and oppressed peoples.

Lisa discussed education: "High schools are where this society puts the finishing touches on us after years of schooling. It's where we form many of our ideas and values...

WORKING CLASS

"The working class is politically uneven. A lot of people are racist, most sexist, some conservative, others more politically advanced and militant. And revolutionaries are a minority (today a tiny one) and we will be so until the actual revolution.

"So how do we get from where we are today to that point?"

"That's where the Red Tide and the International Socialists come in. We organize the revolutionaries, the most politically advanced, so that we can give leadership to the rest of the class.

"We try to lead those who are pissed off, but not yet revolutionaries, in struggles that bring them from their current level of political awareness to higher levels."

"We must arm our high school members with the truth—American history through the eyes of our own class, not the ruling class flunkies who write the history books.

"In school, Red Tiders must be ready to correct, and expose, and run down the real story. Now they teach American history as the story of how the slaves 'were freed,' how women 'were given' the right to vote, how President Roosevelt 'gave workers' the right to unionize.

"Not how slaves struggles to win their freedom, how women struggled and won the right to vote, how workers struggled and won the right to unionize.

"Our comrades will be able to bring the current, real world into their classes: the war in Angola, the struggle in South Africa, winning Gary Tyler's freedom." □

country made this an easy task. Black youths were looking for a way to fight back, and the Tide was the answer."

The convention document recognizes the absolute need to continue fighting racism on all fronts, but these questions must be related to white working class youth as well. The convention document shows how:

"Our anti-racist campaigns must relate to whites, as well as other minorities. An example is Gary Tyler. The fact that Gary was 16 when he was arrested is just as important as the fact that Gary is black and the victim of a racist frame-up.

"The South African struggle is not only against racism but also against American imperialism and the American corporations, which exploit all workers in America.

"The Angolan revolution in Africa sparked the Portuguese revolution in Europe."





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DECISION TIME FOR THE UNITED STEEL WORKERS

ABEL'S NO-STRIKE DEAL: IT'S A MONKEY ON YOUR BACK

Last week, 400,000 United Steelworkers (USWA) union members employed in basic steel got a booklet in the mail from their union.

This booklet is titled: "ENA—An Experiment in Problem Solving." It cost the union at least a hundred thousand dollars in dues money.

It was put out to defend the Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA)—a no-strike pledge that the present steel union

leadership signed and supports.

This defense of the ENA was published in response to a serious challenge coming from Ed Sadlowski and the "Fightback Team," candidates for top union office running against the union machine.

COUP FOR BOSSES

The ENA was first signed by I.W. Abel, USWA President, before the beginning of negotiations on the 1974 basic steel contracts. The

membership was not consulted on how they felt about the ENA nor given a chance to vote on it.

And to silence critical voices, the giant steel corporations handed out a \$150 bonus to all members in basic steel in return for the union leaders' signature on the ENA. The bosses knew what they wanted, and they were willing to pay for it.

For the steel bosses, it was a stunning victory. They had conned steelworkers into selling cheap their right to strike—a right that steelworkers had established only through years and years of bitter struggle.

The first ENA agreement signed away the right of steelworkers to

strike during 1974 contract negotiations. Then that contract, signed in 1974, contained an ENA clause pledging that there would be no strike in 1977 when the next contract would be negotiated!

This means that when the present contract expires next year, Steelworkers are legally banned from striking for a better contract.

If union and management fail to reach agreement at the negotiating table, the unresolved disputes go to so-called "impartial arbitrators" to be settled.

"Impartial arbitrators" means wealthy individuals who never worked in plants or mills, whose families are never threatened by layoffs, who don't know and don't care what it means to raise a family on steel workers' wages.

ON THEIR KNEES

This self-renewing ENA sends union negotiators to the bargaining table with power to beg, not to demand. And Abel hopes he can get away with signing another ENA in 1977 that will tie the union's hands through 1983, long after Abel is retired. He is trying to do a job for the steel companies that they could never do for themselves.

The union's "Problem-Solving" booklet argues this way:

• In 1959, steel buyers stockpiled huge quantities of steel, preparing for the possibility of a steel strike. The union struck for 116 days, but the stockpile held up and little was won.

• In 1965, steelbuyers again believed a strike was possible. They again stockpiled, and they began contracting for large quantities of foreign steel. Imports rose that year by 61.2% to a new high of 10.4 million tons.

There was no 1965 strike, but in the three months following the contract settlement, 13.6% of the work-force was laid off.

• The same story was repeated in 1968. This time imports rose 56.8% to 18 million tons and 16.5% of the workforce got laid off following the contract settlement.

• Finally, in 1971, the same story again, only even worse, with 17.6% laid off.

WHAT'S THE DEAL?

The story in the booklet goes on. In 1973 the ENA was signed. In 1974, there was no sharp decline in employment after contract settlement.

The proportion of steel imports dropped from 17.9% in 1971 to 13.4% in 1974. This supposedly proves that the ENA was successful in protecting jobs.

A deeper look, however, shows a different picture. During the 1960's the German and Japanese steel industry had much more modern equipment than the American industry.

Unit labor costs were far cheaper and therefore imported steel,



largely specialty steel, became competitive in price despite high shipping costs.

This is the main explanation for rising imports, not "hedge buying."

German and Japanese steelworker wages rose during this period, so that today German steelworkers earn more than U.S. steelworkers. And if present trends continue, Japanese steelworkers will also soon pass their American brothers and sisters on the wage front.

Meanwhile, the wage levels of US steelworkers slipped from the highest paid U.S. industrial workers to 14th place.

In other words—foreign steel is no longer a bargain because the steelworkers' union leadership has negotiated lower wages and worse conditions!

THIS SAVES JOBS?

The argument that ENA eliminated layoffs following the 1974 contract settlement is also a fraud.

Compared to the weak steel market going into 1971 bargaining, the market in 1974 was very strong. During the year before 1974 bargaining, the U.S. economy was booming.

Steel was being produced in record quantities—more steel than during the pre-1971 contract period when stockpiling was going on.

In 1974, the companies would have had a hard time stockpiling even if they wanted to—the steel mills were having a hard enough time just filling orders.

The capitalist boom was international. Foreign imports were not readily available to make up the difference, because they were also straining just to meet the demands of their regular buyers.

That year, a strike threat by steelworkers would have been very powerful and could have yielded major concessions from management.

But because of the ENA the steel barons got off cheap. Then when the strong market collapsed in 1975, the layoffs came.

And despite all the promises of total job security with ENA, the weak contract provisions negotiated by a pro-company union leadership meant that many, many steelworkers were deprived the protection they rightfully deserved.

In Bethlehem and Republic, SUB payment was cut. All low-seniority workers suffered.

The membership could have done much better if the union had followed a more effective policy. Instead, their job security, conditions, and wages continue to suffer. □



The Historic Sellout: I.W. Abel (left) shakes hands with R. Heath Larry of U.S. Steel, sealing the Experimental Negotiating Agreement.

Scared Bureaucrats Pour Cash Into McBride Campaign

The possibility of a Sadlowski victory in February's USWA elections has gotten many union officials just plain scared. They're saying that the whole labor movement could be shaken up if Sadlowski's Steelworkers Fight Back slate wins. They don't want that, and they're putting their money where their mouths are.

According to several recent reports, frightened union bureaucrats are pouring in money to shore up the machine slate headed by Lloyd McBride.

Inside the USWA, most Staffmen are expected to donate \$500 apiece to the McBride Team's campaign fund. They willingly kick in these contributions because they're afraid that if Sadlowski gets elected, the gravy days will be over and they will have to either do a job for the membership or get the boot.

The District Directors, with the exception of Sadlowski, are expected to kick in \$2,000 apiece.

All members of the McBride slate were required to put up \$5,000. When Joseph Oderich,

candidate for Vice President (Administration), joined the McBride slate, he was told to bring his check with him to the press conference announcing his addition to the team.

OTHER UNIONS

It is normal for machine politicians to kick back this kind of cash to support the reelection of their own machine in their own union. Unusual this year is the fact that machine politicians from other unions are also kicking into the McBride coffers.

Murray Finley, head of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, has appealed to his executive board for "voluntary contributions" to the McBride slate. He has reportedly raised over \$1,000.

McBride announced he welcomes this kind of support. And his people in Washington are now going around hitting up the leadership of the other AFL-CIO international unions. Their message is clear: "If

it can happen to us, it can happen to you."

In the past, there was an unwritten law that officers of one international union kept out of the internal affairs of other international unions. So long as internal union politics were primarily squabbles over whose snout gets in the trough, this policy was quite logical.

But their mad scramble to stop Sadlowski's Fight Back team proves what Workers' Power has been saying: a Sadlowski victory will increase the power of the rank and file, not only in the Steelworkers Union, but by example, in all unions.

Rank and file union activists outside the Steelworkers Union can show their solidarity with their brothers and sisters in steel. They can make a financial contribution to Steelworkers Fight Back, just like the top bureaucrats are contributing to McBride. Contributions should be sent to: Steelworkers Fight Back, 9271 South Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60617. □

Workers' Power Wants To Hear From You! Write: 14131 Woodward, Highland Park, MI 48203

"Remember People's Park . . . or whatever inspires the same in you."

Dear Workers' Power,

A little while back I got so carried away with a sentimental appreciation note to you that I forgot to fill out an enclosed check. The amount intended was \$100, so here it is. It's probably the last contribution of this amount that I'll be making for quite a while.

We all know cases like Gary Tyler's frameup must be fought, case by case sometimes. The oppression, exploitation, and "blinding" of women likewise cries for epic struggle.

I saw the note on the I.S. National Committee's dismay at the stagnation of Workers' Power. I'd be a liar not to say that I personally find it largely boring and monotonous at times. I realize it has special target audiences much of the time, for example: strikers and would-be strikers, particular union members, certain communities, etc.

But, then, all these people are most of all, each and every one of them, individual human beings in quest of fulfillment, enjoyment, and fun. As for our circumstances, Mao Tse-Tung was half-right when he said, "Revolution is not a dinner party."

A dinner party, at least as I usually experience them, is too formal, too stuffy, too phony, and not much fun. It's true, that kind of an atmosphere, doesn't make for a revolution aimed at restoring some of our essentially wondrous, fun-loving humanity.

Comrades, occasionally remember People's Park or whatever inspires the same in you. Instead of "Taking Care of Business," a much better concept (from the White Panthers) is "Kick out the Jams."

Yours,
John Willard
Richmond, CA

"Those even suspected were severely beaten . . . or stabbed to death."

Dear Workers' Power,

My name is Mark Easter. I'm 22 years of age, a white brother, and a prisoner incarcerated within the U.S. federal concentration camp here at Marion, Ill.—deep within the Behavior Modification Unit.

If I may, I would like to share with you, brothers and sisters, my personal experiences and objective facts concerning racism.

One of the most racist penitentiaries I've ever been in is located in the heart land of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida State Penitentiary. Raiford functions on a routine basis of segregation. Black prisoners and white prisoners bathe in separate showers, sleep in segregated cells, eat in a segregated dining room, separate serving lines, and a segregated movie house.

Every white guard I knew at Raiford was a Klansman, not to mention that a good majority of the white prisoners were also members of the KKK. Those who were not prejudiced wouldn't dare associate themselves with brothers of another race. Those

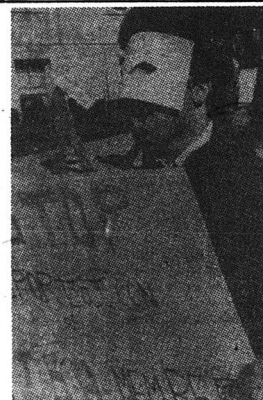
even suspected were severely beaten, or like in most cases, stabbed to death.

Racist prisoners, known as "good convicts," will tell other prisoners not to escape, that they should stay put and do the time for the crime and get out legally. These are the same so called good convicts serving 10-50 years and still haven't got out legally and they tell other prisoners how they should pull their time.

We prisoners, working class, and oppressed peoples are the ones who suffer the consequences of racism. Not only does it divide our ranks, it prolongs our struggle against the real enemy. The longer we let ourselves be tricked into blaming each other for our present problems, the longer we'll have to live under the subhuman and oppressive conditions forced upon us by the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie ruling class and their running dogs.

I say to all brothers and sisters, regardless of nationality, we must shake ourselves loose from the racist attitude that has been imprinted in our minds by these bourgeois scavengers who feed off our very lives. Racism stands in the way of people's progress. Down with racism! On to victory!

Revolutionary love,
Mark Easter
U.S. Concentration Camp
Marion, IL



Louisville police threatened to arrest this student for wearing a mask.

"Ku Klux Klan never threatened with arrest under this law . . . even though they have the minds of 14-year olds."

Dear Workers' Power,

Last week in Louisville a group of Iranian students held a demonstration protesting the conditions in Iran under the Shah, who is the dictator or king there. They were saying that no opposition in government is allowed there.

What I'm writing you about is this: when these students marched in Louisville they wore homemade masks—mainly to protect their identity. The Louisville police threatened to arrest them all because of a law here which says you can't wear a mask if you're over 14 years old.

However, when the Ku Klux Klan shows its "face" in Louisville, they wear hoods, masks, sheets, and the whole bit. Never once have they been threatened with arrest because of

Workers of the World, Take Park Place!

Dear Workers' Power,

I work in a little sweat shop called Custom Paper Tubes. The other night I had a dream.

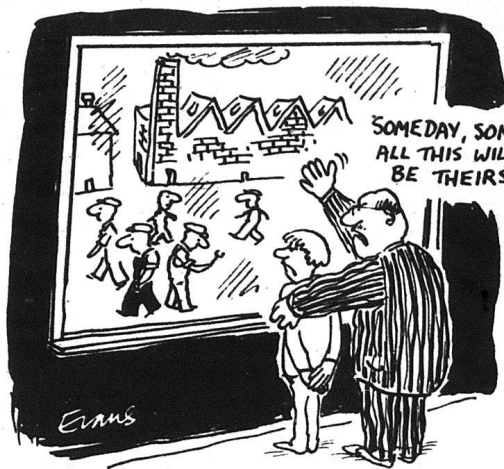
I dreamt that Operation Drop The Hammer went into effect. Each worker dropped his or her hammer, and I could hear the sound of a hundred million hammers drop.

It was music to my ears. My boss could not stand it. Each machinist held a long metal bar in their hand, and would not allow the boss or his creeps next to the machines.

And in the Monopoly of life the workers of the world were sitting on Park Place and Boardwalk and the scum had taken their rightful place on Baltic Ave.

Oh, but then it was only a dream. Right?

James Mitchell
International Socialists
Cleveland, OH



this law. These are full-grown people, too, even if they have the minds of 14 year olds.

I think this shows that the laws are not enforced equally in this country. The sooner we all wake up and realize this—and start making our own laws—the better off we'll all be!

A friend
IBT Local 89
Louisville, KY

"The union has advised me to get a good lawyer. I would have won in court."

Dear Workers' Power, I am hopeful that you will publish this statement so that in the future it may help some other innocent person from being framed.

On July 22 I went to work as usual as a dockman at Roadway Express in Taylor, Michigan, a position I have held for 10 years. I met my steward and asked him to accompany me to the Terminal Manager's office, because I wanted to hand him back a reprimand which I had received a few days earlier for being 10 minutes late for work.

As we walked towards his office we passed the time card rack, and my steward said, "Did you punch your time card in?" I said, "No, I have no intention of working tonight if Mr. Ostermeyer gets mad at me for protesting this reprimand. I just want to hand him this paper and walk away." I did this.

At 3:30 p.m. a foreman said it was time to go to work. I re-entered the building and went to punch my time card in because I thought it was safe to work. But I was stopped by a foreman, Les, who said, "Mr. Ostermeyer wants to see you in his office."

Ostermeyer said, "You or nobody else scares me." Then he said, "Have you been drinking?" I said, "No." He asked, "Will you submit to a sobriety test?" I answered, "Yes."

He called two foremen to get one of them to take me to Metro-clinic for the test. Before they arrived I said "I do not

understand. I am not even working." He replied, "Your time card is punched in." I said, "If it is, I certainly did not punch it."

I then said, "I am going to the union hall to get proper representation."

When I walked into my Business Agent's office and explained the situation to him, he asked me a few questions and smelled my breath. He then phoned Mr. Ostermeyer and said, "What are you trying to do this man? You fired him 20 minutes ago as being drunk and now he is sitting right next to me cold sober."

Ostermeyer said, "Foreman Les seen him punch his time card in."

At the first grievance hearing in early August my case ended in a deadlock because of the company's insufficient evidence, which meant it would go the following month to the joint area committee in Chicago.

I was so confused when I didn't win that I went at my own expense and took a polygraph test

that completely exonerates me of the company's charges.

In Chicago we started to proceed with the case but were interrupted and told that the polygraph test was additional evidence, so the case must go back to Michigan first.

At the next hearing in October the board reversed their decision and upheld the discharge!

So it is very evident that I was punished for taking a polygraph test.

I was called for an appeal hearing in Flint, Michigan on November 9. But I was denied a hearing because of no new evidence.

The ironic thing about this miscarriage of justice is that the union has advised me to get a good lawyer because I would have won the case in a court of law.

Since this time, Roadway has been sending FBI men to several employee's homes to try and get them to take polygraph tests on other matters.

Sincerely,
Raymond P. Roberts
Romulus, MI

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Where We Stand

WE OPPOSE

- **CAPITALIST EXPLOITATION**
We live under the capitalist system. The wealth produced by working people is stolen from us by private employers. They prosper from our labor.
- **CAPITALIST CONTROL**
Capitalists use their profits only to make more profits. When they need fewer workers, they create unemployment. When they need more money, they speed up work, downgrade safety conditions, and raise prices. The capitalist system spends little on health care, a clean environment, or social services, because these things make no profit.
- **OPPRESSION**
Capitalism needs inequality. Because it needs profits, it can't provide enough for all. So it gives some groups of people worse jobs and lower pay, and labels them inferior. In particular, capitalism locks black people into the bottom of society, and spreads racist ideas to keep them there and justify it. Capitalism keeps women responsible for taking care of the workforce when it is not at work, including children, who are too young to work. Women who work for wages have two jobs.
- **CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT**
The government serves the capitalist class. Its only purpose is to protect the private profit system. It protects its interests abroad through economic control of other countries, spying and wars.
- **BUREAUCRATIC COMMUNISM**
Russia, China and other countries with economies like theirs are also oppressive class societies, run by a privileged ruling class of bureaucrats. They are not socialist and must be overthrown by the working class of those countries.

WE SUPPORT

- **THE RANK AND FILE MOVEMENT**
The unions protect workers from their employers. But today's unions are run by privileged officials who sell out because they support the capitalist system. They want labor peace, not labor power. We support the struggle for rank and file control of the unions.
- **LIBERATION FROM OPPRESSION**
We support the struggles of every oppressed group to end its oppression; the struggle for equality and justice by blacks, women, gays, latinos, native Americans, and all oppressed people. Support of the entire working class movement will make both these struggles, and that movement, stronger.
- **SOCIALISM**
Society should be run by the working class. The wealth produced by those who work should go to fill people's needs, not to private gain.
- **WORKERS' REVOLUTION**
But the capitalist class will not give up their rule and profits voluntarily. Socialism can be created only when the working class seizes control of the factories and makes their own government. The working class will rule democratically because it can own society's wealth only together.
- **INTERNATIONALISM**
The struggle for socialism is world wide. Nations fighting to throw out foreign rulers must have the support of the international working class. So must every struggle of working people to end their oppression, as in Portugal today, and in Russia and Eastern Europe.
- **REVOLUTIONARY PARTY**
The most class conscious members of the working class have the responsibility to lead the struggle toward socialist revolution. To do this they must build an organization to put their consciousness into action and make their leadership effective.
- **INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS**
The I.S. is an organization of revolutionary socialist workers. We are open to all who accept our basic principles and are willing to work as a member to achieve them. Join with us to build the I.S. into a revolutionary party, to build the movement to end exploitation and oppression and to create a socialist world.

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How Phone Co. Beats Anti-Racist Orders

As Workers' Power showed last week, the giant corporation AT&T is one of the most profitable monopolies in this country—and much of its profits are based on racism.

The phone company now promotes an image of itself as an employer of blacks and women. What it doesn't tell us is what happens to black, minority and women workers once they hire in. The truth is that the company goes out of its way to harass them, make life miserable and block them from promotions.

Here's one example. John Fitzroy is a repairman for New York Telephone in Manhattan. He is black. Workers' Power recently asked him about his experiences with racism while working for Ma Bell.

On each occasion that I got to be trained, it was under pressure or threat of pressure from me upon the company to do so.

Ever since I've been with the company, I've had to sit back and watch everyone around me get trained. Before I realized exactly what was going down, I saw people being trained who were employed around the time I was and even afterwards.

When I was a switchman, one foreman tried to fire me in a couple of instances. I'd come in five minutes late and this other party would be stepped and docked and this other party would get away scot free.

It was so obvious—just plain outright discrimination.

Every time that I have a review I'm always told that my work is not quite up to par, and I'm always told when I question it that this is just so that in future reviews they can put that I'm improving.

I've gone through that very experience with my first three foremen in the Central Office. It's just obvious, even the most unaware would become aware through something like this.

NO TRAINING

I was not sent to drivers school. I was not trained. Every time I questioned them about sending me to repair school, I was told that they are doing away with repair school and that for the most part it is all on-the-job training.

But at the same time there are other people around me who are being sent to school. This one individual, who wouldn't take a downgrade to repair work against his wishes, was sent to drivers school. He has a company license. They're going to send me out to

all the clean-up projects. Some of the conditions under which we work are just unbearable, working in sleet and snow on the outside.

This group is five blacks and one white. The one white says he believes his being sent out is due to the pressure he has put on management, or as he says "he takes no shit."

This is the type of thing that has existed for so long. I've grieved it, this particular move, the way it's been done, as being racist. The result was that it's going to be on an alternating basis.

We'll be rotated in some order that was not explained to us. We were told that we'd be on for a while and be replaced later on. But I see no signs of any such moves.

The company's attitude toward blacks is to keep them within a quota system. To use us as numbers just to satisfy the desires of the EEOC. That's what I see it as.

You know, using us more or less on a percentage type basis. Keeping themselves out of trouble.

The EEOC is more interested in percentages of blacks working in the phone company, more than where these blacks are working. I think that I was fooled into believing that the EEOC program provided for upgrades.

But my eyes have been opened to the actual situation, which is quite

the opposite to what that is supposed to provide. I haven't seen any movement of blacks up; I've only seen movement of blacks down, or heading downward.

I've never seen blacks moving up from the frame to switching or whatever. In one instance where I've seen it (rather an exception) it turned out that that individual was downgraded later on.

There's a song that says "Down is up and up is down to me." That's what it reminds me of.

I don't know the exact intention of the company. But it appears quite obvious to me when I ask to go to driving school, or show an

interest in wanting to be into repair, or whatever craft I happen to be in.

Any time I make any such request as far as getting ahead, I'm always sent to some other area. I'm sent to areas where I can't put pressure. I can't put these grievances in to be settled.

I'm just taken away from the action. And it's quite obvious what they're up to, they're very quick to label one a trouble-maker or whatever when one tries to stand up for one's own rights.

I've always had to fight my way into any type of training I've ever gotten.

Labor Notes

by Jim Woodward

The government cracks down on big business... with a wet noodle. Last year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set up a "blacklist" of companies that were constant violators of pollution regulations. No company on the blacklist was to be given federal contracts. But the EPA didn't really intend to use this weapon. The blacklist remained empty even though EPA Deputy Administrator John Quarles publicly said that U.S. Steel has a "record of environmental recalcitrance which is second to none." U.S. Steel was too tough for the U.S. government to take on. But the EPA has finally flung its noodle at two companies in Puerto Rico for polluting the water there. The two companies are subsidiaries of American giants: **Del Monte** and **Star-Kist**. But in the government's typical hard-nosed attitude towards business, only the small subsidiaries will be on the blacklist.

One reason for the government's "talk tough and carry a wet noodle" attitude towards business is that most government officials are businessmen themselves. They often are supposed to regulate the very industry they are a part of. For instance, **Robert Long** is resigning on December 4 as the chief lawyer for the **Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration (MESA)**. MESA is the agency which is supposed to be sure mine operators run their mines safely. Long is resigning to take a job with the **American Mining Congress**, which is a lobbying organization for coal mine operators.

Look out for this hustle! Since the new political campaign contribution law was passed, unions may now legally bargain for a political fund checkoff clause in their contracts. This would operate much like a dues checkoff or a United Fund checkoff, with automatic contributions coming out of each paycheck for your union's political fund. Then they'll have more cash to take out and waste on every Democrat in sight. The AFL-CIO is urging unions to demand political fund checkoff clauses in all their contracts.

A Florida reader has sent us some newspaper clippings on how that state computes its unemployment rate. The story in the Miami Herald concludes that the statistics are so inaccurate they show "the South Florida job picture getting markedly better, when in some ways it really is getting worse." In **Dade County**, for example, the official unemployment rate dropped to 10% in September, from 12.1% a year earlier. At the same time, however, there were 8,600 fewer people working. The problem is that the official statistics do not consider a person to be unemployed if he or she is not getting unemployment compensation. That's the way most other states do it, too.

In the long **United Parcel Service** strike on the east coast, the company is using the workers' savings against them. UPS operates a "thrift plan," in which workers are encouraged to deposit their savings with the company. But during the strike, it has often proven difficult to withdraw money from the thrift plan. In Pittsburgh, many UPSers have found that withdrawal forms are just not available.

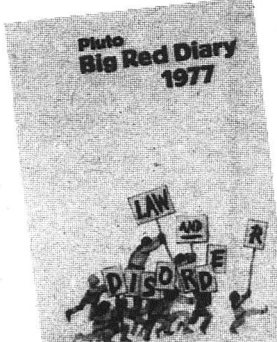
What's happening where you work? Send items for this column to: **Workers' Power, Labor Notes, 14131 Woodward Ave., Highland Park, MI 48203.** Or phone 313-869-5964.

WHAT'S ON

The Women's Caucus of the Cleveland I.S. branch will show "Unlaid Maids," a film, on Saturday, December 4 at 8:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Society, 2728 Laneshire in Cleveland Heights. Admission is \$1.00, 50c for unemployed. For child care or more information call 431-0342.

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'The Front' It Will Make You Angry, But It Will Make You Laugh, Too.

by Jenny Singer

"The Front" is not a typical Woody Allen movie. It's funny, but it's about an issue which ruined thousands of people's lives during the early '50s—McCarthyism, witchhunts and blacklisting.

Woody Allen plays Howard Prince, a cashier, a small-time bookmaker and, as always, a loser.

An old friend asks him a favor—to put Howard's name on TV scripts the friend has written in exchange for 10% of the fee. No network will accept the friend's scripts because he is on the blacklist.

Being on the blacklist meant that you couldn't get a job anywhere in the entertainment industry, as well as many other places. For as serious a crime as marching in a May Day parade five years before, you could lose your career.

"The Front."
Produced and directed by Martin Ritt.
Starring Woody Allen and Zero Mostel.

Howard agrees, and soon has a whole stable of blacklisted writers to front for. He becomes a success.

TESTIFY

But eventually, just as were many other writers, Howard Prince is called to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC). The film shows HUAC and its helpers forcing people to search their memories for any scrap of information about themselves or their friends.

The witnesses beg forgiveness for past sins. They prove their repentance by cooperating. They humiliate themselves to keep from losing their work. How non-political Howard deals with HUAC is the climax of the film.

Many times, as the witch hunters admitted, they were not terribly interested in the meager information a particular witness might have. The purpose was to create a climate where everyone was suspicious of everyone else, to show that even your best friend could be made to talk.

In this climate, many people who did not agree with the witchhunting or weren't interested in politics were sucked into cooperating with the blacklist.

WAVES

They told themselves they didn't want to make waves. Meanwhile the waves washed right over them.

sweeping them along.

"The Front" shows very well what it was like for writers and actors who couldn't work because of their suspected but unproven relationships. It shows the McCarthyites as pompous idiots, and McCarthyism as just plain stupid.

It is made to seem like a completely unreasonable way for anyone to behave. We are given no clue as to where McCarthyism came from or why it was able to dominate the politics of the country for so long.

In fact there was a reason for McCarthyism. World War II had brought America out of the Depression. America's rulers knew



Walter Bernstein (left), screenwriter of "The Front," and Woody Allen (right). Bernstein, Martin Ritt, the film's director, and Zero Mostel, one its stars, were on the Hollywood blacklist in the early '50s.

that the only way to stay out was to continue the high level of military spending, to create a war-time economy in peace time.

The Russian army had installed Communist governments in Eastern Europe. Mao's Red Army brought the Chinese Communist Party to power in 1949.

In order to maintain an enormous military budget and to use the threat of these arms to keep Russia from expanding, the ruling class drummed up anti-communist hysteria among the American people.

There were very few protests against the high taxes or the blacklisting when everyone believed

they were being used to keep the world safe for democracy.

Of course Hollywood was not the only institution that was under attack by the red-baiters. Leftists in the unions were driven out enthusiastically by the union bureaucracy. Left-wing unions were kicked out of the CIO.

UNION RED-BAITING

Many unions inserted clauses in their constitutions that said no one who was a member of any "fascist

or communist" organization could be a union member.

And many workers fell for the anti-communism. They let their power in the unions be taken away by the officials while they were busy looking under the bed for Reds. The union heads still use this old trick to draw attention away from their coziness with the companies, and to discredit socialists who oppose the bureaucrats.

If you have a friend who needs convincing that red-baiting is a serious problem, take them to see "The Front." It'll make you angry, but Woody Allen is Woody Allen, and it'll make you laugh too.



JOAN BAEZ IN LONDON:

SINGING FOR OPPRESSION

In the 1960's Joan Baez marched and sang against oppression, police brutality, and authorities who denied basic human rights.

Last Saturday, however, she marched and sang again—this time not against those things, but in favor of them.

At Trafalgar Square in London, England, Joan Baez stood on stage and sang "We Shall Overcome," once the anthem of the civil rights struggle in America. It was at a rally of what is called the "Northern Ireland Peace Movement."

This phony Peace Movement has received widespread publicity. The media describes it as a movement of women in Northern Ireland against senseless killings by extremist gunmen.

CHILDREN KILLED

It began after three children were run over and killed by what has been called "a getaway car driven by fanatical gunmen of the IRA (Irish Republican Army)."

Most of the stories never

mention that the car was out of control because the driver had been shot dead by patrolling British soldiers.

The Northern Ireland Peace Movement has not interfered with the daily searches and beatings by the British Army occupying northern Ireland. It has not stopped right-wing Protestant gunmen and bombers who operate almost free of interference.

Instead, the Peace Movement has devoted its energy to denouncing the IRA. Although it claims to be non-partisan, the Peace Movement has encouraged the flow of information to the police and British Army about the whereabouts of IRA supporters.

The level of violence against working class Catholic communities has not decreased—it has escalated.

BAEZ KNOWS

Joan Baez knows these facts. In an open letter written to her the week before the rally, the northern Ireland socialist leader Bernadette

McAliskey wrote:

"On Saturday you will be shoulder to shoulder with, among others, the rich and reactionary. Why?"

"The Northern Ireland Peace Movement began, let it be admitted, as a reflection of a genuine and widespread longing for an end to the war: a longing which was most intense and heart-felt in the Catholic ghettos of Belfast which have borne the brunt of the war."

"Many thousands rallied to the simple slogan: 'Peace.' And, in the first few weeks, few had the time... to examine the implications of their mushrooming movement."

"Within a short time it has become what it undoubtedly is today: a propaganda arm of the British military machine in Ireland..."

"They have been strident in their condemnation of Provo (Provisional IRA) killings, but speak in barely audible whispers about the activity of the British Army which puts a dirt-cheap price on the lives of innocent Irish people

Photo: Northern Ireland Peace marchers—the British Army's newest propaganda arm.

and has, with impunity shot down men, women and children.

"Inching further into the open, the leaders of the movement last month urged the people of Northern Ireland not to oppose all gunmen, but to give their support to the British Army and the North's (Protestant extremist) police force, the Royal Ulster Constabulary...."

"The Northern Ireland Peace Movement seeks peace not by conquering injustice but by surrendering to it...If you march on Saturday, you will be proclaiming to the world that that is your way."

The youth of the Catholic ghettos have learned after a decade of struggle that justice cannot be won within Northern Ireland. That is why guerrilla war and the Provisional IRA exist.

As McAliskey wrote: "To campaign for peace without confronting that fact is at best the height of naivety, at worst the deepest dishonesty."

Workers' Power

UPS Strike Talks Still Stalled; Fitz Coughs Up Strike Benefits

Coming Next Week

Workers' Power Review

COMING NEXT WEEK: The first issue of Workers' Power Review, a magazine insert to Workers' Power which will appear every six weeks. Each issue of Workers' Power Review will carry in-depth analysis of three to four political topics of current interest.

This first issue includes articles on the Teamsters for a Democratic Union, one of the most significant rank and file workers' organizations to develop since the CIO organizing drive in the 1930's; the current state of the Portuguese Revolution; and the nature of the white racist regime of South Africa and prospects for the growing revolutionary struggle there.

Workers' Power Review is for all who are interested in building the revolutionary movement here and around the world. Check it out in the next issue of Workers' Power.

\$10 PER WEEK EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVELY

PITTSBURGH—There's good news and there's bad news in the East Coast United Parcel Service strike. First the good news.

Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons announced on December 1 that strike benefits for 20,000 striking UPS workers would be increased \$10 per week immediately. He said the increase would apply retroactively, providing strikers with an additional \$100, which is sorely needed with the holidays approaching.

This gracious act on the part of Fitzsimmons is in direct response to a lawsuit filed in Washington, D.C. It was filed by three rank and file UPS workers: John Catlett, member of the UPSurge-East steering committee; Michael Meadors; and William Edmondson.

The suit was filed through a private attorney with assistance from the Professional Road Drivers Council (PROD).

Although the union was to appear in court no later than December 2, Fitzsimmons denies that the lawsuit in any way influenced his December 1 decision. We're supposed to believe that it's due to the goodness of his heart.

NO OFFER

Now the bad news. Although negotiations have intensified in the 11-week-old strike by Teamsters in 15 states, there is no offer to be presented to rank and filers as we go to press.

An Associated Press report that representatives of all 76 locals were meeting in Washington, D.C. December 1 to review a proposal was incorrect.

On November 29, the company presented revised proposals to the union's top negotiators.

Informed sources say there is agreement on major issues. But language on the key issue—the use of part-time workers—is still being ironed out. No details on the company's offer have been released.

On December 1, the union negotiators worked on those local agreements which remain unsettled, notably Northern New Jersey, Southern New Jersey, and Philadelphia. The company was to respond to the union's offer on these agreements on December 2.

THE LANGUAGE PROBLEM

Rank and file members are on edge. Stories of a tentative agreement floated around two weeks earlier only to fall through

due to language on the part-time issue.

Petitions are being circulated by rank and file members in South Carolina. They ask that a ballot be taken at the union hall rather than a mail ballot.

Vermont and New Hampshire UPSurge activists are using petitions and a formal request from their local to pressure the International to extend pickets into non-struck areas. This is the only tactic which can end this stalemate and win a contract favorable to the strikers.

STRIKE BENEFITS APPLY TO ALL TEAMSTERS

East coast United Parcel Service workers are not the only Teamsters who stand to benefit from Fitzsimmons' announcement of increased strike benefits. It applies to any Teamster who's gone on strike on or after June 15, including cases where the strike is already over.

Any Teamsters in that category who received only \$25 a week instead of \$35 strike benefits should ask their local union officials to arrange for payment retroactively.

This situation originally arose because the Teamster convention passed the \$10 strike benefits increase in June. After the convention, however, Fitzsimmons arbitrarily decided that it would only apply to strikes that began after November 1.

The lawsuit maintained that Fitz had no right to delay the convention's decision. At the last minute Fitz apparently realized he didn't have a leg to stand on and so reversed himself.

Krugerrand: THE GIFT OF BLOOD

Three black miners die every shift of every working day in South Africa. Three a shift, every day.

Among other things, these deaths allow the rich and wealthy of this world to wear the blood-drenched Krugerrand—South Africa's gold coin—around their necks or pinned to their ties.

The Krugerrand is being heavily advertised as The Holiday Gift this year. "Give an ounce of pure love for Christmas" is the hideous Madison Avenue slogan that blares out on prime time television or appears in huge display ads in the daily newspapers.

At the same time, students in Soweto, South Africa, have organized a total black boycott of all Christmas goods from white Johannesburg stores.

They are protesting the murders of over a thousand students and workers since June. All have been killed by South African police for fighting for their freedom.

BILLIONS

In 1975, South Africa sold between 500,000 and 750,000 Krugerrands in the U.S. out of 4,800,000 world-wide. This year they aim to double their U.S. sales.

But the Krugerrand is just the tip of the golden iceberg that the brutal white regime is built upon.

Also in 1975, South Africa sold \$3.3 billion dollars in gold overseas. That was almost 40% of the country's total exports.

The gold, dragged out of the earth by the back-breaking labor of African miners is by far the single most important prop of South Africa's economy.

And every ounce of gold that South Africa can sell abroad enriches the white regime. It adds up to more arms, more repression, more poverty, more death for hundreds of thousands of black Africans.

And more profits for the South African Chamber of Mines. And more expensive, pretty golden circles for the world's wealthy to tuck under the tree.

In addition to the publicity, numerous outlets have been set up. The investment firm Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith is peddling the coins nationwide. So are plenty of banks, coin shops and department stores.

In New York City one of the biggest outlets is the department chain Abraham and Strauss (A&S).



Give an ounce of pure love for Christmas.

The one ounce gold Krugerrand is a 22 karat gold coin minted in South Africa. It is the most popular gold coin in the world. It is also the most expensive gold coin in the world. It is the only gold coin in the world that is guaranteed pure gold. It is the only gold coin in the world that is guaranteed to last forever. It is the only gold coin in the world that is guaranteed to be a gift that will last forever.

An ad for the Krugerrand in the Wall Street Journal. It says you can find out who in your neighborhood is selling this blood money by calling (toll-free) 800-243-6000.

A member of the International Socialists in New York said: "These people are so brazen, they are even pushing the Krugerrand in places like the downtown Brooklyn A&S store, where at least 70% of the shoppers

are black. "The New York IS is making plans to tell people the truth about A&S and the Krugerrand, and what they can start to do about it. "This 'gift of love' is really a gift of blood."