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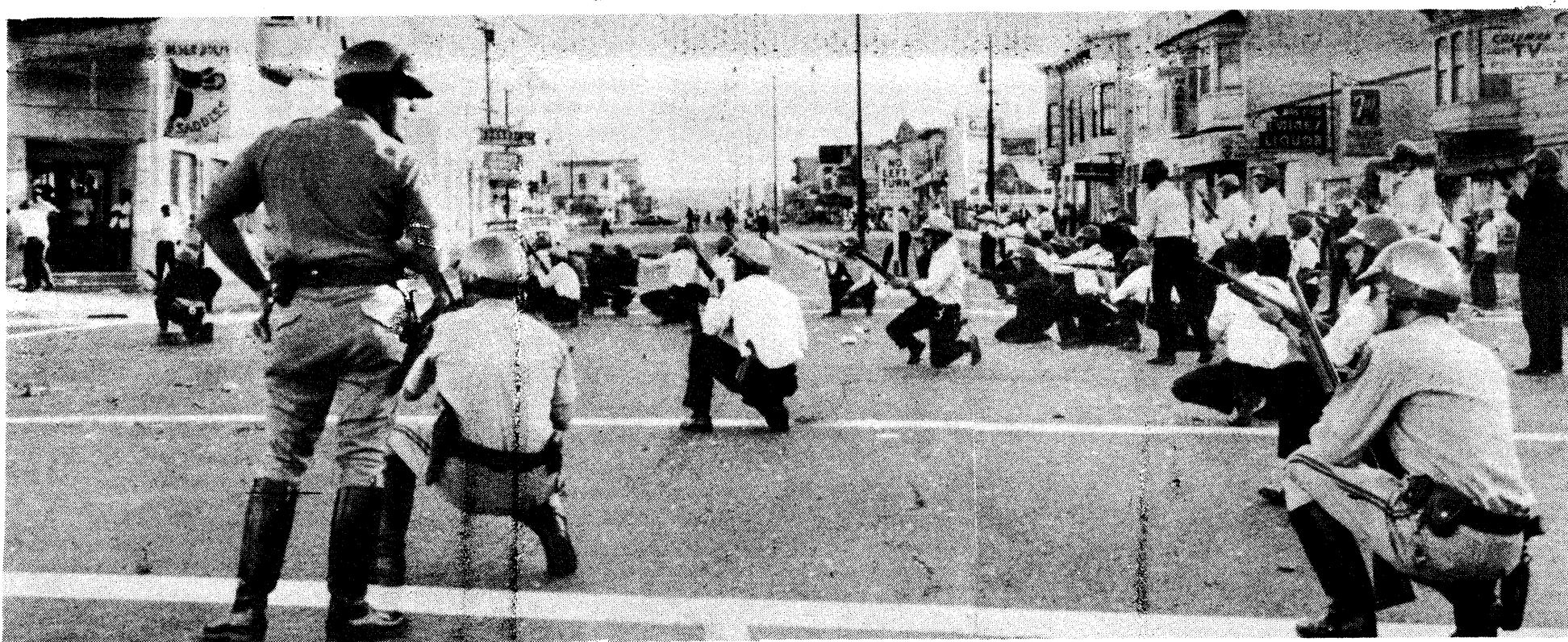
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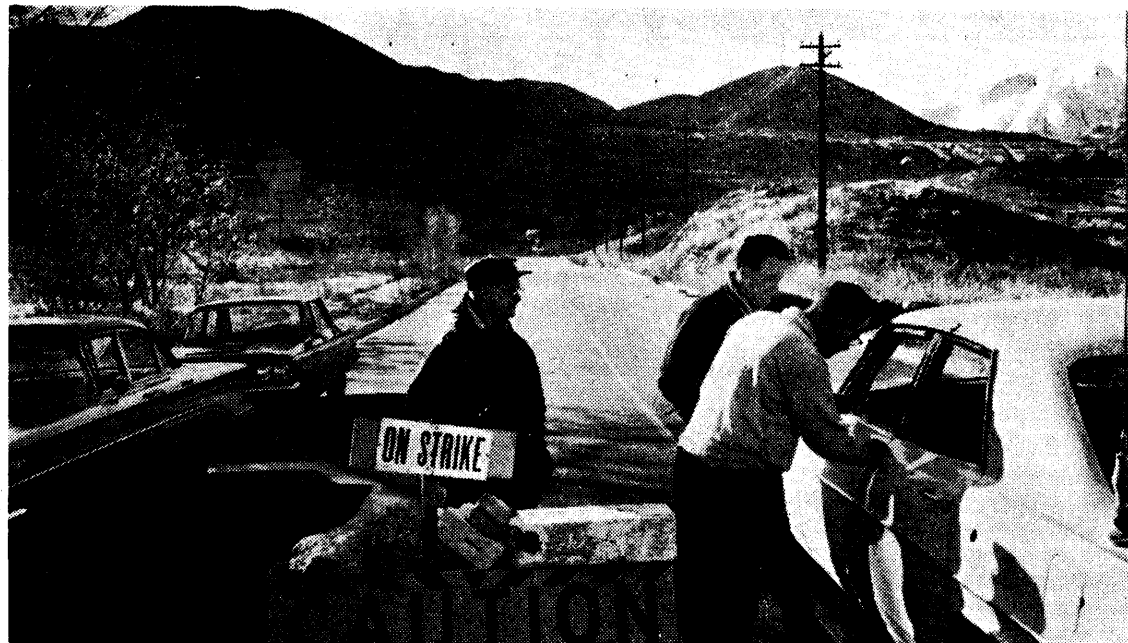
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## SOLIDARITY THE KEY



STRIKING MINERS CHECK CAR AT ROADBLOCK NEAR SALT LAKE CITY

by Lucy St. John  
In the 'larger interests of our nation,' Mr. Johnson has stepped into the copper strike after 7 months. Of course, we know who those 'larger interests' are--the bosses. For the past 7 months the copper bosses' buddy, Johnson, has been subsidizing them, by purchasing copper at exorbitant prices so the bosses can maintain their profits. Now he uses the crisis of the bosses economy to bring the copper workers in line.

'The strike,' he says, 'is now threatening domestic prosperity.' That means profits. 'There comes a time when these differences must be resolved in the larger interests of our nation, of the continued strength of our economy, and for the men who fight for all of us half a world away in Vietnam...our dollar must be defended, our armies equipped.'

**threats**  
The bosses profits and their

imperialist war are at stake, so Johnson calls the bosses and the union leaders to the White House and threatens to lock them up until they reach a settlement. Meanwhile through the NLRB he seeks an injunction to forbid the unions from continuing their demands for industry-wide bargaining--the central issue in the strike. That's the 'fair' settlement he wants.

What after 7 months has forced the fight to a head is the pressure being exerted by

The labor movement is support of the copper workers. The Maritime Committee made up of the ILA, NMU, and the Teamsters belatedly has called a boycott. Labor bureaucrats Curran of the NMU and Gleason of the ILA issued a statement saying that foreign copper would not be moved if the copper workers threw up picket lines. This has put the copper bosses with their domestic stockpiles dwindling in a real bind forcing them to get their buddy, Johnson, to put a stop to this.

As one spokesman of the Maritime Committee has said, 'Essentially we have accomplished our purpose--we have gotten White House attention to a beef which had been in the boondocks.'

Organized Labor has the power to bring the copper bosses to their knees. But the labor bureaucracy will have no

part in this. They would rather capitulate and force the copper workers to accept Johnson's terms--giving up the demand for union-wide bargaining.

We say Stop this coalition with the bosses. The entire labor movement must be mobilized and its power must be utilized NOW. We do not move one ounce of copper. No settlement short of the demands of the copper workers must be accepted. The workers in this country have the power to bring in a total victory.

### satisfied

Instead of continuing and increasing this pressure forcing the bosses to accept the copper workers terms, the labor bureaucrats are satisfied with Johnson's intervention and have begun to ease the boycott allowing some copper to be shipped to manufacturers.

# MEMPHIS WORKERS LEAD BLACKS

by Dan Fried  
Memphis, Tenn. was the scene recently of the kind of police terror against a civilian population that can only be described as a dress rehearsal for the 'riot control' actions now being projected for U.S. cities next summer. A peaceful demonstration of 2, 500 people in support of the striking sanitationmen was attacked by police wearing gas masks using special guns to spray the crowd with chemical mace--which is by comparison with tear gas like B-52 bombers to World War II B-17s. Club swinging cops and sheriff's deputies followed the mace. But this sort of terror together with garbage collections by 130 scabs have not made a dent in the unity and determination of the sanitation men and the rest of the black workers who make up 40% of the Memphis population. All but a handful of the sanitationmen are Negroes.

### defiance

The sanitationmen, members

of local 1733 of the AFSCME--parent union of New York's District Council 37--are striking for union recognition as well as grievance procedures and a 40% wage hike from the \$1.80 an hour they now earn. The strike is in defiance of a city injunction

The Negro population is solidly behind a consumer boycott of downtown Memphis business which has suddenly thrown a scare into white business leaders and politicians that the boycott will severely reduce normally high pre-Easter buying.

The Memphis strike is one of the most fundamental struggles facing the union movement today. The 'fighting in the streets' that Rockefeller feared if he called out the National Guard in the recent N.Y. Sanitationmen's strike is really happening in the streets of Memphis. Memphis Mayor Loeb faces the same problems and financial crisis as did New York's Mayor Lindsay. He is dealing with it in the very same manner Lindsay would have liked. Lindsay would have had to face the possibility of a general strike by New York City's powerful labor movement. Mayor Loeb of Memphis while not using the National Guard figures he can terrorize the strikers in a city where the labor movement is much weaker than in New York, and that his trump card is racist poison to divide the black and white workers of the city.

### test

This strike is a test of the fundamental right of free

trade unionism in the US which is under attack by the City, police, and courts and racist poison. The reports of support by other Memphis unions including white workers is heartening. It is reported that Jerry Wurf,

president of the AFSCME is on the scene supposedly trying to lead the strike to victory. But this is not enough. The demand must be made for a full scale general strike in Memphis which would aim at closing down all city offices,

transportation, trucking, and manufacturing. Weak union organization in Memphis is no excuse--here is an opportunity for the leaders of the AFL-CIO to crack the organization of the unorganized in the gateway to the deep South.



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**DIRECT MAIL BATTLE SET**

by Irv Hacker  
 NEW YORK--Recognizing that there will be no such thing as an amicable settlement in the new contract between District 65 Direct Mail Division and the DMMCA, (employers association) the union has completed a preliminary series of meetings with the Stewards, general membership and employers association resulting in the formulation of concrete demands for the May 1 contract renewal. The negotiating committee has been instructed that the following demands must be met by the employers.

1. An \$8.50-\$5.00-\$5.50 salary increase over a 3 year contract period.
2. A \$1.00 per week employee funding of a severance pay fund, for protection against employer bankruptcies, and other emergencies.
3. A cost of living increase to be added to the con-

tract retroactive for 6 months, in the amount of \$3.75 per week.  
 4. Addition of a cost of living index for the new contract, reflecting any increase in the cost of living above 1% annually.  
 5. Improvement in vacation sick leave and holiday pay.  
 In toto, these are the most militant demands raised in the Direct Mail Division in many years. They are being raised as "noncompromisable" issues, all of which must be won in order to gain acceptance of a new contract. However, the reason for the leadership's militancy in posing these demands, is their failure in past Direct Mail contracts. There is no question that direct mail's gains in recent years are well below the standards won by the labor movement as a whole.

**hawk**  
 Considering the leadership's past performances, the ranks

had better watch Livingston and Company like a hawk. Despite assurances of their determination to stick to these demands as an ultimatum we would not be surprised if they present the membership with a "best offer" deal far less than this minimum either on the eve or after a short strike.

The militants in the union must keep up the struggle against deteriorating working conditions and pay in the direct mail industry. At the same time we must realize that our working conditions are being threatened by the large section of the industry which is still unorganized. The question direct mail workers face is whether to organize these workers and raise them to the level of union shops or find union shop conditions sinking to the level of the scab shops.

The Livingston leadership constantly talks about organization but each year as con-

tract time rolls around we find less workers in union shops and more in non-union shops. We say that if they cannot make a serious indent into the unorganized shops in the coming year they are not fit to lead the union.

The leadership was quite capable of mobilizing union funds and personnel behind the Dublin peace campaign, a campaign which did not raise a single union issue. Why can't they use such determination to organize the unorganized? We are forced to the view that the leadership prefers to use the large unorganized shops as a handy excuse not to put up a militant fight for the workers in the organized shops.

The time has come to organize a rank and file caucus in Direct Mail to fight for the workers' interests. This has been left unchallenged in the hands of the leadership for too long.

**Call  
 Mass Lobby  
 To Repeal  
 Taylor Law**

The politicians up in Albany are at it again. This time, using the Sanitation strike as an excuse to revise the Taylor Law, the Democrats and Republicans are putting their heads together to come up with even more vicious means of breaking the unions and stopping public employees from making any gains in their wages and working conditions. Some of the plans these politicians have in mind include removing the limit of \$10,000 on fines against striking unions and making it a felony to go out on strike. City workers can be sure of one thing - their unions and their jobs are being threatened more than ever before by the outcome in Albany.

Theodore Kheel, that infamous mediator, has obliged with additional proposals. His plan will give the government full power to impose harsh penalties and Taft Hartley type measures (80 day cooling off period and compulsory arbitration) on "essential service" workers, which includes most public employees while allowing "non-essential" workers to strike until starvation forces them back to work.

What these proposals mean is the complete destruction of the right of workers to strike and to determine their wages and working conditions; it means the destruction of the unions.

While the politicians plot, the heads of the city unions are silent. Delury and Gotbaum put their unions at the mercy of the state in arbitration. The Mage leadership actually puts the SSEU on record as supporting the Kheel proposals. There will be no answers from the bureaucrats this time just as they had no answers to the Taylor Law or OCB.

City workers must unite and call a lobby in Albany demanding, "NO LAWS AGAINST THE TRADE UNIONS, REPEAL THE TAYLOR LAW!" We must demand of those supposed "friends" of labor that they fight to repeal the Taylor Law. We want to know where they stand. Through this fight we will learn why Trade Unionists For a Labor Party says: Labor must run its own candidates. The Democrats and Republicans must go! Build a labor party!

**arbitrator dishes out thin gruel**

**SANITATION SETTLEMENT  
 OUT OF WORKERS HANDS**

by Lucy St. John  
 NEW YORK--The epilogue to the Sanitationmen's strike has been written-not by the men who waged the fight but by the City, which they fought. After the Sanitationmen waged a heroic struggle for 9 days against the threats of the National Guard, the outcome was taken out of their hands by their leadership and handed over to Lindsay and his "impartial" mediator in binding arbitration.

What did the Sanitationmen get? Lindsay says \$415; Delury says \$429. It is clear that the Sanitationmen did not even get the \$425 recommended by Rockefeller's committee much less than the \$600 the workers were demanding. Delury's figures include the pension but the Sanitation workers were demanding this payment on pensions in addition to a pay raise. What no one mentions is the settlement does not make up 9 days pay the workers lost in the strike.

More important is that the central issue in the dispute of working conditions remains unsettled. Equipment remains in rundown condition, hazardous to the lives and health of the Sanitationmen, not to mention the deplorable state of locker rooms, lunch areas, and toilet facilities.

**conditions**  
 While Delury rants and raves about these conditions and attacks the Taylor Law raising the spectre of concentration camps, he refuses to lead the workers in a struggle to eliminate these ills. His talk is just so much hot air and muckraking. He says that "binding arbitration represents a major breakdown in labor relations" but he agrees to it and in so doing puts the Sanitationmen at the mercy of their enemy, Lindsay.

De Lury who strongly opposed this method in the form



**DELURY POINTS TO BROKEN EQUIPMENT**

of OCB finds himself on the side of Victor Gotbaum who supported it. This form of "bargaining" led to the very proposals being considered in the revisions of the Taylor law, compulsory arbitration, which Mr. Delury so strongly opposes. They require the cooperation of the labor bureaucracy and mean state control of the unions and destruction of the unions as the

instrument of the workers.

**uncritical**

Those groups who seek to lead the working class, the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party claim that this settlement is a victory and are completely uncritical of Delury. They side with the labor bureaucracy which work towards the defeat rather than the victory of the workers.

**GOTBAUM - NO SMELL OF ROSES**

NEW YORK-Victor Gotbaum came out of negotiations with the City smelling like a rose--at least to Lindsay, the bosses and their press. But to city workers he smelled more like a rat.

It seems as if Mr. Gotbaum, head of District Council 37, had "won" summer hours, the 4:00 day for city workers. Actually city workers have had the 4:00 day

equal time off for work after 4:00. Lindsay has threatened to revoke this for the past two years with no success, so he decided to make the workers pay and Vic agreed.

Gotbaum kindly gave up one hour every 10 days of each workers time free of charge - that is about a days pay over the three month period. In other words city workers now have to pay out of their pockets to maintain

hours they've had for the last 9 years. Before you know it, we'll be paying to have a lunch hour or a sick day or even a desk. That's the logic of Lindsay's and Gotbaum's 'logical and businesslike bargaining.'

The time has come for city workers to rid themselves of leaders like Gotbaum and Mayors like Lindsay before we lose our shirts!

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# SMASH RACISM BEFORE RACISTS



NATIONAL GUARD IN NEWARK LAST SUMMER. THE GOVERNMENT IS PERFECTING NEW WEAPONS FOR THIS SUMMER.

by Tim Wohlforth

In 1954 the United States Supreme Court ruled that 'separate but equal' facilities could only be unequal and thus made clear that all forms of segregation in the United States are unconstitutional and illegal. By so doing the court was only getting around to implementing constitutional amendments passed some 100 years previously in the wake of the Civil War.

Since then we have seen thirteen years of marches, sit-ins, demonstrations and riots. Hardly a year has passed in which Congress has not enacted some piece of civil rights legislation. The result was summarized by the President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders: 'Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white -- separate and unequal'. If the present course is continued, this blueribbon panel goes on to say, there will develop 'a kind of urban apartheid with semi-martial law in many major cities, enforced residence of Negroes in segregated areas and a drastic reduction in personal freedom for

total Negro population of all central cities live in squalor and deprivation in ghetto neighborhoods. The unemployment rate for Negroes is more than double that of whites and even more impressive, some 33 to 34 per cent are either unemployed or underemployed. 40.6 per cent of nonwhites live below poverty levels (\$3,335 per family of four per year) compared to 11.9 per cent of whites. Infant mortality rates are 58 per cent higher for nonwhites than whites. Education, which the report only sketches, shows the same pattern.

So after thirteen years of struggle we are forced to face the reality that the position of the Negro in American society has deteriorated further and that this poses a threat not only to the Negro but to the whole American working class of an apartheid society which necessitates some form of military dictatorship or facism to maintain this separation.

### implement

Little is expected to be done to implement even the modest proposals of the commission -- modest when compared to the enormity of the problem. Even the miniscule poverty programs already in effect are being whittled away by Congress. What chance do proposals for creating 600,000 low-

income housing units a year or 2 million new jobs have? Just look at the housing picture, for example. After 31 years of Federal subsidized low-income housing only 800,000 units have been built with recent production averaging 50,000 units a year. In a period only three years longer ten million middle income and upper income units have been built. What chance has a program of 600,000 units in a single year, and this program only begins to tackle the problem.

No wonder Dr. Kenneth Clark stated to the Commission: 'I must in candor say to you members of this commission -- it is a kind of Alice in Wonderland -- with the same moving picture reshown over and over again, the same analysis, the same recommendations and the same inaction.'

### question

What the report does not squarely tackle -- what it cannot really face up to -- is why nothing has been done to basically change this pattern of racial oppression. But this, and this alone, is the ONLY QUESTION OF IMPORTANCE. Everyone knows what is wrong and there are a thousand programs that have been proposed to tackle these problems. American lacks neither the knowledge of the problem, nor programs to solve the problem. But it clearly lacks the ABILITY to even start towards a solution to the problems. This is the central question.

In only one place does the report even hint at this central question. In comparing the exper-

### crisis

The reason for this is that the world capitalist system is in crisis. In a country like England this crisis has reached a point where the whole organized labor movement is being taken on by the government and the real wages of the worker driven down. It is no wonder that these attacks on British labor are accompanied by racist moves



COPS BEAT UP PROTESTORS AT RALLY FOR RACIST GEORGE WALLACE IN OMAHA

all Americans, particularly Negroes'.

In other words failure to wipe out racial oppression will necessitate the permanent violent suppression of the Negro people which in turn will mean 'drastic reduction in personal freedom for all Americans' -- that is, we are moving towards a fascist kind of state.

### facts

The report repeats what has been known for some time about Negro oppression. In order to create an unsegregated population distribution, an average of over 86 per cent of all Negroes would have to change their place of residence within the city. Between 16-20 per cent of the

## SEPARATE BUT EQUAL WILL NEVER

restricting immigration -- even of British citizens as in the case of the Kenyans of Asian descent. In the United States it means that while such attacks on organized labor are being prepared the capitalists are unable to seriously tackle the problem of Negro oppression.

This is the stone wall against which all, all, all programs, to tackle racial oppression are smashed. It is the same whether the problem is tackled by fighting for more jobs and job training, more funds for housing, more funds for education.

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# CAPITALISTS SMASH WORKING CLASS

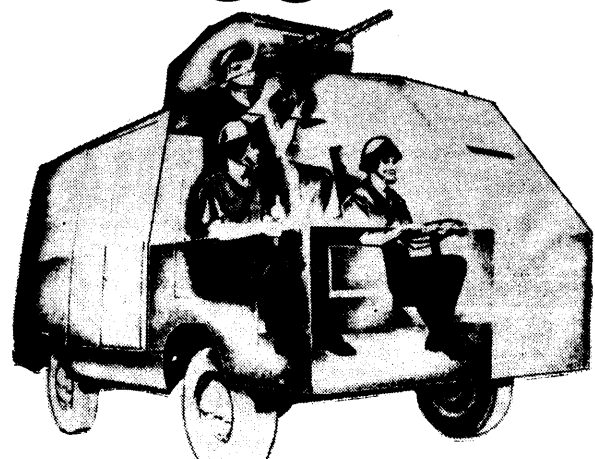
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the capitalists are quietly working hand in hand with the black nationalists to develop a divided society. This is the real meaning of the Bundy report of education in New York City and the I.S. 201 experiment. The Bundy plan is a pilot plan for the whole nation -- for all aspects of Negro life, not just education.

The plan begins by accepting segregation and declaring its unwillingness to tackle this problem: 'Reorganization will not give New York the additional funds it needs to improve schools in all parts of the city. It will not wipe out the generations of deprivation with which hundreds of thousands of children enter the schools. It will not meet



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### JOHNSON'S REAL PROGRAM FOR THE NEGRO PEOPLE

towards job training, billions more pumped into the school system and a legal attack on job and housing discrimination with at least as high penalties as are applied to heroin pushers -- for racism is a worse poison than heroin. This of course is precisely the kind of program the capitalists not only will not but cannot undertake.

### anti-union

One benefit to the capitalists of the legalization of the ghetto implicating the black nationalists in its administration is to utilize the black community as a potent anti-union weapon. This again is seen most clearly in New York where black powerists have scabbed against the teachers in their recent strike, have threatened to do the same against the Sanitation men and earlier were mobilized as welfare recipients against the welfare workers. The Bundy plan is aimed at deepening this situation. It does this by giving the community the right to hire and fire teachers regardless of seniority, control over teachers' working conditions and pits the communities against the teachers in fighting for school funds.

At the same time as the capitalists set up this new relation with the black nationalists they are arming to the teeth. The police departments in every major city are purchasing tear gas, tanks and all kind of weapons as well as training the police in riot control to keep the blacks in the ghetto and suppressed. Thus the basis is being laid for the armed suppression of the Negro masses while the black powerists are to be given a voice in the administration of these violently held down ghettos much as the South African whites handle their tribal reservations.

### alternative

The revisionist political tendencies have made clear where they stand. The Socialist Workers Party, the Progressive Labor Party, and increasingly the Communist Party side openly with the black nationalists in abandoning the struggle for racial equality in the United States. Thus they serve the interests of the capitalists and prepare the way for fascism. The Workers League alone opposes this whole trend towards an apartheid America. We are not afraid to fight for the only program that can end racism in this country -- the socialist program. We hold that the next great step toward towards a socialist America is the building of a labor party which can pose a real alternative to the capitalist parties. Only such a party can begin the struggle to wipe out racial oppression in America.

We repeat the alternative before America -- either apartheid enforced by the apartheid state; or the complete abolition of all forms of race oppression as part of the creation of a socialist society. There is no other way out.

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### bind

We can see the bind America's rulers are in. They can now see the direction America is moving in. They do not like it. They are frightened by it much as the liberal spokesmen of German capital were frightened by the rise of Hitler. But they are paralyzed to do anything about the situation for any serious attempt at a solution demands the destruction of the very profit system they also rest upon. The Commission's report represents a cry of desperation for action which the Commissioners know full well will not and cannot be heeded.

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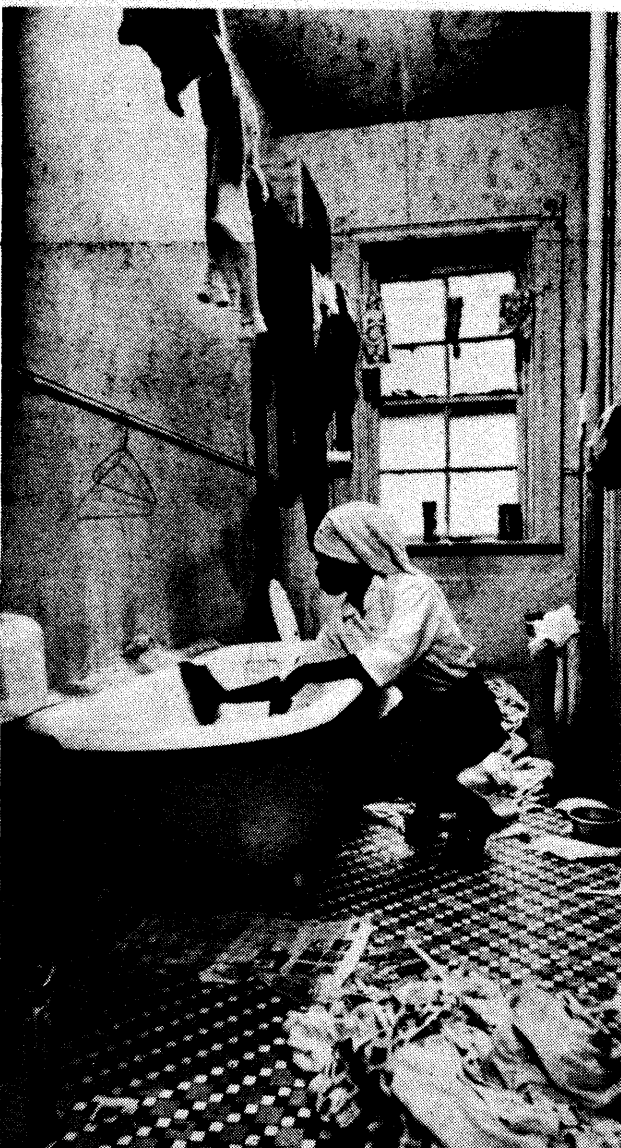
In the first place the press blows up every extreme anti-white statement of the Carmichaels and Browns to scare the whites and deepen the

the great deficits in health and welfare services that beset many families. It will certainly not wipe out the poverty and physical squalor to which too many children return when they leave school every afternoon. It will not wipe out the shortage of qualified, imaginative and sensitive teachers and supervisors. It will not automatically provide insights into the uncharted terrain of the basic mechanisms of learning and teaching.'

The essence of the plan is to establish a form of community control over the local schools. By this means Negroes are to be given a sense of participation in the administration for their own oppression.

### unequal

Thus the essential premise of the whole plan



THE TENEMENTS MUST BE TORN DOWN

is clear. It is precisely the premise that the President's Report attacks and which has been the rationalization for racial oppression for a century - separate but equal. Is it necessary in 1968 to repeat that 'separate but equal' can only mean 'separate but unequal'? All programs to tackle the racial imbalance in the schools are to be scuttled. The basic segregation in the schools are to remain.

We are not suggesting that the alternative to the Bundy plan is to go back to extensive bussing of children from one school to another. We are stating that the only solution to the decay of the schools lies in wiping out the racial imbalance in the schools by wiping out the ghetto itself. This requires massive public housing combined with the creation of millions of new jobs, billions

## NEVER BE EQUAL

gulf between black and white worker. This and this alone explains the fantastic press coverage given to Carmichael and Brown. These fools not only allow this exploitation of themselves to prepare the road to apartheid but they actually seem to revel in it -- to pride themselves in the importance given to them by their oppressors in the interests of the oppressors.

### bundy

While all this is making headlines in the paper,

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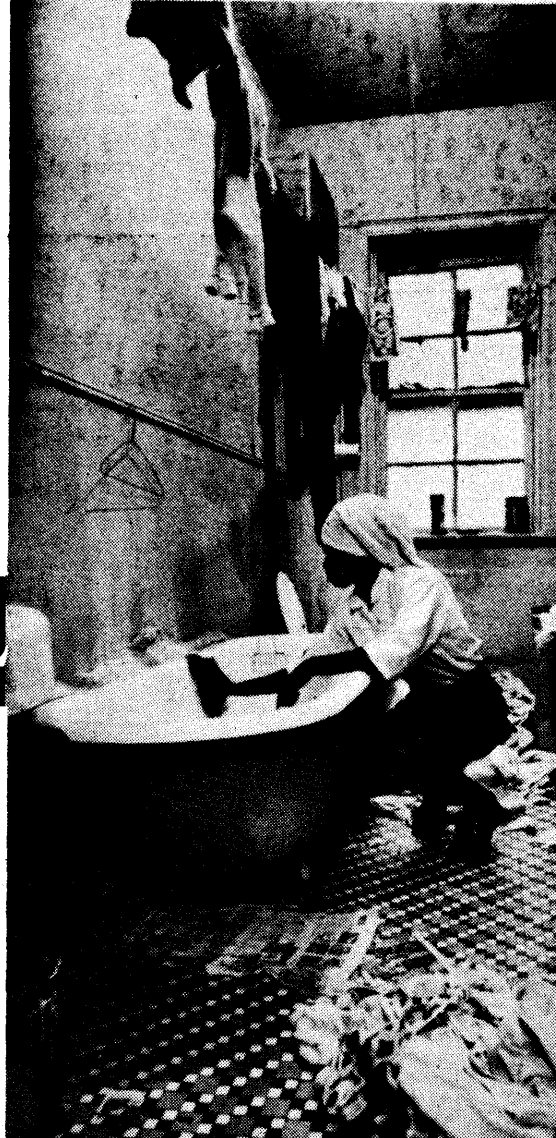
In the first place the press blows up every extreme anti-white statement of the Carmichaels and Browns to scare the whites and deepen the

the great deficits in health and welfare se that beset many families. It will certainly wipe out the poverty and physical squalor to too many children return when they leave every afternoon. It will not wipe out the sh of qualified, imaginative and sensitive te and supervisors. It will not automatically vide insights into the uncharted terrain, basic mechanisms of learning and teaching.'

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THE TENEMENTS MUST BE TORN DOWN

is clear. It is precisely the premise th President's Report attacks and which has the rationalization for racial oppression for a tury - separate but equal. Is it necessa 1968 to repeat that 'separate but equal' can mean 'separate but unequal'? All progr tackle the racial imbalance in the schools be scuttled. The basic segregation in the s are to remain.

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This is the stone wall against which all, all, all programs, to tackle racial oppression are smashed. It is the same whether the problem is tackled by fighting for more jobs and job training, more funds for housing, more funds for education.

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### bundy

While all this is making headlines in the paper,

## we demand

- Millions Of New Jobs
- Massive Public Housing
- Billions Towards Job Training
- Billions More For Schools
- Outlaw Discrimination With Jail Sentences
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LEADER OF STRIKING TEACHER'S UNION IS ARRESTED IN PITTSBURG

## TEACHERS STRIKES SPREAD ACROSS THE COUNTRY



STUDENTS IN TALLAHASSEE MARCH IN SUPPORT OF FLORIDA TEACHERS STRIKE

by Fred Calhoun  
Teachers are presently out on strike throughout the state of Florida, in Pittsburgh, in San Francisco, and strikes threaten in several other cities and states. This reflects the growing militancy of teachers who are demanding wages comparable to workers in organized industries and who face in addition the deterioration of the entire American educational system. At every point the teachers face government bodies which seek to fine them, jail them, crush them by any means rather than pay decent wages and improve the schools.

### injunctions

At present, the Pittsburgh Board of Education has sought a \$200,000 fine against the PFT for ignoring a court injunction barring them from continuing their week-old strike which has shut down the city's junior and senior high schools. In addition, an extra \$50,000 is threatened for every day the strike continues.

In San Francisco, the Board of Education has threatened to obtain a court injunction to prevent local 61 of the AFT from continuing its strike which at least a quarter of the students have joined by boycotting the schools.

In Florida, Governor Kirk has refused to permit local school boards to negotiate with the 30,000 teachers whose "resignations" have been collected by the local chapter of the National Education Association, a "professional association" which has bargaining rights for over a million teachers nation-wide.

### crisis

Behind these strikes is the crisis facing every city

and state government in the country. With the cost of goods and services skyrocketing, the bosses and bankers who run these governments have no other solution to keeping their budgets balanced than to try to lower labor costs by reducing the real wages of municipal workers and attacking their working conditions. When applied to teachers, this attack is particularly ominous: it means an attack upon the entire educational system, on attempts to reduce class size, improve teaching facilities and training and lower the work load for teachers.

In the face of this political attack, the ranks of many AFT locals have forced their leadership out on strike. Their militancy has exposed the role of the NEA, which was forced last July to abandon its conception of "sanctions," and its no-strike pledges. While the NEA has been forced to allow its members in Florida to fight Governor Kirk, by and large the NEA nation-wide has continued to provide city administrations with scab-labor.

### same

Teachers must realize that they are facing the same attack that all municipal employees are subjected to. Teachers must join with other workers to repeal the anti-strike legislation that is used to prevent workers from fighting back; they can take the initiative in calling mass rallies and lobbies for this purpose.

Trade Unionists for a Labor Party branches are prepared to bring this program to teachers across the country. We say: join with us in building an alternative to the two boss parties that write these laws. Join with us in a fight to build a labor party.

## Why Teachers Were Defeated In Cincinnati

by Mark Pillings

It has been over a month since the strike of the Cincinnati Teachers Union was broken by a court injunction, and its President, Richard Kiley, jailed for 5 days. Although the strike itself is in the past, certain lessons can be drawn from it.

First, the teachers showed that they have power. Although only one-fourth of the teaching force, they were able to close down over half of the schools of the city. They were helped in this process because the Engineers Union and Municipal Workers Union refused to cross the picket lines.

Second, the strike had a highly political nature. The teachers were brought into direct conflict with an arm of the state, the Board of Education.

But despite the political nature of this strike, the teachers were defeated because they failed to fight back politically. The union leadership restricted the issues to economic ones: salaries, working conditions and bar-

gaining rights.

### friend

Sitting on the Board of Education all the time was one Calvin Conliffe, elected in 1963 and re-elected in 1967 with AFL-CIO endorsement. Where was Conliffe during the strike? Sitting on the Board and saying nothing. Had the teachers leadership fought politically, the first question they should have directed to Conliffe (and should still direct) is: Whose side are you on, great 'friend of labor'?

The third lesson is that the strike brought out the internal strengths and weaknesses of the union. A major weakness is that a few members were unable to take the pressure and quit. A second weakness is that to some extent a good opportunity to extend their organization was missed. At some schools, some of the non-striking teachers, members of the company union called the Cincinnati Teachers Association, felt somewhat guilty about cross-

ing the picket lines; during their lunch breaks, they would bring coffee and sandwiches to the strike pickets. This was a perfect opportunity for signing such individuals up in the teachers union; unfortunately, this opportunity was missed.

A major strength brought out by the strike was that it gave most of the teachers their first experience of a confrontation with the boss; previously, most of the teachers had not known what to expect.

### failure

The fourth lesson of the teachers strike is that there was a failure to link the struggles of the teachers with those of the rest of the city labor movement. Although in the February 1, 1968 edition of the Chronicle, the AFL-CIO Labor Council's weekly, we read: At presstime the entire school strike situation was shaping up as an all out battle between the School Board and the entire Cincinnati labor movement, the facts tend to prove

otherwise.

The only real support for the teachers came when other unions refused to cross their picket lines. On the picket line itself, the teachers were usually stuck by themselves. Some teachers wound up picketing for ten hours a day. The leadership of the Cincinnati labor movement did not make the slightest gesture towards waging a political fight to throw both 'friends of labor' and 'enemies of labor' off the Board of Education in the next elections.

### power

This brings us to the fifth lesson of the teachers strike.

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# GREETINGS TO TWICE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## great stride forward for international movement

The Workers League, American supporters of the International Committee of the Fourth International sends its warmest greetings to the Socialist Labour League of Great Britain on the launching of the twice-weekly Newsletter.

The Newsletter has played a central role in the development of our movement from its very origins. Those of us who were formerly members of the Socialist Workers Party can well remember the impact of the first issues of Peter Fryer's Newsletter when they appeared in 1957. Particularly important to us was the intervention in the crisis of world Stalinism following the Krushchev Revelations and the Hungarian Revolution; the principled defense of Leninism and the struggle of Trotsky. This struggle is continued in the present Newsletter with the campaign to drive home the lessons of the Moscow Trials for the new generation of workers and to expose the role of the British Communist Party who is sabotaging the struggle against Wilson.

### revisionism

From 1961 to 1964 our political tendency conducted a principled struggle against

the revisionism of the SWP leadership in collaboration with the SLL and our French comrades in the OCI. Each issue of the Newsletter played a key role for us in that struggle. Not only did the Newsletter ceaselessly expose the revisionists but it showed the way to construct the revolutionary party through its intervention in the Young Socialists, then affiliated with the Labour Party,

and its work in the trade unions.

### SWP

After our expulsion from the SWP in the summer of 1964 we took up the struggle to build the revolutionary party in the United States. Again the Newsletter was an indispensable guide to us in its analysis of international struggles, such as the Chinese Red Guards, as well as

the battle to build an alternative to Wilson to carry forward the socialist revolution in England in a period of deepening capitalist crisis.

This fall we were able to expand our paper, the Bulletin, to an eight page printed bi-weekly and to begin to take up the struggle in the American trade union movement for the political alternative to the increasing attacks on the unions by the bosses and

the bosses' government--the struggle for an American Labor party. Here again the Newsletter played a vital role for us--in particular in its reports of the struggle of the Oxford Liaison Committee which led to the recent Birmingham Conference.

### weekly

At the present time our national leadership is considering plans to deepen our work in all spheres and to struggle to launch the Bulletin as a weekly paper by 1969. There existed a weekly Trotskyist press in this country since 1928 until it was destroyed by Pabloite revisionism. The Militant of today stands in opposition to everything Lenin and Trotsky, as well as the early SWP, fought for.

We are determined that a weekly Trotskyist press be revived in this country in the year 1969 and the sacrifices of the SLL and its supporters in producing the twice-weekly Newsletter are helping greatly in making this possible for us.

Yours fraternally,  
Tim Wohlforth,  
National Secretary, Workers League

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HOW THE NAZIS CAME TO POWER



### Trade unions must demand:

**Recall Labour Conference**

**Change Wilson Leadership**

**Repeal Prices and Incomes Act**

### First issue sold out!

WE ARE especially pleased with the way in which members of the Socialist Labour League and readers and supporters have reacted to the sale. In many areas they found our newsletter only too happy to subscribe to the mid-week edition. Our first mid-week issue was sold out. This week we have to increase our run in order to take care of new orders which have come into the office. There is a great deal of evidence that our aim towards publishing the mid-weekly was successful. We will need that we have

From our industrial correspondent  
THE SPECIAL conference of trade union executives called by the Trades Union Congress meets in an atmosphere of great crisis.

There can be no avoiding the issues involved. Wilson's Labour government is determined to reduce wages and living standards, even if it has to destroy trade unionism to achieve it. The Confederation of British Industries is demanding that wages are frozen for the next 18 months. Representatives from the international bankers (IMF) have told the Chancellor of the Exchequer that millions of trade unionists must pay more and more for the economic crisis while the capitalist class which is responsible goes ahead making as much profit as it can. A showdown with the employers and the government is on the way and it cannot be avoided. This is the first thing which concerns most workers. Collective bargaining has gone for good. Political reaction and the fight for the trade union.

### GREETINGS FROM OXFORD STEWARDS

Greetings to the twice-weekly from all our readers at SAC Oxford. Forward to Socialist and Peace.

### IMF team 'guides' Jenkins' Budget

THE STATISTICS behind the March 19 Budget will be the statistics of world monopoly capitalism. What a Labour Chancellor Jenkins

(The following are excerpts from greetings to the Twice-Weekly Newsletter received from sections of the International Committee of the Fourth International as well as from leading trade unions in England.)

### LEAGUE OF HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONARIES

We salute the twice-weekly Newsletter as a very important step forward in the development of the International Trotskyist movement.

For the working class and the youth of the USSR and Eastern Europe the essential condition for their decisive struggle against the usurping bureaucracy is the struggle of the working class of the advanced capitalist countries and its uniting with their own struggle.

Moreover, the fact that the British revolutionary workingclass leadership can now achieve its twice-weekly Newsletter shows clearly the determined march forward of the British working class to the overthrow of the bourgeoisie

### THE ORGANISATION COMMUNISTE INTERNATIONALISTE, FRANCE

The Organisation Communiste Internationaliste for the Reconstruction of the Fourth International (France) sends its greetings on the appearance of the twice-weekly Newsletter, organ of the Central Committee of the Socialist Labour League.

The development of The Newsletter demonstrates that the Socialist Labour League is taking on its responsibilities in the building of that revolutionary leadership which is indispensable to the vic-

tory of the British proletariat. And this has the greatest importance for the rebuilding of the Fourth International, so indispensable to the world victory of the socialist revolution.

### THE CEYLON YOUTH AND STUDENTS' FIGHTING FRONT

The Ceylon Youth and Students' Fighting Front sends warm revolutionary greetings on the occasion of the publication of the twice-weekly Newsletter. This event is of immense historic significance to the entire international working class.

The revolutionary movement in Ceylon owes a heavy debt to The Newsletter. It was The Newsletter which inspired the young revolutionaries of Ceylon to rally round the banner of the Fourth International and to take up the struggle to build a revolutionary youth movement.

H.D. SOMAPALA, GENERAL SECRETARY,  
VIRODHAYA GROUP, CEYLON

Please accept our revolutionary greeting on the occasion of the publication of the twice-weekly issue of The Newsletter. We are convinced that henceforth The Newsletter would be able to play an even more vital role in the struggles of the International working class giving guidance to ever wider sections.

### BRITISH TRADE UNIONISTS

Greetings to the Newsletter on the publication of the mid-week paper. We believe that now, as never before, the working class needs a Marxist daily newspaper to take up the betrayals of the present Labor leadership. The growth of monopoly, and with it unemployment, demands new forms of struggle to maintain and improve our living standards. In this fight we believe that the Newsletter plays a vital role.

We therefore call upon all shop stewards and militant trade unionists to support the paper and help build it into a daily.--Alan Wilkins (AEU shop steward), Peter Birch (AEU shop stewards), D. Wright, A. Blunt, B. Thyne (AEU members), J. Cunningham (Metal Mechanics District Committee member), Newsletter readers, Rolls-Royce, Anstey, near Coventry.

Myself and other stewards in Vauxhall's, Ellesmere Port, are looking forward to the twice weekly edition of the Newsletter which, we understand, will be concentrating a great deal on

the industrial struggles taking place and the politics of these.

There is a continual discussion on the present articles in the Newsletter, especially on the role of Wilson and company and the 'lefts' and the so-called Communist Party, and I, therefore, feel sure that this twice weekly is going to clarify politically many thousands of workers and not a few of us stewards.--Bill Fletcher, body shop gate line steward, body shop committee chairman, NUVB factory committee member.

I am writing on behalf of my members who read The Newsletter welcoming the additional weekly copy which is now being printed. Joseph Graham, delegate, the National Union of Mineworkers (Scottish Area), East Whitburn branch, Lothians district.

I welcome the appearance of The Newsletter as a twice weekly. Now that the government is encouraging the employers to merge into vast monopolies, increasing their power and guiding their attacks against the trade unions with legislation restricting the unions' activities, the working class needs a paper that can organize and give a lead to their struggles.--Arthur Lennon, convenor, BOC (Tottenham), Ltd.

The workers in this area are beginning to wake up to what the Labor government and the employers are doing. Their so-called leaders are showing quite plainly that they can't lead.

The twice-weekly can penetrate into the factories, raise the interest of the workers and show them the way to fight.

I recommend to strikers that the local SLL branch should be asked to take 50 more Newsletters for the factory.--Jock Deans, chairman of the Linton & Hirst Ltd. strike committee.

As miners who can now see clearly that all the hopes we placed in the Labour government have been betrayed, we welcome the arrival of the twice-weekly Newsletter. The sales of the Newsletter are already growing in the Yorkshire coalfield and the mid-week issue will be an additional weapon against the Wilson government which intends to throw four out of every five miners onto the scrap heap.--Trevor Parsons, Glasshoughton Colliery, Brian Lavery, Wheldale Colliery (Yorkshire).

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# BUILD MASS ANTI DRAFT ACTION

## answer to increased call-ups

prive Johnson of the manpower to conduct his imperialist war against the Vietnamese workers and peasants.

### beyond

For mass resistance to the draft to be effective it must go beyond the students to the mass of working class youth. This is why it is so wrong for students to defend their special privileged deferments. The answer to the abolition of student deferments is to deepen the struggle against the draft as a whole among all youth.

The United States is losing the war in Vietnam. Despite Johnson's attempt to cover this up millions of American people are beginning to understand this much. Quite naturally they are asking the question: why? The answer is also clear and cannot be hidden from the people for much longer. It is not a military matter. It is a political question. The United States is losing the war because it is an imperialist power seeking to dominate the world and because its puppet Saigon government is committed to the continued capitalist oppression of the Vietnamese workers and peasants. The Vietcong is supported by the Vietnamese masses because it leads the fight against this oppression.

If this is the case, and it is and we must say so, then we who fight the war must take sides. Our opponents say that draft resistance aids the enemy. They are of course right. It does. No one can wiggle out of that one. There is only one way to answer this and that is to state clear-

ly that the Vietcong is not our enemy but Johnson's enemy. Johnson is not the friend of the American workers but the enemy of the American workers against those who oppress us--the same who oppress the Vietnamese.

The only way to make this clear to American workers is to take up the fight not only against Johnson's oppression of the Vietnamese but also Johnson's oppression of American workers. This means draft resisters and anti-war militants must involve themselves in the struggles of the trade unions, the Negroes, the working class youth here at home bringing an understanding of the war into those struggles and an understanding of these struggles into the anti-war struggle.

University students have a crucial role to play in the coming struggles of the American working class. But they can only play this role if they see their own resistance to being drafted into an imperialist army as part of a much broader struggle against Johnson and the class he represents--the large corporations who run this country. Students can start by taking a clear stand on the nature of the war and fighting to bring this understanding not only to fellow students but to trade unionists, Negro militants and working class youth. By relating this understanding to the struggle against Johnson's policy of oppression at home they can lay the political basis for mass resistance to the draft and mass struggle within the army by soldiers who do not wish to slaughter their own brothers in Vietnam.



COPS FORM WEDGE FOR ATTACK ON STUDENTS PROTESTING THE DRAFT IN OAKLAND

by Jackson Drew

With draft calls going up each month and plans already afoot to raise American forces in Vietnam to one million men, the draft has become a burning issue for all American youth. As the draft calls go up, deferments removed (such as in the case of the new rulings on graduate students), and the character of the war as a struggle for liberation on the part of the Vietnamese people becomes increasingly clear to the American people, resistance

to the draft is also growing. **soldiers**

At the same time demoralization and dissent is spreading among American soldiers. Even the notorious Marines are expressing anything but patriotic fervor about the filthy job they do.

There is a real basis in the United States today for the organization of mass draft resistance as well as a mass struggle by soldiers to be returned home. This is the positive significance of the Resistance movement that is

spreading on American campuses. This group issues pledges for students to sign stating they will return their draft cards to the government if 1,000 or 5,000 or 10,000 other students do the same. What Resistance is doing is proposing in a very elementary form that while individual defiance of the draft means only the removal of the individual from effective struggle in this country, mass defiance presents Johnson with the problem of not jailing an individual maverick here and there but of a large section of American youth.

We feel this basic approach is correct and in no way is oppositional to the struggle of soldiers. If more and more soldiers want out and are beginning to seek ways to exercise their democratic rights as citizens to fight for their return to the United States and demobilization isn't it also correct for American youth to not want in and to seek ways of mass struggle to prevent their being drafted? Clearly these are but aspects of the same struggle and every effort must be made to unite these two struggles to de-

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End The Draft! Smash Racism!  
Victory To Vietcong!  
Stop Johnson's War  
Against Vietnam--Labor!  
Build Labor Party Now!**

## DEMORALIZATION SWEEPS US ARMY

by Marty Jonas

Trotsky said in 1905: "It is not their capacity to kill, but their readiness to die which distinguishes a revolutionary people."

It is this readiness to die which distinguishes the Vietcong and which tips the scales more in their favor each day in this war. Their advantage is political. They are outdistanced militarily by the advanced technology of the imperialists--but what good is the most advanced weaponry when, as the New York Times reports, the soldiers must more and more get drunk first to use it?

The morale of the U.S. soldiers is at rock bottom. They know they're sunk and they're beginning to gripe about it and ask questions. Fred Emery, London Times reporter in Hue, writes:

'The marine morale seemed very, very low. They could see the tremendous casualties day in and day out and they couldn't see much reward for it. An operation which it is considered would be a 24 hour job--when they came in they were shooting all the dogs for sport--turned

sour and still goes on... they all say they'll write to their Congressmen saying they have no right to be in Vietnam which is quite contrary to what I heard two years ago.'

### sanctuary

This is what will decide the war. During the siege of Saigon, President Thieu pleaded with the citizens of Saigon 'to refuse to allow Vietcong sanctuary in their homes.' What a fine morale booster for the American soldier! The imperialists crow about victory, but they do not even feel safe in the cities they call their own. The imperialists are surrounded and every soldier knows it. Hardly a day goes by now without a convoy going in or out of Hue or Saigon being picked off. Victory indeed!

And if the U.S. thinks it will do any better at Khesanh, here is what an AP dispatch of Feb. 12 said about the fighting spirit of the Marines there:

'A blank stare is not uncommon at Khe Sanh, where the enemy has fired as many as 1,500 rounds of rockets, artillery and mor-

tar shells in a single day. The stare is called the 1,000-yard stare. It can be a sign of the beginning of combat fatigue.'

U.S. soldiers now just fire blindly. Every Vietnamese is suspect. An ex-soldier writing in Look magazine looks back in horror at his wanton shooting down of a Vietnamese civilian in front of the man's family when he tried to break away from being held in suspicion. The man was innocent and the ex-soldier reflects: "I don't think they (the family) will ever forgive me." This bloodbath may be satisfying to a few soldiers, but for most it just amounts to one long nightmare.

The Vietcong know that they fight in their own interests. The American soldier only knows that he's been plucked out of a miserable existence in the States and set down in an even more miserable existence in a trench in Vietnam where his only motivation is to keep from being killed.

The American soldier is beginning to wonder about this. He's getting upset about every Vietnamese he was sent there to save identifying with the



U.S. SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN DEFEAT AT DAKTO

Vietcong. He's beginning to ask questions about why the Vietcong are supposed to die in the thousands--they should've been decimated several times over according to Pentagon figures--and yet they keep on coming with even greater, greater will and dedication. Most of all he's beginning to wonder what he's doing there and WHO HE'S REALLY FIGHTING FOR.

### demand

Soldiers must ask these questions. They must discuss this among themselves--it's their democratic right.

They must see that they are fighting their brothers and demand to come home, where the real enemy is. Soldiers have the democratic right to demonstrate as well as discuss. They must connect up with the mass draft resistance struggles and the struggles of the trade unions against the same oppressive state that put them in Vietnam. The Workers League says:

**MATCH EVERY MASS RESISTANCE TO GO WITH A MASS DEMONSTRATION TO COME HOME!**