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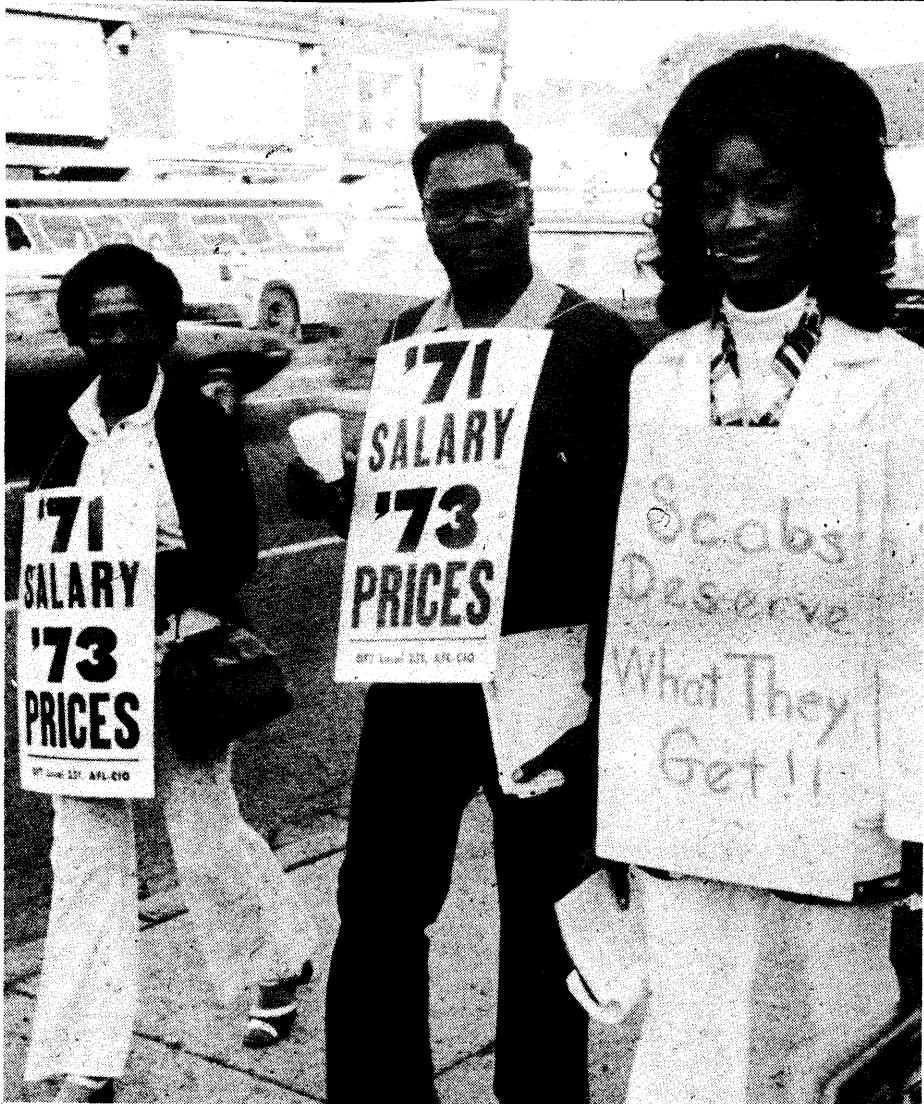
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# US Rattles Sword At Trade Talks

BY BRUCE McKAY

Bitter international conflicts lay beneath all the diplomatic talk during the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) conference in Tokyo.

The United States came to the bargaining table with representatives of 81 other capitalist countries not to settle any differences but to deliver an ultimatum to European and Japanese capitalists.

The Gatt talks were a prelude to the International Monetary Fund meeting in Nairobi next week. France is insisting that any trade negotiations be tied to a restoration of the dollar's convertibility into gold.

All of the present international negotiations are taking place against the backdrop of uncontrolled inflation and financial chaos which make agreement on monetary or trade policies impossible.

## INFLATIONARY POLICIES

In every major capitalist nation, inflationary policies are being deliberately used to destroy the living standards of workers, wipe out sections of inflationary capital and prepare the conditions for civil war against the working class.

In Britain, the Heath government has abandoned all pretense of supporting the pound and controlling prices to force a revolutionary clash with British workers.

Nixon and the American capitalist class have made it very clear that there can be absolutely no compromise with the European and Japanese bankers and industrialists. Nixon has marked huge sections of their capital, based on the hundreds of billions of inflated dollars in foreign-based banks, for destruction.

Nixon will now step up his ruthless trade war offensive in order to force European and Japanese trade barriers down to allow in a flood of devaluation-cheapened American goods, and leading this export push will be food.

## Challenge To Swedish Laborites

BY A CORRESPONDENT

After 40 years in power, the Social Democratic government of Prime Minister Olaf Palme hangs in the balance as Swedish voters go to the polls September 16.

The Social Democrats face a strong challenge from a big business-backed coalition headed by the Center Party leader, Torbjorn Faellidin, determined to crush unrest in the working class.

The Opposition hopes to cash in on the massive dissatisfaction among Swedish workers which grows out of the Social Democratic government's economic policies. These policies have led to a rapid growth in unemployment and a larger and larger tax burden.

Sweden's economy has been in the grips of a recession since 1971, despite an export boom which has seen a 30 percent rise in exports in the first half of 1973 but no corresponding increase in employment.

Large Swedish corporations like Volvo have for several years been directing their investment funds outside the Swedish economy. This trend has been accelerated by the international trade war and currency fluctuations. Volvo, for example, recently announced plans to build an assembly plant in Virginia in order to expand into the US market.

At the heart of the problem facing the Social Democratic leaders and their "socialist" government is their history of betrayal of the Swedish working class. After 40 years in power, the banks and major industries remain under the control of a handful of powerful capitalists.



Part of the spirited lobby organized by the All Trades Unions Alliance at the TUC (British AFL-CIO) Congress held in Blackpool. The ATUA is the only organization in the English labor movement demanding that the union leaders end their talks with the Tory government.

# Tories Use Bombs Against Pay Fight

BY DIANNE ISAACS

More bombs exploded this week in London as the Tory government stepped up its effort to fan public hysteria in order to create the conditions for a witch-hunt against militants and an all-out attack on the labor movement.

With the police remarkably well-informed of the locations of bombs, the authorities have created one "scare" after another. The IRA, blamed by the Tories and the revisionist International Marxist Group for the bombings, has accused the government of planting the bombs itself.

The bombings occur just as British workers are beginning a big offensive over wages, brought on by the wildly inflationary policies deliberately used by the Tories to drive down the living conditions of the working class.

A further increase in the cost of living has been assured by the decision of the government, announced Monday, not to seek a renewal of existing support arrangements for the pound. This means that the Tories have decided to let the pound float downwards in order to gain some trading advantages, whatever the cost to the working class.

## SABOTAGED

It is under these conditions that the Trades Union Congress (TUC) met last week in Blackpool, and sabotaged all efforts to stop the labor bureaucracy's criminal collaboration with the Tories.

A call by the engineering workers for the unions to end all

talks with the Tory government was consciously eliminated from the conference the weekend before by the Communist Party in cooperation with the union leadership.

The conference began with a demand from a 300-strong lobby of the All Trades Unions Alliance (ATUA), industrial arm of the Socialist Labour League, that the union leaders and delegates break off all talks with the Heath government and start the fight to bring the Tories down.

While the demonstration outside the Congress hall visibly upset many of the union leaders—most especially Victor Feather—many delegates and visitors approved of the ATUA's principled stand.

## CONDEMNING

Full backing for the ATUA's lobby came also from the Southampton Trades Council on September 3, the opening day of the Congress. A motion condemning the TUC-Tory talks carried unanimously and a Southampton delegation attended the ATUA lobby.

The ATUA is now the only group in the labor movement fighting for an end to class collaboration with the Tories, and the lobby was particularly appropriate, following the weekend of backstage maneuvering by the right-wing union leaders and their supporters in the Communist Party.

The Stalinists used their voting strength on the engineering union delegation (Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers) to swing a 30 to 26 vote against union policy and to drop the call to end Downing Street talks. The Stalinists' "argument" for deleting the AUEW motion was that it was better to salvage what they could of the lengthy motion calling for nonattendance at the National Industrial Relations Court and industrial action to defeat the government and its anti-union legislation, rather than risk defeat by the Transport and General Workers' Union (T&GWU) amendment.

This conscious act has given union leader Jack Jones of the T&GWU the ability to continue covering up for the TUC's collaboration with the Tories, in a coalition with Hugh Scanlon of the electrical workers and Victor Feather.

This conference is a real turning point for the British labor movement, exposing where all the reformists really stand as the struggle between Heath and the trade unions depend. It is only the ATUA that now stands in defense of the working class and is fighting to build a new leadership in the unions as part of the campaign to transform the Socialist Labour League into the revolutionary party.

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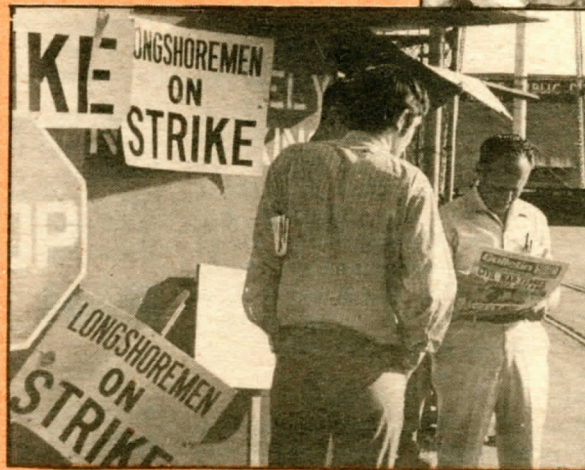
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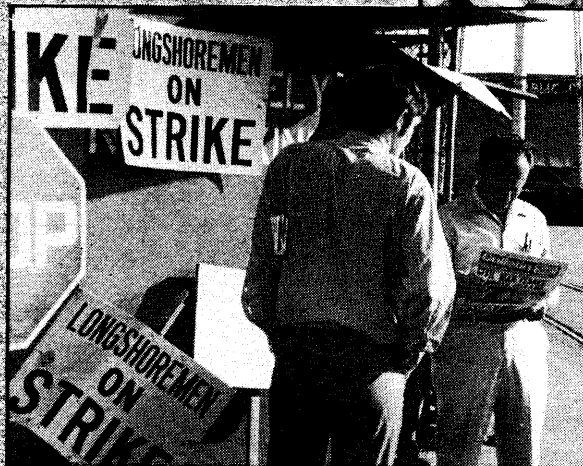
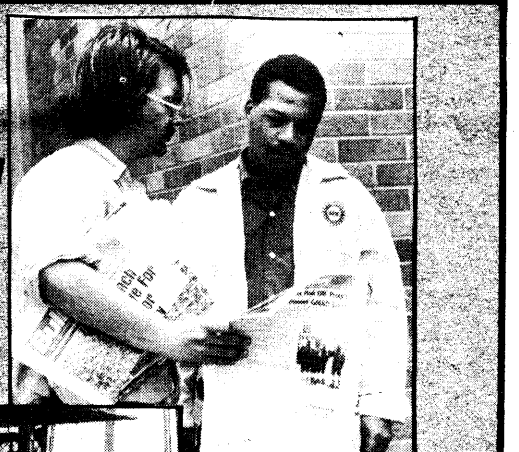
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A strike leader addresses students at an enthusiastic rally at New York's Columbia University called in support of library and cafeteria workers of Local 1199 of the Drug and Hospital Employees striking for a 7.5 percent pay hike. The students helped man the picket lines, which went up September 3 after the university refused to budge from its 5.5 percent offer. The entire School of Social Work has voted to shut down in support of the strike.

## CNL Fight For Elections Wins Support In SSEU

BY AN SSEU-371 MEMBER

NEW YORK—The opposition of the Social Service Employees Union 371 membership to the recent appointment of Mary Pinkett as president was expressed last week at the Caseworker chapter meeting.

Pinkett was chosen union president at a secret meeting of the union's executive committee, after it was announced that Bart Cohen, former president, was resigning to head the negotiating team for District Council 37.

With the city preparing to destroy thousands of jobs in welfare and civil service through reorganization, contracting out, automation and state and federal takeover, the Pinkett leadership enters the upcoming contract negotiations with virtually no perspective or program to fight these attacks.

### FUNCTIONARY

Pinkett is a DC 37 functionary who was responsible for the deal with the city that will eliminate 1000 former hospital care investigators. Pinkett has announced that she will run on Democrat Abe Beame's ticket as Brooklyn councilwoman. She intends to remain in office in the SSEU during the election and up to January 1 when she would take office. In January she will be on the opposite side of the bargaining table in the most critical period of contract negotiations.

A Committee for New Leadership spokesman put forward a motion at the Caseworker Chapter meeting calling

on the Caseworker Chapter to demand that Pinkett resign and a new election be scheduled. The motion was opposed not only by the right-wing union leadership but also by supporters of the Communist Party. This was in line with the statement of a leading sympathizer at an earlier meeting who went so far as to claim that it would be an asset to the union to have Pinkett in the City Council.

### SUPPORT

The CNL's motion received tremendous support and it was only narrowly defeated by a 16 to 14 margin.

In the face of this crisis situation in the SSEU, the CNL is campaigning first and foremost for Pinkett's resignation, and for new elections for president and executive director. In preparation for the upcoming Delegates Assembly meeting September 19 the CNL is urging all SSEU members to mandate their delegates to support this motion. At the same time, the CNL will be fighting for the only program that can ensure an SSEU victory in the upcoming contract talks:

1. No further reorganization until a new contract, resolving all outstanding problems including state and federal takeover, is signed and voted upon by the ranks.

2. Twenty percent across the board wage increase, with COL

escalator and payment of all back money by the Pay Board previously taken away.

3. For the calling of a Congress of Labor and the building of a labor party as the only way labor can beat back the attacks launched by Nixon and the Democrats and Republicans.

## Riot Police Gas Strikers

BY ED REILLY

BERLIN, Conn.—Riot police and a court injunction are being used here to protect scabs and to break the 18 week old strike of 1600 workers against the Emhart Corporation's Hardware Division.

Over 200 members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Lodges 1137 and 1249 mass picketed for two days in order to stop scabs reportedly sent in by Manpower and the Office of Economic Opportunity.

On Thursday over 30 city police armed with riot sticks and tear gas broke up the picketing. One striker described the action: "They formed a human wedge holding riot sticks in front of them and beating us back to let the scabs in."

At least three strikers were injured and a deaf man, who was trying to help a woman who was knocked down, was hit on the back of the head with a riot stick. Two hundred state troopers were ready as rein-

## Shippers Use Courts To Cut Dockers' Jobs

BY BRUCE MCKAY

NEW YORK—Both East and West Coast dockers face the elimination of thousands of jobs as a result of two cases now before the National Labor Relations Board.

At stake are the provisions in the International Longshoremen's Association and the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union contracts requiring containers to be stuffed and stripped by longshore labor.

Freight handling companies on both coasts have asked the NLRB to void these contract protections as "unfair labor practices."

In the West Coast case, brought by California Cartage Inc. against the ILWU and the shippers' association, Administrative Trial Judge James T. Rasbury has already recommended suspension of the container rules.

In his recommendation, Rasbury claims that "it cannot be said that the stuffing and unstuffing of today's huge sophisticated containers is work historically or traditionally done" by dock workers.

If Rasbury's recommendation is approved, it will mean the destruction of all the job guarantees won since 1959 by the longshore unions to soften the blow of containerization, as well as the Guaranteed Annual Income. Behind Rasbury's recommendation is the drive of the container industry and the Nixon Administration to make dock workers bear the cost of the international trade war by implementing containerization, automation and speedup to the fullest extent possible.

The danger is no less great to ILA members on the East and Gulf Coasts. The NLRB is seeking an injunction in US District Court in Newark to eliminate all container rules pending a final decision in a dispute involving Consolidated Express Inc.

Dock workers must prepare to

fight these attacks, and this fight must be political. Emergency membership meetings must be demanded in every ILA and ILWU local.

Resolutions must be introduced calling on the ILA and ILWU to prepare united national strike action against any suspension of container rules, and calling on the entire labor movement to come to the defense of dock workers' jobs by convening a Congress of Labor to launch an offensive to force the resignation of the Nixon government and to construct a labor party.

### CLASSES IN MARXISM

for trade unionists

### MARXISM IN AMERICA

1. Historical materialism and the development of the American labor movement.
2. The capitalist crisis and the tasks facing the labor movement.

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#### BOSTON

TUES. SEPT. 18

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At Boston University

Speaker: Tim Wohlforth, National Secretary, Workers League

#### WASHINGTON

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All Souls Church Library  
16th and Harvard

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Speaker: Lucy St. John, Editor, Bulletin

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THURS. SEPT. 27

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Speaker: Lucy St. John, Editor, Bulletin

Contribution: \$1 trade unionists  
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# READERS GREET THE TWICE-WEEKLY

The Bulletin will be publishing a series of interviews with workers and youth to greet the twice-weekly and discuss the vital role of the revolutionary newspaper. This week, we publish an interview with dockworker Vinnie Woodford, a member of Brooklyn International Longshoremen's Association Local 1814 and a supporter of the Trade Union Alliance for a Labor Party, and with Keith Lang, new Young Socialists member from Brownsville, New York.

## Vinnie Woodford, ILA Local 1814

The paper is fighting. By spreading out the news to enlighten the people that are willing to fight, that's leading them right there. The paper is like a leader. You've got to follow it and stick with it, and fight along with the paper. A newspaper is a weapon if the people follow it. It's up to enough people to get together, because it's the working people who are supporting the country, and I

can't see why they shouldn't fight for something they're part of. We can't sit back and let somebody else do the fighting.

The Bulletin has got to enlighten us on what's happening with labor. Let us know how our union leaders are working with Nixon instead of trying to help the working man and playing the part they're supposed to. Now you go to the union and they can't help you. If that keeps up,

we won't have a union—the government will be controlling the union. If they're controlling the union, how can we fight for anything? We can't even fight for wages, because our union leaders are on their side.

The Bulletin is helping us on the docks, because it's enlightening us to the things our union's supposed to be telling us. It's telling us what's happening to us and what's going to happen.

When you're coming out twice-weekly, you'll be getting out more information, and we won't have to wait a whole week to find out what's going on. See, that way you can find out much sooner what's got to be done. Sometimes if you have to wait all week before you get the paper, it might be a little late to do anything, and you'll just have to scuffle harder. But when you're coming out twice a week, we'll know more and be more up to date.

I think Nixon needs to be kicked out of office. This can't go on. People aren't going to keep taking it, but we just haven't got enough people together now to fight him, and we realize that, because they've got the people so disorganized. If the paper tells people what's happening, and people start reading it and taking and showing it around, that's beginning to organize them right there. That's a fight right there you're putting up.



Keith Lang from Brownsville: "I will try to build this revolutionary movement and fight this capitalist class to the best of my ability."

## Keith Lang, YS Member

Personally I feel that the twice a week Bulletin is very wonderful because we can draw a lot of people into this revolutionary movement. We can clearly see that we are moving upward, and as we move we are preparing for a fight.

I am glad we now have the twice a week Bulletin. This means that I will devote more time to sell and educate the uneducated. I don't really mean to say devote more time—I don't have more time because I'm living under inflation.

I just would like to say I was a Christian all my life for eighteen and one-half years. I went to church sometimes four times a week. I became a minister at the age of fourteen.

One day I was sitting on the bench on the outside of my house when a YS member invited me

to come to one of the YS branch meetings. I came and then came to other YS meetings. Then I joined.

I went to Canada to the conference. I learned that there was no God, "God" was all in my mind, and I learned even more.

I play the organ at church and I get paid. Now when I go to church I just play the organ and when the preacher preaches I go downstairs and read more and more about Marxism.

I joined the YS and I'm going on to the Workers League. I'm one of the comrades in the branch that sells the most papers and goes to all of the YS meetings. I'm glad I joined the YS and I will try to build this revolutionary movement and fight this capitalist class to the best of my ability.



Dockworker Vinnie Woodford: "The Bulletin has got to enlighten us on what's happening with labor. Let us know how our union leaders are working with Nixon instead of trying to help the working man..."

## Traditions of Lenin, Trotsky and Gramsci

# Tasks Of The Revolutionary Press

This is the first part in a two part series on the meaning and history of the revolutionary press. Next week, we will be printing the second part on the history of the workers press in the US.

BY NANCY FIELDS

The decision to launch the twice-weekly Bulletin on October 1 marks a historic step forward in the building of a revolutionary leadership to lead the American working class to power.

The understanding of the role of the press as the central instrument in creating the revolutionary party had to be fought for throughout the entire development of the socialist movement from the First International to the Fourth.

In the battle to construct the revolutionary party in Russia, Lenin began at all points from the necessity to build a mass All-Russian newspaper as the heart of developing the movement. He waged a bitter struggle against the Mensheviks, who insisted that the newspaper could never serve as the basis for a militant organization in revolutionary times.

He insisted: "Without a political organ, a political movement deserving that name is inconceivable in the Europe of today. Without such a newspaper, we cannot possibly fulfill our task—that of concentrating all the elements of political discontent and protest, of vitalizing thereby the revolutionary movement of the proletariat."

Lenin continuously stressed the centrality of the press in the building of the party itself. In "Where To Begin," written in 1901, he held that: "A newspaper is not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator, it is also a collective organizer.

"In the last respect, it may be linked to the scaffolding round a building under construction, which marks the contours of the structure and facilitates communication between the builders, enabling them to distribute the work and to view the common results achieved by their organized labor."

Trotsky continued Lenin's fight, first within the Bolshevik Party and later in the development of the Fourth International to insist that the three central tasks of the party press—to educate, agitate and organize—were fulfilled.

He recognized that it was through the distribution of the press that contacts among

workers would be maintained, the party's perspectives for the struggle against capitalism carried into the working class and that "the newspaper would become part of an enormous pair of smith's bellows that would fan every spark of the class struggle and of popular indignation into a general conflagration."

Because of the enormous role the press plays in creating the revolutionary party, Trotsky fought to see that the paper represented the highest theoretical expression of the development of the revolutionary movement and that it was completely under the control and discipline of that movement. For that reason he waged a struggle against all those on the staff of the paper who viewed its production in a routine, complacent manner and saw their roles simply as journalists, not as party builders.

### READER

Throughout his writings on the newspaper, Trotsky fought to develop the understanding that the writer of a revolutionary paper must always begin with the reader and not from himself. He stressed:

"The reader begs you not to admonish him, not to preach, not to summon, not to urge, but to tell him clearly and to the point, to explain, to clarify—what, where and how! The lessons and the warnings will follow from



Lenin reading the Bolshevik Party's paper Pravda.

this of themselves."

In order for the press to lead the construction of a mass movement of workers, it must strive to become a workers' forum, a medium through which workers can speak and which actually reflects their interests. Antonio Gramsci, in discussing the tremendous response their paper, *Ordine Nuovo*, received in the Italian working class movement, noted that workers loved the paper because:

"In the articles of the journal they found something of themselves, their own better selves; because they felt that the articles in it were permeated with their own spirit of soul searching: 'How can we free ourselves? How can we realize ourselves?'"

"Because the articles in *Ordine Nuovo* were not of cold intellectual construction but flowed out of our own dis-

cussions with the best workers and set forth the feelings, wishes, real passions of the Turin working class of which we had partaken and which we had stimulated."

Gramsci also emphasized that a revolutionary workers' press must be more than a journal for political agitation, that it must become the center for enlightenment and education among the masses as capitalist culture decays. He held that the paper must make the ideas, art, science, music, "transmitted to us by a millenium of work" live within the working class.

It is by taking up these three tasks—education, agitation and organization—fought for by Lenin, Trotsky and Gramsci, that the twice-weekly Bulletin will become a powerful force within the working class to lead the fight for the American Revolution.

# Bulletin

weekly organ of the workers league

## Workers Must Fight Nixon's Wage Cutting

Nixon intends to use the biggest price increases in American history to impose a huge wage cut on the working class.

In the last month alone, the government's overall Wholesale Price Index went up a seasonally adjusted 6.2 percent—an annual rate of 75 percent.

Farm prices, which are quickly translated into supermarket prices, rose last month nearly 20 percent.

These enormous increases expose the lie of Nixon's claim that his administration is trying to control inflation. Exactly the opposite is true.

Inflation is now the deliberate policy of Nixon and every capitalist class throughout the world. Price increases are the capitalists' weapon to destroy workers' living standards.

Inflation and interest rates climbing toward 10 and 11 percent are being wielded by the big Wall Street banks to wipe out large sections of capital itself. This means widespread bankruptcies, plant closures and mass unemployment.

Wages are now at the heart of every struggle, as teachers and other workers across the country are demonstrating. The three percent offer made by Chrysler to auto workers shows what Nixon and the bosses have in store, and the refusal of United Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock to fight for a decent wage increase is creating an explosive situation in the plants.

Inflation has become the driving force uniting the struggles of workers in every plant and in every country, forcing them into revolutionary battles with capitalism.

Workers cannot accept the situation Nixon is trying to impose on them. An offensive must be launched to smash Phase Four and the Cost of Living Council. This fight must begin now.

Every wages fight is now a political fight against the government, and the urgent task before the labor movement is the construction of a labor party to take power and implement socialist policies.

Every worker must demand that the first point on the agenda of the upcoming AFL-CIO Convention be the convening of a Congress of Labor for the purpose of building such a party and to begin an all-out campaign to force the resignation of the Nixon government and the scheduling of new elections.

### Building The Bulletin



A total of \$2,160.70 has been received to start the \$50,000 Fall Bulletin Expansion Fund Drive. Most of this was contributed at the recent summer camp. There must now be an all-out drive in each branch to fulfill the commitment made at the Fifth National Conference of the Workers League to raise the full one-third of the fund drive by October 1.

The September leg of the Young Socialist subscription drive has not really begun, with only 111 subs coming in bringing the total to 2122. What must now take place is a special university drive geared to school opening together with a drive in the communities as part of the expansion of the Young Socialists.

We have received our first 206 subscriptions to the twice-weekly Bulletin. These will go towards our goal of 3000 subs by November 1. As we reported last week we will be fighting for 3000 subs per month for the whole next period while raising an additional 3000 subs through trailblazing campaigns which will begin next month.



...TH-THERE'S (GUA) NOTHING WE CAN D-DO B-BOYS!  
G-GIVE HIM EVERYTHING YOU HAVE!!

## What we think 40 Years Of Struggle

1973 marks the fortieth anniversary of Trotsky's call for the preparations to form a new International, the Fourth International.

This was an event of the greatest significance in the history of the international working class movement. For it was in 1933 that Trotsky decided—in the wake of the Nazi seizure of power in Germany—that the Third International had become totally incapable of fulfilling its historic role.

Up to that time, Trotsky and the Left Opposition had fought through Marxist criticism and internal faction work for reforming the Third International.

Germany in 1933 was the turning point for Trotskyism. The enormity of Stalin's betrayal in Germany proved that the Communist International had degenerated to the point where it could no longer be reformed. A year before the crushing defeat of the German working class, Trotsky had warned:

"Yes, should the Fascists really conquer power, that would mean not only the physical destruction of the Communist Party, but veritable political bankruptcy for it. An ignominious defeat in a struggle against bands of human rubbish would never be forgiven by the Communist International and its German section by the many-millioned German proletariat. The seizure of power by the fascists would therefore signify the necessity of creating a new revolutionary party, and in all likelihood, a new International."

Under the banner of building "socialism in one country," the Stalinist leadership in the Soviet Union and the Third International rejected the strategy for world revolution laid down in the first five years of the Communist International.

From the point of the devastating defeat of the German working class onwards, Trotsky concluded that Stalinism constituted the most powerful counterrevolutionary force within the working class, a force which had to be destroyed politically by the new International.

The Soviet Union had been placed in great danger by the defeat of the German working

class. The whole future of the Russian and world revolution now depended on the construction of a new International, based on the principles of the early years of the Third International, but incorporating a Marxist understanding of its degeneration under Stalin.

This analysis and struggle against Stalinism—the struggle to construct the Fourth International—was Trotsky's greatest contribution to Marxism and the liberation of the working class.

It was not in his leadership, along with Lenin, of the Russian revolution, nor in his building of the Red Army that Trotsky will be remembered by future generations, but in his unrelenting political and theoretical fight against the Stalinist bureaucracy and its betrayal of the Russian and world revolution.

It is this fight which the Workers League alone continues in the United States.

Every brand of revisionism stands opposed, implicitly or explicitly, to Trotsky's call for the Fourth International which was eventually established in 1938.

Leading this attack are the Pabloites of the revisionist "Unified Secretariat." In 1953, 20 years ago, they evolved the spurious "theory" that Stalinism was no longer the major counterrevolutionary force within the working class movement. New "objective conditions" now made its reform possible said these renegades who broke from everything Trotsky had fought for.

The Pabloites broke from everything Trotsky had fought for, that is, from the decision to found a new International and its actual formation in 1938. Pablo rejected Trotsky's assessment of Stalinism as the main counterrevolutionary force within the workers' movement that had to be destroyed politically not reformed. Pablo and his followers called for the liquidation of the Fourth International, saying the task was to work within the Stalinist movements. Pabloism's purpose was the dispersal and break up of the Fourth International.

Ten years later, in 1963, the Pabloites were joined by the Socialist Workers Party in the US, the party which Trotsky had worked so closely with in the

1930s. The reunification was based on a refusal to make an assessment of the issues raised in 1953 and the position of Pabloism. For the SWP, its break from the International Committee was a direct attack on the Fourth International.

Today, in 1973, the "Unified Secretariat" is being ripped apart by crisis. On the fortieth anniversary of the decision to found the Fourth International, whole sections within this revisionist organization are attacking this decision claiming that Stalinist parties like the Vietnamese Communist Party can be reformed from within and rejecting the need for the Fourth International.

Today it is only the International Committee of the Fourth International that carries forward Trotsky's struggle.

1933 marked a period of catastrophic defeat for the international working class. Trotsky was forced to work with small forces isolated from the working class, under the most difficult objective circumstances.

1973 marks an entirely different period of history. The working class has been undefeated for over 20 years in every major capitalist country.

A new generation of workers is being forced into struggle against capitalism all over the world. It is this new generation which will provide the major forces for the rapid building of Trotskyist parties in every country.

In 1973, it is not just a question of defending the Fourth International for the future as it has been for the Trotskyist movement from its beginnings. The future is now. This is the period of revolutionary struggle and the construction of mass Trotskyist parties in the working class throughout the world.

This is the historic significance of the First National Summer Camp and Fifth National Conference held by the Workers League in Canada, and the launching of the twice-weekly Bulletin.

The Workers League, in political solidarity with the International Committee, pledges itself to do everything in its power to turn its forces to this new generation and build a powerful revolutionary party which will destroy Stalinism and revisionism politically and prepare the working class to take power.



# IMG Defends Talks With Scotland Yard

The following is reprinted from the Workers Press, daily organ of the Socialist Labour League. It originally appeared in Red Weekly, a publication of the International Marxist Group, a member of the revisionist "United Secretariat."

In this week's Red Weekly, publication of the International Marxist Group, an article entitled "Solidarity and the Bombings—Reply to the SLL" is published. It states:

"Workers Press has now added its voice to the chorus of slanders from the reactionary, capitalist press against the International Marxist Group. In its issues of August 25 and 27, editor Alex Mitchell goes well beyond the bounds of polemic, and makes statements which amount to an accusation that IMG militants are in the service of the police.

Since Workers Press is so intent on distorting the facts in order to try and gain petty sectarian advantages, we will once again spell out the central points concerning the actions of IMG militant Gery Lawless:

1. Upon receiving a statement from the Irish Republican Press Bureau on Sunday afternoon accepting responsibility for the bombings, and after satisfying himself of the genuineness of this statement, Gery Lawless contacted the police for the sole purpose of obtaining information—of verifying whether or not bombings had actually occurred; no information whatsoever was communicated to the police on that

occasion.

2. Comrade Lawless went to Scotland Yard on Monday evening, accompanied by his solicitor, after having been requested to do so by the police; that was the first occasion on which comrade Lawless gave any information whatsoever to the police, and his statement told them nothing that they could not have found out by reading that morning's newspaper.

As far as the International Marxist Group is concerned, we recognize only too clearly the power of the state apparatus and the police in capitalist society. If comrade Lawless had engaged in false "heroics," and rejected Habershon's request, he would have been subject to forcible detainment and interrogation, under circumstances much more favorable to the police.

For revolutionaries the political principle involved in relations with the police is simple: at no time and in no way can we support the actions of the police, nor can we attempt to use the police as a means of dealing with disputes within the working class movement. At no time have any actions of comrade Lawless infringed that principle, and we are therefore satisfied that nothing done by comrade Lawless has in any way compromised his position as a revolutionary militant. As the statement published elsewhere in this issue shows, that view is shared by the national organizer of the Republican Movement in Britain.

The Socialist Labour League's concern with the actions of comrade Lawless does

not stem from some high regard for socialist principles. It simply serves them as an excuse for breaking solidarity with the International Marxist Group just as it is in the greatest danger of coming under attack from the capitalist state. This was made perfectly clear in a letter to the IMG from Gerry Healy, national secretary of the SLL on Sunday, August 26, rejecting the IMG's proposal for a joint meeting with the SLL and the International Socialists, to discuss a joint defense against the witch-hunt.

At the present time the main concern of the SLL is to run away from anything that might connect it with the Irish liberation struggle. The statement of the Socialist Labour League on the bombing makes no mention of solidarity with the Irish struggle and "condemns the bombers whoever they are" (our emphasis). In other words, even if the Provisional IRA is responsible for Sunday's bombings, they are unconditionally "condemned" by the SLL. This certainly places the SLL in rather mixed company.

The excuse they give for this position is that: "Their (the bombers) activities only retard the development of the political and industrial campaign to force the hated Heath government out of office."

That should be a clear enough warning to the Republican movement. The SLL believes that the central task is to kick out the Tories and return Labour to power on a socialist program. The IRA may feel that their central task is to defeat British imperialism in Ireland, but they will have

to toe the line laid down by the SLL. The Socialist Labour League does not brook any nonsense about the Irish Republican movement having the right to set their own objectives and determine their own methods of struggle.

As a result the SLL judges actions which spread the war into the imperialist homeland not on the basis of their effectiveness in advancing the Irish struggle, but in terms of their effect on the prejudices of British workers.

The SLL has never taken seriously the need to support the fight for national liberation in Ireland. It has been conspicuously absent from the demonstrations, meetings and campaigns against internment and the whole series of repressive measures carried out by British imperialism in Ireland. Even after the "Bloody Sunday" massacre in Derry, it was nowhere to be seen in the mass actions that took place against this act of "unadulterated murder."

Having prepared neither its members nor its readers for the task of giving real solidarity with the Irish struggle, the SLL's cardboard castle of revolutionary politics has been blown over by the first good gust of real capitalist reaction. Their rhetoric about a principled defense of democratic rights is exposed as an empty sham.

All their energies must now be devoted to a pathetic attempt to squirm off the hook, because they are totally incapable of mounting a real campaign of solidarity with the Irish struggle."



British troops bring terror to Northern Ireland. IMG aids government witch-hunt against IRA, accused of bombings carried out by British agents.

# Revisionists Serve Tory Police

The following is a reply to the IMG's article by Alex Mitchell of the Workers Press, daily paper of the Socialist Labour League.

**Revisionism has reached an historic low in its degeneracy. On the eve of the mightiest class battles in which the task of taking power will be raised throughout the working class, the International Marxist Group completely capitulates to the state and its agencies.**

The IMG contemptuously rejects the main question of the hour facing workers in Britain and in Northern Ireland: a massive political and industrial campaign to force the Tories out of office.

And having decided that the fight to kick out the Tories isn't the main question, the IMG takes the inevitable next steps: it collaborates with the bourgeois press and cooperates with Scotland Yard.

The unsigned statement in this week's Red Weekly (reproduced above. Though Workers Press has reproduced all IMG statements and editorials on the Lawless affair, we note that none of our material has appeared in Red Weekly for the benefit of its readers) is a series of transparent lies and evasions.

It unmasks the leadership of the IMG before the whole working class and the Republican movement. It shows that in the coming struggles against the capitalist state, the IMG isn't going to be fighting anybody. Its role will not be to defend the basic democratic rights of the working class, but to open the door for the smashing of those rights.

That is why we utterly repudiate the statement that the SLL is "breaking solidarity" with the IMG. It is because of our principled and persistent fight for the defense of basic democratic rights that we are compelled to expose the activities of Gery Lawless and the monstrous cover-up that the IMG leadership is now organizing.

### REVEAL

In the defense of these rights and in training a revolutionary movement, we are called upon to reveal all forms of class collaboration and provocation which strengthen the capitalist enemy and prepare the way for repressions against the workers' movement.

We must spell out in detail once again exactly what Lawless has been up to. Then ask yourself, why is the IMG leadership shielding him?

It is a fact that Lawless telephoned the Press Association on Sunday, August 19, and released a statement, allegedly from the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau. It stated unequivocally that the Provisional IRA was responsible for the London bomb wave. They were being carried out by "active service units" operating in Britain.

It is a fact that the Provisional IRA has since denounced the statement as a "hoax." Only yesterday we checked on this point again at Sinn Fein (Kevin Street). The spokesman said the Lawless statement was "bogus."

### NO COPY

"If they had sent it out," he said, "they wouldn't have only sent it to Lawless. Copies would have gone to all the Irish newspapers as well. And we would have a copy in this office. But there's no copy of it here."

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# YS/WL Summer Camp: Preparation



**BY A BULLETIN REPORTING TEAM**  
**ST. AGATHE, Que.—**Over 350 young workers and trade unionists attended the Workers League and Young Socialists First Annual National Summer Camp, held from August 25 to September 3. The Fifth National Conference of the Workers League was held over the same period.

Held in Canada under conditions of a national rail strike, attended by representatives from other sections of the International Committee of the Fourth International, the camp centered on international perspectives for the struggle of the working class.

In this respect, it is important to note that almost 100 years ago, when the First International was threatened by the anarchists, Marx and Engels moved it to the North American continent. Now the construction of the international movement can take another strong step forward on American soil but this time under conditions of a decaying world capitalist system with the heart of its crisis centered in the United States. This time it will not be a matter of preserving the principles of the International but acting upon them under revolutionary conditions.

The great success of the camp must be attributed to the Young Socialists. The bulk of the camp was made up of young workers from Brownsville, N.Y., East New York, the Bronx, N.Y., the Lower East Side, N.Y., St. Louis, Oakland, Watts, D.C., and many, many other areas across the nation. These young workers, brought to politics by the new developments in the capitalist crisis, were the very heart of the camp, protecting it from police interference, participating fully in its discussions, enjoying themselves in an extensive athletic program and social activities. A number of these youth decided to join the Workers League and it was the unanimous decision of all youth at the camp to proceed with the building of the Young Socialists.

A good deal of discussion was held around the question of materialism in the course of the educational program. Among some youth, the discussion centered on the question of religion and God. The question of the relation of our thinking to the material world was discussed. This was necessary in order to begin from the actual changes taking place in capitalist economy and what this

means to the working class.

### CONFRONT

The camp as a whole each day was forced to confront the changed relationship between the working class and the capitalist class which is now being brought about because capitalism has reached its limit in its ability to develop the productive forces of man. The capitalists must now extract value from the working class in order to put some value back into the dollar and their vast capital holdings. This means direct attacks on the living standards of the masses. This in turn requires changes in methods of government rule, a turn towards dictatorship in order to impose these changes on the mass of workers who will resist.

Right now, it was pointed out, the United States is selling its products abroad below their cost of production, doing this through the means of the devaluated dollar. The difference between actual costs and selling price must be made up. The capitalists seek to make this up by extracting it from the working class through inflation.

Inflation, it was stressed over and over again in a number of discussions, is a conscious policy of the capitalists aimed at reducing the standard of living of the masses in order to defend profits. At the same time, sections of capital are also threatened in this new period by wild interest rates. Under these new conditions, weaker sections of capital are being forced to the wall and mounds of existing capital wiped out. This in turn creates conditions for growing unemployment.

We can see that man's struggle against nature to provide for his needs can no longer go forward under the capitalist mode of production. The crisis we now face is this fundamental. Man can move forward only through breaking through the barrier to his development posed by the capitalist system. This is what makes each struggle of workers today political for nothing any longer can be solved through trade union forms of struggle. The fight requires a turn to the question of power—of who will rule, what system will prevail.

Considerable discussion was held on the question of the gap which exists between the present thinking of the working class and the revolutionary tasks it faces. It was stressed that the profound changes produced by the deepening economic and political crisis now cause this gap to widen and to appear unbridgeable. But it is precisely this gap which is an expression of the crisis itself that poses the preparation for the leap to revolution. The revolutionary party must now become impatient or demoralized by this gap but

must recognize that it is in the struggle to overcome this gap that the forces to lead the fight for power will be prepared and trained.

### POWER

Because the fight for power is posed to the revolutionary movement today, the camp had to continuously battle idealist tendencies to turn away from this materialist source of the very strength brought forward to the camp and of knowledge itself. The philosophical discussions at the camp centered on the importance of beginning with what is new, what is posited from this material relation of classes and the changes in thinking among workers this brings about. This must be posited against the abstract thinking we possess and out of this conflict new knowledge derived in the course of our practice as revolutionaries constructing the movement.

These questions were posed very concretely to the camp because the capitalists were very well aware of the camp and did everything they could to spy upon it and break it up. As we have reported, the camp was under continuous surveillance with the latest electronic devices as the two nations of Canada and the United States jointly collaborated in the effort. Three attempts were made in vain to enter the camp for the purpose of harassing those in attendance.

Any incident on the camp ground could have been used as an excuse for such an entry. No such incident occurred because all those at the camp agreed to carry out the discipline of the camp. Many youth volunteered and served as camp guards staying up all night to prevent any difficulties.

### INTERNATIONAL

The international collaboration of the Canadian and United States governments against the camp was itself an expression of the international character of the struggle workers now face. Inflation is universal, hitting workers in all nations. In the colonial countries, this is now reaching the point of threatening sections of the population with outright starvation. In Europe, it means the conditions are being created for civil war. In the United States and Canada, it means massive struggles of workers simultaneous with revolutionary movements in other nations.

Under these conditions, there was a tremendous response to all questions of internationalism. Youth enthusiastically participated in a special international panel discussion led by comrades from England, Australia, Germany and Canada. The same response was given to



Top: Camp meeting in the barn. Center and Bottom: The volleyball pros compete in tournament.



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# Preparing the American Revolution

the films "Road to Workers Power," the "Right-To-Work-March" and "Three Years of the Workers Press," which together expressed the achievements of the Socialist Labour League and British Young Socialists who have fought for principles in this new period.

A number of discussions were held on perspectives in the United States both during the educational part of the camp and also at the Workers League National Conference.

Tim Wohlforth, National Secretary of the Workers League, spoke on "The Constitution and Revolution." He explained how the Constitution was so written that the power of the commercial classes could be preserved against the mass of small farmers who made up the bulk of the population. The Constitution represented a compromise as well between these commercial classes and the slave owners of the South.

He explained how the development of the productive forces of America under capitalism came up against the barrier of the slave system of the South. This system also demanded expansion and the development of the Northwest as an industrial region threatened it. The slave power of the South sought to dominate the American government reinterpreting the Constitution to preserve its power. This Constitutional dispute could not be resolved in the courts. It was resolved in the battlefields of the Civil War. If the South had won, the progress of America would have been at an end and reaction worldwide encouraged.

Today, Wohlforth emphasized, a new Constitutional crisis has emerged as the capitalist system which grew so powerful after the Civil War now emerges as the barrier to the development of America. This requires a break with even the limited liberties of the American Constitution in order to maintain the rule of the new slave power of the large corporations. This is what is behind Watergate and Nixon's refusal to hand over the tapes.

In the discussion at the Workers League National Conference several other points were also clarified. It was stressed that a labor party in the United States would develop under revolutionary conditions. This means that the struggle for the labor party must proceed at every point around the struggle for our socialist program, our solution to the crisis of capitalism. This means constructing the revolutionary party itself is at the very center of the fight for the labor party.

For the same reasons, we must be prepared for the task of organizing politically the masses of workers who are not in the trade unions. This means setting up councils or committees in the working class neighborhoods for the defense of the working class against the attacks of the capitalists. Such councils can be important components of a future labor party and a way of organizing broad masses around our leadership.

The conference also discussed the way in which the American working class has developed historically. The working class today will enter struggle formed by its own history, clinging to this history in the new situation. America has developed pragmatically by the importation of the most advanced manufacturing and scientific technique from Europe. It is this which has contributed to American disdain for theory. But it also means that American workers have developed with their lives closely intertwined with the most advanced technique. This is why in the 1930s it was American workers who refused to be separated from these great manufacturing plants initiating the sit-down strike.

Today the American worker will not simply stand by while he is put out of the plants one by one. He will not let a situation like the 1930s develop in which millions were out on the street and mammoth factories closed. He will occupy the factories early on in his struggle. The recent partial occupations of the Chrysler plant in Detroit by some young workers is the first indication of

this. Tim Wohlforth opened the National Conference of the Workers League with an assessment of the past 10 years since the split of the Socialist Workers Party with the International Committee and the 12 years since the founders of the Workers League took up the struggle for international principles within the SWP. Wohlforth insisted in that period that there needed to be a discussion of the 1953 split with Pablo before any new reunification with the Pabloites. At the heart of that split was the liquidation of the Fourth International and conciliation with Stalinism.

### ISSUES

Now all these issues are sharply raised within the United Secretariat which is being torn apart in country after country by splits. Because the SWP rejected the struggle for principles, today the international crisis tears it apart and it has no perspective whatsoever for the development of its movement. Because the Workers League fought for principles, we enter this new period with confidence, with new forces brought forward by the crisis itself, and with a clear perspective around which to build the revolutionary party.

Wohlforth said that in 1964, we were expelled from the SWP for raising the question of Ceylon and the responsibility of Pabloism for the LSSP's entry into the bourgeois coalition government. We left with nine people and issued a mimeographed fortnightly newsletter. Today we have built the movement which produced this camp and we now prepare to launch the twice-weekly *Bulletin*—the first time since 1939 the Trotskyist press in the United States has appeared more than weekly.

The main thrust of the Conference was to turn the Workers League outward into the working class. The important beginnings towards a mass Young Socialists need to be carried forward after the camp in all areas. The big development of the youth at the camp was expressed by a large number of youth coming forward at the last meeting of the camp to pledge themselves to build up the circulation of the *Young Socialists*, to hold regional Young Socialists conferences and to prepare for the Second National Conference of the Young Socialists in April.

At the same time, a turn towards the trade unions is critical. In this respect, it was emphasized that a turn into the trade unions was for the purpose of developing Marxists in the trade unions, not just trade union activities. Classes for trade unionists are critical. It is not just a matter of training workers but of learning in the very process.

Lenin, in the 1900 to 1905 period, had the task of turning the circle intellectuals of his day out into the working class and developing the movement in this fashion. Then some 12 years were to pass before the Russian Revolution. We in the United States and elsewhere, it was stressed, must turn out into the working class and break with circle politics with no such long period ahead before revolutionary developments occur.

The Conference voted unanimously to adopt the general line of the perspectives report and resolution as well as to have a continuing discussion on the Central Committee to further develop perspectives in this new period. The Conference then unanimously voted to change the name of the National Committee to Central Committee to signify the new way this committee would function in developing and implementing perspectives.

On this basis the National Conference launched the campaign to publish the *Bulletin* as a twice-weekly by October 1. Some \$3000 was raised in a fund collection for the twice-weekly. An additional \$946 was raised in a second collection for a young comrade who had to have an operation and for other unforeseen camp costs. Over \$550 worth of literature was sold in the course of the camp.



Top: Much leisure time was spent at the lake. Center: Youth rehearsing for talent show which brought standing ovations from audience. Bottom: Lively discussion at dinner break.





the Yard where he gave a statement. This is a fantastic situation—but one which the IMG leadership accepts without batting an eyelid. Think about it. Habershon can telephone at home a leading member of IMG committees. Can anyone in the SLL imagine, for example, that he could phone any of our leading members in such a casual, amicable way? And can any SLL member imagine as a result of the call one of our members would go cringing off to the Yard with a lawyer to see him? It wouldn't happen.

**BASIC RIGHTS**

Red Weekly says that we are raising a position of "false heroics." Not at all. We are raising a situation of basic democratic rights.

We shall launch a full-blooded campaign throughout the labor and trade union movement against any police repression of our leading members and our organization.

But by his weasel-like capitulation, Lawless and the IMG avoid a fight on basic democratic rights.

It is a fact that the day the Daily Mail launched its scurrilous witch-hunt on the IMG and the Marxist movement, Lawless appeared on the center pages of that reactionary, anti-working class newspaper giving an interview and posing for pictures under the headline "The man who tipped off the Yard."

Not a word appears about this in the "Reply to the SLL." Yet the same page carries an article on the Daily Mail by editor Brian Slocock. It deals with the Mail's support for Mosley's Blackshirts during the 1930s. It mentions the "Bombs Hunt for Marxists" issue which the IMG held a press conference to denounce.

But not a solitary mention that Lawless had given an interview to this self-same newspaper. This means that the editor of their paper has now barefacedly joined the squalid cover-up of the Lawless affair.

Such a blatant omission has nothing whatsoever in common with revolutionary journalism—it is the school of falsification.

It is necessary to add that this week's truculent defense of Lawless is written against a mountain of evidence that the hand behind the bombings is the police provocateur.

Former chief-of-staff of the Provisionals Sean MacStiofain has accused British intelligence of being to blame; Sinn Fein (Gardiner Place) has also accused Tory agents provocateurs; Clann na hEireann has stated that they believe it is "the work of a British agent or the work of a group controlled knowingly or unknowingly by British agents." Not a word of this in Red Weekly.

Don't they think, as a group which is in the direct firing line of this massive witch-hunt, that they should warn their members that a gigantic state-organized provocation could be involved here? Obviously not. The leadership seems to see its main task as covering up for Lawless's relations with the Yard and the bourgeois press.

Every trade unionist, every Republican, every student, and every intellectual who recognizes that the present situa-

tion is charged with enormous dangers for the working class movement must take very seriously the conduct of the IMG leadership.

The issues are life and death ones. We are not engaging in some abstract polemic with Lawless out of some point-scoring interest.

By blaming the Provisional IRA, the conditions are being created whereby the government can attempt to set up a Northern Ireland-type terror regime here. And those who are dogmatically sticking to the theory that the Provisionals are responsible are Heath, Habershon...and Lawless.

We also note that the editorial fails to comment on the astonishing inconsistency between Lawless's article in Red Weekly two weeks ago and his by-lined article in the capitalist Irish Post.

He told his own members in the IMG that he was convinced that the IRPB statement in which the "Provisional IRA" accepted responsibility was correct.

But in the Post he says he was satisfied that it was "a unit of the Republican movement." This is a vastly different proposition and an angle which the police themselves have been quick to seize onto following the persistent denials from Kevin Street.

Why is the IMG reduced to lies and evasions? Why can't it explain to its own members and the working class in accurate fashion what Lawless has been doing?

Instead of answering these enormous questions which demand the fullest explanations immediately, the IMG seeks to hide behind the familiar, foul slander of the SLL's record of struggle in Ireland.

Unlike the IMG's unprincipled maneuverings and adventures, our record is completely consistent and founded on socialist principles.

Nobody will be fooled by this pathetic attempt to create a diversion. Serious fighters in the labor, trade union and Republican movements all know and respect our record on Ireland.

For those who say that our exposure of the IMG leadership is based on "sectarian" considerations, we have the sharpest warning.

**LEGISLATION**

As Workers Press has shown in its front-page articles every day this week, the Tory government is preparing dictatorial legislation to outlaw not only Republican but all left-wing organizations.

Its present task is to create the hysteria-charged atmosphere in which such legislation can be stamped onto the statute books. Just as the hired agents bombed Liberty Hall in Dublin to get anti-IRA legislation through parliament in the Republic, so the same situation is being orchestrated here.

It is the duty of the revolutionary movement to expose all those agencies which are accomplices in helping to create this atmosphere.

The IMG leadership is among them. We have pledged the strength of this movement to the defense of the democratic rights of the working class. We are carrying out that pledge.

IMG doesn't mention Lawless' interview with the reactionary Daily Mail. (Continued From Page 7)

He also revealed that the Provisionals had interviewed Lawless about the release of the false statement.

It is a fact that Lawless contacted Scotland Yard Press office. This week's Red Weekly said this was "for the sole purpose of obtaining information."

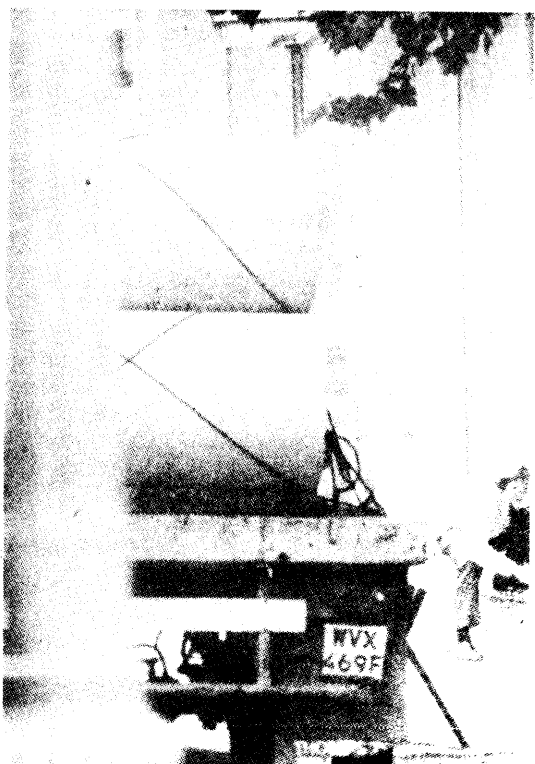
Quite a different story in last week's Red Weekly. Lawless wrote: "This course of action (phoning the Yard) was also necessary to safeguard myself against a possible charge of being 'an accessory after the fact.'"

Having pointed out the inconsistencies in the IMG's attempt to "make perfectly clear" what their "militant" was up to, we condemn outright his contact with the Yard—for WHATEVER motive. It is impermissible.

Can anyone imagine Lenin or Trotsky telephoning the Okhrana (the Tsarist secret police) "for the sole purpose of obtaining information" or "to safeguard" themselves from possible charges?

And it should not go unnoticed that while Lawless said he phoned the Yard to cover himself, he was at the same time landing the Republicans in the middle of a colossal witch-hunt.

It is a fact that Detective Chief Superintendent Roy Habershon telephoned Lawless at his home on Monday afternoon and that Lawless went with his lawyer to



Left: Gery Lawless. Above: Bomb scare outside the Sunday Times offices in London.

## Collette Windsor

**THE MIDDLE CLASS** has long been the breeding ground for every conceivable variety of reaction. The latest, and fore-runner to considerably more dangerous movements, is the Divine Light, headed by Guru Maharaj Ji, proclaimed by a slick ad campaign to be the Perfect Master.

Presently on a "Peace Tour" of the US that will end in a mass rally at the Houston Astrodome, one of his first stops was in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, New York, where SDS-founder Rennie Davis greeted the crowd with the following: "Wouldn't it be great if the President of the US would come forward and say 'Now is the time for real democracy'?"

Davis' presentation, which because of his past history in the radical movement cannot be dismissed as the sheer stupidity it appears to be, reflected the crisis and panic of the middle class seeking any solution—plausible or not—that will allow it to maintain itself for just a bit longer.

Thus the audience of disillusioned radicals and stragglers remnants of the peace and love generation are told by Davis: "1973 is the most glorious, joyous year in the history of this country...America's good intentions throughout the world will take the message of peace; the Guru Maharaj Ji is here."

As the capitalist crisis internationally demands the solution of fascism, as survival for masses of workers lies in socialist revolution, Davis' degeneration into a reactionary religious fanatic reveals the essence of radicalism. The former SDS leader and one of the Chicago Seven shows the prostration of protest politics and where it leads to: complete acceptance, paralysis, groveling adaptation and service with a smile of love to the system whose "good intentions" chained and shackled his co-defendant Bobby Seale to a courtroom chair.

### SALESMAN

Davis is a salesman now...the Perfect Master's Perfect Link to the youth whom the Guru is attempting to recruit. For Davis it's all in your head, the world never mattered. "Inside ourselves is everything we have ever tried to discover in the outside world." Davis smiles on the flower decked, silver-spangled stage and his words are reinforced by a later speaker in the time-worn, classic phrase: "The world is drunk on the liquor of materialism."

But these anti-materialists are not



The Guru himself.

smiling because they've found some mystical answer to life...they're smiling because they're well fed, because the huge donations of big business that pay for the massive advertising campaigns also enable the Guru and his entourage to travel by Lear jet, to be housed in fancy homes and mansions wherever they go, and to collect Mercedes Benzes and Rolls Royces.

Though the Guru claims to be developing a following worldwide, his main area of concentration is in the United States—where the money is. In an interview granted at one of his homes, in Westbury, Long Island, the Guru told reporters that it is "technically" the mission, and not the Guru, who owns all the cars, jets, and homes. "I'm not attached to all this. I don't hate it, I don't like it. It's there, it's there," the boy

wonder told reporters as he sat on a gold velvet sofa. "I'm just a 15 year old kid."

For a 15 year old kid, the Guru seems to be running a fairly tight operation business-wise. The Divine Light's income is now about \$250,000 a month, and his ingenuity for increasing it knows no bounds. Convincing his followers that they should relinquish all their material possessions, the Guru has set up a thrift shop in New York's East Village to sell clothes abandoned for "peace of mind." Other funds come from the magazine of the Divine Light Mission. "I just call myself a perfect master," the Guru comments.

Some of his rivals—the Hare Krishna sect—are doing even better. They plan on purchasing property in mid-town Manhattan for their international headquarters—property which is going for \$2.5 million. Their Los Angeles-based incense manufacturing company expects to make \$1 million this year and is reported to be the largest such company in the US. But a spokesman assures us that, "For us, enjoyment is within."

### PRAGMATISM

The Guru himself is pragmatism gone wild: "common sense" that makes absolutely no sense at all. After making a grand running entrance as Davis kissed the stage, the Guru babbled on about peace as the audience, who had waited for the Perfect Master's words of wisdom, slowly, continuously drifted out. With a great showing of admiration for science and technology, the Guru put forward the capitalist's prayer: "We do not have a limit. We will go on and on and on and on. We are not reaching to any point because a point must be perfect and nothing is perfect...Perfectness is infinite..."

If that isn't enough to make your eyes shine with adoration for this great man from the East, the Guru has a more "practical" explanation for life. To illustrate one point, the Guru supposed that he had yearned for Bat Man comics, had searched everywhere in New York for them and, after giving up, was approached by a boy who asked "Hey, you want Bat Man comic?" Maharaj Ji said his reaction would be, "What? Come on, don't make a fool of me, you don't have Bat Man comic. I search everywhere and there is none."

This is the kind of rubbish capitalism in decay produces. Nixon has his Billy Graham, and Rennie Davis has his Guru. It shows just how far sections of the middle class will go to ease the crisis they feel as individuals. But there is more to it. While the audience was only slightly over 3000, many of whom walked out because of the sheer absurdity of the Guru, the more tenacious devotees sat in rapt attention, breaking into a chant ending in the Guru's name, stretching both arms stiffly, performing mechanically, as if in a trance. Davis himself stated, "We will create a new world order that will include a biological and spiritual transformation."

Divine Light is more than just another operation that diverts youth from the struggles in the material world between the capitalist class and the working class. The Guru and Davis are agents of the ruling class preying on sections of middle class youth. The seeds of fascism are there in the "practical program" referred to continuously but never explained. The Guru in America has his roots in the traditions not of the Far East, but in the legacy of Father Coughlin, the right-wing demagogue of the 1930s.

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# Midwest News

## Speedup Injures Worker

BY A UAW LOCAL 696 MEMBER

DAYTON, Sept. 11—A Department 5 machine operator, Bob Stamper, was caught last week by a conveyor line and dragged up through a chute causing severe lacerations of his side and arms with a large amount of blood loss.

If it had not been for two workers from an adjoining department who held on to him, he would have been dragged away and possibly had both arms torn from his body. This worker had been at Delco-Moraine only four weeks, after being laid off at National Cash Register with sixteen years seniority.

A safety meeting was held after the accident occurred during which management reported that Delco-Moraine was rated 134 out of 137 divisions in terms of their safety record. The only measure that management took so this would not happen again was to appeal to the workers to report any unsafe conditions, with no indication

that management would take the initiative and seek out safety hazards. One worker spoke of the jobsetter having warned management of a possible tragedy on this particular job, but his warning was not heeded.

In the week since the accident, nothing has been done to improve the working conditions. Stamper's blood has not even been cleaned from the machine, which continues to operate in the same way.

This injury has been caused by GM's vicious speedup, which United Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock has refused to fight. The ranks must demand that a fight against these conditions be taken forward through a national auto strike.

## 4.7 Percent Forced On Meat Cutters

BY NANCY RUSSELL

MADISON,—After weeks of silence during contract negotiations, the union officials of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers of America representing Oscar Mayer workers called a ratification meeting on September 9.

The proposed contract was handed out on mimeographed sheets at the door, where union members got the first news on the bargaining.

The contract railroaded through provides a 4.7 percent wage increase for the lowest paid employees, and smaller percentages for all higher divisions. This 20 cent an hour across the board increase not only adheres to Nixon's guidelines, but is actually far less.

Despite impossible conditions for a floor fight, there was wide disagreement with the low wage increases, six-week vacation after 25 years, and only four changes in job classifications. Comments filtered through the crowd of about 1500: "All gimmicks! The whole darn thing! Be nice if the politicians held themselves to the same guidelines as the general public, wouldn't it."

One meatcutter interviewed after the contract vote said: "This contract is what I expected. This whole damn thing. Now Nixon vetoed the minimum wage bill—him, of all people. Minimum wage is dirt low to begin with and it doesn't cover half of the people it should cover anyway. If these people can't operate to pay people a minimum wage, then they shouldn't be in business."

"You see what Meany's doing. You saw what he did at the last election. He shouldn't even be in there. You might think people don't pay attention, but they do. That's what I mean, we need to build a new leadership."

"Actually democracy and the capitalistic system has burnt itself out. It's worked fine for 200 years, but it has burnt itself out. You can't just sit down and say democracy will work it out. What we have is a silent caste system. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer and the population increases. This system has burnt itself out. It should be replaced."



The Pruitt-Igoe housing projects, to be closed down by the city of St. Louis after federal funds were cut. The future for the 500 families still in the projects is grim with the skyrocketing cost of housing.

## St. Louis Wipes Out Housing For 10,000

BY CAROL MARKS

ST LOUIS—The St. Louis Housing Authority announced last week definite plans for closing down Pruitt-Igoe, originally the two largest housing projects in the city.

Public housing in St. Louis, built mostly in the early fifties, has been plagued in recent years under the Nixon Administration by lack of funds. The Federal Housing Bureau has cut back drastically on its share of payments for St. Louis housing.

Over the last five years, this has meant a rapid deterioration of the housing projects themselves, as well as the services previously enjoyed by the tenants. These include proper trash disposal and pick up, upkeep and minor repairs, as well as constant improvements to the buildings. The lack of Federal funds has also meant

substantial rent hikes in some cases.

Because of the deteriorating conditions, many families have moved out, sometimes leaving whole buildings vacant. This has led to vandalism, making the buildings completely uninhabitable. This has been the pattern particularly in Pruitt-Igoe.

One tenant, Mrs. Ford, has been living there for 19 years. She told the Bulletin that up until about three years ago, the large housing projects Pruitt and Igoe were filled almost to capacity. This meant that approximately 10,000 people were living there.

Today only 500 families remain.

Another tenant, who moved into Pruitt in 1956, two years after the buildings were completed, told us that he has raised eight children and three grandchildren there. He recalled the buildings in 1956 as having beautiful vestibules, with telephones and vending machines. Outside, he said, were gardens with benches and statues. This is in stark contrast to the present situation at Pruitt—the vestibules have been torn out and no gardens, benches or statues remain.

About two years ago, the St. Louis Housing Authority moved to begin the physical annihilation of Pruitt-Igoe. It blew up several of the uninhabited buildings, ostensibly to make more room for the remaining tenants. However, the real motives became clear when the city announced plans shortly thereafter for a convention center to be located on a site not far from Pruitt-Igoe.

### CLOSURE

The uncertainty and threat of closure, as well as the disbanding of the Pruitt-Igoe Tenant's Association, threw many families into a panic. An exodus has already started, since many tenants are afraid that there is not enough housing in the city of St. Louis for the 500 families, and that eventually the Housing Authority may disclaim responsibility, and some will be left out on the streets. Already this week, 103 tenants have filed suit against the Housing Authority, claiming that the Authority is forcing them out, using the excuse that they are behind on their rents.

It is clear that housing is a nationwide problem, which requires a political solution, the building of a labor party in order to answer all the attacks on workers' standard of living.

## Rent Increase Sparks Strike

BY JOHN WERNER

DAYTON, OHIO—A rent strike at Colonial Hills Apartments began on September 1.

Led by the Tenants Council at the housing complex, it began in response to a \$10 a month rent increase while repairs go unmade and conditions continue to deteriorate. Tenants told the Bulletin they are not receiving services for the already high rent they are paying.

The most cited example of the

lack of services is the extremely poor maintenance. In spite of repeated complaints, management has refused to fix holes in the ground which are a safety hazard especially to small children. There is a lack of hot water due to faulty hot water tanks and water leaks into cabinets from bathtubs upstairs.

There are rats and roaches—tenants must pay \$12 if they are not home when the exterminator comes to spray (he only sprays one room).

One of the tenants stated: "We wouldn't mind paying the rent increase if we got some service for the money that we are paying now. We've got all kinds of trouble, including people trouble (the manager and owners), and I'm not going to pay until I can get some action on these things that need fixing."

Over two-thirds of the tenants, 314 out of 449, have not paid their rent. The management has threatened them with eviction proceedings beginning September 10.

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**UAW STRIKE . . .**

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Chrysler discharged 13 workers, suspended 398, and placed reprimands on the records of more than 1000 others.

Woodcock had the charges withdrawn by promising Chrysler that he would give his "personal attention" to stopping all wildcats. At the same time, he sought to brush off the significance of Chrysler's unprecedented attack by claiming that the disciplinary measures were taken without the knowledge of the company's top management.

Not only has Woodcock been unable to report any agreement with Chrysler on any of the outstanding national issues, but in every plant across the country local negotiating committees are locked in bitter disputes over thousands of grievances.

The fact that both GM and Ford are demanding drastic revisions in the work rules in the local talks and in the meetings with the national bargaining committees of the two divisions exposes the complete bankruptcy of Woodcock's "target company" approach.

Chrysler has made no secret of the fact that it has been in constant communication with General Motors and Ford during the past week. The three giants of industry are determined to carry out Nixon's policies aimed at destroying the living standards and working conditions of auto workers. Chrysler's offer of three percent—which stands as the policy of GM and Ford—comes at the very moment when Nixon has decided that he can survive the Watergate scandal and remain in office only through a ruthless assault on the working class.

Nixon is now prepared to use the wage control laws in behalf of the auto bosses as a weapon against the UAW. The real danger of direct government intervention against the UAW was revealed last Thursday when Labor Secretary Peter Brennan flew into Detroit and told the press:

"Of course we're concerned about any strike, big or small. We all recognize the automobile industry is a very important part of the economy of this country."

It is precisely because the outbreak of an auto strike would pose a political struggle against Nixon that Woodcock has continued his dangerous retreats during the final stages of the negotiations

The demand for a strike is not confined to the Chrysler workers. Massive strike votes have been recorded by GM and Ford ranks.

**AFSCME Loses Vote**

BY A BULLETIN REPORTER

MINNEAPOLIS—AFSCME Council 6, Minnesota State Employees Union, were defeated by the Teamsters in a bargaining unit election for 1000 University of Minnesota employees held last week.

Three years ago Council 6 won a similar election for 800 employees at the University Hospitals. Since then, the leadership of Council 6 has failed to organize the rest of the University until a couple of weeks before the election when six to eight full-time staff members worked day and night.

The chairman of the Council 6 team stated: "We could have taken fifty staff people and the Teamsters would have won. Their program was lies, innuendoes and being very negative." But responsibility for the defeat lies with the Council 6 leadership, whose program is simply to



While a Detroit Federation of Teachers union bureaucrat was all in favor of letting this truck driver pass the picket line, the Teamster was in agreement with the ranks, and turned around.

**Strike Vote At Airtemp**

BY A BULLETIN REPORTER  
DAYTON—Members of Local 775 of the International Union of Electrical Workers voted unanimously Sunday to authorize a strike call if their officials fail to reach an agreement with Chrysler Airtemp Division before their contract expires October 15. (This is the air conditioning Division of Chrysler.)

Wesley Wells, President of the 3500-member local said the issues are shop-wide seniority and job posting, and company dental, eye and ear insurance program. More important, Wells said, is preparing a new cost of living formula to be presented at the bargaining table if inflation continues at its present reading. Before the meeting it was stated that members wanted a substantial wage increase above the 5.5 percent.

**Detroit Teachers Press Wage Fight**

BY DAVID NORTH

DETROIT, Sept. 10—Schools remained shut in this city as the 11,000 members of the Detroit Federation of Teachers (DFT) pressed on with the fight to win a wage increase in excess of Nixon's guidelines and to defeat the Board of Education's drive to eliminate jobs.

Bargaining between the DFT and the Board was at an impasse after private sessions throughout the weekend. "There's a difference between negotiating and talking," said one union official. "We're just talking."

"This isn't Newark," declared one teacher as she began walking the picket line this morning for the second straight week. "This is one teachers' union that isn't going to be destroyed."

Demanding a 9.7 percent wage increase, the strike by teachers has won broad support among Detroit workers and is the backbone of an offensive by teachers throughout the state which has shut down much of the Michigan school system.

With the shadow of the upcoming auto workers' strike hanging over the city, the courts have not yet attempted to force an end to the walkout by issuing an injunction. The teachers have insisted that they will not return to work under a court order, and the Detroit AFL-CIO publicly pledged to defend their picket lines.

**CENTRAL**

Wages are the central issue in this strike. Last year, DFT President Mary Ellen Riordan capitulated to the Board of Education and did not ask for a wage increase in order to "help" the city budget. The upshot of this betrayal is that inflation has ripped up the teachers' living standard, and the Board is just

as determined as ever to deny wage increases while cutting jobs.

Willy Hewitt, a math teacher at Northwestern High School, told the Bulletin: "We didn't have a strike in 1972 over wages. Looking back, that was wrong. Even the 9.7 percent we're asking for now wouldn't take us up to where we were in 1971."

A home economics teacher at Northern Senior High School, Anna Collins, stated: "You can't isolate wages from the whole economy. With prices the way they are, how can you survive? We didn't get a wage increase for two years, and that makes us the low men on the totem pole. That's why if the judge turns around and signs an injunction, we're not going back. I'd be willing to go to jail."

In Detroit, as in school districts throughout the country, the city is attempting to obtain a free hand in firing through the introduction of an "accountability" clause. This would allow the Board to indiscriminately fire teachers on the grounds that they are not "qualified."

Not only would this clause tear up all the standard procedures of due process, but teachers would not even be tested on the basis of their skills in the classroom. Rather, the Board would establish obscure guidelines for testing teachers' skills in administrative work not related to the classroom.

Under the school board's plan, teachers—if they are not laid off—would be placed under a merit pay system that would mean wage cuts for many.

**Arbitrator Rules On Pensions**

BY A BULLETIN REPORTER

MINNEAPOLIS.—Arbitrator Peter Seitz today ruled that White Motor Corporation must pay full pensions to at least 1300 retired workers from its demolished Minneapolis-Moline plant here. Most of these pensions had been drastically slashed when the plant shut down last year.

Art Shy, administrative assistant to United Auto Workers (UAW) Vice-President Pat Greathouse, and a former Moline worker, summarized Seitz's decision to the press saying the company had no right to unilaterally terminate the pension fund which had \$3.4 million dollars in assets and 20 million dollars in liabilities.

White Motors has announced it will appeal the decision to the courts. While Minneapolis-Moline pensioners have won a victory, great dangers lie ahead. The courts, more and more packed with Nixon appointees, could very well rule against them. And the UAW leadership is now limiting the struggle to the courts.

While the Board is trying to whip up public opinion against the teachers on the grounds that they are stopping the youth from getting an education, striking teachers exposed the Board's role in seeking to destroy education.

"Wasn't it the Board which threatened to shut down Detroit schools for good?" asked one teacher. She described how text books often did not arrive until months after classes started and how classes are overcrowded.

"I once had to teach English grammar to 46 students in the stinking cafeteria without a blackboard, and they tell us that this strike is destroying education. What the Board really means is that it would like to go back to the old days when the teachers didn't have a union in Detroit. That's when 52 students would be stuffed in a class and many would have to share seats."

The demand for a 9.7 percent wage increase brings Detroit teachers not only into collision with the city's school board, but with Nixon's wage control laws. Furthermore, it is Nixon who has led the attack against education nationally. This means that the struggle is political. Teachers must demand that Riordan begin this political fight by calling on the city AFL-CIO and the United Auto Workers to break with Nixon and the Democrats, and to summon a Congress of Labor to establish a labor party that must lead the fight against this government.

# RAIDS CAPTURE TOP EOKA MEN

FROM OUR OWN  
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IN NICOSIA

Bombs and gunshots are still being heard in Cyprus today. They have become a daily occurrence. One night last week two bombs exploded in the Greek sector of Nicosia and a night-club was showered with automatic fire.

Attacks and counter-attacks are still being carried out by the Makarios government and by supporters of General Grivas, head of the Eoka movement.

As a result of an early-morning raid on a house in Limassol on August 10, the government captured Stavros Stavrou, known as Syros. In simultaneous raids on other houses, eight other Eoka men were taken prisoner.

Syros, a former major in the Greek army, is said to have been Grivas' right-hand man. In the raid on his hiding place, the government used specially-trained marksmen loyal to the president. The government claimed to have captured documents including plans to assassinate Archbishop Makarios, and bomb the International Airport and the Cyprus Broadcasting headquarters.

Other documents were said to show plans to kidnap government Ministers and contain detailed blueprints for an uprising supported by the National Guard to bring Grivas to power.

Eoka-B distributed leaflets the following day denouncing the documents as forgeries and saying that the recent announcements of hidden terrorists planning to assassinate the president were false.

## CRACK DOWN ON OPPOSITION

Eoka-B claimed the government had fabricated the information to crack down on opposition parties and take Eoka-B leaders into custody.

Trials of 26 people arrested in recent raids began in Nicosia last week. The prisoners are charged with conspiring to overthrow the government.

Apart from two initial bomb explosions outside the court where Syros was charged, the Grivas forces have not shown their anger. Even Grivas is said to be disappointed in the man who is supposed to have been his second in command. He at least expected him to fight, and not to surrender!

The Greek working class showed its power by closing down the whole of the Greek sector at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 10. The strike was against the violence on the island, against Grivas' actions and for the release of all political prisoners. It was called by the AKEL (Stalinist)-dominated PEO and the right-wing and smaller SEK unions.

The strike had a crippling effect. Even the Cyprus Broadcasting staff and workers in many government offices came out. But the strike was only a protest stoppage without any indication of fighting policies for the future.

The bourgeois political



leaders are playing out their game: Makarios is challenging Grivas to come out; Grivas is challenging the legitimacy of Makarios' rule and the authenticity of the documents produced after the raids on Eoka-B sympathizers.

The Greek regime has adopted an "impartial" pose and is inviting the leaders to present their case in Athens.

The Greek colonels have changed their tactics in the light of the lack of support in the Cypriot masses for Grivas, their old friend and ally.

"Eleftheros Kosmos," a paper close to the colonels, has suggested that both Makarios and Grivas visit Athens for discussions, followed by a trip to Cyprus by dictator George Papadopoulos. It also suggests that if the discussions are fruitless, a referendum of the Greek Cypriot people should be staged on whether Cyprus should be independent or partitioned.

The Greek ambassador to Cyprus, Lagakos, was recalled to Athens for talks with officials of the regime last week. His visit is a preparation for the Cyprus talks. Turkey has been kept informed of the situation and is willing to help.

On the other side of the barricades from the Greek community, the Turkish community is firmly in the hands of the Ankara military dictatorship.

In the last so-called elections, in February of this year, the candidate for Cumhuriyetci Halk Partisi Berberoglu (The Republican People's Party) was forced to withdraw under threat and his supporters had to abandon their campaign.

Court cases have been brought against the CHP secretary and others for distributing leaflets and asking embarrassing questions about funds sent from Turkey to the Turkish community.

The cost of living has risen tremendously. Basic items of diet—wheat, barley, beans and fresh vegetables—have become very expensive.

Because of drought this year, wheat for bread had to be imported. One Greek peasant said: "We have to come to the towns. We can stay in the villages, but we will starve."

The peasants and farmers are asking for compensation from the government. The case is still



A policeman looks at documents in the house where Grivas' righthand man, Syros, was captured. Top: Police surround the hideout.

going on; some peasants and farmers don't even have grain to sow for this winter.

The wages in the Turkish sector are much lower and trade unionism is very weak. The only trade union, Turksen, put its full support behind Denktash, who is the present vice-president and 'leader' of the Turkish community.

He is also the man responsible for the nationalist propaganda and for opening the door to the tight grip that Ankara has on the Turkish sector in Cyprus.

Unemployment on the island is artificially low, partly due to the tourist trade, but mainly because of the UN forces in Cyprus, now including the infamous Parachute Regiment which shot and killed people in Derry, Ulster, on Bloody Sunday—January 30, 1972.

But unemployment among graduates is high, especially in the Turkish sector. Women graduates have been forced to retire, so that males, heads of families, can work.

Selma, a teacher, graduate from a Turkish university, was told there were no vacancies and she should retire as her husband is working. When she had work her wages were not guaranteed: she would be paid if there was any money left.

She said: "I would be given 55 Cyprus pounds a month and expected to be able to feed

myself with the cost of living as it is. Food prices have increased up to 30 percent in the last two months alone."

Some of the prices in Cyprus today are easily comparable with those in Britain, which has never been the case up to now.

All attempts at opposition to the present Turkish governing body have been brutally crushed. Many workers are very bitter about the betrayal of a recent building worker's strike on the site of a new hospital.

About 250 workers struck for the introduction of an insurance scheme and holiday pay. The strike was weakened and sold out by Turksen, the tool of the present leadership in the Turkish sector.

There is now talk of the hospital project being given to some private firm to complete and the original workers will be forced to find jobs elsewhere.

## BRANDED AS TRAITORS

This strike had the support of PEO, the largest union in the Turkish sector. This factor was used by the Turkish sector leadership to launch a campaign of witch-hunting and red-baiting, branding the workers as traitors to the Turkish cause. Many young Turkish workers supported the strike as they felt its success would be a blow to their dictatorial leadership.

More and more nationalist

propaganda is being poured out at the Turkish Cypriots.

The two main papers, *Bozkurt* and *Halkan Sesi*, try and outdo each other in printing eulogies to the Turkish nation and articles on how the community puts its deepest trust into the hands of the present leadership in Cyprus and the government in Turkey.

Many young Turks are very bored and frustrated with the present situation.

Mustafa, a young shoemaker who now works in the Greek sector, said: "If they divide this island and we are openly under direct Turkish rule, I'll leave."

This seems the only solution put forward by many people I spoke to. But many know that they cannot leave. They have their families, children, other dependants...where can they go?

Many still await the emergence of an opposition to the Denktash leadership, but others fear it will be crushed at the moment, as it will be isolated from the Greek sector.

The fraud of inter-communal talks still goes on. At each stage both sides claim real progress, or nearing solutions. The masses seem disinterested—after all, these talks have only been going on every Monday for four years!

Each side knows that no solutions exist without the interests of Turkey, Greece and the United States and NATO which stand behind them.

The attempt to prevent the population of the island from determining its own future is still very real.

The Turkish sector is effectively ruled by Turkey and the latest attempt at a referendum of the Greek sector and other maneuvers—in the shape of Grivas and the National Guard—masterminded from Greece are an attempt to crush the independence of the island completely. It seems that all AKEL can do is call a two-hour protest strike against the violence on the island.

It is more and more obvious that forces are at play to prevent Cyprus existing as an independent island in the Mediterranean.

This independence is a threat to the US domination of the area and the stronghold the US has through its active encouragement and support of the dictatorships in Turkey and Greece. They want to force Cyprus to toe the line.



# Alioto Forces Settlement On SF Bus Drivers

BY MARTY MORAN

SAN FRANCISCO—School bus drivers narrowly voted to go back to work here after a three-day strike that stranded 20,000 children just as school reopened.

The 230 drivers were demanding pay increases and a guarantee of full employment. Presently they are paid \$3.50 an hour on a shift basis by Associated Charter Bus. Drivers frequently end up with six, four, or even three hours pay on a given day, and sometimes wait around until they are told there is no work.

Mayor Joseph Alioto intervened in the strike from the very beginning with the complete support of the leadership of Local 1741, United Transportation Union. Under threats that the Municipal Railway buses would be used to break the strike, union leaders accepted the first offer made by the company.

These threats were only a cover for the union leaders' retreat, since Municipal drivers themselves took a strike vote last month before winning a twenty percent increase over two years. Any effort to force them to scab on the school bus drivers would have provoked a rebellion.

## BITTER

Workers at the ratification meeting were bitter. One said: "The leadership said we had to accept, but who ever heard of a

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launched into a vicious attack on them and all political tendencies. This is precisely the policy put forward by Woodcock at the August 21 GM conference in Milwaukee—to stamp out the wave of wildcats and work stoppages and drive all political tendencies from the UAW.

To date, no bulletins have been posted for a special meeting. The Brotherhood leadership is attempting to squelch any discussion because they fear the sentiment in favor of a strike on September 14.

There must be a plantwide campaign begun immediately to force a special meeting to be called the first week after the contract expires.

This meeting must vote to commit Mays to strike immediately for a 20 percent wage increase with a full cost of living clause. Local 1364 must call for a national strike by the entire UAW to defeat the Big Three.

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emerge as the loudest exponents of simple trade union militancy and solidarity action, when these methods in themselves cannot defend workers' living standards and trade unions against the all-out drive by the government to ruin the working class through inflation and dictatorial rule.

union accepting the first offer. They're offering \$4.00 the first year, \$4.10 the second and \$4.90 the third. But everybody knows that the company's contract with the school district expires the third year. The district can hire anybody to drive buses. So the \$4.90 is just pie in the sky."

One young driver said: "If the prices keep going up, we're going to need more than that \$4.00. It's not only us, but other individuals too that need more than that. But \$4.00 is more than we have had, at first we didn't have any benefits. That is what all this striking is all about. We've been doing this too long—working really for nothing. You can't take that. That's just like back in slavery times. So what we're doing now, we have to do it."

## REJECTED

The settlement was rejected initially by 115 to 57. The leadership continued to encourage discussion and prolong the meeting, claiming that nothing further could be won from the company. After four hours, the weary members remaining voted to accept by 64 to 40.

# State Workers Hit By Pay Cut

BY A BULLETIN REPORTER

SACRAMENTO—The federal Cost of Living Council (CLC) last week slashed wage increases for 150,000 California state employees from 11.3 percent to 7 percent.

The increases had been scheduled to help badly paid state workers catch up with private industry. The state government, already sitting on a 900 million dollar surplus, will get a 75 million dollar windfall.

The decision came just as the price increases for August were announced. In that one month, the entire increase allowed by the CLC was eaten up by higher prices. State workers now face ten more months of paychecks losing their value at an astronomical rate.

California State Employees Association (CSEA) general manager Walter Taylor denounced the decision as a

The ranks must demand a massive mobilization of labor to shut down Sears. There must be no mediation by Alioto or any other capitalist politician. The demand for a 20 percent wage increase must be raised, together with the fight for a Congress of Labor to force Nixon to resign and build a labor party.



Hundreds of Cupertino teachers marching against inflation.

# Merit Pay Plan Hit By Teachers Strike

BY ALLEN SALTER

CUPERTINO—A strike of 900 teachers ended after its fourth day in California's largest nonunified school district, the Cupertino Elementary School District.

Nonteaching employees, janitors and maintenance men represented by AFSCME have also walked off their jobs in support of the striking teachers and to back their own contract demands. Over 22,000 children attend

the 42-school district. The striking teachers are demanding a 4.2 percent pay hike.

Hundreds of substitute teachers are being hired at double pay and are being assisted by volunteer parents to act as scabs against the striking teachers.

The strike was provoked by the Cupertino School Board, which refused to grant the 4.2 percent wage increase and instead offered a 2 percent wage increase and a 250 dollar bonus for all category teachers. This bonus is part of the Personal Purchasing Improvement (PPI) program. This program would mean the destruction of the California teachers salary schedule, thus allowing payment on a personal merit system. The salary schedule is based on teaching and educational degree seniority.

The Cupertino Educational Association (CEA), claims that there is a conspiracy to introduce the PPI in Cupertino as a stepping stone to abolish the salary schedule for all California public teachers.

A state mediator has now been brought in and negotiations are

taking place to end the strike.

## ASPECT

CEA President-elect Bob Jolley claimed that the wages question was just an aspect of the strike. But with the cost of living zooming upward uncontrollably, it is now the wages fight which is the central issue of the walkout.

The attempt to introduce the PPI is itself a way of cutting the wages and conditions won by California teachers. As one teacher stated: "They're trying to take the teachers back forty years when they paid you 4000 dollars at the top of the scale and then only if the administration liked you."

Sylvia Kyles, chief CEA negotiator stated: "The 4.2 percent is part of the cost of living. If the rate is actually high and if the district has the monies we are asking them to agree in principle to providing a full cost of living increase."

This position is completely rotten. The fight for a decent wage increase of 20 percent and full cost of living increase is absolutely necessary and cannot be based on whether the school board feels it can come up with the money.

# Peninsula Bus Drivers Fired

BY ED RICHARDS

FOSTER CITY, Calif.—Servicar Corporation fired 70 striking bus drivers and mechanics for refusing to accept the company's wage offer of 15 percent over five years or be fired at 5 pm today.

Servicar supplies the San Mateo County School District and the Redwood City transit system.

About three months ago, Servicar workers voted overwhelmingly to affiliate with AFSCME District Council 57 and formed Local 847.

With a base pay of \$2.20 an hour, the union is demanding a 41 percent pay increase over the 5 years of the contract.

## UNION-BUSTING

After initially refusing to recognize the union, the management of Servicar launched a vicious union-busting campaign. They attempted to force workers to disavow their affiliation with the union. Armand Cohn, president of Servicar, fired a number of mechanics who admitted to participating in the strike vote.

The company's final offer of 15 percent was rejected by a vote of 63 to 2. Twenty-four hours after

the beginning of the strike, Cohn threatened to close the firm down because of the excessive demands.

The union leadership demanded that the books be opened to the union. This is a dangerous ploy by the union leaders to back down from a fight. They stated that if the books show an insufficiency of funds, the union would lessen its wage demands.

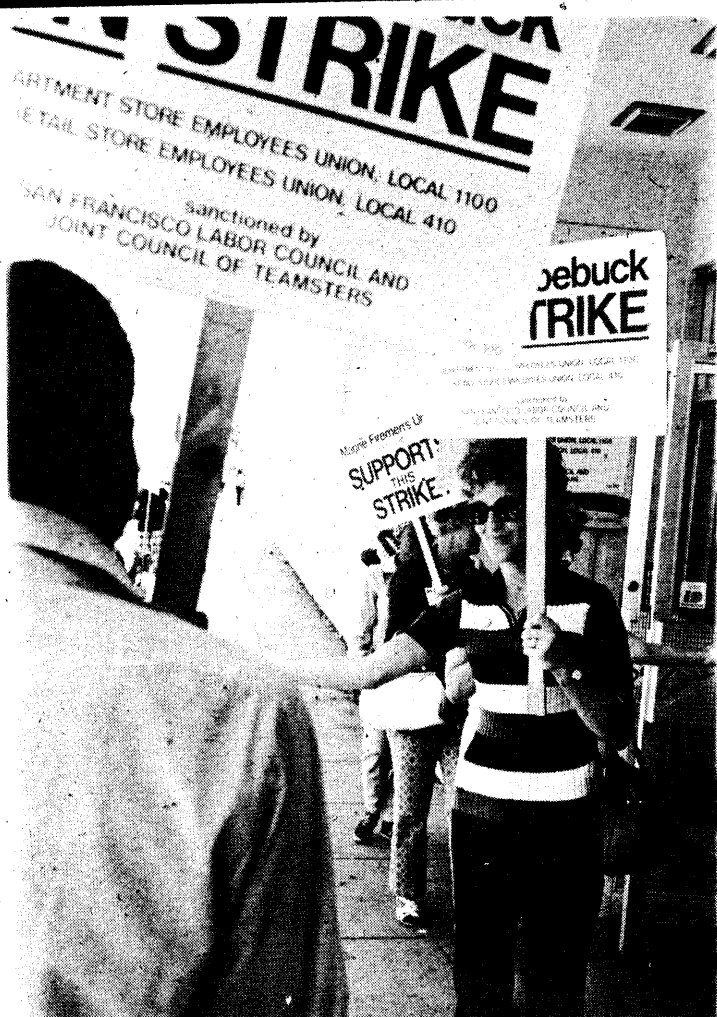
There must be no backing down from the original demands. The attempt by Servicar to break the union must be met by a mass mobilization of the San Mateo labor movement.

# West Coast News

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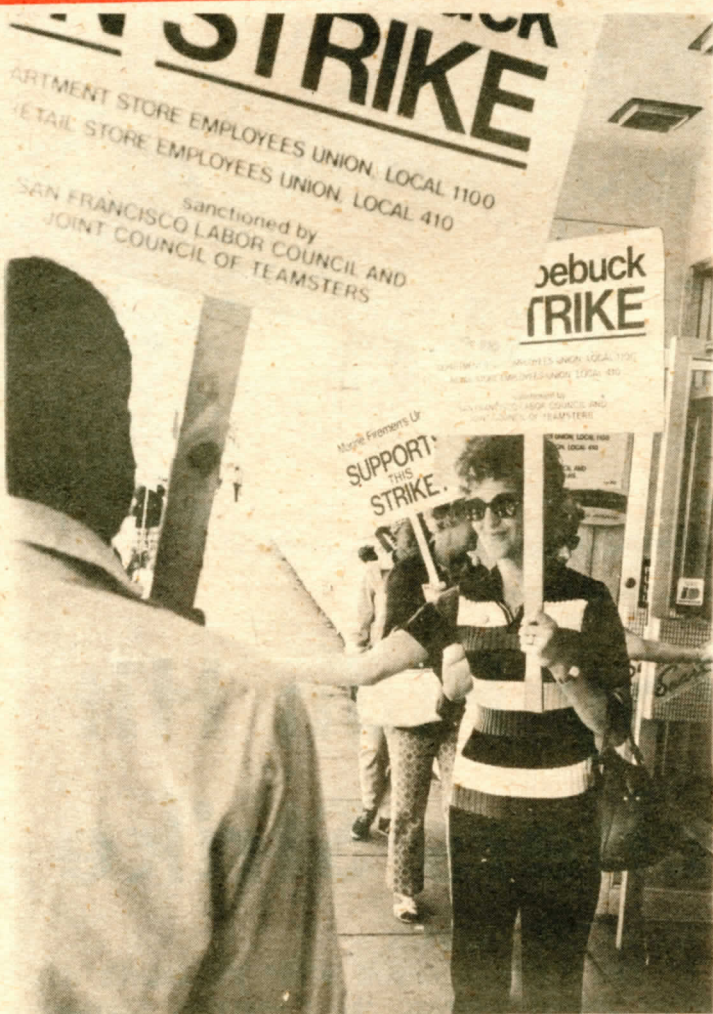
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This bill is a gun aimed at the movement of the working class and the youth. It is enacted because the capitalist class is gearing up for civil war.

Nixon's veto of the minimum wage law means he must confront the labor movement head on. The brutal methods already used against the farmworkers, who last month had two union members murdered by the police, are being prepared for the entire labor movement.

At the same time, this bill will be used immediately against the youth in the communities and the prisons who fight back against impossible conditions.

The passage of this law presents in the sharpest way the alternatives facing the entire working class—either the institution by the capitalist class of police rule, to destroy the unions and drive the working class into destitution, or a break from the capitalist parties through the construction of a labor party pledged to take power and carry out socialist policies.



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Behind this campaign, he has whipped up a hysteria mainly in the middle class around the issue of law and order. He has demagogically appealed to "the will of the people" against the normal bourgeois institutions of the courts and legislature.

This bill has nothing to do with upholding the law. Watergate has proven that the most flagrant law breakers, swindlers, and murderers are in the White House, from Nixon to Agnew and right on down the line.

This bill is a gun aimed at the movement of the working class and the youth. It is enacted because the capitalist class is gearing up for civil war.

Nixon's veto of the minimum wage law means he must confront the labor movement head on. The brutal methods already used against the farmworkers, who last month had two union members murdered by the police, are being prepared for the entire labor movement.

At the same time, this bill will be used immediately against the youth in the communities and the prisons who fight back against impossible conditions.

The passage of this law presents in the sharpest way the alternatives facing the entire working class—either the institution by the capitalist class of police rule, to destroy the unions and drive the working class into destitution, or a break from the capitalist parties through the construction of a labor party pledged to take power and carry out socialist policies.