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A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the White House Carter's Promises Turn to Lies

Whatever happened to Jimmy Carter, that honest newcomer to government, that poor peanut farmer who was going to clean up Washington and fight the special interests, with liberty and justice (not to mention equality and jobs) for all?

Seems something happened on the way to the White House. The honeymoon was over even before it began.

PROMISES, PROMISES, PROMISES

First to go was Carter's promise on jobs: "I see an America with a job for every American who can work." Two weeks after the November election Carter's vision cleared, and he saw "6 to 7% unemployment for at least 4 years," and then a drop. He has replaced his election promises with promises for his second term before his first term even starts.

To get the economy moving Carter is leaning to a tax cut to stimulate spending. This brilliant new idea is exactly what Ford did two years ago which led to a small spurt of spending and then back to where we are today, more of the same, only worse.

All Burt Lance, Carter's finance man and new head of the Office of Management and Budget, could say was, "We're already in a recession."

FROM THE PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT YOU VIETNAM!

During the campaign Carter tried to get over by being anti-Washington, a new face that people didn't associate with the familiar politicians they were sick of looking at. In fact, Carter's "new" Cabinet crew of thread bare political hacks have a total of 124 years in the federal government behind them. James Schlesinger, Defense Secretary for Ford, was re-called to be the head of the Energy Department.

Harold Brown, the new Secretary of Defense, is a Dr. Strangelove type, who helped develop atomic and nuclear bombs for the government since 1951. Eventually he was appointed chief scientist for the Pentagon. He personally pushed the new \$24 billion B-1 bomber, which Carter was against in his campaign. As Secretary of the Air Force during the Vietnam war, he out hawked the hawks, consistently pushed for all out bombing of Vietnam.

Cyrus Vance, Secretary of State, is another "Vietnam veteran". Not that he fought there of course, but as deputy Secretary of Defense under Johnson until 1967 he helped send us there to die for the capitalists' profits. In 1964 he was sent to Panama. In 1965 he landed with the U.S. Marines on the



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Dominican Republic, when the people of those countries were threatening to overthrow U.S.-backed dictators.

None of this bothers Carter, since he himself is a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis and a strong

military man who supported the Vietnam war to the bitter end.

Hamilton Jordan, Carter's campaign manager, told a Playboy interview last November; "If you find Cy Vance as

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Steelworkers Union Elections Feb. 8 Dump the Abel-McBride Machine Elect Sadlowski!

"They said we couldn't do it. The Abel machine said the rank and file couldn't get organized. But we're doing it. We already got organized and won nominations for Sadlowski at Nordberg, American Can, Wehr Steel. And we put up a good fight at other Steelworker shops. We're going to keep on fighting and we're going to win on February 8, dumping the Abel-McBride machine and electing Sadlowski." With these words, a Milwaukee steelworker opened a mid-December rally with a speech by Sadlowski. The rally came on the heels of a successful drive for nominations in Milwaukee, supposedly a stronghold of the Abel machine.

The head negotiator for U.S. Steel has already made a back-handed endorsement of McBride saying that he would be the most practical between McBride and Sadlowski. U.S. Steel recently also sent out a schedule of pension benefits up to 1980 which haven't been negotiated yet. They're saying to basic Steelworkers that no matter what happens it's not going to help the workers. But a strong organized rank and file, fighting in its own interests, can turn that around.

The Milwaukee chapter of Steelworkers Fight Back, made up of rank and file workers from many plants around Milwaukee, joined with steelworkers around the country fighting to put the Sadlowski slate on the ballot in February.

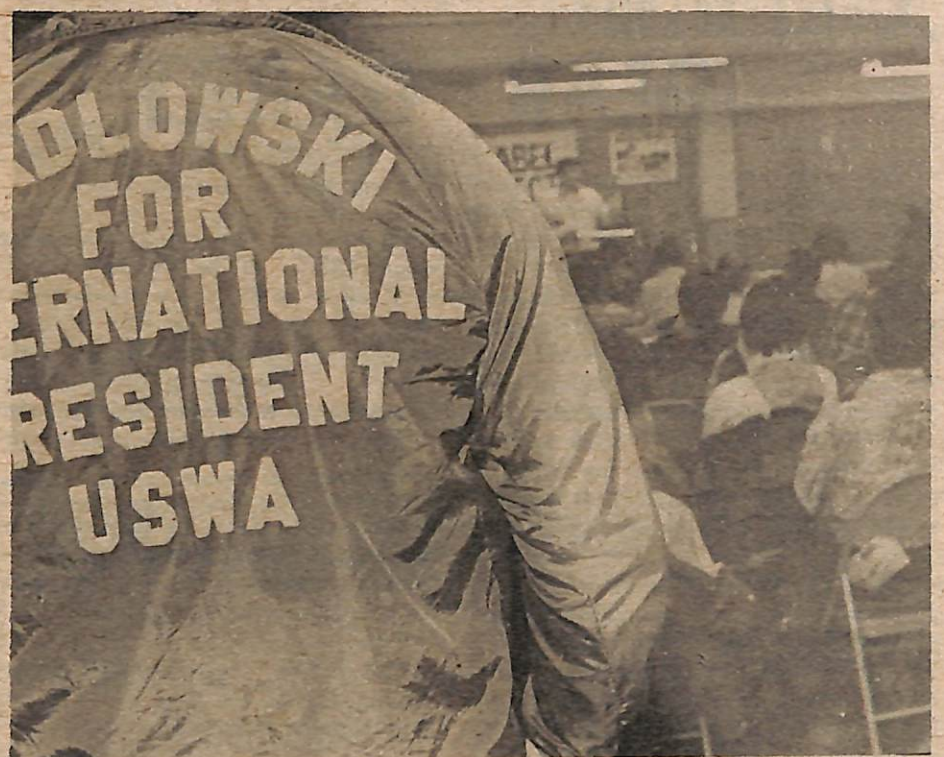
Sadlowski won nominations at most of

the big steel mills, and many other shops, including McBride's home local in St. Louis. McBride (Abel's handpicked candidate) picked up most of his nominations from smaller locals, where the International staffmen could strong-arm their way through the meetings.

As February 8 draws near, Steelworkers are moving around the election in a big way. And their movement is more than just a question of a few leaders—it's a question of getting rid of the hated Abel machine and its company-union dictatorship over the rank and file. Steelworkers are backing Sadlowski because many see it as one step in getting out from under sell-out contracts, from local "Early-Birds" like at B.E., to the extension of can contracts to their sell-out of sell-outs, the ENA No-Strike in Basic Steel.

The Abel-McBride talk of the Sadlowski campaign being something just for basic steel isn't getting over, either. Although the attacks there have gotten the most publicity, Abel's policy of looking out for the companies first, last and always has meant increased hardship for every worker in the USWA. When non-basic workers go on strike, the International tries to starve them back to work by only paying \$21 strike benefits if you can even get those. Steelworkers in every division have seen Abel's handpicked staffmen kill their 4th step grievances.

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Sharp Pencil Award

Sharp pencil award this month goes to ex-deputy Vincent Fish of the Menominee Reservation. He recently submitted a claim for \$1,958 in mileage for using his personal car for work during a 4 month period. His claim for 16,316 miles of travel was 108 miles more than his odometer reading. His claim also indicates he used his personal vehicle only for official use during those 4 months. The runner-up honors go to attorney

Lloyd Barbee who is claiming over \$600,000 in fees for his services in the school busing suit. Barbee's claim indicates he put in full days on the suit at the same time as he was receiving expense vouchers for attending sessions of the state assembly. Also a front runner is "Special Master" John Gronouski, for claiming over \$50,000 for nine months "work." How do these guys figure? They figure no one will check their figures. ■



This was the scene at the Armed Forces Recruiting Station here in Milwaukee the last week of December. The recruiters, vultures that they are, had carried out their sales pitch, suckering hundreds of young people into signing up, billing it as "The last chance to get the GI Bill." As of January 1st, 1977, the present GI Bill will cease to

exist. In it's place will be a new GI Bill, one that adds up to a 33% cut in educational benefits. Vets going to school now know how hard it is to make ends meet with the old GI Bill. It's another series of attacks on veterans, another attack that Vietnam Veterans Against the War will fight! ■

ADVICE COLUMN

DEAR GABBY

The Worker has been criticized from time to time for failure to report both sides. It's said we are biased against foremen, bosses, politicians, corporation owners, various union leaders, police and other figures in the establishment. In light of these criticisms, we have decided to start an advice column intended especially for pro-establishment people. We hope this refreshing new feature will provide the kind of balance needed to make The Worker more exciting and interesting to all.

DEAR GABBY, I have recently been appointed a staff representative by my international union. I have been on the job only a few weeks but have found it very challenging. Aside from keeping all the trouble makers and loafers in line, my biggest problem is keeping oil and dirt off my white patent leather shoes when I walk through the factories. What should I do?

GABBY SAYS There's nothing worse than oil stains on your shoes--especially during informal talks with management over cocktails. More experienced labor officials solve the problem by simply

not going out onto the shop floor.

DEAR GABBY, I'm a city of Milwaukee police officer. I'll be retiring soon and my buddies on the force are throwing a stag party for me. In view of the big scandal last year, what should I do?

GABBY SAYS Make sure several judges and police department higher-ups are invited.

DEAR GABBY, I'm a foreman at a large industrial plant in the area. The workers under my command refuse to recognize my authority. What should I do?

GABBY SAYS Bring in a couple of copies of Mein Kampf and have the men read them on their lunch break.

DEAR GABBY, My name is Gary Gilmore. I'm a convicted murderer. The state of Utah refuses to execute me. I have tried several times to kill myself. But I have not been successful. What should I do?

GABBY SAYS Try to get a job in an auto plant. ■

Big Game Hunting

Bernie Peck of Peck Meat Packing recently returned from big game hunting in Africa. When asked about the hunt,

Bernie replied, "I had a wonderful time." Rumor in the plant has it that Bernie was trying to make a deal to bring back some more slaves. ■



FREE QUILL CHEVALIER! JUSTICE FOR THE MENOMINEE!

Menominee Warrior, Quill Chevalier has been caught after 9 months as a fugitive. Quill, one of the five defendants from the Warrior Society takeover of the Alexian Brothers abby, knew he was not guilty. He refused to stand for a trial conducted by a court-appointed lawyer who told him to plead guilty because there was no defense. He refused to be tried for an action he and over one hundred others took two years ago against the rip off of the Menominee.

He refused to accept the repression of the Warrior Society which meant the death of one of his fellow defendants and long jail terms for two others. After he jumped bail he eluded capture

for nine months by living in the woods and with supporters on the reservation and off. When an FBI swat team surrounded the Chevalier home last April 4, preparing to arrest Quill, dozens of supporters filled the home to protect him. Quill escaped as Warriors created a traffic jam that prevented police cars from pursuing him. Four members of Quill's family were recently acquitted in federal court in Milwaukee for their righteous stand in defending their brother and son.

Now state and federal authorities are pressuring Quill to plead guilty in exchange for dropping bail jumping and "assault on a federal officer" charges. They are also threatening to revoke the tribal bonds which were put up by ten Menominee for his bail. But the ten have told Quill to stick to his not guilty plea. According to Mrs. Chevalier, Quill's mother, "Quill feels he's right and he's going to fight."

Chevalier has a strong defense in the charges of armed robbery, burglary, and kidnapping stemming from the takeover. He was not even present in the Alexian Brother's care takers cottage when the alleged events took place.

Now Quill is in the Juneau County jail. Pre-trial motions are expected to postpone the actual trial several months.

In these months a political campaign will make the cause of the Menominee takeover and the injustice of this case a focus of struggle for the Indian people, and for workers, students, and youth. ■

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Bobrowicz Defeated

In late December, Edmund Bobrowicz, business agent for the Amalgamated Meatcutters local 248, was defeated in his bid for re-election. His son, Victor was also defeated in the race for recording secretary. Harding Bond, past local president did not run. Ed Smith, was the only former official who stayed in office as he took Bond's place as president, running unopposed.

The shake-up in the local's leadership came on the heels of a co-ordinated union busting attack that has hit several Wisconsin beef packing plants, as well as others in the country. Following the 16 week Milwaukee strike in '71, meatcutters from Packerland Packing in Chippewa Falls struck for 18 months before losing their union. This defeat for Local 248 was followed by the 16 month Milwaukee strike that also ended in decertification of the Local. Several other plants in the local have seen conditions attacked through job combinations, rate cuts, wages that don't even keep up with inflation, back breaking overtime, discrimination and firings. All these cost cutting measures, from the union busting on down are a result of the cut throat competition between the various packinghouse owners in their drive for profit.

This competition has gotten so severe

that one owner, Seigfried Frankenthal, owner of Packerland, his daughter, and a private detective were arrested for tapping competitors phones. While old man Frankenthal died as he was being arrested, the competition over profits continues. It is the workers who pay.

Manuel Amaro was a packinghouse worker with 20 years seniority. After standing strong on the picket lines in defense of his union for 16 months he was called back to work at Peck Meatpacking. Within 2 months he was back on the streets, fired for reporting that his finger was broken.

This kind of attack is all too frequent in the de-certified plants in Milwaukee. The owners are trying to institutionalize their control by forming company unions. Already committees of snitches have been set up and "rule books" issued. These rule books have done such wonders as raising vacation eligibility from 1400 to 1800 hours, made Saturday time and a half only after 40 hours and resulted in a 34¢ raise for next year.

With over 1000 union jobs lost already, continuing attacks on the job, and the present officials seeming inability to stop them, discontent is strong in the Local. Behind the scenes is the maneuvering of the International, with

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THE WORKER

This paper exists to build the struggle of the working class against the capitalist system of exploitation and oppression. It puts forward the political line of the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA on the major questions and struggles facing the workers.

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Will American Motors Survive?

Since this summer when 1,000 jobs went out the door of AMC's Milwaukee plant, workers at Wisconsin's largest corporation have been told to work harder, make sacrifices or risk losing their jobs altogether as AMC is facing bankruptcy. The company is speeding up the jobs and laying off thousands. The union says to go along with the program and not ask for much in the coming contract.

AMC workers have been working under their old contract since September 15 and most are seriously questioning what the future holds. Of course the President of the corporation Lunenberg and Chairman of the Board Chapin claim to have the answer. They say that AMC is losing money because of a temporary slump in the small car market, and if the autoworkers just tighten their belts at contract time--everything will get better when the price of gas goes up and small cars become big sellers again.

But over 3,700 AMC workers are on indefinite layoff and it is clear that the auto company is walking on thin ice. In the last two years AMC has lost nearly \$74 million. To boost sales AMC has offered a new 3 year buyer protection plan and a \$253 rebate on Gremlins and Pacers. But AMC's lots outside Kenosha are jammed full with unsold cars, and their share of the market is continuing to drop.

Even with the rebate and increased sales of Jeeps and buses AMC just broke even last month. But break even is not the name of the game. Fifty of their new car dealers have closed down. The Wall St. Journal reports that the corporation has fallen behind in paying their parts suppliers. With AMC being the 90th biggest company in the United States, it's hard to believe they could be hurting so bad. How could this be?

The answer lies in the nature of the dog eat dog capitalist system. Any corporation has to continue to grow or it will be driven out by a bigger monopoly. It's like a gambler who makes a bundle and then goes all out to break the other players. Competition requires new models, retooling and expansion. AMC has spent millions on new plants, but they can't promise profit returns as big as the larger auto giants. So finance capitalists and banks have started turning their backs on AMC, denying them the capital they need to retool. The Big 3 have poured money into new models like the Volare, Aspen or the "New Chevy". All AMC could come up with for '77 is a "new" mini pacer van, a Pacer wagon with panel sides and bubble windows. None of this cost any money for retooling. The big capitalists eat up the little. Now GM is waiting to eat up AMC.

No one can say for certain what will happen to AMC in the near future. One thing is sure - with fiercer competition and rougher economic times they are trying to put the burden of their crisis onto the backs of the workers.

The week after they announced the rebate, the company eliminated dozens of jobs in trim, metal, inspection and final assembly. In Milwaukee they cheapened the paint process, throwing more workers out the door. As speedup increased older workers who can not keep up are being forced out, "laid off unable." Many who can not tolerate the worsening conditions and company harassment have gone on sick leave--over 1000 in Kenosha alone.

The contract is still being negotiated. Claiming they can't compete with the Big 3, AMC is trying to take away many hard won contract gains like the

1-35 steward ratio, right to strike, voluntary overtime and insurance benefits for a year during layoffs.

The AMC bosses are trying to throw their crisis onto the workers' back. But none of AMC's so called 'hard times' are the fault of the workers. Over the years they have blamed their problems on poor quality workmanship, militancy, rowdiness and bad attitudes of the workers. But no matter how they squirm it is the "dog eat dog" anarchy of the capitalist system that is rocking AMC's economic foundations. AMC workers have nothing to gain by compromising with the bosses. Any step back from struggle can only result in getting hurt worse.

Back in the 50's Hudson convinced

its employees to take a \$1 an hour pay cut to keep them in business. For a while the company made a buck more an hour off every employee. Then they sold out to AMC and shut down anyway, forcing people to move from Detroit to Milwaukee to keep working.

In the 60's AMC told the guys that time study had to trim 10% of the jobs or they'd close their doors. After they did the study, half the jobs on the line were gone. Now 10 years later the company is crying the same tune.

Mayor Maier has put forward another so-called solution - to apply for federal grants to keep the body plant in Milwaukee. Mayor Saftig in Kenosha wants to do the same for the main operations.

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COMPETITION IS CRUSHING AMC. FOR THE WORKERS ALREADY LAID OFF AND FOR THOSE WHOSE TURN MAY COME SOON THE FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN.

One Step Forward For Menominee Struggle Ada Deer Forced To Resign

Recently Ada Deer announced her resignation as Chairman of the Menominee Restoration Committee. She said she had done her part in bringing back tribal and reservation status for the Menominee, that she was going on to bigger and better things; and that the Menominee were entering a new era with a bright future.

But Ada Deer had no choice but to step down. She was hated by the great majority of Menominee people. Unless she quit she would have been openly defeated in the tribal legislative election in February. In addition, massive opposition to her has recently uncovered a huge scandal involving the misappropriation of \$215,000 in federal funds by Deer's Restoration Committee.

Deer's fall from power is the direct result of the struggle of the Menominee people. Everything she did as tribal chairman was designed to serve big money interests. The Menominee youth, the Warriors, many of whom faced no jobs and no opportunity, were the first

to take action against the sell out of the tribe's interests. The takeover of the Alexian brothers abbey was the spark that set off a storm of struggle on the reservation.

Ada and her group have attacked anyone demanding change--especially through the use of a police goon squad led by "Paddo" Fish. Aside from police brutality, they use control of practically all jobs and funds on the reservation to enforce their dictatorship. Those who opposed the Restoration Committee lost jobs and chances for advancement. Also the Restoration leadership called in all copies of a recent issue of the Menominee newspaper because it contained an article critical of one of the tribal bureaucrats.

Over the last two years, more and more Menominee have come to see how Deer and her committee traded off the wealth of the tribe for their own personal and political gain. They see truckloads of hardwood logs leaving the reservation daily. They see clear cutting in the Men-

ominee forests. They see the tribal sawmill working two shifts, on Menominee timber that's free for the cutting. And they wonder how it could be that the tribal enterprises lost over \$200,000 this past year.

Where's the money going? The Restoration Committee leadership took out high interest loans to buy back land that the Menominee were swindled out of in the '60s. And they burdened the tribe with financial and political debts to the federal government and the banks. And now they are exposed for flagrant misuse of anti-poverty funds.

All of the abuses of the Ada Deer-Restoration regime have produced a

strong opposition. In recent months Deer's faction lost out on several tribal issues. Last fall the tribe voted for a school bond referendum. Deer had said it would take up too much money. Previously there was no high school on the reservation. Menominee students had to travel to Shawano where they met discrimination and had no Indian language or culture classes.

Then in the sheriff's election, the Restoration Committee gave its backing to "Paddo" Fish and helped sponsor a big campaign complete with a car caravan through the reservation. But Fish was

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4 Prisoners and The Worker Sue Waupun

Four prisoners at Wisconsin State Prison at Waupun and The Worker have filed suit against 18 past and present prison administrators for refusing to let political newspapers into the institution. The four men, Clayton Cook, Karleton Armstrong, Joseph Hayes, and Clayton Lampe are some of the prison subscribers who have not been allowed to receive The Worker for the past two years.

Inmates have long demanded that restrictions on their mail be ended. Censorship was one of a long list of grievances that prisoners have fought hard for. This past July men at Waupun even risked their lives by taking over the metal sign shop. Following this militant action, some of the prisoners' demands were granted--including an easing of the censorship of political papers.

Now that The Worker is getting into Waupun it is more important than ever to push the \$65,000 suit for past censorship and to get the institution's restrictive publications guidelines thrown out. Presently they say that anything which

"constitutes a danger of prison discipline and security" can be kept out. This vague standard has been and can still be used arbitrarily to freeze out a paper which tells the truth about conditions on both sides of the walls.

Right now The Worker is conducting a subscription drive inside Wisconsin's prisons and is calling for letters and affidavits from prisoners and their families in order to expose some of the biggest abuses behind the walls. Focusing on important prison issues--like harassment; guards who like to beat on prisoners in the segregation building; the slave wages; parole policy; and other conditions--can rally the prison population and spread the word widely. All the prison papers are tightly controlled by the warden and staff. The Worker can help give the inmates a voice.

In addition The Worker can bring important political information and education of the workers' struggle to the men behind bars. ■



MILL WORKER SPEAKS OUT AT MENOMINEE ENTERPRISE MEETING AGAINST AUTOMATION AND JOB ELIMINATIONS AT THE TRIBAL SAWMILL

Profit Contaminates Vaccine Swine Flu Fiasco

The "great swine flu fiasco" as it's come to be known wasn't such a fiasco for some people.

The four drug monopolies that made the vaccine got their \$135 million--in fact they'd refused to even start making the vaccine until their profits were guaranteed by Congress. The insurance companies that the government paid to insure the drug corporations got almost \$9 million, and for them it's a good thing that the program is being called off before they got hit with too many lawsuits. Ford got his moment of glory for promising to save America from the swine flu menace, and if the program has turned out to be more like Watergate than a mission of mercy, it served his purpose when he needed it during the campaign. The only ones to lose out on the whole thing was us, the masses of people.

The whole swine flu program ground to a halt in December because, as one commentator put it, "When 'preventative' programs cause more disease than they prevent, the public understandably becomes cynical and is not likely to participate."

Thirty-one older people died of heart attacks after their shots. The program's defenders say it wasn't the vaccine's

fault but the fact that these elderly people had to wait in line for many hours in the cold. Even if this is true, it shows how little the campaign was organized to take into account the interests of the people it was supposedly helping. Six more people died and scores more disabled by a form of paralysis which seems to strike especially at those who've had swine flu inoculations. When it came out that instead of dealing with this problem openly the government had been trying to cover it up, people had so much doubt and suspicion about the whole thing that the program couldn't go on anymore--at least for awhile, if not forever.

VICTORIA FLU AND MEASLES

But these 41 deaths weren't the only casualties of the swine flu program. Because the drug companies were concentrating on making and selling swine flu vaccine, there was far from sufficient production of the vaccine against another type of flu, Victoria flu, which last winter killed 11,000 people more than usually die of flu every year and probably will kill even more this winter. Because so many public health facilities were tied up in the swine flu program, measles shots got lost in the shuffle and the rate of



THE SWINE FLU PROGRAM TURNED OUT TO BE MORE OF A WATERGATE THAN A MISSION OF MERCY

ten day measles(which can have serious complications) is up 64% this year over last year.

No one has died of swine flu since the one and only case of it last winter. The only person to get it so far this year got it from pigs, which has happened before. There hasn't been a case of it spreading from person to person, which is what was feared might happen. However, this does not mean that the danger of swine flu is past. It is still conceivable that swine flu could break out later this year, or, a little more likely, that it could skip a year as flu sometimes does and become a real problem next year. But the swine flu program has done nothing to guard against this danger.

Why has this fiasco happened? Is it

simply an unusual and unfortunate accident? Or does it show such a massive disease-conquering effort is impossible? Not at all.

Diseases like the flu and the measles can be conquered by the collective effort of scientists, medical personnel and workers. But as things are organized in this society nothing can happen unless profit is made all along the line, and the actual benefits to the people are nothing more than an afterthought.

The whole way that the swine flu threat was dealt with and the fact that it only brought more disease and misery for the people is a shocking exposure of how our society is organized for profit and profit alone--and how this profit system stands in the way of the real and pressing needs of the people being met.

Latest Attack on July 4th Protest WORKER EDITOR GETS 30 DAYS

On December 17, Bill Drew was convicted and sentenced to 30 days in jail on a disorderly conduct charge stemming from the police attack on the "Rich Off Our Backs" block party last June 26. The conviction came after 30 other cases had been either thrown out of court, acquitted, or dropped. The Milwaukee District Attorney's office went all out to convict Drew, one of the organizers of the event. Perjured police testimony, surprise witnesses, suppression of important defense testimony, and the jail sentence itself--all these were used to justify the police misconduct and hit back against the "Rich Off Our Backs--July 4th Coalition."

Drew was one of thirty-three persons arrested that night when dozens of riot-equipped Milwaukee police descended on a peaceful block party in the 2700 block of N. Booth St. The coalition had organized the party to raise money to send people to the Bicentennial protest march

boss and worker, and the "free and easy" with those who have never known real freedom.

The police attack on the block party was part of an effort to stifle the July 4th protest. Tough guy mayor Frank Rizzo of Philadelphia had put out a widely publicized call for 15,000 federal troops supposedly to protect the official Bicentennial celebration from thousands of "wild-eyed crazies." Permits to march in Philadelphia were denied. The city refused to grant park space for a tent city of the unemployed. Lumber for a workers' history pavilion was confiscated. The ruling class did not want to see their red, white and blue Bicentennial extravaganza challenged in any way.

On the 2700 block of N. Booth, the Milwaukee Police Department was more than ready to swing clubs on anyone who would dispute the greatness of the Bicentennial celebration. First they came to declare that the party needed special permission

police officers; that Drew was the one who caused the incident. In reality Drew was clubbed twice and arrested as the police made their first sweep through the crowd.

In a surprise move, the District Attorney brought in four rebuttal witnesses the police had found going house to house in the Booth St. neighborhood looking for someone who would testify against the block party. Their star witness, an 18 year old girl, had never seen Drew before or since the block party. Yet she said she could positively identify him as a man who came out of the crowd and punched an officer. Her statements so contradicted and exaggerated the police testimony that it was fairly obvious she had been threatened or promised some favor in exchange for testimony against Drew. After the trial the signatures of two of the police witnesses were discovered on an anti-police brutality petition passed around the neighborhood the day following the block party.

But despite all the attempts to stifle the July 4th protest, the march came off as planned one week after the block party busts. Hundreds of marchers, including 3 bus loads from Milwaukee, streamed into Philly, determined to make their point. Only then did the authorities grant the

march permit. Then on the day the rich were proclaiming as a great tribute to their system, the marchers lined up in contingents: autoworkers, steelworkers, meatcutters, garment workers, electronic workers, unemployed, veterans, students and youth--as far as the eye could see.

"We've carried the rich for 200 years. Let's get them off our backs" rang out from 5000 voices and told the real meaning of the history of this country.

The July 4th "Battle of the Bicentennial" was a big victory for the working class. The denial of permits, the police brutality, and empty Bicentennial propaganda only further exposed and isolated the system. The trial and conviction of Bill Drew and the coming trials for 2 more block party arrests represent a counter-attack against the coalition. But no jail sentence and no rigged up trial can take away what was gained in the political battle around the meaning of the Bicentennial.

Presently Bill Drew is free pending appeal. The "Rich Off Our Backs" defense committee has begun a campaign to raise money for his court costs. Contributions can be sent to Rich Off Our Backs Defense, care of The Worker P.O. BOX 08305 Milwaukee Wis. 53208 "WE'VE CARRIED THE RICH FOR 200 YEARS. LET'S GET THEM OFF OUR BACKS!!" ■



BILL DREW, LOWER LEFT, SUFFERED A BLACK EYE FROM A BEATING BY POLICE. PEOPLE WHO WERE AT THE BLOCK PARTY DEMANDED CHARGES BE DROPPED AGAINST ALL 33 ARRESTED.

and rally in Philadelphia on the 4th. The slogan of the party and all the coalition's activities was "We've Carried the Rich For 200 Years. Let's Get Them Off Our Backs!" This bold statement told the feelings of thousands who heard it or saw it posted on abandoned buildings across the country last spring and summer. Also the coalition was focusing on the demands "Jobs or Income" and "We Won't Fight Another Rich Man's War." These were the sentiments the rich tried to kill with their constant Bicentennial propaganda about how "this is the best system around." The rich wanted to make July 4th, 1976 a time for unity between rich and poor,

for political speeches. Then they came back to shut the party down 45 minutes before the permits were to run out. They accomplished this by charging the crowd that gathered to find out why the party was ending. They began swinging clubs on the crowd of men, women and children, making three sweeps down Booth Street, even arresting residents off their own porches. By their actions they showed the repression and brutality that keeps the rich man's system going.

This was not the story the police testified to at Drew's trial. They said they were attacked by rocks and bottles; that Drew pushed, fought with, and kicked

72 YR Old Man Freezes Heat Cut-Offs

Phillip Chambers, a 72 year old Racine man, had both of his legs amputated below the knees in December because the Wisconsin Natural Gas Co. cut off his heat. His legs froze and became gangrenous when temperatures plummeted to 5 below zero. He had no heat from May until November 30 because he owed \$124 and couldn't pay it. Gas company officials tried to justify the service cut off by saying it was done lawfully, and that they tried to get him to pay his bill. It's pretty clear where the company's real concern is.

Every winter hundreds of families and elderly people are forced to weather Wisconsin's frigid winters without heat. This year has been particularly rough with fuel prices sky high and temperatures at record lows. Many of these people are unemployed workers and people on welfare or social security who get a flat grant, or a fixed sum

to pay for fuel or just don't have the money.

The gas companies supposedly can't cut people off. This is something that people won through struggling for it. But fuel oil and coal aren't covered under this law.

Government agencies say they can't help people out to meet fuel bills. What they propose is that agencies ask for donations to pay people's fuel bills when they're in need.

What the hell do they mean--donations? Working people, welfare mothers, and the elderly don't want to have to beg for their simple needs. What we need is a system that can provide for all the necessities we have. It's obvious the people who run and profit from this system don't give a damn if we lose our limbs or our lives when our needs aren't met. ■

Chicago Mayor Daley Dies High and Mighty Lose a Loyal Servant

Mayor Daley, the almost legendary mayor of Chicago, died on December 20. Without doubt, the most powerful city official in the US, he had ruled over Chicago, the second largest city in the country, almost unchallenged for 21 years.

Mayor Daley is remembered by many as the one who unleashed his police on everybody from demonstrators to reporters at the 1968 Democratic Convention. He is the Mayor who ordered his police to "shoot to kill" in the 1968 West side uprising following the death of Martin Luther King. He publicly defended State's Attorney Hanrahan after he was directly linked to the murder of Fred Hampton, Black Panther leader. His big city machine was so corrupt that new exposures brought bored yawns to those who heard about them.

Yet following his death, politicians, businessmen and public figures from Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford to the Roman Catholic archbishop of Chicago, rushed almost unanimously to mourn his passing. Praises and admiration were forthcoming from Chicago political rivals who described themselves as the "loyal opposition", like Jesse Jackson.

Sure Daley's machine had its faults they tell us--corruption, links with the

Mafia, favoritism, one-man rule--but at least he made Chicago the "city that works". At the time when cities like New York and Detroit are falling apart at the seams, Daley kept Chicago in relatively good shape.

Daley got diverse interests to cooperate for the public good, we hear, and superficial examples galore are offered. Policemen and firemen have not walked out on strike, as they have in other cities. Under his administration downtown Chicago was "revitalized" and now boasts three of the tallest five buildings in the world. A modern expressway system was established. O'Hare Airport, the world's busiest, was built and incorporated into Chicago's city limits. All the major streets were brightly lighted to make people feel safer at night. (Now, at least, the muggers can see where they're going.) Housing for Blacks was provided in federally financed high rise apartments.

Well, if Chicago is "the city that works," the question is: who does it work for?

THE REAL CHICAGO

Chicago is no paradise for the masses of people. The "Loop" with its new skyscrapers also contains spreading



DALEY: THE MOST POWERFUL CITY OFFICIAL IN THE U.S. HIS POLITICAL MACHINE WAS SO CORRUPT THAT NEW EXPOSURES WERE NO SURPRISE.

porno parlors and abandoned buildings. As a matter of fact, Chicago has a higher crime rate than New York City. Unemployment in Chicago is now higher than the national average, with astronomical joblessness among Blacks, other minorities, and youth. Nor are the slums that lie behind the glittering condominiums along Lake Michigan's shore any better. Daley's much touted high rise projects for Blacks have turned into high rise slums, with elevators malfunctioning, incinerators blowing smoke into the hallways and many apartments standing abandoned. Even more people live in de-

caying two-flats and apartment buildings which could be in Watts or Bedford-Stuyvesant. Chicago has been called the most racially segregated city in the North.

Life in Chicago might not be anything to sing about for the masses of people, but for big business Daley certainly did "make it work." Daley offered business stability and relative labor peace. Key union leaders were bought off--William Lee of the Teamsters Union was made chairman of the Civil Service Commission, William McPetridge of the Jani-

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U.S. Rulers Seek Scapegoat: Shaky Economy Blamed On OPEC

The thirteen member nations of the Organization of Oil Producing Countries (OPEC) met in mid-December to set new price increases for their oil exports. This brought a new round of dire predictions from U.S. newspapers and business that skyrocketing inflation, supposedly sent into orbit by the 1974 OPEC oil price hikes, was going to get yet another boost. The image of "greedy" Arab countries about to stick their hands deeper into the pocketbooks of the average American citizen was painted in vivid colors. Economists cried that

just as the economy seemed to be getting on its feet a new increase in oil prices was about to come along and knock it down again. The OPEC nations are accused of robbing working people in the U.S. and around the world of jobs and buying power.

Is this true? Are these oil producing countries responsible for all the current and future problems of the U.S. economy? Hardly. To blame Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Libya, Algeria, Venezuela, Gabon, Nigeria, Indonesia, Ecuador and Qatar for

the unemployment and economic crisis of the U.S. is ridiculous. It sounds more like the old ruse of a thief running away with your wallet yelling, "thief!" to confuse people and get away.

To begin with, the price increases coming out of the OPEC meeting would amount to about 5/10 of a cent on a gallon of gas. But the oil companies have already announced that gasoline prices will jump one to two cents per gallon--on all gas. And the increase on heating fuel will be even greater. Who pockets the difference? The big oil companies.

This is the same thing the oil companies did in 1973 when confronted by the Arab oil boycott and the OPEC price increases. They screamed about energy shortages. And blamed the Arabs and OPEC for driving oil prices through the ceiling. The oil companies then used the OPEC price hike to cover for bigger price increases on all oil products, domestic and imported alike. When the Arabs put a 17¢ per gallon increase on oil, the price in the U.S. was jacked up 30¢. That's how they made a 51% profit rise

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What's Ahead For Wisconsin's Migrants Migrant Bill Vote Due Soon

This month the Wisconsin State Legislature will consider a bill that offers some protection to migrant workers in the state. In the past two sessions of the legislature, the assembly has voted down similar bills. Growers and canners, who hire the seasonal workers, poured money and lobbyists into a campaign to defeat these bills. The bill proposed for the coming session has been watered down by its sponsors in hopes of getting it through both houses this time.

Governor Lucey in a play for the Chicano and labor votes has made it one of his legislative priorities.

What's in the bill? Its main feature is a requirement that employers provide workers with a written work agreement when they are recruited from more than 300 miles away. Also the bill would give the public and organizers access to the company owned camps where the migrant workers stay.

The way things are now, the mainly

Spanish-speaking workers are recruited in Texas. They are often promised hours and rates of pay that they never see once they get to Wisconsin. In most cases the migrants work long hours, for low pay, get straight time for overtime, no benefits, and live in crowded unsanitary camps. When anyone comes to visit or investigate the camps they are often driven away--sometimes at gunpoint. The introduction of new harvesting machinery in recent years has reduced the number of migrant workers in the state. And now the larger portion of them are working in canneries owned by the likes of Aunt Nellies, Libby's, Del Monte, and Stokely Van Camp.

Passage of the Migrant Bill would be an advance and victory for seasonal workers in the state. But after 3 straight defeats in the assembly and the watering down of an already weak measure, it's time to re-examine the situation of the Wisconsin fruit and vegetable workers. What's the way to win the migrant bill struggle, and stronger measures? More importantly, how can these protections be enforced?

The most important point is--it's the struggle and unity of the migrants themselves which is the main force in the struggle. Only their demands and resistance make it possible to introduce or pass a migrant bill and enforce it if it is passed.

It is difficult for migrants to organize. They are only in the state 4 to 5 months a year. They're on the move, and they're kept divided from local workers by discrimination and language. By organizing they can build unity with fellow workers and end discrimination.

In the past migrants have stood up and called attention to the broken promises and rotten conditions. A lot of times they have packed up and headed home when things weren't right. In the late 60s Wisconsin farmworkers built a union, Obreros Unidos. It mobilized the field workers and threatened the profits of the growers. Workers in Wisconsin fields and canneries have been relatively disorganized in recent years, but repression always breeds resistance. Workers always desire to fight back if there is a way forward.

The high point of struggle that has rocked the fields of California and the beginnings of upsurge and wildcat strikes that began in Texas last spring show that there's struggle brewing in the fields. The Wisconsin growers and canners know this and they hope to kill any migrant legislation. If it passes they hope it will not be enforced--and that it will cool out any further struggle.

But the reverse is true. Whether the bill passes or not, the campaign around the migrant bill can be a spark and an inspiration for renewed organizing in the fields when the migrants return in the spring. It's the taste of the struggle, the expectations of change, and the power of the workers that must be unleashed--that's the road forward for migrant workers in Wisconsin. ■



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Kissinger Leaves, Policies Remain Changing of Guard at State Dept

When January 20 rolls around and Jimmy Carter takes over in the White House it will be time to bid farewell to Henry Kissinger, who for eight years directed the foreign policy of the country. During the election campaign Henry came under a lot of fire. He was attacked by Ronald Reagan for "selling out" to the Soviets and criticized for his "lone ranger style of diplomacy," by Carter. But now that the elections are over the high and mighty of this country are giving him quite a send off. He is being called one of the great statesmen of all time, a man of great vision. Jimmy Carter gave him the red carpet treatment on his peanut plantation, calling Kissinger "my good friend."

For most Americans, Kissinger is something of a mystery. His international escapades have been well publicized--everything from his "shuttle diplomacy" to the mob of actresses and high society women who tried to land the "most eligible bachelor" of Washington. The heart of the media created image is that "super K" is one of the "few great men" who by the "force of their will," and their "powers of persuasion," are able to bend world events to fit their fancy.

Nothing could be further from the truth. That Kissinger has left a mark on history no one would deny. But the claims that he brought about peace in Vietnam, that he engineered a new era of co-operation and understanding with the USSR, and that he established a "permanent structure of peace" are only so much hogwash.

Foreign policy of big imperialist powers is not just international cocktail parties and summit conferences. It is defending the empire of the giants of industry and finance, protecting their markets, their sources of raw materials, their investments.

VIETNAM

Kissinger took command of the country's foreign policy in 1969 when he was made Nixon's head of the National Security Council.

When Kissinger took office, the U.S. rulers faced some mighty big problems. They had sent 500,000 American GIs to Vietnam, fighting a war that had



HENRY KISSINGER INTRODUCES HIS SUCCESSOR, CYRUS VANCE.

been dragging on for years. They wanted to keep that nation "free" for the profit making of the U.S. monopolies. Our rulers hoped to make an example out of Vietnam--that it was impossible to stand up to the might of the U.S. But by January, 1969, it was already clear there would be no U.S. military victory. The famous Tet Offensive of 1968 had shown the strength of the armed working people of Vietnam. Here, in this country, resistance to the government's war of aggression and plunder had grown to mammoth proportions.

Vietnam was not the only problem confronting the new foreign policy chief. The USSR, which had been turned back into a capitalist country much like our own, was arming to the teeth and everywhere challenging the rulers of this country for "spheres of influence" to dominate and rob.

As the war dragged on, it caused increasing financial and economic difficulties for the U.S.--even the staunchest allies of the U.S., the capitalist countries of Western Europe and Japan, were challenging Wall Street in economic competition and were even making some deals with the U.S.'s arch rival, the USSR, behind Washington's back.

So Kissinger's basic assignment was to reorient U.S. foreign policy to reflect the realities of the 1970s. The Vietnam War had to be brought to a

halt--hopefully in a way that wouldn't be too damaging for the U.S. imperialists. The twenty year policy of trying to isolate the People's Republic of China had gone completely flat. More and more countries established diplomatic relations with China, which played an increasingly important role in world affairs.

CHINA DIPLOMACY

So Kissinger had to go to Peking, hat in hand, and admit that U.S. policy of recognizing the Chiang Kai-shek clique holed up on the island of Taiwan as the "lawful" government of China (and even dreaming of his return to the mainland) was completely bankrupt. As he spoke with the Chinese leaders, Kissinger also had his eyes on Moscow. He hoped to worry the Kremlin that improved relations with China would free the U.S. up to concentrate on the USSR.

It was largely because Kissinger put his name on the Vietnam peace agreements and made his trips to China that he got a reputation as a "peace-maker" and conciliator. But the war in Vietnam and the blockade of China were not ended by the good wishes of Kissinger, Nixon, or any other imperialist politician. Kissinger merely was accepting the hard facts of life,

while angling to salvage as much as possible for U.S. profit interests.

While Kissinger won a Nobel Prize for his "accomplishments" in the Vietnam peace negotiations, the "shuttle diplomacy" in the Middle East and southern Africa have been in spotlight in recent years. But in neither of these two areas do the facts correspond to the public image any more than the image of "Vietnam peacemaker."

SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY

Behind the Middle East events were the efforts of the U.S. to undercut the growing influence of the Soviet Union in the area. While continuing to arm Israel, and hold open the threat of unleashing it against the Arab states, the U.S. has also tried to get a foothold in a number of the Arab countries, especially Egypt, which had been tied closely to the Soviet camp. But this policy is not one to bring about peace, but simply

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Charges Dropped On 92 Iranian Students



IRANIANS DEMONSTRATING. MASKS HIDE I.D. FROM SECRET SERVICE.

Authorities in Houston have dropped the major charges against 92 members of the Iranian Students Association arrested in Texas last month. The students were jailed after local police and Iranian secret agents (SAVAK) in the U.S. attacked their demonstration. The Iranians were protesting outside the French consulate in Houston against the French government's arrest and deportation of Iranian activists there.

If the charges had not been dropped and the Iranian students had been deported, they faced severe punishment at the hands of the Shah of Iran, including torture and death. The U.S. CIA put the Shah in power in 1953 and has been backing this reactionary ever since. Iran is a big part of the U.S.'s oil empire. The Shah and his backers are trying to destroy the large Iranian student movement that has developed in many countries against the Shah.

The dropping of the charges and threatened deportation of the ISA members was a victory in the struggle against the reactionary rule of the Shah of Iran and his imperialist backers. The 92 students have received support from students and others across this country. Further plans are being made to carry on the struggle around the Iranian students under attack in Europe. ■

Krugerrand Coin Finances Fascist Regime



You've probably seen the commercials on TV where they drop a Krugerrand coin and let you hear the solid sound of gold. What you're actually hearing is the sound of a sales pitch to help save the savage racist South African government.

A \$4 million advertising campaign has been launched in the U.S. by a company named Boyle, Dane, Bernback Inc. to sell the Krugerrand. They've been joined by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Inc., a big Wall Street investment firm, numerous banks and coin dealers. TV, newspapers and magazines across the country are giving prime space to the sale of these one ounce South African gold coins. Their whole appeal is to the security of owning gold rather than greenbacks, especially in times of high inflation.

Behind all this is the effort to save South Africa's segregationist apartheid system--now in a severe crisis. The capitalists there, who've grown rich off

the near slave labor of black Africans, are faced with massive uprisings within South Africa, with the victories of the people in Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau and with the crumbling of Rhodesia's minority rule. As a result of their heavy imports of arms, to be used in a futile attempt to squelch the African peoples' rising victories and with the falling price of gold on the world market, the government has a \$2 billion foreign trade deficit.

Sales of the Krugerrand are an especially effective way for the white settler regime in South Africa to raise money. Already the export of gold pays for 1/3 of the imports into South Africa and the more Krugerrands they can sell to individuals, the less they must auction on the world market in London and Zurich. Instead of increasing the supply on the major gold markets, South Africa can keep the prices high, while at the same time selling greater amounts.

Sales of the South African Krugerrand are also especially profitable for the U.S. capitalists handling them. Between the different banks, currency brokers and financial houses handling them, the price is marked up 7 1/2% to 8% above the price of gold, making a tidy profit for them. And of course with the 400 U.S. corporations involved in South Africa, with a total of \$1 billion invested there, they are very anxious to see that the South African regime gets as much financial support as possible.

SLAVE LABOR SYSTEM

But what is this gold coin they're trying to sell? It is gold mined by the sweat of black South Africans for \$30 a month, working 60 to 72 hours a week. It comes from a country where blacks are forced to carry permits or face arrests. The money from this gold goes to prop up the racist apartheid system in South Africa at the very time when millions of South Africans are rising up to overthrow their oppressors.

None of this is even mentioned in all the ads, of course. It's hard enough as it is to sucker people into speculating in the erratic gold market at about \$150 a shot. The more that people know about the Krugerrand and the bloody and oppressive regime it's supposed to prop up, the harder it will get to peddle these coins, and the faster support will grow for the liberation struggle of the people of South Africa. ■

CHRISTMAS DEMONSTRATIONS

Unemployed Demand Jobs or Income

On December 20th, members of the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee (UWOC) and other workers rallied at the downtown Unemployment Office. They were part of 30 similar actions nationwide, building UWOC's campaign for Jobs or Income.

For the unemployed, Christmas meant little money to buy gifts for families and struggling even to set a holiday meal. The stores are crammed with toys, clothes, appliances---everything the working class has produced. But for us whose sweat produces that wealth, the season brings endless stacks of bills. So on this day, the unemployed got together and pointed a finger at the capitalists and said, "No more will we do without".

The demonstration also hit back on the government threats to eliminate the federal unemployment extensions. These two 13 week extensions of unemployment compensation presently bring the maximum number of benefit weeks to 65, in areas where unemployment is above 6%. The Senate refused to continue these extensions past their March 31 expiration date. Congress will reconsider the extensions this month. The December 20th action demanded no cuts in benefits!

The picketers also brought with them 450 signatures gathered from Milwaukee on a petition to Free Tom Bornson and Lonnie Davis. (See article on this page)

UWOC picketed inside the hallway of the Unemployment Office where an unemployed worker dressed as Santa joined

in. Then they went inside. A UWOC member spoke to those standing in the unemployment line, "Now is the time to start fighting back. We won't let the bosses starve us. Santa is supposed to be fat and I'm skinny. But I refuse to let my belt go to the last notch." Then he unrolled a Christmas gift for the big shots-- a 10 foot list of petitions demanding decent jobs now or enough income to cover the cost of living until we find work.

Brooks, the head of the office, was hollering at the police to make the demonstrators get out, but they just stood there.

The cops knew they wouldn't look too

good, jumping on Santa and the unemployed on Christmas week. The group marched out chanting Jobs or Income Now. After picketing a while longer, another member of UWOC spoke.

He said, "Carter is walking around with that same old smile saying unemployment is going to stay at 6% to 7% until 1980, after promising a job for every American.

"But our class is not going to sit back and wait for Carter and 1980. We're going to fight for those jobs we need and the benefits they're trying to cut. And we're going to free our class brothers, Bornson and Davis." ■

UWOC DEMO HITS COURT

Bail Denied Bornson & Davis

While Richard Nixon reclines in his San Clemente estate over the holidays and Spiro Agnew flies between the Middle East and the U.S. making lucrative business deals, Tom Bornson and Lonnie Davis enter their eighth and tenth months behind bars after the Oregon State Appeals Court denied their petition for bail on December 14. Even though their conviction is being fought, the Court refused to even hear the arguments for bail.

Bornson and Davis, as we said in last month's Worker, are two unemployed workers sentenced to jail for taking over a food stamp office in Portland, Oregon last February. The ruling class, fearing that their actions could ignite people's anger about unemployment into similar actions, set out to make a negative example out of them and sentenced them to jail for nine and seven years, respectively.

Tom Bornson, who was out on bail for three months between his arrest and the trial, who did not break the terms of the bail, who has six kids, and whose family was forced to move from Portland many miles south to Salem to be closer to the jail, did not even get bail set. Supposedly the judge's reason for these harsh terms was his "great concern" for the Bornson family. He said, "It's better this way for your family. The sooner you're in, the sooner you're out."

Better for Mary to see her husband four times a month, better for the kids to see their dad twice a month? Hardly! All that's better about it is that the court and those they represent don't have to worry about Tom helping to organize the fight against them like he was when he was out. It's better for them if he's locked up, making it harder for him to expose the way he and his family were forced by this system to live in the first place, and what he sees needs to be done about it. As Mary has said, "He could do a lot more if he was on the outside. He's told me several times, 'If I get out on bail I'll do what I have to do to make this thing work out like we want it to work out.'"

The struggle to free Bornson and Davis has been growing over the last several months and the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee (UWOC) is calling on all working people and workers' organizations to help make the struggle to free them a real nationwide campaign. UWOC held a Christmas rally in Portland demanding that they be freed entirely and that while they are waiting their appeals that they be released on bail--bail with no restrictions.

Mailgrams demanding their freedom can be sent to Governor Straub at the State Capital, with copies to the Committee to Free Bornson and Davis and UWOC at P.O. Box 14712, Portland, Oregon 97214. ■



A 'SKINNY SANTA' SPOKE AT THE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE'S DEMONSTRATION.

Menominee ...

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defeated because the people opposed his brutal practice.

Restoration Committee forces also lost out in an election for four seats on the board of the tribal enterprises. And there's no reason to think her group will do any better in the coming elections for tribal legislature. Because of the mass hatred for Ada Deer, she and her big business backers have decided it's time for her to step down. So she leaves, trying to give the impression that her job is done and that now the Menominee are safe in the arms of the federal government.

The struggle against her sell out policies and leadership recently took form in the fight against police repression. Many Menominee see restoration of tribal status as an advance but not a freedom for their people. They see it as a new form of outside control. Resistance was high around the time of the takeover and beyond. It broke into armed clashes at times. On occasions the Menominee forests became battle grounds between Warriors and deputies. The number of police was raised from 6 to almost 70 in less than 2 years. Two killings, countless beatings and arrests and the ever-present arrogant cops were the results of the Restoration Committee rule.

Another result was a huge scandal in the sheriff's department. To pay for all the new cops, the Restoration Committee diverted money from a job training program. Misuse of funds was

rampant. Tribal members had long questioned what was happening to all the money that was going to the police department. With so many people attacking police repression, the state was forced to send investigators and found the massive illegal uses of federal funds. Then they used this charge to water down Ada Deer's and "Paddo" Fish's crimes--from violence and murder to simple misuse of funds.

The changes forced by the struggle of the Menominee people are important advances. Ada's quick exit, the heat on "Paddo" Fish, and the breakup of the Restoration Committee's monopoly on tribal politics--all these were victories. But are the Menominee people really facing a new era of security and freedom as Ada Deer predicts?

Look at the problems that remain:

***The Restoration Committee and its supporters are still the dominant force on the reservation. They consistently sold out tribal interest and took on financial and political debts that will take years to pay off.

***"Paddo" Fish has been cleared of contempt of court charges stemming from his hiring of felons as deputies. He will also take a new title, tribal sheriff. The man who defeated "Paddo" for County sheriff will have a limited jurisdiction and fewer deputies than "Paddo."

***On December 20th, one of the former deputies now working as a jailer knocked a prisoner, Kevin Mallory, unconscious by hitting the handcuffed youth with a



THE RESTORATION COMMITTEE'S POLICY OF CLEAR CUTTING IS THREATENING THE FUTURE OF MENOMINEE FOREST.

nightstick. The deputy, Eli Webster, is the same cop who temporarily paralyzed another youth in April of 1975.

***Quill Chevalier faces over 100 years in jail on charges going back to the takeover of the Alexian Brothers Novitiate two years ago. (See article on page 2). Also Neil Hawpetoss is presently facing time for 3 counts of harboring a fugitive.

***A new tribal constitution is expected to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior in early 1977. It was presented to the people for a mail vote with no explanation of what it meant and there was no supervision of the balloting by tribal members. The document puts the whole reservation in the hands of the Federal government and local power in the

hands of a select few.

***The continuous stand of Menominee timber, preserved over the years by the policy of selective cutting, is threatened by the appearance of highly automated tree harvesters on the reservation. The valuable timberland, which has sustained the Menominee people over the years, is being eaten up by a policy of clear cutting.

***Sawmill workers after 2 strikes in the past few years still average less than \$4 an hour. The union, the International Woodworkers, has never even provided regular strike benefits. Now with one out of four Menominee unemployed, the tribal enterprise has borrowed \$6 million to bring in automated equipment that could eliminate jobs in the mill.

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Vets Take a Stand: "W

FREE ASHBY LEACH

On August 26, 1976, Ashby Leach of Huntington, West Virginia, walked into the 36th floor offices of the Chessie System in the Terminal Tower in Cleveland, Ohio. He held a shotgun, stuffed with letters he had written over the previous five years to Chessie and members of Congress in an attempt to make Chessie honor promises to vets.

On December 18, 1976, Ashby Leach came to Milwaukee to raise support in his fight with the Chessie System and the system as a whole. They have pushed aside the Vietnam veteran now that the war is over and the crisis ridden system is not willing to honor the GI Bill as they have after World War II and Korea.

A car caravan drove through the south side, from the Mitchell Park Domes to the Chessie offices on Jones Island. Cars drove beeping horns, with car tops that said Free Ashby Leach, Make Chessie Honor Promises to Vets, and Extend and Expand the GI Bill. The caravan then drove through downtown where Christmas shoppers greeted the cars with cheers and enthusiasm.

On December 19th, Ashby Leach spoke to 75 workers, veterans and their families at the Worker Center at 4409 W. North Ave. Below are excerpts from the speech which Leach gave with a sense of humor and accent that told of his West Virginia origins.

"Even after what I saw in Vietnam. I kept saying, 'The generals know better than anyone, and the government, they must be right.' I came back after being a medic with the Marine Corps. I got a job with the Chessie System Railroad. I was a machinist apprentice. I talked to my brothers, World War II and Korean War veterans, and they said, 'You're back from the war, why don't you sign up for the GI Bill?' This would have entitled me to journeyman's pay while doing my apprenticeship. I started checking in-

asked him to testify at my trial. He tried to imply that I was selfishly motivated in my desire to testify before a Senate committee on Veterans Benefits.

I had the support of the vast majority of the people to get this railroad to give us the GI Bill. I have a bonehead, I'll admit it, but when I finally realized they wouldn't spend a few bucks to fill out a card I got really mad.

Leach Takes Over Chessie Office

I was the kind of guy, a redneck type, who rode around with a shotgun in the back of his pickup. When I found out I had been taken, I just decided to take that shotgun out of the truck and make a 180% turn and fight against the real problem.

When I took over the 36th floor offices of the Chessie System I wanted to bring to the public attention the way Vietnam vets are being treated. I didn't kill anybody up there in the Terminal Tower, I didn't even hurt anybody. I was just willing to risk my life. Some people say that's weird, but when you risk your life a thousand times in Vietnam, why can't you one more time when you're fighting the real enemy?

So while I was sitting in jail under \$450,000 bail I started getting messages of support. People from Washington state sent me a letter supporting me; Vietnam Veterans Against the War sent a telegram "Right on, brother! We're behind you 100%". The mother and widow of a Marine veteran in West Virginia sent me \$35 that he had left behind.

So all this time I'm sitting in an Ohio jail, with 16 felony counts against me,

Railroading, and me an unemployed Vietnam veteran. He has six armed guards around him, and he's scared to death. I'm not scared, I'm in a good mood, because soon he and his system are going to be on trial along with all they represent.

It's not only going to be me and the Chessie System, the way I've seen it since I got wised up. It's just a part of the overall struggle of the people against the system. Because it's the system that's wrong. It's the system that's profit oriented instead of people oriented. You can fight them, I may go to jail, that's true, but as the state of Ohio tries me, the people of Ohio will judge me. And the people of this country will judge the Chessie System.

In the rail industry they have altered the work rules to the point where different unions are crossing craft lines. They are combining jobs. They have laid off 25% of the work force since 1970. They think this is irrelevant because it involves people. They have increased their stock dividends by 20% although they have had a "crazy" time with these striking coal miners and auto workers. Chessie is a major part of the problem, and I'm trying to be a major part of the solution.

I'm tired of all these laws because it's these laws that are killing me, and they're killing you too. The other day in Congress, they passed a tax law that was 1500 pages, that would take 10,000 lawyers to figure out. The essence of that law was that the rail industry got the biggest tax break in the history of the country, and the outcome is that Con Rail, Penn Central, and Chessie gets our tax money in the form of subsidies. And then Chessie says they don't have to give GI benefits.

Vietnam

I had defended the system and defended it and defended it. A guy in my company in Vietnam comes over as a replacement. He was a medic from California. And he said, "I thought about not coming, my girlfriend didn't want me to come. I said 'You don't want to be like that, you don't want to go off to Canada.' And he says, 'It's not that, it's just that I don't see what business we have over here. I don't know if we're doing the right thing.' He was just there two weeks and he got it right between the running lights.

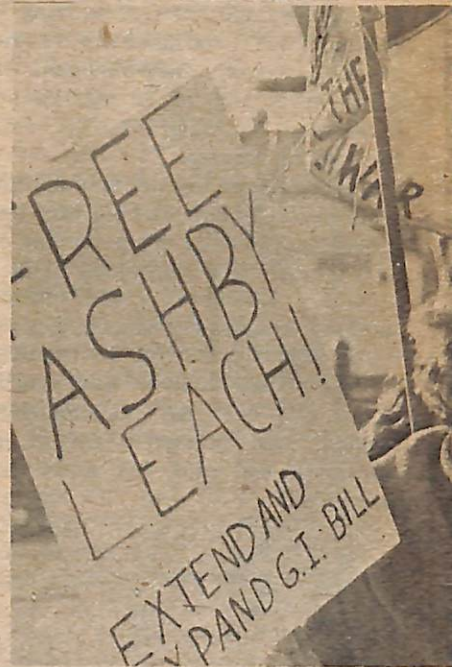
I feel heartsick about Vietnam. When I think of all that went on over there, what happened to all those children, I pray it'll never happen again. I have an obligation to do something about it. I was one of the rednecks over there saying, "Yeah, take that draft resistor and beat him over the head with a stick." But it's the system's fault, not my fault. I was just one of the big dummies that went, and I'm not so dumb any more.

My Lai got a lot of publicity, but it was just a small part of the whole thing. The war was sick, but if we're going to have a war, we should have it in this country and one of the goals of war is to dismantle the war machinery.

Support For Leach

I'm going to do everything I can and I hope with the support of organizations and individuals that my trial can be a forum for putting the whole damn system on trial.

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ASHBY LEACH, PICKETING WITH THE MILWAUKEE CHESSIE SYSTEM

JOIN

Vietnam Veterans Against the War grew out of the struggle to end the war in Vietnam. In Vietnam we found ourselves fighting people we had much in common with, instead of the rich man's system we came to see as responsible for the war.

We know that being vets we are an influence in society. We threw our medals at the Capital in 1971 to lead the American people in forcing the government to withdraw from Vietnam. Again we marched in the streets of Philadelphia on July 4th, 1976 throwing the bicentennial hoopla back in the rich's face.

We came to see, like our fellow workers, that we have to fight or be crushed by this rich man's system. This is the lesson that Ashby Leach learned, after 5 years of "going through proper channels." We will not stand for any more abuses, either to us, or to our brothers, like the murder of Mike Cooper or the attempt to railroad Ashby Leach into some rich man's prison. We agree with Ashby, when you're right - you fight! And VVAW has taken up the fight to free

"They got pret LETTER F

On August 18th, the infamous "Tree Cutting Incident" came close to starting a war in Korea. A group of U.S. troops went into the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in Korea to cut some trees so they could get a better view of the North Korean positions. This was in violation of the 1953 Truce. The North Koreans tried to stop them, and in the ensuing fight 2 U.S. officers were killed.

This letter from an American GI who was near the DMZ tells the attitude of the guys who were put in the position of possibly being in the front lines of another war.

On August 18th, a 3 hour drive from Chun-Chou, South Korea Alpha Battery was out participating in field maneuvers. We were gassing up our trucks to return when the word came down. Our Sgt. told us that we were on orders from high command to be on stand by alert. Not practice stand by alert, but the real thing. We knew from our training that there are 4 phases of alert. The first, spotting the so-called enemy; second, having contact; third, stand by; and the fourth, war! When we reached Camp Pagewhere we were told of two officers being killed on the DMZ. We were all told to assemble at the Section Room for further orders.

We were told again that this was the real thing, all passes or leaves were cancelled, all personnel were to assemble



A CAR CARAVAN TO THE CHESSIE OFFICES ON JONES ISLAND MET ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE WITH ITS DEMAND "FREE ASHBY LEACH, EXTEND AND EXPAND THE GI BILL"

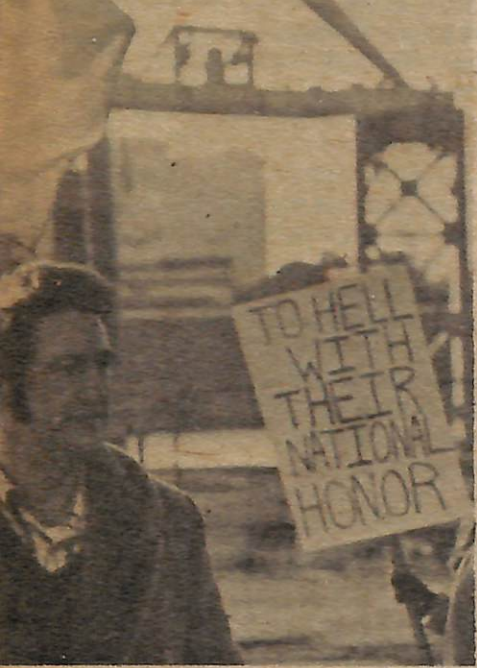
to it. I was told it was against company policy and was told, "That's the word and it comes from higher up."

What it all boiled down to was that the company didn't want to pay a clerk overtime to fill out and mail the forms necessary for the VA to send the difference in my pay. I worked through the system for 5 years to get Chessie to honor promises to Vietnam veterans. I wrote the Chessie System. I wrote my Congressmen. They turned it all against me. A senator I wrote to, who by the way is a Ku Klux Klanner, denied any knowledge of the case when I

support comes in. They say I deprived 13 people of their civil rights while I held them hostage, besides charges of kidnapping, extortion and dangerous use of firearms. But all I can do is compare myself with the president of the Chessie System, Hayes T. Watkins. He puts out all this sugar coated shit, "We regret that Leach was removed from the seniority roster." That's while I was attending school under the G.I. Bill. But actually he didn't regret firing me, I bet it tickled the hell out of him. So here he is with a \$500,000 annual income; his name is in Who's Who in

e Won't Be Used Again"

NAVY BOUNTY HUNTERS KILL A RECRUIT



VVAW AND SUPPORTERS IN FRONT OF MS OFFICE.

VVAW

him as a major national campaign. We will be leading a car caravan to Cleveland, Ohio for the first day of his trial, saying "FREE ASHBY LEACH!"

Now in it's newest series of attacks on veterans, the VA has announced that as of June 1st there will be no more advanced tuition payments to vets going to school on the GI Bill. What this means, in effect, is that vets will no longer receive 2 months advance payment of the GI Bill to pay for tuition, books, lab fees, etc. in registering for school. These expenses will have to be paid by the vet getting an outside loan, out of his pocket, or he just won't be able to afford to go to school. The latter will be the case for hundreds of thousands of vets - if we allow it to happen.

We were all used once, but we'll be damned if we will be used again. And we will not be thrown away. VETS CLOSE RANKS!

VVAW holds it's membership meetings every Sunday at 2PM at the Worker Center, 4409 W. North Ave. For more information call 645-9530 or 445-5816.

ty close to war" FROM A G.I.

our combat equipment. As we returned to the barracks we started to discuss how our gas masks weren't in good enough shape to work nor were a lot of our weapons. And in this condition we might have to fight. The sergeants were everywhere telling us "Don't worry about it. It will probably be an air war with a lot of bombing, not that much infantry or artillery units (like us) would be used."

But to us, the enlisted men, who for the most part were in the military due to no jobs and a hope for some benefits to help us in the future, there wasn't much enthusiasm to fight the North Korean people. We had found out first hand that the army wasn't anything like the recruiters told us. It was everything that our friends and brothers told us it would be like--getting the shaft and being used.

The guys weren't all riled up about staying on alert. We just hoped it would be settled quietly and without us having to die. I felt like I was in prison. When you're in prison you don't tell the man you want to go home, he'll just laugh at you. It seemed to be just that situation.

We stayed on alert for 1 month after the August 18th tree incident. We were sure glad when it was over. I tell you, it ain't worth going into the army. And when you get there and find out what can happen to you--you can die for nothing. I just can't wait to get out.■

JOIN NOW! FREE SCHOLARSHIPS! Become a pilot or a skipper of a nuclear sub. Remember we offer you 3 hots and a cot plus an officer's commission that entitles you to give Mickey Mouse orders to enlisted men....The military is the biggest hype show going. Micheal Cooper, like many other high school kids, said that it beats working eight years at McDonald's in order to save up enough to get through college. But on November 3, Micheal Cooper's lifeless body became the repossessed property of the U.S. Navy. He had decided the Navy wasn't his bag after being lied to and ripped off.

The death of this rural Waunakee man in a shoot out with Dane County sheriffs which wounded three of them and cost Mike's life is a stark example of the Navy's don't give a damn attitude if you die fighting a rich man's war or die to be an example for refusing to serve.

Mike resisted the three deputies who tried to take him into custody for failure to report for active duty. His resistance was one that built up for four long years. He originally enlisted to be a pilot in the Navy ROTC program, in which the Navy paid for college and a small living expense. In his second year he went off to pilot training school where he became proficient at flying the Sky

Hawk jet. After passing his training period, he was told by the Navy he couldn't become a pilot due to hayfever. They knew this two years previously when he took his enlistment physical.

But Mike still felt he was getting a good deal from Navy ROTC. He took a test to become eligible for a nuclear engineering position. Then he was told that he ranked thirtieth in the nation and that they didn't need him in that position either. Subsequently, Cooper dropped Navy ROTC as they dropped all their hotshot recruiting pitches.

The Navy and the Dane County sheriffs would never admit they murdered Mike Cooper. It was quite obvious from Mike's wounds and the shots that were found in the walls of his room that the Dane County sheriffs did him in. But at the inquest these guys acted like Starsky and Hutch. They should have won an Academy Award for their lies about how this so-called "mad man" wounded three sheriffs and then took his own life. Hell.. when was the last time anyone shot three cops and lived to tell about it? That doesn't even happen on Adam-12!

The Navy can't stand the number of guys who have deserted or went AWOL. Navy AWOL's have reached the highest rate ever in 1976. This is two percent higher than 1975, and more than double the previous highest rate which was

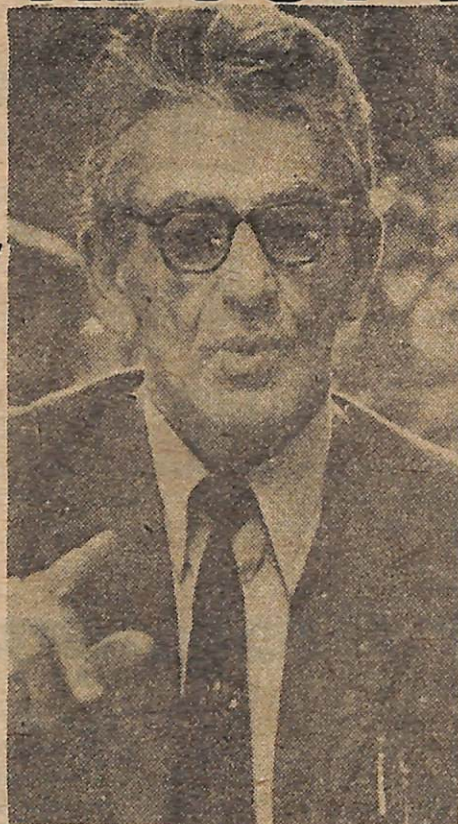
during the Vietnam War.

Someone in the Navy Department finally said, "freeze this stuff off." And that's just what went down. Mike Cooper was killed as an example for refusing to be lied to and abused.■



MICHAEL COOPER, KILLED BY NAVY OFFICIALS

KOREAN WAR POW TALKS ABOUT HIS LIFE IN CHINA



James Veneris, an American who was POW in the Korean War, chose to live in China after the war instead of coming home to the US. He lives today in Tsinan, China, where he works in a recycling factory. He received a 6 month paid leave of absence from his job to visit the US to see his mother and friends. While here, he spoke at the Worker Center, 4409 W. North Ave., sponsored by Vietnam Veterans Against the War and the US-China Peoples' Friendship Association.

I'm a 3rd generation American. My grandfather and father were workers in steel mills and foundries. In 1935 I worked for 50¢ a week during the depression. I was going to school in the daytime and working in the evening. I'd get home about 2:30 in the morning. That way I tried to graduate from

high school. My father wanted me to have an education. So us guys got together and chipped in 10¢ a piece and had one of the guys steal the teachers test papers and we all passed. We graduated from high school. But we didn't make 100, we only made 80 so the teacher wouldn't get suspicious.

On South Korea

I got laid off in 1949. There were 3000 workers in our factory and they got new machinery. The new machinery stayed and we left. For 4 years I had been hearing about the Chinese hordes that wanted to make America totalitarian. I believed all that stuff in the papers. I went to Korea to protect my country.

South Korea was devastated. It was bombed level. There were bodies all over the place.

The morale of the Americans wasn't good. Subconsciously we felt it was an unjust war. I went to the medical department. There would be 5 to 6 guys who shot themselves in the legs. That was one way of getting out of the Korean war.

Every nationality was supposed to be equal, but when I went there I called them Gooks. We would beat up Koreans on the streets, hit them with a car, nobody cared.

On North Korea

Then we went across the 38th parallel. North Korea was really devastated. There was carpet bombing. You couldn't find a house, a school, a factory, nothing. I began to think, if we were going over to liberate the Korean People why were they fighting us? Even the old men, old women and kids? They were really brave people. Now I know why. They were fighting for their country.

Finally, we moved up the Yellow River on the border of China. We started to bomb Northeastern China. We bombed it many times. I don't know if that even made the papers.

I still remember that day--Nov. 28, 1950. We were ordered to retreat. All of a sudden bugles blew everywhere, all hell broke loose and they had us.

They fired around us. They didn't want to shoot us. They had us trapped. We ran up a mountain and hid in a hole Koreans would dig to store firewood for when there was a storm.

On His Surrender

About 2:30 in the afternoon, next day we saw a bunch of GI prisoners, American, Turkish, Italians, Philipinos and two Chinese guards. They were all smoking cigarettes and the Chinese guard took money out of his pocket and bought rice, soybeans and some turnips.

We started to think, we didn't have to blow our brains out. We were planning to commit suicide. So we went down the hill and gave up.

The Chinese guard said, "We have a lenient treatment surrender policy. We don't ill-treat captives". We got some cigarettes and food. He told us, "The American people are great people. They are peace-loving people. They are our friends, when the war is over, we guarantee we'll send you home to your loved ones. But right now it's very dangerous so we'll send you down to our camp."

In Prison Camp

The Chinese people's volunteers gave us real warm clothing. They issued us paper and pencils so we could write home. We knew the letters got there, but they got there a little late. Somebody held them up, CIA or FBI, I don't know.

The Chinese doctors worked all day to treat us for dysentery, all kinds of illnesses. That was never put in the papers.

One day a Chinese man went out in a cart to get us food. When his animal brought the cart back it was full of turnips, rice and soybeans--but he was dead, strafed by American planes. They bombed our camp.

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to advance U.S. interests--especially oil interests. In 1973 during the Yom Kippur War, both the U.S. and the USSR pumped billions in equipment to the various sides, and while it was not announced to the public, U.S. military forces were put on a near war alert.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

In southern Africa also, Kissinger & Co. faced the problem of defending the plunder and robbery of the peoples of that area under new and changing conditions. In 1969 Kissinger had called for closer relationship with the white

able collapse of the white minority government comes.

DETENTE

Perhaps what Henry Kissinger is most identified with in the public mind is the policy of "detente" with the Soviet Union. The literal meaning of the French word "detente" is "a relaxation of tension." But few would believe that there has been any lessening of tension in the relationship between the two superpowers over the last few years, as confrontations over the Middle East and Angola, not to mention the continuing arms race, show. So what then is the detente hullabaloo all about?

Detente has two main features. First, it is a framework, a battleground, in which the U.S. and the USSR fight it

BACK TO 18 YEARS SENIORITY More Layoffs at Heil

More layoffs have hit at the Heil Company here in Milwaukee. Workers with up to 18 years time are being bumped off their jobs into the street.

Over the last few years, Heil has joined the many other companies seeking the low wages and taxes of the non-unionized South. Workers who had made millions for the Heil family were left behind in the cold.

Employment at the Heil plants was over 3,000 in the 50's as the Heil Company made equipment for the Korean War. Now it is less than 400. Each time Heil announced a new plant was being built in the South, it was with the assurances that "the Milwaukee employees would not be affected." But the bitter workers at Heil are the first witnesses to the lies of Heil.

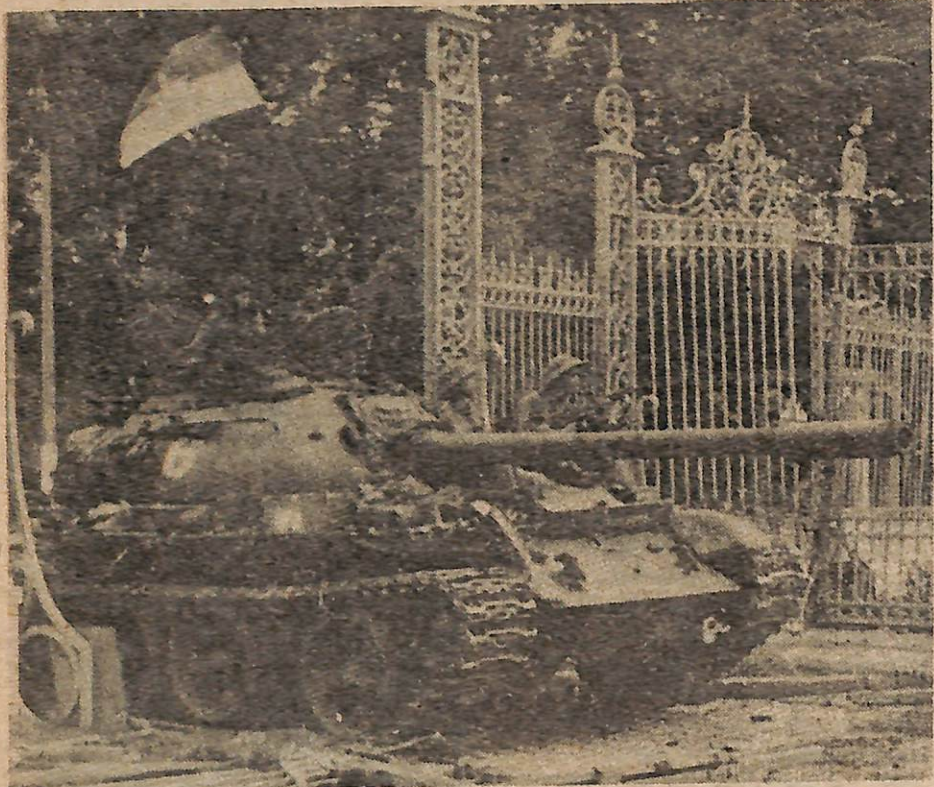
The three generations of the Heil family, including a former Wisconsin governor and directors of the 1st Wisconsin Bank, are motivated only by profit and more profit. Even as they lay off more workers, they are investing millions in new machinery for their Milwaukee plant. One new machine eliminates the honing operation for their hy-

draulic cylinders, throwing more people out of work.

But the Heil family has not had it easy in making their millions. All along workers here have battled them. In 1960, welders sat down and refused to use the mobile cranes which had thrown the crane operator out of work. The resistance spread and grew into a wildcat at both Heil plants. There were several strikes throughout the 60's. And in 1975, when one guy refused overtime while his fellow workers were laid off, Heil tried to discipline him. The guys in his department walked out for two days.

Heil hasn't found it easy going in the South either. Workers at the plant in Tennessee are organizing to bring in a union. The steelworkers tried to buy TV time, but the TV stations refused after Heil pressured them.

When big plants like Heil throw hundreds out the door, they're making a large and bitter group of unemployed workers. They're making Northern cities like Milwaukee into depressed areas. In the South, they're developing a lot of enemies too. The last word on Heil hasn't been heard yet. ■



U.S. AMBASSADOR FLED JUST BEFORE LIBERATION FORCES TOOK OVER SAIGON. DEFEAT IN VIETNAM AND RISE OF SOVIET IMPERIALISM FORCED MAJOR CHANGES IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

settler states of southern Africa. But with the growth of the armed liberation struggles in those countries, and the collapse of the Portuguese colonial empire, and with the memory still fresh of the successful Cuban/Soviet aggression in Angola, Kissinger had to find new ways to protect old interests.

This is certainly not because Kissinger had a change of heart. In fact, the U.S. has continued to give different types of support to the white settler regimes. The U.S. is breaking U.N. imposed economic sanctions. Kissinger told the chieftains of the white regimes in South Africa and Rhodesia that they better agree to negotiate with Black nationalist forces. He told them that only by appearing to accept the idea of majority rule (at least for Rhodesia) would it be possible for the U.S. to continue to back those regimes. At the same time, Kissinger scurried among different Black African forces, seeking to find and woo some who could be counted on to protect U.S. interests when the inevit-

out without resorting to all-out war. This is what is behind the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT) and the big Helsinki conference last year. Both the superpowers use these types of negotiations to try to get their way--through blackmail, economic clout, and direct threats. And these conferences result in neither peace nor disarmament but in new waves of armaments and new forms of maneuvering.

The other important feature of detente, however, is that it is a smokescreen used by both the rulers of this country and their counterparts in the USSR to cover up their increasingly sharp contradictions with each other and their war preparations.

The American people want peace, especially after the experience of Vietnam, and the rulers can't get over with simply open saber rattling and bomb shelter drills. Like the Soviets, they must masquerade their war preparations behind the signboard of detente not only for people in this country, but for public



KISSINGER WENT TO CHINA, HAT IN HAND, WHEN FORCED TO END ATTEMPTS TO ISOLATE THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRY.

opinion worldwide. And when they go to war they will try to pass it off as a war for "peace," just as World War I was sold to the public as the "war to end all wars," and Vietnam billed as necessary to win "peace with honor."

Even while Kissinger was accumulating honors as a man of peace, he never once hesitated to use force, and the threat of force, when it was needed to preserve "U.S. interests," meaning of course the interests of the ruling class. The Mayaguez incident made this clear, when Kissinger and Ford (with the rest of the politicians cheering them on) bombed Cambodia and sacrificed the lives of dozens of soldiers in a grandstand play to show the world that the U.S. is still "tough."

CHANGE?

Although Kissinger is leaving the scene and Cyrus Vance is taking over there will probably be few changes in U.S.

foreign policy in the near future. True, it has been fashionable to take pot-shots at Kissinger's policies, and while there are some powerful spokesmen who differ in how much emphasis to give different aspects of the "detente" policy, the basic direction will remain the same.

All agree that massive military expenditures, far in excess of even what was spent during the height of Vietnam, must continue. Just as talks preceded both previous world wars, there will be more summit conferences and agreements. Meanwhile the threat of war will continue to grow more ominous and efforts will be made to prepare public opinion for war.

We can expect Cyrus Vance to carry out the only policy that any Secretary of State could possibly carry out--to try in every way possible, through negotiations, threats, crises and war preparations, to defend the profit empire of the monopoly corporations against any and all comers. ■

HIGH COURT JUDGES ATTACK WOMEN

No Disability Pay For Pregnant Workers

On December 6th, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that company disability plans are not legally required to provide for women workers' pregnancies. The decision came in a lawsuit by a number of women working for General Electric, which has refused to pay benefits as one way to step up harassment of women.

This judgement ignores the fact that at G.E. it is common practice to force pregnant women out of their jobs, or that the benefits cover operations like vasectomies done only on men. Most important women need those benefits to help have and raise a family.

Previous lower court and government agency decisions had held that women did have a right to the benefits. This came not out of the kindness of the judges' hearts, but as part of the big tide of social change over the last decade, and the widespread demands for equality and an end to sex discrimination. At the same time millions more wo-

men than ever before have entered the workforce--not for "pin money"--but driven by the need to support, or help support, themselves and their families. The federal government now estimates that fully 46% of all individual incomes are too small to provide even what they call an "adequate" standard of living for a family.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court was putting its foot down on behalf of the whole class of big businessmen and bankers who rule this country.

Because of discrimination, the tradition of low pay for "women's work" and the large number of women with little or no experience on the job, companies can get away with paying women less than men. And today, despite all the hoopla about the great progress the system has granted to women, recently released government figures admit that the gap in pay between men and women is growing. In 1956 women pulled down an average of 64% of what men earned; in

1976 it was only 52%.

All this is music to the bosses' ears; the music of ringing cash registers. The denial of mandatory disability pay did more than save companies with lots of women employees, like airlines, banks, food processing and electrical outfits, an estimated \$1 billion a year. It opens the path for "legalization" of other discriminatory practices against women, aimed at cutting down and keeping down the cost of employing them. In fact, Newsweek magazine reports, it is likely that "the Court is only warming up" for a series of attacks on gains women have won.

The response of many GE workers, men and women, to the ruling has been one of anger: "The courts may have let the company off the hook, but we sure won't. Just because they aren't legally required to pay benefits doesn't mean we can't force them to." Hitting back at the high court's ruling and fighting for and defending these benefits is on the agenda for men and women workers all over the country. ■



The 'New Look' on TV

What's happened to TV? Whatever happened to the dream world shows of the fifties? Just a boy and his dog. The family had a farm, but they never got dirty, Timmy's father just went out to mend fences once in a while. Beaver Cleaver's father and Ozzie Nelson never seemed to have any problems and were always hanging around the house. Everyone was "middle class", everyone could make it, there were no hard times. The ridiculous shows of that time didn't resemble real life at all.

TV isn't like that anymore. Things are different today. We're working harder, getting laid off sooner, and the paychecks go faster. It's on TV, too. Alice works in a diner, Archie gets laid off, and Maude's husband fights bankruptcy. J.J. is an unemployed "brother on the block", Fred Sanford jokes around his junk yard. On the Waltons everyone, even the girls, wear coveralls.

This fall's TV season brought a new addition, the nighttime soap operas—"Executive Suite," "Rich Man, Poor Man," "Captains and Kings" and "Once An Eagle" to name a few. These are complex dramas, pretending to revolve around real situations, often around big corporations. They show 'real' problems. Cardway Corporation Chemical workers face hazardous chemicals at work. The workers are on strike on "Rich Man, Poor Man". Different executives and politicians are in constant conflict. There are a million and one plots and sub-plots, many dealing with "controversial" subjects. There's even an industrial spy and a Patty Hearst type on "Executive Suite."

These programs show what are supposed to be real life conditions, but they're about as realistic as the "earth-shaking" problems Dobie Gillis and Maynard G. Krebs faced.

People get hurt at work everyday. But how often does a company close down because a union steward told the owner it was unsafe, like on "Executive Suite?" There are conflicts between the corpora-

tion owners and politicians. But would a Senator, who also owns a large corporation, refuse to stop investigating another company just on the basis of principles? Rudy Jordache, on "Rich Man, Poor Man" does this even when faced with financial and political ruin.

These shows put out a certain view of the world, that of the people who own the networks and everything else ---

capitalists. While the shows admit there are problems, and point to "dishonest, ruthless" capitalists as part of the problem, they point to "good, honest" capitalists as the solution.

Walling, on "Executive Suite", not only is willing to close down a whole plant because it's unsafe, but he argues with "bad" Cardway executives against using ruthless tactics in taking over a



Linda Lavin
of 'Alice'

small sawmill. He's a good family man and invites workers over to his mansion, and tells them "sometimes I'm a little nervous myself. I started out just where you are."

In "Once an Eagle", there's a lifer who will do anything to further his military career. There's also a fine, principled man who fights for fairness and against discrimination in the military. He spends his leave time being a "good, honest" foreman in the shipping department of his uncle's plant.

In real life, if there was a capitalist who acted like Walling, he'd be driven out of business in a minute, and probably become the laughing stock of his country club. The system runs on profit, and anything that gets in the way, (like honesty or principles) gets left behind. It's dog eat dog, and the strongest, most ruthless win out.

In the shows of the fifties, TV tried to tell us there were no classes, everyone's the same, everyone can make it. They can't get away with such obvious lies today. It's not the fifties anymore, when the US capitalists had unchallenged control of large sections of the world. It's the seventies, the system is in a political and economic crisis. Words like recession, inflation, Watergate, and Vietnam are household words.

The networks compete for ratings. Ratings mean advertisers and (you know it) money. They have to show what the people will watch. They have to use realistic settings and admit there are classes, there are workers and bosses. But it's a very distorted picture of how things work, a sugar-coated version of how bosses and workers get along.

The job of Rudy of "Rich Man, Poor Man" and Walling on "Executive Suite" and the other "good guy capitalist" characters is to convince us that these types do exist, that the working class and the capitalist class are not antagonistic, that there's nothing wrong with the system.

In reality, finding a good capitalist is like finding a late movie without commercials. ■

U.S., USSR Disarmament Fraud

Last month the Soviet Union and its military alliance, the Warsaw Pact, made an offer to the U.S. and NATO that they'd promise to never be the first to use nuclear weapons in a war with NATO, if NATO would promise the same. A big NATO meeting featuring Henry Kissinger's "farewell" turned them down flat. In fact, Kissinger declared, in a stand echoed by the incoming Carter administration, the U.S. refuses to rule out using its nuclear weapons if the USSR starts to move in Europe, no matter whether the USSR uses atomic weapons or not.

This Soviet offer and the U.S. rejection was an embarrassment to the U.S., and an indication of how things are moving toward war between these two superpowers. Kissinger ridiculed the Soviet offer on the grounds that it would give the Soviets the advantage. Any war between the two superpowers is likely to begin as

a land war in Europe, he indicated, and in this case the only thing that would offset the fact that the Warsaw Pact has a larger number of troops is that NATO has about twice as many tactical (battle field size) nuclear weapons than the other side.

In fact, what little publicity that the Soviet offer did get in the U.S. emphasized that this was just a cheap Soviet trick to get the U.S. to drop its guard. And it's true that it was just a phony gesture. The Soviets did not and never have promised not to hit China with a nuclear first strike. What the commentators didn't mention, however, is that the U.S. has used the same kind of cheap trick. Several times now the U.S. has offered to reduce its troops in Europe if the USSR would reduce its troops to the same level--a move that would leave the U.S. ahead just as much as the Soviet's offer would benefit

the USSR.

The "disarmament" proposed by both sides is that the other side should disarm itself more. This is like a fight between King Kong and Jaws, where the gorilla says no biting and the shark says no fair squeezing. The rulers of the U.S. make a phony disarmament offer which they know damn well the USSR can't accept, then they go into a hypocritical huff when the rulers of the USSR turn around and do the same thing.

TWO PEACEFUL ANGELS

Since neither side is really fooling the other, why do they keep doing it? Mainly to fool the people of the world, including the people of their own and each other's countries. Each side wants to make itself look like the peaceful angel and make it look like it's only the aggressiveness of the

other side that makes it have to arm itself at all. In reality, both do it in order to hide their own aggressive nature and try to get public support for their feverish arms buildup--all in the name of "peace" of course.

The actions of these imperialists is totally the opposite of a socialist country like China, which has declared without getting any promises in return that it will never be the first to use nuclear weapons against anybody and called for the complete destruction of all nuclear weapons by all countries--a stand which both superpowers refuse to take.

The "peace" proposals made by the imperialist rulers of the U.S. and the USSR are totally phony--in fact they are part of their preparations for war--a war that our rulers and their Soviet competitors know the people of both sides truly oppose. ■



'REVEREND' MOON POSING FOR HIS BICENTENNIAL RALLY. HE AND HIS REUNIFICATION CHURCH ARE ALSO A FRONT FOR THE KOREAN CIA.

What's Behind the South Korea Bribery Scandal?

What a story! The governor of Louisiana admits he knows his wife took a ten thousand dollar cash "gift" at a party but he didn't consider it a bribe. (Maybe he thought it was the Easter Bunny dressed up as a South Korean businessman). Over a dozen other politicians, mostly in Congress, admit having taken similar payoffs. A South Korean diplomat is found with a list of ninety senators and congressmen with dollar amounts next to their names.

Word leaks out that the bribery campaign, which also involved massive banquets and providing Korean "party girls"

for politicians, was planned by south Korean dictator Pak Chung Hi and carried out by the Korean CIA (KCIA) through fronts like businessman Tongson Park and the "Reunification Church" of Reverend Moon. The same KCIA, set up by and modelled after the American CIA, was also responsible for launching a "God loves President Nixon" campaign in the middle of his political collapse. And now the money for the whole show turns out to have been siphoned from U.S. aid programs and payoffs by oil companies and other big U.S. corporations to south

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HANDS OFF THE TRA

For AMC workers in Milwaukee and Kenosha layoffs have hit hard this year. The news that some AMC workers would be eligible for Trade Readjustment Benefits seemed to be a bright note. But right away AMC figured a way to try and get their hands on the money. AMC is now saying that some TRA money must be put back in the SUB fund to pay for the "overpayments" brought about by TRA.

TRA is supposed to be compensation to US workers when imports take over the market these workers produce for. For most AMC workers this would come to \$68 for every week laid off. That is the difference between unemployment compensation and the average weekly take home pay. Workers who were laid off several months have at least \$1000 due in back TRA benefits coming. During some of this time they also received "SUB" payments.

AMC is saying that they will take money out of the workers' checks until the "SUB overpayments" are repaid. Why in the hell should that money go back into a SUB fund that is the companies' responsibility? SUB is supposed to guarantee a decent standard of living during layoffs. But the only thing that is guaranteed is that the fund will run dry, like it is now, when there are big lay offs.

While TRA benefits can't replace the jobs of those on layoff, thousands of

workers are counting on TRA to keep them out of the hole. AMC has no right to touch this money. What the government is giving with one hand AMC is trying to take away with the other. The government has been a long time friend to AMC, bailing it out many times in the past.

With the contract coming up, the company wants that money so they can duck out of putting any extra money in the SUB fund. The workers need the money to prepare for a strike.

The reaction of AMC workers to this rip off has been anger and bitterness. Some of the union leaders are running around saying it is all legal and in the contract. They think the workers should shut up and let the company do whatever it wants. They try to avoid fighting the layoffs by saying the reason auto workers are laid off is because foreign workers took our jobs. It isn't the fault of our fellow workers in other countries. But it's this rich man's system that is taking our jobs away.

Many AMC workers are talking of actively fighting this robbery. The United Workers Organization is making plans to mobilize the rank and file to fight and there are plans to get a lawyer.

With negotiations going on this month the battle to stop the TRA ripoff is also a part of the contract fight. Hands off TRA! must be included in the fight against a sellout. ■

UAW Leaders Contract Demands



THIS CARTOON APPEARED IN THE UAW LOCAL 75 NEWSPAPER. UNION OFFICIALS ARE TELLING AUTOWORKERS NOT TO DEMAND TOO MUCH IN THEIR CONTRACT SO THAT THEY CAN HELP AMC OUT OF ITS FINANCIAL TROUBLES. BUT AUTOWORKERS HAVE PAID LONG ENOUGH FOR AMC'S PROBLEMS.

After 18 YRS "Laid-Off Unable"

Over 3,000 AMC workers are on indefinite layoff. As the assembly line jobs keep getting tougher and faster hundreds more, like Bob Kartz have been forced out of the shop, "laid off —unable."

Bob has put in 18 of the best years of his life working for AMC. Now he is faced with a choice of losing his job permanently or going back on a job that could severely damage his already injured back.

This summer Bob was forced to transfer from Milwaukee to Kenosha when 1000 jobs were eliminated from the Richards St. plant. This added an extra hour and a half to his work day in travelling time. Driving home one day after 8 hours of chasing the assembly line installing dome

lights and glove boxes, Bob had a car accident, injuring his back, which was already bad from an accident 12 years earlier.

When he returned from sick leave his release had restrictions. So AMC told him he was "laid off unable." At the unemployment office they said he could not collect benefits—he should go to apply for welfare.

In fact Bob is capable of doing hundreds of jobs in the plant—jobs that would not require him to bend in and out of 260 Gremlins and Hornets a day. But company rules are: no transfers until everyone is called back from layoff. The way things are at AMC this means never. The union

AMC Worker Says: "I Deserve Better Than This"

reps said it was all in the contract and it couldn't be fought.

Bob's doctor said his restrictions were indefinite. The company nurse said different. She checked his eyes and ears, his blood pressure and his urine. She never even asked about his back. Then she changed his papers to say he should go back Jan. 17 with no restrictions.

To AMC anyone that can't keep up is like useless scrap to be thrown away—no matter that Bob originally hurt his back on the job, or that he had the car accident driving home from work, or that he spent 18 years making AMC rich or most important that he needs his job to support a wife and 5 children.

Bob has seen many like him "laid off unable" who may never get back in. "If my doctor says my restrictions are permanent I may lose my job altogether. And with a bad back I could never get another decent job. So I'll go back Jan. 17 and do the same job—plus whatever they may have added to it. 3 times they added extra work to my job and every time they used the same excuse—that they took the dome light off. I will just have to take a chance on my back and hope I can do the work. After 18 years I know I deserve better than this. The only way I'll get a transfer is for all the guys to stick together to fight this kind of a thing." ■

AMC Survive?

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THE ROAD FORWARD IS TO TAKE A FIGHTING STAND AGAINST EVERY ATTACK

At best this could only provide a temporary boost. It could not change the basic laws of competition that are killing AMC. And who would pay the bill? The working people as a whole would end up paying more taxes. If AMC shuts its doors it will be a big blow to workers, but the working class can not work under wage cuts and killing speed up—or if it means carrying them by paying for their losses with higher taxes.

The solution of the AMC president to tighten the screws on the autoworkers and Maier's solution both hide the fact that if AMC workers put down their guard for one minute they stand to lose what took years to gain. The working class can not shed tears over AMC's

economic troubles.

The road forward is to take a fighting stand against every attack—from the companies attempts to make workers repay part of their sub benefits, to the contract battle, to the fight to keep AMC from forcing guys out of the plant "laid off unable", to severance pay. Building on gains in these fights, workers can gain broader unity in battles that go up against the whole system. That's the only way to challenge shutdowns, runaways, layoffs and speed up. Only when the working class unites its ranks, and meets the capitalists head on, can it keep from being driven completely under. ■

Ada Deer Resigns

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Why is it that after all the struggle, the arrests, beatings, the killing of Arlin Pamanet and John Waubanasum, the company strikes, exposures and Ada Deer's fall from power? Why after all this are the Menominee still a long way from the freedom they've been fighting for?

The answer is that the enemy of the Menominee people is not just the local sellouts. Behind Ada Deer was a system that drives only for profit.

In the 1800's that system forced the Menominee onto a small patch of wilderness controlled by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. It was only through struggle that the Menominee kept their tribal identity. The system looking out for the profits of land, lumber and other interests tried to kill the Indian culture and language. Then in 1961 the Menominee were "terminated" as a federally recognized tribe. The government wanted to drop its responsibility for keeping up the reservation and outside real estate interests wanted to make a killing on the scenic lake and river-front property. But the Menominee resisted and after a long fight they won restoration as a tribe.

Discrimination in hiring, keeping the reservation short on social services, even taking the Menominee youth away from the reservation to government schools and foster homes. All these are used to break apart the unity of the tribe.

But powerful capitalist interests did not stop looking for a way to turn a

fast buck at the expense of the Indians. That's not how capitalists are.

Just as they tried to make "Menominee County" a profitable real estate development in the 1960's, now they are reappearing in other forms. The banks, lumber and pulp interests, real estate brokers and resort developers, backed by the state and federal governments, still intend to make money off the Menominee. They want the recreation and resort value of the Wolf River area, the timber and the labor of the workers.

Ada Deer and her followers, as well as the leaders during termination before her, are just fronts for the powerful forces that control everything in this country. Now that Ada is gone the struggle will continue. Because the capitalists in their drive for profits will try to attack every advance in the struggle.

But the Menominee have fought too hard to give up now. They have seen the power that comes from standing up united and proud. The Menominee learned a lot about the system and its tricks these past 2 years.

Now it's time to link the Menominee struggle more closely to the workers' movement that is growing in this country. The profit system is the common problem and common enemy of the vast majority of the American people. With the tight unity of working people and the oppressed nationalities as the hard core of this broad struggle—we can defeat the class that seeks profit above the needs of the Menominee or any hard struggling people. ■

OPEC

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in 1973. In addition, they were the beneficiaries of a \$10 billion program called Operation Independence which Nixon said would make the U.S. self sufficient in energy by 1980.

Did They Become More Self-Sufficient? Hell No

Officials say that the amount of imported oil is likely to increase by 50% by 1980. Why doesn't the U.S. produce more oil domestically? Because it is not there? No. Because it is not profitable. Production of oil in the Middle East averages 20 times cheaper than in the U.S. Refineries are cheaper to build and operate overseas because wages and taxes are lower.

This explains why the big oil giants actually discourages and even cut back on U.S. oil production for more than 20 years. In the 1950s and 60s the major oil companies capped over 20,000 flowing wells in California alone, with an estimated capacity of 5 billion barrels. Between 1968 and 1972 the U.S. oil companies built only one major new refinery in the U.S. And for a long time they actively opposed the development of alternate energy sources.

Exploitation of Third World

For decades the seven major oil companies in the world (5 are U.S. owned) had almost unlimited access to the oil of the Middle East. They had the underdeveloped but oil rich countries caught in a scissors, buying oil below the value and selling them manufactured goods at high prices. As a result these countries were being drained of their

natural resources and getting next to nothing in return. Between 1948 and 1960 alone the oil companies extracted almost 13 billion dollars in profits from their Middle East oil investments.

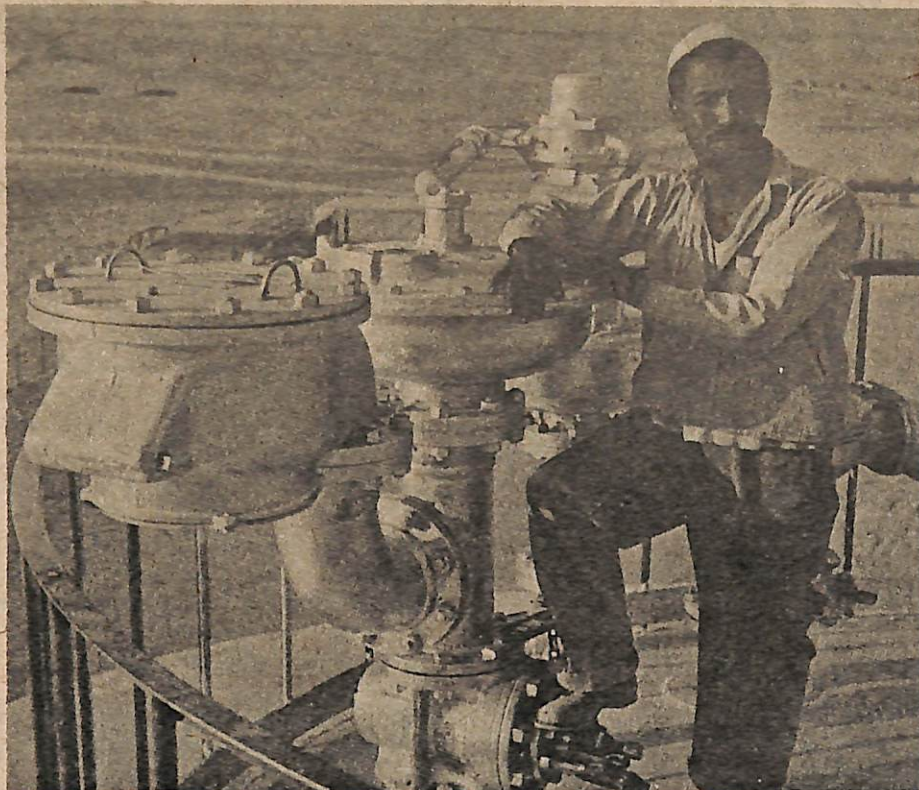
The formation of OPEC in 1960 was part of the upsurge of nationalist and popular movements in the underdeveloped countries. OPEC members demanded higher prices for their oil, control over production levels and a greater share of ownership of the extracting and refining facilities. They began to place restrictions on the oil companies free wheeling plunder of their oil reserves and to use control of their oil to break the stranglehold the imperialist countries had them in.

Many of these countries themselves are ruled by reactionary classes who exploit their own people, but on a world scale they have definitely played an important and progressive role in weakening the power of the imperialists. The success of OPEC in uniting to deal from a position of greater strength has also sparked the formation of similar organizations of underdeveloped countries.

Saudi Arabia

The U.S. has been gloating over the fact that the OPEC members split over how much to raise oil prices this year. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates refused to raise prices more than 10%. The other countries demanded a 15% hike. But it is unlikely that this means a serious crack in OPEC, as the U.S. capitalists would love to see.

The Saudis had several reasons for their move. Their oil reserves are tremendously greater than those of the other



AN ARAB OIL WORKER. THE BIG OIL RIP OFF IS BEING CAUSED BY U. S. OIL GIANTS, WHO MORE THAN DOUBLE OPEC PRICES.

OPEC members who can much less afford to let the oil companies pump out their precious natural resource at such low prices. Saudi Arabia's "restraint" is, as her diplomats openly admit, a concession made to the U.S. with the expectation that in return the U.S. will politically bolster Saudi Arabia's position in world affairs and particularly in the Mideast.

Once again we are seeing efforts by the U.S. ruling class to blame the OPEC countries for unemployment and inflation. They have found them to be a convenient scapegoat to take the heat

off themselves and to demand that the American working class make greater sacrifices for the sake of their profits.

Oil & the Mideast

What's behind the oil price hikes? What are the oil companies trying to do in the Middle East? What's shaping up in the struggle between the U.S. imperialists and the OPEC countries? Also a brief history of the U.S. oil monopolies. Read: THE ENERGY CRISIS AND THE REAL CRISIS BEHIND IT...75¢ Available from United Front Press PO Box 40099 San Francisco, CA 94140.

Korean War POW

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We were there three years in the POW CAMP. The GI's asked for a church so we used a building in the town and had church services every Sunday. The Chinese gave us white lightning on holidays. We had inter-camp olympics, baseball, football basketball, swimming. It lasted four months. We also had books. One guy told me if I read Mark Twain, I'd be called a communist when I got home.

On The Peace Agreement

In 1951, the Chinese-Koreans asked for peace negotiations. They said, "have a cease fire, exchange prisoners and negotiate". That was turned down so the damn war went on for another two years.

In 1953, finally there was peace. They let us read the peace agreement. In the peace agreement it said, 1) Every prisoner on both sides had the right to read the peace agreement. 2) All prisoners on both sides had the freedom to go anywhere they wanted. I got to thinking "this is the wishes of the 200 million

great American people".

We found out in the POW camp-Who suffers in the war? The people. And who dies in the war? It's the people. Who causes the wars? A small handful of money bags. After being there for 3 years, I knew the Chinese were our friends.

So there were 20 Americans and 1 British and we took that peace agreement and we went to China. I wanted to go to China to link my heart with the Chinese people, because I knew they were our friends, and I wanted to live there the rest of my life.

And what happened after we took the freedom the American people gave us? They gave us dishonorable discharges, put us down as traitors and turncoats. I was happy to get the dishonorable discharge because it was McCarthyism, Nixonites and money bags that gave me the dishonorable discharge. To me that was honor. The American people never gave us that dishonorable discharge. But they threw McCarthy in the garbage and

gave him a dishonorable discharge.

12,000 people Chinese volunteers never had the peace agreement read to them and they didn't have the freedom to go where they wanted. They were forced to go to Taiwan after the war.

In China

So we went to China and were welcome to leave any time. We studied history for 8 months, went to Peking, had a nice vacation and then they said what do you want to do? They gave us 4 choices. 1) Work in a factory. 2) Work in the countryside. 3) Go to the university-no tuition, all free. 4) If you didn't want to work you didn't have to. I worked in a factory. I was a lathe turner for 10 years. Then I went to the university free of charge with a paycheck every month.

Factory Life In China

I remember when I worked in the Steel-mills in the US. We had these big iron

gates around the factory. After you went through that you had a cop: black uniform, a pistol and a club. Then you had a clock you had to punch in. You were worrying if you were ten minutes late, they might dock you 2 hours. Then you always had the foreman watching you. In China when I got to work, there aren't these big iron bars there. You don't see any policeman with a gun. And in 1954 you know what they did in the factory? The workers, they picked their time clock up carried it out and put it in their museums.

Everyone in our factory is responsible for something. One man is responsible for the electricity and the motors, another is responsible for sanitation, another for supplies coming in. We elect our own leaders. We have meetings at the end of every day. If there was an accident we talked about how it could have been avoided or how the production is going. If nothing is going on it takes 5 minutes. Sometimes it takes an hour.■

S.Korea Bribery

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Korean officials. All in all, this is the most massive exposure of political corruption since Watergate, although by comparison it has received relatively little attention in the press.

South Korea has been under the thumb of the U.S. ruling class for over three decades. Since the U.S. defeat in Indochina it has been the only substantial American military outpost on the Asian continent. In addition, as the clothes, toys and electronic gadgets marked south Korea that flooded stores during the Christmas season show, it is a highly profitable source of low paid labor for U.S. monopolies. To maintain its hold on this bonanza, the U.S. government has maintained, armed and bankrolled a series of savage dictatorships in the country, which the Korean people, North and South, have constantly opposed.

One reason the bribery scandal has come out recently is that there are certain disagreements within the U.S. ruling class and among politicians who front for them over what to do about south Korea. All agree that the U.S. must maintain control of the country. The question is the current dictatorship

of Pak Chung Hi. Some feel that Pak's vicious repression combined with the poverty and misery of the masses of south Korean people are social dynamite and the only way to diffuse it is to dump Pak in favor of a more "democratic" set of puppets. Others argue that Pak is a tough guy doing a decent job for the U.S. which put him in office and continues to arm him. And besides, any change in government could trigger the explosion.

The backers of the Pak regime won some points for their side earlier this year with the hoked-up tree cutting incident, which temporarily lined up almost the entire ruling class behind President Ford's "get tough" stance. Now, by using the KCIA-bribery scandal, those who favor dumping Pak have outflanked the others by exposing some of his crimes including the KCIA kidnapping and terrorizing Koreans in this country, and making it look like anybody backing the current government is getting paid to do it.

Who Is Whose Puppet?

Some newspaper columnists have even gone so far as to imply that the bribetaking party going politicians were 'trai-

tors' to the US and that the south Koreans are running the US. This is absurd. The south Korean government did get some service for its cash--two major bribes produced a floor fight in the House of Representatives this year which defeated a bill that would have cut aid to south Korea by over 40%. On the other hand, to suggest that it is the puppet who is pulling the strings is pretty fanciful.

Without US aid, military hardware and political backing, the Pak Chung Hi dictatorship would collapse like a house of cards. If, to the contrary, the ruling class here were to lose south Korea entirely; it would be a severe setback, but hardly the end of US imperialism. Who really runs who has been shown pretty well by the falling flat of south Korean attempts to affect developments on a broader scale, like the campaign of the "Moonies" to build a tidal wave of popular support for Nixon during Watergate.

Of course, there is obviously irritation in many corporate headquarters that these politicians have been on the take from someone else, but the authorities as a whole have had to handle the whole affair with kid gloves. Although most of the details have been known for a long time, the bribery story did not break

until two days after the Presidential election. There were enough problems selling the elections and the "democratic system" to angry and disillusioned voters without this mess in the headlines. In fact, it is still being played down in the media and government officials say that although a number of laws have been broken, no prosecution is planned.

No wonder! The ruling class must get hives at the thought of seeing ninety or more of its foremost political front men at the defendants table in a massive corruption trial with new details of the whole shabby story plastered on the front pages.

In the worldwide profit empires of the giant monopolies, the ugliest features--the most brutal repression, the most grinding exploitation, the most desperate poverty--stand out even more sharply in the smaller countries they control than in their home country. The south Korean bribery scandal, like the Vietnam war before, shows that the whole system is a sewer. When it backs up, the filth and stench the imperialists have tried to keep out of the way comes to the surface and helps show their system for what it is.■

Carter

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Secretary of State and Zbigniew Brzezinski as head of National Security then I would say we failed. And I'd quit. But that's not going to happen. The government is going to be run by people you never heard of."

One month later Vance was nominated as Secretary of Defence, Brzezinski for head of National Security, and surprise - Jordan has not quit but remains as Carter's top aide - personnel director!

New Lies, Old Cronies

"Trust me," Jimmy always says, "I will never lie to you." An end to corruption and cronyism in government! (unlike the nasty Republicans who were caught in the Watergate business.)

In came Bert Lance at the Office of Budget and Management, and Griffin Bell as Attorney General. Lance is President of the National Bank of Atlanta, which loaned Carter's peanut plantations and warehouses \$4 million this year. Lane is a Carter pal and campaign contributor from way back, and was Georgia's Secretary of Transportation when Carter was governor.

Bell is an Atlanta law partner of two of Carters closest political advisors, and a long time crony of Carter's. Attorney General is a position where Carter, like other Presidents before him, especially wants a reliable political ally, because of the power of that

position to start or squelch investigations into criminal activity. Bells appointment is in the long tradition of political hatchetmen getting the job, including Nixon's campaign manager John Mitchell and John Kennedy's brother Robert, before him.

Savior Of Black People?

Carter made a special appeal - to Blacks -- he ran as a Southern farmer, "who shared the problems, the language, the struggle and the hopes" of Black people. Black "community leaders" and politicians like Jesse Jackson of Chicago, and virtually every elected Black official in the country worked overtime to polish his image. They hoped to use what influence they had among Black people to buy a few top jobs and influence for themselves. Representative Andrew Young of Georgia took the lead, explaining away Carter's comments about 'ethnic purity' and his past record. Martin Luther King, Sr. backed up Carter's implication that his candidacy was heaven-sent. Carter's campaign was caught dishing out thousands of dollars to Black ministers in San Francisco but it was covered up.

Now these Black leaders are already in the embarrassing position of trying to explain exactly how Carter is going to "help" Black people. Carter didn't even toss the Black politicians and "community leaders" the jobs he promised as rewards for their support. Jesse Jackson and the head of the Urban League at one point threatened to picket the inauguration of the man they helped

elect.

Andrew Young got his reward, the job of Ambassador to the UN. And a Black woman, Patricia Harris, is to be the new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. But Harris is a little difficult to pawn off as a step forward for working people, Black or white. She is a director of three of the most powerful corporations in America; the Chase Manhattan Bank, the Scott Paper Company and IBM.

Juanita Kreps, the other woman Cabinet appointee at Commerce, is a member of the NY Stock Exchange and on the boards of directors of J.C. Penny and Eastman Kodak.

And Bell, the new Attorney General is an open racist. He claimed he didn't know about the racist speeches of a judge he supported for the Supreme Court in 1970, but had to admit a week later that this was an obvious lie. He and Bert Lance were both criticized for belonging to exclusive clubs which excluded Blacks, Jews and women. Male white protestants could join--all you needed is the right connections and the \$10,000 for the initiation fees.

The Ruling Class

In "defense" of Bell and Lance, Carter said these guys were being singled out because they were his partners from the south. Yes, Jimmy has buddies outside the south too. Actually Michael Blumenthal, new Secretary of the Treasury (and president of Bendix Corporation--70th biggest in the US) from Michigan, Vance from New York City, deputy defense secretary Charles Duncan from

all experiencing runaways, plant closings or big layoffs. Now does Chicago have any immunity from the nationwide economic crisis?--already the giant steel plants are starting to lay off again.

The cracks are starting to show. The public schools were forced to close 16 days early in the spring of 1976, with teachers taking a big cut in pay, when the city's school system ran out of money. The Cook County's nurses strike, part of a continuing series of struggles in the area's main public hospital, is a sign of the future.

Daley died just in time to preserve his reputation. His successors, whether or not the political infighting that has already begun tears the Democratic Party machine apart, will have to pre-empt the accelerating decline of Chicago. And the "Great Leader", Richard J. Daley, will likely be pictured as a virtual saint by contrast.

Daley

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tors Union president of the Chicago Park District.

There were tremendous pork barrels. To carry out his lucrative building projects Daley pumped billions of dollars into a select group of construction companies every year. Sears and Roebuck bought the land for the Sears Tower, the tallest building in the world from the city for practically nothing, less than the city would have netted selling an alleyway.

Reflecting the views of Chicago's big bankers and businessmen, A. Robert Abboud, chairman of the First National Bank of Chicago, one of the worlds largest banks, extended his personal sympathy following Daley's death to the man who made him "feel like an adopted member of the family."

Common Man Image

Why, some might ask, if these things were true did the people of Chicago continue to reelect him by overwhelming margins? For one thing, Daley carefully cultivated the image of being a common man, the son of a sheet metal worker. He continued to live in a house in a working class neighborhood, playing up the ties he had with the man in the street, and got upset when the newspaper reported on his other home--a several hundred thousand dollar vacation hideaway with a guard house. So Daley's father was a worker.

All that made Daley was a traitor to his class who played "the common man" role to the hilt in order to do a good job in serving the financial interests.

In fact, his power wasn't based on his links with the masses of people. At the heart of his machine was a system of patronage and favors. For example, by bypassing the civil service system and making loyalty to Daley and the Democratic machine the qualifications for holding the twenty to thirty thousand city government jobs, as well as jobs at the racetracks, public utilities, the Chicago Transit Authority etc; Daley was able to pressure thousands of public workers and officials into turning out for things like neighborhood canvassing and political parades. At the same time, those who voted Democratic often found they could have their parking tickets taken care of for free, while active Republicans might be troubled with building code violations.

It is certainly true that Chicago has not decayed as rapidly as cities like New York or Detroit, but this can't be attributed to Daley's leadership. He inherited a Chicago that was the industrial hub of the Midwest. With a large number of diversified industries Chicago was able to raise the capital needed to finance Daley's projects.

Escaped the Crunch

Daley died just as the chickens were coming home to roost. Chicago has already seen some of its tax base eroded, with major industries like food processing, printing, railroading and electronics

and executive boards. One Harnischfeger worker was told it was a 'closed meeting' when he asked the union president about going.

Then when the rank and file starts to get interested, the machine tries to break it up by putting out smear literature, calling Sadlowski a 'pinko' and his supporters 'outsiders.'

But for the million and a quarter steelworkers, that's not the issue. The issue is the Abel machine raising dues while raising Abel's salary to \$75 thousand a year; the issue is the company in the union and the sellouts, the no-strike deals and every other scheme they have in store to help the steel companies. The issue is that the rank and file is going to use this campaign to smash the Abel machine, organizing to start putting the union back in the hands of the workers and start making it a real weapon against the companies.

Ashby Leach

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People around the world read the Bill of Rights and say, "Hey, that's decent." But that's what's written down, that isn't how it comes down in practice. They've got to let me have a trial though. They were going to try and railroad me, cast me off as a poor Vietnam vet, who's sick. But probably for the first time in my life I got my stuff together, and I know where I'm going and I know where I'm coming from and I know what I have to do. I need my brothers and sisters to fight along with me.

As Ashby Leach says in his speech only support and a fight alongside him can judge him innocent when he faces trial in the late spring in Cleveland. The local chapters of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War are sponsoring a car caravan of workers, vets and others to Cleveland when his trial comes up. Anyone wanting to join the caravan or wishing to build the campaign can contact VVAW at the Worker Center, 4409 W. North Avenue, or P.O. BOX 08305 ■



ASHBY LEACH AND HIS SUPPORTERS, DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE C&O RAILROAD OFFICE IN MILWAUKEE.

Sadlowski

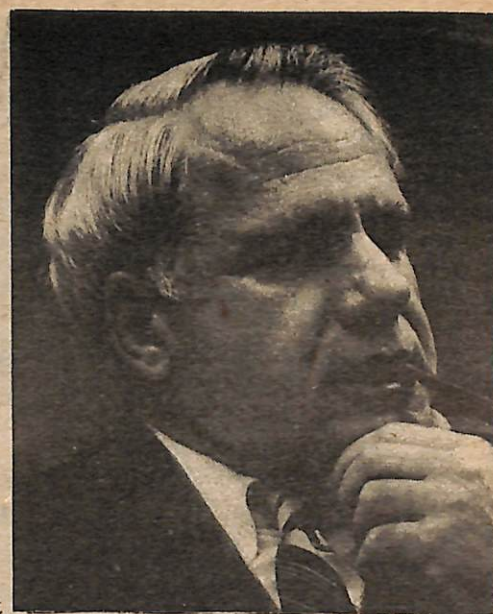
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For every Steelworker, the Abel-McBride machine has been the companies inside the union.

For all these reasons, steelworkers see a special significance for the election. And for this reason the steel companies and their men in the union are pushing hard to keep things the way they are.

At several shops here men were threatened with write-ups for wearing Sadlowski stickers on their helmets while anyone could wear McBride stickers. American Can bosses called one Sadlowski supporter at home to tell him not to pass out Fight Back leaflets to workers coming into the plant.

The Abel machine is running the campaign the same way they run the union--behind the workers' backs. Where the workers aren't aware of the election, they try to keep it quiet. Here, McBride called a rally only among the union presidents



JAMES SCHLESINGER--AN OLD HAWK GETS A NEW ROOST.

Houston, and Brown from San Francisco and Washington are all members of the elite ruling class of this country. They drink at the same clubs, their kids go to the same group of private schools, they sit on the boards of the same companies and are on the same government commissions.

What Happened on Way to White House

What happened to Carter on the way to the White House? Nothing really. Last year's candidate and this year's president are one and the same man. Sheeps clothing might help get a wolf elected, but its the sharp teeth that matter.

And Carter is no different than the other capitalist mouthpieces before him. We are not ruled by a government of individual men, honest or otherwise--much less by a government "of, by and for the people." We are ruled by a class of men, the giant monopoly capitalists, who own everything we have made in this country and much of the world. The purpose of the elections is to cover up this reality with a "democratic choice" of poisons.

But Carter is already letting it all hang out, exposed even before his first day in office. All his policies and the men he chooses to implement them will do all they can to further enrich the capitalist class Carter comes from and serves.

The working class has had long experience in dealing with these wolves. They can't be reasoned with. They can't be counted on for favors. They must be fought tooth and nail. ■

Nuevos Ataques en Peck, Amaro Despedido

En noviembre, la empacadora Peck despidió a Manuel Amaro, quien llevaba veinte años de trabajar en empacadoras. ¿Cuál fue el delito de Manuel? Se rompió un dedo en un accidente en su casa. Su médico le dijo que debería quedarse sin trabajar de cinco a seis semanas. Por esto, Peck lo despidió al instante.

Así es como van las cosas en las empacadoras de Milwaukee que no están sindicalizadas. Manuel había sido un fiel huelguista durante los 15 meses de la reciente huelga de carniceros. Fue una influencia y una fuente de solidaridad entre sus compañeros. La familia Peck está tratando de crear un ejemplo a base de él para intimidar al resto de los empleados. Los Pecks, que forman parte de la competencia de la industria de la carne, se dedicaron totalmente al hundimiento de la huelga del '75. Pero se vieron obligados a emplear de nuevo a cerca de cincuenta miembros de la union en julio. No quieren a nadie que esté dispuesto a defender sus dere-

chos, y que ni siquiera osen reportar accidentes sufridos en el trabajo.

ACCIDENTES SUFRIDOS EN EL TRABAJO.

Manuel había trabajado en Peck por nueve años. Antes de eso, había trabajado en Armour por once años antes de que esa compañía cerrara las puertas. Era uno de los obreros de habla hispana más respetados en el valle. Especialmente entre otros obreros latinos, los Peck opinaron que el ejemplo de Manuel tendría mucha influencia.

Durante la misma semana en que Manuel fue despedido, Peck emitió su libro azul de reglamentos. Es el primer libro de reglamentos impreso por la Asociación de Empacadores que pretende substituir un contrato colectivo. Fue "aprobado" por un comité de títeres nombrados por la compañía. El libro de Peck es un ataque directo contra los derechos de los obreros.

El tiempo necesario para poder recibir vacaciones ha sido aumentado de 1400 horas a 1800 horas. El sueldo

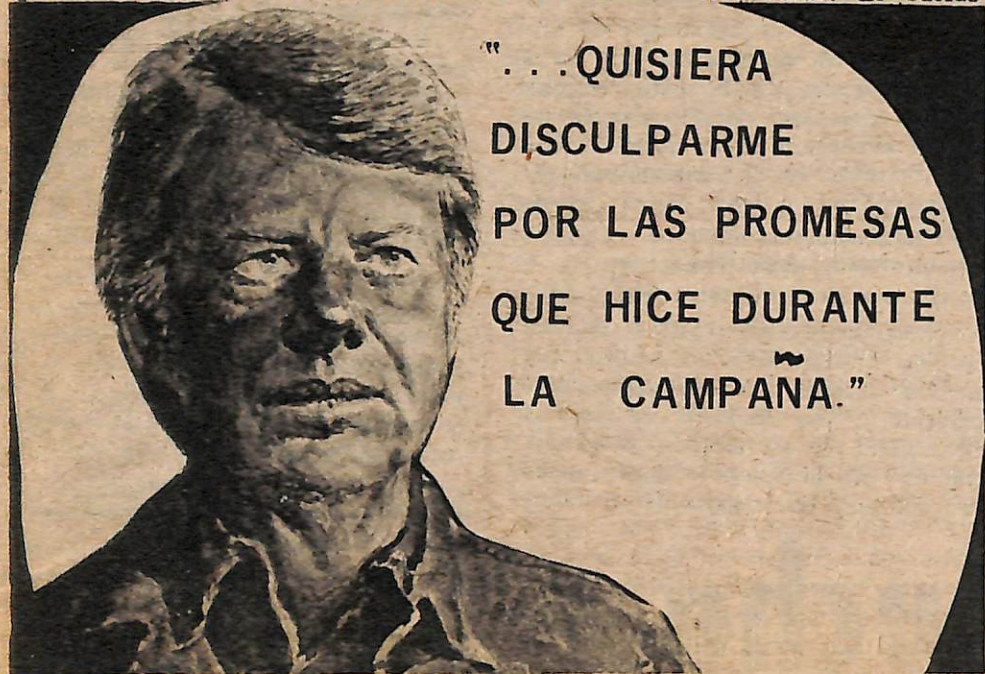
y medio que se solía pagar los sábados, ahora se aplica sólo si uno ha trabajado ya 40 horas durante la semana. El libro mantiene los términos de la pensión en suspenso, elimina antigüedad como base para transferencia y no especifica escala de sueldos. También, el alza del costo del seguro mantiene a Peck cambiando continuamente de una compañía barata a otra más barata todavía. Lo más probable es que el despedido de Manuel se deba a un deseo de intimidar a los obreros y rebajar el número de reclamos que se le hace las compañías de seguros.

Pero los obreros de las empacadoras, muchos de los cuales caminaron en las líneas de piquetes por 15 meses contra los Pecks y sus semejantes, no están a punto de entregarse. El despedido de Manuel y otros abusos como horarios largos, discriminación, hostigamientos, reducción de sueldos y condiciones de trabajo peligrosas sólo sirven para causar más ira e inspirar a



MANUEL AMARO

los obreros a continuar la lucha. Como dice la última edición del Packinghouse Worker, "Trate de intimidarnos, Bernie, pero al final Ud. resultará ser el mejor organizador de la unión que tanto intentó desbaratar." ■



"...QUISIERA DISCULPARME POR LAS PROMESAS QUE HICE DURANTE LA CAMPAÑA."

EEUU-URSS, Armas Nucleares

El mes pasado la Unión Soviética y su alianza militar, el Pacto de Varsovia, ofrecieron a los EEUU y su alianza, la OTAN, que ellos prometerían nunca ser los primeros a usar las armas nucleares en una guerra con la OTAN si la OTAN prometería lo mismo. Pero esto fue rechazado en una reunión de la OTAN por Henry Kissinger en su discurso de despedida. De hecho, declaró Kissinger en una posición que es también de la administración de Carter, los EEUU rechaza a excluir el uso de armas nucleares contra un avance soviético en Europa no importa si la URSS use o no tales armas.

La oferta soviética y el rechazo americano fueron algo desconcertante a los EEUU y una muestra de como las cosas se van moviendo hacia la guerra entre estas dos superpotencias. Kissinger puso en ridículo la oferta soviética diciendo que así la URSS sacaría provecho. Es probable que una guerra entre las dos superpotencias empezaría en tierra europea, indico, y en tal caso sólo el hecho de que la OTAN tiene dos veces más armas nucleares tácticas (o sea pequeñas) haría posible que la OTAN haga frente a las tropas más numerosas de la URSS.

En la poca publicidad que se le dio a la oferta soviética en los EEUU se enfatizó que era una trampa soviética para que los EEUU bajara sus armas. Lo que los comentaristas no apuntaron era que los EEUU ha usado el mismo tipo de trampa. Varias veces los EEUU ha ofrecido reducir el número de sus tropas en Europa si la URSS redujera sus tropas al mismo nivel. En tal caso los EEUU sacaría tanto provecho como la URSS sacaría con su oferta.

El "desarmamento" propuesto por los dos lados en realidad quiere decir que

el otro lado debe desarmarse. Es como una pelea entre un tiburón y un gorila en que el gorila quiere proibir el uso de dientes y el tiburón quiere que no se usen los brazos.

Los dominantes de EEUU hace una proposición farzante del desarmamento que saben que los soviéticos no pueden aceptar, y hipocritamente se ponen enfados cuando los dominantes soviéticos hacen lo mismo.

Pues que ningún de los dos está engañado al otro, ¿porque siguen haciendo tales cosas? Principalmente lo hacen para engañar al pueblo del mundo, incluso el pueblo de su propio país y el del otro. Cada lado quiere hacerse aparecer como un angel pacífico y hacerlo aparecer como si fuera sólo la agresividad del otro que hace necesario armarse. En realidad, ambos juegan este juego para cubrir su propia agresividad y tratar de ganar el apoyo público por su propio crecimiento frenético de armamentos--por supuesto en el nombre de "mantener la paz."

Las acciones de estos imperialistas son el opuesto de las de un país socialista como China, que ha declarado, sin recibir ningunas promesas en cambio, que nunca será el primero a usar armas nucleares contra nadie, y que ha llamado por la completa destrucción de todas armas nucleares por todos países. Esta es una posición que ambas superpotencias siempre ha rechazado.

Las "propuestas de paz" de los gobernantes imperialistas de los EEUU y la URSS son puras estafas. De hecho, son parte de sus preparaciones para una guerra--una guerra a la cual el pueblo de los dos lados está fuertemente opuesto, como nuestros gobernantes y sus competidores soviéticos saben perfectamente. ■

MIGRANTES VIENE DE LA PAGINA 16

ha reducido el número de migrantes en el estado. Ahora la gran porción de ellos trabajan en las embotadoras como Aunt Nellies', Libby's, Del Monte y Stokely Van Camp.

La realización de esta Ley de Obreros Agrícolas Migrantes sería un avance y una victoria para los obreros temporales del estado. Pero después de 2 derrotas en la Asamblea y de las enmiendas es tiempo de reexaminar la situación de los obreros agrícolas en el estado. ¿Cómo se puede ganar la lucha de la Ley Migrante y medidas aun mejores? Mas importantemente ¿Como se pueden enforzar estas leyes?

El punto más importante es que los obreros migrantes mismos son la fuerza principal en la lucha. Es un a situación muy dificultosa. Estos obreros estan en el estado solo un corto periodo de Los mantienen separados de los obreros locales, la idioma y el origen de raza y los rancheros y las embotadoras ejercen mucho control sobre los obreros migrantes en los campos, las planta, y las labores. Pero es su lucha y su unidad que hace posible que aún se introduzca una ley y que tenga la oportunidad de pasar.

En el pasado los migrantes han luchado y llamado la atención a las promesas que se han quebrantado y las condiciones iniquas. Algunas veces han empacado sus cosas y se han regre-

sado a sus casas cuando las condiciones no han estado bien. En la segunda mitad de los 60's, los obreros agrícolas de Wisconsin formaron un sindicato, Los Obreros Unidos. Mobilizó los obreros agrícolas y amenazó las ganancias de los rancheros. Los obreros de las labores y las embotadoras de Wisconsin han estado relativamente desorganizados en los últimos años, pero la represión engendra la resistencia. Los obreros siempre desean luchar, si hay manera de avanzar.

Los puntos culminantes de la lucha que ha estremecido las labores de California y los principios de las huelgas en Texas la primavera pasada indica que hay una lucha surgiente en las labores. Los rancheros y las embotadoras de Wisconsin saben esto y esperan que puedan matar cualquier legislación que de que pase. Si pasa esperan que no sea enforzada--y que pueda callar cualquier lucha más drástica.

Pero lo inverso es cierto. Si pasa, la campaña que rodea la Ley Para Los Obreros Migrantes puede ser una chispa y una inspiración para la renovación de los esfuerzos organizativos en las labores para cuando regresen los migrantes en la primavera. Es el sabor de la lucha, la expectativa por el cambio, y el poder de los obreros que tiene que ser desenfrenado--ese es el camino adelante para el obrero agrícola en Wisconsin. ■

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its \$75,000 a year executive board members who handcuff every attempt to build the struggle of packinghouse workers, with high level negotiations and fiscal responsibility, just as they sabotaged the strike by failing to mobilize in action the strength of the union.

Larry Hall, an employee of Koos Inc., a fertilizer plant of 14 men in Kenosha, defeated Bobrowicz in the election. He rode in on the discontent of the rank and file, with the union's failure to hold its ground, winning by 16 votes, 246 to 230. Bobrowicz was the focus of much of their anger, as well as some anti-strike sentiment that has developed as a result of recent losses.

The future of the Local and the men and women in the packinghouses was not decided by this election. The attacks in both the union and non-union shops will continue. The key to rebuilding the Local and stopping the rapid deterioration of conditions lies with the packinghouse workers themselves. Particularly key is the fight to stop the company union and rebuild in the non-union plants.

Just as the union was built through the hard work and sacrifice of hundreds and thousands of meatcutters, it must be rebuilt. And it will be rebuilt, not through union officials backstabbing, but on the kill floors, the sorting and boning tables, and in the freezers by the men and women who cut the meat. ■

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ESTOS OBREROS EN AUNT NELLIE'S EN LOUISIANA SE NEGARON A TRABAJAR Y NO QUERIAN SALIRSE DE LA PLANTA EN 1973.

El Senado del Estado De Wisconsin este mas considerará una ley que ofrece alguna protección para los obreros migrantes del estado. En las ultimas dos sesiones de la legislatura, la Asamblea ha rehusado pasar esta ley. Los rancheros, las enbotadoras, los que ocupan a los obreros agricolas temporales han arrojado dinero y cabilderos en una campaña para derrotar la ley. La ley que se propone para la sesión entrante ha sido enmendada por los proponentes con la esperanza de que pase las dos camaras esta vez. El Gobernador Lucey ententando atraer el voto de los Chicanos y obreros lo ha convertido en una de sus prioridades legislativas.

El atractivo principal de la ley es un requerimiento que exige que los empleados trabajen bajo un acuerdo por escrito cuando sean reclutados para trabajar a una distancia de mas de 300 millas. La ley también permitiría que el publico y organizadores tuvieran acceso a los campos de las com-

pañias donde se alojan los obreros migrantes. Otros puntos importantes de la ley que todavía estan bajo negociación, incluyen descansos reglamentarios; un limite de 12 horas de trabajo por dia, seis dias a la semana un sueldo minimo pagadero por lo menos cada dos semanas.

Los obreros, quienes son predominantemente de habla-hispana son reclutados en Texas. Muy seguido se les promete horas de trabajo y salarios que nunca reciben una vez, que llegan a Wisconsin. En la mayoría de los casos los obreros agricolas trabajan largas horas, por salarios bajos, y se les paga tiempo derecho por sobre-tiempo, sin beneficios, y viven en condiciones bajo norma. Cuando cualquier persona viene a visitar o investigar los campos muchas veces se les corre--a veces a punta de pistola. La introducción de la maquinaria para cosechar algunos productos

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Se Acalora la Lucha de Ashby Leach

Entre aplausos de sus adherentes, Ashby Leach fue puesto en libertad en Cleveland bajo una fianza de \$5,000. Este veterano de la guerra de Vietnam asumió una posición militante en defensa de los veteranos que fueron "usados y abandonados". El día de Gracias (Thanksgiving) se pudo reunir con su familia, amigos, simpatizantes y Veteranos de Vietnam Contra la Guerra. Establecieron el Comité de Defensa de Ashby Leach para coordinar su caso y crear una campaña nacional. Se ha planeado una manifestación en su pueblo natal, Huntington, West Virginia, para iniciar la campaña y también se está organizando una gira de costa a costa.

Ashby Leach había luchado por 5 años para recibir sus beneficios del Sistema Chessie, la tercera compañía ferroviaria particular más grande del país. El 26 de Agosto tomó medidas directas. Después de utilizar todos los "canales apropiados" del sistema, Ashby Leach se apoderó de las oficinas administrativas de Chessie en la estación del edificio Tower en Cleveland. Mantuvo a 13 rehenes (incluyendo un vice-presidente de Chessie) por nueve horas mientras demandaba que 1) Chessie extendiera todos los beneficios de la Ley de Veteranos a sus veteranos. 2) Que Chessie reembolsara a antiguos empleados los beneficios que les habían negado fraudulentamente, y 3) que aumentaran y extendieran la Ley de Veteranos a todos los veteranos. También pidió que su acto y sus demandas fueran transmitidas a través de la televisión nacional. Millones de personas lo vieron esa noche. Un poco después Chessie aceptó sus demandas. Ashby soltó a sus rehenes y se rindió. Durante el día muchas personas en Cleveland se enteraron del asalto, una muchedumbre de casi dosmil personas se había congregado en frente de la Estación Torre. Al ser sacado

Ashby del edificio, la multitud empezó a aplaudirlo y a levantar el puño.

Tan pronto se rindió Ashby, Chessie renunció sus promesas y usó los medios de propaganda que posee y controla en Cleveland--la televisión, periódicos y la radio para desacreditarlo como un veterano enloquecido en busca de atención. Chessie y el sistema de ganancias al cual pertenece se extiende a través del "sistema judicial". El psiquiatra nombrado por la corte que está tratando de comprobar que Ashby está loco, resulta ser miembro de la mesa directiva y accionista del sistema Chessie.

Chessie transporta carbón, hierro, petróleo, automóviles y grano. El sistema Chessie también incluye zonas carboneras de primera categoría, minas, de carbón, terrenos y control de varias compañías de fuerza eléctrica.

La razón por la cual todo el sistema cayó tan fuerte sobre Ashby es porque su acto y comentarios expusieron su actitud de "usar y descartar" hacia los veteranos y quisieran convertir este ejemplo positivo de lucha en un ejemplo negativo indicando que si uno se alza contra la sistema, será aplastado. Temen que el acto de Ashby le sirva de ejemplo de militancia a millones de veteranos a través del país y se convierta en foco de ira y frustración para millones de otros.

La lucha para liberar a Ashby ha empezado a cobrar impulso. El 11 de noviembre (Día de Armisticio o el Día de Veteranos tradicional), fue usado como oportunidad para prender la mecha. En actos desde Filadelfia a L.A., veteranos se lanzaron a las calles pidiendo la libertad de Ashby Leach, proclamando que los veteranos no volverán a ser usados por los capitalistas, o simplemente sentarse y dejar que desbaraten los beneficios otorgados bajo la Ley de Veteranos. Los veteranos indicaron

en forma clara que cuando la situación se ponga dura, ellos se pondrán mas duros todavía!

La posición asumida por Ashby cuando se apoderó de las oficinas de Chessie está atrayendo a veteranos y a otros a través del país en su defensa.

En un acto durante el Día de los Veteranos en Milwaukee, más de 30 veteranos y obreros aclararon: Nos mantendremos unidos a nuestros hermanos cuando digan, "¡Maldito sea, tengo razón; y cuando tienes razón peleas!"

La organización Veteranos de Vietnam Contra la Guerra (VVAW) sigue incrementando la campaña aquí en Milwaukee.

El 18 de diciembre una caravana de automóviles que empezó en las cúpulas de Mitchell Park y se deslizó a través de los vecindarios del sur de la ciudad centros comerciales empezó a proclamar abiertamente quién es Ashby Leach, y por qué los Veteranos de Vietnam Contra la Guerra están apoyando la lucha por liberarlo.

Durante la organización de la caravana de automóviles, miembros del capítulo de Milwaukee salieron una semana antes y distribuyeron 2000 volantes en centros comerciales.

El 19 de diciembre, Ashby Leach habló ante un grupo de 70 veteranos en el Centro del Obrero sobre cómo vio la necesidad de tomar las medidas que tomó.

Llevando la palabra a miles de veteranos y el pueblo en general, se está organizando una caravana que se dirigirá hacia Cleveland para llegar durante el primer día del juicio y decir en voz alta y clara que no estamos dispuestos a dejar que encarcelen falsamente en una cárcel capitalista a uno de nuestros hermanos de clase.

¡Pongan en Libertad a Ashby Leach! ■



ASHBY LEACH, MANIFESTANDO CON SIMPATIZANTES DE LOS VVAW, ANTE LAS OFICINAS DEL SISTEMA CHESSIE EN MILWAUKEE.