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FREE "HURRICANE" CARTER!



"WE, THE REAL PEOPLE, DOWN IN THE VALLEY, SEE THAT RULING CLASS UP IN THE MOUNTAINS...IT'S TIME FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE VALLEY TO GET UP AND GO INTO THOSE MOUNTAINS AND TAKE THOSE CRIMINALS OFF FROM THERE."

Rubin Carter was known to millions throughout the 60's as a power puncher in the boxing ring, where he was the world's #1 middleweight contender. Carter was also known as a fighter for Black people in a number of the Black communities in the New York-New Jersey area. Today the ex-Paterson, New Jersey fighter is still throwing punches and many are starting to fight back with him. In New York-New Jersey there is a movement building to Free Ruben Carter and John Artis for being framed for the murders of 3 white men back in 1967, and the punches are being thrown hard and heavy at the capitalist state.

A few months ago the 2 main witnesses who fingered Carter, came forward and said they had lied during the trial. Both were under charges of armed robbery when they testified. They now publicly state they were told by the police that they would have a "hard time of ever getting out if they didn't help frame Carter."

While well known within boxing circles, Carter was also widely respected in the Black community of Paterson as a man who boldly spoke to the needs

and desires of Black people. A militant fighter for Black peoples' rights Carter openly called for Blacks to organize and fight against oppression and police brutality, using arms if necessary. Coming at a time when the Black peoples' rebellions were shaking the foundations of capitalist rule, Carter was seen by the ruling class as a threat who would lead people to heightened struggle against this system that nets them millions. They wanted him in jail.

As part of the growing campaign around the country against police repression and police terror in the Black communities, the brigade in the NY-NJ area has taken up the demand to "FREE HURRICANE CARTER AND JOHN ARTIS, STOP POLICE REPRESSION, END POLICE TERROR IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY". On Feb. 4, a demo to kick off this campaign was held with 300 people marching in Trenton, New Jersey, where Carter is being held in prison. The following is an interview with Ruben (Hurricane) Carter as taken from the New York-New Jersey Worker-

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editorial:

"WE WON'T FIGHT IN YOUR WARS"

Ford asks for \$500 million for more war in Indochina. Time magazine runs an article on the "high level contingency plans" for the invasion of the oil rich Persian Gulf. American troops practice desert warfare in Europe. ROTC programs and military recruiters start to make attempts at coming back on the campuses. The word is WAR. Everywhere you look, this thieving monopoly capitalist class is trying to prepare the way towards war.

This economy is in deep trouble. Unemployment, inflation, cutbacks and general decay and corruption of the system are stepping up and people are getting more and more fed up with it. The capitalists in turn are scared of this anger and their growing problems at making profits so they're building up for what they hope will be a solution to their problems. "War is what we need to get out of the recession", Elliot Juneway, a top government economist recently noted.

So a full propaganda assault is being launched. The Arab countries are blamed for the economic crises. Don't let the Russians win, we are begged. But American, Defend America, WIN, National unity, etc. All are telling us to roll up our sleeves, "bite the bullet", and get prepared for hard times and possibly war.

In school we were always taught 100 different reasons why war occurs. World War I was caused by some sort of crazed assassin. World War II was caused by a madman named Hitler. The U.S. invasion of Vietnam was caused by the warlike Vietnamese who were "used to war and would not know how to live without it." All of these lies are promoted to cover the truth of why the U.S., decade after decade, always has its troops fighting in other peoples' lands.

WAR IS PART OF CAPITALISM

Profits to capitalists is like heroin to a junkie—they must constantly get a bigger fix or they'll suffer breakdowns and be in real trouble. There's no standing still for these bloodsuckers in a world where people are revolting against the oppression and exploitation brought on by their rule; and other capitalists are cutting each others' throats to gain greater profits and financial power. The U.S. monopolies in addition to ripping more and more profits from the labor and sweat of people in this country, must also continually drive throughout the world for profits, for more territory, more markets, more resources, and places to invest. U.S. corporations sit on pompous thrones in South Korea, Thailand, South Africa and Iran—while a huge military machine, armed to the teeth, stands ready to protect their profits and domination while stationed in bases and waters all around the world.

Capitalist countries throughout the world are driven by these laws to constantly gain greater profit. The peace that exists between them is only a truce between future conflict and wars. For conflicts always break out over areas of the world these different capitalists must dominate to stay in their golden thrones. Inevitably, this is where capitalist wars come in. Wars in which millions of us all kill each other while the Rockefeller, Mellons and Duponts sit on top and count their booty.

Now it is the U.S. and the Soviet Union who are fighting it out to be the "top dog". The hotspot that these two vampires are presently contending over is the Middle East with its vast oil resources. This "Black Gold" to the capitalists, not only means billions of dollars in profit, but more importantly, power and domination of countries and nations throughout the world that are totally dependent on this oil, such as Japan, Germany, France, and England. So the thieving bandits like Ford and Kissinger talk of "ruining the Arabs, if they try to ruin us." They try to get the American people to support, fight, and die in a war which will only bring increased profit to their millions. If the U.S. military does invade, the Soviet Union could very well retaliate and a new world war could result—a war in which they want us to fight for their stinking profits.



U.S. troops train for desert warfare in Georgia

Of course the designs of these two superpowers is one thing, and reality is quite another. For increasingly the Arab people have been saying "to hell" with your plunder of our oil and have started to bring the "chickens home to roost", using oil as a weapon against foreign domination and aggression. And this is no accidental or "special" case. Revolutions in China, Vietnam, Angola, and Mozambique are only a very few of the countries where people have stood up with arms and liberated their countries from foreign plunder. These courageous wars have inspired many people with their victories which have beaten superior military might.

And the American people, fed up with the way this whole system works, don't want another war. We've had it with that crap. Vietnam brought it all out. The war showed millions what American imperialism was fighting for—domination and oppression here and abroad. The press and politicians like to say that Vietnam was an unpopular war. It sure as hell was; and the truth came out from thousands of students, GI's and vets, from unemployed, from Black, Latin, Asian and white and more and more from the working class. We ain't going to fight your wars anymore.

A war in the Middle East, or going back into Indochina or invading South America for tin or copper, these wars would be the same as Vietnam. They would be wars to help U.S. imperialism continue to exploit people. And so would a war with Russia. It would be one bloodsucker fighting another. Both are out to control and exploit the wealth of peoples and countries all over the world. We don't want any more bloodsuckers. Both have to be defeated so we can put an end to all the bloodsucking.

We won't fight a war for U.S. capitalism to survive. Who the hell wants to fight to help keep those old millionaires running the ship. Our war is against monopoly capitalism. This is a popular war, with people all over the world fighting in it, and it is the one that when we win will put an end to the threat of imperialist war forever. "We won't fight in your wars - our war is against you rulers of death and misery."

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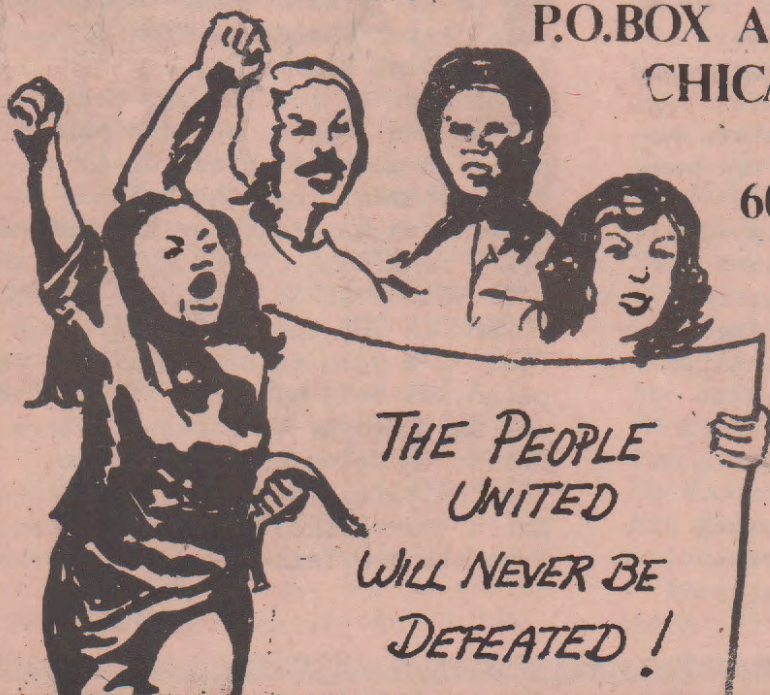
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500 chanting students and veterans protest Kent State whitewash with march on Ohio's state capitol.

GOV. RHODES SHOUTED DOWN ATTACKING REAL KENT KILLERS

Following the U.S. invasion of Cambodia in the spring of 1970, the flames of rebellion spread across campuses throughout the country. Students went on strike on over 200 campuses, while hundreds more became battlegrounds of militant action. Militant rallies and demonstrations of thousands and even hundreds of thousands were held, banks were attacked, ROTC buildings burnt to the ground, and university facilities taken over.

These mighty demonstrations hurt the capitalists. They helped force the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Cambodia within 60 days. Nixon was prevented from sending U.S. troops into Laos in '71 for fear of the resistance at home. Instead, the ruling class had to rely on Thieu's crack puppet troops, who quickly did what they do best--lose. They ran all the way back to Saigon.

During these early May revolts many battles were fought on the universities against the armed forces of the state. The police and national guard were sent in to protect the monopolists' property and rule by trying to disperse and crush the angry protests. The sharpest attacks by the state occurred at Kent State and Jackson State, where a number of students were murdered. But the effect was the opposite of that intended by the bloodsuckers who run this country--the killings sparked even greater anger and rebellion all over the U.S.

The outrage set off by the murders had to be mitigated. The moneybags set up their commissions and courts to carry out the coverup. The findings were predictable--it was an "accident" in which "everyone got out of hand," things going "too far". It was a "tragedy". The script was familiar. It's been used anytime the capitalists have been thoroughly exposed for their bloody crimes--My Lai, Southern U., Attica,

and many others.

The Jackson and Kent State deaths were thus officially closed at that, with no investigation whatsoever. But the people would not let the case die--books, movies, petitions, and demonstrations all hammered at the coverup. Last May 8000 people at Kent protested the whitewash, on the 4th anniversary of the killings. After 4 1/2 years of fighting for the indictment of the real murderers, the people forced the state to announce a new trial. But from the beginning the trial was used by the state to get the people to cool off. Naturally enough the focus was only on individual guardsmen, shifting the blame away from the imperialist rulers and the forces of the state, who will always try to crush the people rising up in protest against the bloody crimes and the system. Things were topped off by the judge closing the case barely before it even got started.

The Brigade throughout the state of Ohio initiated a coalition to fight against the whitewash. Numerous forces, including the Revolutionary Union, Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization, the National Lawyers Guild, and the Brigade united around the following four slogans: 1) Protest The Kent State Whitewash - Indict The Real Criminals, 2) No More Aid To Thieu And Lon Nol - Fight U.S. Aggression Abroad, 3) Universal Unconditional Amnesty For All War Resisters, 4) End All Attacks On The Working Class And Other Oppressed People. They decided to raise these demands at the inauguration of Governor Rhodes of Ohio, the man who ordered the national guard onto the Kent campus in 1970.

The January 13th inauguration day started with a rally at the federal courthouse. Five hundred people,

Running Dog^{of} the Month Pres. Glenn Olds Kent State



Fight Back is pleased to announce a new regular feature - The Running Dog of the Month Award! We hope to focus the spotlight, ever so brightly, on one of the many lackeys that the bourgeoisie has running around on our campuses. Nominations are open to anyone from college presidents and administrators to police agents and politicians. The only qualification is distinguished service to the most hated class on earth, the giant but dying, powerful but declining, monopoly capitalists. We are thusly pleased to present for his further exposure, DOCTOR GLENN A. OLDS, PRESIDENT OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY.

Dr. Olds was such a runaway candidate for this award that it's hard for us to believe that he wasn't trying to get it. For college presidents, the job of keeping students down is getting harder and harder, especially in view of the deepening crisis of the capitalist system - for instance, the growing fight against cutbacks on campuses across the country. Usually, the monopolists and their lackeys will try and blame Black people, working people, or more recently, Arab people for the problems this system causes. But our "winner" this month tells us, in a burst of originality, that the "vile" and "vulgar" demonstration of the RSB and others against the fascist Shah of Iran and against Ohio Governor "Mow-'em-down" Rhodes (who sent the National Guard onto the Kent campus in May 1970, resulting in the killing of four students) were the cause of cutbacks because we "alienated" these important sources of money. We have to give old Glenn credit for this one! It was a nice try at diverting attention away from

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100 students "drop in" President Old's home - protesting cuts in number of faculty.

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THE ECONOMY

This Ship is Going Down

As things go from bad to worse, the people who run this country have to crank out every lie in the book about why the ship is sinking. It's becoming more and more important for all of us to understand just what the ship is all about--what makes it run, and why it's breaking down. The focus of the article is on some of the basic laws of capitalist production--what those laws are, why its own laws lead it into crises, and why in particular unemployment is part and parcel of the capitalist system. As such it does not deal with the other key factor that determines what happens in society--the revolutionary struggle of the masses of people, most particularly those who are directly exploited by the capitalists--the working class.

"U.S. JOBLESS RATE HITS 34 YEAR PEAK"
 "FORD: FEWER JOBS, FURTHER INFLATION,
 A RECORD DEFICIT" "BUDGET '75: MORE
 HARD TIMES".

So read the headlines of a major city newspaper this month.

The statistics behind the headlines lines: 8.2% official unemployment, at least twice that for Blacks, youth and vets. Record numbers applying for unemployment and welfare. Inflation at 11% and still rising with no end in sight.

Behind the statistics the reality: more workers thrown out of a job every day, prices go up in the supermarket every day. Thousands out of work in auto - while cars lie unsold in lots.

after graduation, and why they went to school in the first place.

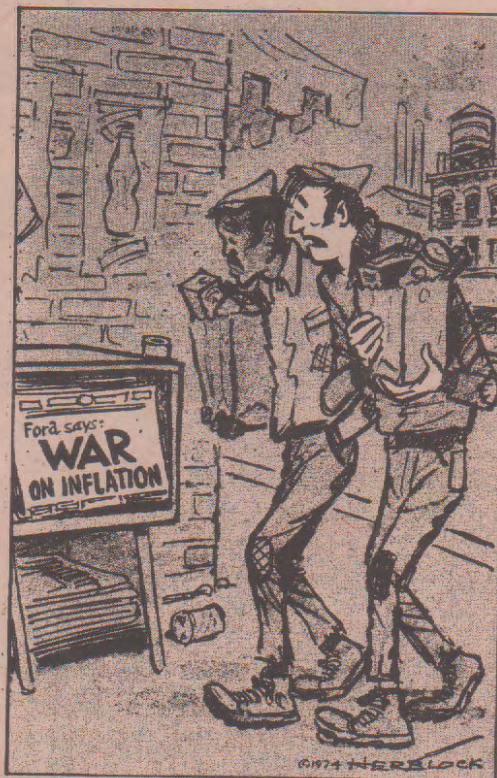
This country is starting to look like a combination of the "Poseidon Adventure", "Earthquake" and "The Towering Inferno".

It's no secret that this country and its' economy are in more trouble than at any time since the '30's. People want some answers. They want to know what the hell is going on, why things are falling apart and what can be done about it.

The people who are living high off the hog - the Rockefellers, the Fords, the Reagans, with their mansions, private jets and fur lined toilet seats--they have a lot of answers. Only problem is, they are all designed to confuse and divide the people--and keep the heat off of themselves and the system these kings sit on top of.

But the emperor's clothes are more and more being ripped away--and emblazoned in neon across his ugly chest reads the word CAPITALISM. The capitalists have but one aim--to make a profit. Millions work--or don't work, factories work full speed ahead--or shut down--all depending on whether or not the capitalists can make their profit or not. Six months ago, auto workers were working 11 hours a day 6 days a week. Today there are 1/4 million auto workers out of a job.

Profit--not the needs of society--determine what society produces, and whether it produces at all. Capitalism is a system where the wealth that is produced by millions of workers is owned and controlled by a handful of monopoly capitalists, like Rockefeller, the Morgans, and the Mellons.



"How come we're always up in the front lines?"

But even in good times when industry is in the boom phase of the business cycle, operating at a high percentage of its capacity, millions are out of work.

The official unemployment rate--which always underestimates the true number out of work by not counting those who have given up in disgust and discouragement from finding a job--has never fallen below 3% since the end of WWII. In fact, 3.5% of the work force out of work--a few million people--is deemed "full" and "acceptable" unemployment levels by the bosses' government. Acceptable to the bosses, that is. This "normal" unemployment is part and parcel of the capitalist system. The monopolists need an always-at-the-ready reserve army of labor for two basic reasons. When business is good, operating at a high percentage of capacity, or when new industries open up for profits, the bosses need a pool of labor to draw on. More importantly this reserve labor force serves as a wedge to keep down the struggle of the working class for better pay, conditions, etc. After all, "If you don't like it here, leave. They're plenty more to take your place."

Now in the midst of the crisis, the bourgeoisie tells us the new "acceptable" rate is now 5%. But if 3.5% wasn't, 5% sure as hell isn't either, for the millions who stand in the unemployed lines and for their brothers and sisters who might be out of a job tomorrow.

Under their system then, even the "good times" are lousy times. But right now we're in the midst of a general overall crisis of the economy. All of the key industries have been hit and unemployment is soaring.

How does their system work?

At the heart of the whole thing is what's called a crisis of overproduction. It's an absurdity that could exist only under a system where profit determines production and whether or not people work. If the bosses cannot make a profit out of the goods

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Adding to the capitalists' troubles has been the growing offensive of working people. 1974 saw the largest number of strikes in 20 years. Above, workers at General Motors fighting against layoffs.

Housing, hospitals, and schools are begging to be built - yet unemployment in construction is well over 20%. Cattle and chickens get destroyed - because it is cheaper than bringing them to market. At the same time, literally millions go hungry and millions more tighten their belt. While there are massive cuts in health, education, and welfare, the military budget soars. Cuts come down throughout the universities, but somehow police science, ROTC, and business training courses manage to get funded. More and more students are wondering where they are going to get a job

The crisis of the economy today is a direct result of the very nature of the way in which capitalism functions. It is a crisis of profits. The bloodsuckers are having a harder and harder time making them, and they are trying to make the people bear their burden.

Unemployment

One of the sharpest ways in which the crisis is hitting the people is unemployment. With the unemployment rate at its highest since 1941, the myth that the '30's could never happen again is being shown for just what it is-- a myth.

N.Y. STUDENTS FIGHT CUTS



A wave of demonstrations, rallies, confrontations with college presidents, and strikes broke out at the City University of New York in December. The protests, involving thousands of students, were in response to massive cuts at the city colleges that were announced as part of an "austerity" program by the mayor.

500 angry student and faculty from a number of different schools rallied at City Hall on Dec. 5 and then marched through the Wall Street area to Chase Manhattan Plaza, in an action called by the Revolutionary Student Brigade.

Prior to the brigade demo, there were a number of actions throughout the city university's 18 campuses.

At Staten Island Community College, rallies of 500 and then 1200 took place within a day of each other. There was also a demonstration outside--and inside--a nearby Chase Manhattan Bank. At Queens College, 400 students confronted the president. At Richmond college there was a two day strike. At Manhattan Community College, students fought to get fired tutors rehired--and won.

Dec. 12 saw over 3000 students and faculty rally again at City Hall. Many classes were cancelled at schools and buses were provided as the rally was sponsored by the student governments and teachers' union. It was quite clear that people were there not because of the leadership of either the student governments or the union, but because it was an opportunity to fight back. 8 students, including 5 brigade members were arrested when the demonstrators attempted to move into the streets.

The \$19 million dollar budget cut brought the economic crisis onto the CUNY campuses in the form of teacher and staff firings, cuts in course offerings, larger class sizes, attacks on third world and women's studies programs, and reduced counseling and remedial programs. The ruling class is using the crisis to try to wipe out many of the gains won through struggle in the sixties. Open admissions or the guarantee of a place in CUNY to every high school graduate, along with free tuition, were the main targets.

Two things were clear from the beginning - that people were ready to fight, and that city wide organization and leadership were needed to point the way forward.

In building for the city wide demonstration, the Brigade pointed out the need for a strong united response, not relying on student governments or administrators or politicians but on the students themselves to fight and win, and not falling into the trap of fighting each other for the crumbs. While fighting against the attacks,

and fighting to win, the Brigade also made clear that under imperialism, there can never be decent education, that while we fight for reforms that help the people and move ahead the struggle, the key was the fight against the system they were a part of.

This position was also put forward in thousands of pamphlets that the NY-NJ Brigade did on the relation of the cuts to the overall crisis, which was distributed at the demo called by the student government and teachers union. This stood out in stark contrast to what the student government was telling people to do in its newspaper - namely join committees set up by the administration to make sure the cuts were done in a "sensitive" manner. This would only have set students against each other and would play right into the hands of the bourgeoisie.

The Brigade also took the lead in organizing a citywide committee set up specifically to organize students in struggle against the cuts - the JUNY Fight Back Committee. The committee was united around no cuts in CUNY or social services in the city, no firings of teachers and staff, end attacks on third world studies, end attacks on open admissions, and no tuition.

Within this committee, which was able to unite a number of different forces, the Brigade put forward its position and pointed out the need to link up the fight at CUNY with the overall struggle being waged against the system.

As the new term begins, students are being told to persevere and bite the bullet. But more cuts are clearly on the way. In the course of the struggles that are sure to develop in the coming months, it is going to be increasingly important for revolutionaries to be pointing the way forward in the struggle against the monopoly capitalists and their lackeys who would have us bear their burden. The fight for a decent education is part of the struggle against capitalism. In the course of taking up this struggle, there will be a hundred and one reformists who will be trying to sidetrack the fight, telling people they can depend on the politicians and college presidents, or that we should divide the crumbs, or that if we fight hard enough, we can get everything we need under this system. It's up to revolutionary forces to unite the masses of students in the struggle, and through that point to the way forward.

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The Revolutionary Student Brigade is a nationwide organization of students of all nationalities determined to fight and defeat US imperialism, both at home and abroad.

The Brigade is a fighting organization because that is the only way to win. Not fighting each other--that's just what our real enemies want. When we say "Fight Back" we mean all of us--Black, Latin, Asian, and white--against the handful of imperialists who roam all over the globe, at home and abroad, in quest of profit. In their wake lies a trail of murder, poverty, oppression and exploitation. But, wherever there is oppression there is resistance, and that resistance is growing day by day. The enemy stands more and more naked as the capitalist system sinks deeper into a crisis of its own making--and as growing numbers of people are rising up in struggle against it. The enemy is a powerful one--but it has the people of the world striking out against it.

Students have a long and proud history as a fighting force against oppression, and for justice and revolution. From New York to California, from Florida to Oregon, students have been coming forward to fight side by side with the growing ranks in struggle against the monopoly capitalists, taking up the fight against cutbacks, against police repression, against imperialist wars like the one they're gearing up for in the Middle East, and other struggles.

The Brigade is a revolutionary organization because that is the only way to put an end to the rule of this small band of thieving capitalists who live off the labor, sweat and blood of people all over the world. Workers, oppressed nationalities, women, vets, students--we are all in this thing together. We all have a common enemy to fight and defeat: the ruling class of this country which grows weaker and more exposed with every blow the people level against it. More and more people are joining the fight. JOIN US!

"Hurricane" Carter cont'd.

a revolutionary workers' newspaper that the Brigade has been working with on the Carter-Artis campaign.

Question: Our demands are, "Free Hurricane Carter and John Artis, End All Police Terror in the Black Community, End all Police Repression." The way we see it is building a campaign against police brutality and the way the courts keep people down, and particularly the way this comes down on Black people.

Carter: There's no doubt about that. But I don't think you can eliminate everybody and then say, "Well it's Black people."

I think it's for all of us. Because this little charade that they put up in front of our faces - they do it just in order to get us fighting each other, Black against white. I'm trying to get on this racist thing, you know, you know to clarify the issue. Because I am not a racist and I will not allow anybody putting me in that pigeon hole of a racist. I hate no man for his color. But if you're doing something wrong against me, I hate you. Maybe not hate, but I will retaliate against you, against the wrongness.

Q: We see that the fundamental reality in the U.S. is that it is a division by class. And coming down on the minority nationalities is a way that the ruling class tries to keep us divided and make a bundle of profit in the meantime.

Carter: That's what we're talking about. It's in the prison and the same thing with the people in the streets out there today. With the controlling class of people you were talking about and the working class Blacks and the working class whites and other people too. The government has tried to build in a trigger mechanism with us. It happened up there in Boston, with white people and Black people on television fighting each other. But yet each and everyone of them, most of the people in the US is suffering from the same scarcities of food, and the crime rate, being brutalized out there by those criminals - both high level and those who just physically rip you off... There's no reason in the world why America should be so ripe with racism and inequities for everybody.

Q: We'd like to talk about why you were framed. You had made some outspoken statements against police brutality, and the police and ruling class knew they had to pick you off.. you had a reputation and you spoke out and the masses of people were a ready audience because what you were saying related to their experiences.

Carter: Absolutely! This was a time when Black people were struggling like hell. And the U.S. was forced to put up a front of giving something to Black people in this country. That's why the Civil Rights Bill jumped to the fore.

I believe that a man has the absolute right to protect his life by any means necessary from anybody necessary. That is the reality. When the presidents were in office up

the rest- they showed that they didn't particularly care about us, a certain section of society. Like the Vietnam war. This was made by liars and thieves and politicians. And the people finally rose up and said that what was going on over there was wrong, so let's put a stop to it. They started thinking for themselves...

In the sixties they passed these civil rights acts, and Black people were still dying in the streets. In April of 1964, it was the Civil Rights Act, and the Harlem Fruit Riot jumped off. Black people died in the streets. Then all the succession of riots developed in its wake. In August of 1965 they passed the voting discrimination act, and Black people died in the streets again 5 days later in Watts, Los Angeles. Every time some legislation was passed for Black people, Black people died. And of course, Dr. Martin Luther King was preaching non-violence at the time.

The only ones talking about self-protection for all people was Malcolm X and myself. Of course, Malcolm X was much more eloquent than I was and all that kind of stuff. I don't



The campaign begins to "Free Carter and Artis."

in no way try to put myself in the category of Malcolm X. But I am saying that he and I were the main ones talking about people protecting themselves you see. And so that's why I was bitten.

It was because I was a prize fighter and because they called me a "celebrity" and they thought that I might have some influence on the grass roots people from where I stood.

So they said, Well man, we got to get this guy out of here." Because if anyone can go away from non-violence and teach people not to accept death passively, then that is a dangerous man. And so they got me, as simple as that. But now is a time when they can't do such things so easily because now we are getting together here. We can fight on the same front.

Q: In building the struggle around your case, we are taking the question especially to the working class, because this the the class that has the greatest interest and can develop the most unity and strength in fighting against what the police and the courts do to keep us down.

Carter: That's true. There's no way you can get around that point. We know that as it stands today, with the unemployment rate out there and all, how is it going down with Blacks

fired. But when we start dealing in that area, we have to deal with all nationalities of people. Because it's not just Blacks, it's whites too. I can't go with that racist bag too tough. I'll tell you why, man.

Perhaps America taught me too good. When I was coming up, I didn't come up in a segregated neighborhood.

My father always owned his own home, but where people didn't own their own home, there was a white family upstairs and a Black family downstairs. When we went to school, we looked on everybody just the same. There was no such thing as color. We didn't care about that. So when I say America educated me too good I mean this and that when I went to school I learned about liberty and justice in this country, and I believed it. I learned about the "pursuit of happiness." I learned about people fighting for their freedom, fighting for their human dignity to live as human beings. And I believed that. So when I went out in this world and I found out that this wasn't so, I said, "My God, there's something wrong here..."

The laws in this country are gear-

ed not to protect the innocent but to protect the guilty. Me and all the people working with me are not just challenging the impropriety of what the cops did to me. That didn't begin with what they did to Rubin Carter, and it's not going to stop unless we fight it. We are challenging the legality of the whole system. You see where I'm coming from? The criminal system, in this country- it's criminal. To be a politician in this country you have to be a manipulator of people. A politician is a criminal, let's face it. They are the only ones the law protects.

Q: Let's talk about the prison system. What are the conditions that you face today?

Carter: Well, let me tell you. Last night another prisoner was brutalized in this prison. This stuff has been happening particularly for the last year or so. Prisoners are brutalized everyday--murdered, killed. The prison is very dangerous. It's a very dangerous place to live for anybody who is not a "good inmate". I want to relate this to what's going on in the streets, because the result of this prison is the high crime rate on the street. ...Also, they make cheap child labor and cheap adult labor all throughout the penitentiaries of New Jersey.

Marchers Battle Cops, Attack Police Repression

"FREE ANTOWYN CAULEY STOP POLICE REPRESSION, ORGANIZE TO FIGHT-THE COPS CAN'T STOP US WHEN THE PEOPLE UNITE!" These and other chants rang out through the streets of Chicago on Jan. 25 in a demo against police repression that turned out to be a major victory for the people and a major defeat for the cops and the system they muscle for. The march and rally of over 200 people turned into a running battle with Daley's finest when they tried to break up the march. The men in blue got the short end of the stick. The attacks by the police were thoroughly repulsed by the people on the march, and in the process drew forth militant support for the demo from the people of the community.

The demo was part of a campaign against police repression that has been building in Chicago since the night last summer Antowyn Cauley, a young Black man, was shot in the back by police. Antowyn was arrested and shot when he dared to challenge the actions of police in arresting and beating up a number of Black people on the street. Already at a boiling point over previous police attacks, close to 2000 people poured into the streets to say "Enough!" Since then, there have been a number of demos and rallies linking up the fight to free Cauley with the overall question of police repression.

The demo on the 25th was built by a coalition of groups that was initiated by the Worker's Committee To Free Antowyn Cauley, which includes the Revolutionary Student Brigade, along with other groups. The campaign has directed its efforts at not only exposing and fighting against the mad dog terror of the cops, but also against their masters and breeders--the entire class of monopoly capitalists who need



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the cops as the armed guardians of their system of private property.

The Pilsen community of Chicago, where the march and rally was held, is a largely Mexican and Polish community. The people of the community know all too well just what the "Man" is all about through the daily harassment and terror. In addition there is "la Migra"--the immigration police. For all this, the servants of "law and order" are hated.

After a short picket line at the local police station, the marchers headed for the rally site 10 blocks away. Marching through the community, a number of people joined. As people took to the main street of Pilsen, 200 strong, the police started to try to break up this show of unity and strength that

a number of people from the community were either joining or watching from the sidewalk. Police cars tried to run down people leafletting. Roadblocks were set up at a number of corners. But the march continued, with the chants getting louder, and the support from the community getting more visible--clenched fists, shouts of encouragement from the sidewalks and houses.

So far unsuccessful, the police made their next move--attacking the marchers and trying to grab people to make arrests. But they were in for a surprise. The battle of 18th street was underway. The police attack was met with punches and crashing banner sticks. People were freed from being arrested by others who boldly jumped on the armed assailants, clubbing them righteously over the head. One lieutenant who "bravely" jumped in and kicked a demonstrator other police were trying to arrest, found himself on the ground bloodied by the bullhorn that bashed into his head. Reports are not yet in on the condition of the bullhorn.

More and more police descended upon the community, trying to pick off individuals or small groups isolated from the march. Many more fights between the police and protestors broke out. Throughout the battle, support continued to build from the community at the sight of the pigs getting back better than what they gave. "Pigs out of El Barrio" rang out. Community people sheltered demonstrators who were cut off from the march, and helped those who were hurt. A number joined in the fight themselves--encouraged by the example set by the marchers that the people are strong and the police are weak.

While the police were able to divide the march in two, the people still continued undaunted onto the designated rally site. As the marchers triumphantly entered the rally site, cheers rang out, to be followed by more cheers everytime smaller groups made their way to the site. 17 of the marchers had been arrested--but the police had been defeated. They had literally been beaten up. A dozen police had been

FREE RUCHELL MAGEE!



"Free Ruchell-- It's Right to Rebel" rang through the early morning air on January 23rd, as 50 demonstrators marched in front of the Court House in San Jose, California, while Ruchell Magee was being sentenced inside to life imprisonment. Only 12 hours earlier, the court had set the extraordinary 7:30am sentencing time, obviously shaking in their boots at the thought of the developing mass movement to free Ruchell.

Earlier in the month, the Supreme Court refused to review Ruchell's appeal for a new trial. Already, Ruchell has spent over half of his life in prison, having originally been

thrown into the capitalist's dungeons at 13 for beating up a pimp and robbing him of \$10! The recent sentencing on kidnapping charges stems from the heroic Marin County courthouse escape attempt in 1970.

Over the years, Ruchell has inspired thousands of people with his relentless resistance to oppression and open proclamations that it is "Right to Rebel". And although dragged into the court for the sentencing with his arms and legs shackled in chains, Ruchell Magee kept fighting back. He proudly stood up before the judge as he pronounced

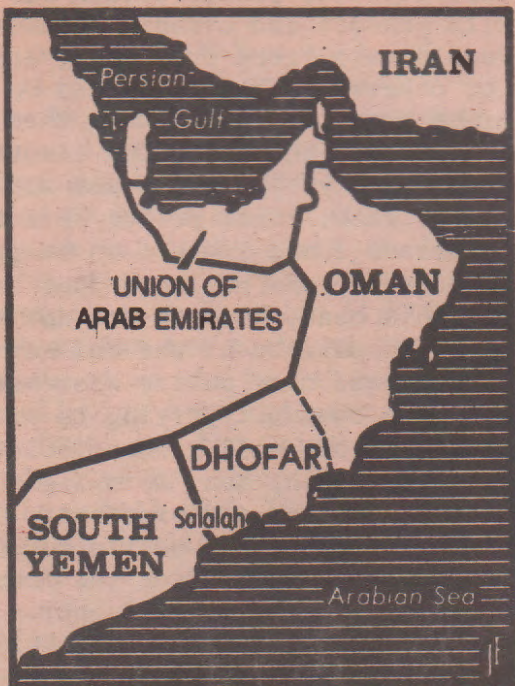
'Dhofar Night'

"Down with the Shah" rang through the rafters of a church on the U. of Chicago campus on Feb. 1 as over 650 people expressed militant unity and support for the war of liberation presently being waged by the people of Dhofar, and all struggles being waged by the people of the Persian Gulf. The people of Dhofar have been fighting their armed struggle for liberation in the oil rich Gulf region against the British colonial ruler Qaboose and the fascist US puppet Shah of Iran's armies. Over 90% of the country has been liberated from colonial rule under the leadership of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO).

The "Dhofar Night" was sponsored by the Dhofar Coalition which was initiated by the Iranian Students Association and consisted of over a dozen revolutionary and progressive groups. The night consisted of speakers, workshops, dinner and movies.

There were two main speakers during the course of the night. One, a member of ISA, spoke of the role of the two superpowers, the US and the USSR, in their attempts to control and dominate the oil of the Gulf region. The other, a member of the RSB, spoke of the numerous victories the people on the Persian Gulf have gained in recent years in their fight against oppression and imperialism.

In future months, the Iranian Students Association will sponsor a tour with representatives of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman. To help build further political support for these fighters, who as the "Dhofar Night" showed, are already inspiring many people with their courageous war against foreign aggression and imperialism.



KENT KILLERS cont'd

mostly students from Ohio and Michigan, assembled there to hear speeches by the various coalition groups. The demonstration then moved on the inauguration site, loudly chanting, "Kent State, Jackson State, It's Right To Rebel!" Arriving just as Rhodes was about to address the "distinguished dignitaries," the marchers quickly drowned out his speech with chants of "Rhodes You Filthy Liar, The People Find You Guilty."

After the "ceremony" the marchers took the steps of the Capitol,

Pig Kerrigan Splattered

The capitalists sitting on their thrones of gold and profits, are aware that they are facing a very dangerous situation. Always scared to death of people uniting and dumping them for the misery and attacks that they've



brought to people in their bloody drive for profits. These kings and queens are now more scared than ever. More and more people are getting fed up with the way this system runs and are starting to look at these fatcats as the reason why. The capitalists are well aware of the "divide and rule" game - keep people blaming each other for their problems - while they sit in their counting houses with their millions. These attacks and schemes to divide us will step up as their system falls into greater problems. The Boston Busing Plan is a good example of how they will do this.

The schools in Boston's Black Roxbury section are filthy, rotten and overcrowded. The schools in the predominately Irish working class section of South Boston stink just about as much. But the state is not spending any money to improve these schools. As a matter of fact these schools are getting worse as the state

cuts back more education programs - 16 schools have been recently shut down making others even more overcrowded, and many bilingual programs have also been stopped. Instead of improving education the capitalists have come up with the Boston Busing Plan which has sent thousands of Black and white students across town to equally lousy schools.

The capitalists and local reactionaries are using this plan to try and create divisions among people along racial and national lines all of whom are frustrated with the lousy education system and general living conditions that capitalism creates. The racist Boston School Committee members like Louise Hicks and John Kerrigan tell white working people that their problems are because Blacks are out to get what the whites have, and that this is an example of Blacks trying to take over their education system. The Ted Kennedy's, posing as the friends of Black people, tell them it is the racist white workers who are their enemies and that it's them, the government, who are Black people's true friends. Meanwhile, the education system of Boston rots ever more and the capitalists sit on their fat asses with their gold and booty.

On Feb. 2, around 100 workers and students, Black, Latino, and white, rallied at Boston State University where John Kerrigan teaches a class. They rallied to let this racist lackey and his capitalist backers know that people were going to fight their poisonous divide and rule tactics and build a struggle that would fight for decent education for all people. The rally was called by the Committee to Fight For A Decent Education, the Revolutionary Union, and the RSB. The Brigade raised the demands "Unite to Fight the Ruling Class Divide and Rule Tactics" and within that, "Fight for A Decent And Equal Education", "Oppose the Boston Busing Plan". When Kerrigan was spotted scurrying through the back door of a building, he quickly came under an avalanche of eggs and paint. As the picture shows, one bucket of paint was right on target, a small portion of the punishment that await these miserable lackeys and their millionaire backers, who prey on the sweat and blood of all working and oppressed people for their profits.

chanting "The People United Will Never Be Defeated." State troopers then attacked the rally, kicking and punching people in an effort to break it up. But the people fought back-- and drove the police back into the Capitol building. The police then attacked again, doubled in numbers and shooting mace. While they did manage to drive the rally off the steps, they were unable to arrest or injure anyone. At least two policemen had to be carried bodily from the the battle scene.

A rally was held at a nearby statue, with the NLF flag flying high in the background. Mike Branch, an ex-POW, spoke of the Vietnamese just war of liberation against U.S. imperialism, and how this struck a mighty blow against monopoly capital. Another speaker, mother of one of the indicted Attica brothers, spoke out strongly for the need to forge

multinational unity in the course of fighting oppression. The speech was met with a roar of approval, and was followed by a spirited march back to the federal courthouse, where an effigy of Rhodes was burned.

The rally was one of the largest that had been held in Ohio in the past year. In the course of building for it the Brigade found that while there are still questions on campus as to whether people can really change things by fighting, thousands are deeply angered by the Kent killings, the threat of war in Indochina and the Mideast, and the general anarchy and attacks that the capitalist system generates. And people are looking for answers; for something to do about it. The spirited and militant rally in Columbus helped people see the need to go out and further organize against the rule of the capitalists.

GROWING SUPPORT WORLDWIDE

Victory to Palestine!

The Palestinian people, with guns firmly in hand, have made major advances in their long and valiant struggle to regain their historic homeland. Having been condemned to refugee camps in the desert areas of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria by the 1949 US propped United Nations, the Palestinians are now receiving support from nations and people throughout the world in their fight for liberation and freedom. It is now the bandit state of Israel and their imperialist backers who are increasingly standing condemned.

This growing support for the Palestinians was clearly seen at the November sessions of the United Nations, where over a hundred countries supported the resolution proclaiming the right of the Palestinians to self determination. When Yassar Arafat spoke to the General Assembly of the UN he was greeted by a standing ovation from almost every representative in the UN body. The next day Israeli representatives, who came out with the tired old lies and claims that the Palestinians never lived in Palestine, spoke to a nearly empty chamber.

This growing international support for the Palestinians is a result of their long struggle and resistance against their forcible eviction from their homeland by the Zionist settler state and its principal backer, US imperialism. Just as the UN "special" Mideast sessions were occurring, the Palestinian people were stepping up the fight. As Arafat spoke, Palestinian shopkeepers, workers and school children all demonstrated in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan. A general strike developed and numerous violent confrontations and battles were fought against the occupying Israeli army. In the Arab sections of occupied West Jerusalem, people held massive demonstrations closing off the gates to their city.



Adding to the Palestinian peoples strength in carrying out their fight is the overwhelming support they are receiving from the people of all the Arab countries. Demonstrations are frequently held demanding support for the Palestinian people and against the drive of the US and the Soviet Union for domination and control of the area. For instance, just this last New Years Day many thousands of Egyptians in Cairo and other cities of Egypt demanded that the Egyptian government give increased aid and support to the Palestine liberation fighters, and that Egypt become independent from all foreign imperialist domination.

Many other means of support are being carried out by the Arab people. Students in all the major cities are in the streets with literature, raising funds and building political support for the Palestinian people. Workers are continually contributing portions of their wages to guerilla fighters. While hospitals throughout the Arab world all have long lines of people donating blood to the cause of Palestinian freedom. Many individual Arabs have come forward to fight shoulder to shoulder with the Palestinian liberators.

As a result of this overwhelmingly popular support for the Palestinians among the Arab people, the rulers and leaders are being forced to recognize and support the rights of the Palestinian people. This last fall, the Arab summit conference held at Rabat, Morocco, reached unanimous agreement on recognizing the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people. They also agreed that any territory won back from Israel would be under the control of the Palestinians. Even Jordan's King Hussein, who used to claim to be the sole representative of the Palestinians and who in 1970 unleashed a war on Palestinians living in his country, was forced to go along with these resolutions.

In addition to facing increased Palestinian resistance and international condemnation as a racist, colonial state, struggle within Israel

MADISON PALESTINE LIBERATION WEEK

The American people are seeing through the barrage of anti-Arab propaganda the US is launching in hopes of laying the groundwork for future military aggression. Already polls show 60 and 70% of the people opposed to such military actions by the US. When the UN sessions on Palestine occurred last November thousands of people rallied in support of the Palestinians throughout the country. And when Zionist spokesman, Moshe Dayan, recently toured the US on an appeal for more military aid, he faced numerous protests from students in places like Ramapo College in New Jersey, or the University of Florida in Gainesville.

During the first week of February "Palestine Liberation Week" was held at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Sponsored by the Palestine Liberation Coalition (PLC) over 800 people attended workshops, forums, movies and cultural performances that focused on the Palestinian and Arab peoples' fight against Zionism and colonialism.

Throughout the week hundreds of people struggled and learned why there is such great conflict in the Mid East, with the overwhelming majority seeing the need for building support for the Palestinian people, condemn the aggressive maneuvers of the US, while many also noted the Soviet Union's continued drive for profit and plunder in the area.

Throughout the week around 30 or 40 Zionists picketed the functions of the coalition, showing clearly throughout the week their growing desperation at the fact that more a

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CELEBRATE

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN

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On March 8th, millions of people in all parts of the world will march in the streets to celebrate International Women's Day. China, Vietnam, Angola, England and France are only a few of the places where rallies and demonstrations will be held to honor the role women have played in the revolutionary struggle and to point the way forward against the imperialist enemy. Here in the U.S. where IWD has begun to be celebrated again in recent years, rallies and programs will be held throughout the country, a number of which the RSB will actively participate in and build.

International Women's Day began in New York City almost 70 years ago when thousands of women garment workers took to the streets on N.Y.'s East Side to fight against sweatshop conditions and child labor. On March 8, 1908, these fighters joined with others who had been demanding women's suffrage and protective labor laws and marched 20,000 strong through the streets of NYC. Two years later, Clara Zetkin, a communist leader of the working class in Germany proposed that the Second International Socialist Congress declare this day IWD. They did, and since then millions of people across the world have proudly taken up this day of celebration and struggle.

Women have a proud and courageous history of fighting against oppression in this country, participating in the many struggles of the people, going all the way back to the mighty slave rebellions that rocked the plantation owners. Women such as Har-

riet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, guns firmly in hand, were feared and hated by the slave owners. Called "Moses" by her people, Harriet Tubman led over 300 slaves to freedom via the underground railroad.

Through the years many women have come forward as leaders of the many mass struggles that the American people have launched to fight for a better life and revolutionary change. Mary "Mother" Jones and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn devoted their lives to the plight of the working class, actively leading workers from the mines of West Virginia to the textile mills of Massachusetts in struggles that hit at the rule of the capitalists.

These women and countless millions of others have worked and fought to break the bonds and chains of wage slavery. But we don't celebrate IWD just to commemorate our sisters of the past--although they are a constant inspiration to us. The bourgeoisie still rules and their attacks on us are stepping up every day as they have more and more difficulties making their profits. International Women's Day is a day to forge greater unity among men and women of all nationalities in order to build further struggle against this hated class.

Why are Women Oppressed?

The source of the oppression of women is the system of monopoly capitalism whereby the owners of the factories and banks parasitically rip profits out of the labor and sweat of all working people. In order to maintain their rule, these dinosaurs with their mansions and resorts, consciously have to seek ways to sow disunity among the masses of people, to prevent them from seeing the real enemy, rising up and uniting like an iron fist and crushing these maggots and their system which nets them millions. Just as they try to sow disunity among people of different nationalities, they also try to create



*In the auto plants of Flint Michigan
The men there staged a sitdown and
the wives there took a stand.
In the face of guns and barbed wire
the women came prepared.
With crowbars, clubs, and broomsticks
and the misery they shared.
And fighting in the winter sun
The women stood beside their men
Until the fight was won.
Will you tell me, what have women
done?
What can workin' women do?*

*from "What Have Women Done"
by Prairie Fire*



The Everbrite Electric Sign workers in winning their strike last year, a

divisions between men and women. The bourgeoisie does this by perpetuating inequality on jobs, pay and education while also promoting ideas that women are not fighters, and are afraid of struggle.

Role of Schools

The schools are a prime example of how this inequality is built and promoted. In high school, thousands of women are tracked out of college prep courses into typing, shorthand, and home economics. After all, women should be looking for a husband, not a career, and those secretarial skills may come in handy "just to fall back on" to earn a few "extra luxuries" if needed for her future family. This kind of training channels women into unskilled jobs as typists in banks and offices or as salesclerks where women later find themselves working for the rest of their lives. It becomes a matter of survival, not choice.

By the time women get into college, they've been discouraged from taking courses in law, medicine, or science and are found instead in teaching, nursing or the liberal arts--the "acceptable" women's fields. In many of these particular fields, women often can't find jobs after they graduate.

From grade school to college, women are virtually written out of history. The capitalists, through books, to movies, to soap operas, show women as passive, weak and dependent--whose main interest in life is finding and keeping the "right" man. Never are we told of the strong heroes of the working class, like Mother Jones.

Women in the Workforce

Millions of women throughout the country work in factories and industry making up a significant part of the working class that stands face to face with the blood sucking capitalists. A number of them work in the heavy industries of steel and auto while most others work

WOMEN'S DAY



Milwaukee, mainly women, were victorious in fighting the bosses, cops and scabs.

in banks or offices or in seasonal hellholes like canneries or the sweatshops of the garment industry at a disgustingly low pay. Minority women, almost all workers, are kept in the most menial and low paying jobs. Bosses go all out to encourage male chauvanist ideas about "women's inferiority" and "place in the home" to try to divide men and women who work together, and keep them from uniting against the bosses.

The capitalist also benefits by using women as unpaid labor in the home - labor which is essential in keeping the working family functioning and in providing them with a future generation of workers. The old saying "women's work is never done" means that women are expected to prepare the food, take care of children, clean the house and endless other household chores once they get home from work, furth-

END FORCED STERILIZATION!



Above, men and women of all nationalities demand an end to forced sterilization. Many of the women who have been sterilized against their will have been Black, Chicano or Latino. The RSB in Los Angeles is active in the Committee to Stop Forced Sterilization. Its 3 demands are: 1) End government population control programs 2) End forced sterilization 3) End birth control experiments on poor people.

In Calif. the Indus. Welfare Comm. used the Equal Rights Amendment to slash protective laws (e.g. 8 hr. day, rest breaks) which were won by militant strikes in the past. Men weren't covered by the laws, so the IWC ruled the were "discriminated against" and took the laws away from women. Many women were forced to work 10 hr. days with no overtime or breaks. In another case, men's wages were lowered to women's. These orders were held off when many fought them with marches, rallies, and taking over IWC meetings.

er adding to women's oppression.

It's the capitalists who benefit from having women work at half the pay that men make for basically the same work. They justify this by saying that women need less money since they aren't the breadwinners of the family and are working for "pin money" or simply because they want to. But, these are just lies to the millions of women who must work. As their crisis intensifies, the monopolists churn out more of these lies as millions of workers are laid off--in an attempt to cover the rising unemployment rate by writing women off as not really needing jobs and to justify them being laid off. For instance, Ronald Reagan recently stuck his head out of the sewer to tell us all that there are no real problems with unemployment in the U.S. because many of the people who are jobless are young and women--who of course don't need jobs--and said that "real" unemployment was only 3.5%!!!

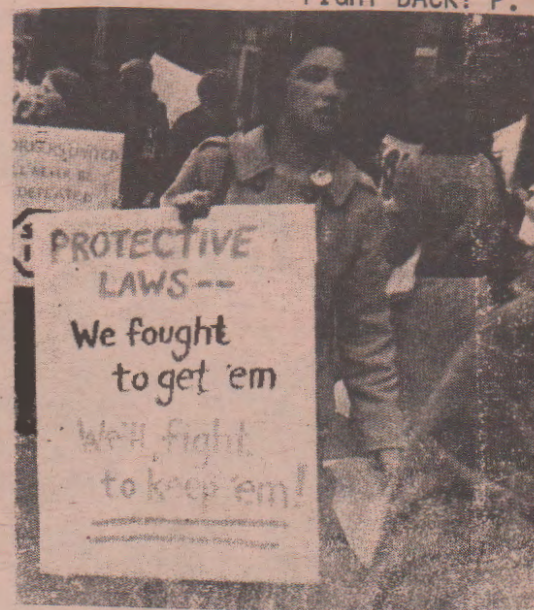
Women on Campus

Today it is becoming increasingly harder for students and their parents to afford a college education. Rising tuition, cuts in financial aid and loans are some of the ways in which the crisis is coming down on campus. In addition, these attacks are also coming down on women's studies departments, child care programs and other things that women won over the past years. Many of the programs getting cutback were already inadequate in meeting students' real needs. These attacks must be fought as part of the overall struggle against cutbacks and rising tuition.

For instance, at Boston State College where the administration was going to cut out a day care center that was won by a takeover of a building by women students, the Brigade, along with parents and other students, took on the fight demanding funding and improved conditions. Through a mass action of 80-100 people of all nationalities, they won their demands.

Women in Struggle Today

Throughout all the many battles being launched against the imperialists, women are rising up and fighting against all forms of oppression, while smashing the ideas that the bourgeoisie promotes of women being passive and dependent. Thousands of working women have stood shoulder to shoulder with men throughout the strike wave which has raged and ripped at the heart of the capitalists' empire. A significant recent example was the struggle of immigrant Chinese workers at the Jung Sai garment factory and the Lee Mah electronics plant in Chinatown in San Francisco. These fighters, overwhelmingly women, have fought militant battles against the bosses and police, led rallies through the streets of Chinatown, and have sparked support from other work-



ers and other progressive and revolutionary minded people throughout the Bay Area, including the RSB. Both of these struggles have hurt the capitalists who have always used women workers, especially minorities, as a cheap supply of labor. In addition to fighting their own struggles, many of the women have gone out and supported other workers' picket lines and strikes and have taken part in rallies such as the one against Rockefeller last fall when he came to S.F.--a demonstration of over 2000 people that attacked the entire capitalist class.

This is only one example of many women taking up the fight against the attacks that the capitalists bring--whether its cutbacks, taking away of protective labor laws, speed-ups, or layoffs on the job.



In the Third World countries of Asia, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East, women have risen up to break the chains of feudal and colonial societies to become leaders in the fight for national liberation. Women in Vietnam, such as Madame Binh who represents the PRG of South Vietnam and Madame Dinh (pic. above) who led the army that defeated U.S. ground troops in Vietnam were examples that inspired many women in the U.S. to become fierce fighters against U.S. imperialism, and brought out the importance for both progressive men and women to take up the fight against women's oppression as part of the overall fight against U.S. imperialism.

Women in struggle have shattered the myths that the capitalists try to make us believe in order to keep men and women from uniting against them.

Women have taken up the proud and militant banner of fighting against the oppression and the attacks that the capitalists launch, from the courageous women of the past to the many women today, who are standing side by side with men, in the front lines of resistance to all oppression and exploitation--uniting in building a revolutionary movement that will smash the parasite capitalists and bring a righteous victory to all people.



MIDEAST cont'd.

itself is beginning to develop against Zionist rule. There is a budding movement demanding the return of Israel occupied territories to Syria, Egypt, and Jordan. The gigantic Israeli military budget recently led to "austerity measures" that raised food prices from 15 to 200%. In reply, thousands of people took to the streets to demonstrate their outrage. Workers there are beginning to move against these attacks. The Sephardin (darkskinned Jews from the Arab countries and Northern Africa) were hit especially hard and there have been riots in their "slum" sections of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

The future is indeed bright for the Palestinian people! They have risen up against what ultimately will go down as one of the most horrendous crimes of the infinitely long list of barbarous acts the capitalists have built up in the name of profit - the forcible eviction of a nation of people from their homeland into the desert. The road ahead will certainly be a hard one - in which the Zionists and the two superpowers, the US and the Soviet Union, will step up their aggression to hold back the Palestinian and Arab peoples fight against foreign domination and imperialism, hoping to maintain and further gain dominance in this most strategic area of the world - with its oil and natural gateways to Africa, Asia and Europe. But the recent victories for the Palestinians are clear indicators that their 26 year march to regain their homes, their land, and their national rights will over the long run end in victory.

PALESTINE WEEK CONT'D.

and more people are learning of the real situation in the Mideast. During a discussion period after a dorm showing of the movie "Revolution Until Victory" (on the Palestinian Revolution). The 150 people attending got a good idea of the true nature of Zionism as a number of Zionists showed up. One of them noted that Zionists had the right to drive the Palestinians out of their homeland "because it was written in the Bible, and God gave us that land 2,500 years ago". Comments such as these, to say the least, were very poorly recieved by the audience as a number of people spoke out against them. As one student spoke up and noted, "I got trouble enough when someone tells me they believe in God, never mind when they tell me he's got the right to give out real estate."

The week was also marked by a good deal of discussion and agreement that the Soviet Union rulers, like the US capitalists, are contending for power and profits in the Middle East. And that this contention could result in the two superpowers trying to drag people throughout the world into a war for their profits.

The week was highlighted by a few hundred people attending an Arab dinner along with cultural performances, followed later that night by two speakers from Palestine. Off of this week, the PLC which consists of the RSB, the Revolutionary Union, Ethiopian Students Union - North America, Organization of Arab Students, Eritreans for Liberation-North America, and the African Students Association are planning stepped up activities and rallies in support of the Palestivians.



Victory In Africa !

The Angolan people have won back their country from the U.S. backed Portugal and plans are underway to form a multi-party democratic government with the three main liberation movements which led the struggle for independence. This follows the victory of the people of the Cape Verde Islands who won their independence on December 18. In the near future, the islands will re-unite with the already liberated Guinea-Bissau. (see Sept FB! for background):

Eritreans Gain

In 1962, Eritrea was federated with Ethiopia. This did not come out of any popular vote by the people of Eritrea. It came out of the maneuvering of the US monopoly capitalists who for years have reaped millions of dollars from the labor and resources of Ethiopia--while the people have worked at starvation wages and under fascist rule. The present ruling military junta, while proclaiming to be "socialist" is begging the US imperialists for investments while continuing to attack all attempts by people to wage organized resistance. In recent months, Eritrean liberation forces have scored major victories in fighting against the US armed Ethiopian army. Presently, the Ethiopian army is holed up in the capital city of Asmara where the liberation forces have put a successful blockade on all attempts by the military junta to jam through supplies.



INDOCHINA: Liberation Forces Advance



Thousands of Vietnamese take to the streets, defying curfews and police harassment. Above people about to burn effigy of puppet Thieu.

US People Demand: Implement the Treaty

Thousands of people took to the streets during the week of Jan. 24-27, the 2nd anniversary of the Paris Peace Agreement--calling for the full implementation of the Peace Treaty and the end to all aid to Thieu and Lon Nol.

In San Francisco, demonstrators seized the Saigon Consulate in an action called by the VVAW/WSO (Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization). At a rally before the multinational crowd entered the consulate, over 500 people heard speeches denouncing the many U.S. violations of the Peace accords and pointed to the growing resistance within the ranks of the U.S. military.

In fact, almost every chapter of the VVAW/WSO held some sort of action. In Wash., D.C. they sponsored a march of 100 people which ended in a spirited rally in front of the Saigon embassy.

250 protesters marched through the university district in Seattle, Wash. also raising demands for universal unconditional amnesty for all war resisters and to oppose US intervention in the Mideast. The demo, called by the vets, the Brigade, and others, rang out in cheers as an effigy of US imperialism with two puppet heads--Thieu and Lon Nol--burned.

An "Assembly to Save the Peace Agreement" in Wash., D.C. drew 1600 people "To defend the victories the Vietnamese people have won and celebrate the agreement." Solidarity messages came to the conference from 20 countries including the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (PRG). A candlelight march on the White House highlighted the event.

Demonstrations and rallies were also held in San Jose, San Diego, NYC and Chicago.

Fed up with dictatorship, misery, corruption and an endless war, South Vietnam's cities have exploded with mass demonstrations, strikes and riots against the Thieu regime and its US backers. Tens of thousands of people in Saigon and other major cities are defying curfews and repressive police and taking to the streets demanding that Thieu fully implement the Paris Peace Agreement.

The agreement, which saw its second anniversary this January, was a great victory for the people of Viet Nam and the world and a crushing blow to the US imperialists. It forced them to withdraw ground troops, stop bombing and recognize Vietnam as one country - North and South.

The imperialists and their lackey Thieu were forced to sign the agreement because of the strength and determination of the Vietnamese people combined with the massive anti-war and anti-imperialist movements in this country. Despite this defeat, they haven't abandoned their designs of maneuvering through Thieu to maintain a foothold.

Thus, Thieu denied the elections and democratic liberties called for under the agreement, refused to allow a coalition government and instead of releasing political prisoners and POW's, systematically rounded up thousands more. Furthermore, the US kept 20,000 "civilian" advisors and huge aid grants in Vietnam to prop up the teetering regime.

Meanwhile, the people's liberation forces are making incredible advances. Throughout 1974, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of S. Vietnam (PRG) has won back important cities, villages and military outposts, liberating over 1,220,000 people. For the first time since May 1972, an entire province - Phouc Long - has been captured by the liberation forces. All attempts by the Thieu regime to launch aggression on the liberated areas have been dealt severe blows by the PRG.

The fiery resistance generated by these victories has spread through the cities and countryside of the

south. In one concentration camp, 12,000 people rebelled then broke out of the camp to return to their villages in the liberated zones.

Clearly shaken by the advances of the Vietnamese and the growing anti-Thieu anti-US demonstrations, Thieu and his US masters know they're in a fix, and they're going to try scheme after scheme to keep the rug from being pulled out from under their feet. Just recently, the State Dept. openly justified its increased activities in Indochina by declaring that the US is "free" to violate the Peace Agreement.

Ford, seeing the desperate situation of the Thieu regime, has asked for an additional \$522 million in military arms for the Saigon clique. This is already starting to be "debated" in congress. If the aid is turned down it's not because the congress has suddenly recognized that Thieu is a fascist and are concerned for the Vietnamese people who have had to fight against the bombs and armies that the Congress has consistently approved over the last 15 years. Rather, it is that these congressional dissenters to Ford's programs are worried about the skin of the capitalist class they serve. They are aware that during times of severe economic crisis, \$522 million of aid to a regime that the American people know is a fascist puppet will only expose their decadent rule that much more.

It's for sure that the US imperialists will try to somehow keep their foot in Vietnam. For decades, they have looked at the resources and markets of S.E. Asia like a starving man would at a choice sirloin steak. But the Vietnamese were meat that was just too tough to chew - and the capitalists' dreams of domination are coming at a time when they are in a much weaker state than they were in the '60's. Facing an even stronger and unified Vietnamese people, a severe economic and political crisis and an American people fed up with war and aggression - the final defeat of the US in Vietnam is closer than ever.

In Saigon, people set fire to newspapers in protest of dictator Thieu's censorship of 5 newspapers and other repressive measures.



Sinking Ship cont.

produced by the workers, there is not going to be any work. Right now there are too many goods on the market for the bosses to realize at a profit. The capacity of capitalism to produce goods has outstripped the capacity of capitalism to find markets for them.

Overproduction does not mean that everyone has enough of the goods they need--food, shelter, clothing, etc. Overproduction means that too much has been produced for the bloodsuckers to make a profit off of. The people are unable to buy back the very wealth they have produced--and thus the capitalists cannot realize their profit. As a result, goods pile up, unsold and unused. Tremendous wealth and potential for producing more wealth exist side by side with increased poverty for the masses.

The name of the game then is profit, and it is a god that reigns supreme over the lives of millions. The search for the highest rate of profit and the quickest turnover on capital drags the capitalist by the nose, like a magnet, from one industry to another. The result of this quest for profit means an anarchy in production. Capital gets invested not where society needs it the most, but where a quick score can be made. It is anarchy because there is no plan to it--in terms of the needs of society--although its logic is profit. So instead of decent housing to replace the ratholes in the decaying cities, we get more missiles. Just what we need.



20,000 construction workers rally at New Jersey State Capitol in 1974, demanding more jobs and booing Governor Byrne.

How do they make their profits?

Where does the capitalist make his profit? Where does this great god profit come from? How did Rocky and his friends make all that bread? To answer these questions, we have to take a look at what goes on between these parasites and the working class at the point at which things get produced. Basically, the source of the capitalist's profit lies in the ripping off

and exploitation of the working class at the point of production. Profit for the capitalist comes out of the difference between the value of the goods that workers produce and the value that is returned to the working class in the form of wages. Part of the work day is paid labor, part is unpaid labor--surplus value taken by the boss. It might take 2 or 3 hours of work in an auto plant to produce enough value to support the worker and his or her family at a minimal subsistence level--



while the fruits of the other 6-8 hours go straight to the boss.

From the point of view of the capitalist, anyway in which he can increase this unpaid portion of the day over the paid portion means more profit. In the race for profit, each capitalist is always striving to cut his costs of production--to produce the most goods at the least cost. This do or die necessity for the capitalist means speedup, forced overtime, and the loss of jobs to labor saving machinery and technology. Under capitalism, automation, which should mean a better life for people, comes to mean more hardship and unemployment.

But as more and more of their capital is tied up in machinery replacing human labor, the capitalists have a harder time in getting a high rate of return on their capital invested.

It's this drive for profit then, that leads to overproduction. Competing for the lion's share, the capitalists plunge blindly ahead producing more and more goods. The race is for profit--in order to increase capital--in order to make more profit. The entire economy heats up. But this seemingly limitless production soon comes up against an obstacle. Goods have been produced - but with no regard as to whether they will find a buyer. The consuming power of the masses, ever pushed to a subsistence level lags far behind. More workers get laid off. The crisis intensifies. The wealth produced by the working class is returned to them in the form of long waits in the unemployment lines, unpaid bills, and a lowered standard of living.

Basic Contradiction

It is during these times that the utter irrationality and destructiveness of capitalism takes its most blatant forms. The fundamental contradiction of capitalism--between wealth socially produced but privately owned and appropriated stands out as never before for the masses of people. The wealth produced by the millions is

taken by those who do no productive work, who do not and cannot use this wealth robbed from the people for the betterment of society, who cannot even use it primarily for their own private consumption, no matter how wastefully and extravagantly they live. These bloated maggots are themselves forced to plow their profits back into production on the same irrational basis as before--wherever the rate of profit is highest.

The necessity to make profit is not a matter of choice, or even of the individual greed of any of these vampires. It is a question of the objective laws of capitalist production, that even the capitalists themselves must

obey or go under, gobbled up by other capitalists driven by the same laws.

Which way out?

For the bourgeoisie the way out of their crises leads to the destruction of goods, intensified exploitation of those still working, and the necessity to conquer new markets. The contraction of the home market means an increased struggle for foreign markets. Increasingly stymied abroad by rising national liberation struggles and stepped up competition between the capitalist countries themselves, the always present threat of war gets sharper. Trade wars step up, leading down the road to shooting wars. That is what all the saber rattling is about around the Mideast and elsewhere, as the bourgeoisie makes preparation for what it just might take--a world war. The way out for the bourgeoisie means more oppression, exploitation and misery for the masses.

But the people have another way out--the only one that can work. Working people and oppressed people have fought against the bloodsucking imperialists every step of the way. During the '30's, there was a powerful worker's movement that with revolutionary leadership won a number of victories, tying up the struggle of the unemployed with the struggle of the entire working class and all oppressed people.

Today, as the crises deepens, as millions want work but cannot get it, as goods pile up while the people are pushed deeper into poverty, a new revolutionary storm is rising, including a revolutionary worker's movement. The working class is fighting back with the largest wave of strikes since the end of WW2. Employed and unemployed are organizing all over the country. Here on the campuses a revolutionary student movement is on the rise. And through these struggles, more and more people are coming to see the way out--the revolutionary overthrow of a system that long ago lost any claim whatsoever to further existence on this planet earth.

"It's Right to Rebel"

Emblazoned with the inspiring words of Ruchell--"It's Right to Rebel"-- this will be a regular column in *Fight Back*. Each month, it will feature short reports on some of the struggles that are increasingly jumping off on campuses around the country.

Office Takeover in Iowa

On February 6th at the University of Iowa, over 200 students of all nationalities marched and demanded that the university stop its scabbing on the Farmworker strike by its continued purchasing of non-United Farmworker Union lettuce. The rally was highlighted by 60 students marching into the university president's office and taking it over for an hour and a half.

The rally and takeover were led by the Farmworkers Support Committee, the Chicano Student Association, the Indian Student Union, and the RSB, all who have been active in doing strike support work for the Farmworkers, driving all products made by scabs of that strike out of Iowa city, except for those on the University.

"But it won't be long before they go too", a Brigade spokesman noted, "The office takeover was only an example of what students will do to get this university to stop scabbing on the Farmworkers strike."

James Hall Released

Also from Iowa City, James Hall, a Black man framed on charges in the death of a woman on the University of Iowa campus is out on bond after a 7 month struggle to free him (see Sept. FB). Last summer Hall had been convicted to a 20 year sentence. But the Brigade and a number of other people continued to build rallies that were increasingly uniting hundreds of Black, Latino, Native American and white students in battles to free Hall, and to fight police repression and monopoly capitalism. Thus, Hall's case was put on appeal and he was released on bond. The decision on a new trial will be made by the courts during the spring. But already the Brigade is springing into action demanding that the whole frame-up trial be dropped, and that Hall be freed.

Morgan State, Md.

In Maryland, Morgan State College a predominately Black school is being all but completely closed down. By moving to "merge" it with the University of Maryland, the state government is stripping it of accreditation of all but one of its courses.

This move is part of an overall attack on Black colleges through cutbacks and "drying up" of funds. A number of these colleges have been the only way that many Black students have been able to get a college education. In response to the attack on Morgan State a rally was called by the Student Government Association. Despite very short notice, 1,500 students marched through the streets chanting, "Stop the Merger".

Since then a committee of students, including the African Liberation Support Committee, has formed to fight

main demands 1) Stop the Merger, End the attacks on Black schools 2) Increase Financial Aid to Education 3) Cut Back Ridiculous Tuitions and Fees.

The committee which sees the need to direct their fight at the imperialists noted in a leaflet: "The ruling class can only succeed if we let them. All the gains Black people have won has come from struggling. We ain't been handed nothing on a silver platter, and future gains will require more struggling. We've already taken to the streets 1,500 strong. Now what we need to do is unify around the demands, focus our attacks on the real problem and rely on our strength to bring victories."

North Carolina

"Hit the Road KKK" and "Power to the People" were the chants of 250 Black and white students that drowned out and forced the cancellation of the Klu Klux Klan spokesman David E. Duke's forum at the University of North Carolina. The university administration tried to attack the demonstrators for "violation of free speech". But the demonstrators stood firm against this attack - noting that they would always stop the "freedom" of those to attack Blacks and other minorities, and that this was a question of life and death not abstract academic freedom. In a statement to the press the protestors noted, "We serve notice to



BEAT ARMY!—The media has been making a big deal lately about the return of ROTC and military recruiters to college campuses. As reported in the last issue of FIGHTBACK!, many of these pigs have been kicked right off campus when they've shown their faces. Above Sgt. Joseph Brickley was out to do some recruiting for the imperialist war machine, at Antioch College. However he ran into a problem as students refused to put up with his presence on campus. 60 or 70 angry students, along with members of the Brigade, met Brickley in the parking lot when he arrived and pinned him against his car. They held him there for forty minutes, forcing him to leave.

Oklahoma

A campaign to free the "Mac Alester 10" was recently kicked off by 200 marching students at the U. of Oklahoma. The February 5th rally, called by the RSB and the Iranian Students Association (ISA) also raised the demand "Free Iranian Political Prisoners." The "Mac Alester 10" are ten prisoners who were among the leaders of a massive rebellion against the dungeon conditions they had been living under. The 10 are charged with starting a fire that burned down almost the entire prison, though not one witness of the government can even come close to stating they saw anyone light a fire. The second demand of the rally was to focus on the Shah of Iran's fascist regime—where the secret police (SAVAK) of this U.S. fascist puppet has over 40,000 prisoners in jail with no formal charges. The 200 students marched through the campuses and heard speeches from both the RSB and the ISA. That night around 50 people attended a meeting to plan further actions around building a campaign to free the "Mac

Duke: your cause will no longer be legitimized by the privilege of speaking on university campuses. We urge students on other campuses; use your power, you do not have to allow this racist to 'recruit quality people' on your campus."

Seattle

Several demonstrations held in December and January in Seattle have mobilized hundreds of people in the fight against police repression, sparked by both the shooting of an 18 year old Black youth, Michael Jones (shot in the back), and a decision by police to switch to using hollow point bullets. (The hollow point is designed so that the bullet expands when it hits the body, causing a much larger wound and increasing the chances of death.) A number of student and community organizations, including the Black Student Union, The Inner City Youth Organization, MECHA (a Chicano student organization), Minority Affairs Commission, Revolutionary Student Brigade, Seattle Liberation Coalition, and the Third World Coalition, have been actively involved

It's Right To Rebel cont'd.

in the campaign. On Jan. 7, over 500 people jammed a city council hearing chanting slogans against police repression and disrupting "testimony" by local cops.

U. of Michigan

The administration of the U. of Michigan recently tried to reinstate ROTC as a fully accredited course. In response around 100 students marched on the Faculty Senate which was voting on whether to give it credit. During the session, many students spoke as to why the University should not "credit" the military war machinery. A Brigade member spoke on why we don't oppose the military for "moral reasons," but we attack the military arm of the capitalists because it is used to protect their profits and markets throughout the world as well as having been used over the years to crush the rebellions and strikes that the American people have launched against the monopoly rulers. The university, in trying to credit the course was one more example of how the university serves the capitalists. This speech was very well received. As the students continued to jam the Faculty Senate, the arguments for ROTC were exposed as statements for "credit for plunder and profits." The Faculty Senate then voted to refuse to give the program credit. A battle had been won. But as the U.S. imperialists continue to try and prepare people for war, many more universities will step up their use of military programs, which we will have to fight tooth and nail.

Tyrone Guyton 3 Set Free

Three Tyrone Guyton supporters, two of them Brigade members, were set free after a jury trial in January.

The three had been arrested by Oakland police while passing out black armbands and leaflets to high school students last November 1st, one year after Tyrone, a 14 year old Black youth, had been shot and killed by the Oakland Police. On that day, hundreds of people attended rallies and programs held in places throughout the Bay Area, including San Francisco State University, U.C. Berkeley, and Laney College in Oakland.

Many high school and college students, workers and people in the community of all nationalities have become active fighters in this struggle. A thousand people militantly marched through the streets of Oakland last year, demanding "Indict the Murders

Attica Victories

Another instance of the state's attempts to torture and threaten witnesses to pull off framed up charges like in the Ruben Carter case (see page 1) was recently exposed in the trial of the Attica Brothers. Flip Crawley - a leader in the heroic prison rebellion of Sept. 1971 - was called as the prosecution "star" witness. But his testimony turned out to be directed squarely at the state and its attempts to beat and terrify him into accusing other Brothers.

Also shortly before Christmas, the state dropped charges against 15 of the most politically active Brothers, but the heavy charges of murder and kidnapping still stand. Various reasons have been given for the dismissals. Mostly, the capitalists couldn't pull off their plan to dazzle jurors with trumped up evidence, cockeyed stories and witnesses tortured into lying.

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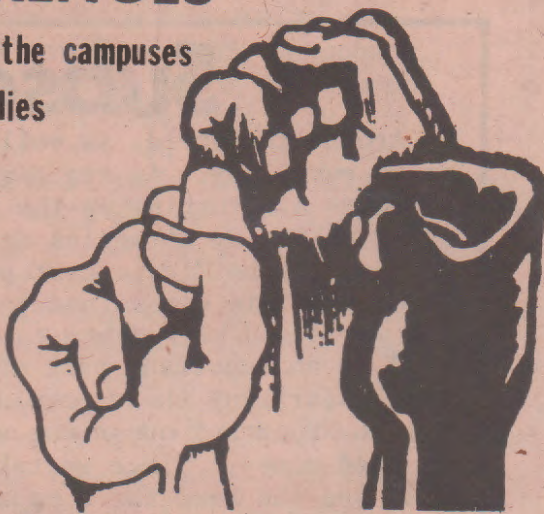
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The revolutionary student movement is growing. On campuses across the country, students have come forward to fight against police repression, cutbacks, war designs in the Mideast, and a number of issues. As our ranks grow, it becomes increasingly important for us to get together, sum up our experience, and build an iron fist to enable us to fight better against the rulers of this country. The RSB will be holding regional conferences throughout Feb. and early March, in Los Angeles, St. Louis, and New Brunswick, NJ. Chapter members from all over the country, along with a number of other individual students and other organizations involved in building the student movement will be attending. The conferences, which will have workshops and general discussions & plenary sessions, are open to all people interested in taking up the struggle against US imperialism.

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of Tyrone Guyton! Stop Police Attacks in the Black and Chicano Community!". The victory of the "Tyrone Guyton 3" is a real step forward in the fight against police repression.

Milwaukee

Over 1,200 students at Milwaukee Technical College came to a mass meeting to fight the announcement of a 12 1/2% tuition raise. The tuition hike will make it so that a large number of the students at the technical school, many of them from poor and working class backgrounds, will either have to drop out, or at best be very hard pressed to pay. Future actions have not yet been planned on how to fight the tuition hike, though there is a good possibility of a statewide rally of students from technical schools on Feb. 25th at the state capitol in Madison.

Running Dog cont'd.

the system he benefits from and serves so well. Good going Fido!

We hope Glenn appreciates the efforts and hard work of Kent students, including the Brigade, who clearly pointed out in Glenn the qualities that are necessary for this award. For instance, a demonstration of 250 students, fighting rising food prices and deteriorating food service, forced him into a dinner date at one of the worst cafeterias. Here Doc Olds put on a great liberal mask of the innocent victim of inflation, fighting heroically on the side of students. Another time, a hundred students, protesting a cut in faculty, marched right into his open house dinner and found Doc eating "running dog food" - scab grapes. Once when confronted by some Black students, angry over budget cuts, he told them to "be thankful for what you have". That Glenn! He's just so good at ripping off his liberal mask when the occasion requires and letting students know just whose side he's on.

We also found that Doc serves his class well after school hours too. As a UN ambassador under Nixon, he was one of the founders of Operation Mekong Delta. This was a government plan to carve up Vietnamese land for the profit-making use of US capitalists. However, it seems that there was a slight problem with it. The heroic resistance of the Vietnamese people shot this plan to pieces. Nice try Glenn, it's the thought that counts.

Dr. Olds also chaired the recent Energy Crisis Conference in Detroit which tried to think of new ways to exploit Arab oil. It was highlighted by another lackey, Gerry Ford, who tried to whip up anti-Arab hysteria and threatened to throw the American people into another imperialist war.

As the imperialist crisis grows, liberals like Olds, who in his own words says, he's "here to serve students" will be forced to come out and contradict themselves more and more. On one hand Olds must wear the mask of a concerned and educated scholar, and on the other hand his job as college president is to run the university for the monopoly capitalist class. Olds mask is already falling off. So, by presenting this award, we want to give old Glenn's mask a damn good yank. For as the imperialist crisis deepens and the attacks on us step up, it is crucial that we know our real friends and our real enemies.

Carter cont'd

When they get you here in prison, they try to get rich off you. This is exploitation; this is political oppression here. The people who control the prisons make us live in social degradation here in these cells.

Q: The real criminals are running the whole show-in here, in the prisons, and out there too!

Carter: That's what's wrong. I have nothing to do with the way the government is being run. The government is run by a ruling class of people. We, the real people, down in the valley, see that the ruling class people live up in the mountains. They just look from mountain to mountain. They don't see us here in the valley. It's time for the people in the valley to get up and go into those mountains and take those criminals off from up there. That's what I'm talking about.

Battle Cops cont'd.

knocked on their asses in full view of the community, and 8 had to be hospitalized. But more importantly, they were defeated in their attempt to halt the specter of people of all nationalities, a large number of them workers uniting to fight against the police and their capitalist bosses. Their attempt to stop the march from going through that community had been thoroughly smashed. The rally continued.

Once at the rally, people heard speakers from the Worker's Committee, the RU, Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization, and others. A number of times it was pointed out that people should be proud of the way they fought, and that when the people are united they can defeat and crush the attacks made upon them. Another point raised was the importance of the fight against the deportation dragnets.

After the rally, it was learned that police were refusing medical attention to those who had been hurt, and refusing to disclose who had been arrested. Over 100 people went to the police station and threw up a picket line. The injured were soon taken to a hospital. By the next morning all were out on bail.

In going back into the community with leaflets summing up the action, people found a heightened interest and desire in the community to get down and organize against police repression, and the system of imperialism which spawns it. The people of the Pilsen community see the rally as a victory, and as an example of "how people have got to get out there and fight to change things." The Worker's Committee, which has been doing a great deal of work, has since doubled in size.

The press and the police were shocked that the bulls of Chicago found themselves so bloodied, beaten, and whipped. In the police station after the rally, a TV newsman asked a member of the RU why so many police were hurt. "'Cause we beat the hell out of them" was the reply," and we're telling them right now they'll get it worse next time they try."

AS WE GO TO PRESS, 7 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH FELONIES, WHILE OTHERS HAVE HAD THEIR CHARGES DROPPED. LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DEFENSE MAY BE SENT TO:

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Menominee CONT'D

people to go freely in and out of the monastery (at one point 200 people were on the inside!), and in the end got the hospital for the Menominee people.

Even the Catholic Church was forced to give in and - god forbid - lose a little money in the process. They only wanted \$750,000 for the monastery which hasn't been used in seven years. By that time everyone was laughing at the supposed "brotherhood" of the Brothers who were only interested in the money.

When it was over, the capitalists couldn't stand the taste of defeat in their mouths. So, they tried to make the heroic Menominee Warrior Society look like the loser by showing it leaving the monastery in handcuffs, on their way to jail. But the TV cameras couldn't hide the triumphant cheers, nor could the handcuffs hold down clenched fists as the warriors came out victorious. For most, the only charges that they could come up with was disorderly conduct or criminal trespass. In short, nothing the capitalists could do could take away this victory. The unity of the Menominees, united in struggle with revolutionary workers and students of all nationalities proved to be unbeatable.

! FLASH ! ANN ARBOR ON STRIKE

60% of the 40,000 students at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor went out on strike Tuesday Feb. 11, in support of striking graduate students. The Graduate Employees Organization (GEO is the graduate students' union) is demanding 1) Better Wages, 2) Smaller Classes and 3) More Black and Third World Graduates Teaching.

Growing student support is being shown as spontaneous picketlines of hundreds of students brave the bitter cold to make sure the school administration knows who students support in this fight. As we go to press, the GEO, the Undergraduate Support Committee, and the Black United Front are jointly working out a strategy for victory including a demonstration on Friday February 14. Thousands of students are expected to demonstrate demanding 1) Meet all GEO demands 2) No Dorm Rate Hikes, No Tuition Hikes, 3) No Cutbacks- No Cutbacks in Pilot Programs or Women's studies and 4) Implement "Black Action" Demands (for more Black admissions) agreed to in 1970.

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Around the world, as well as at home, the fight against imperialism grows every day. As the pages of this issue show, a growing number of students are turning up the heat on this bloodsucking system by increasingly taking up struggles against police repression, cutbacks, intervention in the Middle East and Indochina, and oppression of all types. FIGHT BACK! is determined to cover these struggles at home and around the world and bring them to the campus. In the future, we hope that FB! will be an important part of the growing revolutionary student movement by popularizing these revolutionary struggles as well as giving analysis to important questions and events in the world today. But to do this we need money. Since we take no paid ads, we must depend on people who also see the need for a paper like FB! in building the revolutionary student movement. So we're asking people who can, to become FB! sustainers by giving \$5, \$10, \$25, or more a month to help us pay for the paper. Sustainers will of course, receive the paper as well as pamphlets and publications that we put out. FIGHT BACK!

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Prairie Fire said in a recent interview, "We can shake, rattle, and roll in the concert halls 'till our spirits are as high as the sky, but it's in the streets, on the picket lines, in direct battle with the bosses that the real war is to be waged and won. And there ain't nothing more rewarding than to put a little spark, a little spirit-raising into the brothers and sisters out there in that battle."

Check out Prairie Fire and see how two talented musicians and singers express the joy and sentiment of all working and oppressed people fighting for a better world.



Schedule of tour: Feb. 26-Norman, Ok. 27-Lawrence, Kan., March 1-St. Louis, Mo., 5-Iowa City, 8-Milwaukee, 11-Chicago, 13-Madison, Wisc., 15-Chicago, 22-Birmingham, Ala., 23 or 24, Atlanta, Ga., 26-Gainesville, Fla. 27-28 Pa., 30-31 and April 1-3, Baltimore/Wash. area, 4-7 N.Y./NJ area

For April-May schedule, see next FB!. For more info. contact your local RSB or the National Office.

Also available: Prairie Fire record, incl. "Out of Gas"—\$1.50 ea. From: United Front Press—P.O. Box 40099, San Francisco, CA 94140

POEM • Angry Warrior

This poem is a living example of revolutionary culture growing from the peoples' struggles. It speaks to the pride of being Black, the fiery anger of being poor and the hatred for the class enemy -- and to the day when the "angry warriors" rise up to crush and defeat them. It was written by a high school student active in the struggle to "Free Antowyn Cauley-Fight Police Repression."

*I am Black and I am poor;
Though proud of this dark skin,
It is even more my pride
That I was raised a peasant;
That I slept as a child,
Not in some common cradle,
But warmly near my mother's breast
When winter froze our rooms.
And I will not be found ashamed
That I went hungry half my life
Licking clean those cracking plates—
The times we could have dinner.
Nor do I shake recalling days
Of playing with roaches,
Of leaky roofs and peeling walls,
Of rats loose in my bed.
For my parents left to me
A legacy of courage,
That for my poverty
I was further on than they.
I would not live as they had done—
Share-cropping in the South,
When comin' to the "Golden North"
With dreams that turned to ashes.
And though my father died before
I even knew my name,
He knew he'd left behind a child
With hopes of being a man.
Now, older and outraged,
My birthright is my shield
Protecting me from the greed
That eats the souls of others.
I take only what I need;
Desiring nothing else.
For luxury is but a fat
The stupid would acquire.
I'm staying slender for the time*

*(And it will surely come)
When the power visits me
To wreak a mighty vengeance.
On that day from everywhere
The warriors will rise
And from ten billion places
We will shake this world in anger.
We will not be just Black or white
But the slaves of every color
Striking against the masters
That have held us all in chains.
Hardly this a clash of race
But a struggle of the classes
And many of my enemies
Will look as Black as I.
But surely shall I be there;
Praying on for the strength
To fight the money-lovers
Till the last of them lie broken.
Then, should I still be alive,
I will see my parents' graves
And tell them the best way I can
THAT OUR DEBTS AT LAST ARE SETTLED.*



Free Ruchell Magee cont'd.

sentence, and also denounced Angela Davis, calling her "a pig, a rat, a snitch-- a dirty snitching rat". Angela Davis is a leading member of the Communist Party-USA who was originally a co-defendant in the same case as Magee, but had her case severed from his. She was freed by the mass support mobilized throughout the country in her defense, and since then has done next to nothing to aid the fight to free Ruchell.

While only a few people were allowed to enter the courtroom to witness first-hand the early morning railroading job, 50 people, including many RSB members, held a militant picket line outside. Shortly after the sentencing, the Santa Clara County Sheriffs Dept. surrounded the demonstrators, arresting 30 for "demonstrating near a courthouse".

With that, the Ruling Class thought they had written the last chapter of the whole Ruchell case. But it's the people who are writing the book of history, and this has only made the people more determined to free Ruchell. Last Feb. 8th the chants of over 200 people marching on San Quentin could be heard inside the prison walls. The chant was a clear indicator of the people's sentiments: We will not forget you Ruchell, and the people will definitely free you in the years to come!

34 DAY SIEGE-

Victory For Fighting Menominees

"We don't want to die. But we will lay down our lives for our people if we must. We have made our decision to take our place as warriors." With this spirit, the Menominee Warrior Society, (historically the warriors have banded together to come to the defense of the Menominee people) seized control of an abandoned monastery in Gresham, Wisconsin on January 1, demanding that the former Menominee land be returned and that the building be used as a badly needed hospital. The warriors and their supporters were an inspiration to people all across the country as they stood firm in the face of 200 cops and 800 armed National Guardsmen, forcing a victory in 34 days.

The Menominee people lost their status as a tribe 15 years ago, taking away virtually all their meager medical services, and allowing the local bank, one of the largest in the country, to begin selling their land to tourists. But ever since Columbus "discovered" America the Native Americans have been brutally oppressed and killed. This didn't stop when the capitalists drove them onto desolate reservations. With conditions on the reservations like unemployment of 25%, substandard housing, and high rates of infant mortality and disease, many tribes are dying out or else leaving to find jobs in the inner city where survival is just as hard.

But this didn't stop the Menominees from fighting back and there was support being built for their fight throughout Wisconsin and Illinois, much of it by revolutionary forces such as the Milwaukee Worker (revolutionary workers newspaper), several chapters of the RSB, and the RU. On January 4, over 200 supporters came to Gresham, faced police barricades and then stood up to 50 heavily armed cops at the local



jail. There they demanded that the Warriors be supplied with light, heat, and food. The next day a car caravan of 50 Menominees was greeted in Madison by over 200 people, including the Brigade, the Revolutionary Union (RU), the Wisconsin alliance and the Milwaukee Worker (revolutionary workers paper). Almost 300 strong, they took the street and marched right up to the capital building demanding that Lucey, the governor, pull back the cops, let in food, and open communication lines. In Milwaukee, 1500 people came to a fund raising concert. In Chicago, 400 people marched to the headquarters of the Alexian Brothers (the former "owners" of the monastery) and set up picket lines there every Saturday until the victory. Many other demonstrations in Madison, Milwaukee, and Gresham clearly showed that the Menominee and their supporters were not going to be stopped!

During the 34 day siege, the capitalists and their flunkies stayed up

nights trying to split the unity of the Indians and their supporters. When Lucey called up the National Guard, he said it was to "protect" the Warriors from the "white racist vigilantes". But when some people went into town to talk to the "white racists", they found that most people hoped it would soon be over and that no one would be hurt. As one man said "The press tries to make us look like white savages, but we just want the guard to leave." When some of the townspeople came to a support meeting, one older Menominee woman proudly stated "This is the first time I've been happy since my children went in there. All of us have got to support them, they're doing this for all of us."

But just as Boston has its Hicks and Kerrigans (see page 8) trying to set the people against each other, so too, Gresham has its McBride and Blith - local snowmobile dealer and real estate agent,

In the first few days of the takeover, with the help of radio and TV ads and under the guise of a "Support Your Local Sheriff" rally, these two turkeys were able to bring out a hundred curious people to demonstrate against the Indians. But later when the issues became clear they couldn't even get enough people to march anywhere - except right back home!

In fact, the Menominee struggle made some important steps in uniting all nationalities against their common enemy - the monopoly capitalists' system. One example of this was an Indian man who held a picket sign saying "Don't Trust Honkies." When he saw a lot of people of all nationalities joining the line, he said, "I made this when I was angry," and then, "You know 'honkies' is just a word for a few bad whites." Later when he joined the march, he left the sign in his car.

It was this kind of unity, that when coupled with the determination of the Warrior Society, got the heat and lights turned back on, forced Lucey to let in food and medicine, for a time allowed many

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