There must have been a million people marching here today. The buses never stopped coming. People were still streaming in, in huge numbers, when it was all over.

The Washington Police Chief said his "modest estimate" was 200,000, but they told us at the rally that the Associated Press estimated over a million. It was in the 20s and the sun was hot, but everybody seemed to be having a good time, with most people walking in good humor.

Our Michigan delegation was one of the biggest of all. At least 500. And though there were a lot of students, there were plenty of union workers too. The leaders of the loads of Detroit's GTs and Veterans Against the War, ADC Welfare Mobile and "Racial Justice" of the National Coalition of Teachers. It was one of the most moving experiences of my life when Pete Seeger sang "Give Peace a Chance" over the public address system.

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The electoral victory of John Lindsay as New York's mayor was such a drastic reversal of his "underdog" status only a few months before, that it was clearly not the simple election of one politician over another. Lindsay himself called it "a message that the people of New York City want the war to end." By riding the tide of the deep anti-war feelings that had been evidenced by demonstrations like those of the Oct. 15 Moratorium, Lindsay had managed to break up the racist white-middle-class issue in the country, even on a local level.

Racism had flared up openly in New York during the teachers' strike of a year ago, at which time a poll showed fewer than two out of ten voters thought Lindsay was doing even a "fair job." Just three months after the election, Lindsay was soundly defeated in his party's primary election by a reactionary Republican who didn't have a chance of becoming mayor. But the Democratic candidate, Procaccino, made his campaign a single issue, "Law and Order," while Lindsay, running on the Liberal Party ticket, spoke up against the war. He went from 14 percent behind Procaccino, to seven percent ahead in the election. He carried only two of the five boroughs, yet defeated Procaccino by 160,000 votes.

ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT FOSSILS

It was the combined vote of the black and Puerto Rican poor, together with large numbers of middle-class whites who swung to Lindsay, that elected him. The anti-war sentiment of the middle-class had proved more important to it than its racism. Even the President understood that the election meant the rejection of Administration policies. While Nixon congratulated other Republicans who had opposed the war, he had refused to play football for some of the leading white congressmen.

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Much of the power of the corporation over the workers lies in the fact that 90% of the unions have a single contract. Their factional bickering guaranteed victory for the company. Women workers were given the go-ahead at the expense of the workers, whose wages and working conditions are among the worst in American industry as a result.

Olin strikers fight to defend living wages

New Haven, Conn.—"I've been working for this company since 1940. I've lost over $2,000 in this strike that I can never get back, but if I don't get it now, I'm never going to get anything, and if we lose, it will hurt every worker in the state.'

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Boyle or Yabionski? Miners lose with either one

Morgantown, W. Va. — The coal miners in America will elect their next president on Dec. 9, when they will vote for either the current president, "Tony" Boyle, or his opponent, Joseph Yabionski.

Boyle and Yabionski have been calling each other names, and the rank-and-file miners who know both of these men say that each one is telling the truth about the other. Yabionski claims that Boyle is a dictator, doesn't care about the miners, has a banker's mentality and prefers speculation, D.C. bank owned by the United Mine Workers' union controlled by Boyle, and is concerned with just wages as seen in Boyle's promise to get miners $50 a day, whereas miners also want wage adjustments.

OPPORTUNIST YABIONSKI

While these charges are undoubtedly true, what is equally true is that Yabionski has been an executive committee member of the UMW for many years and has supported all of the policies he now criticizes in Boyle. Yabionski, a UMW District 5 official in southwestern Pennsylvania, is known very well there by the rank-and-files as the one sent in to try to force miners to work under better conditions.

He was often booed out — if not thrown out — of meetings when he went against the men. He didn't talk then like he talks now about the great concern he has for the miners. The real problem is that the miners were forced to go on strike because Yabionski, as their District union leader, did not care enough about them and their grievances to fight for them.

Yabionski might be able to go into mining areas in West Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois and Ohio where he is not known by the miners, and convince them that he has always been for them. But even this is difficult, because rank-and-file miners know District officers too well as the ones who are always selling them out when they have to fight for important issues.

BETRAYER BOYLE

Boyle is certainly right when he calls Yabionski an opportunist, but Boyle has betrayed the miners so much that he has created a problem that is showing up in the elections. The miners believe that the rank-and-file miners wanted the UMW leadership to move out of the way and make a contract provision on safety in the mines that the miners could enforce on the coal operators and not the union themselves, and instead turned to the federal government for safety legislation. Very soon afterward, 78 miners were killed in the Farmington, W. Va., mine explosion. And Boyle had the gall to insult the miners by saying that coal miners have no right to strike because of their safety conditions.

A federal mine safety bill will be passed, but because of those 78 dead miners, and not Boyle, Boyle is probably going to be opposed by the West Virginia miners who went on a wildcat strike, closed every mine in the state, and put black college graduates in charge of legislation that recognized black lung as an industry disease. The rank-and-file determination and unity was so strong that they won passage of the bill, and it is now being debated in the House.

Unfortunately, the nation's coal miners have a choice between Trudeau and Humphrey, and the rank-and-file miners have a chance to choose between their UMW leaders and the ones who have always sold them out. The TV coverage the next day showed the pickets, and there were two main groups: one demanding re-election, and the other a black group of delegates from all over the country protesting racial policy in the union and in the West Virginia mines. Boyle TV report gave the false impression that the group of 100 black pickets was made up of black workers from DRUM in Detroit. And the young man who was at the scene.

But from the time the gavel went down, "30 and Out" was the key to the convention. Old times were about over and the miners in the West Virginia mines who went on a wildcat strike, closed every mine in the state, and put black college graduates in charge of legislation that recognized black lung as an industry disease. The rank-and-file determination and unity was so strong that they won passage of the bill, and it is now being debated in the House.

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Some of the skilled tradesmen have even called Boyle the "opportunistic" or "opportunist." But the miners have done that to the men on the opposite side. What's going to happen to the skilled tradesmen of Yabionski? Well, it's too little and too late. You can't have instant skilled workers. Before you can have something you have to have done it, and that's what Boyle is trying to do for the miners in the West Virginia mines who went on a wildcat strike, closed every mine in the state, and put black college graduates in charge of legislation that recognized black lung as an industry disease. The rank-and-file determination and unity was so strong that they won passage of the bill, and it is now being debated in the House.

Lately many men are quitting at Fleetwood and new workers are being hired. They put these new men on the line because sometimes they come in and work for a day and walk out, it's so bad. Lately they have been having trouble with the workers for 90 days. Now Boyle says he wants more money for a strike fund. What I want to know is: If they won't authorize any strikes, why do they need a higher strike fund?

Boyle, - Fleetwood Worker

Well, now the union has settled for five men instead of the regular crew of six. This is exactly what the company wanted in the first place. This is in addition to the line being faster. When you have a standard you feel is unfair and you can't keep it up and still do quality work, you put in a complaint and wait to be run off the line by the union and in the plants. But the company completely ignores the complaint.

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Repression can't stop anti-war movement

The mass-outpouring in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 15 was the country's answer to President Nixon's speech to the nation on his Vietnam war policy. He made it clear that he stands with the most right-wing elements in Congress and the Pentagon to counter the continued American destruction of the land and people of South Vietnam, barely clothed in the completely unconscionable and immoral lies of the war. Contrary to the suggestions of many Congressional doves, no congressional demonstrations will be announced; only appeals for "patience and support." The Nixon troop withdrawal plan would leave 290,000 men in Vietnam on a continuing basis.

North pointed to the U.S.A. as the new battle ground in the war, and to repression as his new strategy. The very next day after the speech, Assistant Attorney General Richard Kleindienst opened up on the planned Nov. 15 Washington demonstration by calling the "Communist-inspired" or actually "Communist-led." The Pentagon issued news bulletins announcing that everyone present would be on alert to stop "suspected violence," in a blatant attempt to frighten protesters away from Washington.

While himself maintaining a discreet silence, Nixon ordered Vice President Agnew to do his speechmaking for him. Agnew responded with this gem: "We can afford to separate them (the decadent young) from our society—with no more regrets than we should feel over discarding rotten apples from a barrel." In speech after speech, Agnew and other Nixon spokesmen have resorted to a McCarthyism that is reminiscent of the worst days of the 1950's. Nixon, America's Caesar, is afraid that the very existence of a spiritual spirit against the TV networks for their criticism of Nixon, which was far more the spectacle of McCarthyism than the fighting of a people which needed American revolution which could transform the entire world.

VIETNAM'S TWO TYRANTS

Agnew's comments on the war and its opposition were matched in substance by those of South Vietnam's fascist Vice President Ky, who again "leaked" Nixon's speech one day early, and admitted that Nixon was "talking just to placate the people." How this sawdust Caesar and his partner General Thieu can command so much power that the tail actually wags the dog, is the question many are asking. They represent, in Vietnam, not only a tiny clique of corrupt military officers and merchants who are universally hated by their own masses, but with money as well. Nixon can no longer gain the American people. Yet Vietcong and National Liberation Front retaliation is being limited by the relatively weak economic power of France. In contrast Nixon's illusions of grandeur can be more easily realized in Southeast Asia. The U.S. military base is the most powerful one in the world. Moreover, Nixon can depend on the "Frenchified" inhabitants of Indo-Chinese bases, such as the anti-repression activities urged by Dulles period of encirclement and foreign bases that he considers his foothold in Asia more important than the 100,000 U.S. troops who are there. And he can make a show of stability on his own. All exist to placate the American people. Nixon's America is an "American" freehold that they can, at any time, influence by their own people. The new "Nixon Doctrine" of do-it-yourself security is just so much talk as long as these hand-picked rulers command no popular support.

Four years ago, when President Johnson poured hundreds of thousands of American troops into Vietnam to support his pappets, he hoped to use it as a base against China. President Nixon is faced with the results of this strategy: not only a hopeless war in Vietnam, but a developing revolutionary opposition at home. Yet such is the crisis of American capitalism that Nixon clings desperately to even the most ridiculous of ideas as Thieu and Ky.

French capitalism betrayed a similar irrational policy during its war against Algerian independence. For seven years, a small group of French colonists (landowners in the south and in the homeland) who were opposed to a free France dry and watched mass opposition grow at home and the political power of the movement that Agnew and Kleindienst have failed to scare off the majority of even the bourgeois critics. Senator Eugene McCarthy has hinted that the failure of both Democratic and Republican candidates may produce an independent party in 1972. This is not a moment of time when anyone could be "heading toward fascism" and in the way of knowing," to me.

WOMEN'S LIBERATION

I am active in a women's liberation group composed mainly of white college women. I enjoyed the Women's Liberation Speaks in Many Voices very much. I thought the article from the Black Student who helped to organize the conference was good. The two articles by workers were really interesting to me because I like hearing what workers are saying.

We have to think about this. The day you were set up instead of sitting facing the chairman, we were all sitting around a fire, talking. I think it was a good thing that we would have to have a party for their upcoming 50th anniversary in the New York area. I hope it isn't the last time you try it.

I would like to say something about the idea that you should be working more. Black and White Mother Participating Detroit

There is always a debate going on about the role of women, that when you hire someone to do household work you pay them. They equate the work of women for hire as "housework," that's supposed to be her "job." This becomes a critical issue for women.

Active New York

The question of young children comes up. If a woman worker has children, she could hire a nurse or take care of her kids. How do you equate this with money?

There is then the argument about Welfare mothers. It could be possible that the "housekeeping" is work. It could be possible that feeding them is work.

The period ahead will be a test of the strength and depth of the anti-war movement. Never before in American history has an anti-war movement grown during a time of war. Nor have the people been prepared to struggle with such awesome responsibilities. In the success of the struggle against the war lies the survival of all other forces and to a total philosophy of freedom, the key lies not only to the self-determination of Vietnam, but to the needed American revolution which could transform the entire world.

It is already difficult for French-Canadians to find decent employment, although they are plentiful in the Quebec area. Bill 63 jeopardizes the very existence of French Canada. After a year of public discussion, the Quebec government has decided to enact Bill 63, called "The Law to Promote the French Language," which would give French-speakers the same rights as English-speakers in Quebec. It specifies, among other things, that all Canadian society as a whole is free from the threat of extermination that Quebecers will really be able to "clean their province is an economically development.

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Footnote on the detractors of Lenin

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1970—the 100th anniversary of Lenin's birth—sure to see a new facet of the Sino-Soviet conflict as the two not only by "Western" (private capitalist) ideologists... in this they will be aided...

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to be that of Socialisme ou Barbarie (Pierre Chaulieu), Mattick, consider themselves' Marxists but have made... to the hammer of the near-revolution in France, May, 1968, has... they believed in the moment... profoundly from Leninism, but also by some who, like Paul... "single will" and "iron discipline" are sufficient... for Cardan to conclude: "We believe these conceptions, this subjective factor, played an enormous role... we may be... in the philosophy of liberation is but prelude to the hammer... our aim is to insure that every toiler...

Theodore Wilson


Organization—We are an organization of Marxist-Americans—blacks and whites who are seeking to change our society. We are workers in the factories, students in the universities and high schools—must come together and talk about how we can get the voluntary movement to "left" the war plans, but that will come in time.

The only paper that features a regular column, "Two Worlds," by Raya Dunayevskaya, chairman of the National Editorial Board, of Marxism and Freedom.

We invite you to write for the paper, and to join our organization.
"You have the floor, explain yourself."

Chicago trial: conspiracy against the eight

Los Angeles, Calif.—The conspiracy against the eight has put away its first victim without the jury, to reach a decision. Bobby Seale, Black Panther leader, after spending three days in court shackled with leg irons and handcuffs, was sworn in, examined, and sentenced to four years in Federal prison for contempt of the court.

"Let's get finished with the fair trial bit so we can get on with the justice part."

The eight are not just any eight. They range from pacifist and hippie to black revolutionist and have been activists in the twin movements which are at present challenging the American way of life— the black movement and the anti-Vietnam war movement.

The attack against the eight is an attack against these movements. It is the government's hope to stem the growth of the anti-war movement not by ending the war, but by jailing the activists.

Trials of Dr. Spock and others was one step, the Conspiracy trial is another. The inclusion of Black Panther Bobby Seale as one of the defendants is another step towards the attempted decimation of the Black Panther Party, one of the few militant arms of the black liberation movement. With Seale in prison, the majority of the Panther leadership is either in jail or in exile.

SEALE SENTENCED

Bobby Seale, a black and a fascist pig for denying him these rights. The judge retaliated by offering the defendant a chance to apologize to the court. For three days the courtroom remained hostile. The judge refused to accommodate the defendant.

The next time Seale rose to defend himself the judge declared a mistrial for Seale, spent more than an hour reading his fabricated criminal contempt charges. Then he ordered Seale to provide for his own defense an attack on the American judiciary system, and sentenced him to 16 months to three years of imprisonment on contempt charges, four years in all.

The judiciary system is most certainly under attack. But it is important to note that the real face of the judiciary system has been turned inside out. The mistreatment of the defendants, the false appearance of impartiality begins with the actions of Judge Hoffman and the eight. Bobby Seale and the Chicago 8, have acted in the name of democratic and natural right. ... and the numerous undercover cops who acted as provocateurs in the demonstrations that took place around the Democratic Convention.

The middle class white kids who buy most records in this country were turned on to ideas of political change and personal liberation by people like Dylan, Country Joe, and the Stones than by any radical political groups or movements. The record companies prefer for them to dig sexy lead songs that have no political or social significance to the songs that hold the potential for social change and personal freedom.

The MC5 are unintellectual and more involved with the political revolution. They are not fantastic musicians; their strong point is their lyrics. Their ideas are a mixture with themselves and their audiences. At any rate, Detroit's MC5 are a part of the expression of street culture carried to the point of political and cultural armed struggle.

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In the text, a labor event in Detroit is described, where hundreds of ADC (Assistance to Dependent Children) mothers have been arrested, and some have been jailed due to their involvement in the protest. The protest is related to the social and economic conditions affecting the working class, particularly mothers who have been affected by the welfare system. The text also discusses the situation of the workers in general, highlighting the challenges they face due to the economic policies and the welfare system. The text concludes with a call to action for the continuation of the protest and the need for solidarity among the working class.
**Labor in the West**

"We construction workers build new apartments, but the working class can't live in what we might call a decent place." The Italian strikers who spoke of these conditions in their letter were joined by millions of other Italian workers this October and November.

In Italy, 45 major labor contracts involving over three and a half million workers in metal, chemical, petroleum, textile and other industries are up this fall. Over the past few weeks well over three million Italian workers have gone on strike, some for an hour, some for a day, some for four days, some locally, some regionally, some nationally. Virtually everything is shut down at one time or another—newpapers, post offices, automobile factories, electrical plants, cement works, steel mills, brick kilns and bus service.

**Labor in the East**

The Czechoslovak government has threatened to abolish the five-day work week which was introduced in 1962. Premier Cernik and Communist Party leader Janos Kadar have been accused of making the country go to the right in order to get what they want from the U.S. elections reveal both anti-war feelings and racism. Though he had trouble getting excited about Austin—to vote.

Austin was thought to have taken any controversial stands—except to come out as a conservative to a liberal-dominated one. Three blacks—Stokes in that working-class city. It appears that where Labour and Order" candidates were blatantly right-wing, those who had chosen Hoth to vote, and those who weren't old enough to have voted in the U.S. elections were kept out of the picture. The Nixon administration is trying to crush the massive anti-war movement in the U.S. But his government is the working class of America. This is what he will try to crush above all. The Nixon administration is trying to crush the anti-war movement, to gain the backing of the American military, the GE corporation against the GE workers. The GE strike is just the beginning of the workers' battles to control their own lives. Amore's speech is just the beginning of the administration's attempts to prevent the spread of the strike.

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**Freedom Notes**

**Czechoslovakia, Russia attack low productivity**

 ngọt the purges of union chairman Vlastimil Tom for being "anti-socialist" in the eyes of the government.

**SANTO DOMINGO—Police at U. of Santo Domingo prevented a march by students in the center of the city. Students wanted to commemorate the anniversary of a clash eight years ago in which the police killed several students. The demonstration came at the beginning of the presidential campaign which has already included gunfire and mass arrests.**

**BURUNDI—The Bahutu people are the vast majority in this land, but the government is dominated by the few thousand remaining Tutsis. The black army is trying to overcome Tutsi domination. A recent revolt in 1965 was put down. In neighboring Ruanda, the Bahutu were sent to the Tutsi until 1969 when they overthrew them.**

**CEYLON—The minister of education and cultural affairs has moved to drop co-education and set up separate schools for boys and girls. It is another labor shortage in Russia and it is hoped that by cutting down on the number of workers in a factory, more workers will be available to go to other factories.**

**U.S. elections reveal both anti-war feelings and racism**

That is what shows how deep the white racism is in this country. In the coming year the black revolt is sure to grow and force white America to face itself as Nixon plans to give the country growing unemployment, increasing inflation, and a relentlessly continuing war, all at once.

Nixon's attacks on the opposition to all his policies now include the unprecedented attempt to muzzle even the TV networks. But with every attempt to stifle it, the anti-war movement grows larger. The demonstrations in Washington, D.C. was the largest protest in history in the nation's capital. Those who had not been able to attend their protest at the ballot box Nov. 3, those who had chosen not to vote, and those who weren't old enough to vote at all—all voted with their feet in the streets of Washington and San Francisco, on Nov. 15. It is clear that it is there, in the streets, where the real battles are being fought.