First blacks inaugurated in Lowndes Co.

By Charles Denby, Editor

Some 15 of us from Detroit attended the swearing into office of three black people in Lowndes County, Ala. This was the first time that any blacks ever won an election in that county. It was vibrating with respect, especially for those who knew that less than six years ago, every black person in attendance at the inauguration made you wonder whether what was being witnessed was really true or if you were imagining it.

The oath of office was administered in the courthouse in Hayneville, the county seat, in the center of the village. There are about eight or 10 stores and a few other business establishments sitting in a square of about four blocks, a small park in the center.

When we got in sight of the square, it looked like one black spot had covered every inch of the park and had overflowed into the streets. Some said 2,000 black miners are at the coal mine, and in 1958 the coal companies in Southeastern Ky. refused to negotiate a union contract and eventually broke the United Mine Workers union. This means that there is no union safety committee or any protection whatsoever. No wonder the three Russian divisions stationed in Poland kept to their barracks. Very likely, the Russian overlords felt assured that the Polish rulers would shoot down their workers, especially when the uprising spread through the land, including Warsaw itself, where a bomb had been buried at the Soviet Embassy.

"NOBODY LISTENS TO US"

The week of open and violent revolt succeeded in tearing the facade of the fantastic price rises on food, and a few, very few, wage raises—plus a great deal of red talk on the part of the "new leaders" to the need to close "the communications gap" between leaders and workers. The daily press is helping Polish Communism give the impression that the revolt has ended "because" workers gained what they asked for, gained "more" than during the 1956 Poznan revolt.

In truth, when the revolt was supposed to have ended completely, the revolt appeared after the holidays, again in Gdansk, in a still newer form, a form never yet braved in a totalitarian country. For two days (Jan. 5 and 6) the shipyard workers came to work, but did not work. Instead, they demanded not only that the 300 workers arrested be released, but also that the new Interior Secretary of the Gdansk police, Giercek, come down to talk to them: "Nobody listens to us in Warsaw!"

SYMPTOMATIC SITDOWN STRIKES were also staged at Zeran Auto Works in Warsaw. Workers were also busy burning cars and anti-Russian (who, the other workers and not hooligans. We want more wages." Whereupon—the "new" rulers have sent trucksload of ORMO—Poland's "Workers" (sic!) Police—to stop any demonstrations before they occur. In a word, as in Poznan in 1956 with its slogans of "Bread and Freedom!"—"Nobody listens to us in Warsaw."

THE NEW IN 1970, AND THE OLD, OLD, OLD

The 1970 revolt did not have the scope—and the "victories" over outright Stalinism and the gaining of much freedom of the press—but neither did it suffer from the euphoria then created that Poland, with Gomulka, was truly "independent." Moreover, it is, in some respects, more important than the 1956 de-Stalinization. The 1970 uprising came after years of violent repression, climaxm in 1968 by Gomulka retaining power from his rival Gen. Moczar only by outshouting the latter in anti-Semitism. It is true that the former Interior Minister (read: combination of Yedzov of the CPU and H. Zeran of the FBI) has now been elevated to status in the Politburo. But this came via pressure from Russia, not by some in Poland daring to raise a public anti-Semitism outcry.

This doesn't lessen the tragedy, that such a massive uprising has been stopped by so great a retrogression. But it does signify that none will now be able to white-wash with "anti-Zionism" or anything else the point of the revolt. One can see the anti-Semitism reemerge with the openly anti-Semitic, anti-intellectual, anti-Semitic police chief, as well as with the Russian overlords. The foundation for that unity is the need for anti-Semitism.

To grasp the full import of the drive for labor prog-
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**NEWS & LETTERS**

**FEBRUARY, 1970**

**N.Y. cab drivers' contract smells of racism and sell-out**

New York, N.Y. — "We're the only industrials I know that has a contract but doesn't!" That is the way one of the cab drivers at my garage put it.

"We struck for two weeks against Chris Arns and his administration—those same guys who are 'bout to buy the streets for half a year, the bosses will warn him to start at 42%. Every man there (at the meeting) knows that bus an' union. That's war. They shot him down.

"But then Van Arsdale says it's only an idea, in the contract. The women are causing the trouble. The women are causing the problems. There's no money in the contract. If I would show up, the boss would never think I was a unionist. That's the deal. They threatened me with the blacklists, and they've been following that.

Another driver said, "What a sell-out crap. Van Arsdale is making a sell-out. That's the whole contract. It's so unfair. There's no money in the contract. I'd never sign."

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**WAY OF THE WORLD**

**School bus integration fails**

by Ethel Dunbar

How long is it going to take the white and black people to learn to live together in this troubled world? The question is asked, but the answer is, "too long," and we shall not have an answer until we have had the integration in the schools. We have been fighting against segregation in public schools for many years. We want an end to segregation in public schools. We want a fairer and better education for all children, regardless of race or color.

The problem of segregation in public schools is a complex one. It involves not only the segregation of students in schools, but also the segregation of teachers and school officials. It involves the segregation of facilities and resources, such as classrooms, libraries, and playgrounds. It involves the segregation of transportation, such as buses and school facilities.

The problem of segregation in public schools is not new. It has been a problem for many years, and it has been a problem for many generations. It is a problem that has been echoed in the history of our country, and it is a problem that has been echoed in the history of our world.

The problem of segregation in public schools is a problem that is difficult to solve. It is a problem that requires patience, perseverance, and dedication. It is a problem that requires that we work together, that we listen to each other, and that we respect each other.

The problem of segregation in public schools is a problem that is important. It is a problem that affects all of us, and it is a problem that we must work to solve.

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Mississippi workers demand general strike

Laurel, Miss.—Employees and former em-
ployees of Maysil plant have begun a campaign to get the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate "numerous violations of our civil rights and humanity."

Gainesville State College students who have started a petition drive. They charge the company with discrimination against black and women workers, with poor working conditions, and lack of safety regulations, and falsifying safety records. They also charge the company with being a "police-state plant."

Hyden mine disaster

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line a year ago when the "safety" law was not in effect. The question is not simply one of enforcement. The question is: who is going to enforce safety in the mines?

The government can have ten times as many mine safety inspectors as it has today and it wouldn't make any real difference in mine safety. The fact is that here are thousands of safety violations in almost every mine every single day. The only ones who know this better than anyone else are the miners themselves.

MINERS MUST CONTROL SAFETY

They are the only ones who can enforce mine safety. They are the ones who have tried to get that enforcement power negated in the 1967 law. Tony Boyle, the so-called president of the United Mine Workers, is reported said that a federal law was the answer. He shows not only how far away Boyle is from the working class and the way workers can play politics to make a federal law meaningless but that there is no way to enforce mine safety.

Winter is the worst season for the big killing of coal miners—that's when the air inside a mine is dry and the mines are hottest. By far the worst season is open season for individual killing. This is the time of the strike, the police state, and the workers are on their own.

Do you have a story to tell? Send it in!

U.S. investigation of abuses

local, county and state law enforcement officers and union representatives, who are in charge of the Maysil workers by blacklisting, arrest, and beatings, and by falsely accusing white union members of affiliation with the Ku Klux Klan.

Want to break the back of organized labor in the South," Sellers declared. "We think we are fighting for the same thing. They want to break the back of the South. We want to keep the South white. We want the South black.

Sellers acted as spokesman for several hundred present and former Maysil employees, who have formed themselves into the Committee for Better Union Leadership. (CBUL) and have tried to get rid of the CBUL, members are black and white 75 percent are white.

INTERNATIONAL'S SELL OUT

CBUL members also have grievances against their international union (IWA). After militant activity during the 1967 strike, these miners were placed under trusteeship by the international, but the local has filed court action against this trusteeship.

The 1967 strike, theЅORU nationwide signed a contract without consulting the local—what is generally called a "sweetheart contract." Now the IWA international is in a position to investigate "numerous violations of the law" of the contract.

A union that is independent of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) has been formed. The Redwood Mine Workers, some 200 miners, have organized and elected new officers. They are the ones Who have tried to get that enforce-

Detroit, Mich. — At Fleetwood speed-up is the worst it has ever been. Officially the line is up to 70 an hour, but it is often going even faster—sometimes as high as 75. There is more work on every job. In fact each worker has to do more now than last year when we ran 80 an hour. Every job on the fourth floor is like that. The workers are just doing what they are told and nothing happens.

This constant speed-up is the way UAW shows complete disregard for our health. If it is too fast for our bodies, our hands will feel acid, our wrists will be sore, and my speed-up in production, and more disregard for any safety laws. That's how fast they make their work. More and more workers are absent from work because you can't work at 75 and 74 an hour every day.

We have voted to authorize a strike. Everyone on the line agrees with this—we need to strike. But the meeting was only for one thing, to get the workers together and to get the facts and figures of the plant. We are not going to sit in silence. We have to go on strike.

In 1968 we had a wildcat. The workers on the cotan job walked out and everybody followed them. The company and the union tried to get us back in but labor, wages, and conditions were not agreed to. We authorized a strike. That's the way it always is in the UAW—if you need a strike, you have to start it yourself.

Ford Rouge

The cafeteria prices at the DAP have gone up again. A cup of coffee now costs twenty cents. Many workers are now talking about the company's hallides that a worker leaving one plant to go into another one loses all seniority gained in the first plant, regardless of how long that was.

LOW SENIORITY—FIRST HIT

What this amounts to in the light of the recent layoffs of thousands of Chrysler workers, is that these transferred Highland Park workers were the first ones to be laid off when the cut-back hit. The workers could have had 30 years in the Highland Park plant, and some did, but that doesn't count when you transfer. You have to start all over again. It's like a new worker hired for the first day, except that you do have union rights. A new worker doesn't get union membership for two years.

Now there is some talk by Doug Fraizer, UAW's Chrysler division head, about setting up an "independent plan" for the union if the company reorganizes. We are not going to make a federal law meaningless by playing politics. The worker or strong union man or fighter was up next for a job, the company knew about it and was ready. It shows not only how far away Boyle is from the working class and how he can play politics to make a federal law meaningless even that contract.

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THROCK IN THE "POOL"

It sounded good in theory, but it turned out that many workers were disciplined against because the opening of the "pool," which is the name given to make the difference between fighting and keeping a job, or fighting a police state.

Another big factor is the overall economic situation and the situation in Chrysler in particular. What the Nixon administration might call a recession is a depression for the Chrysler workers who are laid off. And that number doesn't look like it's going to get smaller—it's getting bigger. The time is coming when workers will want to talk about ready to retire, like those once used, to amount to very much either. It just looks like those laid off now just could set out for a long, long time.

First strike in 14 years hits Connecticut auto plants

MIDDLETOWN, Conn.—Four hundred members of Amalgamated UAW Local 376 struck the E.S. Automotive Corp., Jan. 11. The strike was the first since the union was organized here 14 years ago. At issue were cost of living, wages, insurance, pensions and job-oriented issues like tenure, bonuses, and seniority rights.

The striking workers come from three plants producing replacement brake parts for the auto industry. It was initiated by a committee of four workers, including two women and two men, one of whom is Black, and by Local 376 President Phil Wheeler. About half of the strikers are women.

The strike broke out on the day after it was announced that the company's unemployment rate had reached 8.8 percent, one of the highest in the country.

The issue of unemployment is one of the major issues of the company that caused the strip the workers early in the negotiations, but they weren't scared. They counted that the workers will be the last to go, since people will buy fewer new cars and thus need more replacement parts. So far, E.S. workers have been working steadily and getting paid.

On the issue of overtime, one worker said: "It's good to get the overtime, but what about how we have to work 32 hours a week in order to live? Forty is plenty, believe me. They should find some way to cut it down and spread the work around."
Polish uprising, Russian anti-Semitism mark state-capitalist crises

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ductivity we need to look not so much at Warsaw as at Moscow. The recent anniversary of the February 24, 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia marked the first of a new world phenomenon: "State-Monopoly Capitalism."(1)

By no accident, however, state-capitalism generates a very different milieu for anti-Semitism than did "young" capitalism, as anyone can see by comparing the effects of the Dreyfus case which shook France to its very roots, with those of the Nazi genocide of six million Jews. (2) (None need to be reminded that mass-racism in the "bolster-riding" sense, which is allowing "anti-Zionism," the not-so-hidden anti-Semitism, to enter its ranks in the wake of being for the non-existent Czechoslovak counter-revolution...)

Any chance that someone could write us a letter about the protest among small hog farmers in North Carolina and West Virginia. I read today that they took a truckload of pigs with them to Washington, which they parked in front of the White House. Close to New-

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The President's State of the Union message is the biggest swindle he ever attempted to put over on the American people. By separating national from foreign affairs he is trying to account for the expanded war in Southeast Asia, which he is presently directing despite the fact that Congress forbade such an expansion, and the economic exploitation of the majority of the American people to the Vietnam War.

The shell game he is playing includes the "consolidation of the national security apparatus," which will turn out to be the elimination of the Labor Department, Republican policy. He is promising to increase welfare spending in the states and cities, but this is only a joker in this "revenue sharing" is that it is tied to the national cost of primary education in the U.S. The only way to get it is to stop with 285,000 U.S. troops remaining.

The discontent of U.S. soldiers, left to fight a rear-guard action in a bitter war, is mounting. The estimates are that 90 percent of them use drugs.

Now a new phenomenon called "fraging the pigs" is in progress. Fragmentation bombs are thrown at police and military leaders so silent during the past decade when the white establishment was overthrown by the black masses.

Nixon's "ending the war" is on a par with his achieving "full employment." His claim to be entering a "new economic era" is a plain lie. The jobless rate is over 8 percent of the labor force, or 4.6 million persons. Among blacks the jobless rate is 9 percent. There are 12.5 million persons on welfare, but 30 percent of those on relief hold some kind of job that pays them less than the amount of relief to maintain their family above the starvation level.

The unemployment rate among youth is between 23 and 25 percent. Youth and the working people have the highest rate of unemployment, the lowest education and job opportunities.

The state of the American Indian is beyond description. The N.Y. Times (1-10-71) states that unemployment among Indians on reservations is between 70 and 80 percent. The Chicago—many without legal status—accept whatever wage they can get to survive.

Official unemployment figures consist of those who collect unemployment benefits through the states. Those who are dropped from the rolls because of the expiration of the period for which they are by law entitled to unemployment relief, and those who are not covered by federal statutes and therefore do not get unemployment benefits in the states.

Are these millions supposed to feel as "confident" as the president about "full employment" now that it has come at the expense of the workers? The only business, which is supposed to rise over the coming years to $4.5 billion? For Big Business it amounts to a tax cut for industries, plus a fighting chance at profits.

Take Michigan alone and you find that unemployment in December reached 8 percent, a 100 percent rise from last December. Michigan has robbed those who do have jobs of 2.1 percent of their purchasing power "in general." In actuality there has been an increase in consumer prices over the past year.

The national cost of primary education in the U.S. has reached $42 billion a year, borne primarily by local governments. State and federal governments contribute only a fraction to education. Expenditures for war are triple those for education.

City employees demand increases to keep up with inflationary costs of living and are denied the right to strike. All the city governments can say is that if their legitimate demands are met (with ceilings already set on local taxes), local government will face bankruptcy without Federal help. Why were these city leaders so silent during the past decade when the white establishment was overthrown by the black masses?

We invite you to write for the paper, and to join our organization.
Cops provoke Chicano marchers

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Police again broke up a demonstration by Chicanos in Los Angeles. A march and picketing of police stations had been called to protest police harassment of the Chicano Moratorium Committee over the past several months.

The Moratorium Committee has organized the massive Chicano anti-war march last fall in which over 20,000 Chicanos participated. The police broke it up. Three, including journalist Rubin Salazar, had been killed. Six policemen have been arrested on various charges.

PICKET MAIN POLICE STATION

We gathered at a park in East Los Angeles, marched through Chicano barrios to picket a local police station, then marched downtown to picket the main police station. As we moved downtown there were many police who were quite rough on anyone who stepped off the sidewalk or who were accidently forced off.

Most of us finally got there and began to march in formation like an army. Police bettered it. Some police went to congregate at a construction site across from the police building to watch. It was getting difficult to picket as there was too much space on the sidewalk and many people. The police made it difficult by stop­ping up­crossing a driveway into the police build­ing. They stationed more than 50 police in the drive­way.

Next the police ordered those watching the line at the site to disperse. Some police got on the site but the site began to work and to come across to help picket.

But as they were doing this, the cops came out of the station and moved up behind them, clubs in hand to hit those coming across. They gave no one a chance to come across. The young people were scattered, but then bottles and rocks were thrown at the police.

It seemed that the cops insisted on creating an incident. The picketing would have been over shortly, the marchers were moving from the construction site. But they were too busy getting up on the other site and had to have an incident. It was just like when they broke up the Chicano Moratorium last fall. The Chicano community is again calling for an investigation of this demonstra­tion and the police actions.

—Two Marchers

IMPROVEMENT DEMANDS STATED

The concerned Chicano teachers intend to maintain a protest line until the teacher is reinstated and the local school authorities indicate a willingness to undertake specific changes.

Grievances include: definition of teacher and stu­dent rights, curriculum upgrading, black literature and history, additional foreign languages, in-service training to sensitize teachers to community needs, more involve­ment of Chicano students in administration, hiring of aides who reside in the community, and emphasis upon the interests and needs of students.

What happened in the Edison High School is but one of the numerous efforts that have occurred since 1965 to revolutionize the administration of black and Chicano public schools. Despite a recent teacher strike in early 1970, student walkouts, a few 11th hour appointment of minority administrators, and a smattering of black and Chicano studies, the conditions of learning for youth remain inadequate and injurious. The struggle and necessity for change continue.

—Los Angeles school teacher

Army quells Calabria revolt

MILAN, Italy—Things here seem to be more or less as they are in the U.S., although at different levels. The workers have been striking regularly. By now, not even the rightist press talks about "outside extremists" as the cause.

The Prime Minister, in a "happy new year" speech, stated that prices and unemployment would rise but there would not be a better solution. This certainly didn't satisfy anyone. The increase in rents and food costs has become absolutely intolerable, not only for the working class, but also for many other groups.

SOUTHERN ITALY TURBULENT

The South seems to be more turbulent than ever, fighting for industrialization. Up to now, the solution for the Southern peoples is either to foreign countries or to the North—a sad solution for a people who are so tied by tradition to their families. Now there is no other way. That is why the fascist government has to begin the struggle in Reggio Calabria, saying that the city should have a steel factory paid for by the government. This united both the bourgeois that haven't had the capital for industrialization, and the workers.

However, when the workers took over with barricades and blocked railways and highways, the fascists and bourgeoisie hid in their homes. After a month, all of Calabria was in a state of semi-revolution that lasted for eight months.

ARMY MOVES IN

The government was finally forced to send in the army because all of the Italian police were "tired." Now all of the regions of the South want a plebiscite. The Right is demanding "national security" and doing nothing except by the agents of the Fascist party. They helped the police to arrest the so-called undisciplined elements, even when they were of their own party.

8 to 3 HIGH SCHOOL

PRISON NOTES

12 articles from black, Chicano, Cuba and students in Los Angeles

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Los Angeles, Calif.—On Jan. 11, Black and Chicano parents supported a teacher picket line directed at the principal and administrators of Edison Jr. High, a predominantly black school in south central Los Angeles. The protest centered on the administrative transfer of a dedicated white teacher who openly disagreed with specified student opportunities and needs.

In response to this untimely (the teacher was transferred three weeks before the close of the semester), and unfair action, parents and teachers planned immediate protest action.

The students circulated a petition seeking the reinstatement of their teacher as well as an end to security actions by the police. The principal refused to present the petition after being told it was an illegal act and was confiscated. The students, including 25 young persons who walked out on the first day of the picketing, all face suspension.

Unfortunately, only a very few of the faculty have openly challenged this arbitrary transfer. The majority of the teachers have reacted with indifference, fear and silence.

—Los Angeles school teacher

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BLACK-RED VIEW

FREE ANGELA!

By John Alan

It is already obvious, indeed it was from the very beginning, when Angela Davis was arrested in New York City by the FBI on the charge of being a "fugitive from California justice", that her subsequent trial in Marin County, Calif., is going to be one of the most celebrated political trials that this nation has seen in the past two decades.

Against the person of Angela Davis, white capitalist colossal United States has arranged all of its awesome might, its main level is the form of the National Guard, and not the least of all, its vast world-wide propaganda machinery.

Against this, Miss Davis stands as a Black person, a woman, an intellectual, the revolutionary, a Black person who is the heart of the Black Liberation Movement, and who has is the cardiac organ of this movement, and who has no illusions that Communism has anything to do with Marxism, a theory of liberation.

FREED ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

Protestors all over the world are chanting, "Free Angela, free all political prisoners" while the ruling class uses all the media to shout, "this is NOT a political trial."

Miss Davis has been on trial throughout the whole of this century, for centuries have they tried to make every Black person a sub-human status.

The Blacks and whites who are defending her are not defending a political prisoner, they are defending a human being, a Black person, a woman, a Black person who is the heart of the Black Liberation Movement, and who has no illusions that Communism has anything to do with Marxism, a theory of liberation.

Nixon was thereby trying to identify Angela with Russia. But Angela Davis is an American, and has nothing to do with Russia.

Marin County is a super-white community of upper-middle class and professional residents, with a small black ghetto called Marin City. This County has one of the highest per capita incomes in California, yet it is crying the blues because the estimated cost of trying Angela Davis is $200,000.00 for 41 days. They really are the tools the bureaucrats use to smash whatever organization threatens them by making that organization look ridiculous.

The troop's are still in Montreal (Dec. 3). Some feel they will never leave. They have become part of us. The illusion of a certain Canadian liberalism is finished, but the Liberation Movement is alive and fermenting.

MANIFESTO DEFENDED

MONTREAL, Quebec—It might surprise you to learn that while you condemn the F.L.Q., simultaneously, they are trying to defend a population against a guerilla activity than to terrorism. Though a political kidnap in very every formation, the F.L.Q. told people why they did it, and talked to real problems, and in general the Manifesto was well received—enough that the government is now on alert. If they have ever lived or worked in Quebec, you will see yourself in it. It is real.

Michel Chartrand, the CNTU leader who is by far the most popular figure here both with working people and intellectuals, says that he feels they have spent the last few months in support of the F.L.Q. at a mass rally (10,000) of students and working people at the Centre Paul-Stauff just after the massacre, and not simply because he is a labor leader.

Shortly after the imposition of the War Measures Act, a group of 20 priests from the Gaspe area, where unemployment is over 30% and reaching 60% in certain areas, came out in favor of the F.L.Q. Manifesto, saying that it was “true to life” even if they didn’t agree with the F.L.Q. strategy.

In general, the F.L.Q. has had a positive effect here. Now the world knows that there is such a thing as a country in which a Black person has a moneyed Anglo-Canadian and American capital just like the Irish, the Jews, the Blacks, etc., in this country. We also know about our situation, and there is a rebirth of interest in confronting the horrible oppression which we live with our own hands.

We also know that the real power is in the hands of the bureaucrats, the intelligence agencies, the secret police, the real power is in the hands of the bureaucrats, the intelligence agencies, the secret police, the people who are facing sedition and conspiracy charges.

The Black press in Canada is doing a good job of hotsing house-to-house searches but just looked our place over. The same day machine-gun men-run machine our office looking for diplomats who are volunteers who are working with people, or people who are facing sedition and conspiracy charges.

The police are two other brothers were taken away.

As long as there is control of the media, things are being smashed behind the cameras. As long as they maintain this high tension fear they will continue to smash whatever organization is making things public.

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Political crime and punishment in Spain and Russia

The death penalties handed down by the Burgos military tribunal against Basque nationalists have been commuted by General Franco, for being an "act of human charity," it was due to the pressures faced by the Franco government both from outsiders and from within the Basque region. The systematic denial of human rights and the suffering inflicted on the Basques is a constant refrain of those who seek to justify their actions.

RESTLESS AUTUMN, WINTER...

Indeed, it has been a most restless autumn and winter in Spain. In the winter of 1971, Spain was indeed divided into two, and only by force could the world be kept from getting its restless proletariat "to work hard and to eat little." The uprising in Poland showed that each country has its own special situation. And, as the trip to Moscow on Jan. 5, 1971 showed, Poland's economic plans are part and parcel of the anti-Semitism movement in the Western world, after the U.S. Ideology of Jewish extraction, for allegedly plotting to hijack a Russian plane, was in fact a trial of Russian anti-Semitism. Two of the accused, both Jewish, were given death sentences. Only after a barrage of protests from abroad, and no doubt opposition internally, were the sentences changed to long prison terms.

While Russian protestations that they are merely "anti-Zionism" there is little to back them up. When defendants are found guilty simply because they are Jews, it is their country for another country, it is not stopping a "Zionist plot." It is anti-Semitism and pure and simple. France, which cannot be accused of supporting the Israeli position in the Middle East, felt compelled to protect the death sentences.

World in View

Polish uprising, Russian anti-Semitism mark state-capitalist crises

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or perhaps News Deutschland wishes to find them? Anyhow, the Germans today are the only real experts able to distinguish with absolute accuracy between true and false anti-Semitism.

Gomulka, who weathered that storm, was toppled when, in economic terms, the new Five Year Plan was spelled out in more details and helped to inspire other opposition to the Franco regime. There have been thousands on strike throughout Spain during the past year. Two incidents in Madrid, one involving students and the other the Asturias region were both out. Seven thousand Barcelona metal workers left their jobs to hold discussions with unions. A National Amnesty Day which resulted in violent demonstrations over police actions against Basque protesters. All this has been high. At the University of Madrid there have been several clashes of students and police. Barcelona students have established an antifascist movement. Some 300 Catalan intellectuals and artists staged a sit-in at Montserrat, a sanctuary in the mountains above Barcelona, and issued a manifesto denouncing the Franco regime.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Open opposition to the government is a fact. The opposition to the repression and political persecution of the Franco regime is linked to opposition to the worsening of the already poor economic situation. In six months bankruptcies have doubled. In six months the inflation rate has gone up 10-15 percent. Wage increases are frozen at 6.5 percent through the cost of living is rising faster. Telephone charges, postal rates and public transport fares are up to 10 percent. Even the Catholic daily newspapers and rents have gone up from 8 to 30 percent.

Internationally, the campaign against the death sentence no doubt have effects. Officials within the government were quite disturbed with the foreign reaction to these death sentences, rising to a new level of protest by other sections of the Spanish people, will not easily be forgotten. It has exposed the internal weakness of the seemingly invincible Franco government. The call is for self-determination and social revolution, not for more repression. Whatever happens, the West European governments are against another "Orwellian" regime. The end of such a regime is not so far away as it would appear.

The trial of nine Russian citizens, seven of them of Jewish extraction, for allegedly plotting to hijack a Russian plane, was in fact a trial of Russian anti-Semitism. Two of the accused, both Jewish, were given death sentences. Only after a barrage of protests from abroad, and no doubt opposition internally, were the sentences changed to long prison terms.

Although having already established more than a foothold in the Middle East, it now took new initiatives in Europe, forcing the West Europeans to take their opposition to, for example, the Moscow-German axis become a stillbirth. The Middle East crisis had become so great that it included a military agreement with Egypt that is practically uncompromised.

It is true that it is not in its global status or nuclear power. No matter where the Sino-Soviet conflict would lead to, the world was indeed divided into two, and only two, big superpowers. Internally, it is true, Russia had troubles with its intelligentsia and it was still very far from getting its restless proletariat "to work hard and to eat little." The "anti-Zionist affair"—mainly Jews, who were alleged to have plotted a hijacking—was ending not only with stiff sentences, but two of the Jews—Mak- F. Dymshitz, 41, and Vitaly Khandzhik—were sentenced to death. Moreover, the Russians evidently understood that the great power surplus surpasses the United States.

Even here, however, being the totalitarian power it is, it thought it had just the right skepticism at the time to throw terror into the hearts of all dissidents.

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