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Human Power is its own end

Sensible massacre at Attica

By Charles Denby, Editor

The news of the Attica, N.Y., massacre of some 10 prisoners, guards and hostages, and the 30 or more prisoners, should have been the most shocking thing that the majority of right-thinking people in this country had ever heard. It was a clear demonstration of complete disregard for the lives of the poor, helpless people of America.

Many believe that Governor Rockefeller, who was supposed to be one of the few liberal Republicans, received his orders from President Nixon to conduct the massacre.

The SECOND WAR

We have heard about, read, and seen the massing of women, children and old men in Vietnam and Laos. They tell us that this is war. Well, Nixon has two wars going on—one in Southeast Asia, and one here at home.

There is no way to find out what happens in either war. Take the murder of those Black Panthers in Chicago almost two years ago, ordered by the state's attorney and Mayor Daley, while those young Black people were asleep in bed.

We are just now beginning to learn what really happened. After the killing the police drove nails holes through the door of the Panther apartment and claimed that they were shotgun holes which proved that the Panthers were shooting at the police.

ATTICA LIES

In Attica, all newsmen, lawyers and investigators were barred from the prison until the lawyers got a court order to be admitted. That day, a worker said to me, "That is the capitalist's method of operation. They said that the hostages had had their brains cut because they knew that the first news that comes out is generally accredited to them. And when you begin to hear different, the public is confused by the lie."

The following day when it was reported that all the Attica prisoners were shot to death, this worker yelled, "What did you say? Now I am sure the reason they are barring the law and the public is that they have much more to hide. They must fix the blame on someone, anyone, to cover up their uselessness and inhuman murder of the prisoners and guards."

This is a typical armed forces, I know that the gas they covered the prison with would have enabled (Continued on Page 3)

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EDITORIAL ARTICLE

Nixon declares war on labor and Blacks with wage freeze and anti-busing stand

By O. Domanski

The thousands who turned out to picket President Nixon's speech to the Economic Club in Detroit on Sept. 23 gave dramatic evidence of the mood of all the people against Nixon's never-ending wars at home and abroad. They were young and old, Black and white and Chicano, workers and picketers, Women's Liberation activists, teachers and students.

President Nixon Woodcock's directive that UAW workers not join the AFL-CIO pickets, thousands of workers showed up as early as 5 p.m. to demonstrate. They were joined by anti-war and New Left groups over the next few hours.

And they carried hundreds of different signs: "War Caused Inflation, Stop Both!"; "Civil Rights Employees Oppose Nixon's Racist Policies!"; "Profits from Bombs Are Not Frozen!"; "End Unemployment!"; "Free Hoffa!"; "Free Angela.

NIXON'S HOAX

The hoax that Nixon attempted to pull on the American people on Aug. 15, when he dubbed his economic straightskirt plan the "Let the Workers Decide" hoax, proved nothing less than a "Job Development Act of 1971." It was followed by another scheme on Sept. 9, when he announced, "The 90-day freeze on wages and prices will not be extended beyond 90 days," only to reveal that what will follow will be more of the same, with a new name.

The only difference is that whereas he was prettifying his favorite policy of "surprise politics" on Aug. 15, he was now trying to show the people that he was on their side, while in putting over his hoax by Nov. 15. Unfortunately, he has good reason to hope so.

So raw was the attack on labor, and so blatant was the bonanza for big business in Nixon's Aug. 15 Wage-price freeze—which failed to freeze profits—that even the arch-reactory president of the AFL-CIO, George Meany, who spent last Labor Day dining in the White House, immediately declared that any workers whose benefits were denied should consider their contracts "nullified" and feel free to walk off the job. Leonard Woodcock (after thinking it all over) thundered, "If this Administration thinks that just by issuing an edict they can tear up contracts, they are saying to us they want war. If they want war, they can have war.

LEADERS AND RANKS

Yet before the first week was up, both Meany and Woodcock were already talking only about what they would do after the 90 days was up. By the time Nixon finally summoned the union heads to come in and talk things over on Sept. 10, Woodcock was recanting his explanations "helpful" and "useful," while Meany had gone so far as to suggest that, if the trade unions would agree to a "no-strike" pledge, provided labor had a part in setting up the rules for after Nov. 15.

The mood of the workers they were supposedly speaking "for," on the other hand, was seen in the fact that of the 160,000 workers involved in more than 350 official strikes across the country—including the West Coast longshoremen and the New York telephone workers—129,000 were still on strike Sept. 1, and still others

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Open letter to Shirley Chisholm

Dear Congresswoman Chisholm:

We are extremely glad you have chosen to run for President. In doing so, you are throwing off thousands of years of oppression—oppression epitomized by the special, double oppression of Black women. There are other Blacks and women (though few Black women) who have to demand entrance to that most sacred bastion of power, the Presidency of the United States, who knows what or emotional or weak in character, that a new woman to seriously run for President. As Marxist-Humanist revolutionaries, we know that only in the coming together of the forces fighting for new freedom can this society finally be overthrown, and a new people of America.

NEED FOR REVOLUTION

As Marxist-Humanist revolutionaries, we know that only in the coming together of the forces fighting for freedom can this society finally be overthrown, and a new one be born on new foundations; we do not believe in playing bourgeois politics. Moreover, we have seen what few good politicians there are, change their positions when the need for money arose.

And we know the political system is so deeply male-chauvinist, that even the Black dissidents who met recently to talk about running a Black for President showed no interest in you. Or more precisely, at a meeting one of us attended, the women liked the idea, but the men who were running things gave it to consideration.

WOMEN EXCLUDED FROM POLITICS

It is possible that if you run, some Black bureaucrats in the political and labor movements may be forced by their constituents to support you, but the electoral system as a whole cannot possibly accommodate a woman in the Presidential role—after all, women only won the vote 50 years ago, and it took over 80 years of struggle to do that! Bourgeois politics has excluded women so very nearly completely for so long, that it is a new stage in the women's rights movement for a woman to seriously run for President.

And of course, when our "liberal" politicians cannot conceive of a Black Vice-President, it is shocking to speak of the Presidency.

And what a time you have chosen to do it. Just (Continued on Page 2)
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when racism and a callous disregard for human life have reached new depths: in Attica, in bombing school buses in Vietnam. One of us heard you speak at the women's conference nearly two years ago. You said that while you deplore the stereotyping of women, still, if women are supposed to be kind, cancer, compassion, etc., that is precisely the kind of leaders we need, instead of the kind of leaders we have with the masculine qualities of aggression, ruthlessness, etc. We are re-

Shirley Chisholm for President!

I appreciated the facts given in the article on women in East Europe in the last issue. What struck me was the similarity between conditions here and under "socialism," for workers in general and for women in particular.

In the recent tour about China, I saw a picture of the machinery in a textile mill in a Chinese city, and it reminded me of the description of the antiquated machinery in the East European article.

I worked in a shop in Detroit that made solder items that had a number of textile-type machines. I couldn't believe they were as old as they looked, so one day I climbed all over one to find the nameplate. It was dated in the 1880's! Now this was not strictly a textile mill, but it was a "modern" industry, so I assume these were the oldest machines going.

I am surprised that the machinery is alike the world around; however, that they all appear to have been invented around the time of the Industrial Revolution itself, in fact.

24 HOURS A DAY

Women work two jobs, and the waste of time in the factory is double for women. The man does the same amount of work, but the type of thinking a woman always has to do. The writer of the article said, "In Poland, women have a wage labor of an employed woman that is between 15 and 17 hours a day." I would add that if she has children, she doesn't have the other seven hours for herself that gives a total 24 hours a day.

I don't think most men would understand, but a woman has to hide so many things that she has to do, that even when she sleeps she is thinking about them.

—Angela Terrano, New York

Women's work world-wide

Shirley Chisholm for President

By Ethel Dunbar

Shirley Chisholm announced recently that she would be a candidate for President of this country. I was very happy to read her announcement. Besides being a Con-
gresswomen, she is a Black woman, and no one can convince me that she wouldn't make a better President than we have now.

It is long past time that a woman should have been President. Nixon-Agnew-Mitchell have led this country to hate, unemployment and chaotic conditions. The national debt is so high that the average person can't even pronounce the figure! All because of the Vietnam War and other obligations.

CAN WOMAN BE NIXON?

A woman would add something new to American politics and a new need for people's thinking. Women have been discriminated against from the very beginning in this society. They have been relegated to the home, where the black woman and the Negro woman are devalued. And the corn and cotton fields of the South.

When we realize that it wasn't until 1920 that women got the right to vote, then we can see how long it will be before a woman becomes President. The struggle for women's rights has been going on for decades. Even now, in this 20th Century, we are fighting for the right to vote. We are fighting for the right to be treated as equals.

Shirley Chisholm has everything anyone could ask for in a good and sincere President. I do believe she is capable of turning this country and its path of destruction, and unifying the people. Her concern would be for the interests of all the people, not just the rich capitalists.

WE MUST TURN FROM WAR

Egyptian President Sadat says he is ready to sacri-
cifice a million Egyptian lives, if necessary, to liberate Israel occupied territory. To me this is madness. But I am sure he is talking about poor people's lives, not his own and that of the Egyptians. This is from Israel's point of view, and if Israel is prepared to do the same.

I wonder if wars and the threat of wars will become the natural way of life for our children and grandchil-
dren. I think it will not, if the men of this country can forget some of their prejudices against women, and go out and work to get votes for Shirley Chisholm.
Clyde workers occupy shipyards to protect jobs

Detroit, Mich.—Here at Fleetwood we would like to know just why it is that the company doesn’t supply us with uniforms. You can’t help but get the feeling that this is very intentional on the part of the management.

We went to the union and asked the committee members to look into it but they couldn’t supply them. They went to management and were told that they have to supply our own uniforms.

Black Production Worker, Fleetwood

Clyde workers occupy shipyards to protect jobs

Glasgow, Scotland.—The occupation of the Upper Clydeside Shipyards by workers who re­ fused to work after the Government declared “working to rule” in, has been going on since the beginning of August. On Aug. 18, Glasgow had the largest demonstration for the workers in many years. Thousands of workers threw down their tools. There were contingents from London, Blackpool and other places and three buses of shipyard workers from Dundee.

A remarkable feature was the number of women and girls in the demonstration. It included about 250 women from the Wills cigarette factory. It was well organized and trade union officials noted for their mild approach made pro­ tests.

FREE LABOR POWER?

Every Marxist trend, however, has by now become very critical about what is happening. It is fantastic that workers who have fought so hard (and unem­ ployed) are asked to give their Labour Power, free of charge to the Liquidators.

On Aug. 20, the other workers were tremendous but apart from calling for money, the action asked from other workers went no further than the one-day stoppage. The fact that there are 135,000 unemployed work­ ers in Scotland is recognized by the U.S. dispute which did hit the headlines.

Some prominent Communist Party people wanted to know what was going to happen to the workers’ immediate needs. As a result of this, the workers would resist redundancy. The shop stewards, however, kept the issue from the workers’ minds. The atmosphere was that work would have to be pushed even harder than before.

STUGGLE NOT OVER

The Government representatives to concentrate production in two yards with a much smaller labour force. They express the belief that the two yards which they want to close will be halted by some outside public pressure for the purposes other than shipbuilding. The struggle is not over. Redundancies continue to pile up in the two yards.

The solidarity shown by other workers has been quite remarkable. The yard in the north was taken over a few days after the dispute was opened. The yard in the south was closed down. They talked of paying the men who took part in the “work in” the wages they would have earned on a four-day week. This was accepted by the men with cases of hardship. The men are working under the same supervision as before they were laid off.

FROM THE AUTO STOPs

Detroit, Mich.—Since the changeover, Fleet­ wood has come up with some new ways to make your work harder and cut your money from you. Many jobs used to have self-tapping screws before changeover; now you have to drill the holes and shop the screws. This takes more time and costs more.

They cut corners all the time and some of it gets ridiculous. The company has standardized the screw sizes that are used in the whole of Fleetwood, so some are too long and take more time to put in. Each little problem is hell when you’re working at 72 jobs an hour.

On the fourth floor, the repair job is really the worst. There used to be nine guys on it, and they took every ninth job, and still had to run to keep up. Now there are only four men and it’s impossible to get every ninth job done. We must run out of time to do something.

Shift Worker Fleetwood

Chrysler Mack

Detroit, Mich.—We have signs at the Mack Plant saying “No Opinion Opportunity.” We tear these signs down the first chance we get.

Whatever Woodcock has arranged, you can be sure it is no good. Nixon really stock him in his heart. As for Woodcock, it appears that Nixon must have promised him something he wanted very much. Let’s work on these “private arrangements.” No labor leader can get away with anything like this. If Woodcock has money-problems, and just decided that this was the time to show the workers who is boss. They seem to be the only ones that the company (the union) is just going ahead and doing what it pleases.

JOBS MOVED, MILES AWAY AS PLANT CLOSES

By John Allison

During the long round of negotiations, one of the Chrysler plants in U.S. was involved in disputes around safety and the closing down of the plant. The closure of the facility was due to the process of closing the parts depot down. The assembly plant will continue to operate.

Under the last contract, the workers affected by closings were to be given the opportunity to take jobs in another plant in the same area. But in the case of the Chrysler, the people were offered jobs in places as far away as Detroit. The closest place they were offered is Kansas City, and the next closest is St. Louis.

In general the assembly plant is operated by younger workers. They are hired in their late teens or early twenties, while the older workers—some with 22 years seniority—are being forced to pick up everything and work, and the older workers will be allowed to take the assembly jobs, since it is not too hard for younger workers to take over the jobs for older people. But Chrysler refused. The problems are similar to what we faced in Highland Park, Mich., except that there were no other plants in California for those workers to go to.

WHITE HOUSE FRIENDS

It appears that Chrysler wants to show the UAW that the capitalists have friends in the White House. Many workers think that the company knew that a wage­ freeze could occur and that Nixon is using this to the capitalist party and the politicians. And that the UAW has money-problems, and just decided that this was the time to show the workers who is boss. They seem to be the only ones that the company is just going ahead and doing what it pleases.

NO FREEZE FOR MANAGEMENT

All the big companies—from Michigan to the auto workers—is being offered jobs in the auto workers. With the help and money-problems, and just decided that the time was the time to show the workers who is boss. They seem to be the only ones that the company is just going ahead and doing what it pleases.

“Jobs moved, miles away as plant closes”

Detroit, Mich. 48207 Glasgow, SW 1, Scotland

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had gone out as well, in defiance of the Administration's threat to end strikes during the 90 days.

LABOR PRODUCTIVITY THE KEY

The bonanzas for big business at the expense of the working class through a single plank of Nixon's "New Economic Policy." Aside from the obvious fact that it is far easier to control wages than to control productivity, this AFL-CIO plank was rejected because their prices "fluctuated"—food and clothing—would be "free of charge" to the workers. This is an attempt to freeze profits predominated over all. In addition the protectionism given big business against foreign trade initiatives by this new exchange on imports, meant—

to the consumer—that he would no longer be able to buy the less expensive foreign goods in the stores and stores.

But the most crucial attack was not on the consumer, but on labor, which has been told that the only way it will be in business is for doğum to increase labor productivity. And despite Nixon's attempt to convince the workers in his Labor Day speech that "people talk about the work ethic as being out of your work," every worker knows that it means getting more work out of you.

Labor productivity—the exploitation of Labor by Capital—is the very motive force of capitalism: the extraction of ever greater amounts of unpaid labor of human beings by their own machines. That is what is at the heart of the "ten percent investment credit" to Big Business, which has been so persistently emphasized during the last two years, ever more automated speed demons called "job development credit." This, despite the fact that industry is operating at only 77 percent of its potential level, with 9 million people unemployed.

There is not a worker anywhere who cannot testify that far from reducing unemployment, all automation has done is to increase unemployment. The same time that it has made the jobs of those still working more intolerable than ever.

The entire history of capitalism is one constant battle to talk so piously about "the work ethic" which is supposedly being threatened by the "lazy" and "slothful," when in fact it is a system that doesn't even recognize "the work ethic as being out of your work," every worker knows that it means getting more work out of you.

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by Raya Dunayevskaya

Editor's Note: The review of MARXISM AND FREEDOM which appeared in LE MONDE, Sept. 3, 1971, was so curious that I was persuaded to turn it over to the reader of the "slander" who had suggested the review. I reprinted below, excerpts from the re- review; her reply follows.

Two Revisionists: Karl Marx, by Karl Korsch; Marxism and Freedom by Raya Dunayevskaya

TWO WORLDS

by Raya Dunayevskaya

Author of Marxism and Freedom

Slanderous book review nailed by author's reply

by Virginia Vogel

I thought the August-September issue was the greatest! I made every Marxist- capitalist, neo-fascist, fascist, and old-guard anti-fascist I knew read it while I watched them with glee. It was wonderful to see squirm.

I am a Student from San Francisco.

I read your last issue and I think I should write, to make sure you get something of the kind, an idea of the power Lassberg's great doing in releasing the "Pentagon Papers." I hope it is true that they have "The American Slavic Truth." But I fear that myths are not as easily destroyed.

I am a Reader from Nebraska.

I wonder how many readers know that The Chronicle of Chechoslovakia, and to protest violence, militarism and oppression both at home and abroad, published the following: I do plead guilty to attempting to demonstrate the American revolution. It was, however, not I, who wrote that, but Karl Korsch, who wrote in Revolution of 1776 "bounded the tocsin" for the French Revolution of 1789, so the American Civil War of 1861, for the working-class revolutions of the mid-nineteenth century. All I did was to show how, under the impact of the Civil War, Marx reconstructed the whole of Capital, and under, the impact of the Paris Commune (1871), he reconstructed the whole of commodities and as well the law of motion of capital in the stage of concentration and centralisation of capital — in the stage of a single, or a single capitalist corporation, Marx's own projection of state-capitalism.

I am a Reader from New York.

Why don't the British anti-war movement raise a demand to "Bring the British troops home now!" From North Ireland, I wonder how many readers know that there are the same number of British troops there, proportionate to the population of North Ireland, as there are American troops in Vietnam. I am an Anti-War Activist from New York.

There is a district of Belfast called Balmoral Hill in honor of the battle during the American Revolution, in which the majority of the American troops who were composed of Ulstermen. The war began the great following in Ulster for the first time, and so they were "Irish-Swedes" involved in the same way as the Swiss when Ulster Presbyterians fought for freedom.

I am a Supporter from New York.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A demonstration to protest the occupation of Czechoslovakia and withdrawal of US troops in Vietnam was held in Seattle on Aug. 21, the anniversary of the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. It was sponsored by the Student Peace Union, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the Industrial Workers of the World. We were seeking to point out the similarities between the U.S. invasion of Vietnam and the Russian attack on Czechoslovakia, and to protest violence, militarism and oppression both at home and abroad.

In order to placate world public opinion, the United States has been forced to be withdrawing their troops. Brezhnev called it "Vietnamization." In both cases, we consider it to be deceptive, since some troops and some capital will be used to build a new society. The Saigon students are demonstrating against the government in the middle of the war. There have also been many strikes by the labor unions. The Buddhists have been opposed by the government. Ho Chi Minh Club of Los Angeles was not a very great example of a new human society; there was a large Trotskyist movement there before he took power, which he crushed — not that I'm against the Trotskyists. But it doesn't change the Trotskyist paper now. The NLFP is a part, not the whole of the picture.

I am an Instructor from Los Angeles.

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NEWS & LETTERS
Detroit, Mich.—Thousands of angry people turned out for the protest march here after two Black teenagers were shot to death by a white policeman on Sept. 1. A "Committee of Emergency" was organized to demand the end of STRESS — Stop the Robberies, Enjoy Safe Streets (sic!), — a special unit of the Detroit Police Force, made up of plainclothes officers who are supposed to try to entice muggers, prostitutes, etc., into situations from which they were formed in May, nine of them Black.

The two teenagers who were shot down had been working on the Northland Family Center. Their deaths aroused the community so much that even the Black policemen's organization, the Guardians, joined the call for the demonstration. As soon as we got to the park where the march was to start, it was apparent that the crowd was made up largely of Black youth though there were many older people, as well. I would say that at least half of the 5,000 marchers were high-school students who had walked out of school to join the protest. Some workers had walked out of their shops, too. We walked from the park to the Wayne County Jail downtown, and the line was so big it took about an hour and a half to get there. The Tall was surrounded by police. Everyone in the march raised their fists as they circled the jail, in defiance and in sympathy with the prisoners inside. It was a somber scene, one that you could see from far away because you could hear the prisoners cheering us.

As we circled the jail for some time, the march moved back to Kennedy Square. The mothers of the two youth who had been killed thanked the crowd and asked us to support our solidarity. A sister in the Wayne County jail had sent a letter describing the conditions inside. It was what was going on right in central Detroit. And these are not prisoners who have been convicted of any crimes. They are just awaiting trial. They are not allowed more than two showers a week. They have almost no medical care, even though the jail is located right between two hospitals. The only medication they get are aspirins and barbiturates. There is one group, a so-called "Krush Group," about the same size as that with which they are charged to Hitler's Stormtroopers.

If the banners that the crowd carried showed everyone that what they were protesting was really just one part of the whole system of oppression against the poor and the Black, the signs and setups of what is happening in Detroit with Attica, Angela Davis, Jackson State University, the Vietnam War, and Nixon's whole new game plan.

CULTURAL REVOLUTION OR WORKERS REvolt?

By David Joven


Review of a recent best selling book, The Greening of America. Author Charles Reich's revolution is cultural in content, and that is supposed to transform all other aspects of society. It is not a revolution of consciousness, but of a culture; rather than the relationship of culture to the rest of society.

Cultural revolution is the subject of a recent best selling book, The Greening of America. Author Charles Reich's revolution is cultural in content, and that is supposed to transform all other aspects of society. It is not a revolution of consciousness, but of a culture; rather than the relationship of culture to the rest of society. For the most part, the advanced industrial world lives in a state capitalist culture. The crucial thing is not the revolution of consciousness, but the relationship at the point of production. Reich is very good in recognizing the dual, dehumanizing nature of technology. He says the "one-dimensional man" will have to be reached by a "one-dimensional" worker's revolt. The workers' own revolt is never measured, and so we are presented with a picture of an overwhelming technological monster that cannot be defeated by what Reich calls "traditional revolutionary means."

The author poses the question of social revolution as simply one of the overwhelming power of the state vs. the small arms fire of the revolutionaries. What about a general strike? Isn't that a more realistic way to destroy the machine than to have a couple completely change the way they live without providing the material basis for what they are fighting for?

Reich cannot be criticized for not recognizing that we're in an age that is not simply the imperialist stage of capitalism, but the stage of the advanced industrial world. He has clearly completed over the state-capitalist phase and gone on to a society where the main spring is pure unadulterated consumption. How we get to a genuine future is not solved if we make your own individual revolution and watch it spread like wildfire.

We must, however, be aware of a period of rapidly changing consciousness, especially on the part of the young. This will not be enough in and of itself to change the production system must be changed, and the major force in making that change will be the working class.

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Unfortunately, being a Yale professor can put one in a terribly isolated position from the rest of society, in which (students) are not in an objective position to understand the working class. The students (university students) are not in an objective position to destroy the present system.

Quebecois battle Power

Montreal—A battle is in the making right now against the Power Corporation, a $3 billion holding firm which controls most of the media and transportation in Quebec. This company is growing like a cancer!

First, the employees at the Voyager Terminal in Montreal went on strike in a kind of temporary settlement at the last minute.

Next may be the turn of the taxis. Diamond Cab has not yet been heard, and there may be others.

Also a lot of municipal transport workers may lose their jobs. They are being represented by Paul Desmarais, president of Power Corp., takes over some of this.

This is a fight directly and consciously against Power Corp. itself, against automation, monopolization and the domination of capital which is going on all over the world.
George Jackson, Soledad Brother
Prisoners massacred as jail rebellions sweep U. S.

By John Alan

George Jackson, Soledad Brother, is dead! Killed in a hail of tear gas and bullets on the blackest day of the American prison system. His body was pulled out of the ruins of the state prison at Attica, New York, on September 13, 1971. It was a Friday, said Captain Moody, commander of guards at Attica, "as if I would kill Jackson." Mancino is the name of the "protective custody" of California's attorney general in the state's "criminal justice system isn't working." In the quarter column of Corrections held an illegal secret meeting on the San Quentin slayings, and only made public their request for another $2 million for more guards.

PREDICTED "CLOSED FUTURE"

George Lester Jackson was not a "free" man, but most aware of himself as a Black man, and as a prisoner. From the "Freedom Papers" he starts out prophetically, "... "I'm in a very unique political position. I have a nearly closed future, and... in the beginning my party can always change me away with the fact of my 11 years..."

Government of Jackson's fame as a "savior" moved a former cellmate, now paroled and a student, to write: "in 64 years of prison, I shared — prejudice, hatred, solitary confinement and physical abuse from officers... these experiences create monsters out of human beings... the prison system is designed to strip individuality, and humanity, the prisoner who refuses to cease being a man is punished — breathe hatred and violence, an attitude accepted on the inside. Such behavior is in the conditions they all exist — barrios, ghettoes, poverty — as long as these continue, tragic events will take place not only behind prison walls, but in the streets...."

GOVERNMENT SENDS "ALERT"

The U.S. Justice Department sent a rare "alert" to all prison barracks warning of possible violence from the 200,000 prisoners now incarcerated within U.S. and state prisons.

And heard George Jackson, interviewed last March: "There's really conflict within the prison infrastructure. Assistant defendants, in the same field, would like to convey that things are alright here... then there is the other element, the hard-liners, out and out fascists, who identify with John Birch and fascist ideology, they're the liars. They are the liberal... they tie the convicts on what they call the Natzs... the old word from then can start a debate."

What Jackson wrote in March became a news item in mid-September. Park was just replaced as Prison Information Officer and released of two other functions, visiting and inmate mail. In the same interview, Jackson told of the give and take with Black, Chicano and white convicts who were "all equally repressed by the administration," and dealt with the relationship between the prisoner class and the police (enhancement): "... I feel that the building of revolutionary consciousness of the prisoner class is paramount in the over-all development..."

Of course the revolution has to be carried out by the masses.

Attica — racism, uniform massacre

George Jackson was killed between the three weeks when the prisoners at Attica seized hostages and presented 20 demands to be negotiated. Of these, 26 were considered valid by the prisoners' committee of attorneys, like Kunstler, and noted N.Y. Times columnist Tom Wicker. The, incident that followed, on orders of Governor Rockefeller with the approval of Nixon, has brought another shameful horror and expose of the magnitude of the racist prison in the minds of correctional officials.

Commissioner Oswald, an advocate of prison reform, was accused of "coddling prisoners" when he noted that a large majority (85 percent) of the inmates at Attica were Black or Puerto Rican and said, "Nothing is more powerful than an idea, and they have the idea they are victims of a racist society."

Confirmation of this idea came clearly from a prison employee who publicly stated, "I don't want to work there so long as this state is run by the Oswalds, the Dunhars and the niggers" thus reflecting the general opinion of the all-white inhabitants of Attica who chose to believe their relatives were killed by cutthroat prisoners instead of by the guards of the state police and guards.

Forty dead, hundreds wounded, and now at the massacre three inquiry panels to gather information for governmental sources, while simultaneously three load of prisoners are removed through a side entrance to be dispersed nation-wide.

SOLUTION IS UNITY

The amazing unity of the rebels, as testified to by Tom Wicker, succeeded in welding together in rebellion mostButtonClick("https://scholar.google.com/scholar?q=murder+of+George+Jackson"), much as in the case of one Black youth shot dead by what more rights, for the liberation of all people, because nobody's free until everybody's free!"

FORTUNE SOCIETY

The Fortune Society is an organization of ex-convicts who have dedicated their lives to helping men and women in and just coming out of prison to get a better break than they did after Attica broke, they took on the task of forcing the Department to release the names of the dead, injured and transferred, and then to break the news of the dead to 30 anxious, frustrated families. The society has no money and transportation costs.

One of the central tragedies of Attica was that of the plight of the slain families of hostages killed by the same bloody authorities that got all attention and sympathy, the families of inmates were shoved aside as if they were not as important as the injured officers. The state of the victims was relegated by default to the Fortune Society. The list of the dead is almost complete; a full week later, the wounded list was grievously incomplete; ditto with the list of those transferred and other information in the wake of the rebellion.

Twice on the day this correspondent was in the Fortune office in Manhattan, mothers called and asked the receptionists, "Do you have any information about my son?"

Their names were on the dead list.

"The degree of civilisation in a society can be judged by entering its prisons." So wrote Fyodor Dostoevski in The House of the Dead. If what happened at Attica and in other state prisons is any indication, then, truly, we are living in a very barbaric society.
By Eugene Walker

Revolutionary and not-so-revolutionary fronts in Southeast Asia

If the Nixon-directed U.S. invasion of Cambodia united "all"—China and North Korea together with Laos, Vietnam, India, and Indonesia—into one new government or movements (the Democratic Republic of Vietnam; the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam; the Revolutionary Council of Kampuchea), they are still under the auspices of the United National Front of Cambodia; and the Patriotic Front of the Pathet Lao) in which Uncle Mao, Ho Chi Minh, and Gue Nicole have been able to do in the past World War II world, then the China-U.S. "diplo-matic thaw" has accomplished a little more than political mobilization well as some of the "revolutionary fronts" in question.

It is not the front that spoke always with a unified voice, or was not being targeted from a number of directions, but the possible Nixon-Mao meeting puts all parts of the front on the spot. It is not simply a question of whether Vietnam is settled through Paris or Peking, as central as that is. It is also a question of whether China and Taiwan; of the growing American in­volvement in Cambodia and its continual bombing in Laos; of China's attempts to squeeze Russia out of any voice in Indochina. There is the role that Japan may play.

It thus becomes necessary to look at just how truly revolutionary are different aspects of the front.

Cambodia serves well to show both the obvious reaction front of U.S. imperialism and the non-revolu­tionaries who are calling the shots. (From American Civilization on Trial, see ad page 7).

South America

Perú's military government has been rearming its forces at a cost of between $200 and $300 million. While other countries along the Andes like Ecuador, Bolivia and Chile have not been able to arm as much, they too have been engaged in armament programs. The class contradictions that are delighting with the present boom in highly profitable arms sales to Latin America.

Some may hail these purchases made by sup­posedly leftist regimes of Perú and the recently deposited one of Bolivia. A closer look at both regimes will demonstrate the limitations of many of these countries where decisions by "a new breed of military man" are supposed to eliminate the necessity for class struggle.

The Thule tests of the military gov­ernment reforms have shown the restrictiveness of those reforms. Workers in the sugar-producing cooperatives have been seeking genuine control over their cooperatives. In some cases this has led to strikes and to prison sentences for strike leaders. The military in these claims that their control with a bent toward the "left" would solve the economic and political problems of the workers.

In short, there is no solution to any of the problems of our decaying world, short of social revolution. That is why the issue of the left is the question of the day. Whether they are in the U.S., in China, or in Russia—understand very clearly. That is why in every country, preparation for the Big War tomorrow, means war against the masses at home today.

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Bolivia—The overthrown of General Juan Jose Torres' left military government was accomplished swiftly. General Torres wanted a national revolu­tionary regiment. It failed, without a purging of the armed forces, and most importantly, without reviving the workers' militia, which had pushed through the 1952 reforms and nationalization of the tin mines. But an armed militia would have posed a threat to the hands of the Bolivian military. Push, further than the Torres regime wanted.

Although an unofficial people's assembly of the miners and student organization was permitted, it was without arms. Only when the fall of the Trebol government was in process were they arms given out. By then it was too late and the areas too inadequate to stand up to the tanks of a right-wing coup led by Colonel Hugo Banzer Suarez.

Europe

Yugoslavia—"Long live Communism! Down with the Communists!" is a slogan that is being heard at Belgrade Faculty of Letters and at Ljubljana University in Slovenia. The students call themselves communists but disapprove of what the ruling party is doing. They demand recognition of their movement as a political force, and do not want any to stand in the East or the West, and accuse their own government of betraying socialism by its policies of nationalization.

Who are these students? They are not Trotsky­ists, but they are about to bring out a book by Trotsky. They are not radicals, but they read avidly every book they can on the Chinese Cultural Revolu­tion. They are not aligned with the pro-Soviet Yugoslav Cominformists, and support independence from the Soviet bloc.

They are Minister in better living conditions. Some are fighting for the self-determination of nationalities within Yugoslavia. They are concerned about the fact that only 35 percent of university students are workers' sons, whereas workers and peasants make up 80 percent of the Slovenian population.

(The following letter was received from Scotland on the events in Ireland.)

Glencoe—Feeling is growing in Ireland about Ireland's Irish. The Irish people to demand a new voice. The demand will be: Withdrawal of British troops from Ulster, end of internment, and the right of the Irish people to determine its future.

Meantime, the reactionaries in Belfast have put up a leaflet or the I.R.A. to stop their activities. A Catholic priest in Ireland, B. Rosic looks as if it is becoming obvious that the Irish problem is one of the people of Ireland as a whole and the sooner the British troops are withdrawn the better.

Here is an interesting development. The priests in the Catholic Church will be far from happy about this.

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It is this intimate connection between capitalism and racism, and between class struggle and Black revolt, which the labor bureaucracy has concealed and which cannot be ignored for long as it remains tied to the capitalist­ist organizations.

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