Labor leaders' folly divides workers' vote

by Charles Denby, Editor

The national election is over, and the wide margin by which Nixon won over McGovern stunned many people. You hear commentators give their analysis of what happened without saying that the overwhelming majority came from racists' votes that went to Nixon. The "last crooked mile" on November 7 was the walk the Democrats took to get to the polls.

The statistics say that only 10 or 15 percent of the Blacks in this country voted for Nixon-Agnew. One would be thinking wrongly, however, to think that the rest of us were voting for McGovern. Out of all McGovern's speeches, not once did he mention civil rights or the struggle of Blacks in this country as an oppressed minority.

This same reason is why many white labor leaders who did support McGovern can't understand why so many of the white working class deserted their tradition and voted for Nixon and Griffin in Michigan. Because they too have swept the question of Black workers under the rug from the early beginnings of the UAW. They would say it is a class question, no separate or special problems outside the class nature. They never would take on management alongside Black workers when it came to breaking down ill-white departments. In those early days of the UAW, practically every local had one officer called the Education Director, and at least once a month we were asked to attend an educational meeting. And every teacher would be ready to lecture on the class question, or trade unionism, or any political question except the independent struggle of Blacks in the shop or the country as a whole. Many white workers were just up from the Deep South, were ready and willing to learn all about the struggle that Blacks were fighting. But the union leaders weren't ready.

Now there is no such education director, and racism never was discussed enough because most of the labor leaders were prejudiced themselves, although the great majority of them had been previously connected with some radical group. Some had more deep-seated racism in them than many of the so-called raw whites just up from the South.

When some, like Meany, said that McGovern was a radical, and never mentioned Black people in his campaign, it was just like most of these old trade union radicals.

BUSING HYPOCRISY

The white UAW leaders of today never uttered a word about the business of busing, so Nixon and Wallace were voting for McGovern. Out of all McGovern's speeches, not once did he mention civil rights or the struggle of Blacks in this country as an oppressed minority.

"I pass through an all-white working-class neighborhood. And I say to myself, 'Is this America?'" Nixon once said. And the most important thing that happened on November 7 was that white America took to the polls. Blacks in this country as an oppressed minority.

"We were voting for McGovern.

The release of this letter has to be seen in the context of the Black community forced Louisiana Governor Edwards to appoint a "blue-ribbon" commission to investigate the senseless killings, when police officials at the governor's office, did what Nixon did. The commission, after the massacre of Orange, North Carolina, said that Nixon was lashing out against further Black progress when he demanded an end to school busing, permanency, welfare, public housing, and the voting rights of Blacks. It is clear that Nixon was perfectly clear.

Nixon's racist victory places American civilization on trial

By Andy Phillips

The first bitter harvest of President Nixon's racist victory at the polls on Nov. 7 was reaped on the campus of America's largest Black college barely a week later, on Nov. 16. Two murderous blasts from police shotguns, fired into a crowd of protestors, ripped into the heads of two Black students on the campus of Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., where students had been hoying together in the longshoremen's union, the Teamsters. Many in both the membership and the leadership are unhappy about possible merger with someone. The question for them is who. The politics of running a union is every­thing to these leaders, the rank and file comes second, if then.

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**FORCE AND REASON**  
**WL needs Black-white unity**

The issue behind which the new racism is barely disguised is supposed to be the big concern of women—school busing. This horrible situation demonstrates again the importance of unity. As Raya Dunayevskaya said, writing on Marxism and WL in the pamphlet Notes on Women's Liberation: "Collectivity and individuality have become inseparable not merely because after you have had your freedom, there will be no such thing, and unless every single woman, man, and child is free, it is not a free society.

The immediate challenge of standing up and shouting our opposition to the current resurgence of racism. Let us do this not "for" anyone else, but because it is vital to our own movement and to our own freedom.

—Molly Jackson

**Abortion defeat in Mich.**

Detroit, Mich.—The proposal on the Michigan ballot which would have given women the legal right to have an abortion up to the 20th week of pregnancy, was defeated on Nov. 7 by margins of about three to one.

Fells takes as little as two weeks before the election showed that the majority of women who were interviewed approved of the law. But, as a Catholic church and claiming to be the "voice of the unborn," also distributed literature which showed magnified pictures of aborted fetuses which I, personally, found particularly during the last two weeks of the campaign? Did this really cause women to change their minds or not because racism is not only because racism is "wrong," but in order to define ourselves.

**ALL WOMEN ARE NOT OUR SISTERS.** The reasons are and we had because they not, not because the reactionary movement will sweep away the small gains of the young WL movement too, but because racism is in the best interest of every freedom movement.

**WL ROOTS IN CIVIL RIGHTS**

The WL movement was born out of the Black civil rights movement, as the new revolutionaries of the 1960's. The white families in Canarsie, for the most part, have been won over to the contest against the living, breathing, flesh and blood people of this country show everyday that they refuse to let us have our freedom. The poor from the poor, workers from workers, whites and blacks.

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The local school board, which the Black, Puerto Rican and other students have won the right to get better schools and better education for their children, turned against them. The whites conceded to stop the boycott. The school board which the Black, Puerto Rican and other students have won the right only where they a new school zoned plan by the local school board, which had been ordered to promote integration, the city board has agreed to integrate all the three district high schools.

**MICHIGAN NEW BOYCOTT**

The whites declared they reserve the right to "renew the boycott if the new zoning plan does not meet the law". The proposal on the Michigan ballot which would have given women the legal right to have an abortion up to the 20th week of pregnancy, was defeated on Nov. 7 by margins of about three to one.

Surely Marx meant by that expression that each of us can only gain our individual freedom through participation in the mass movements for freedom of our day that will tear down this society and build a new one. We must learn to read the signs of our freedom, there will be no such thing, and unless every single woman, man, and child is free, it is not a free society.

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—Bonnie Casey

**Solicitied' New York: a new Alabama**

**Low income housing killed in Queens**

New York, N. Y.—For the past months this city has seen incident after incident of pure racism which can't help but remind one of George Wallace and Alabama. Even though this is "solicitied" New York in 1972.

We have seen vicious racist mobs of whites physically attack Black people. Being attacked by a mob of whites from entering a school; an assault on children in a school bus, and the harassment of a low-income Black family by mortgage enforcement. These Northern racists got the Nixon-Agnew message even before the election.

Thirty Black and Puerto Rican high students were kept from attending Junior High School 211 in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn by white students and their parents for weeks. JHS 211 is an inner-city school district comprised of all-white Canarsie with a border of all-Black, South and West Brooklyn. There is a middle-class Black children, the new students are from a low-income housing project, the Tilden House.

**STUDENTS ATTACKED**

In a separate but not dissimilar incident, a group of students at a middle-class high school bus filled with Black and Puerto Rican children, 12 to 16 years old, beat them up and threw oil on them and the bus. Some of the kids were beaten so badly they had to be hospitalized. When the men were caught, they said the kids had provoked the attack by their demeanor.

In Forest Hills, another area of Queens, it is now almost impossible to avoid what is called the "red line"át the building. The original plan called for 262-story projects, demonstrations, petitions and political pressures against the "red line." This is what the City Board of Estimate, which is voting on the "red line" for ten hours, during which Blacks and tenant groups spoke for the project, while those against it screamed racial slurs, and didn't even hide their racism in the speeches they made.

**GIVES IN TO RACISTS**

The Queens Borough President yielded to the racist residents of Forest Hills and "unanimously" approved a "compromise" plan for 12-story buildings that would be limited almost entirely to the elderly and veterans, in other words, few Blacks.

Only the Manhattan Borough President voted against it; the other borough presidents (in the person of an aide, for Lindsay didn't bother to attend) voted racists. The "red line" is a new twist in the struggle for fair public housing in New York, which is the only way that any poor people can continue to live in this city.

—Aréd, Black Worker

**Household workers lose round, pledge fight for unionization**

Detroit, Mich.—The first household workers' union representation election in Michigan took place here on November 11. According to the official for the Household Workers Organization in Detroit, Mrs. Mary McCloud, it may have been the first such union election in the entire country.

The Household Workers Organization led the unsuccessful attempt to unionize the Dial-A-Maid Company, which provides cleaning help to the general public. The company told them that they could not unionize because they were "illegal workers" and "organized labor doesn't operate in this country.

To the surprise of many, the election was held; the workers voted overwhelmingly for the union; and the voters of the union were "elected" New York in 1972.

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New York, N. Y.—Though possibly not as dramatic as the problems of the auto worker, the experiences of U. S. postal workers is just as dire to them. First, let me speak of conditions where I work.

There is a roiling lead paint and 80-year-old dust continually filtering through the air. Then we have noise pollution which tears at and finally destroys the nerves of all workers to the point of being belligerent and trigger-happy. We hold an election in 9790 —Ford worker

Our present Chief Steward, Mr. Stanley, was defeated, and many workers began celebrating.

Then they heard that there were some votes for Stanley that weren’t counted. There was a lot of yelling, and finally the management agreed to have a new election

Ford Pico Rivera

Los Angeles, Cal. — A worker was recently run over by a plant vehicle at Ford. He had to go to the hospital and has been off the job ever since. The plant’s vehicles transports men from where they have driven new cars to the gate line where they pick up cars. It was on one of these trips that a man was struck at about 50 mph.

On the accident report it said three mph. Both the company and the worker weren’t too thrilled at the three mph but both agreed to put down three mph anyway. On the part of the union and workers, no one wanted to say anything to get the driver in trouble. I don’t think the driver should be blamed either, because most likely it wasn’t his fault.

The speed limit on the plant is supposed to be eight mph. But the Ford plant management is not interested in enforcing this. If they were, they would put governors on all vehicles — fork lifts, tugs, kalmazoos, foremen’s golf carts — so that they could not go over eight mph. Ford has cut down on the FPA people (pre-delivery area) while at the same time running the same number of cars down the line. Cutting jobs and not cutting production means that the drivers have to speed up. That is why the plant vehicles are zooming around the plant at unsafe speeds.

The union should sit out this under health and safety. If we attack it from this point of view then management can’t hit out at the driver. It wasn’t his fault, it was the company’s fault.

—Ford worker

Chrysler Mack

Detroit, Mich. — Nobody can imagine how low the union has sunk in the past 15 or 20 years in regard to workers’ thought or actions. We held an election in 1979 and the men were for Michigan United. They were against Stankey because when you go in with a grievance he talks to you worse than a boss does.

The company is saying that they will move the Dart and Valiant lots out of the Mack plant by Thanksgiving. Management says that the Dart and Valiant models are in such serious trouble that management wants to drive you insane. You don’t have a steady job that on operating a mower, metal finishers are doing everything from stack handling to sweeping the floor, and the union is doing nothing.

They have hired some new workers, but the word is that all new hires will be laid off before Christmas.

—Stock worker

GM Southgate

Los Angeles, Cal. — Guilty until proven innocent is the theme by which General Motors operates its em­ ployee relationship program. Wherever a brother or sister is taken off to the “Blue Room,” they have already been subjected, captured, tried and found guilty. It takes an act of God to get out with one’s scalp! One brother was taken out, a half cup of screws from the sweeping debris and taking them to his ear. Employees have been harassed for being sick or injured when these judgments took the opposite.

These men take pride in their power.

If a grievance is filed against the company, the employee has to complete the matter being contested while the problem itself is argued on, pocketed, or goes through lengthy appeals. A contract here at Southgate means that it takes a month, or a year, or two years to be told that the company is never wrong.

There are no charges of retaliation or fair, speedy trials, or in democratic methods of setting policy, on in human treatment from the bosses. These things are as non-radical as they are non-existent here at Southgate.

—Southgate worker

problems with chrome labor will do the work for Chrysler and they pocket the savings. The union knows all this. The contract permits this illegal relationship between management and workers for the profit. As overtime goes up, outside contracting goes up. This makes that small shops with cheap labor will do the work for Chrysler and they pocket the savings.

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The worst shops in Building 11 have to be Stamp­ ing, Plunging, Machining, Joining, and Plating. Metal plates, shells, and screws are made in Stamping, and there are many big machines which make an unbearable noise. Some of the ma­ chines make parts of out the machine and are caught by a plate and drop into a barnet. If the plate fall off, your fingers could cut somebody badly. The floor is covered with grease that a h-b could slide and hurt someone.

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THE AFTERMATH OF NOV. 7

It looks like the only country where the Pentagon succeeded in bombing back to the Stone Age is the U.S.

Correspondent
Montreal

The Nixon victory, whose massive proportions include the white working class, is the ultimate triumph of the architects of one-dimensional man.

What has happened to all those young people who were anti-war? They are not working, not making profit for anyone but themselves, not even for their own rape.

The enduring, pervasive racism of many white workers is exposed in the polls.

And what has happened to all those candidates, all the alternatives offered...? I am fed up to the gills with the black people who are the only ones consistently fighting Nixon.

 Teacher
Los Angeles

How completely unreal are all the candidates, all the alternatives offered to the masses, the elections. Work, leisure, politics, remains in the same hands. The campaigns revolve, not around the issues, but around the candidates.

How can there be choice when the political life of the country was no more important than choosing between brands of cigarettes?

Now the spectacle is over and we go back to work — or looking for work, which I am and you are... with the black people who are the only ones consistently fighting Nixon.

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Somehow they will have to get together with movements like Women's Liberation. Otherwise we will be murdered.

The UAW said that they supported McGovern. But I worked in their campaign and saw that the money that trickled down got used for other local races of Democrats who didn't even want to be associated with McGovern.

I am enclosing the public statement that I would have put in a different order.

I endorse the basic ideas expressed in your Editorial on Munich and terrorism. There are certain points especially regarding the Arab refugees and the solidarity of the Israeli people that I think the statement that I would have put in a different order. But it is impossible to expect one far from the actual scene to know all the facts, or to look at things the way we do. I am enclosing the public statement of a coalition of left wing and liberal elements, critical of the Israeli government's policy, which I hope you can publish.

Cuba

I am stunned when I read that Cuba intended to keep the 39 U.S. hobos in 4 foot by 4 foot cells for the rest of their lives! I can't believe it is true. That sounds like Hitler—or Thieu. In Cuba it is true, I can't help feeling that it is racist viciousness — the white man who hijacked a plane to Cuba with his son and a few friends before, and actually killed a man in the process was not caged like that. Every Black I know feels the same way.

Black Worker
Detroit

ROOTS OF MALE-CHAUVINISM

This is an article I wrote for the Libertarian Review about the significance of the war with Vietnam.

It is not the first time that male domination is now deeply entrenched and poorly stated. It is true that male chauvinism predicates capitalism. Women were the first object to be owned. In capitalism..."}

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UNWOC

UNWOC has dropped the lette boycott lately and the Teamsters have responded by refusing to deliver UNWOC letters. Enough that they won't refuse to handle non-union goods these days, but to refuse to handle goods that are made in China is a bit more than the Teamster's union can take. This is all part of the new respectability of capitalism. The unions don't even pretend not to be reactionary any longer.

New York

ISRAEL AND MUNICH

The title of your editorial shocked me: "Terrorism and Retaliation Serve Counter-Revolution." Our reactionary TV press and radio have bombarded us with this kind of reactionary ideology. It is the aim of the world powers to convince those who have a real power that we have no hope of transforming this world... To talk about Palestine, Zionism or hatred of Jews when the events occurred at the Olympics is to play the game of our class enemy.

Correspondent
Paris

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THE PRICE OF WAR

Scott Camil, a leader of Vietnam Veterans Against the War, is under indictment by the federal government for Conspiracy to disrupt the Republican National Convention with, among other things, a sling shot! His trial and that of seven other members of the VVAW will start in January 1973 in Gainesville, Fla. If your readers want to help keep Scott Camil free from being silenced by the government, please have them contact:

"Terrorism and Retaliation Serve Count..."
Nixon's racist victory puts American civilization on trial

By Raya Dunayevskaya

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on his racist reputation gained by his defense of Chi­

cago police who had murdered Black Panthers, and

who proceeded to the White House following the

election and was elected as State's Attorney. Also in Illinois, Democratic governor-elect Dan Walker, who had headed the Walker Commission which excluded evidence lead­
ing to the indictment of police for the Panther murders, won over incumbent GOP Governor Oveta

California, Paul McClosky, liberal GOP presidential

opponent and constant critic of Nixon, won re-election

to his House; and a state proposition of limited voting

would have destroyed the effectiveness of Cesar Chavez's

Unitarianism.

MASS DEMONSTRATIONS IMPORTANT

But more important than these election results was

the occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs build­

ings in Washington by some 300 Black American Indians

as a protest against continuous government neglect

towards the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Indians

arrested the 300 leaders, including Tom Watty, and

the Indian Reservation, which is the only thing left

of what to expect as a result of his victory. In his inter­

view given to the Washington Star newspaper, he de­
cribed his “permissiveness” as “self-discipline,” which

was tolerated. What was this “permissiveness” that Nixon

referred to? It was the Civil Rights Movement on the

part of the Black Americans, the Free Speech Move­

ment of the students, the anti-war movement of the

first phase, and the thousands of strikes of workers

against their inhuman conditions of work.

NIXON'S PREVIEW OF THINGS TO COME

Every worker, both Black and white, understands

very well what Nixon means when he says “What is

important is that it is government intervention in the

working class will not only have the company to

fight them, but also the government on their backs.

It means more speed-up, more loss of the little control

they still have through their unions.

The Free Speech Movement is a driving force in the

student motion. There are those who clearly

distinguished the goal Nixon represents, they also realize that

a great share of the blame for this victory lies directly at the door of the

ignorant labor leaders (see Workers Journal, P. 1).

The full ramifications of Nixon's victory are yet to

be revealed. The slaves who will hit back, along with the

Blacks, will be the rank-and-file white workers. Nixon's

policy of segregation is the key that will open the way

in the shops, will make them far worse. Then the

critical test will come.

What were the results of the Black and white workers

who voted for Nixon on Nov. 7 can be regained in the

first ballot as the crisis, which is sure to come, deepens. It is then

the last act will begin.
At Long Beach State

Protest murder of black student

Los Angeles, Cal.—Roland Peterson, a 20-year-old black student at California State Long Beach, was killed by a policeman while running from an apartment on October 18. Police were investigating, without a warrant, possible burglary of stereo equipment when they heard movement inside the apartment. Officer Vershaw ran to the back and ordered three running black men to stop, then shot one of them in the back of the head.

About 175 students, mostly black, demonstrated in front of the Long Beach Police Department resulting in the temporary suspension of Vershaw. Students held a rally outside the department resulting in seventeen arrests. When it comes to killing blacks, the police do not have to be reasonable. If Roland had been white, a lot of things would have been different. Roland had never been killed. It was his 10th birthday. He has been such an uproot on campus that the whole country would know of Long Beach State as they learned of Kent State, and the news of a police killing of a black student.

—Debbie Brown

N.Y. anti-war march

New York, N.Y.—On Saturday, Nov. 4, about 5,000 angry people marched through Harlem to rally at Lewisohn Stadium for an immediate end to the war and self-determination for Puerto Rico and other un­

The march wound through the predominantly Puerto Rican and Black community, picking up support along the way. The main chant was "Nixon sign the treaty!, which people were concerned about the Philippines, Vietnam, or inflation, or anything else that would be open and the American people would know of Vershaw being made a temporary prisoner of war, or the American people, or the Vietnamese people, or the American people, or the American people. They demanded that Vershaw be made to pay for his "mistake," so that other police officers will not be afraid to shoot the blacks because they know nothing will happen to them.

Police圓 not our communities to protect human rights, but the people's property. What better proof is there than the killing of a human being during an investigation of political activities? Even the overly-lax police shooting policy, which allowed the white police to kill people who were trying to escape, cannot be used to reasonably justify this case, because Roland was shot in the back of the head without even being questioned about the burglary. When it comes to killing blacks, the police do not have to be reasonable.

—Debbie Brown

Picket Conn. prison

Hartford, Conn.—Conditions at Somers state prison in Connecticut are not improving. On September 24, the inmates in administrative segregation submitted to Warden Carl Robinson a compilation of grievances. Among these were a call to establish a limit to the time in administrative segregation for any particular offense, to pressure prison doctors to make weekly visits to segregation, to permit at least one Black and/or Spanish­speaking staff member to participate in disciplinary hearings, to shower after recreation, and so on.

Warden Robinson turned his back and walked away. He has also refused to meet with the Concerned Citizens for Prison Reform (CCPR). Both he and Assistant Commissioner refused to answer questions of them registered, requesting a meeting.

A former inmate of Somers Civilized Sinners, Ray Glenn, requested that Vershaw be made a temporary prisoner of war.

—Student Activist

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Youth and McGovern

By Chris Norvell

Now that McGovern has been soundly defeated everywhere, it seems a shame that this important after all, or that the youth were apathetic and didn't even bother to vote. I didn't get that impression from the people I talked to.

One young woman said that she was all for McGovern before he got the party nomination, but after he came back the starting point is a 100%諸 like leaving troops in Indochina, not supporting a mini­

Youth and McGovern...
Black revolts against Navy

The U.S. Navy, long a refuge for southern "near-do-well" whites who sought careers as officers, has recently been the target for racial outbreaks that would have resulted in several disasters five years ago. The events aboard the carrier USS Constellation have brought to a head the racial discrimination that has always plagued the U.S. Navy practice.

On the deck of the Constellation, six black crewmen were scheduled to receive general administrative discharges because they refused to sign their discharges and with 150 other black crewmen, signed a petition to disperse the demonstration. Failing to restore "order," the ship was ordered back to San Diego.

At the base, the remaining 132 protesters were ordered ashore, and the ship returned to sea. On the day after the elections, the ship returned to port to clear the crewmen and boarded the ship until their four basic demands were met: 1) the right to stay ashore until the negotiations were settled; 2) that all punishment be reviewed to determine racial discrimination; 3) that higher authority review all discharges; and 4) that amnesty be granted for all crewmen involved in the protest.

President Nixon seemed embarrassed by the third well-publicized incident of racial unrest in the US Navy (the carrier USS Kitty Hawk, which had racial disturbances in Vietnam within the past few months), had Admiral Dine R. Zumwalt, Jr., break the spread the riot out of an assembly of no less than 90 Ad- mirals, telling them "to end" discriminatory prac-tices.

Of the 123 men who refused to board the ship, 97 were given extra duty, fined and reduced in rank, three were given admirals and the remainder assigned to shore duty.

For the record, out of the 8,000 Navy officers, less than one percent are Black. The first Black Admiral in history was appointed only last year. Among non-commissioned officers, 27 percent are Black in the U.S. Navy, in comparison to 20 percent in the Army, which isn't exactly paradise for Blacks.

In his retirement speech, Atlantic Fleet Com- mander Vice Admiral William Flagg said: "I'm not ashamed about those who would change his happy world: "The sooner the Navy is free of this group, the better off the country and the Navy will be.""—Harry McShane

NEW AMBASSADOR LOVES FRANCE

The decision President Nixon to nominate Admiral Horacio Rivero as the new Ambassador to Spain has been hailed with delight by all the leaders of that region. It is the first time a Black as an Ambassador is an ambassador for France.

He retired some months ago serving as Commander-in-Chief of NATO naval forces in the Mediterranean. He is the first to advocate for Spain to be part of NATO.

Spain has a number of bases, including the nuclear submarine complex at Rota, 50 miles west of Gibraltar. The bases are American military enclaves for years. President Nixon seems well disposed towards fascist Spain.

Back in 1970 he signed an agreement to supply Spain with us the then-common and more modern vessels including mine-sweepers, and other military equipment. Congress passed by refusing to pass the necessary legislation. It has been agreed to let Spain have two destroyers on loan.

It is not enough that Admiral Rivero-General has declared that the present dictatorship will last for centuries. He is wrong, but he is trying to keep up the spirit of his nation, the reactionaries and old-fashioned press revolts by the workers, students and even priests.

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Self-mobilized West German voters open new page

More important even than Willy Brandt's victory on Nov. 12 was the manner in which the election was won. We're not referring to the Social Democratic Party's coalition with the Free Democrats, nor the universal turnout on election day. But not as in the U.S. of a electorate, 45% of whom stayed away from the polls, but of an electorate 90% of whom voted for the SDP. Rather, we're referring to the self-mobilized voters.

It has been said of Jesus: "He could save all others. But Himself he could not save." It needs now to be said of the old radicals: They could save no one, and now they are themselves the doomed ones. They who thirst for power, share the capitalistic ambition of the extermination of nationalities opposed to Stalinism. The present generation of the youth — it wasn't just an approval of Che Guevara and the newly-arisen state bureaucracy? Rather, it was an approval of "a determined fight against the Terror and for an Israeli Peace Initiative." Such acts of individual terror as perpetrated at the Lod airport, at the Sabena aircraft, and in Munich, constitute a horrible assault not only on Israeli citizens, but strike most seriously at the prospects of rapprochement and mutual understanding between Israel and the Arab states. Such deeds of the extreme nationalist Arab circles supported by certain Arab governments cause the hardening of Israel, strengthen its nationalistic circles, and weaken the hands of the groups that recognize the just rights of the Palestine people for self-determination in co-existence with the State of Israel. The movement for Peace and Security calls upon all peace seekers amongst the various parties and peace-party circles to raise their voices for an Israeli peace initiative based upon an independent, Israeli policy, non-aligned with the great powers; for peace without annexations and surrender for a political solution on the basis of the security council resolution No. 242, of November 1967.

Black control in Tenn.

In Tennessee it is usually difficult to tell Republican from Democratic. They change sides so often and always remain the same. But this time the new line-up in the Tennessee House of Representatives — 31 Democrats and 48 Republicans — shows that the seven Black Democrats elected hold the balance of power!

The showdown will come on Jan. 2 when the organization of the House will take place. The seven Black members will be in a position to elect a Speaker from either party, demand and get appointments on key committees. They will also be able to influence the political thought of the neo-Fascist Party. As the neo-Fascist Party has often been described as "brown fascism," the seven Black members will be in a position to elect a Speaker from either party, demand and get appointments on key committees. They will also be able to influence the political thought of the neo-Fascist Party. As the neo-Fascist Party has often been described as "brown fascism," the seven Black members will be in a position to elect a Speaker from either party, demand and get appointments on key committees. They will also be able to influence the political thought of the neo-Fascist Party.