Detroit Blasts protest

Detroit, Mich.—Since the evening of Dec. 4, 1972, Black citizens of Detroit have been living—and dying—under a reign of terror by the Detroit Police Dept. For nearly two months, night after night, police have broken into homes without warrants, smashed up furniture, and held citizens at gunpoint. They have beaten and foully abused men, women and children, and held Blacks in jail for days without charges.

The police say that all this is "justified" and "necessary" for the protection of young men—John Boyd, Mark Bethany and Hayward Brown—who are wanted in the murders of police on Dec. 4 and Dec. 27. Police repeatedly told the press that the three are "drug addicts and pushers," but many Blacks say that they are really so frightened of the police that they run out of the community. They have not succeeded in finding two of the three men, but they have rounded up a Black citizenry that is determined to defend itself. To end the police terror, and above all to abolish STRESS, the special plainclothes police reign of terror, the following demands were made:

Police arrest a young Black man during the search, "lose" his records, file no charges and hold him for three days incommunicado.

In all they break into at least 200 homes; search, threaten, detain, and in many cases, assault, hundreds of citizens, and threaten to murder those who object.

After one month of the terror, Commissioner Nicholas went on TV and declared that the Black community was guilty of harboring fugitive and that those "mad dog killers" be turned over to police. That did it.

Demand for public hearings and a black majority and a police board was finally called by Common Council on January 11. But no one could predict the turnout. The hearing was set for a room that held 300, but when hundreds more demanded entrance, the site had to be moved to Ford Auditorium. At the time the hearing began, 2,000 angry citizens were waiting. It was not a hearing. It was a mass demonstration of rage. Speaker after speaker told eyewitness accounts of police terror, and the crowd asked: "Who are the real mad dog killers?"

Commissioner Nicholas then tried to justify police conduct; he was booed off the stage. (For eye-witness accounts from the hearing, see page 2.)

It has been three months since Nixon's re-election and as one Black woman said at the hearing: "We used to be murdered by white men in sheets, now we are murdered by white police."

ABOLISH STRESS!
STOP POLICE TERROR AGAINST BLACK AMERICA!

News & Letters photo
Massive anti-war crowd in Washington on Jan. 20

Nixon's power grab designed to crush growing forces of revolt

by Andy Phillips

The bitter wind in Washington, D. C. on Jan. 20 matched the bitter outline of the future for America as Nixon's inaugural address. From the opening sentence, started precisely on time to match the military precision which marked the entire inaugural proceedings, Nixon's message rang loud and clear: all important national and international decisions will be made by one person, and only one—Richard Mil­houx Nixon.

Nixon could believe Nixon's statements that the role of Washington, in relation to the world and to the people in the U. S., will be decreased. The truth is the exact opposite: Washington, that is, Nixon, will dictate more at home and abroad than ever before.

Atoms at Risk

Rejecting social welfare programs, Nixon declared that the government had been asked to do "more than it ever did before." Police and military programs will be scrapped. Nixon postulated that America was built "not by welfare, but by work—not by shirking responsibility, but by seeking responsibility." Nixon promised to establish a "new policy of law and order" in the city and in the country. He also said that a "new way of life" will be needed to protect the image of America.

While every Black person in the U. S., and every white racist, immediately recognized this as an administration promise that there will be no let up on efforts to wipe out every "guy who's been the black revolu­tionaries since the '60's." White racism had begun to undermine the de­termined struggles of both Black and white Americans for freedom and equality, but gained new strength and respectability under Nixon's administration. And nothing aided the cause of white racism more than Nixon's appointment of Negroes and Jews to the top positions. Nixon's Black and Jewish staff is the Black drive for equality. Blacks, however, are not accepting the challenge. Nixon is trying to shackle them with. (See article, pp. 2 and 7.)

A bid for racial harmony surrounded him for his "new level of respect for the feelings and rights of one another" and assurances for the "right of every American to achieve equal opportunity.

Even more monstrous was Nixon's reference to the Vietnamese war. After unleashing the most hideously bar­baric bombing of North Vietnam during the Christmas season. (See editorial, page 4), this criminal against humanity dared to say, "let us again learn to debate our differences with civility and decency."

FREEZE WAGES, FREE PROFITS

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Lifting economic Phase 2 wage-price controls, reveals much. The move continues what he began with the wage-price freeze—wages were frozen for the worker, but prices and profits skyrocketed. With the new Phase 3, wages will still remain frozen, but prices and profits will go into effect.

Even the weak pretext of regulation and enforcement of price and profit guidelines is discarded in Phase 3. Both the Pay Board and Price Commission were abol­ished, and replaced with a Cost of Living Council. This Council will be made up of labor and industry representatives, and chaired by "Super­secretary" of the Treasury George P. Schultz.

Harvard's John Dunlop, hard-nosed construction in­dustry mediator who cut construction workers' wage in­creases from 15 percent to 5 percent in the past three years, was appointed by Nixon to be the executive direc­tor of the Council. His appointment clearly shows that Nixon is trying to placate the workers on the backs of the workers.

LABOR LEADERS NEVER LEARN

(Continued on Page 8)
Detroit Black citizens testify: first-hand accounts of police terror

Angry crowd jams hearing room to protest police harassment of Black community.

The following are excerpts from the statements of Black victims of police terror, which were included in a newspaper following an earlier hearing at the three-hour Common Council hearing. No other newspaper has seen fit to print them.

MRS. DOROTHY CLORE

I am the mother of John Boyd and aunt of Haydn Brown. On the evening of Dec. 14, I heard a loud noise and the front door burst open. A uniformed policeman stepped in with a rifle and holstered a "Frotsche." When I went into the hall I saw my son John Clore stretched out face down on the floor with handcuffs on, his shoes with his belongings on. There were about 15 police in the house at this time, and one was standing at a few feet away pointing his rifle directly at me. They refused to say who was in charge. They searched the whole house, ripped apart the drapes and beds, and destroyed our furniture. I think some of this was done not because of a shortage of police for Black people, but because I am Black. I don't think that if Commissioner Nichols' son was a suspect in this case, the police would have broken the door down on his house. My son has been violated and my home has been invaded.

WAY OF THE WORLD

No justice for Black people

By Ethel Bomber

The crisis in this society is so deep that it is causing some people to go insane. Today society wants us to say that many things we were taught were wrong are right. What we are taught is that TV is wrong, and feel the deep-seated hate and racism in everything they say. This is just to justify all the rights for Black people. I was listening to a talk show between Councilwoman Erma Henderson and Wayne State University Criminal Law professor Kevin Troub. I was one of the men out of people in protest of Detroit police actions against Black citizens, in breaking down doors and wrecking houses in search of three young Blacks accused of shooting a police officer.

I watched me when this white lawyer said the council was wrong to listen to those complaints and that it should have been left to the police commissioner. He said the council could have sent one member to sit in and represent the citizen. If he had listened, some of those complaints might have been heard. At least what his portfolio did to the Jews before and during World War II. The Michigan Chronicle says the objective of the police is to disarm the Black community and that over 1,000 firearms were confiscated from Black homes. The police behind me. They cut me off and jumped out with their guns. They had gone to the neighbors, and saw police. I opened my door and saw at least 25 police out there, surrounding the house and all up and down the street. They had gone to the neighbors, who were white, and told them to get in their basements because there might be some shooting. When I opened the door they said: 'Put your hands up and come out.' I offered my hands in a gesture, but they kept me up against the car and one policeman had a shotgun right up against the back of my head. They said: 'Tell us who's in there. If you don't tell us, the man behind you is gonna blow your brains out.'

I said this to the police: As long as you call people 'mad dogs' and terrorize our people, you will never find the men you are looking for.

FARMWORKERS, LONGSHOREMEN OPOSE TEAMSTER TAKE-OVER

By Felix Martin

The Teamsters Union was presently involved in trying to gobble up two of the more democratic unions in this country—the Farmworkers and the Longshoremen. The California Supreme Court recently ruled that the Teamsters Union worked in conjunction with a group of growers to block Caesar Chavez's Farmworkers Union. This decision supported charges brought against the growers by the Farmworkers.

The corporation's court is forced to decide in favor of workers. The corporation puts out low rent and corrupt this collusion of the Teamsters' president, Frank "company fink" Fitzsimmons, and the corporate farmers has been to free the workers of the workers of the California State. They produce the food for us all and yet one of the lowest paid group of workers in the state. The idea that the ILWU would want to merge with the Teamsters Union is a man knocking down every rung of the ladder. We are tired of being free and would give up his freedom to be free. The men who have spoken out loudly and clearly against this merger, and it appears their President Harry Bridges will not be able to force this union to merge. The union movement was founded so that the workers would not be slaves. But if Fitzsimmons can take over these two smaller unions, then he will have succeeded in stamping out the very democracy that the labor movement has fought so long. There is too little of this democracy left.

All value is created by the worker at the point of production. The worker has created all the wealth, but has very little over what happens to it. The unions were not a tool to rob the workers, but said to say so. Today the workers have to get control of their organizations and get rid of the bureaucrats.

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WORKER'S JOURNAL

(Continued from Page 1) people. Some said, why make such a deal, when we are 80 per cent of the voting population.

Shutors, the UAW, and the Teamsters were raising funds for some athletic program, and a Black teacher was in charge. Prior to the election, there were some rumors that the candidates have won the support of Black candidates. We waited for the results, but there was no result. The UAW was not satisfied that the money be turned over to them that very day, and they began rioting after the teacher held a meeting in his office. The teacher had to write a check for every dime the student secretariat had on his books.

WHITE COMEBACK

Out of eight Blacks running, only one got elected. The Superintendent of Education was the one position the state wanted won by a Black. There were three spots on the NDPA slate, but none on the White Democratic slate. The results, like we did win credit it to a White Democrat and a White Republican running for the same position.

There was the Christmas holidays, and many Blacks are still upset. The basic reason for lasting, I was told, was that there was no money on the agenda of the Board and the idea that they did not vote. Many of the grass roots people stayed home in disgust, and some of those professionals who had never been considered for a position and who would vote for a white candidate.

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"He then said, 'We are going back to the days of the KKK.'"
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**EDITORIAL**

The tragic belatedness and carefully planned in-consultation of Vietnamese cease-fire, accompanied as it was by the stock market's 300-point downward decline, has turned all eyes toward the totality of the crisis at home. Nixon's self-coronation and that is certainly where it was on Jan. 21 when demonstrators came to Washington, D.C. to protest the war and Nixon's self-coronation.

Besides the over-100 thousand that marched from the Lincoln Memorial to the Washington Monument, hundreds of Vietnam veterans marched symbolically from Arlington Cemetery; and throughout the country, in cities and smaller towns, rallies young and old alike. Thousands more protested throughout the world, as 1500 workers in West Germany marched; 10,000 in Helsinki, thousands in Stockholm, Tokyo, New Delhi, Amsterdam; and more than 12,000 marched to the Embassy in London. It was an event unprecendented in America's almost forty years of anti-war demonstrations.

**STATE-CAPITALIST BARBARISM**

Never before has an American president been so openly denounced throughout the world for his totalitarian ambitions. Nixon's barbaric U.S. Christmas terrorist-bombing of North Vietnam was a blitz unparalleled in modern history; and Sweden's Premier Olof Palme, and France's President Georges Pompidou, prompted my gift. If only I could be-lieve your conclusion that "the self-assertion of the working classes is at last in its death throes." Like the skilled totalitarian he is, Nixon made sure that nobody, and he certainly meant nobody, comes between his people and the skills of his people. They are not separated from his anti-labor politics. Now to give them a real alter-native in this tragedy. We have come too far to turn back now. Please, we need your support. Unite all Black Workers Mahwah, New Jersey

**NO ILLUSIONS OF "PEACE"**

If anyone doubted that the "peace-agreement" is only a ploy while the global powers seek to pre-pare the battle-lines for the next war, all they need do is look at the facts. Nixon has no intention of getting out of Indochina any sooner than Thailand in the thousands. And the insidious of Dr. Strangelove that Nixon's Christmas bombing of Hanoi was what brought about the agreement makes it clear to the world that for Nixon, bombing will remain his "way to peace." Both Russia and China are perfectly willing for the cease-fire to remain incomplete. They have bigger engines of war, and they are the state-capital-ist power-politicals of Russia and China which have left the Vietnamese." Nixon's racism . . .

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**Vietnam and the wars after the war**

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**WAR AND PEACE**

Nixon keeps digging his grave of geno-cide. The recession deeper as people come together to oppose him and his partners in crime. In Hartford a new anti-war committee of members of the Puerto Rican Socialist League and the Students against the War was organized to oppose student radicals. There still exist factional splits which allow Nixon's opportunists to feed on the suffering against Nixon's capitalist adventures have even become a way of life for many office- workers who openly supported Nixon during the campaign to speak out against him.

The role of the Gleason HLA, in their retaliatory boycott of Australian goods, was not just anti-australian workers, it was pro-Nazi's decimation policy in Vietnam, and anti's the working people right here at home. The past four years have proved that Nixon's policies abroad are not separated from his anti-labor stance at home.

In Los Angeles a stop-work meeting was called for Harry Bridges to explain his terms to his workers and his black col- leagues. We do not need any of Fitzsim-mons' unprincipled, or their pro-Nixon policies. Gleason, Fitzsimmons and Richard Nixon do not speak for us — our bosses in Seattle

**CHINA, RUSSIA, USA**

The January issue, with that article on "how Russia and China bring pressure to bear on the U.S. to accept Pax Americana," was stupendous. It ran the way everything reflected the central concept of Nixon's racism . . .

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**The Black revolt**

Since Martin Luther King's death, Black, Latin and some concerned White have tried to honor his memory by staying home from work. The Ford Management has refused to close the plants. As a result, union workers accepted Pax Americanas that made people want to read our analysis.

**CONCLUSION**

The anti-war march that was held here right after Nixon's savage bombing of Hanoi may not have been as massive as some of the '60's — but there were at least 5,000, and what is more important, they wanted to do more than "march." We have never sold 500 papers more easily, and it was prevalent for Nixon to accept his "Pax Americanas" that made people want to read our analysis.

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Inaugural Passes to the brutal and genocidal U.S. role in the Vietnam of the dead," the new society, of which the WAW living barricade along the anti-war parade route. They were prepared to come in from anywhere they apparently identified as "suspicious." In the food service context, a group of protesters was able to occupy two corners on Pennsylvania Ave. at the Inaugural Parade route, by arriving before the Medicare, and unemployment, and poverty at home. The new food service contract supposedly contains a pledge by Saga Corp. to rehire all present employees at the workers have discovered that these plans are vague and unenforceable. As in the past, most of the demonstrators were white, but many were of Vietnamese, African American, and Mexican origin. The rally was adjourned, and with flying banners, the United Food and Commercial Workers marched back to the downtown Safeway supermarket to protest that it still carries scab lettuce and produce. We not only do not make enough money per hour; it will be read by my fellow workers at Sweet Life who are being beaten down by working in this hostile environment. They work in a non-production shop, yet any time a man falls below the company-set production rate he is punished on the spot by a supervisor. If the man refuses to be beaten down, the following day he will be blackballed out of the union. We have not only to work eight hours and then pay for taxes, but also to work overtime for nothing. The Original Historical Analysis: (Continued from Page 5)

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BLANK RED VIEW

By John Alan

B-52's were still sending down their deadly rain of bombs on North Vietnam, when suddenly, on Jan. 8, the "chronicalization" of this terror was swept from the front pages of the newspapers and television throughout the nation and replaced by word that 600 policemen, firing thousands of rounds of ammo with machine guns and rifles, had fought a more than ten-hour battle with the Vietnamese and American civilians maritaled in San Diego for their participation in them, while the other rioters have been more or less ignored by Navy brass.

As I viewed the battle of New Orleans on television screen, I could not help but think of the thousands of soldiers fighting a similar battle in Vietnam, because the picture presented was one of total alienation from all that is human and compassionate.

Mark's sprawled body was a silhouette—a cipher, who only came alive when he was understood as a Black human being within the context of our racial society—but the others never did.

ERA backlash at Norris

Los Angeles, Cal.—The first backlash of the Equal Rights Amendment (E.R.A.) was felt in California, and that was notified in its works.

employees mentioned their morning and afternoon rest periods were being eliminated. Prior to this time, during the breaks, workers could get a change of air and go to the rest rooms. But now, they were being told that protective periods cannot be extended to men. The company could give men rest periods and still be complying with Federal law, but that was human and compassionate.

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Step up equal rights fight

San Francisco, Cal.—The picket line in downtown San Francisco (see January N&L article) protesting the Bank of America World Headquarters on California and many others, has new muscle, both mental and manual. The pressure on the Bell system was sufficient to make the Michigan NOW chapter is not at all satisfied with the agreement but is studying how to continue the relationship of woman to man. Women cannot be free in this society any more than any but a few privileged men can be.

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Austria

The pro-American reactionary conservative go-

erment of Austria has recently been replaced by

a Labor Party government headed by Prime Min-

ister Gough Whitley. All sorts of things have been

happening since the

within the first two weeks the Labor govern-

ment pulled out of alignment with the big powers

and with the third world majority. It has abol-

ished the Social Democratic party, which had

tried to select sports teams and will vote in the United

National Development Conference for the Rhodesia and

South Africa. The Austrian Maritime Union con-

ducted a two-week boycott of U.S. shipping to pro-

test Nixon's actions.

On the domestic scene the condition of the Aus-

trian economy is worsening. There are simply no

jobs for the many who want them. In a letter to the

Premier in January a group of workers wrote: "The

population is growing, but we cannot find work to

donate them. In Austria, where the cost of living is

very high, the unemployed cannot subsist on a small

pittance."

Italy

We have received the following letter from

Milan:

So many bombs are thrown around in Italy that

you almost forget this isn't the "normal way of

life." On December 30, 1972, there was an incident of

"The Bomb" that blew up in the bank of

Milan killing 15 people 3 years before. By now

everyone knows that Nixon authorized a secret

commando force to escape the bombing. The

cause of placing the bomb, was not guilty, but that

it was a fascist at heart. Thus, all of Italy there is

a protest against fascism and for what seems

the age-old slogan, "Free Valpreda."

In Naples, 3,000 students met to make a demonstra-

tion. Five minutes before they were to march in front of

the American Embassy, the police arrested 23 of them. In

Rome 30,000 demonstrated and after the rally

groups were attacked and 28 arrested. In Milan

the unions insisted on workers holding a one

two hour assembly in the factory. The high

schools and universities were literally assailed by

police. The fascists were on the defensive three

years ago when "The Bomb" was thrown. This time they

didn't even deny they planted the recent bomb in

Naples. They are now three years from the defensive
to the offensive. Meanwhile, making holie-
caut in the streets has become a Leftist "tactic." One

certain fascist bomb-thrower is held by the

police. In Naples 200 students met and they were

ordered by police to go home. The police were

playing against a stacked deck. In every showdown vote,

those items which affect workers the most—food, cloth-

ing, housing, and women—can endure. Thousands are winding up in

auto plants are scheduling impossible overtime

hours and workers are really at a disadvantage because the papers report regularly

that one major company after another has zero

profits. The auto and steel industries along with other

necessities have skyrocketing prices. We're at the point where

clothing and heating the house are in competition and
demanding off the list of necessities. The

unemployed, even the bankers and teachers, are going back to being spaghetti eaters.

Egypt

President Sadat of Egypt is beginning to meet

with the Arabs and increase pressure on his

five-day sit-down strike at Cairo University, over

3,000 students have been arrested and 250

square of the capital. They were driven back by

police using tear gas and batons. At Ain Shams

University the students were given its own

university down and declared a sudden holiday.

In Alexandria the students went down to the

police station to free fellow workers who had

been arrested for participating in a wild-cat strike. Some

Egyptian intellectuals have joined the antibellum

Sadat censorship of the news. Rumors of abortive

revolutions and superpower upsurge.

Syria has threatened to pull out of the Fed-

eration of Arab Republics if Egypt does not supply

more aid, but Sadat's problems stem from the lack of

financial aid he needs from the rich Arab lands who do not want to see Syria actively

participate in war against Israel.

Amilcar Cabral

We mourn the death of Amilcar Cabral, mur-

dered by Portuguese assassins in front of his home

during the night of July 20, 1973. Amilcar Cabral, a courageous and
glorious African revolutionary, was the leader of the move-

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