THE BIGGEST COVER-UP

NIXON RESIGNATION AVOIDS EXPOSURE OF FULL TRUTH

by Andy Phillips

When over 130 million Americans turned on their TV sets on Aug. 8 at 9 p.m. to listen to the resignation of President Richard Nixon, they listened in disbelief to the gall of the President, swept out of office by the avalanche of national disgust at the people at the impeachment-proof, who even now claimed he had done all for "the national interest." He admitted only that he had made a "mistake in judgment.

At the same time, the people became witness to the beginning of the greatest political cover-up of all: the resignation itself, and the efforts of both Republican and Democratic Congressmen to avoid further exposure of the total degeneracy of the political system in the U.S. and those who represent it.

It is for this reason that the great cry of relief went up from Congress and virtually everyone in the country hastened to christen their new "Mr. Clean," President Gerald R. Ford, to heap extravagant praise on the "courage" of Congress, the Judiciary Committee and the effectiveness of the Constitution in achieving Nixon's resignation.

HYPOCRISY CONTINUES

This is insulting hypocrisy. Especially since there is hardly a more inept person to assume the tremendous burdens of U.S. President than Gerald Ford; since a nearly totally reluctant Congress was literally forced into the impeachment proceedings by a determined U.S. population which long ago was convinced of Nixon's guilt; and since Watergate had virtually paralysed the country for two whole years because of the delaying tactics permitted by the Constitution.

Far from showing the strength and effectiveness of the Constitution, Watergate exposed its weaknesses in centripetal or centrifugal powers, in excessive accumulated abuse of power — the U.S. came within an eyelash of being transformed into a totalitarian state. It also confirmed the double standard of justice in America: there is one law for the rich and powerful, and another for the weak and poor.

What Nixon misjudged was the reaction of the American people to the proof of his total corruption, policies of war, attempts to destroy every Black roval gain of the '60s, increasing unemployment, skyrocketing inflation, deepening recession and flagrant favoritism shown to capital at the expense of labor which moved the U.S. at a much faster pace toward state capitalism and increased speed-up and oppression of the working class. (See "Nixon's Choice Takes Effect"—p. 3.)

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Chinese women organize, strike SF sweatshops

San Francisco, Cal.—A victory for the women of San Francisco's Chinatown garment sweatshops was won Aug. 7. Because of the sweatshop employers' organizing by the San Francisco garment workers' union, Lee Mah workers, mostly all Chinese women, $1.65 per hour starting pay. Since November, 1973, they have been trying to organize the workers.

The campaign was becoming so successful that the bosses promised pay raises; increased workers' benefits; gave gifts of money and dinner invitations, providing the women would not join the union vote lost and the promises vanished into the fog. When the women realized they had been tricked, they formed the Lee Mah Workers Association demanding an end to harassment and firings, and that all discharged workers be rehired. Although charges against the company have been filed with the NLRB, these women said: "We cannot depend on them alone" and began to picket the plant.

Lee Mah workers, unlike their sisters at the Rockers Electronics plant on strike in suburban Concord, do not have a recognized union. When Rockers refused to negotiate or recognize the union, the women voted to strike. Women's groups and organized labor, especially Unions W.A.G., are supporting them, and in turn are supporting the Lee Mah workers picket line. —Elke W.

Rowbotham's narrow view of Marxism misses new in W

by Deborah Morris

The women's movement is today concerned more with ev ev er with the working out of the relationship between Women's Liberation and the social revolution. Sheila Rowbotham's Man's Resistance and Revolution (Vintage 1974, $2.45) takes up this task and proposes to develop this relationship. Her book uses Women's Liberation in its various historical forms. Unfortunately for the women's movement, it is a task that remains to be done for in the book Woman and Revolution Rowbotham has admitted that she has been unable to develop the relationship theoretically.

New View of Marx

She states that the Women's Liberation movement and social revolution "cohabit the same space uneasily" and that the "connection between the oppression of women and the central discovery of Marxism, the class exploitation of the worker in capitalism, is still forced." Rowbotham's book is full of well-meaning ideas and the links between the women's movement and social revolution but is characterized as merely "the exploitation of the worker in capitalism." She is thus not able to see that the worker is a creative subject in her own liberation. She underestimates the ability of the women to understand their oppression as well as the need for a Maoist "bourgeois humanism" stage and failing to develop the women question into a class analysis.

Rowbotham chose the Left who still refuse to reorganize their thought 40 years after the first great women's movement has been transformed into its opposite, state-capitalism. Sheila Rowbotham's narrow view of Marxism, however, would do well to read Marx and comprehend the women's movement as reason as well as force. While hailing Marx's early writings for his treatise on the process of capitalist development, Rowbotham misses a "bourgeois humanism" stage and failing to develop the women question into a class analysis.

WL Notes

Chasing "day care, not welfare!" 3,000 predominantly Black and Puerto Rican women and children marched on New York City hall on July 24. The women were protesting cutsbacks in day-care funds that would throw 6,000 children out of centers and force hundreds of women onto welfare rolls.

Nurses in Britain continue striking and agitating for higher wages, better patient care, and an end to private practice (where those with money get much better care than the poor). They have received support in the form of a strike, and a shorter strike is planned after the election.

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Bell workers walk out

(Editors note: The Communication Workers of America (CWA) contract with Bell Telephone expired July 17. Since then, there have been continuous wildcats and work stoppages nationwide, even after the CWA reached a settlement with Bell. The following stories are from the local wildcat strike reports for week of July 20 in Detroit, and from a West Coast operator who tells what happened as a strike helper.)

Detroit, Mich.—We're down here to better our conditions first, and then we're down here for wages. The conditions we work under upstairs are what happened as the official strike neared. It's an emergency. You want to go to the bathroom, a blue card when the company uses that as an instrument to reprimand to get a pencil. You're just confined to one position all day, and you just do the same thing every day.

We don't have any sick days. If a woman gets sick, she can't get back to work, and we don't get paid for her being out.

We have a little folder where they put down everything about you. What kind of company is this where they keep a private dossier on you and you're not allowed to see it? Or tell them you're supposed to know that it exists? That thing has not been coming out because Bell Telephone does not want publicity on the conditions we're under.

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Los Angeles, Cal. — The whole manner in which the union conducted the strike and negotiations has been one where the workers have gotten the short end of the stick. They have not been given anything. We want a union contract—there are capitalists who maybe have people start calling in to order new car models —- everything. Without those pages, even the women did to prepare for the strike.

There's harassment all the time. If you talk or laugh too loud, they'll take you off the line and tell you you're disturbing the calls. You can't talk, you can't turn around, you can't get up from your position. 

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Workers picket Michigan Bell offices in Detroit with hand-lettered signs reading: "Don't let Ma Bell brainwash you," and "Ma Bell treats you like elementary students.

It's a fact that Bell Telephone is not going to give us anything. They want the whole company to vote for the strike. But to ratify the contract, there still hasn't been a vote, seven days after the settlement. They want everybody to cool off, to the point of despair, let the wildcats run their course, and then vote.

They are talking about taking the nationwide vote by mail. That means you won't have other workers around you, but will be sitting home alone not able to even discuss it with others and you may not even bother to mail in the vote.

Everybody knows the strike was a big bluff, staged by the bureaucrats in the Communication Workers of America to get ATT to grant them an agency shop. They would have sold out anything to get that. What the workers wanted they were uninterested about.

Detroit, Mich.—Fleetwood has just come back from model change, and there is no reduction in the work. Picayune claims that the price of cars and watched President Ford very weakly say anything about it. But he spoke just for show, there was no order of a rollback. Meanwhile they see higher prices and less food for the poor people.

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DEAD VS. LIVING LABOR For every time a strike happens nationwide, deny union members their right. First he made sure he had Congress behind him when he said there would be no cutting in defense. But defense against the great enemy of inflation that else will be cut, except programs for the people?

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PLAYING THE RULES

On Tuesday, July 30, 1974 the Judici­ary Committee of the House voted to impeach the President for defying their subpoenas for his income tax returns. They were saying to the President, you can not defy us, but you can defy everybody else. Their decision against this slave system, and the House Judiciary Committee vote to impeach the Presi­dent under the Articles of Impeachment, the secret bombing of Cambodia?

In actuality, it makes no difference how the committee voted. What difference is there between a Nixon, Ford or anyone else playing the game of government by the rules, when we all are slaves to this system. How long are we going to be beaten to the ground and trampled on, by those politicalurers became "suicides." Don't words mean anything at all anymore?

Auto Worker
Los Angeles

Just how are the laws when the former Vice President of these United States goes free on income tax evasion and some 49 other charges of breaking the law, and the attorney general goes to jail for a week because her cat walked across his desk? It is trying to give one hope that it shows who the laws are made to keep in line.

High School Student
Los Angeles

Martha Tranquilli, a 63-year-old nurse from Mississippi, was sentenced to nine months in jail for not reporting the 1900 war taxes during 1971 and 1972. She named six anti-war groups as her defen­dants on her income tax returns. About 150 women came from all over California as well as her family and friends, to walk with her to the Federal Building where she surrendered to jail authorities. A rumble of anger and vows to continue joined in singing anti-war songs for her farewell. Show your support—write to—Martha Tranquilli, 42001 Blairsden Drive, Atmore, Alabama 36502.

Supporter California

PRISONERS APPEAL

The state of Alabama is now using its crime bill to institute a program of institutional punishment for human rights and simple decency that it couldn't kill with guns, electric chairs, or anything else. It's trying to give one brother the chair and add decades to the sentences of ten other brothers, because they organized to demand their rights as human beings inside Alabama's inhuman prisons. The first action by In­mates For Action (IFA), was a peaceful sidewalk strike at the Atmore prison farm. The official response was a mass clubbing of the prisoners. After that act of raw repression, the state went on to kill George Dobkins (Bro. Chagina), chairman of the IFA at Atmore, and Tommy Lee Dotson (Bro. Yukeena), an anti-war activist at nearby Holman maxi­mum security prison.

The Brothers who did not die with Chagina and Yukeena were formally tried for murder. Their crime is that they organized the IFA and refused to submit physically brutal and mentally pained conditions in the prisons.

All of this is urgently needed—time, lawyers, money. For information on how you can help, please contact the Atmore-Bolinas Brothers Defense Committee in San Francisco, California.

On top of the unbelievable brutality of the Texas prison shoot-out of August 4, police officials twisted our language around so that those politicalurers became "suicides." Don't words mean anything at all anymore?

Reader
Detroit

SEPT. 14—UFW BOYCOTT DAY

September 14 is International Grape Boycott Day. Illegal alien workers are being forced to work in the fields. The UFW has launched a mass protest to end this chain of slave labor. They call your name.

Boycott KRAFT!

I enclose a poem called "Kraftco," which is to be included in a volume of political verse to be published this year by the Kraft Boycott supporter of Canada.

They determine your health by allowing you to eat the baddies and the good guys.

They determined they have their way by snaring your attachment to packaged things, foods so easy to buy. They spread the taste of last night's tobacco from the heart and spirit to your very actions.

They determine you by an identity card marked money by a belief, instead of hatred, in a world advertised by a niece.

They call your name.

Kraft Boycott Supporter
Canada

ANTI-FASCIST MARCH

Some 2,000 workers and students gathered in mid-June to demonstrate against an upcoming march of the fascist National Front, held in London's Conway Hall, organized by the fascist National Front. Liberation, the International Network of the anti-fascist liberation move­ment, had issued a call for a peaceful march and warning marchers to be on guard against fascist provocation.

When the march reached Red Lion Square where the hall is located, without warning the police attacked on foot and horseback, lashing out with their batons, without, even after clubbing to the ground and trampling on 50 arrested.

Kevin Gately, a 20 year old student, was taken to the hospital where he died without regaining consciousness, killed by a blow on the head. Such a blow could not have inflicted by the police.

Or take the dental plan. We got one. But it doesn't start until 1976 and it doesn't cover orthodontics, or the big expenses. It covers filling or having a bridge made, but not fill teeth.

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Observer
Detroit

Drivers, mechanics and clerical workers have been on strike against the Alameda/Contra Costa (AC) system for three months. Today they are prepared to sign the down a contract offer by a 200 vote margin. Both the boards and union offi­cers did not even show up for the first pass!

When the buses run, I take them every day to and from San Francisco to go to work. But I'm sure that the striking workers are suffering enough from the stranded commuters. A month is a long time to live on $50 a week strike benefits. The workers who was neglected must have been pretty bad if the workers voted to stay out.

Commuter
Oakland

READERS' VIEWS

Under the fascists the former President, in tri­umph, will mark his 80th birthday, just as his wife marked hers a few months ago. Makarios went to China; and two Western leaders are exactly at peace. Chou is sick. Rev. Abernathy forgets that the world is sick; that the Western world is sick. The two worlds are, indeed, in an epidemic of absences' is really low—not because people are so healthy, but because they can't afford to lose work any more. It is a more important issue than a closed shop, even though I believe in a closed shop.

Bell Telephone Operator
California

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Montevideo, Uruguay — In September, 1973, a coup d'état took place in Uruguay which gave the president the role of dictator, destroying the remnants of elected government. In addition, the Senate and House of Representatives, closed newspapers and TV stations and declared unions illegal.

The night of the coup workers went on an insurrection in the streets of Montevideo. The police did not act. In the next days the bodies of the dead were piled up in the streets. Uruguay has been a dependent country almost all of its life. We were a former colony of Spain from where we were able to fight against the forces of oppression and the workers to resume production.

A HISTORY OF COLONIALISM

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The Tupamaros movement

The Tupamaros played a very important role in demonstrating that our own ruling class was completely corrupt. Honest political organizations could not fight the government. The only way to fight the government was through the union bureaucracy. One clause in labor contracts which employers sign with a union forces fire the first employee. Thus a worker who attempts to fight his union leadership can be fired.

Economic organizations — by owning whole sectors of production or by lending money, its real face started appearing. As the post-war cajists, capitalism with crutches, began to rise. Ten years ago the bus fare was approximately one-fourth of a peso. Today it is about 12 pesos. Together with increasing prices, the bus fare has risen. Ten years ago we now saw that the United States was not our brother and that our own ruling class was completely corrupt. Honest political organizations could not fight the government. The only way to fight the government was through the union bureaucracy. The Tupamaros movement started — the Tupamaros.

The government had to mobilize all the resources of the military, the police, and all the state apparatus to crush the Tupamaros. But it was not enough. And that it was now time for a real confrontation toward revolution. This caused them to accept Regis; a new, human society.

U.S. CAPITAL STILL DOMINATES

Despite a governmental policy of nationalization, or Mexicanization of development, there is a significant U.S. investment in Latin America. In fact, the proportion of all foreign investment in Latin America as a whole is, after Japan, the U.S., and, in fact, the U.S. investment. Around 12 percent of the total investment in Latin America is seeking is also the concern of revolutionaries in the United States. For it is U.S. imperialism's role in Latin America which is the glue holding together the repressive governments that crush movements for revolutionary social change, and it is U.S. imperialism's role to ensure the cooperation of reactionary governments to unite.

A NEW SEARCH FOR INTERNATIONALISM

Outbreaks of armed rebellion. From October, 1973 to April, 1974, the Monterrey shutdown is a warning to the government that no wage hike will be accepted, and that things in general must be put in order.

The crisis is further intensified by the rise of guerrilla activity. The army had begun to once more jail, torture, and kill — the coup in the area of Costa Grande. This was the order of the day some months until about a year ago Lucho Cabanas, a former school teacher in the area who fled to the hills to organize a band of guerrillas, ambushed a column of soldiers and killed them.

Thereafter, until a few weeks ago, the government was more or less safe. But shortly before Easter week the army became so violent that the coup in the area of Costa Grande. This was the order of the day some months until about a year ago Lucho Cabanas, a former school teacher in the area who fled to the hills to organize a band of guerrillas, ambushed a column of soldiers and killed them.

OFFERS, THEN THREATS

Lucio Cabanas did not fall into the trap similar to one about a decade ago, in which another peasant leader, Jaramillo, had been lured, then cold-bloodedly murdered by the officials. On the contrary, he offered to meet Figueroa and then kidnapped him.

Meanwhile, the PRI (Mexico's ruling party) shows unmistakable signs of desperation. First they made veiled, then almost open offers to Cabanas that if he would release Figueroa, he would be "co-opted" in some sense into the ruling class. But Cabanas has changed and the death penalty is being demanded for Cabanas.

This conjunction of economic and political crisis leads me to believe that for the first time in decades a military takeover may be a reality, coupled with perhaps outbreaks of armed rebellion.
see now, there are two standards of justice in this country, one for the rich and the other for poor and working people. Practically every one of Nixon's aides who has been convicted has been given a relatively minor sentence, while some minor sentence at some institution where life to them can be the same as it was before the sentences. For much lesser crimes, a poor person would be sent to a prison, and the average sentence is much higher than any time in the history of this nation. 'This, coupled with the high rate of unemployment, has many people living bare survival.

This runaway inflation is the biggest robber of working people that ever occurred in this country. They say, 'market up to now,' but it has taken many to go hungry and broke. Some are talking about a depression. The biggest fear of the poor is to lose the depression of the 30s. Then, if one could get a small amount of change, you could exist for another day, because prices were down so low.

Today it is not possible. At some gas stations, you must pay 68 cents for a gallon of gas. This is why people will be forced to walk, even with prices 20 years ago, it was nothing to drive over town to visit a friend. Today, every time you drive your eyes are glued to your gauge noticing each mile.

People should not have to live under such strains. We want what is due us. Today, with the inflation, with 4% unemployment, we should be paid 4% more. We haven't had a raise in 10 years, and the price of living has gone up. That is why people are concerned that our Local 18 leadership, which is all Chicanos, is not a union for Chicanos. They have not been getting paid for what we do. A few of the guys are getting skilled pay for what we do, but I haven't been getting paid for it. I'm playing a key role in renting these places, but they don't give me what I should be getting."

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The students tell his story.

A lot of the teaching didn't come from books, either. They went on trips to factories and to the farm fields to see what they were doing. Speakers came to the school from the United Farm Workers and the Farmworkers' Alliance. Indians from the Wounded Knee struggle came to talk. The students studied not only past heroes, such as Cesar Chavez and Reyes Tijerina, and where the Chicano movement is going.

CLOSING UNJUST

The Office of Civil Rights thinks we segregate Chicanos, but they haven't been to the island yet. They have not been to the schools, they have not been to the places where the schools are. The philosophy lives on, and Casa will function again some day. —Casa de la Raza parent

WAY OF THE WORLD

Life and death in black and white
by Ethel Dunbar

One day when the temperature was 92 degrees, my husband and I went to Belle Isle to get some relief from the miserable heat. Stretched out on our blankets, we noticed a woman who was too hot to be out―she was too want­ righting over the water. When we got up to see what was going on we noticed a Black man holding a Black baby. He was yelling something like, "Can't any one of you men get that child?"

A LIFE IS SAVED

Five or six Black men jumped in, and more people came running up, trying to see where the child had disappeared. Then two Black men and a white man came up. As soon as they were told what had happened, one of the white women jumped in and came up yelling, to the white man that she had found the child, and he was directly under her. The white man dived in and brought him up.

Everyone assumed the child must be dead, because he had been in the water so long, but the white woman leaned over him and began to give him mouth to mouth resuscitation. They were trying to get the crowd to stand back to give them room, when two mounted police finally arrived. They got the crowd back and by that time the child seemed to be trying to vomit, and the white man and woman who had saved him started to massage his legs to get his blood circulating. He opened his eyes, and the woman cried out, 'Thank heaven, he's OK.'

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

Those of us who kept thinking the Black man had come by for insisting they come out to the Island with him because she had been given the chance to save someone's life.

The question that kept turning over and over in my own mind was how all the people with so much race hate in them would have acted. Would someone have said that because the woman was white she should not have saved a Black child's life? Suppose it had been a Black man or woman saving a white child's life, how would they have said the same? I was still thinking about something the late Rev. King had said—that hate, without any rea­ son, is a sickness— when the ambulance arrived to take the child to a hospital for further observation.

Chicanos set up new school; HEW, McClellan shut it down

Berkeley, Calif. — Recently, the Berkeley Unified School District, under pressure from the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, closed the Casa de la Raza and the Black House, The Office of Civil Rights, prompted by Sen. Henry Ford II of Michigan, considered the schools to be "in probable noncompliance" with the 1965 Civil Rights Act because of having a singular ethnic curric­ulum. Here is what a parent of students in Casa de la Raza says:

La Casa started in September, 1971 because of the need felt in the Chicano community for a school that would emphasize the Chicano culture and people. Even with the voluntary integration programs in the Berke­ ley schools the Chicano students were still very much in the minority. The gains they had made were much higher than any time in the history of this nation. This, coupled with the high rate of unemployment, has many people living bare survival.

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Chavez made an eloquent speech in Spanish an­other rally said that "the Chicano movement is going."

A NEW KIND OF SCHOOL

La Casa was much different from the regular school system. Not only was Chicano history and culture taught, but also the basic skills necessary in society, such as reading and math. Many of the 125 students were "problem" students in the regular schools, but we found out they couldn't get along because they didn't read well, or didn't speak English well, so they disrupted classes. At Casa, students were dealt with individually, and helped if they had problems. We also helped the parents, if they had problems, as long as the parents worked, went to school, and students would have a say in how the school ran.

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Yugoslav attacks against dissidents reached a new peak in 1973. The professor Palacini was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment, and, on June 8, a new law was introduced allowing the Government to disband a Faculty for its apparent failure to mobilize militant opposition to the system of capitalism, while the seven day occupation, in June 1968, of Belgrade University by students to protest their exclusion from the revolt of workers for better conditions of labor and for genuine self-management, met the response of "Students with workers," and "We are the sons and daughters of workers."

Secondly, the expressions of solidarity with Vietnam, with Czechoslovakia, with Chile, with Poland, showed that internationalism was as concrete as the philosophy of liberation, Marx's Humanism. It was no accident that the struggle began and is still continuing, for it is in those areas of the world where the philosophers who published Praxis and Philosophia, never separating theory from practice, or action from philosophy, "We exist."

Thus, on January 14, 1974, when the authorities recorded the students in the University of Humanitarian Education that they rolled out the Stalinist perversion of Marx's蹁aid extended to the Military Junta by Professor Korsmilje, a CIA agent who acted as a go-between with the butcher Ioamidul, has not been denied by the U.S. Embassy.

The voluntary abdications of the junta, despite the jubilation in Greece, does not mean a rosy future for Greece. For example, the Greeks had been arrested. General Ioamidul, the brutal commander of the Greek military police force, still holds his post. Greece is in a state of inflation, the highest in Europe, and a foreign debt of 31 billion drachmas. But a majority of the national income, has ceased as it has on Cyprus, and the prospect of any government bringing prosperity has receded even further.

But the effect of the events on Greece, where even a little hope has its limits, is that it has already opened new roads to the Greek people and forced Kissinger to tell the CIA to lay off and wait for nature to take its course.

South Korea

THE FIVE THIEVES
Long ago peace reigned over the land.
Partners in their Jill. Many died of ruptured sides.
People went naked because they became tired of "five sides."
But right in the middle of Seoul there lived five thieves.
Watch the general—he creeps on all fours, with tens of thousands of medals made of gold and silver wrapped around his body.

Gerald Ford and the Urban League

The National Urban League Convention, held in San Francisco the last week in August, raises serious questions: why was this convention held at all? It most certainly has not converted militant opposition into a cause ofzarism in the United States. The prevailing tone at this convention—without even a little competition for the automatic machinery of capitalism, while criticizing, like a loyal opposition, the alleged warts of the U.S., led Ford to dismiss a Faculty for its apparent failure to mobilize militant opposition to the system of capitalism, while the seven day occupation, in June 1968, of Belgrade University by students to protest their exclusion from the revolt of workers for better conditions of labor and for genuine self-management, met the response of "Students with workers," and "We are the sons and daughters of workers."

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But Ford understated this clearly: "... when we are talking about full employment in the last quarter of this century, we're talking about developing and finding jobs for the unemployed people. The unskilled American worker will find himself competing with the unskilled people of the Third World, who will be the new domestic workers."

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