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**Earringhouse locks out women in union drive**

San Francisco, Cal. — There are 14 of us women that have been locked out at the warehouse of Earringhouse Imports for five weeks for organizing a union. At the warehouse we handle and ship all the earrings that go out to 14 retail stores around the Bay Area.

The whole idea of a union started last April when small groups of us began talking at work and a lot of anger and frustration was released.

We need a wage increase since you started here at $2 an hour and hit a top of $2.50 after a year. We also want benefits such as vacation, insurance coverage, and sick leave. First we learned about unions from Union W.A.G.E., and from there decided to join Service Employees Union 100. We organized as a whole the procedure for us, and we shortly had 20 out of the 26 workers signed up. Then we filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board asking for an union election.

**HARASSMENT BEGINS**

At first everything was all right; we were locked out, but then the low level harassment started and a sign was posted that said there were no extra privileges against distribution of any literature and solicitation of any information. We knew that wasn't true, so one day we all went to work with T-shirts that said, "Women are not animals... That made management very uncomfortable.

Finally the NLRA set a hearing on our petition. Since Ms. Dunayevskaya has interpreted Marx in the only way that can be interpreted, we felt that we should go. We even offered to make up the time that we would miss. The day before the hearing we all showed up and asked the employer that if they had one out there who brings the law out and reads it. They came and positioned themselves around the warehouse. That was necessary since the employer attempted to eliminate 12 of the 20 workers from the election on the grounds that they weren't supervisors.

**CLUBS AND GUNS**

After the hearing we all went back to work. Several hours later, eight security guards with clubs and guns came and positioned themselves around the warehouse. Then one of the bosses came out and told us that we were all fired for disobeying orders and that we were to leave in five minutes. We picked up our checks and went to the union office.

We began picketing the next morning. We picked the retail stores seven days a week, and with the help of women from the women's liberation movement, we were very successful in turning people away. The NLRA finally ruled that the company was guilty of an unfair labor practice in firing us, but they haven't been compelled to take us back yet. We are still waiting for that decision.

This warehouse has always employed women workers because they knew that it would be difficult to get men to work in a warehouse for such low wages, so they hire young women just out of high school. Many of the women have families and really need to stick to a job and have a consistent income. This prevails in many work situations. Women just aren't taken seriously as a job.

--Earringhouse striker

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**Bell workers blast contract**

Los Angeles, Cal. — The union and company called off the Bell telephone strike at the eleventh hour, but that did not stop the backlash among workers. Some picketers lost their jobs.

Our local recently became part of the Communications Workers Union. We didn't have a wildcat but there was a meeting at which the agreement, The President of Local 15100, Myrna Jenkins, had recommended approval. People just shouted her down.

The dial clerks were getting nothing from the contract and wanted to know why. The president responded that last time the lower classifications got more and this time the upper were going to get more. In fact, the contract was designed to split skilled from unskilled. Lower lower was going to be be better than lower upper.

To all questions about why specific things were not fought for the contract, the answer was that "the lower upper got their way." No. The lower lower got better, lower upper percentage raise. Cafeteria workers also got nothing.

There was plenty of anger at the meeting, but we couldn't vote because we had the strike and our contract was tentative and was only a matter of principle. They can make you work six days a week, which can end up as much as 12 days in a row. They can listen in anytime they want to see if you are talking. If you are not talking, you can get suspended and fired for "rude" behavior.

In our local an opposition caucus of women has now begun. I hope we can begin to change things.

Bell Telephone worker

**5,000 children face loss of day care**

New York, N.Y. — A change in eligibility standards for subsidized day care is throwing some 5,000 children out of an area program. Under the new system, any family earning more than a welfare income will have to pay $70 per week or take their child out of city day care.

Although the children were to be ineligible as of Sept. 10, mass protest demonstrations delayed any action until the end of the month. September was to be the last month for day care programs in City Hall rallies in July and August, and 80 women staged a candle-light vigil on Sept. 11. Organizations had been calling for a "general strike" by refusing to pay or to remove their children.

The city, state and federal governments are each participating in the decision, but in some areas day care has been being forced to work far below the minimum wage or go on welfare. Obviously, the whole purpose of the change is to minimize the system. People can use the nursery system that they have no reason to fight for better jobs and pay. One picket sign said, "Stop this vicious cycle!"

But by the end of July, the administration was afraid that they have no reason to fight for better jobs and pay. One picket sign said, "Stop this vicious cycle!"

Day care center there said, "Day care has allowed women to get jobs or education for the first time in their lives."

Although the women were not able to change the decision, they were also able to change the food. In the food, the women are working their bottoms off to get themselves. Women are working their bottoms off to get themselves.

--Day care supporter

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**WL activist reviews 'Philosophy and Revolution'**

From the Detroit Women's Press, June, 1974

Philosophy and Revolution is a philosophical break-through book in the context of the women's liberation movement of the Left. Although not every chapter deals exclusively with women as a separate category, the historical and political context of the chapter has significance for the women's liberation movement.

Philosophy and Revolution makes it clear that the idea of a "women's liberation" is broader than that between women and men. All human relations must be new — those between Black and white and production relations as well as between women and men. An important idea expressed over and over in the book is that freedom is a totality, in a movement that started out organically and transformed philosophy and as well as organization, and is now suffering from the lack of both, Ms. Dunayevskaya's book has appeared at a most important time in history.

**WOMEN CREATE HISTORY**

As a women's liberation activist since 1967, I was struck with how critics of Trotsky, Mao, and Sartre were using Hegel. Marxists of the women's liberation movement has made of most of the Left. According to Dunayevskaya, these men did not see the beauty of Hegel as well as Raya Dunayevskaya, who are fighting for freedom — points a direction for reason for revolution comes from those human beings who are fighting for freedom.

The beauty of Hegel as well as Raya Dunayevskaya of viewing society not as something to be manipulated rather than in tearing this society up by its roots and replacing it with a truly human one. Culture is a vital stage; to realize the beauty, strength, and talents that are not told to wait. Hegel's dialectic, where those fighting for freedom are class conscious and understand that they come a matter of principle to us. We don't give a damn if we narrow down to work later... we're not going to give up the way he wants us to.

I need to work but not under any conditions that are imposed, and I intend to fight. I think they know that now after seven weeks.

--Helmer striker

"Because the transformation of reality is central to the Hegelian dialectic, Hegel's philosophy comes to life, over and over in, all periods of crisis and transition..."

**DIALECTIC A FACT OF LIFE**

"The transformation of reality is also central to women's liberation, to people of all races, all the world where totally new human relations are possible. The beauty of Hegel as well as Raya Dunayevskaya is that women, or any force fighting for freedom, are not told to wait. Hegel's dialectic, where those fighting for freedom say a powerful thing is replaced by a weaker one (first negation) and then go on to build something totally new (second negation), can be seen operating in segments of the women's movement.

Part of the movement can also be seen as stock in the first negation where some women have put all their energies and hopes in culture or alternate institutions, rather than asserting themselves by foot of its posts, replacing it with a truly human one. Culture is a vital stage; to realize the beauty, strength, and talents that women have, is a basic necessity of liberation. Black movement to know that "Black is beautiful." But now we must go beyond that stage to second negation, which Dunayevskaya has not hinted here beautiful and REVOLUTIONARY...

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Terry Moon

**WL NOTES**

Nurses in Birmingham, England, claim the honor of the first 24-hour nurses' strike ever held in Britain. Previously, strike actions have been for better wages or employment. This was the refusal of Barbara Castle, Labour's Health Secretary, to grant an interim pay. As a student nurse, she can end her studies at the same time.

The Brazilian Bar Association has called for the legalization of divorce, calling it a basic human right. There is new hope that in this largely Roman Catholic country, a group of students who are Catholics and a Lutheran, will be more open to the idea of divorce.

The United Nations World Population Conference finally included in their "action plan", a short one sentence paragraph saying that women must be trained to assume full rights and responsibilities. The President of Local 15100, Myrna Jenkins, had recommended approval. People just shouted her down.

In an attempt to win women's votes in the upcoming election, Britain's Labour Government proposed legislation for fair treatment and protection against sexual discrimination through an equal opportunities commission. Sex discrimination would be prohibited in employment, training, education and accommodations.
Harlan miners win 13-month strike for union

by John Allison

Newly hired workers at the Chrysler plants are shown filming a film on the company’s aims and responsibilities. Management, after showing the film, serves cookies and coffee. This provision was negotiated in the last contract.

COMPANY GETS JUMP ON UNION

The union and company were supposed to work together to get a jump start on the union’s program to defeat the union position that all 1974 grievances must be satisfactorily cleared up before the 1975 model gets underway.

COMPANIES RAISE OWN “WAGES”

Earlier this year, General Tire and Uniroyal publicly announced that they were raising “wages” for most of the workers. Because the company could say “wages” for most of the workers.

Ford Rouge

Something had to be done, so the new young worker tried to get in the plant to raise the subject. It was going to kill himself. We were watching this, and knew the boss had put him on a job that took two men to do, he was really the one who was putting him up to it.

We called the committee man to try to make the foreman put another worker on the job. The committee man called the boss at about 10 o’clock, because there wasn’t anything the union representatives could do anything about it because the worker was new and hadn’t shown himself. That wasn’t crazy, because the young man was trying as hard as he could to keep up with the work and just couldn’t do it. Nobody could have done it.

So I just said, to hell with this noise, and went to the labor relations office and told them that if they didn’t get another worker to help on that job that they’d have a dead worker on their hands. They got help real quick, and everything worked out o.k., but it just goes to show you how much the union representatives have changed from the fighters they used to be once upon a time.

—ex-Ford Rouge worker

Speed-up or close down is threat at GM South Gate

by Felix Marlin

When we first went to work to GM South Gate after some seven months off, each department got a little pep talk. On the main line the superintendent said that the maintenance men were working in the Vega was due to the good union-company relationship at our plant. But the plant could close down if the workers objected to the speed-up which would end up at 50 jobs coming down the line an hour.

Thus for we have not been put to the test. The production line has been stopping and going every day. We have actually barely got half of the daily production, and there hasn’t yet been much pressure put on the people.

DISCUSS EVERYTHING

The union and management have been talking in groups without the foreman harasing them. The topics have been very wide-ranging—from inflation, the Nixon pardon to what has happened to our dental coverage and the C.A. financing of the murder of the elected president of Chile.

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From the Autophotos

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UNIONAL speed-up after raise

Detroit, Mich.—When we got a 25c raise a few months ago at Unioral, we knew that the company would get it back out of our hides. And that’s just exactly what has happened. The union management was having the same problem, they were supposed to put out this orientation program to help each other off, and the company was going to tell the workers about grievances by allowing the new employees that they can make a lot of money on the new model. Management gets 110 per cent the point where you make production, and everything is production, but from looking at the film, it sure doesn’t look good. We keep on trying to get anything to cover all of this.

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NIXON, FORD, ROCKEFELLER
I thought you were picking on poor Mr. Clean too soon with your cartoon about
Frankensteins Monster in the last issue. But when I heard about Ford's version of
Nixon I re-read your article — and you hit it on the head.

Senior Citizen
Philadelphia

Why the outcry over Ford pardoning
Nixon? What else would you expect when
the same people who didn't want Nixon as
successor? Whatever happened to "by the
people"? Now that Nixon has been placed
above the law, we're really watching and what
might the generals were watching closely
be. Having lived through Kent, secret
bombings, benign neglect, Watergate,
you must realize what they were really watching
and what might have happened if the military didn't like
what was going on in Washington.

Angela Terrano
New York

When Ford made the big deal about
meeting with Blacks and with women I
waited to see if he would do anything about the
resentment of the January 1973 Ceasefire
of the U.S. war in Indochina, and the half
million Vietnam era vets with less than honorable
discharges. The illegal war in Indochina still rages in viola­
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U.S. instigations increase danger of global minefield

Because of the importance of the special Editorial--Article excerpted from the Perspectives Report to the News & Letters Convention, RAYA DUNAYEVSKAYA's reply to the critique of PHILOSOPHY AND REVOLUTION, which appeared last issue, will be delayed until the November issue.

reawakened when the Arabs in 1973 began to use that all-economic weapon of the masses—oil—because they thought the Arabs almighty, but because of fear of the social storms that an economic crisis would evoke.

The same intensity of fear reappeared in spring of 1974 when General Spindola came to power: again, not because of the fear of Spindola, but because of the "advanced capitalism knew that (1) Spindola was reacting to the Agriculture Revolutions that at the very same time when, far from a booming economy, we trend to zero growth. All "stagflation" (stagnation and inflation) is a precise designation of, is their empire, ruthless "ideas." But even if we deal for the moment only quantitatively and follow their statistics, we cannot possibly forget the poor record of the "shell-shocked economists" whose prediction of unsold stocks was a whopping $7 billion off. The 1970s have added something new, far, far away from production, since it has a very great deal of cash flowing about, it's the oil sheikdoms, they have succeeded in inflating the heads of our "shell-shocked" economists with even more figures than they can dream up, with or without computers.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies in London has estimated that within six short years, the Arab kingdoms, sheikdoms, emirates, plus the Shah of Iran, will control no less than 70 per cent of the world's total monetary reserve. Think of it. By 1980, the oil-producing countries will have liquid surplus of a more fantastic dimension than the $140 billion.

NUCLEARLY-ARMED STRUGGLES

The Shah, the kings and the sheiks then proceed to "institute" about such gigantic industrialization and irrigation of their backward lands, that they will result in the Red Sea for Moses: This will have to be initiated. That "if" is the joker. He knows as "Public Enemy No. 1." However, here, too, the employment does reach 6 per cent, some public works bring it, but the trend to zero growth. We are experiencing at the very same time when, far from a boom-stagnation, that never has applied to Black unemployment.

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RECESSION, INFLATION AND OIL

Prof. Arthur Burns who chairs the Federal Reserve Board with light-money fists had to say that "if" unemployment doesn't reach 7 per cent in 1975, we will have inflation. The "if" is the joker. He knows very well that "edging 6 per cent" is the "average," an average that doesn't exist and that black unemployment which is twice the amount of white. Take two other horror phenomena—aiming at zero growth, the "average" economist, that last horizon: everyone, even the rich, even President Ford, does recog...
Thousands support UFW International Boycott Day

Detroit, Mich.—Close to 1,000 supporters of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW) marched from Cobo Hall to City Hall to rally at Kennedy Square to celebrate International Boycott Day, Saturday, Sept. 14.

The turnout for the march and rally—which featured Vice-President Dolores Huerta as the main speaker—was impressive with contingents from as far away as Ann Arbor and Flint.

As hundreds of radical and church groups in attendance, many participants were from the UAW, with all four Detroit area regional groups as well as many locals having representation.

Black, brown, and white; young and old; men and women were there. Some UAW “Grey Berets” retirees came out as did a “international” group who marched over the Ambassador Bridge from Canada. Despite the fact the speakers’ list was crowded with political hacks, the last speech turned out a renewed boycott effort in Detroit.

San Francisco, Calif.—“Boycott Lettuce, Boycott Grapes, Boycott the wine that Gallo makes!” With that chant, 1,500 farm workers and supporters gathered in San Francisco’s Civic Center Sept. 14 to support the United Farm Workers of America and demand that chain stores stop purchasing scab products.

As people gathered for the rally on the steps of City Hall they listened to a Latin music band and speech from UFW President Cesar Chavez, and religious leaders. From there they marched in a line three blocks long to a supermarket that was selling scab grapes at a special discount and jammed the entire parking lot in the crusade.

Racist cops a way of life in Newark and the Bronx

Bronx, N.Y.—I feel that the riot in Newark had to do with racism. It had to do with Puerto Ricans and Blacks. The reason it happened is because racism.

Everything about the way things were going. So Dor Allende’s Popular Front government.

The press

The press, for it came on the heels of revelations by the U.S. consulate. The two hour demonstration was called by the coalition against the Chilean coup on Sept. 11, over 300 demonstrators marched, chanted and sang in front of the Chilean Consulate.

This demonstration climaxed International Grape and Lettuce Boycott week, with many activities around the Bay Area. But even though the week is over, the people there vowed to continue until all the scabby products are cleared off Safeway’s and other store’s scabby shelves.

At first Gibson did some things for us, but since he got in office, nothing was done like he said he was going to do. The racism just keeps on going. The cops go on killing people.

In New York this is always happening. The other day in my neighborhood a cop saw a man in his car, pulled him out in front of everybody, and took him away. It was from the killing of a gun owner the day before. But the cop took the wrong person who had nothing to do with it, and they even beat him up.

The way it started was when this man went to get some spilled ham in the store. The owner gave him the last part of the end that was no good. So they had an argument, and all of a sudden the store owner slapped the customer. He opened his jacket to show he had a .38 and went on slapping the guy from this block to the next. Everybody was saying to stop and let him go. The store owner didn’t want to hear and didn’t realize that he dropped his gun on the street. Somebody else picked it up who was watching the customer get beaten and emptied five bullets into the owner.

So the guy who did the shooting got away and the innocent guy who was getting slapped down got away out by the cops. Why, instead of investigating, do the cops just take this man out of nowhere? Everybody knows the store owner was wrong, but the cops stick with him because he’s got the money, he owns a store.

This is the real way things are in New York with the cops. They do nothing about all the robberies around here unless you have a store or something. If you have money, you’re safe, otherwise, forget it.

It’s the same in Newark, and I’ll bet if they arrest anybody in the shootings over there, it’ll be the innocent ones, because that’s how it always is.

—Puerto Rican worker

—Marcher

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Author strives to depict truth of Indian influence in U.S.

This Country Was Ours: A Documentary History of the American Indians by Virgil J. Vogel, Horse-Torch books, 1972, $3.95.

Virgil Vogel’s book is an exciting attempt to outline and present primary and secondary experiences of Indian people “through the documents themselves.” He starts with the few remaining fragmentary laws of literature and reports of life left from before Columbus and proceeds to contemporary accounts of urban Indian life.

The first half of this book is “documentary history.” Although the book is the story of Indian resistance against white history, Vogel takes care to show not only what was done to the Indians but also the far-reaching influence Indians have had on “American history.” A brief summary of each historical period is followed by excerpts from legal briefs, political speeches, military orders, as well as statements by the Indians, all in chronological order.

This unusual format in an attempt to answer those histories which ignore Indians entirely or portray them as either noble or bloodthirsty savages. Vogel himself writes in his introduction to the “documentments” of Indians are mostly in an oral form. Only recently, under the influence of the Indian movement, has there been a concerted effort to write down what is still remembered.

Vogel has gone to great trouble to find transcripts of Indians speaking for themselves, but he has often had to turn to friendly whites for the Indian side. Most seriously, Vogel fails to tie it together to show the movement of history.

The second half of the book is “the Indian perspective” and a lengthy appendix. These contain both valuable information and scientific method. The “sound shock is an entire article by Vogel, first published in 1968, an early form of his introduction to this book, containing a list of Indians who made it in the white world and is divided into five periods defined by white

While this book is an exciting attempt to outline and present primary and secondary experiences of Indian people “through the documents themselves,” it is not an easy read, but it is well worth the effort. The book is divided into five periods defined by white

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Virgil J. Vogel

Steve Fletcher

N.Y. taxi contract a sellout

New York, N.Y.—The new contract for taxi drivers with the fleet owners passed by a two to one margin at the union’s ratification meeting. This contract contains almost nothing in the way of wage increases in taxicab rates and is tied to a 25 percent fare hike. If the fare hike goes through, drivers’ earnings will drop sharply, and will have to work over 70 hours a week to meet the new conditions of work with a pay cut at a time of sky-rocketing inflation.

The all-out effort of the sellout contract took the form of the fleet owners’ threats over TV and radio to lock us out and lock out if they did not get a “fair” settlement, that is, a sellout. This threat was backed by this let the union agreement expire with the union leadership party off the hook since they could claim they saved our jobs and that we have broken the union.

The Van Ardsdale machine which controls our union made sure that they got their 700 supporters (including several hundred retirees) to outvote the angry young drivers who showed up. That this vote does not speak for taxi workers was evident by the turnout of only 1,000 of the nearby 50,000 fleet drivers and inside workers. It was also obvious from the fact that the meeting was mostly white in an industry which has a majority of Black and Spanish workers.

The action of taxi workers has expressed itself in various ways this year. First, there was the flood of letters to the fare hike, which is why it has been delayed for the last six months. Then there were the strikes at the garbage company over the 50 percent hike. And last the election for the union’s garage committees had workers electing or voting heavily for candidates who opposed the union’s leadership.
San Francisco, Cal.—Battle lines are being drawn at the Port of San Francisco as the longshoremen's union readies itself for a showdown. The battle is for the leadership and for the mandate for the resignation of local officials by International Vice-President William Chester.

The longshoremen's union local has been plagued with problems resulting from an alleged decline in jobs for which the International bears most responsibility. They hailed these employers for their purchase of the Pacific Coast Dry Bulk and Goldblatt, International Secretary-Treasurer, even wrote a book, co-authored by the employers and the union, that emphasized the "sharing" that would come from the "progress."

The result of this employer-union mechanism, as the International admits, is that "there are only as many longshoremen today on the entire Pacific Coast as there were in the Port of San Francisco alone in 1943."

One of the biggest problems is that there has been financial. Dues income declined drastically and operat- ings costs rose. A group of new and antiInternational local officials attempted to solve this problem, but top officials censured the membership to go for having the local placed in receivership. Three "monitors" were then appointed.

The anti-international forces have long advocated that their costly building in the Fisherman's Wharf area be leased and that they find another hall within their means. A secret ballot using voting machines was planned, but International Vice-President Chester attempted to prevent this. He threatened to go to court, to the effect that voting machines would not be permitted on the ballot. The local's management was defeated and the longshoremen voted to leave the union and did not go to cheaper quarters, Chester declared the election invalid and then refused to ratify the results. Meanwhile, Stirrer, their leader, has been held in jail for 87 days, and the fight goes on.

"SF docker
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The public opinion polls have shown, that the people of this country are against us. Black people have known for hundreds of years that there are three standards of justice in America: one for Blacks, one for the average American and one for the wealthy and rich. The law has never been applied equally for all.

PRISON FOR TRAFFIC TICKETS

The news media, in interviewing people, mainly go to interview the white middle class, very few workers, and erratic Blacks. They finally interviewed some work- ing class whites in California who were being charged and sentenced for $25 traffic tickets. Some were being sent to prison for similar and lesser crimes. As one interview said, Nixon and all his aids should be tried and, if found guilty, sent to prison.

But Mr. Clean and Nixon had worked out a way where the public and future generations will never know the truth. Enough Nixon knew that he can never be investigated by the courts. Ford has also granted Nixon possession of the White House tapes, to do as he sees fit. In the past year, as Nixon has gained in confidence and have dynamite in them, something that would frighten the American people beyond their imagination, and that would be the most dangerous threat — and that danger is still with us.

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Longshore union officers fight International's demand to resign...
Second was even more shocking. Suddenly, Western nations called “out for ‘hegemony,’ single world power” were called “Second World,” “middle countries” with whom “dismemberment” was “instigated by Russia.” That “dismemberment” was “instigated by Russia” is the only fact that he merely refers to as “the dismemberment of Pakistan.”

While most people in England refuse to take them seriously, Walker claims 100,000 supporters and points to over 30 arch-conservative organizations that have sprung up over the past couple of years. What decadent capitalism vomits out daily is not “beauty” but just because, among other things, the Blitz is a liar in doctoring figures of his supporters. The fact that neo-fascism keeps appearing in new forms is the warning that it is way past time to uproot the old system.

The following report from London, by Terry Liddle, bears this out.

On Sept. 7, a mass counter-demonstration by over 3,000 trade unionists and members of socialist, trade and women’s groups prevented the Fascist National Front from holding a joint meeting with Ulster Loyalists in London’s Hyde Park. Two days later, a NF election meeting in East Ham was broken up, despite the borough’s long history as a strident anti-fascist and antizoom tractable area.

A surprise appearance was put in at Hyde Park by Pat Arrowsmith, who was on the run from police who were watching over routes for distributing leaflets informing soldiers how to escape to Sweden rather than fight in Northern Ireland. The anti-fascist groups were unprepared for this development on the spot, but the police later caught up with her at the offices of the pacifist paper, Peace News.

On a demonstration to mark the anniversary of internment in Northern Ireland police attacked and arrested members of Sinn Fein for wearing alleged political uniforms, black berets!

**U.S. instigations increase danger of global minefield**

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—second was even more shocking. West Europe and all those technologically advanced countries that were always considered capitalist were now easily called out by the “Second World.”

One of the first actions of the reaction was to launch a new anti-Communist movement in Mozambique, a new development of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought. It is this: “Matter can be transformed into consciousness and consciousness into matter.”

Moçambique

Just as Portugal was officially recognizing the independence of Guinea-Bissau after 500 years of colonialism, another revolutionary movement in Mozambique was put into jeopardy. Massive revolts broke out in Black areas around Lourenco Marques in the forefront of the drive to take over the territory, while reactionaries and a few blacks, afraid of the consequences of years of selling out to the colonial regime, attempted a North Rhodesia-style seizure of power.

One of the first actions of the reaction was to free the Portuguese, former secret police jailed after the totalitarian regime in Portugal was forced out. The reactionary movement failed, however, and the revolutionary Frelimo forces now control the country.

**Britain**

In England it is perhaps not too unusual for some crusty old Col. Blimp to spout off some harebrained plan to save the empire from the Bolsheviks. It is quite another thing when a British Officer who was a former NATO Commander of all forces in Northern Europe, General Sir Walter Walker and Col. David Stirling, emerge as the leaders of a fascist-type movement which is prepared to take over the communications system, police hospitals, police leading companies as quasi-government agency “in time of trouble,” which they feel is imminent.

The opposing revolutionary forces that signify the social storms are on the horizon, striving to be born not only on a sporadically but as a reality. They will not wait for “independence,” balance, liberation, until this generation stops burying its head in the sand about so great, so historic a happening as the movement from practice to recognition and practical connection with the revolutionary forces — worker, Black, women’s movement, as the next stage of humanity’s “development.

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Nancy's latest mass outburst of Puerto Rican youth in Newark is sounding the tocsin. Ford should listen to it seriously enough to know that the masses have no intention of putting up endlessly with rising unemployment, inflation, and the re-treats on Black liberation. A new epoch is on the horizon, and the deepest layers are preparing to cross that threshold into a new order that is of their own making.

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