by Charles Denby

President Ford has said that all older people on Medicare should pay the first $500 of their hospital bill, and that they are being taken advantage of. But every person I have talked with is saying "Where will we get the money?"

He says that if the government was doing elderly people a big favor, while in the same breath he tells the world how much he intends to use on defense. GAW Pressed that Ford has not considered this proposal of Ford because it only benefits the wealthy and hurts the poor.

Lockheed Aircraft was hollering that they were broke several years ago and the government stepped in to bail them out with a loan. In return, they gave it to foreign capitalists as a bribe. Now they are saying that they are broke again and are asking for millions more. At the same time the poor people of this country are having what little they get taken away from them through higher prices and inflation.

Utility bills they are paying now compared to last year. They have increased 20 percent over last year and the companies are asking for higher rates and will get them. One wonders just how the poor will survive.

What Ford seems to be doing is lopping off the American poor people is, "If you can keep up with this inflation and high prices you can exist, and if not then it is just too bad. We are just trying to help our great corporation that needs the help of the government to ask, so we can exist.

Ford is not playing games with anyone when he says one thing and does another. He says he is against business but he is telling the corporations they have made mistakes in handing down their decisions. He always ends up by saying that he believes there is a better way, but he never says what the better way is. Now he is trying to outdo Wallace and at the same time try to outdo Ford.

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Hundreds jam hearing to protest Medicaid cuts

Detroit, Mich.—More than 400 people crowded Into the Feb. 12 City Council hearing here to discuss the effects of cuts in the Medicaid program which provides health services to poor people. Under an order from Governor Milliken, which was approved by the state legislature, anyone earning a few dollars above the standard for welfare is cut off from the Medicaid program totally.

Those without health insurance pay all payments for vision, dental, and hospital services for anyone over 21 were terminated Jan. 1, 1976. Also eliminated were speech and hearing and dental services for anyone over 21 were cut off. Also eliminated were speech and hearing and dental services for anyone over 21 were cut off. Also eliminated were speech and hearing and dental services for anyone over 21 were cut off.

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Ford’s budget can’t solve growing economic crises at home or abroad

by Andy Phillips

At GM’s 2,500-employee South Gate Plant in California, the workers vote at their local union meeting to occupy the plant if GM goes through with its plan to indefinitely layoff all employees and close the plant. In Pittsburgh’s Jones and Laughlin plant, 4,000 steelworkers laid off from that line are now only beginning to trick back. In Santa Clara, Calif., 34,000 job hunters create the worst day-long traffic jam in Bayshore Freeway’s history in response to an ad for 2,200 part-time amusement park jobs paying $2.25 an hour. In Detroit, skilled and produc­tion auto workers join together the first time in many years to fight against company speed-up and oppression and the union’s do-nothing pol­ icies.

Unemployment in the construction trades continues at 17.5% while in general it is 9.5%. There are over 50 percent unemployed in Michigan, and over 30 percent in the industry as a whole. In auto, over 70,000 workers remain unemployed, with more layoffs announced practically every week. Over one million workers have already exhausted their 63 weeks of un­employment compensation, and another million will be getting their last checks in the next two months.

But this is not the end of the economic disaster facing this nation, Ford has presented nothing that could even be called a plan.

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MARCH, 1976
Welfare—the inhumanity that breeds revolt

Detroit, Mich.—I came home one day last month and found that someone had broken into my mailbox. Whoever it was, took my food stamps. I went to the food stamp office and asked if I could get another. The lady told me that if I came down and applied for another card now, I couldn’t get a card for three months. This was too long to determine whether my card was “really” stolen.

After I buy stamps, I have only 40 left for the next two weeks. I have to borrow money to buy stamps for $3 worth of stamps. They accuse me of trying to get an extra card, when I can’t even afford to buy extra stamps, and then I have to work hard to pay them back. I have a gun and held the people hostage. I can understand just how he felt. You have to do crazy things just to get them to listen to you.

—Blind ADC recipient

Employers silence WL group

Los Angeles, Calif.—The first sparks of a new women’s liberation group at a record company in answer to “Alice Doesn’t Day” have come to a sharp and not so pleasant conclusion.rance with NOW. We welcomed your letter and wanted to share it and say, “Well, you...”

Women’s Liberation, News & Letters Committee

Letter exchange with NOW discusses race and class

The Majority Caucus stated in its platform “that NOW should not identify as a mainstream organization. Why? Because struggling solely for an equal place in the American working class is not as revolutionary as the struggle we are waging for our liberation. Indeed, we learn, by insurance companies and other capitalists who want to kill the legislation. There is no precedent set for the states to do this. If equal rights legislation specifically provided that ‘equality’ will not be achieved by taking away one sex’s rights, but by expanding the other’s, not only will working class women turn to the party of the other sex for help, but so would working class men, and the women’s movement would have entirely new dimensions. The ERA in the hands of the state deacons, appears not to grasp the class aspect of the ERA question. Various ‘leaders’ have said it means moving more slowly ‘to raise the consciousness of the masses of women—the egalitarian elitist view that if the program fails, it is because the masses, not the program, needs improving.

The defeats, however, increased awareness of the threat of the counter-revolution and led to a realization of the need for working class groups to be effective against the amendments. These right-wing leaders, aided by the Catholic and other churches, are working to pass new laws disallowing abortions, laws making it illegal to protest, laws against anti—abortion and have the gall to call themselves the ‘right—to—life’ movement. They are financed, we now learn, by insurance companies and other capitalists who stand to lose money if women gain legal equality. This is a counter-revolution at home that poses so serious a threat to the women’s movement that it demands that the voices of the Black and working wom...
Stockpiling, speed-up and chemical danger at Uniroyal

Detroit, Mich. — They've got the Uniroyal plant on 12 hours a day, six days a week, and everyone knows that the company has bought the tire supply for the strike. The union doesn't say anything about it or fight for all the workers on lay-off.

When the strike was called, the floor where the company changed the standards again. The fifth floor was going to join in when, by that time, the company had not said to the workers to get back to work. They said they were going to get together with the company andstraighten things out before. You still have to build more tires for the same amount of money.

Everyone is really angry and an十三届suit we just "won." When some of us came back from lay-offs, the company had changed the standards so that we were making less tires for the same amount of money. By the time we got back, we were only making enough to get by. That's why we went on strike.

I talked to one of the people who went to the meeting with the company, and the company told us that the question of the "Hours Test" was being raised, but elected representatives like himself hadn't heard anything since.

The "Hours Test" is a way of the representatives or the union members until you have the national contract. He said they take the easy way out and don't fight for the health and safety for the supplemental contract.

But when it comes time to negotiate the supplemental contract, the company says it's an industry-wide practice and other plants have the same conditions. So another contract goes by with nothing done.

—Midnight shift worker

Longshore strike threatens wins

San Francisco, Cal.—A decision of the longshore local here to strike the port led the International to retreat from a company-union decree that unless the workmen got a certain number of hours in each quarter of the year (an "Hours Test") they would be ineligible for the Pay Guarantee Plan.

The anger of the working longshoremen was so evi­dent over this latest self-out to the employers that even some of the members of the IWW union in the Bridgeport area reacted to it (this is election time) and went through the motions of taking action.

Recently, a number of longshoremen and clerks working Pier 80-A on one shift led to an estima­tion of 300 men. The strikers said the union should make a stand and put 300 on strike before.

They thought that we had short memories. They put over this con­cept by telling us that everyone would be guaranteed 36 hours pay a week regardless of the amount of work available and now they want to renge on that."

Another worker who was laid off after not coming to work every week since the pact went into effect last year, "Nobody has collected 38 hours—the fine print is not clear on that."

Over 100 dockers confronted the Pacific Coast of­ficers of the union at the International headquarters upstairs in the San Francisco office. The dockers, officials "explained" the ruling was made because of the "Hours Test".

"The contract that the top of­ficials of the union are always talking about the "chiseling" of the people. The dockers had a chance to say what they thought about the "Hours Test".

When this exchange was related to one brother on a job in Bridgeport, he showed up. They said that the workers were wrong, but now they say they want to renege on that. They are going to court to straighten out the language of the contract. They are sick and tired of "Now you have it, now you don't."

Auto management has found many ways to cheat workers out of benefits they are entitled to, that they have fought for and won, in a decision that is all the more deplorable when the union and the UAW and Ford and that they are going to court to straighten out the language of the contract. They are sick and tired of "Now you have it, now you don't."

Local News & Letters Committees can be contacts for news of strikes

SANTA FE: The Santa Fe News & Letters Committee is collecting news of strikes and militant activity. The committee needs a means of communication with strikers so that information can be passed quickly and widely. The committee is interested in hearing from strikers about their experiences and about their own efforts to organize. The committee is also interested in hearing from strikers about their experiences and about their own efforts to organize.

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—Day shift worker

From the Auto Shops

Trenton Engine

Detroit, Mich.—Some workers on the afternoon shift were mad about the way their production standards had been pushed up again. The machines they work on are always going haywire and several workers have lost time in the last month.

Woodcock and Fraser got on TV and when finished belongs to the capitalist who hasn't used it.

The worker who is still working sees his payday going downhill and when they buy us for a day's work. 'The system turns the people to be the bosses who are running us. And our human power builds society based on all human needs, not just the privileged few.

The system is bringing us closer to the end of time. Another one of those six words kept coming back to me and I heard it through the grapevine

Ford cheats frame workers out of pay

Auto workers at the Ford Rouge Frame Building have asked News & Letters to make public the manner in which the Ford Motor Company stole a day's pay from 1,200 workers recently.

At the time of a layoff, seniority workers are sup­posed to be entitled to 85 percent of their pay, to be compensated by the state for the layoff (Supple­mental Unemployment Benefit).

On Dec. 18, the Frame workers were laid off for one week. In that week, they received no money from the company. When they went to sign up for their unemployment pay, the state said they were not eligible because they didn't get over 85 percent of their pay.

That means the Ford company had applied a floating holiday to that week the workers were laid off. Now this was negotiated as a benefit the workers are supposed to choose when they want it; not something the company can arbitrarily use to penalize the workers. As a result, the workers only got a partial payment for the week they were off, and in addition to that they should have gotten.

The workers also found out that the men who did work during the week got a sixth day of pay from the company's tacking on the floating holiday to the layoff.

The workers immediately appealed the SUP decision that was made to allow the company to tack on the floating holiday because they believe they should be able to do a single thing to support the rank-and-file.

What is human power?

by Felix Martin, West Coast Editor

A group of workers were sitting around while the line was set down at break time and one worker was looking at a copy of the News & Letters. He said, "What does the masthead slogan Human Power is its own end" mean?"

One worker said it meant that everything we pro­duce is bringing us closer to the end of time. Another said, "But we have learned to organize in the next war and that will be the end of all human beings."

Those six words kept coming back to me and I started thinking about them. Either of those two workers could have said about what the phrase means if this society isn't changed it will be a total disaster. It would be like a shower of rain on a very hot day. But for the people to get anything out of this system, we have to be the workers who do it.

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Panama Canal: U.S. imperialist time bomb

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A NEW SOLIDARITY DEMAND

The "revolutionary war of the guerrillas" cannot compare to the revolutionary war of the Paris Commune. The "Commit­tion of the revolution of the revolution of our century" couldn't compare to the French Revolution. The "American war for independence" has not been much more revolutionary than the French Revolution itself, but in creating the "American war for independence" as has the French Revolution. That is the kind of serious Marxist study of the "revolutionary war of the guerrillas" that is needed today.

THE BLIND ORGANIZE

Since the birth of our nation, blind people have been fighting for their rights. We were taught that our meager way of life should be accepted without question. But we learned from the Black movement, that this kind of meager way of life cannot be accepted without question. We learned that the struggle for freedom for black people is the same as the struggle for freedom for blind people.

AMERICA'S FIRST UNFINISHED REVOLUTION

The American Revolution was incomplete, and the slaveholding South remained a great problem. The Revolution was not fully realized until the Civil War, which completed the abolition of slavery. The United States then became a nation of free people, with the right to vote and participate in government.

THE CIA

The CIA is a powerful and secretive organization that has been involved in numerous illegal activities and covert operations around the world. It has been accused of violating human rights, promoting regime change, and interfering in the internal affairs of other countries.

THE BANDED

Even though they disagreed on some things, they all seemed to think that the UAW should not only increase their membership but also increase their political power. The UAW's success in organizing workers in the auto industry has been significant, and it has played a key role in improving workers' rights and wages.

LIBERTY

Women's Liberation

The situation of women in the United States has significantly improved over the past few decades. However, there are still many issues that need to be addressed, such as equal pay, reproductive rights, and violence against women.

The UAW executive board finally voted to protest the opening of a General Motors auto and truck assembly plant in Sun Valley, California, based on the idea that the workers there were being exploited and denied their constitutional rights. The UAW's action is a clear indication of the growing power of the labor movement in the United States.

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**Middle East, UN, OAUC—and ideological obsfucation**

By Raya Dunayevskaya

Author of PHILOSOPHY AND REVOLUTION and Marxism and Freedom

Editor's Note: We print below excerpts from the first of a new series of Political-Philosophic Letters by Raya Dunayevskaya (see ad, p. 7). The historical analysis of the Middle East, the UN, and the OAUC may appear "detached" from the world situation. The word "detached" here, however, is in the dialectics of liberation, time is decisive. There is a world of difference between voting when the battlefield is yet to be beyond dispute, and voting when everything is at razor's edge.

**January 24, 1976**

Dear Friends:

Three fantastic occurrences in three widely separated parts of the world this month exude such abyssally lower depths of ideological obscuration that they could lay ground only for counter-revolutionary, not for revolution, activity. I would like to see at these events, not merely as passing "immedi­ately," but in an historic-philosophic context.

First, let's look at what followed the passing of that UN Resolution which equated Zionism with racism: 1) the break-up of the OAUC meeting in Ethiopia over the question of recognizing the OAUC as the legitimate government of Angola; and 2) the war in Lebanon which is calling into being the philosophic underpinnings not of an OAUC but of that "thieves' kitchen." This expression of Lenin's for the League of Nations that followed World War I as such characterizes the UN that followed World War II and also called itself a "peace" establishment.

In real Madrid, the unifying forces—anti­Israel—cuts across the myopic money to buy votes. Thus, if Lebanon wasn't disintegrating in a fratricidal war between the two "immolations of their political dissidents" that the fascist country. The KKK predated fasc­ism—72 for, 35 against, 32 abstaining—what that Resolution is but the latest form of anti-Semitism or a genuine struggle against racism by turning to the local political parties and countries. Lebanon, 1975-76, is in danger of replaying the slaughter in Jordan, 1970-71. Will Syria enter, or the OAUC under its control? The PLO allows its adherents to see. The oil-rich kingdoms can hardly be considered the dependent African nations and those fighting for inde­pendence are also the same ones who have been voting against food stamps and medical care reform.

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**February 23, 1976**

DEATH IN THE MINES

I just read in the UMW Journal that Sherry LeCage has just become the first woman coal miner to be killed on the job. The machine she was operating, was working at a non-union strip mine owned by Hol-Acc Corp. in Pike County, Ky. She was working on a strip mine which was stalled while traveling. It wasn't equipped with a roll-over protection de­vice that could save a life as was 31, a divorcee with four children.

It isn't surprising that it happened in Kentucky. Kentucky is in the top three doubled last year. It's because of the terrible speed-up and unsafe condi­tions as the operators try to squeeze the increased demand for coal for all its worth. And Kentucky is worse than any other coal state because they really managed to close the union there. Sherry was working at a non-union strip mine when she was crushed.

Ex-Miner Detroit

**The PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION**

The new independent Left born in the near-revolutions of 1968 is not dead, nor new independent Lefts. That is what the appearance of organiza­tions such as the PEP, MES and PUF are all in a very important continuing self-organization of Portu­guese workers, peasants and soldiers, combined with the imposing uprisings in Spain is why, despite the Nov. 25 countervoluntaryism of the reactionaries hes­itate, and why the headline of last issue's Two Worlds can still ask, "Will the revolution continue"?

Not since 1968 has there been such a world-shaking revolutionary movement as that of Portugal. And just as Czechoslovakia in 1968 ex­posed Russia for a whole new generation of revolutionaries, so Angola is exposing China.

The highpoints reached in Portugal, Africa and Spain are in sharp contrast to the disgusting lowpoints achieved by the three contending superpowers, I could not forget, reading the Editorial article on the CIA and FBI, that for Black Americans the U.S. has always been a fascist country. The KRK predated fasc­ism. And I couldn't help thinking when I read about Black Muslims' moving and Marxist statement against Russia's tor­turous, political declaration that the CIA was probably taking notes on how to use those techniques here, at the same time that the country was publicly denning it. As For China, their invitation to the mass murderer, Nixon, is beyond belief.

Veteran of the '60s New York

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**Your article on Portugal was very in­formative, though I suppose you folks are supposed to find that I consider the developments since last November leave a better change of bringing about a future you and I would, than would the alternative development of a CP victory. And these were the limited choices, Fellow Worker Chicago**

We have received the special issue of NAL and will write you more on the above in our next issue. At last count the world events are of great historical sig­nificance. They have thoroughly stripped the very much aggravated moribund stage of world capitalism. At the same time that the so-called "revolutionary" geeks class character of Stalinism, Trot­skyism and Maoism, which serve as life­less ideological justifications, the new revolutionary Marxists must seriously ponder their attitude towards Communist parties and cooperatives in order to expose their anti-proletarian character.

We consider the proletarian revolution in Portugal today to be a pivotal point in the dialectical process of development of the world socialist revolution.

**BRITISH WORKERS' TEXTBOOK**

The Jan.-Feb. issue is a textbook for unemployed workers and for over-worked workers in already over-worked groups, and discussed widely. It repre­sents some 210,000 dollars to send sample copies to the enclosed names. . . The religious, racial, feminine, economic mystiques must be dissolved and resolved as nightmares.
Detroit, Mich. — Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers of America, announced on Feb. 11 that the farm workers union is taking American consumers to begin a boycott of Sunnied raisins and Sunsweet prunes and other dried fruits.

These two grower cooperatives—Sunnied sells produce of 1,000 growers while Sunsweet markets that of 5,000—operate under the umbrella of California Agricultural Labor Relations Act (CALRA).

**Compact to blunder Puerto Rico**

New York, N.Y.—The so-called Compact of Puerto Rico, a plan to bring the island of Puerto Rico within the United States, has been drawn up by the U.S. Congress. After approval by that body it will be put before the Puerto Rican people to be voted upon.

Many Puerto Ricans believe that a greater voice in decision-making which federal legislation would apply to the island. Puerto Rico would also be given the right to set its own minimum wage standards as well as to exempt from federal environmental regulations.

Supposedly this document would eliminate the vestiges of colonialism and ease the tremendous economic hardships of the last 50 years. Unemployment has been reported at 10 percent and is probably a great deal higher, due to double-digit inflation.

Thirty-five percent of the families live below the official federal poverty level, and seven prisoners were allowed to govern collectively the prisoners. They established a prison union, by bringing together the minds of the prisoners who violated these rules were treated as enemies. The Muslims were able to maintain a greater degree of autonomy and as such have been able to make the following article especially important.

—Prisoner Editor's Note: Recent widespread reports about the brutal results of overcrowding at Lucasville Penitentiary in Ohio, which have exposed rampant violence among inmates—on prisoner was acquitted of attempted escape from the house. He faces 15 years in jail on several counts. The Compact provides the means for the existing commonwealth government to further exploit and abuse the prisoners without accountability for the quality of life and general welfare of the people. It would continue providing for low wages and no long range security for the people. What's more, widespread reports also described the kind of arrangement that perpetuates a "lend-lease policy." The inducements that would be offered would attract leaving the prison administration was in control again.

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—Donald A. Adams

Unity: prisoners’ only weapon

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**Pine Ridge defeats Wilson; Indian repression stepped-up**

by Shainape Shepaw

In the election on Pine Ridge Reservation, Jan. 27, Tribal Chairman Dick Wilson was defeated. The vote was 1,610 to 1,079. Wilson, who was supported in the election by the American Indian Movement (AIM). A native of Pine Ridge, Trimble was the one who had the Chippewa and Ojibwe (BIA) Superintendent of the reservation with Wilson's approval, after the occupation of Wounded Knee. When he became "impartial" toward people trying to get rid of Wilson, he was redesignated by the BIA headquarters in Albuquerque.

I talked to Kathy, a spokesperson for the Wounded Knee Legal Defense Committee. She said, "Nearly twice as many people voted this time as there were two years ago. The federal monitors probably helped keep it a little more honest."

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On Feb. 11, Cesar Chavez outlined the UFW's new strategy further, declaring that growers have double-crossed both the UFW workers and the growers themselves. He said that the new boycott against Sunmaid and Sunsweet is an attempt to make the following article especially important.

Inflation there is double that of the U.S. and the economy has declined in the last two years.

The Compact provides the means for the existing commonwealth government to further exploit and abuse the prisoners without accountability for the quality of life and general welfare of the people. It would continue providing for low wages and no long range security for the people. What's more, widespread reports also described the kind of arrangement that perpetuates a "lend-lease policy." The inducements that would be offered would attract leaving the prison administration was in control again.

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—Donald A. Adams

Unity: prisoners’ only weapon

Editor’s Note: Recent widespread reports about the brutal results of overcrowding at Lucasville Penitentiary in Ohio, which have exposed rampant violence among inmates—one prisoner was acquitted of attempted escape on the grounds that life in Lucasville is so dangerous prisoners must be "totally isolated until you can stop them from killing anyone else or they and strikings—make the following article especially important.

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Detroit, Mich.—On Wednesday morning, Feb. 4, all 1,500 of us students crowded onto the second floor and sat down. Pretty soon there were police outside the hall. The students voted to stay. If any of the teachers had called the police, or they couldn't come in without permission from the police, we would have walked out.

The principal got us to go to the auditorium where everyone voiced their opinions for the rest of the period. They didn't want to talk more later, and then we went back to class.

The sit-in changed a few minds. Now we have ten extra minutes for the first hour class, and five minutes for the second hour class. Before the sit-in you weren't allowed to talk to counselors in the library. Now we are allowed to.

And we can now be in the halls and the library without passes.

We had the sit-in because hall guards, teachers, or other students were being stopped by the principal and asked if you want, and if you don't have it, they can send you home. On a hall, we write down your name from the computer card, and themselves stamp the date on it. The next time you get caught, they stamp it again.

What's the problem to class, what's five minutes if there's four minutes to learn in. When you get caught, you lose that hour. You can be 20 minutes away, but if the bell rings, you're kept out.

Midnight blues—school, work

Detroit, Mich.—For the past nine months, I've been working full-time at a home for the aged as a nurse's aide. I work four or five days of every week during the school term, while a part-time student at Wayne State University.

We just received a "cost of living increase". It's actually to lure more people to work midnights at the home; you have many transportation problems working nights and the increase is 20 cents for working midnights and 10 cents per hour for having working midnights.

I'm up to $2.00 an hour—big thrill. But compared to what waitresses make, this is good, really. There's the security of knowing I'm not depending on anything as arbitrary as somebody's tip.

Yet, since this is a non-profit home, if I lose my job, I have no unemployment compensation. In my job I provide a necessary personal service ... now if only the pay could provide a decent living for the residents. If I had any children, then I'd really be helpless.

I don't have Blue Cross, but do have a 536 insurance policy. Since I don't have Blue Cross, I can get a sort of assembly-line health care for nearly nothing, that's what it's worth. Things like dental costs are constant worries.

Part of the reason I'm working so hard is to buy the place. It's a one-room boarding class. But if I'm wiped out from participating in all the other struggles like the UFW, what good is it?

Accept rules "against our will"

Detroit, Mich.—At Cass Tech we walked into class one Friday and were handed little blue booklets.

The booklet describes what the students can do and what they can't do—more "casily" than "casily"—unusual behavior, illegal behavior, unpermitted behavior, and even "do not wear clothes that will pose a health problem."

And then in the back of the book it says "student rights" and it has about two paragraphs on the last page. But the book does not describe what "classical" student employment compensation. In my job I provide a necessary personal service ... now if only the pay could provide a decent living for the residents. If I had any children, then I'd really be helpless.

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Forced labor in Guyana

Georgetown, Guyana — University Education in Guyana is not free. Students buy their own books. Then they have to give a year's National Service. The Direct- ement of National Service is a working program for those who are not in the armed forces.

Even if you're at the classroom door and they catch you, they take you downstairs to the auditorium or to study hall. If you get caught three times, you get suspended. Then your mother or father has to go to school and have a conference with the principal before you can return.

You must have a picture I.D. But sometimes the I.D. machine messes-up. A new student might not have an I.D. machine messes-up. A new student might have to sign saying we received it. Everyone just sat around for something, you are allowed one phone call.

The attitude of the teachers is bad. They don't take time with you to explain things. They just copy stuff on the board, and tell you later if you don't understand.

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MARCH, 1976
A wave of strikes and demonstrations erupted throughout Spain in January. More than 100,000 workers marched in Madrid in a demonstration called by strikes over layoffs and wage cuts, the 12th General Strike in Spain, a subsidiary of I.T.T. They called for wage increases, amnesty for political prisoners, and the resignation of Finance Minister Juan Villar Mir, the government official responsible for the recent wage increases.

When the government arrested 30 leaders of Workers Commissions and 145 strike leaders, thousands of workers took the streets. In Madrid, workers and children marched on company offices and four of the workers arrested staged a hunger strike. The arrested strikers were later freed.

Certain demonstrations and marches were single issues, but others were often high-minded, often with a real taste for violence, and the government conspired everywhere, while everyone left and right is surprised by the depth and independence of the movement. Moreover, protests were non-violent. Such agreeable censuses in February saw masses of Catalans demonstrating in Barcelona for Catalan national self-determination. Such a mass of people briefly formed a bulwark of the Basque region during the Civil War.

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