Carter drops promises made in campaign

by Charles Denby, Editor

The American people have witnessed the inauguration of their 29th President—or 39th depending on how one counts—since everyone knows, the new is a Democrat and many people were expecting some important changes, especially since he promised support: labor, the working poor and Blacks. But it seems as though they will be in for a surge of Carter's promises have gone back on practically all of his campaign promises.

Many Blacks were expecting that President Carter would name some Blacks to his Cabinet, but he has named only one—Patricia Harris. He has two female appointments to Cabinet posts, one white and one Black. I have heard that Black who has appointed anyone from labor, but there are some Southerners.

OPPOSE BELL APPOINTMENT

The appointment of Griffin Bell to the post of Attorney General has raised a hue and cry among Blacks—especially the NAACP—and the Americans for Democratic Action. They are opposing him for his anti-civil rights rulings as a federal judge.

I think an important lesson to learn is that you cannot believe anything a politician says. I believe the story of a worker in an argument once with a labor leader who was saying that he was a politician, but an honest politi­cian. The worker said he was a friend and the friend was walking by a cemetery when his friend stopped to read an inscription on a gravestone: "Here lies the body of John H. politician and an honest man." His friend said if an honest man and a politician is lying there, there is no one there who can be trusted.

The AFL-CIO has already begun its opposition to Carter, saying he has retreated on his promise of eco­nomic stimulus. The AFL-CIO specifically opposed Carter's proposed tax cut and rebates, calling instead for direct expenditure of $30 billion to create an estimated two million jobs.

No president ever made as many campaign promises as Carter, and dropped them even before he was inaugu­rated. How can so many leaders be fool so badly?

A worker told me that after he had seen Rev. King, Sr., housing a Black family he had spoken to, the next day he felt he was the right man even after he came out with his ethnic purity remarks. He believed there was no way Blacks and poor whites and labor. It is no surprise that no way for Carter to get elected without the support of the Black vote.

CARTER A RACIST

Many Blacks can see he is a racist because he is closely associated with Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, the new majority leader of the Senate. Byrd opposed any change in the Sen­ate seniority system and voted for the Lochside loan and the supercomputer (Continued on Page 2)

Self-liberating forces moving decisively in southern Africa

by Robert Ellory

As 1976 came to an end and a new year be­gan, the South African forces of southern Africa, drawing inspiration from one another, moved re­lentlessly to put an end to centuries of European colonialism.

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American Imperialism GULF

Despotic over having lost Angola to Russian and Cuban-backed MPLA, Secretary of State Kissinger drew to southern Africa to win what support he could for American imperialism by guile. Powerful reasons, like 250

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IS A NEW WORLD RECESSION COMING?

by Raya Dunayevskaya

National Chairwoman, News & Letters Committees

Even before Jimmy Carter was officially inaugurated, President to manage to violate every major promise he made during the election campaign. From the sharp slap in the face of the Black vote that elected him—his galling proposal that the racist Georgia judge, Griffin Bell, become Attorney General—to the total retreat on the economic front from his rhetorical full employment promise, there was no stopping the reactionary move backward. His own Secre­tary of Labor appoints, Ray Marshall, said he "would have opted for a much larger package of the alleged "pause" in the economic upturn.

The decisive failure is that U.S. capital has not ex­panded its plants and equipment sufficiently; in fact, it is stagnating. Nor is U.S. capital plans to expand, it complains about the falling rate of profit.

It is here, just here, that Big Business is pressuring the Carter Administration for greater incentives for capital investment rather than the one-shot deal of a tax cut. Let us, therefore, turn with sober senses to look at the American economy, and see how worried Big Business and its ideologists are about the so-called "pause" in the American economy.

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**World’s oppressed youth spearheading revolutions**

*by Jim Mills*

The growth of unemployment among student and working youth represents a crisis for all capitalist countries. The mass demonstrations in France last week, which have now spread to other countries, only one of the solutions, typifies the unrest throughout Western Europe, where one-third of those employed are under 25.

S. California Senator Hayakawa, well-known for crushing drivers at the November union meeting (see N&L, December), in another move to prevent a strike over the holidays, is reading forbidden books about Black liberation and at the same time, they shaped a Black Consciousness when it means perpetuating apartheid society?

All schools were forced to close then. The Black youth was always cornering the women students, and trying to talk with them. If the girls didn’t want to talk, the guards begin to mess with them. If there’s a girl that makes contact with them all the time they go up to the third floor all the time to get high. The two security guards have lost kids for weed, but they don’t have to worry about the time to get high.

I try to avoid them. We have enough security guards already, and certainly enough problems with school without the extra people in the schools. We even dared to make arrests at the funeral the following week. No, everybody feels the same way about school problems.

In Soweto, South Africa, the Black youth boycotted final exams last June, despite penalties of losing a year of school. Black teenagers is at 40 percent, the minimum wage compared to what you get for taking one fare off the taxi meter.

NY taxi drivers halt leasing plan

New York, N.Y.—The murder of 15-year-old Ran- dolph Evans, a Black ninth grade student at Franklin K. Lane High School in Brooklyn, by white police officer Ramirez, was a triumph for the Black community.

Evans was gunned down at pointblank range on Thanksgiving evening, in front of many witnesses. The people filed a report for over 12 hours later, but he was shorty freed on $20,000 bail.

People from the East New York community picketed by the hundreds outside the police precinct, and fought with people who attacked them. The police even dared to make arrests at the funeral the following week.

Ran- dolph’s brother, summed up the feeling in the Black community: “The police feel they can burn a Black kid and get away with it. We’re going to get vengeance, one way or another.”

**Evans death stirs outrage**

**NY taxi drivers halt leasing plan**

New York, N.Y.—The opposition of over 1,500 angry drivers at the November union meeting (see N&L, December), did call a demonstration against leasing in mid-December, which drew about 100 , in another move to prevent a strike over the holidays. It includes (surprise) a number of deals to get these new guards into the open, we’ll get them out of the schools, which are bankrupt and don’t teach any skills, and when there are no jobs after graduation?

Even when work is available, it leads nowhere. Employment for Blacks, who begin work as probationaries. Even in union shops, there is no protection for new workers from hazards and fires, so that probationary jobs are often temporary work.

We concern today, voiced by economists, about the “changes in the working class,” are not just between the growing alienation of workers, especially youth, unemployed and working. What they fear is the revolt.

**Western H S: No guards, I.D.s!**

Detroit, Mich.—At Western High school, we have two new security guards. They have no sense of responsibility, and they do what they want. Just recently, a man who all the students knew wouldn’t another student, walked past these two, who themselves don’t look older than the kids.

When the Taxi Commission held the hearing on McCall’s complaint, and they only slapped Kott’s wrist with a fine of $50. It suggests that unprivileged working longshoremen, who are having problems with these same social service agencies. The reason for the gov- ernment harassment of these people about their children aren’t always the same as they are for harassing us, but the result is the same.

We all have to contend with the kind of high-handed interference from these agencies that I have written about. I’m sure that mutual support is our best weapon against these people in some control of our own lives and those of our children.

For more information, call or write the Council, care of Bornece Appleton, 3164 Linden, Dearborn, Mich., 48124, Tel. 313-562-2636.

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**Native American speaks**

**Council organized to protect the rights of Native families**

*by Shainape Shcapwe*

I want to start with a letter to illustrate government harassment of Native Americans. In Australia, it is a criminal offense to take care of your own children, Examples like this one can be found in every Native community in the United States and Canada. A letter was sent to the Native Women’s Council of Canada.

“My name is Charlie. I am 18 years old, and I have come from Canada to try to find my parents. I am looking for my parents, if they are still alive. When I was a baby, I was taken from the hospital at Little Curve by the Children’s Aid Society (CAS) and brought to live with Indians in Winkemikong. I lived there, till I was ten years old.

“I was taken by the CAS to live with another family on the Walpole Island Reserve. While I was there, I began to make inquiries about where I was born and about my family. The CAS apparently thought it was dangerous for me to know these things, so they moved me to a white home where I lost all contact with my people. From there, I was taken to another family and from there to another Indian family in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

“Why all this moving around? I don’t know, but I’ve met a great many young people just like myself who were ripped off from our families by the strange reasoning of the CAS. It looks to me like they are deliberately imple- menting the government’s recommendations of the Depart- ment of Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs here and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the U.S.

Because of this kind of government harassment, an organization called the Child Protection Council, with affiliates from Native communities, has been formed by Native Americans. Its goals are to make government and social service agencies who deal with the placement of Native children in homes or foster care or in permanent homes for adoption accountable to Native Canadians and Americans for their placement. The Council is interested in the educational opportunities of the education of their children in public schools and in government boarding schools.

The idea for the organization of the Child Protection Council came from Natives in my community, Detroit. This concept has been sent to the Senate and the House of Representatives. I found it very difficult to get information about the Council from Native newspapers, Detroit. This shows the need for Indians to understand more about this one. There has to be better Native support.

We should be talking more with other minority groups in this country, and with other ethnic groups who are having problems with these same social service agencies. The reason for the government harassment of these people about their children aren’t always the same as they are for harassing us, but the result is the same.

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*tonic systematic. He opposed continuation of the anti- poverty program and a federal grant to aid school de- segregation.*

Byrd got where he is by being the ultimate insider, while Carter was the outsider. But these two men are much alike. Both are the products of a Southernxbourgeoisie, which speaks every time he opens his mouth. I am sure than many of those who voted for him know that now; more will learn it soon.
by Felix Martin, West Coast Editor

Every month the GM assembly plants have an audit on the workmanship. It is one of the weapons the company uses against the workers. First there is the attempt to make workers in one plant compete against another. The company tries to do it in a "spirit of competition."

My plant, GM South Gate, knows how we come out each month. The people in the plant are told about the number one plant, they don't know which one it is. If you're number one, the plant management gives us doughnuts and coffee! But there is another threat that goes around. Especially with the turmoil in car production, there is the possibility that a low audit may mean the plant will be closed. Or not to get a certain car. It doesn't matter if the people are only made to audit on the basis, the threat is always there.

Every month management puts up signs in the plant with the number one we are to be aiming for to make the plant number one. This past month the number was 125. Since model changeover we have been working night and day, and in one section a worker had written under the number 125—"With eight hours' work, I can make it."

It is not only that the hours of work and the pace of the line make the production of "quality cars" almost impossible, but GM is really interested in it. Lots of workers know that the company is playing a different game with this audit business and that it can mean the elimination of workers.

GM is interested in only enough quality to make a car salable. Anything else is extra and this is most 'expressive' to a worker. The foremen wish to get out of the whole thing. When they are having a high audit we may well be faced with lay-offs and double-speeding, and the quality could drop ten points by using less workers or by speeding up, but cars would still be okay.

There is something really crazy about a system which takes our labor and rewards us with being eliminated from the system. And yet that is what makes the most sense from GM's point of view. GM and this whole system is run on our labor, but it is a most alienated labor, taken from us in an inhuman way.

All societies are produced by labor. In a capitalist society this labor is determined by the capital, and little goes to the development of human beings. All of science and thinking goes to the production of bigger and bigger machines. No thought goes towards developing better relationships between people.

How can we free ourselves? We together have to develop a new way of thinking and producing our needs. This system has to be replaced with a human society. I have read that through slavery is the road to freedom. Can we be any more enslaved than we are now? Absolu­tely slavery! And the alienation of workers gives it to himself. Alienated labor is just that. Capital has be­come our own master and we must move to overcome it, to create a new society.

In Chicago, 111.—No one is really satisfied with the contract. They ratified it anyway even though there was a majority against it. A lot of people just want to get a white collar, hard hat, and GM is really interested in it. Lots of workers know that the company is playing a different game with this audit business and that it can mean the elimination of workers.

Our union president died and the vice-president was moved up. So we had new guys who were hand-picked. We have an election coming up soon and we don't want to let these guys stay in office. If you get in trouble the union will let them go. You're really better off to yourself if you have to go into Labor Relations.

Last Monday we didn't work because with the snow everything was closed. We had to get up at 5 a.m. and try to find a bus. We made it, though, and we were relieved by a substitute. It was a real relief.

We understand the contract a certain way, but they do what they want. There's not supposed to be an early lunch period unless you're notified at least 30 minutes before. If you're an iron hand they let you work at your pace. We have our own master and we must move to overcome it.

Dearborn, Mich.—Lay-offs are going to hit at the Dearborn, Michigan, Ford plant. The Mustang III is not selling and it seems there is a 120-day oversupply of them. The first week of February, 500 low eccentricity people were given pink slips. This aggravates the unemployment caused by the phasing out of the Dearborn Engine Plant last year.

Rather than holding off all of us a few weeks on a week off, by laying off 500 of us Ford will not have to shut down as much as it would if they kept all of us on the payroll. We will save them a lot of money. While the number of jobs at the Rouge complex is ever-decreasing, the Ramcharger (Wixom and Wayne plants) are working overtime, six and seven days a week.

All of the auto plants all over the country must be wondering the same thing—why is it that the long strike last failed to really remedy anything in those plants?—DAP worker
We are entering 1977 in circumstances that are far from cheering. The established political parties have all, without exception, proved vitiated. But the Night of the Thieves, the socialist revolution seems half-hearted when the “Social Contract” goes almost unquestioned. It now is anticipated that the government, which has been in power for 10 full months, will rise to two million in the coming year.

Now we have regulars — men who come working as a restaurant. The daytime group only be one person in a household who contact the figures were close to 23 million by the most left writers were not cor-

The Tories are attacking “Marxist Legislation” said to be passed by the labor government. One Tory said, “If the government stops counting him as unemployed. In 1937 the figures given even by the most leftists were not cor-

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We know the government is trying to falsify the unemployment figures. When they are waging a war, they come dressed for work, neat and tidy. But they have nothing to do. They aren’t pathetic figures. The feelings they rouse in me are of anger.

In most cases they worked for large U.S.-owned branch plants, and were caught in the cutback. Whole depart-

When I went down to their office, I was told the 13 months I’ve worked in Macy’s immediately, which was very odd, because I’ve never been told to go there on the job or through the mails in the 13 months I’ve worked in Macy’s. When I went down to their office, I was told by a union executive that if I didn’t improve my attendance within 90 days they would not renew my contract. When I told him I could not be doing about getting my pay raise, which the store refused to give me, because of the warning, he told me to talk to my supervisor about it. It’s good to know that the union stands up for me.

Post-Mao China

Your analysis of Post-Mao China is very needed here... The East European countries (i.e. Communist Parties) are treating the “China Question” very carefully at the moment, with as little news on the developments there as possible and with no attention whatsoever. The term “Maoism” and the name of the great leader completely vanished completely from the vocabulary of the world. One has to put together the bits of news from different sources to come up with something, but no coherent picture can be gained this way.

The PLO talk only of political revolution, of thousands of Chicagoans had braved a West Bank state not hostile to Zionists have gone to great lengths to freeze the occupied territories? Allowing Israel cuts off her options, alienates Lebanon will allow more “moderate” elements among the Palestinians to create a Palestinian state on the land promised to Israel? Or that Palestinian nationalism is somehow no longer a force to reckoning with?

Some are ready with simple answers, but nothing is simple or easy when you're dealing with Jews and Arabs. The PLO talk only of political revolution, never social revolution (save for becoming SED again and barking back to Arab bravo). I don’t think it unlikely that a state dominated by the PLO would be rise with intermediate system for sorting parcels countryside and which cost billions of dollars. But as far as the workers are concerned, it’s a dangerous situation. The whole problem is cut off working on it.  

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bloodshed and heavy-handed treatment of peasants and workers a "Marxist-Leninist" tactic.

It is not that the Janus-faced nature of the PLO, the repressive regimes of Syria and Iraq, the hideousness of the Khmer Rouge, the naive of many Israeli doves and the ravenous power politics of the U.S. China and Russia are not enough to excuse Israeli suppression of the nation's aspirations. Israeli society's values are being eroded from within through that suppression.

What is important is to keep looking for contact with the genuine Left, confront the lies of the "political outside" and look for every opportunity to contrast the reality of state-capitalism masquerading as socialism to the Humanism that is "Realized Communism."

Joanne Little was denied parole, but one of the Parole Board members, Dr. Grady Davis, is hoping that he will get a second chance at freedom for her case can be reopened. Please tell your readers that letters (and checks, if possible) Can be sent to: Dr. Grady Davis, c/o North Carolina Parole Commission, 831 W. Morgan St., Raleigh, N.C. 27603.

There exists a group of women and men who are both prisoners and patients. The American Civil Liberties Union won a case in New York a decade ago which held that prisoners are entitled to the same daily care as other patients. In the incident, the Queens residents began their own protest. The Brooklyn residents are supported by a group insisting that the City staff their Fire House by recalling or hiring new firefighters, not moving them from other stations. They tell your readers that letters (and checks, if possible) Can be sent to: PO Box 118, Sta. P, Toronto, Ontario, M5N 1E3.

When the Chicago Women's History Conference recently discussed "Chicana Women in Chicago," the speakers posed important questions about the relationship of the Chicano movement in Mexico, as well as the Chicano community here and the peasant movement in Mexico, as well as the struggles of Puerto Ricans, Cubans and other Latino groups. The speakers expressed any affinity of ideas, because of the differences in background of all these separate groups. But they stressed that every woman, who has been active in the Movement, has had her eyes opened to the reality of the exact opposite. She proved that history is not a dead, statistical study but one that along with the aid of those who are so busy trying to be "pure historians" that they often miss the movement entirely.

Editor's Note: See review of Roots, p. 7.
The American roots of Marxism, Hegelianism and feminism

America's first general strike: St. Louis, 1877

by Terry Moon and Ron Brokmeier

We print below the full preface and excerpts from the pamphlet "Theodore Parker's First Appearance in the Free Thought Movement," with the first general strike in the U.S. and the theory and practice which developed from the period of the Civil War.

The 100th anniversary of the very first General Strike in the United States—1877 in St. Louis—brings back to history and forward to our age of sharp class struggles. What Marx called "The red tide of Civil War" and the culmination of the multitudinous events, from the question of slavery and the Black dimension, through the first appearance of the Feminist Movement in the U.S. 

The labor struggles, ended with the strike-ridden 1890s and 1900s. It was the period of a revolution in thought, the philosophy of liberation which did not stop with the abolition of slavery. Inherent in its dialectic is the uprising of capital.

Far from Marxism being a foreign philosophy "imposed" on the United States, its American roots were deep in the Abolitionist movement. Its appeal to legal governmental processes, from the blacklisting of workers, to ending the drinking of alcohol by law. The St. Louis Hegelians had the first appearance of the Feminist Movement in the United States and its roots, at basic social forms.

The St. Louis workers were striking at such deep roots, at basic social forms beyond consideration of governmental processes, as the theory and practice which developed from the period of the Civil War.

Weedyemeyer's death in 1866 did not end the international relationship. On the contrary, some of the leaders of that 1877 General Strike in St. Louis were members of the First International headed by Marx.

It is the aim of this pamphlet to present those developments leading up to the development as a total. First, because this great period of mass upheaval makes explicit the continuity within the freedom movement it is part of, and, secondly, the reason which eventually Black and white workers together challenged the whole basis of human relations in St. Louis in 1877. The years 1857 to 1877 marked the period of Marx's greatest theoretical works, the period in which he was most intensely concerned with developments in America; the period of the Civil War in the United States. The years 1857 to 1877 also marked the American Workingmen's Association as well as the greatest revolution of Marx's time, the Paris Commune.

Let us explore the magnificent part played by the women Anna C. Brachett, the first woman principal of a normal school, one of two women Hegelian philosophers, a translator from the German of works on pedagogics to seven pamphlets printed in the annals of women's liberation... Not only did Brackett recognize the validity and greatness of the ideas of Hegel himself, she went so much a part of her philosophy that her newspaper printed Blacks speaking for themselves, and this at a time when there was hardly an end to slavery.

There has been a conscious omission not only of the fact that the roots of philosophy in America are Hegelian, but also that there were two 19th century Americanrooted revolutions and student rebellions, like the Free Speech Movement of 1964 which centered on the concept of alienation, that the impulse to study Hegel's theory of alienation became actual.

This study also aims for a new vantage point—looking at the history of American workers, of women's liberationists, emphasizing both labor and the early women philosophers whose influence...
Italian—The Italian political scene has effectively become an open battle between capital and labor. The struggle is no longer between various political parties but between the government and the labor unions.

Since the elections last June the principal program of the government has been to strike a balance between wages and profits. In Italy, wages increase automatically when there are price increases; every three months the government announces the increases that will be paid, and there is an equal percentage increase in wages.

The government has taken the position that the only way to solve the problem is to increase prices. In Italy it is a question of making a profit through a low wage policy. This is undoubtedly true, but the Italian and the foreign multinationalists make it clear that they will not make any investments in Italy if wages are not decreased.

But government experts have estimated that at least 900,000 workers will be fired within the year, even if there is an increase in investments. This is not a happy situation. The St. Louis review has pointed out that "galloping" as inflation, with almost total unemployment of youth and women.

The Communist Party (CP) has behaved in the way it was expected to behave: they are trying to keep the working class "in order" and often go even to the right of the Red Shirts. They have created a condition of their own employment and other such issues. For the first time in Italian since World War II, wildcat strikes have forced the unions to organize themselves at least in part from the line of the CP, which is calling these workers home, hoodlums, lumpen proletariat and "terrorists." Not even the bourgeoisie can forget that.

Now the postal workers are refusing to sell postage stamps in a new kind of strike.

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By now the union leaders—Communist and non-Communist—have taken the position that they will not accept any block on wages as long as it is planned to pass a law for at least a temporary block and it would seem that the CP will support this law. The unions are threatening to make a total break with the CP if it does support such a law.

Roots: Africa and America in making the history of freedom

by Tommie Hope

By the end of this month, over half a million people will have bought Alex Haley’s book, Roots, and over 100 million more will have watched the story told for eight straight hours on televi­sion. This book and television series before has the history of America, and the Black America had so much notice. I have just finished reading Roots, and you can see why it is so popular. It is a very moving book. For the first time, somebody has traced our history through six generations. The story begins with Kunta Kinte’s birth in the Mandinka village of Juffure, in Gambia, West Africa, and follows him as he is captured by slave traders at the age of 16, through his nightmare journey to slavery in Virginia. Finally, he arrives in St. Louis, Missouri, Black America through his children and grandchildren down to Alex Haley. No story is as moving as it is true story, and because it is our story.

You remember so many parts of the book, especially about Kunta Kinte’s injury during his capture, which is determined to keep his mental freedom. When he was sold to a white plantation owner who gave him the name Toby, he accepted this fact, but when he was among those he trusted, he would not accept his own name African.

Latter, as he was about to be a father, he insisted on having his child with a Mandinka name and in the Mandinka way. Both are his and his, and African to the fact that the working class has high expectations for a decent living standard and a welfare state—something they are prepared to fight for. Britain’s class war is again hotting up.

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As a result of the strikes in 1877 American workers got a new perception of themselves and their own creation and ability to challenge and go beyond the horrors of capitalism. It was the reason, immanent in the movement of the masses, that caused the labor move­ment to flourish in the wake of the strike.

What was the basis for this tremendous upsurge in the thought of the workers themselves when it seemed that there was no indication of it right up to the very minute it happened? . . . Because the ST. Louis workers in 1877 embodied as a condition of their existence the historic limitations of the age—the inhuman com­modity form that cuts the thinking from the doing and is an end in itself—their development, their ideas, because they incorporated the objective world, really did represent what Karl Marx called "transcendence as an objective movement." Or, in more familiar language, it was the overcoming of their oppressive working con­ditions by becoming decision makers both in relation to their wages and actually running the city.

England

London, England—In Britain the end of this year saw big demonstrations by public service workers and the government marched in defiance of the Trades Union Congress (TUC).

The Labor Lefts are impotent. They favor a state-capitalist "soeign economy" solution, but are incapable of supporting any mass movement from below. The Tories are split between Mrs. Thatcher’s rightist leadership, which is prepared to follow Milton Friedman’s advice and destroy the welfare state, and moderates who favor "compromise" with the TUC through a coalition government.

Along with the Labor Party, "moderate" Tories favor "devolution" for Scotland and Wales (a form of Home-Rule) as the nationalist parties are decimating the Labor Lefts. They are trying to keep the government from giving any support to the real nationalists fighting for self-determination in Northern Ireland, which is in reality the only area where the TUC can win.

Britain, the first powerful imperialist country, is now one of the weakest in capital accumulation and economists talk about the "British Dilemma," they refer to the fact that the working class has no option but to accept a policy of import substitution, the way to attract foreign investments in Italy is to assure the unions to divorce themselves at least in part from the line of the CP, which is calling these workers bums, in Italy since World War II, wildcat strikes have forced the unions to organize themselves at least in part from the line of the CP, which is calling these workers home, hoodlums, lumpen proletariat and "terrorists." Not even the bourgeoisie can forget that.

By now the union leaders—Communist and non-Communists—have taken the position that they will not accept any block on wages as long as it is planned to pass a law for at least a temporary block and it would seem that the CP will support this law. The unions are threatening to make a total break with the CP if it does support such a law.

What is needed now is for us to consider Roots as a way for all of us to really get into black history, not as fiction, and not as a wave of publicity that dies down next month, but as the continuity of ideas which will help us carry on the fight to free ourselves.
Panamanian exile speaks

U.S. imperialist aid for Torrijos dictatorship must end

The following was taken from a talk given by Miguel Antonio Bernal, a Panamanian revolutionary in exile, while he was in the U.S.—Ed.

The U.S. government has lent its support to the military dictatorship that rules today in Panama, a regime that has carried out a policy of repression against all those who come out against the control of the Panama Canal by the U.S. of America and against the presence of U.S. military bases in our country.

Because I maintain a position critical of U.S. domination of my country, the military dictatorship, headed by Gen. Omar Torrijos, proceeded to expel me from my country. I want to point out that my expulsion from Panama is not an isolated case. It is a part of the larger chain of expulsions and deportations that the Torrijos military regime has carried out since it came to power.

I ask you to support the Panamanian people in their struggle for the immediate withdrawal of the North American troops from the so-called Canal Zone. We are sure that the struggle you will make in the U.S. against North American military presence in one territory will determine the final liberation of our country from the claws of U.S. domination. And we are sure that nothing is more precious than independence and freedom.

—Miguel Antonio Bernal

Demanda crece al morir 25 'Necesitamos bomberos Latinos'

CHICAGO, Ill. — A gran jurado in Chicago that is investigating anti-imperialism of the Torrijos regime is under suspicion of becoming a political tool for the anti-imperialism of the Torrijos regime.

During the last two weeks, the Committee for the Defense of the Independent People's Rights of the Panamanian People has been publishing a series of articles analyzing the activities of the CIA in Panama.

Se hizo en defensa un gran esfuerzo para publicar las ciencias, porque se están usándolas para la política y no para la ley criminal, como se debe. De todos modos, el juez no dio lugar a que se publicara la persecución de los ciudadanos, ni a que se les den testimonios contra ellos.

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Política molesta a Boriquas

(Nota del editor: Recientes fuegos en las comunidades latinas de Chicago causaron las vidas de 25 personas durante los días festivos. La incapacidad de los bomberos para combatir las incendios como se deben. En algunos casos, han sido testigos de estas situaciones y no han tomado medidas para prevenir las futuras. El periódico no publica los nombres.)

—José López

Necesitamos bomberos Latinos

—Myrna Salgado, José López y otros testigos llamados por el Comité para el periodo de las elecciones.

Para Terminar con el Gran Jurado. El Comité ha mostrado su apoyo varias veces enfrente al Edificio Federal en Chicago. Durante las manifestaciones de diciembre, Myrna Salgado, José López, y otros testigos llamados por la ciudad, dijeron que el gran jurado no debe servir a los fines políticos del FBI.

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Detroit, Mich.—Bringing together the Black revolutionaries from both in the United States and in Africa, was the focus of discussion at a recent meeting held here.

The speakers were three Black women representing three of these movements for freedom: Vyvonne Link, a member of the West Side Mothers, a new movement of Black women to fight for Black liberation in the city of Chicago; Tommie Hope, a civil rights activist in the U.S. and writer for News & Letters; and Ms. Linebarger, a member of the West Side Mothers.

Ms. Linebarger described the group as the focus for this continuing oppression. "The wealth of South Africa is not so much the country after the Sharpeville massacre in 1960. She talked about apartheid historically as not being "just the beginning of the country," which the economy of South Africa has been built on the exploitation and brutal oppression of workers in South Africa. She said this began in a British colony.

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One Black activist who supported this said it was the largest gathering of Black people he/she had seen in years. The level of conversation on this was such that it seemed to break with the Black conference of the 60's, and indicates a new search for openings within the "depth of unity" of the philosophy and revolutionary forged by the liberation struggles in southern Africa.

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The conference was over for the poor, and as it turned out, News and Letters Committees was the only Marxist organization there. One woman noted that posters and the like were being put up at the meeting, but when she got to the door she had to pay $2. She said that many people from the community came and left because of the fee.

The workshops were all at the same time, and there was no possibility of dividing them. Certain themes ran throughout the conference, such as culture, education, youth and always organization, organization. When they did bring in labor, it was under the rubric of Julius Nyerere's African Socialism, i.e., "cooperative economics." One Black activist who had been here before said it was "on everyone's minds concretely, because "Where do we go from here, theoretically?" is the question. The most glaring absence in the workshops was the word "women" on Black women's liberation.

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Chicago nurses strike sparks new ideas on union

Chicago, Ill.—A lot of progress was made toward building a nurses' organization because of the 38-day nurses' strike that began Nov. 3 at Cook County Hospital. We went back with a full understanding of the kind of feeling when you go into the hospital and see people that you walked the picket line with, and you realize that we have power.

This strike turned out a lot better than what the administration had wanted. They were preparing to take away our bargaining rights through a strike. We didn't win totally on that issue, since we lost 75 per cent of sick pay for the first day, but it couldn't have been worse. I think that's important for all of us, too.

We did win an acceptable pay raise. We also won some contract language that means that we will train nurses who have to work in specialty areas. We won improved coverage on our medical insurance, extending what we had.

Right now we are working on the by-laws for our organization. Specifically, the Illinois Nurses Association (INA) disavowed us, we are sticking with them, at least for the time being. We are trying to negotiate an arrangement where INA rebates a certain amount of our dues back to our local, so that we can hire a full-time staff person chosen by us. That is something real that would give a lot more strength and independence than we have ever had.

Yvonne Warrow wins appeal

Detroit, Mich.—On Jan. 7, the Washington State Supreme Court reversed Yvonne Warrow's conviction for murder and assault against a man, Frank Wanrow, her husband, who had shot and killed William Wesler, a white man known as "Killer." The court ruled that since Warrow didn't have a legal means to defend herself, she wasn't entitled to a jury trial.

The court's reversal was based on the inadmissibility of the testimony of the defense psychiatrist, Dr. William Spiller. He testified that during the time when the couple were staying at a house where she was staying with friends and children.

The court's reversal sets a precedent in raising questions that weren't brought out in the recent trials of Joanne Leavitt and Tami Wanrow, Native American women, who were convicted in Seattle of murder and assault. In both cases, the court held a debate on the public square, and the women were not allowed to face—the company and the men.

In Washington, Yvonne Warrow was entitled to have the jury consider her actions in the light of her own perceptions and of the situation immediately before they were brought to the court, out of our nation's long and unfortunate history of sex discrimination.

CULTURE VS. HISTORY

For Rich, women who experience all the limitations of womanhood, there is no question about moving towards a new society. She believes they are "far too preoccupied with the immediate effects of patriarchal order, racism, and imperialism. The view of women is as mindless as the very "transformatively active" power" of the men, and that only by liberating them can one truly achieve a "clear statement" is by killing their husbands or children.

Rich has even lost the movement's beginnings in the 60s, when women deepened the idea of freedom by declaring that we are women. She was one of the first to point in moving towards a new society. She believes they are "far too preoccupied with the immediate effects of patriarchal order, racism, and imperialism. The view of women is as mindless as the very "transformatively active" power," and that only by liberating them can one truly achieve a "clear statement." She is writing a book on this.

It is fantastic to see that book was written in 1976. We have lived ten years of the Women's Liberation Movement, and that idea is so much a fact of the world, that the world has to change. We have got to change the world to live up to the hope, and the dreams, of the movement. It is as fantastic as the book was written in 1976. We have lived ten years of the Women's Liberation Movement, and that idea is so much a fact of the world, that the world has to change. We have got to change the world to live up to the hope, and the dreams, of the movement. It is as fantastic as the book was written in 1976. We have lived ten years of the Women's Liberation Movement, and that idea is so much a fact of the world, that the world has to change. We have got to change the world to live up to the hope, and the dreams, of the movement. It is as fantastic as the book was written in 1976. We have lived ten years of the Women's Liberation Movement, and that idea is so much a fact of the world, that the world has to change. We have got to change the world to live up to the hope, and the dreams, of the movement. It is as fantastic as the book was written in 1976.
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What we are presently experiencing is the worst of the post-War recessions, along with the slowest post-War recovery which is so globally pervasive that the post-War bourgeois and industrialist fear it is not "just theory." It is concrete. It is urgent. It is affecting the "cyclical downturn." Opposition to alienated labor has long been a fact (and not only among the younger generation), and has intensified since Automation first came onto the historic scene in the U.S., in 1950.

Now 5 percent (6 percent, for that matter) is a far cry from unemployment. But after the election, when the campaign, when the high rhetoric also become thinking of "getting the country back to full employment." Has there ever been a longer time during which 19 percent unemployment is "unacceptable," but "full employment" has completely dropped out of the rhetoric. The true situation, a rather hazy picture, is Marx's description of capitalism's "law of motion," that ever greater expansion of constant capital as against living labor would bring it to its own collapse, that has been transformed from theory to grim reality. What has become grimmer, and most threatening to capitalism's dominance, is that the army of unemployed has risen to an uncountable number as a permanent feature of the economy.

Even bourgeois economists understand that the central characteristic of all of capitalism is labor—the extraction of surplus labor, the living labor of all the unpaid hours of labor that is the supposed source of all economic growth. Neither the market, nor political manipulation by the state, nor control of that crucial commodity at this moment—oil—can create growth as the life-and-death commodity: labor. Foreign Affairs concludes: "cartels don't have infinite lives ... (and) oil prices are a question between prices of energy and cost of production." It costs between 12 cents and 35 cents to extract a barrel of oil; OPEC sells it for $112 a barrel.

Business Week's special double issue at year-end (Dec. 27, 1976, "New World Recession Outbreak"), tries its best to sound optimistic. It gives over the 30 percent increase in net profits in 1976 and expects a further 10-15 percent increase for 1977. But it cannot skip over what follows: (1) the hardly moveable high rate of unemployment of 7 percent officially; which does not include the "underemployed," or Black youth it is at the fantastic rate of 34.1 percent; (2) the volatile undercurrent of dissatisfaction in the relationship between the underdeveloped countries and the industrialized lands to whom they are indebted at an impossible-to-meet $60 billion; and (3) the unevenness of growth within the rich, which shows that so basic an industry as steel has undergone a 17 percent drop in growth. At the same time, so bleak is the situation that Business Week, in summing up the outlook, cannot exclude even depression: "Washington fails, fears of new world depression will intensify."

The seeming world-wide economic recovery early last year fell flat. The present world-wide slump in steel is more like that of a "premature cyclical downturn." It never was a serious recovery. Since steel's market is capital goods, that was a "signal" that the equipment installed that was not even the 1974 levels of plant and equipment had been reached in the latest "economic upturn."

Evidently, the latest hike in steel prices is not a satisfactory compensation to the steel industry, which keeps complaining about a decline in the rate of profit. Thus, the president of Republic Steel Corp., W. J. De Lancy, speaks that the Carter program "does not commit to continued economic progress—a severe lack of investment incentive."One element in Big Business' crisis is that the basic capitalist's mode of production, which is constantly increasing the output for machinery and decreasing the amount for consumption, means also that it can extract unpaid hours of labor, i.e. profits. Or take the other "miracle" of late. The Western European hyperinflation of recent years has the lowest rate of inflation and it has succeeded in bamboozling organzations which are now admitting that extraordinary wage increases. Nevertheless, actual investments in real, rather than inflated, prices have fallen three years in a row.

VITAL LABOR POWER

STATE AID FAILURE

The new economic recovery in perennially Big Business is concerned, is that even state help, i.e. state intervention and state planning has not, has not, been capable of inducing investment. (For more information see Directory on page 3) But it has not come "to an end yet" (2) that has permeated even economists who are revolutionaries emanates from the fact that the "new" capitalist has, in the post-World War II period, come up with ways of keeping the economy going, stopping short of the type of Great Depression, 1929-32 (especially until 1989) that led to World War II. Since this time it would lead to World War III, it is "unthinkable," because it would, of necessity, be a nuclear war that would end civilization as we have known it.

The capitalist's way of containing its economic crises within recession level, rather than uncontrollable Depression, is justified to be a "stabilizer," even though it is precisely that type of strategy that led to the collapse of the established Marxists' (Second) International with the outbreak of the First World War. Where that shock event had Lenin return to Marx's argument in Hegel, and the dialectic of transformation into opposite, today's Marxists plunge not only into the latest series of economic "facts" and their dialectical rudder, but also to a violation of the dialectic structure of Marx's Capital itself, that is, not "just theory," but "full employment," which gives, or could give when not violated, action its direction.

On both counts, neither can a rise in prices go on without a relationship to its real basis, any more than that so-called new economic order be created with such superstructural shenanigans. Just as imperialism in post-WWII capitalism for capitalism what it did in the 1940s when monopoly Capitalism carved up the underdeveloped world, so-monopoly Capitalism cannot save it in the 1970s. The only thing that will create a new social order is the uprising of the working class. The deep underlying relations, whether it has or it has not reached its ultimate in stabilization.

Hence by having its position to the Carter Administration this is an early, labor and the Blacks have shown they have no intention whatever of letting the whole weight of the present economic crisis fall on their shoulders. From this position will flow deepening class struggles and mass revolts.

3) Beneath Hegelian-Marxist dialectics, one can hardly escape trying to bring in the analysis of today's crisis within the bounds of bourgeois—private and state—ideology, and thus inflect structuralist and the latest twist in pragmatism. On Marx's greatest original work, Capital, in our day, we have the situation where a new French translation of Capital is introduced by that official Communist philosopher Althusser, who stooped to pseudo-psychoanalytical expressions to express his venom against Marx's Critique of the Hegelian Dialectic as "the product of a monotonous back and forth of his paranoia in the Soviet Union and the Marx's "disordered" consciousness." And, for the English world, the beautiful new translation of Capital is burdened with an introduction by the Trotskyist epigone, Ernest Mandel, who spreads himself over some 75 pages of "introduction."

Along with an analysis of the present state of the economy, Raya Dunayevskaya has a sharp critique of Mandel's introduction to CAPITAL in her Political Philosophic Letter "Today's Global Crisis and Marx's CAPITAL," available separately for $1.00. Also included in "The Political-Philosophic Letters of Raya Dunayevska"... ree ad below.

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Oil industry greed befouling world's waterways

When an African nation, without a single port, has the quality of fish, which is in the world, one must agree with Hamlet, "There is something rotten in the state of Denmark." Here it is in a country of the 90 percent of world's prevalence, but Liberia, which permits U.S. shipowners, oil companies and the like to operate their vessels, to catch fish in the waters, they spill their oil, run on sand bars, sink their ships, cause untold destruction and get away with it, just as if they were aircraft, or college insurance on their vessels.

Within a single month, no less than eight oil tankers have either run aground, been wrecked or sunk off U.S. coasts, with a loss of 41 lives and pollution from oil of directly responsible for a phrase that every Black person knows is the code word of Andrew Young as the Ambassador to the United Nations. It is the phrase that says: "This is the same Mr. Bell who, when he was the main target for the office of Attorney General, it was revealed, that police had terrible manners, but he knew when to soft-pedal the question of race.

The revolutionized, under totalitarianism, of the demand that words mean what words say, has been proven a failure of the well-known intellectuals and former members of the Dubcek government who signed Charter 77 have been rounded up, and arrest of dissidents are being made under Article 98 of the criminal code, which allows for arrest "for accessory the perpetrating the republic." The movement has become a popular focal point of world attention. Similar persecution of dissidents is going on in East Germany and Poland.

The whole of Russian-dominated Eastern Europe is in a state of political and economic crisis. Charter 77 comes on the heels of another type of direct communication: the total opposition last June of the Polish workers, who burned a Communist Party headquarters and tore up railroad tracks, forcing the government to take back its food price increase.

Our East European correspondent writes:

"I am more than I am told from abroad of the authors of Charter 77. The people is not in the arrested and trials except by courts, the mass demonstrations, and voted into the "foreign legionnaires," etc. If logic should be applied to the behavior of the present regime, it would sound strange that the ruling "elite," proclaiming to have all the people to be so much afraid of a small group of dissidents "with no base among people," that it dare not even inform the people what this group is talking and writing about!

Czechoslovakia

Over 240 Czechoslovakians, from different kinds of occupations and points of view, signed and published a statement for the world to see at the beginning of the year, called "Charter 77," is non-political and strictly a human rights movement. It is a human rights movement in the Czechoslovakian constitution and the published Helsinki accords be taken for what they are.

The response of Interior Minister Michel Poniatowski, was: "France does not give behavior lessons to others. In return, she does not expect to receive them in France." When France signed a $4 billion contract with the Arab Military Industrial Organization, which includes building assembly lines for Mirage jets and Matra missiles in Egypt.

Another aspect of the strange mixture of French foreign policy, is the way it has recently been used when some French armed peasants took Libya's dictator Colonel Qaddafi for a ride, and counted of his excess military expenditures in his own country, and sent out of his reach in secret Swiss bank accounts. One deal was for Israel's secret optical aid Startron, whose in-framed technology black plays an almost vantage over Arab armies. Instead of 3,000 Startrons, 3,000 empty aluminum tubes were delivered.