Unionists face prison, torture all over world

by Charles Derby, Editor

I have just read Amnesty International's list of 283 trade unionists who have been imprisoned or who have disappeared in 21 countries throughout the world. The list shows an increase of 72 percent over the number of imprisoned trade unionists investigated by Amnesty International in 1975. This increase shows there is not a single continent on the face of this earth where workers can organize without being subject to torture and jail.

The introduction to the list points out that these workers were imprisoned in violation of Article 24 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which says that everyone is to be able to form and join trade unions. Many of the trade unionists on the list have been tortured or held without trial, some for years.

A large number of the workers on the list are in Latin American countries. In these countries people had to bear a word about the press, and President Carter does not mention them, although he is yelling everywhere about human rights. In Bolivia, they list 14 of the leaders of the miners' union, arrested in June, 1976 when the mines were occupied by the army to stop the mine-workers' strike. Uruguay may be even worse. In 1973, practically all trade union leaders had been arrested there, and the leaders began to be arrested. Amnesty International has received the most terrible reports of torture from Uruguay, including a letter and photographs of torture from an army officer who took part in it, but became revolted at his actions. I was also shocked at the long prison terms that trade union leaders and members were sentenced to in Cuba, where Castro is always saying he is for the working people. Many of these people had supported Castro and taken part in the Cuban revolution in 1959, and then argued against him when he took over control of the trade unions, and wouldn't let workers vote for their own leaders. They are formally charged with "counter-revolutionary crimes" and "offenses against state security." But it has been revealed that it was their union activities that got them sent to jail for 20 or 30 years.

The list points out that where they mention so many trade unionists in jail is in Southern Africa. In South Africa, the detainees are often held under the Internal Security Act for as long as the government wants, which can be years.

At least 16 political and trade union prisoners died while in police custody in 1976. One of these was Maxwembe, a member of the Western Province Workers' Advice Bureau. He was arrested on September 2, 1976 and died only hours later. The police claim he hung himself. The truth is that if you are Black in South Africa and try to form or join a trade union, you are placing your life in danger.

I was listening to Henry Ford II talking on TV right after I read this. He was reporting on all the

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Mass revolts spur economic-military summit to save tottering capitalism

by Eugene Walker

President Carter's European summity in May had led to the promised future of capitalist relations among “the Western allies,” which have been in turmoil ever since the Middle East's 1973 oil boycott and quadrupling of oil prices, and the social unrest, rebellion, and outside right revolution that has characterized Europe for almost the full decade since France, Spring '68. Southern Europe has been witness to three years of a revolutionary process in Portugal; to the mass activity among women, youth, and workers in Italy; and to the almost open revolt in Spain among the Basques and, in the past few weeks, in the trade union movement.

Far from being the brilliant personal triumph portrayed in the press, it seems that President Carter is standing on his stepping back from each demand that he had originally made. (For a further analysis of Carter's European trip see Editorial on page 12.)

The world-wide recession and fear of mass resistance to the massive unemployment that some of the rulers have a way of resolving has brought unity on only one topic: agreement to keep disagreements from becoming public. But that can hardly stop the truth from tearing away at the very survival of West European capitalism as the rulers return home to face reality.

No less than 58 percent of the 15 million unemployed in the 24 Western member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development lost their jobs since 1973. But the youth are not only 22 percent of the total labor force. In the nine Common Market countries, young people constitute 20 percent of the total labor force.

Giscard of France called unemployment among the young a basic challenge to the whole economic system. (And the French already have 15 million unemployed constituted not only an economic, but a political danger.

A recent Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development study published a ten-year projection for the Western industrialized economies suggesting that in the decade between 1975 and 1985 they would experience higher rates of unemployment and inflation and lower rates of economic growth than they have known since the end of World War II.

The cutting edge of the crisis has shown itself in Portugal, the country the inflation, the lowering of the living standards of those who work and the massive unemployment has brought about. There workers in massive resistance and such intense class conflict that the rulers are constantly referring to the 1974-75 revolution as something that is very nearly still ongoing. The truth is that in each country the current struggle is, indeed, deep and sustained, as I witnessed on a recent trip to Europe where I met with workers, women and youth groups, as well as revolutionary organizations.

PORTUGAL

Three years after the social revolution began, and a year and a half since the counter-revolution came into governmental power, there is still much ferment. The rightist military president, Eanes, made clear where he was headed with his latest militaristic two and a half hour parade on the third anniversary of the revolution this April. Column after column of troops with military hardware paraded down the main Lisbon avenue. It was a repulsive display whose message was certainly directed at the Portuguese working class, now facing an unemployment rate of over 17 percent, and an inflation rate of 30 percent. More than half of Portugal's food has to be imported, and its balance of payments deficit runs to almost one billion dollars a year.

In agriculture, the government is trying to destroy the heart of the working class initiative in land seizures, both by allowing previous owners to take back certain

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New revolutionary women's movement in Europe

by Mary Holmes

Recently I went to Europe and met with women's liberationists in Spain, England, Portugal and Italy, to exchange information and ideas.

In Spain, the dead weight of 40 years of fascism has just been broken for the first time. Many women were waiting for “democracy” to liberate them. They are on the move, from public actions aimed at abolishing the abuses that have been allowed to continue in support of the dictatorship. The government has moved towards a more progressive stance, and international conferences have been held to address issues such as women's rights.

In England, there is a widespread ferment, especially in the city of London, where more than 500,000 women are protesting against the government's policy on the women's movement. They are demanding an end to the “dry lunch” punishment and other injustices.

In Portugal, the women's movement has been gaining momentum, with a significant number of women joining the Women's Liberation Movement (MLM). The women have refused to pass the regulations, and the government has responded by sending announcements to the press, instead of taking action. The MLM has organized a series of meetings and demonstrations in Lisbon, and the women have organized a number of protests in other cities as well.

In Italy, the women's movement has been growing in strength, with a number of organisations forming coalitions to demand an end to the “dry lunch” punishment. The women have also been working to improve their working conditions, with a number of protests and strikes taking place in the country.

In each of these countries, the women's liberation movement is gaining strength, and the women are demanding an end to the injustices they face. The movement is gaining momentum, and the women are determined to fight for their rights and freedoms.
NOW conference misses importance of minority women

Detroit, Mich. — Over 2,000 women attended the National Conference of the National Organization for Women (NOW) here April 22-24. The conference was sponsored by the Michigan chapter. One topic was the need to support the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), which drew over 1,000 women and men in spite of pouring rain.

At the conference itself, those of us who had worked on NOW committees at the local level were encouraged at the number of minority women who were there, and at the attention given to issues affecting working women, as well as the J. Y. Stevens boycott, which NOW would not have even considered a few years ago.

However, it became clear in discussions in the work­shops and caucuses during the plenary session that while some local chapters are focusing on recruiting minority women and working­-women's issues, others are being controlled by the leadership. In one women's caucus, a Black woman from New Jersey got up to denounce the SWP, and the only discord mentioned was the need for more minority and working­-class women to represent all women.

NOW needs new ideas.

NOW needs more minority and working­-class women not just in the deciding process but also as leaders of the group's resolutions and its agenda—or as a resolution establishing a national committee on minority­-women's issues in terms of ideas. For example, in the workshops on issues affecting working­-women's issues, the question of forced sterilization could not be raised to her or she would be forced out of the New World.
Wildcat strikes backdrop coming UMWA election

Morgantown, W.Va.—The struggle for the presidency of the United Mine Workers union is being waged against a backdrop of wildcat strikes that have cut coal production by 60 percent in the first three months of this year. Rumors that the union's new leadership will be elected by the elected leaders for June 14 are Arnold Miller, the present president, and two challengers — Harry Patrick, UMWA's secretary-treasurer, and Tony Boyle from West Virginia, and Kentuckian Lee Roy Patterson, leader of the UMWA Executive Committee group opposed to Miller, and a former supporter of Tony Boyle.

From the time he won the stunning victory over corrupt UMWA President Tony Boyle in 1970, Miller has been plagued by problems that have prevented the establishment of a cohesive leadership group in the union's election. Instead of a unified leadership, attempts were made to split the vote, especially between Miller and UMWA Vice President Mike Trivobch, who, I believe, and still believes, that he should be the UMWA president. Following the majority of the Executive Board members, Miller's problems were further compounded by his inability to organize a large number of members that were fired or resigned.

MINERS VICTIMIZED

The primary beneficiaries of this leadership battle were the coal operators, who launched a stepped-up campaign against the miners, violating contract agreements and forcing miners to work in increasingly dangerous conditions. Grievances the miners filed against these abuses were not processed because new grievance machinery was in place, and strikes were prevented due primarily to foot-dragging by the operators for nearly a year.

Unable to use the grievance procedures, the miners resorted to the only weapon they had — the wildcat strike, and these swept throughout the coalfields, not only against the companies, but also against the coal owners, which issued injunctions against the strikers and fined them. The miners have been plaguing by developments that have prevented the majority of the Executive Board members. Miller's problems were further compounded by his inability to organize a large number of members that were fired or resigned.

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UAW confab like TV re-run

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to make their billions of dollars of profits from us no matter how you try to juice it under the present conditions. With a 4-day work week we'll be killing ourselves more than we are right now with production speed-up.

This is what the rank-and-file wants to control—the production, because it is the only way the auto workers have to control the factory jungle ruled by management. The trouble is that this kind of resolution—submitted by many auto shop local unions to the national convention—was voted down. Instead, we got resolutions for the four-week, cost-of-living-for retirees, eye and dental care insurance, legal aid, increased death and surviving spouse benefits, and adding overtime to retirement eligibility, paid one-hour lunch period and the same management benefits for auto rebates and profit-sharing. It isn't that any auto worker in the U.S. or Canada would be against any of these proposals—every worker would be for them.

WORKERS TO WORK HARDER

The point is that every auto worker knows that every benefit that we have gained has come out of our backs in production speed-up. There is no solution in this war between contract changes for every nicked we get, we have to produce at least a dime more for the company to get a dime more of profit. The real thing is for every worker with each contract, as every worker on the production line knows very well, there is no way out with this kind of thing, you just have to work harder.

As for our new president, Fraser, he has shown that he deserves the support he gets from management when it comes to the rank-and-file. The government, of course, they can trust to keep the workers in line, and Fraser has proven that he has that ability. The latest strike that he broke was at the massive 그러한 (as opposed to being fired the union's executive board. In many instances before that, most notably in 1973 when Fraser called out the National Guard to stop the sit-in strike at Detroit Local 212, he has proved that one thing, and that is management can depend on him to try to keep us auto workers in line.

LEAFLET RAISES REAL ISSUES

There was something else that was new at the UAW Convention, and that was an open letter addressed to the convention that was signed by all the rank-and-file workers. Put together by rank-and-file workers from several auto shops, it pointed to the difference between what management and our workers gave their experiences showing that what are supposed to be new forms of battle and organizations, are not being enforced by the union officials, and that the ability of the union to defend even these fundamental rights is at low. The letter pointed to the need for new forms of battle and organizations, is that they can be much faster than the old automatic machines.

When the whole plant gets new equipment it will all be for radical conversion, which will all be automated. This will mean a lot harder work and a lot of jobs cut out. The old system was a lot easier. Our energy crisis is not lost on the miners, however, and they have no intention of being是一项 task to be assigned to the profiteering-bloody coal operators who are using the energy crisis to try to destroy the safety gains they have made and are determined to increase their profits by their demands, regardless of who wins the UMWA presidency.

Uniorly threatens job cuts

Detroit, Mich.—A few weeks ago, Uniorly brought all the department to the cafeteria by groups for a "pep-talk" by Andreini, the plant manager. We've had them before. At first it just meant a few things about the sale of the plant, but it turned out to be a hidden threat to our job security.

He said the rubber industry was not growing, no one was investing in it, and the trend toward smaller cars would mean smaller tires and this would force cutbacks. As he said this, I could see the workers giving their experiences showing that what are supposed to be new forms of battle and organizations, are not being enforced by the local union officials, and that the ability of the union to defend even these fundamental rights is at low. The letter pointed to the need for new forms of battle and organizations, is that they can be much faster than the old automatic machines.

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The examples dealt with in the leaflet were consistent violations of seniority, overtime scheduling, speed-up, transfers, harassment from supervisors over sickness, accidents and delays in grievance procedures. These, as the leaflet stated, were violations that are spelled out in black and white and are violated by workers who are often ignored by the shop stewards or committeemen.

The leaflet stated: "When our union officers, both local and international, do not enforce the basic rights that we have all fought for and should be guaranteed, it means we have reached a new objective historic stage, in both a low point of the union and a high point of ourselves—the rank-and-file. As a result, we are sure to see many new ideas and organizations to fight against our daily degradation by management.

This is where it's at for the majority of workers, and nothing shows this more clearly than the convention itself. The rank-and-file in general has become so organized that it has made a little more sense, but as soon as the convention was over, we heard from the shop stewards and committeemen that we haven't been since before the convention.
Portuguese worker tells of running factory

Lisbon, Portugal—The factory where I work production line workers is also run by 600 mostly unskilled production workers, and another 100 in administration. The company belonged to a family who ran it under the most ancient kind of capitalist relations. And then, after the Arab Spring and the 25th of April, 1974, overthrow of fascism.

After April 25, one of the first changes came from the women workers who worked on special molding jobs. They were paid by piece work and earned less than the men. After April 25, they won equal pay with the rest of the workers.

Workers committees were organized spontaneously from the start. All the workers met in general assemblies, usually every month, although we met more often during the highpoint of activity in the factory. The production workers were in the majority and had the strongest representation.

All major decisions were made in the general assemblies. We also discussed and presented motions on whether to go out in support of other workers' struggles. In the end, the general assemblies decided who were elected to the workers committee.

The truth is that all but a couple of the Black workers and some of the white workers, too, don't like Gary. They never got along, so I'm not going to talk about them. One guy asked Jack why he didn't ask what did he think about Gary. He skipped over it and talked about something else.

Out of nineteen workers in the pit, nine are Black. The other ten are white. Most of the workers are not trained for the kind of work they are doing. Some of the workers have been there for 20 years or more. They know they are being treated unfairly. They know they are being used by the company.

The company gives them a contract every five years, and they never get a new one. They have never had the chance to negotiate a new contract. They have never had the chance to change their working conditions. They have never had the chance to change their living conditions.

The company is not interested in their opinions. The company is not interested in their needs. The company is not interested in their well-being. The company is only interested in making a profit.

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CARLITZM'S "SOLUTIONS"

Cartier's meeting in London put him—and on the map. Above all else, it was an anti-Communist assembly. The solution to the economic crisis is, to those who believe in it, seeking the public's pat on the back. A drivel to war could raise the morale of those frustrated leaders who are buried in the rolling cinders of capitalism. The Bresnen will find a new way of saying, "I, not Cartier, am the chief apostle of peace."

Correspondent

Glasgow

In the face of undiluted unemployment, the U.S. Department of Labor has totally admitted defeat with its patronizing, self-righteous arrogance. In its last report, it amounts to a barrage of erudite euphemisms: illegal aliens are now called "unauthorized," the poet transforms to an economically disadvantaged, and the unemployment have at long last become economically inactive. (In South Africa, where black women, children, and the elderly were employed, and with pernicious appendages, anyone not paid wages for work is called non-economically active.) A further development of this process, no doubt, will be the extension of the prison bars. They are there to choke such thirst for life throughout the country. He placed ads in newspapers than the Bureau was established.

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PHILOSOPHY AND REVOLUTION

I told several copies of New Essays to young workers in my plant who were very interested in reading more about Mao and ideas of the new revolution. New ideas come up for philosophy, and I believe that time is now.

A. Franco, New York

New Essays are marvellous. I am at a loss to know how Raya Dunayevskaya could give all that information about the intellectual situation in China, without actually being there on the spot. Reporters just returned from the mainland are not that knowledgeable about what is happening there. Marx's Humanists

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Who We Are

News & Letters was founded in 1955, the year of the Detroit wildcats against Automation and the Montgomery, Ala. Bus Boycott against segregation—action which signalled the new forms of theory, News & Letters was created so that the voices from below could be heard, and the women in the struggle for revolution, could be worked out for our age. A black production worker, Cheryl Denby, is the editor.

The NOW workshop on Native-American women was the most moving one I attended. The women spoke from personal experience on the issue of sterilization and the need for more than a 14-day wait period between the time you sign and the time you are actually sterilized. As one woman said, "If you have been raped, you have no choice. If you are a woman of our race, you would still be under two weeks old.

The state of Illinois has threatened to cut millions of dollars to 300 community high school district if Superintendent Joseph Hannon goes ahead with plans to build a new, segregated school. The new schools would be over 85 percent Black, and over 95 percent white. Black intellectuals would be trapped off one issue from another, and one 95 percent white. These figures are very impressive, and many of the grassroots groups routinely applied for a permit to demonstrate against the Black intellectuals. This whole thing is incredible. One could well imagine the existence of the state and the existence of the state is inseparable from the existence of slavery. The existence of apartheid and some might draw awkward analogies. In Nigeria servants who live under apartheid are not allowed to own land.

The issue of sterilization, has been the attitude of much of the rest of the Left, who, while not happy about being barred from selling or distributing such literature, try to avoid the capitalistic, exploitative, racist, sexist society, we partici-

We are trying to make known the terrible situation of the Chilean women and men, whose leaders are facing continued terrorism of the junta. Over 25 per

cent of the thousands still in prison are women. The women being tortured and vicious torture. We have made up a market sheet that has been translated into action by other groups. It includes in addition to a 17 by 22 inch poster, with information, a copy of N&L on the OPTM.

Concerned Detroit

Women's Liberation

In a recent conversation with a student at the University of North East London Polytechnic, the student said that there is nothing accidental about this movement. One of the new director's first administrative actions was to separate off one issue from another, and one 95 percent white. These figures are very impressive, and many of the grassroots groups routinely applied for a permit to demonstrate against the Black intellectuals. This whole thing is incredible. One could well imagine the existence of the state and the existence of the state is inseparable from the existence of slavery. The existence of apartheid and some might draw awkward analogies. In Nigeria servants who live under apartheid are not allowed to own land.
**Charter 77 repression aimed at stifling freedom movement**

Prague, Czechoslovakia — If the Czech and Slovak peoples knew the full text of the “Charter 77,” they could have signed proclamations in nearly every one of their friends and those who listen to Western broadcasts or manage to have the text sent from abroad. And they would have signed, because the government of this nation has never made a secret of its determination to stifle freedom movements. Even the officials of the party may also know the text, but not government officials, even of highest rank, if they are not party members.

This 40-page document, which has been mimeographed and sent to 12,000 people throughout Czechoslovakia, was presented to the public by part-time lawyer Lubomir Mlyner, who received a personal complaint from the party. The Czechoslovak ministry of culture and interior had stopped its publication. The Slovak government stopped it from appearing in its “resolutions,” day by day. Suddenly, on Jan. 28, it was announced in the media that it was “unlawful.”

That equals more than one-third of a people’s conscience. The people are not to know, but the leaders are to know, that some of the leaders are to know that the meeting of the Charter has taken place. They equalize it with the Nazi press we knew in our youth, or the language of the Mooskopf Trial: every criticism is said to come from enemy centers which paid for it; it is called the work of enemies. The people are going to work like that hardworking people (“the great majority”) are contrasted to the bad intellectuals (“small, insignificant group that is trying to do us harm,” but “no less evil”). At least, “Zionist” accusers are going, as close to anti-Semitism as the “socialist” law permits.

**The campaign**

Immediately after publication of the “guidelines” by Rude Pravo, meetings were organised in dozens of Czech factories, offices, and institutions. All mass media buried the “resolution” on the “face page.” Suddenly, on paper contained no word on the Charter. The campaign stopped. The reason was that it is only for the most recognized the attacks were not too effective, either at home or abroad. The signatures were not signed. The people showed no actual anger against the Charter.

**ANOTHER SCENARIO BECAME apparent** in a few days—the vilification phase. In a way unheard of since 1969, and reminding one of the darkest days of the show trial in 1969, the government of the Czech Charter had to undergo character assassination. The conception was a mix of half-truths and lies. Sometimes it was the purest slander, like with Vlasta Havlové (whose father had, indeed, been a millionaire) the artistic societies of the University of Brno had met “in secret.” In this context, in the case of Jiří Hajek, minister of foreign affairs.

*We must take Puerto Rico back*  

New York, N.Y.—To most North Americans, Puerto Rico is a lush, tropical island. To others, Puerto Rico is viewed as a commonwealth of the United States. As it is officially known in Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico is an “Economic Development Area” of the federal states, but in reality Puerto Rico is nothing more than a colony of imperialist America.

If one reads carefully, it becomes clear that without the “help” of the United States, Puerto Rico would be a backward island, with little, if any, industries, schools, roads, hotels, etc.

Puerto Rico today is considered to be the foremost pharmaceutical center of the world. As a consequence, the majority of these profits are earned in Puerto Rico. The attitude of the Puerto Rican people towards their government is one of resignation and environmental harm which this industry has brought about. The reasons are twofold: on the one hand, the tremendous profits of these industries are earned in Puerto Rico, and on the other hand, the unemployment, the emigration, the lack of economic activity in the area are caused by Puerto Rican. In addition, the unemployed are estimated at 65 percent of the population.

In the schools that have been built, Puerto Rican youngsters are required to study North American history, in which English is compulsory. The origin of such a system may be traced to a cultural heritage, reproductive power and dignity and self-respect are just a few of the atrocities which are executed in Puerto Rico.

The question today is: shall we continue to allow each generation of Puerto Rico to be the second coming of the Haymarket martyrs? Shall we patiently sit and watch as the money-hungry yankees destroy and demolish our nation, our Puerto Rico?

*Are we going to replace these imperialists, with our patience? Are we going to allow them to live in our midst without any rights, our own, our majority? Has it not been made obvious that our freedom is no longer just for the nation, but for the same manner in which our homeland was taken from us, we must rise up and take her back. There is no stronger power than a people united.*

UNIONS VENCEDORES!

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Bootleg leaflets we posted in Skokie put up a counter-demonstration leaflets we posted in Rogers Park to organize a suitable reception. The 500 permits for. The Nazis replied by moving it up one day to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 30. Fearing the worst, we watched every minute of the moment when the exit of the Skokie police did in Skokie. The Nazis’ ACLU lawyers are* * 

Over a thousand people rallied at the Skokie, Ill. Municipal Building to protest the Chicago Nazis’ first attempt to march on a Jewish neighborhood.

Chicago, Ill.—On April 30, 1,000 people rallyed at the Skokie, Ill. Municipal Building to protest the Chicago Nazis’ first attempt to march on a Jewish neighborhood.

After the Oct. 30 Freedom Ride to Marquette Park, the Nazi leader Frank Collins’ threat of a Skokie counter-demonstration made headlines. The Nazis planned to gather in Skokie, Ill., March 28, at the Skokie, 111. Municipal Building to protest the Chicago Nazis threatened the day after the anti-apartheid rally asked, “Where were you when they were killing 11 old-communists in South Africa?”

Skokie rally halts Nazi march

*News & Letters photo*
Carter renews anti-Soviet message

What was little recorded in the press, which was too busy staring up the bullaebob of a Carter smile, was: the U.S.-British-Israeli peace summit, the U.S.-Soviet “summit,” the Nato summit, the U.S.-Weimar summit, and the U.S.-Gold-Circle Middle East summit, which Carter could preside over after the phony summit and the real summit that were fought about the most was over, he took off for a NATO meeting where the real policy is set: ever greater rearmament, new weapons, and other horrors.

There Carter not only called attention to Russia's “essential strategic nuclear equivalence” with the U.S. but he also told the meeting that he had “suggested” to the NATO Secretary General M. A. Luns followed with a discussion of the proposed “mutually assured destruction abroad” off northern Norway “to the point that a submarine recently entered the Narvik fjord.”

What is so different about the more precise guided missiles? Isn’t that just as much money as is spent on conventional missiles in the NATO countries? And isn’t that to operations beyond the present alliance boundary of the Tragic of Europe. Whether that was to “protect” oil or to put a wall around the Russian submarine, it was like a jab at the present “Socialist” Prime Minister Soares, and thus also at the present “Socialist” Poland, where the undercurrent of revolt which led to such near total revolutions as the Portuguese; and the French, where the undercurrent of revolt which undermines it now; the undercurrent of revolt which is constantly swelling to the point of “national liberation.”

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Youth in Revolt

by Jim Mills

"No one is listening to us." This is what one youth panel member shouted on a day of protest at the University of Detroit. He was speaking for a generation rebelling against a job market that has brought many teenagers to the streets. They are witnessing how employers take advantage of mass unemployment to exploit young workers.

A young Chicano who had worked there three days was fired because he was "a bad influence on the rest of the boys." He had been put through the company ritual of being shifted from one place to another all day. He was also fired for "standing around" if he could find a place to sit. He said it wouldn't be so bad "standing around" if he could get a union in. There are undocumented workers from Mexico and other countries who are working at a job parking cars for a hospital. When you apply for the job you sign a contract that says the company can fire you anytime without prior notification.

Programs that are supposed to provide work for young people are managed by Helmut Schmidt: "We just can't afford to provide work for young people." The inability to provide work for young people was expressed by the West German government during the recent economic summit each brought their reports of old age pensions and tax credits to the employers in a housing project. The government solutions are really no solutions at all for youth, whether exploited at work or frustrated on the streets.

Win demands at Old Westbury

(Students occupied the College at Old Westbury April 18 after a boycott of classes escalated into a shut down of the campus for six days. The occupation ended when the administration agreed to the strike demands. The following is a participant's report—Ed.)

Westbury, N.Y.—This school is unique because it was created to serve the traditionally by-passed students: minorities, working class people, women, and veterans. People in the 1960s fought for this school because it didn't exist before for such students.

A student at Old Westbury is a continuing struggle. We are fighting the new admissions policies, the firing of two Black professors, administration policies and housing and food costs.

It's not just a general question of economy. The struggle is over the very mission of this school. It's clear that if these cuts go through, traditionally by-passed students won't get in here anymore. Last year we won an agreement on these issues with the administration, but they were not only ignored, things got worse. So it was decided to go on strike.

On April 18 we went out in a boycott of classes. It went all right, but a lot of us were not satisfied, as it was more a boycott than a strike. We were too pouptive that first day. We were tired and didn't know how to do it. We held a meeting and decided that no one was going to attend classes, and we blocked the campus road. Everybody took part in the occupation.

Whenever outsiders come here, they're always saying: I don't believe the people here. Older students and younger students, Black, Hispanic, white, we never had fights between students because we're too busy fighting for our causes. We have fewer conflicts than average, but what's the point in having less when others do it? Doesn't it make any difference?

We decided to occupy the entire campus because we could not deal with the administration. Last year's occupation of Hostos College did the right thing. They fought until they occupied the school, beat the administration, and they are still fighting. That's why I'm wondering, why did we give up the occupation?

We beat the administration but there's no doubt that. But I feel that we shouldn't have negotiated with the administration.
Mass revolts spur economic-military summity to bolster tottering capitalism

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land parcels, and by subjecting the workers' cooperatives to much state control in production and marketing. In factories, pressure is being put on workers to allow factory owners to reassert control of worker-occupied enterprises. Workers are being manipulated, or made ineffective. Strikes against these policies are being broken by the government.

But the spirit of counter-revolution, the Portuguese masses are still in struggle. Thus: 

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Proposals for a more democratic state are being frustrated, the efforts of government and factory owners to retake factories and break the organizing efforts of workers. Many workers have made their most militant actions since the Nov. 25 coup as, for example, the Domestic Workers Union.

Now there are numerous radicals both in groups and outside, especially women activists, who while naturally less visible than their male counterparts in recent period, feel it is only a temporary setback. Many are viewing seriously into how to continue the revolutionary process both as activity and as analysis.

ITALY

The most sustained working class opposition in Western Europe, past two years has been in Italy. It is an Italy that is not named because of its independence from and opposition to the establishment. Its biggest economic and political enemies are the Communists, but as well as other vanguardist groups, has been in mass-

sive activity in many Italian cities.

In Milan, each day we were present, there were one or more demonstrations—of workers, of women, of youth. Often spontaneous in origin, the issue ranged from rape (see May NEWS & LETTERS) to housing to the costs of living. The price that the International Monetary Fund had extracted for its $320 million loan to Italy was to alter the vicious interest rate from the working class. This fact was used by the Italian Communist Party and the trade unions they dominate did not name.

Indeed, the Italian Communist Party seems bent on only one thing—a class collaborationist share of government. They refuse to do anything that would attack the capitalist system. The Christian Democrats for their part, value the recognition and the parliamentary maneuver respectively.

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Our Life and Times

by Peter Mallory and Ron Bromkrey

Livid election moves Israel to far right

The elections in Israel this May 18 gave a majority to the Likud Party on the far right. Nothing more reactionary has occurred in Israel, then calling for a new Likud government. Begin, led his terrorist organization, then called Irgun, into the perpetration of an Arab massacre in Deir Yassin, April 1948. Jews, however, de- mands, while the left tries to reduce the gains of the Likud. Begin, like the Irgun, made use of the law and order,