by Olga Domanski, National Organizer News and Letters Committee

President Carter's rolling out of the red carpet on Nov. 15, complete with 21-gun salute to greet the neo-fascist Shah of Iran to the White House, matched nothing so much as Mao's rolling out of his red carpet to greet Richard Nixon to China in 1972. In both cases, Carter's hypocrisy about "human rights" while embracing a tyrant who has no less than 100,000 political prisoners in his jails and torture chambers, was matched only by Russia's hypocrisy while it throws its dissidents into psychiatric wards.

It was the thousands of anti-Shah demonstrators and American students, masked to prevent identification by the murderous Iranian secret police, SAVAK, together with their American student supporters who pulled the phoney "human rights" mask from the grinning Carter countenance and revealed that the "special relationship" he was busy reasserting between the U.S. and oil-rich, strategically-placed Iran was a direct continuation of the same, bloody U.S. imperialism that had overthrown Mossadeq in 1953 and put the Shah in power through a CIA-engineered coup d'etat.

In 1973, during the Nixon administration, out of $4.7 billion in U.S. foreign military sales, $2.1 billion went to Iran. Last year the Shah bought more than $5 billion worth of arms, much of which did not make planes to add to the 160 contracted for last year. And, the demonstrating students charged, the Carter administration now intends to build up its "U.S. military advisers" in Iran from 30,000 to at least 60,000.

The tear-gassed demonstration of Iranian and American students on the Ellipse was the largest Washington, D.C., anti-war demonstration since the Vietnam war. The demonstration was the result of many resolutions, which had shown the very same two-way road the Second America has always taken to establish its opposition to U.S. imperialism. That the U.S. has never forgiven its only defeat in that war is clear from its vindictive treatment of both the Vietnam veterans and Vietnam, itself.

Despite his much-ballyhooed and campaign-promised "amnesty" for the youth of this country who refused to take part in the vicious, wholesale slaughter of the Vietnamese people, both North and South, Carter has now signed into law a vengeful bill that explicitly denies any health and education benefits to the 800,000 veterans who have less-than-honorable discharges. Even those whose discharges had supposedly been "upgraded" by accepting his phoney amnesty turn out to have no rights under this bill.

At the same time, despite an earlier U.S. promise of "mambe reparations" to Vietnam, Carter has now declared that the destruction was "moral," and refused to join the 148 other members of the Economic Committee of the UN General Assembly who approved post-war assistance to that devastated land. The U.S. has refused even the smallest amount of food or medicine at a moment when the natural disasters of both cold and dry weather and drought have doubled the country's normal, serious rice shortage.

But the greatest disaster is U.S.-made — the aftermath of the over-71 million quarts of chemical compound doused as defoliant in Vietnam country-side. A professor of botany at Yale, recently returned from a month-long trip to Vietnam, had reported a 40 percent increase in liver cancer there in the last 10 years from the chemical defoliation, which has both (Continued on Page 6)

Eight thousand people demonstrated at the White House protesting "no strike" pledge. Many were massed to protect themselves from SAVAK, the Iranian secret police.

"IWY: where to now?"

King of their demand for firm government support for affirmative action. No wonder she ended, not on how much was achieved these past 10 years, but by declaring that "We still have a long way to go."

Because those new substitute resolutions that were passed so overwhelmingly were so concrete, it was clear that it was not what was done there at the conference that was the most important, but what remains to be done afterward. That task was recognized as the one to be done by themselves, not left to those "above." It was the recognition of Self as social being, Women Libs in action.

The euphoria created by the massive attendance, the fact that the delegates were so well organized that the feared direct confrontation with the ilk of the KKK did not happen, and the need for and achievement of unity on the question of the ERA, did create altogether too much enthusiasm for the "leaders," so that a person like Rosalynn Carter, who came as "personal emissary" of the President, was never challenged on his backward move refusing federal funds for the poor need feeding."

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UAW renews as Essex strikers gain support

ED. NOTE — As we go to press, the UAW has announced that they will not pay the $2700 in fines and legal costs awarded by the NLRB to Mrs. Rabin and the other delegates alleged to have been guilty of such conduct. This means the UAW may appeal the award.

The case has been on strike for eight months now. The April deadline when they can de-
certify us is getting closer and closer, but we haven't heard one word about it. The women of the district were ordered to Detroit on Oct. 14. They gave us a big promise of International backing but didn't even bring the preachers with them. After an hour or two of talks they adjourned our strike for a bad. (See N&L, Oct. 14, 1977.)

WOMAN LEADER BEATEN

On Oct. 12, one of the women leaders was beaten by a man who was waiting for her in her own kitchen. They were neighbors. The next day, Essex came out with a statement that the beating wasn't strike-related and the man who did it must have been sick, and that Essex wouldn't do anything like that. We wonder, if they had never done it, why they had a pre-pared statement ready?

We have filed an appeal with the National Labor Relations Board. We feel that we can force them to have an investigation. There was no investigation before when two of us were shot.

The plant guards came out and threw tear gas grenades at us before Halloween. There were kids out there and it was really bad. It wasn't until Nov. 3 that they took away the tear gas grenades from us. We have four guards and a black man who did us a lot of damage.

The guards released us on $1,000 bond. The plant guards claim that they have the same rights as official police. They even put up a police badge so we thought we had to move or be qualified for that. They are going to keep on fighting. We feel like we are standing out here for all the UAW. It's not just us. It's the whole movement because we are going to break a lot more before it is over.

Contributions to the Essex strikers can be sent to Strike Support Committee, Box 179, Elwood, Ind. 46036.

Black feminist conference lacks direction, philosophy

Last month several members of Women's Liberation organizations came together at the First nationwide conference of the National Alliance of Black Feminists (NABF) in Chicago. It was for Black women feminists and women of color - and was not interested in the liberal black women's movement which is dominated by "lesbian abortionists", one conference worker explained. "We are trying to arrange so we can have a straight voice in the women's liberation movement.

I never dreamed that the UAW would let the strike go this far. Sometimes this strike is like a nightmare in which every time you reach a door, it closes. But we are going to keep on fighting. We feel like we are standing out here for all the UAW. It's not just us. If we are going to break a lot more before it is over.

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Miners face life-and-death contract issues

Morgantown, W. Va.—When miners here talk about striking for a new contract on Dec. 6, they don’t refer to the $100 a day wages that there’s been a lot of publicity about. They talk about restoring the UMWA Health and Welfare Fund and the medical and dental costs of miners and their families that were cut last July by the operators, and about the right to strike over local grievances.

They all knew it was the operators who were responsible for cutting the Welfare Fund medical benefits, and his their strikers they were forced to take defensive measures against the companies’ refusal to negotiate local grievances over safety and other matters.

In the mines, a safety grievance often involves serious injury or life-and-death issues. But instead of negotiating these grievances on the local level, the management insisted on every grievance going into a long procedure to be heard at the national level.

The miners, frustrated and angry over these management tactics, went out on wildcat strikes to defend their safety. But the coal operators could always get court judges who fixed the local unions and jelled strike leaders, which only angered the miners even more. Their strikes spread, not only against mine management, but also against the company-controlled judges.

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New machines at Unioroyal

Detroit, Mich.—One of the big topics of conversation at Unioroyal is the way that there are more and more machines, and fewer and fewer employees. We’ve heard that there are about 50 percent of which have to be replaced or overhauled, or new equipment worth millions of dollars. A drop in profits over previous years means that there’s not over $200,000 worth of investment for each worker.

There are some new radial machines not even being used, and I hear they can take the place of two workers are supposed to be operated by one worker. The more they put into machinery, the more employees get put out of work.

I’m sure there’s plenty of demand for tires, but it costs too much to make them. Otherwise how can they sell radial tires for incredibly high prices when they only take a few minutes to make, and still have to drop in profits over previous years?

—Unioroyal worker

FROM THE AUTOSTORES

GM Van Nusys

Van Nysys, Cal.—Did GM Van Nusys workers really win a victory in their recent strike? Or did the office miners in the union hall win an easy victory for management? Yes, a strike was voted for by the members.

The mine, a division of Local 249, is involved in layoffs and the dismally unsafe working conditions caused by these could be stopped. But the miners feel that the mine management is making only a modest effort to quickly settle this strike, no effort was made to involve the members.

One woman worker on the picket line said, “The feeling among workers here on strike is that we have already been screwsed around on salaries and pay cuts and layoffs and the dismally unsafe working conditions caused by these could be stopped. But the miners feel that the mine management is making only a modest effort to quickly settle this strike, no effort was made to involve the members.”

—Van Nysys, Cal.

Dodge Truck

Warren, Mich.—The international UAW claimed it got “a foot in the door” in 1976 with the Paid Personal Holiday plan. For the last six months, the plant hasn’t been without a four-day vacation in July or August and had PAE employees disqualified from unemployment benefits, because of the old PAA ruling, which now has been changed.

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—Look for a report in our next issue on the coal miners’ insurrection in Romania where a protest over reduced wages, more food and better working conditions.

—Lynch Road worker

Fleetwood

Detroit, Mich.—Whoever becomes the new Local 15 president after the strike will face the situation that we still have no agreement after 15 months of negotiation on any contract. If it knows the International says don’t walk out.

What’s more, they tell them that they’re being laid-off and they’re not employed in the company. They’re not employed in the company. They’re not employed in the company. They’re not employed in the company. They’re not employed in the company. They’re not employed in the company. They’re not employed in the company. They’re not employed in the company.

—Lynch Road worker

—Second shift worker

CATHERLINE

Auto contract fishhook will snap Canadians

by John Allison Chrysler Corporation and the Canadian government are working hand in hand to line their pockets with money that should be going to the unemployed workers of Chrysler’s workers. Their latest scheme involves the Paid Absence and Emergency Fund (P.A.E.F.) provisions of the UAW contract and the Canadian Unemployment Insurance Compensation law.

Before this year, the Canadian workers’ P.A.E. was considered as part of their vacation pay, and didn’t figure into its calculation. So employees who were laid off longer than the normal two weeks vacation pay in July or August and had P.A.E. entitlement were disqualified from unemployment benefits, but were paid the full make up payments under S.U.B.

But the unemployment law is changing all the time, and in any event the unions must negotiate with each company to get a statement as to how the U.A.W. is to be used. The main point that the Canadian unions are trying to get on the record is that the U.A.W. would not be considered as part of the vacation pay.

The union has advised workers, who had been disqualified for unemployment benefits because of the old P.A.E. ruling, with a new one for the present and the provisions of the S.U.B. agreement, the company can deduct $30 a week from the employee’s check until the over-payment is made. It has said, and it can pay off all at once or his own pocket.

This is enough of a mess, but on top of this, how it is paid off can affect a man on some taxes. If it is spread out over a period of time, it will reduce the amount of money a worker can get for the P.A.E. because it would apply in part to 1978 income.

It is a technicality, but the contract is full of them, as both American and Canadian workers know. This latest trick of the company and the union shows one of the many fishhooks in the contract the workers will suffer from — as usual.

Injured forced to work at P.O.

Oakland, Cal.—A brother who works in the foreign mail-handling section at the main post office injured his back last June while mailing a mail sack. He saw his doctor on July 15th and said he was only able to work four hours a day.

One week after the injury, the company told him to report to work, but he refused on doctor’s orders.

The post office forced him back to work. They said he was in pain, and is out with a Back injury and had no way of knowing if it could have been this brother’s fault.

They only charged him $500 for the work. There was no hearing, and his supervisor who wrote him up was out of sick in and is out with a Back injury and had no way of knowing if it could have been this brother’s fault.

—Oakland Main worker, days

—Second shift worker

I’ve heard they’ve been doing this to more workers since they changed to the 45-day rule, under which the P.O. is only able to pay a worker for four hours a day. The compensation pays after that. They’ve also been making workers sign up disability to get a new injury or a new accident and have no way of knowing if it could have been this brother’s fault.

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WOMEN'S LIBERATION: Leaders on Ranks

The five pages of the substitute minority-resolution were so powerful as against two weak paragraphs in the IWY Plan that the SWP put the whole thing to a vote. When you let people speak for themselves do you come up with anything worthwhile. The disabled women who were the first to demand their own resolution set the tone for the whole conference. The lesbian separatists were everywhere. The left in the movement for social change. It does not lie upon moral, but political ground.

Imprisoned Citizen

Denby's column on the prison letters made me realize that the American penal system is created by male psychologists than the universities.

Woman worker

New York

BRITAIN'S SERIOUS SITUATIONS

Things are getting serious here. The National Front is growing. It is reported that they intend to switch to a policy of recruiting into the Jewish population. It is also said they are getting finances from Rhodesia and South Africa. They have declared support for the white Rhodesians.

Anchorage

Chicago

PRISONER-PHILOSOPHERS

I read with great interest Charles Denby's column on the letters you have received from the prisoner support movement. I was not surprised to find that prisoners want freedom, as many more than that were imprisoned held up the workers. If the workers want freedom, the prisoners will work for it. We live today in actual slavery in prisons, which under capitalism are used as instruments of class and race oppression. It is any wonder that U.S. prisoners sign to each other around the world which works U.S. imperialism as their own?

The U.S. has the largest prison population in the world — 285,000 — and the prisons are full of Black, Brown, Red and white poor men and women, the majority of whom were unemployed or working poor. You would think that a strong prisoner support movement would exist in the U.S., but that is far from the case. Shamefully, the Left movement in this country has not supported the struggle of prisoners for human survival. Even Amnesty International has nothing for the mass of prisoners in this country, or raised one finger in condemnation against the death penalty or U.S. prisons. It is a liberal reform group, and no one should expect it. The defense of class is the whole point of the left movement for social change. It does not lie upon moral, but political ground.

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Georgia

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Woman worker

New York

A FRIEND IN NEW YORK

A friend in Mexico wrote me:

"Lagunillo is a very new neighborhood around the outskirt of Cuernavaca and only the poorest of the poor are allowed to live there. There is a completely self-sufficient, co-operative, and with no kind of help from the government. Usually when this kind of mass uprising rushes in and shoots a lot of people, especially when it’s government land, they say that these folks have gotten away with it!"

New Reader

Michigan

HELP WANTED

Serious vandalism occurred at Diana Press on Oct. 25. Paint, ink and cleanser were used to damage printing machines, typesetting material, supplies, paste-up files, and galleys. 5000 copies of Brown Paper by Rita Mae Brown were destroyed. Diana Press is selling its remaining files, and galleys. 5000 copies of Brown Paper by Rita Mae Brown were destroyed. Diana Press is selling its remaining files, and galleys. 5000 copies of Brown Paper by Rita Mae Brown were destroyed.

Diana Press

Detroit

NO HELP WANTED

A third of the issue was given over to Community: The Present Administration, and providing resources on the struggle against the racist white minority South Africans. They have declared support for the Jewish population. It is also said they are getting finances from Rhodesia and South Africa. They have declared support for the white Rhodesians.

As an English-speaking Quebecker, sensibilities about the whole problem of Canadian affairs, and to the narrowness of Patti Quebecois nationalism, I was extremely interested in S. B. Michaud's column. In discussing the nationalization of the telephone company in Canada, he unearthed the following secret: a monopoly French-language bill here in Quebec, she grounded herself in freedom, the right of all oppressed peoples, Quebecois and Inuit, to self-determination.

But I object to the Nov. comments of your Bay Area reader, who mentions the Soweto youth protest against Afrikaans in the same breath as the Inuit protest. To even imply a comparison between the French-Canadian people and the racial white minority South Africans is to misappropriate the basis of how to put French on the same level as the obscure language of Afrikaners, as not being a "useful international language," is Anglophone chauvinism.

Woman Reader

Montreal

STRUGGLES IN U.S., MEXICO

It is always great to hear of people who are doing good work and two recent reports I've heard lately are about the work of unionized workers who have plenty to fight about. First came news that despite the vicious attacks by the United Farm Workers, 200 of those working in the citrus groves near Phoenix, Arizona went on strike to demand better wages and working conditions. Arrests stopped the strike three days later — but it was a first for undocumented workers — and I'm sure it won't be the last.

Then came the news that as soon as the KKK announced it was forming vigilante groups to patrol the U.S.-Mexican border, 3,000 people demonstrated in defense of the farm workers, and 40 Chicano organizations made plans to send their own patrols to protect the workers. The Klan never showed up.

Now, thousands of migrant farm workers have walked out of the citrus fields in Arizona. It's the largest farm worker strike in the history of the state. The farm workers' battles in the countryside are far from over — they may have just begun.

Farmer Supporter

Michigan

Arendt

AFRICA AND AMERICA

When I got the October issue of Black Scholar in the mail, I was struck by the y o u t h ful title of the "Black Scholar's Posture on the New American Role in Africa." It seems as though Black Scholar really is fooled by Andrew Young's posture on the new American role in Africa.

But then what can you expect from people who are in love with China one minute and six months later decide that Cuba is the greatest spot on earth, and don't bother to even explain the transfer of allegiance?

No Fools Died

Detroit

The Africa Fund is dedicated to assisting the African National Congress and providing resources on the struggle for Americans. The South African Freedom Fighters have worked selected from 375 entries in a nationwide anti-apartheid poster competition. It is 1/2 ft. by 2 ft. in size, costs $4, and proceeds will go for legal defense and humanitarian aid for South African prisoners. Please let us know if you can mail checks or money orders to:

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READERS' VIEWS

RENDERING JUSTICE

When Mr. and Mrs. Wei Ching Chang were given a ticket for double-parking in New York City, they were shot by a police officer protesting by hitting the police officer's finger. He knocked her down, beat her unconscious, and took her to the 50th police precinct, where she was charged, without consciousness, with assaulting the police officer with a rubber band. Two years ago, 20,000 Chinatown residents demonstrated against the arrest, stripping and beating of Adrian Pena, who had verbally protested the police handling of another traffic matter. This time the presence of 80 angry community people in the courtroom forced the judge to decide to release Mrs. Chang without bail.

Unitarian Service Worker

New York

Recently Tyrone Neal, a Black 14 year old, was stopped by Chicago police and "accidently shot" in the back of the head while being searched. The policeman who killed Tyrone Neal was not reported in the news. Is Black on Black crimes not taken seriously. If Tyrone Neal had been white, the police would have been put in jail. Now, thousands of migrant farmworkers are forced to leave for the agribusiness.

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The Trotskyite silence on the direct Stalinist revision of Marx’s Capital remains unbroken ever since it was first promulgated by the Stalinist theoreticians in 1943. With all their claims to fame, the Stalinists in the 1970s from arrogantly usurping dual roles. As a Marxist political economist, Ernest Mandel dares to introduce an idea of the society, not just by keeping silent on those revisions, but by basing his political and theoretical analysis of the state-capitalist tendency (then called the state-socialist tendency), capitalism, and new economic forms on the work of those revisions.

That simplism would hardly merit a polemic if it were not for the fact that the politics of George Novack’s philosophy is one of economy, adding up to one more whitewash of the Russian theory and practice of state-capitalism. We unites this attitude of the Russian theory and practice of state-capitalism, and the Russian theory and practice of state-capitalism, with the mystique of their philosophy and economics, is, of course, the fetishism of the plan. Listen to Novack, in the midst of his exposition of Lucio Colletti’s “return” to Kantianism, explaining the Marxian concept of fetishism: “It (the fetishism of commodities) flows from the anarchical deforms of a capitalist commodity, a disintegrated, charmed economy.” (p. 1287)

MARC, OF COURSE, said the exact opposite. First, he warned against following “the manner copied by the Soviets, or by the Poles, the Hungarians, the Czechs...” And second, he actively upholds the idea as though a society with a capitalist mode of production would lose its specific historical and economic characteristics by being taken as a unit. As all we have in the case to deal with the aggregate capitalism. This is always Marx, never wearing of Marx against the “despot plan of the state,” so that the despot plan of the state in the factory production line that he called it “the strictly anonymous share of the worker.” And nowhere is it found in the mechanism of the labor process graduated into a complete hierarchy.

On the other hand, listen to how Novack, in 1977, expands his idea of what is needed against what he calls a “state-capitalism.” His is a thoroughgoing economism. “Whereas the ruling bureaucratic caste and its regime is reactionary, the nationalized and planned economy which is highly productive, (p. 1287)” And as if that didn’t sufficiently hide the class nature of the state-capitalist economy, his “state-capitalist economy with its forced labor camps is a state of transition from capitalism to socialism.”

WAS THIS REALLY 1977? I thought, wasn’t that exactly what he said way back in 1951, in answer to the document of the state-socialist tendency (then called the Trotskyist-Johnson-Forest), entitled State-Capitalism and World Revolution? Here, in part, is the reply I handed in then:

“Comrades Warde and Wright stand everything on its head, whereas Marx says the property relationship is the foundation of the man relationship; whereas Marx derived the relation of the man from the property relationship, they derive the property relationship from the man relationship; whereas Marx says that the commodity is nothing but a juristic illusion, Comrades Warde and Wright say that the commodity is dialectically transformed into the capitalist and we showed, glorified the wholesale revision as a ‘rebirth of Marxism.’”

We also showed, glorified the wholesale revision as a “rebirth of Marxism.” To what purpose? To what end? The Trotskyites have been under the impression of the plan. The Trotskyites have been under the impression of the plan. They state, “We cannot accept this capitalistic plan, we can change it only by changing the capitalistic state.” And they state, “We cannot accept this capitalistic plan, we can change it only by changing the capitalistic state.” And they said, “We cannot accept this capitalistic plan, we can change it only by changing the capitalistic state.” And they said, “We cannot accept this capitalistic plan, we can change it only by changing the capitalistic state.”

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THAT WAS WRITTEN June 5, 1951. During the 16 and a half years that have elapsed, not only has the American Trotskyite silence on those Stalinist revisions not been broken, but the European theoretician has, as we showed, glorified the wholesale revision as a “rebirth of Marxism.”

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There is no secret about this wholesale corruption of the whole capitalist economy. What has the Fourth International had to say about all this? Not a word.

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Book review—Durruti: The People Armed

by Michael Connolly


Barcelona, Spain, July 17, 1936. Franco and his fascist officers have set the moment for their coup—36 hours away. The Catalan government of Luis Companys, as well as the central government in Madrid, are informed, but they refuse to distribute arms to the workers. As Durruti, the Spanish trade-union leader, said, “The workers do not constitute a combatant body. The workers do not constitute a combatant body.”

Barcelona workers, overwhelmingly members of the revolutionary union, CNT, take matters into their own hands and themselves from the holds of the harbor and distribute the workers. A crowd has gathered in the harbor hall to recover the weapons. Into this confrontation the young Karl Marx (the name of W. Warde. J. G. Wright, is deceased.)


(2) George Novack, “Back to Kant? The Retreat of Lucio Colletti,” in The Trotskyite silence on the direct Stalinist revision of Marx’s Capital remains unbroken ever since it was first promulgated by the Stalinist theoreticians in 1943.

(3) Marx, Capital, p. 1287.


poisoned the water supply and cut rice production drastically. The fishing industry has been crippled. The lumber industry is in a critical period of re-construction, is destitute.

It is a measure of their true humanist philosophy — the American labor movement — that the veterans, from the beginning of the anti-war movement, have refused to separate their own interests from those of the non-Americans who are its true focus. The first resolution passed at the war resisters' conference in Toronto stated "If the U.S. fights, the U.S. will be defeated." Their own united response to Carter's "pardon," was one demanding post-war aid for ravaged Vietnam.

Pax Americana in South America

Workers fight to survive

The corporations with their forced overtime, or with their nine-plus hours of production in eight hours with a speeded-up line, are one of the main causes of the unemployment, crime, drugs, crime and marital problems of their work force.

At GM, South and cheaper labor, and for unrestricted introduction of even more automation. And when workers fight back, they are fired and blacklisted, or receive ---{

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Queens College protests confront racist backlash  

New York, N.Y. — The Students Activities Corporation (SAC), which decides budget allocations for extracurricular activities, is being considered for possible removal here at Queens Oct. 25, including obvious discriminatory cuts against Third World clubs.

When and where: Monday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education High Education Corridor, with a number of outside educators, representatives of activist groups, and a few politicians, gathered on Oct. 26 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Students Activities Corporation (SAC). The known human rights advocates, students forced their way in and demanded the microphone so that they might speak about “human rights” at Queens. Many of the liberal student clubs attempted to leave inconspicuously — without success.

The large clubs literally running student life on campus, the SAC Board received an average cut of 8 percent, giving some groups as much as $18,000. Yet some Third World clubs received $25,000, even with 4 years of conflicts. This conflict has occurred periodically, but the cuts were not as drastic and the timing not as crucial. Tension has increased, and so has the strain on the Board.

The vehementness of the Right on campus was revealed when the final parcel of these small cuts was performed to have come to protest the cuts. The doors were locked and several guards posted between angry students and security guards broke out.

We had appealed to the president of the college to veto the allocations, but were greeted with the following statement: “Dissimulation may be immoral, but doesn’t necessarily have to be illegal.” The countermove was the students formed an alliance of all Third World clubs, and printed a leaflet.

The last battle of this sort was on Nov. 1, between the governing house on the SAC Board and the resisting students — this time including other groups such as the veterans who had also been severely underfunded. We announced to the Board that since legal channels were no longer available, we would have to take matters into our own hands, warning there might be campus-wide turmoil.

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New attacks by right on workers, Leftists in Britain and W. Germany

From London we have received the following report:

It is now ten years since the NPD Neo-Nazi rebellion in W. Germany. Meanwhile, the National Front was formed in Britain. Today's German Nazis have lost interest in elections. They now support the FN, which has already won full battle regalia, training themselves to fight leftists.

In Britain, in the wake of rightist fire-bomb attacks against the SDP headquarters, London attacks, the NF has launched a youth movement for 12-15 year olds.

The growth of neo-fascism is a symptom of a general shift to the right in the current political scene. The kidnapping of ex-SS officer Hans Schleyer, a victim of Germany's fascist revenant, is a sign that the right may be in the mood to retain the memory of a past considered respectable.

In South Africa, the official inquest into the death of Steve Biko—the twenty-first Black man to die in prison in the year of the national state of emergency, the new African Gestapo—is starting to reveal some of the facts behind his death.

Vorster, in Port Elizabeth, and later in the interrogation center at Pretoria. A South African policeman, Warrant Officer Lieb, was the guard that Biko was beaten by. Vorster is of the opinion that the police had 200 pounds of weight on their back. The police had already beaten Biko before they took him to the hospital.

The police had first pretended that Biko died as a result of a "hunger strike," but the mass Black People's Convention, the umbrella organization for all Black people, also organized an official inquest to bring out some semblance of the truth. Biko was in fact tortured and injured at the hands of the police, to whom Vorster had access. The police at that time had 200 pounds of weight on their back, including over 500 teachers who have resigned.

The Democratic Front for Black Consciousness claims that Biko was tortured and the inquest into his death, and there are daily demonstrations and encounters with police who have given up 200 black youths since Soweto erupted in June, 1976. Nevertheless, the youth in the revolutionary movement inside South Africa see Vorster as a "false" consciousness of tribe, color, language, race, etc., and the struggle against apartheid is a struggle against these forces. Vorster's real concern is the Black youth of South Africa.

The boycott of Bantu education is spreading, and in addition to the Soweto revolt that consciousness does not lie outside of history, and that revolution and consciousness are inseparable. Since the formal protest movement in South Africa was forged under the Sharpeville massacre of 1960, Black Consciousness literally entered into a "life-and-death struggle with the world of apartheid as not only the supporters of the Red Army faction—"passive" or otherwise—but also those in education and the media who dare to oppose the witchhunt. Even ex-chancellor Willy Brandt has been vilified for his weakness and the NF is determined to be a danger to West German democracy.

In Britain, some right-wing social democrats are deserting the Labour Party to join the Conservatives where they feel they offer the greater protection against a "Marxist" society. Former education minister Peter Shore has now been replaced by 30 years with Labour, and Paul Johnson, a leading Labour Party intellectual, has made a similar move and has been described as "New Philosopher" as a welcome backlash against Marxism.

The ex-social democrats have enthusiastically joined hands with rightists, such as the Institute for the Study of Conflict and the National Association for Freedom (NAFF). These groups warn against the dangers in allowing Marxism to be smuggled into the political mainstream. In Britain, the NAFF has intervened in the 16-month-old Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp by helping the plant's boss resist the strikes in the camp.

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