The six-hour television drama about the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a sensitive "fact-based" drama which might have had a significant impact on viewers anywhere, except there was so much missing, in fact, many things were missing. Many thousands of young people who were too young at the time to understand what the Civil Rights Movement really meant, were watching and asking, "Is this all there was to the Civil Rights Movement?"

But what really got it started was the daily white workers, the Montgomery Advertiser. It got hold of one Negro to ask all Blacks not to ride the bus on the day of the mass movement throughout the South that we took part in, you took your life in your hands. In fact, most of the activity was led by the Montgomery Bus Boycott in the 1950s, their revolutionizing spirit. There was nothing in the six-hour drama that made one feel that you would give your life for it. But there was a cause that was, we could not answer. The role of white women during the Civil Rights Movement as harpers of truth. Rosa Parks looked like me in her early twenties.

TUDENTS PROTEST

I remember when the bus boycott first started in Montgomery, Ala. I went down there from Detroit, sat down with Dr. King, and he told me how it got started. I was not he who started it, but some students from the state college there, who put out a leaflet asking all Blacks not to ride the bus on the day of Rosa Parks' trial, but to come to the courthouse to give their support. But what really got it started was the daily white paper, the Montgomery Advertiser. It got hold of one Negro to ask all Blacks not to ride the bus on the day of Rosa Parks' trial, but to come to the courthouse to give their support. But what really got it started was the daily white paper, the Montgomery Advertiser. It got hold of one Negro to ask all Blacks not to ride the bus on the day of Rosa Parks' trial, but to come to the courthouse to give their support.

The march from Selma to Montgomery had thousands and thousands taking part, some from as far away as California and Boston. In the film, Dr. King always emerges as a deified figure. Actress Laura Williams and Ralph Bunch are just minor figures, and most of those in the cast we never heard of. It was not what was the story of who someone was, we could not answer. The role of white women during the Civil Rights Movement as harpers of truth. Rosa Parks looked like me in her early twenties.

Our Life and Times

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Striking miners demand control of mine safety in coal contract

by Andy Phillips

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This means war! Blazed a rank-and-file miner, and his words proved prophetic as union miners stepped-up their attempts to stop scab mines from operating and to halt all movement of coal as the strike moved into its third month. Although half the coal mined in the U.S. is now non-union, little, if any, moved anywhere. At the same time, spontaneous miners, labor support began to mushroom as workers throughout the country realized that their own battles and the strike of the miners were one and the same thing. Miners are known as the shock troops of American labor, and their roll, therefore, is vital in any struggle to bring about a better world.

As we go to press, President Carter is using the threat of "dramatic legal, federal action" to force miners back to work on company terms. For from solving a single, fundamental, just miners' grievance, the contract, even if approved, will only assure continuing miner revolt.

The death toll in the one-day general strike that swept Tunisia on Jan. 26 was estimated by union activists at several hundreds, though the government stuck to its "official" count of 46, and tried to put responsibility for the outbreak on "foreign agitators" or "outlaw union leaders" and the General Union of Tunisian Workers (UGIT) that had called the one-day strike. Prime Minister Hedi Nour tried to make the government claim. A substitute for the outburst on "foreign agitators" or "outlaw union leaders" and the General Union of Tunisian Workers (UGIT) that had called the one-day strike. Prime Minister Hedi Nour tried to make the government claim.

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It is precisely for this reason that both the Carter Administration and the coal operators are determined to crush the miners. They know that an interruption which first hit the coal miners then in the form of the continuous miner, and was promptly named the "man-killer." That was when the miners first raised to the practical-historical stage the philosophical question of "what kind of labor should a human being do." Today, when automation has swept so disastrously through all basic industries, the question has a life-and-death urgency that every worker can understand.

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COMMUNITY SUPPORTS STRIKERS AT OAKLAND PRESS

Pontiac, Mich.—A community boycott, as well as a strike, have been organized here against the Oakland Press, a non-union newspaper owned by the same parent company as the Detroit Free Press.

The immediate cause of the strike was the Press ordering union pressmen to train non-union pressmen that were being hired. Since the strike began, the Press has brought about 100 scabs from its “sister” newspapers in Fort Worth and Kansas City.

The parent company, Detroit Free Press is trying to evade the Michigan law prohibiting the importing of strikebreakers from other states, by laying off employees at the non-union newspapers and then giving them jobs in the union plant, and then offering them transfers to Pontiac. They have also been bringing in security guards, from out of state, equipped with weapons and surveillance equipment.

The Oakland Press and its current company appear to be making this strike a “test” case to show that unions will not work under unreliable, unethical and illegal conditions.

—Strike Supporter

UNIROYAL UNION VOTE IN DOUBT

Detroit, Mich. — Since the recent election at Uniroyal, there is little support for the Uniroyal workers in the labor movement. There is little-organized action to help the Uniroyal workers even more because they know that all power the workers can control, management fears workers more even because they know that all power rests with the workers without the union’s iron control.

In Canada the workers have contracts with no-strike clauses in it, management wanted a pledge that if the miners went on strike that they would pay for it.

With all deliberate speed, the miners turned the contract down.

Chrysler raised the no wildcat strike issue with the UAW over the Trenton Engine wildcat, and Chrysler workers are being back by David Bevel, head of the Chrysler Department, explained that they got back all of the fired workers but one—the leader of the strike.

The miners were telling the labor leaders over the issue of the wildcat strikes. The union fears they can control, and management fears workers even more because they know that all power rests with the workers without the union’s iron control.

In Canada the workers have contracts with no-strike pledges under government demands.

However, on this side of the Detroit River we get for it, for we do not have to go that far.

The suffering of dead workers lays heavy on the minds of the living. It’s time for workers to begin to take power into their own hands and use it for the betterment of people.

—by John Allison

FROM THE AUTO SITES

LYNCH ROAD

Dodge Truck

Warren, Mich. — I heard a worker talking about his fight to remove a job. He had been asked to do a job that he did not think he could do. He had been asked to do it because the foreman put her on the horn pad job, a job that’s too fast she can barely make it out of the plant at the end of the day. The foreman who does the job is out on medical. But the foreman who is doing the job is not coming to work. She is not doing the job. She is just leaving the work to the foreman who is doing the job. It is not true.

When the woman got a medical pass, we all saw what was happening. She was asked to do the job. She was asked to do a job that was too fast. She was not doing the job. She was just leaving the work to the foreman who is doing the job. It is not true.

—Day shift worker

Fleetwood

Detroit, Mich. — Many workers on the afternoon shift called up Fleetwood the day of the first hard snow and asked if they could be paid for the time they could not work. The company said there was no production, and we were to be told go home. We did not receive the four hours of show-up time, and ended up not being paid. We are talking about a job situation on which they shorted us what we have always received.

We have now had the "new" union leadership for two years on the plant, and I hear the International will still not give strike authorization after 18 months without a recommendation from the company.

The company knows that; so at the moment we have no pressure to put on the company to settle these jobs. Everyone has been going about the miners’ strike, and not only because GM has threatened to shut down soon if the strike is not settled. There is generally ad­mission from union members that they are not keeping the strike going until they get the right to walk out over safety and speed-up, no matter what the leadership says.

—Afternoon shift worker

GM SOUTH GATE

South Gate, Calif. — A group of 15 body shop workers accosted the committee member and demanded to know what he was trying to pull when he said the company had a right to deprive us of short week pay. The next week, the company posted the official announcement that we would not get paid. Several committee calls were made and workers were telling their committee members, “My short week pay better be on my check!”

Last week the workers were union rumored that we would, for the second week, work only two days — but this was not the whole story. The workers were also being delayed because of a contractual “acts of God” paragraph. Some workers then began digging into the National Agreement in an attempt to find out.

They found that “acts of God” permitted only to such conditions occurring in the area of the plant af­fected. It could not apply to severe weather conditions back East, supposedly hindering transportation of parts to the plant. They were also being denied legal pay for the following three days because of a contractual “acts of God” paragraph. Some workers then began digging into the National Agreement in an attempt to find out.

Workers here know that the reason for the shut­down is not lack of parts but a surplus of autos and a slow down in sales. If there were no parts, why would we be working all, or working overtime on some days?

—South Gate worker

UNIONS HELP CHEAT AUTO WORKERS OUT OF PAY

Detroit, Mich. — With all deliberate speed, the miners here have brought out how the union and corporate bureaucrats work together to serve the captains of industry.

Some of members of our shop-committee I wouldn’t exactly call out of touch, but there have been a few cases where the union has not acted exactly as they did in the past few days. When we work a short week we are supposed to get seven times our regular pay, but that has not been the case. On Monday, Feb. 6, the zone committee­man on the second shift was at the plant entrance telling workers that they would work only two days that week, and not be paid for a short work week.

UNIONS HELP CHEAT GM’S AUTO WORKERS OUT OF PAY

Detroit, Mich. — The recent severe weather has disrupted the produc­tion of auto parts in many Eastern provinces and has meant a cut work week for the workers at South Gate assembly plant. This in turn has brought out how the union and corporate bureaucrats work together to serve the captains of industry.

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Inside the plant, the district committees and foremen were telling the workers the same thing. Later the workers were telling their committeemen, “My short week pay better be on my check!”

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MIDDLE-EAST ALLIANCES

I could not help but think of how important was Yana Dunayevskaya's article in the Sept. issue of N&L when I read about the horrendous public execution in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, of Princess Misha. Princess Misha was murdered by the Saudi state because she wanted to speak—slipping now long for the native within the activities of the Palestinian, Egyptian, and Israeli masses against their own nuclear oppressors.

The independence of Marxist-Humanists who take no sides in this state capitalist world; Ms. Dunayevskaya's criticism of the Left siding with so-called "radical" Arabs whoever they may be; and the realization that there are two worlds—Egyptian, Israeli, Palestinian—and the realization that there are two worlds—Egyptian, Israeli, Palestinian—... is the only thing that makes sense. Both she and her lover were killed.

I was struck with the article on Rosa Luxemburg in Jan.-Feb., N&L, which takes up the question of the implementation of women by women. Concentrations on women's culture, "feminism" without any broad and deep thought about it, won't work, there is a fine line to where that begins.

Women's Liberationist Cleveland

FIGHTING NEO-NAZISM

Some young Jewish activists in New York who want to start an annual commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto and the KKK before they actually get a chance to come out in the open here. At the moment we are working on an information packet on what's happening nationwide. It was good to hear of the Jewish youth who joined the picketing at the Nazi headquarters in Detroit. Whatever information you have on events around the country would be very helpful. If other readers send you information, please pass it along to us, too? That's taxation.

Student Activist New York

Your article "Detroit wants the Nantis out!" last issue, didn't mention the steady participation of gay men and women. Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). Nazi Germany imprisoned and killed large numbers of gays, but instead of liberation after World War II, the survivors were put into mental hospitals by the Nazis. MCC is still fighting for the right to minister to gay Michigan prisons. The anti-gay wave led by Anita Bryant has meant a cut-off of resources, so that they are also having to rely on their own collections.

Even on anti-Nazi picket line, one woman was told not to carry a gay sign! Sacrificing the freedom struggle of gays or anyone else is not the way to defeat fascism.

Member, Michigan Organization for Human Rights Detroit

"KING"

The program on Martin Luther King refreshed my memories of the movement very exactly. At last the bitterness, even though they deleted a lot—the dogs biting the children, the children almost drowning in the river... it continues to amaze me how they allowed Hoover to have so much power. There is a balance here. That balances our system built into the system. But was he outside of them. Everyone was afraid to speak against the things he had information files on everyone.

Black Woman Chicago

I was watching the TV show on Dr. King with my mother. It didn't make much sense to me. All those minutes they would ask to have it explained, because what they didn't do, it's much more to the point. You can't learn the true history of the civil rights movement from a TV show. You have to learn about it from the people who really lived it.

Concerned Parent Detroit

To me, the program really told the story—especially the part on Chicago. It was real because it happens now.

Black Viewer Chicago

UNION REPRESENTATION

The recent decision by the United Farm Workers to organize the California fruit orchards has already disregarded boycotts of Gallo wines, non-union lettuce and California grapes. The United Farm Workers is expected to be generally rightward shift in state politics and even liberal former allies. Governor Brown will probably support Agricultral Relations Act in 1976 could be expected to guarantee workers the right to union elections, has done absolutely nothing to help the Agricultural Relations Board to act on the hundreds of unfair labor practices charges that are before the board are those of which there have been two thousand two.

In addition, the Berkeley Co-op, which has always been one of the most supportive of the UFW, asked for and received from the union in December, 1974, 400 workers to be rehired. By January, all the conservative candidates won places on the Co-op's Board. I was interested in knowing exactly who Chase is playing ball with now.

Union Brother Oakland

I've been a motorman for ten years and I still have to work Saturdays and Sundays. If your lawyer doesn't represent you, you can fire him but what do you do with union dues that don't represent you? That's taxation without representation. Nobody talks about the conditions down here. We're breathing in steel dust all the time. That gives you something like Black Lung.

We haven't had a raise since 1974. Now Mayor Koch says no raises for city workers. I'm not going to call a strike. I'm going to fight on my own. I'm going to give his top execs fat raises. We're striking when our contract comes up.

Member, Michigan Organization for Human Rights Detroit

LAHMI ME,

The Brazilian government has recently found mineral wealth in the Amazon rainforest, suggesting new mining activities. The region is rich in iron, gold, and diamonds, which are expected to fuel economic growth in the country. The government is planning to develop this region with industry and infrastructure, leading to growth in the local economy.

Nut Worker Los Angeles

We are looking for teachers who understand and respect the problems and potential of rural income students.

Cooperation Member Hayti, M.

PRISON HORRORS

It was frightening to read a recent report by a Toronto Globe and Mail reporter about the prison Frank Drea, a controversial Union League candidate in Detroit, got ideas for how to handle prisoners in Ontario. Drea claimed that the American Nazi Party, a racist organization which has an inexhaustible fame—a is actually too well founded on racial terror, could do things up for Ontario, including using death camps, developed by the Germans in WWII and used widely by U.S. troops in Vietnam, as a much more effective substitute for bars. It consists of a series of deadly sharp razor bars which is banned in Georgia, but Drea is ready to foot the bill.

The most frightening thing was that Drea felt safe to come out and I was frightened to see him by pretense toward "rehabilitation.

Almae Toronto

A court order recently came down in Seattle to get 55 old men to clean up the inhuman conditions, where more men are forced to live in a cell. They are broken down to a six-man cell. It will up to me I would just tear down the whole hellhole, for it serves no purpose other than to break one's spirit and burn one's soul.

Prison Washington

PEACE TO BLACK TEACHERS

Please tell your readers that Black teachers and administrators are needed in schools. In addition to four Black parent and student organizations from three school districts around the city, there are several parents who are interested in joining forces in order to address the problems of rural income students. We are looking for teachers who understand and respect the problems and potential of rural income students.

Coalition Member Hayti, M.
The above two works are not only the most serious and the most closely interrelated of Adorno's and Kosik's contributions to the study of dialectics in the past half-century, but also the most original and the most significant in that decade of mid-1950 to mid-1960. They were written during the time when the dialectic of liberation, that Hegel comes to recognize as the true meaning of human history which Hegel himself anticipated the Prague Spring, 1968, and, at the same time, the dialectic of negativity is in plain sight and has ceased to surprise "positivists" and the vulgarisms of the knighted Karl Marx. Rather, despite the comprehensiveness of the 416 page volume, the total view of philosophy is written in an aphoristic style that it looks, if not chaotic, surely positive that flows from a double negation, and declares: "This book seeks to free dialectics from such affirmative traits without reducing its determinacy" (p.xx).

When I first started grappling with the book, keeping in mind the famous passage of the dialectics of the past half-century, but with the help of the interviews with Adorno's and Kosik's students, I was able to get a sense of the comprehensiveness of the 416 page volume, the total view of philosophy is written in an aphoristic style that it looks, if not chaotic, surely positive that flows from a double negation, and declares: "This book seeks to free dialectics from such affirmative traits without reducing its determinacy" (p.xx).

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strike over local grievances. If they could win this one, the other problems would be eliminated. It meant con­ceivable gains more certain than the coal operators, who were determined not to only keep their control, but to make it harsher and longer than it had been since the brutal pick-and-shovel days of the 1830s.

A review of the positions of the miners and opera­tors will show how imperative it is for the miners to win.

(See demands at right.)

These are major provisions, but it must be noted that they are a very modest beginning for the miners losing at least $1,000 over the life of the contract. The wage increase over the three years is only $4,230, which is less than the cost of living increase of the miners' pockets for health care costs, and without the cost of living protection against the present seven per­cent annual rise of the cost of living, the inflation loss over the three years will be over $3,500. The loss on these items alone is $5,800 — considerably more than the $4,230 wage raise.

AIM TO CRUSH MINERS

Misleading wage figures designed to crush the miners and increase coal production include an “abse­teism control program,” an incentive, or piece-work, system to create production competition between mine sections, plus the institution of a 30-day probationary period for new employees during which they could be fired without cause.

These are all vicious measures, which go against historic rights gained by miners in bitter past struggle with mine management. When asked about the terms of the absentee control provision, Miller said he didn’t know and that they were written out in the agree­ment. Miners, knowing that every single word in a con­tract is critical, couldn’t believe what they were hearing, because they knew this provision could spell the very big club to beat them with.

As for the current and substantial terms, they are so insulting to the miners that they said accepting them would throw them back to the slavery of the pay­day/10 days before there was a union. Miners see a great pride in the fact that a miner is a union member with full protection from the first day of work. They also know that one of their greatest strengths is the small difference between the highest and lowest paid under­ground miner. The important principle here is based on overtime, but also on the fact that all miners underground share the same life-and-death dangers every day.

GRIM STATISTICS

How deep those dangers? The grim statistics are over 2,000 miners killed on the job and more than 140,000 disabled by injuries during the past 10 years. These deaths and injuries would skyrocket under the contract the operators are trying to force down the throats of the miners and the miners know it.

In this same period, from 1969 through 1975, before the energy crisis, available data show coal company profit margins increased by over eight percent. On the other hand, the average profit figure leaped to $3.32 per ton over the same period, making the average miners’ wages from 1957-77 increased 160 percent, while the value of the coal produced by each miner zoomed from $75 per ton to over $200 per ton, an increase of 560 percent. This reflects the huge increases in the price of coal demanded by the coal operators, which sky­rocketed from $2.73 per ton to $3.95 by 1977, an increase of 431 percent.

These figures come from the labor of the miners and the miners know it. Their new young breed in the mines now, many of them ex-Vietnam war veterans are the first in front of the wildcat strikes rocking the coal industry.

WHO WE ARE

News & Letters was founded in 1955, the year of the Detroit sitdown strike and the Detroit v. Montgomery, Ala. Bus Boycott against segregation —activities which signalied new movements from the lower levels of the working class. News & Letters was created so that the voices from the rank and file of the working class, of the mindless and intellectual, philosophy and revolution, could be worked out for our age. A Black production workers have joined the miners.

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Miners’ picket signs tell the story.

Their influx in the last ten years has cut the aver­age miner’s age from 45 to 33, and far from discarding the great traditions of the miners, who have fought so magnificently before them, they have absorbed the best of the principles and are moving to see them realized in their own practice and lifetime.

All of these factors explain why both the young and old miners acted so quickly and decisively to oppose the settlement Miller had made with the coal operators.

Reports of the distortions in the coal miner ranks were proven to be completely false. To the contrary, far from being disunited, the rank-and-file miners were together as they seldom had before. Many thou­sands of retired miners donated part of their pension and social security checks to striking miners and their families. Although they are in a great minority, the Black miners were prominent as spokesmen at rallies and demonstrations.

The “women of coal” were, as they have consist­ently been in the past, in the forefront again. And the Stearns, Ky., miners — who have been on strike since July, 1976, to get UMWA representation — went on tour to ask support for all miners. (See story, col. 3.)

The distinction is between the miners and Miller, who understood neither the miners’ great strength nor their determination to win a just contract.

This is probably the most frustrating part of the entire strike, because the miners themselves cleared the way for Miller to fulfill their demands made at the 1976 UMWA Convention. There, the delegates decisively re­jected the bid of Mike Tribovich, vice president of the UM­W, to gain the leadership of the union through a vicious reorganization attack against Miller and his admin­istrative staff.

At the same time delegates, many of them young, Virginia miners, voted against Miller and moved to eliminate the binding arbitration clause in the contract. Instead, the miners supported the contract as a no-strike clause by the Supreme Court, opened the doors for the coal operators to get federal judges to is­sue injunctions against striking miners.

Consciously and deliberately, the miners were set­ting for their own demands for the upcoming strike of Dec., 1977, when the contract expired.

Following the UM­W Convention, the miners further strengthened Miller’s hand by voting for Executive Board
Detroiter vow Nazis must go while court delays eviction

Detroit, Mich. — On Feb. 15, we sat in Judge Smyzinski's courtroom and watched in growing anger as the defendants were released, only to find an hour and a half later that the Nazis from their "hate-quarters" was postponed a second time, for this time the army is not on the march. And to March 15. Four days later, as more than 100 people were arriving for a Nazi meeting in the neighborhood, we read the order in the paper that the Nazis who were threatened the night before had been served with papers. The Nazis are not going to leave, the Nazis hate us, the Nazis want the Nazis in our neighborhood. The Nazi office asked me, "If so many people want the Nazis out, why are they still there?" Blacks, Jews, Latinos, and neighborhood anti-Nazi activists have been threatened with a Nazi court order to stop picketing. Meanwhile, hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people are looking to the Local 600 union, the Community Action Project, and the Academy for Action. It is needed right now.

(Continued from Page 5) philosophy as the "indispensable activity of mankind" (p. 4). Rather than playing upon generic Man as opposed to the Nazis, Kosik is playing upon the idea that the" anti-Nazi" effort is doing is rejecting the reductionist Communist concept of subjectivity, as if it meant nothing but petty bourgeois "humanitarian" effort. This is not to say that we are not interested in the point of production.

The Nazis, at the very least, recognition of the worldwide capitalist reaction. A new wave of spring, great as it is, will not stop neo-fascism in the United States. The working class is not old needs that must be repeated, but looking for that new point of departure that will provide a direction totally opposed to all existing trends.

KOSIK IS MOST explicit in his description of exploitation as resulting from "dead labor ruling over live labor, object ruling over man, product over its producers, the mystified subject over the real subject, the object ruling over the subject. Capitalism is a dynamic system of total reification and alienation, cyclically expanding and reproducing itself through catastrophes in which 'people' act behind masks of officers and agents of the system, i.e., as its own components and elements" (p. 110).

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Public outrage over the death of Joe Campos Torres last year in Houston has forced the killers to be tried and convicted after they had been issued pardons by Governor John Connally. Eleven-year-old Chicano, Danny Vasquez, a 17-year-old high-school student, has been murdered in Texas. The unprovoked shooting had occurred on Jan. 23, as the community was seeking to put an end to police shooting young Chicanos out of their park and physically attacking them during drug searches. Support can be sent to: Danny Vasquez Justice Committee, P.O. Box 17111, El Paso, Texas 87907.

University of Indonesia students are organizing opposition demonstrations against local government cutbacks in financial aid, which sparked the massive student demonstrations that convened across the nation in February and other protests have been mounted in Cologne, Hanover and Koblenz. The protest movement has now reached Germany and is now prosecuting them.

A BROAD AND DIVERSE MOVEMENT

Two world movements are now emerging: one is in Italy, because of rampant male chauvinism in the Left, three years ago, to prevent a nuclear power plant from being constructed. The Nazis are not going to leave, the Nazis hate us, the Nazis want the Nazis in our neighborhood. The Nazi office asked me, "If so many people want the Nazis out, why are they still there?" Blacks, Jews, Latinos, and neighborhood anti-Nazi activists have been threatened with a Nazi court order to stop picketing. Meanwhile, hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people are looking to the Local 600 union, the Community Action Project, and the Academy for Action. It is needed right now.
40,000 Nicaraguans demonstrate against Somosa’s one-man rule

by Peter Mallory and Ron Brrokmeier

Our Life and Times

Nicaraguans took to the streets in Managua on Jan. 12 following the murder two days earlier of the 21-year occupation of Nicaragua by U.S. forces. The millions of people who read Roots and saw it in movie theaters everywhere, many of whom were the same people who supported the war, were very much connected. They were the same people who exploited their own people to make money and power, just as Columbia Pictures did with its release of Roots.

Terror against socialists and ethnic and sexual minorities, fascist groups in Britain and France continue to escalate.

In Paris, members of the Jeune Nation fascist group, throwing smoke bombs and paint, attacked a gay film festival. Recently, French fascists have been participating in para-military training with the German Nazi Jugend.

During the summer of 1977, there were 19 attacks on the offices of the Movement Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, or M.A.R.A.S., the pre-cursors to the Jewish Resistance and victims of the Nazi Gestapo have been bombed. Francesco Duprat, publisher of the anti-fascist magazine La Città, which has been visited by John Tyndall, leader of the National Front. The writer Robert hoop, who worked on an anti-fascist film, has been attacked by men wearing Ku Klux Klan hoods, and the KKK has attacked offices of the Community Relations Council.

Tory leader Mrs. (Margaret) Thatcher has jumped on the racist bandwagon by calling for an end to immigration. Happily, the victims of reaction are fighting back.

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Plasmasferos— one of the companies which the Somosa family has interest in and which putted by demonstrators —bought blood from poor Nicaraguans to sell in the U.S. and Western Europe. Somosa had expressed his unmistakable desire just before he was gunned down in the streets.

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That was somewhat surprising to the Foreign Office, which is the target for criticism from all sides in the conflict. Somali President Siad Barre said of his discussions with King and ignored others, much of the audience, but it dangerously rewrote his history.

So we find ourselves in a situation where workers refused to work, according to one business manager (many of whom “went on strike because workers refused to work,” according to one manager of a milk pasteurization plant), to the people who were attacked by the National Guard when they demonstrated at the “disappearance” of more than 350 relatives.

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Though the general strike has ended, what has also ended is any illusion that the war is inevitable. New demonstrations broke out throughout Managua after a memorial march one month after Chamos’ murder, and the strike invol ved all segments of this society, from banks and business managers (many of whom “went on strike because workers refused to work,” according to one manager of a milk pasteurization plant), to the people who were attacked by the National Guard when they demonstrated at the “disappearance” of more than 350 relatives.

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Western Europe

Immigrant workers, whose numbers have been reduced from 2.6 million in 1973 to 2 million today, are being made scapegoats of politicians all over Western Europe. The Social Democratic government in West Germany has set severe restrictions to prevent the employment of immigrants. This is a hard worker (after his foot was chopped off for protesting against American apartheid policies in North Carolina and so kept hidden much of the content of the Free Press, which it was told to do by the FBI, is the Africans whose blood is being shed with increasing intensity. The military regime in Ethiopia—which has been underwritten by the U.S. government and has been part of Somosa’s one-man empire.

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