Concessions mean layoffs
by Felix Martin, Labor Editor

On Dec. 27, U.S. Steel announced its third major cutback in employment since the permanent layoff of 15,480 workers nationwide. Even the 168-year-old South Works in Chicago will be mostly shut down. Mills in California, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York will be cut back or shut down entirely. And it's not just U.S. Steel that is shutting down. Bethlehem Steel and Kaiser Steel are also laying off thousands.

What struck every worker, I believe, is that the lay-offs came after 60 years of concessions and give-backs. The United Steel Workers (USW) gave back $2 billion at U.S. Steel alone. Workers' wages dropped over $3 an hour. That's your standard of living going; it's whether you can eat or pay your bills. And all the time the company said that if workers made concessions they would keep their jobs.

Now David Roderick, president of U.S. Steel, is praising

Real state of the union: hunger, no jobs, battered women and bloated military

by Olga Domanski, National Organizer

So great was the rage unleashed by the callous, dehumanized, pre-Christmas charge of Reagan's counselor, Edwin Meese, that reports of the rampant hunger throughout the land were not "authenticated", that it exposed to the world not only the swelling number of soup kitchens in every city of the land — including a traveling food kitchen operating within a block of the White House — but also the brutality of an Administration which dares to ask for still greater funds for its militarization while it searches for ways to make still greater cuts in food stamps for the poor. Indeed, the whole of American civilization has been put on trial, as its degeneracy pervades every aspect of its being — from its decrepit economy, to its battered wives and beaten children, to its engorged military.

If Ronald Reagan is under the delusion that his success as a strike-breaker against the militant PATCO union so early in his presidency means that he does not have to fear the threat of revolution that confronted Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the throes of the Great Depression, the mass outrage and protest which confronted the administration which dares to ask for still greater funds for its militarization which contributes nothing to the economy. Adopted in large measure to forestall unionization, it allows the employer to avoid time-and-a-half requirements, eliminates fringe benefits, and has made medical care a luxury for many.

Increased Christmas retail sales without productive growth has nothing whatever to do with "growth of the economy." And productivity growth in the U.S. — which began its never-ending decline between 1965 and 1968, during the administration of President Lyndon Johnson — but also the brutality of an Administration which dares to ask for still greater funds for its militarization which contributes nothing to the economy.

REAL STATE OF THE ECONOMY: THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

Far from some euphoric claim of "economic recovery," the truth is not only that in the last week of December U.S. Steel closed down three more of its plants and partially shut down more than a dozen others — throwing 15,430 more steelworkers permanently out of work. Or that this shutdown

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North African youth, workers fight racism in France

by Felix Martin, Labor Editor

It started in Marseilles, a proletarian center with such vicious racism present that the largest Moslem minority in Europe does not even dare to have one mosque with a minaret visible above it. It started in a country where 200,000 immigrants, many from North Africa, have met death in racist attacks since 1981, despite the fact that a social democratic government came to power in a landslide that year and promised increased minority rights, including voting rights.

It was a nationwide walk against racism, begun Oct. 15 to general indifference, by 32 mainly North African youths which by Dec. 3 had become a mass march of 60,000 in Paris, whose leaders were received by President Mitterrand, who promised equal opportunities for foreign workers, greater enforcement of existing anti-racism laws, and to "look into" voting rights for foreign residents. (Virtually all of France's racial minorities are prevented, by law, from becoming French citizens.)

MURDER OF NORTH AFRICAN

One of the march's leaders, Touni Djadja, had been shot by police this summer. In November, after the march began, a racist murder took place: Habib Grimi, a 28-year-old Algerian, was murdered by four racists on their way to join the Foreign Legion — they beat him and threw him off a speeding train.

As the march moved slowly toward Paris, the headlines about neo-fascist election victories in several small towns on platforms advocating kicking out immigrants were taken over by something different. The anti-racist movement, dormant since 1981, rose up again stronger than ever; from the usual march of well-ordered and well-behaved people marching to the music of four Argentine musicians leading the way.

In Paris, it was not the usual march of well-ordered and regimented contingents from the CP, SF and trade unions. The young workers who began the movement in Marseilles

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Silkwood appeal wins

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Auto workers look for real strike solidarity

Los Angeles, Cal. — The leadership of Local 216, UAW, was approached by the leadership of the striking UAW members of McDonnell Douglas to donate $50,000 from our local funds to their strike fund. This would appear to be the beginning in Marxism and Freedom through 30

One young woman handing a rose to one of the picketers

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Worker talks about meaning of strike, union leadership

RANK-AND-FILE HELD

A picketer told me, "Greyhound never negotiated in good faith. They said, take it or leave it. I guess they wanted to test us." The Greyhound strike was a test alright. The workers are saying, 'We are the bosses over here. You have to pay us for a service that you want to buy and you have to live with us.'

U.S. steel's decline

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On Greyhound's half-price tickets and forming long
during the picketing.

Afterwards we went to a meeting in the plush hotel next to

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was but the continuation of the crisis which has seen the steelworkers' union membership fall from 1.4 million as late as 1970 to less than 700,000 today. (See "Workshop Talks," p. 1.)

It is that what Marx foresaw as a "permanent army of the unemployed" of those who have been driven from the productive life of modern society has now become a fact today. The real measure of capitalism's decrepit economy, in this "richest country in the world," is the rampant hunger throughout the land that no number of Presidential Task Forces can hide from view.

Not only have more and more women and whole families been driven from the productive lines elsewhere, but the Salvation Army has reported that children comprise the majority of its clientele. The recent history of Detroit's "Hooverville," a brand new "Reaganville" test encampment has now been erected in Lafayette Park across from the White House to bring home the plight of today's home­less.

As in the '30s, the homeless are everywhere. But their character is different. They are poor, single women with whole families, more women, and many more young people. In San Francisco, for example, one in seven of the homeless is under 21. This is a generation who cannot find any shelter at all live on the streets, in abandoned buildings, in subways or parked cars. In New York City last December, in the worst stretch of all, 18 of these homeless died from the cold as temperatures fell to single digits. Perhaps more appalling still are the latest reports of infant mortality in the nation. While it has been steadily declin­ing over the past 30 years, in cities like Detroit Black infant mortality in the nation. While it has been steadily declining over the past 30 years, in cities like Detroit Black infant mortality has increased so drastically in the past four years in a row that they now double the national average. Nationally Black infant mortality is four times the national average, and the single largest cause of death among kids 1 year or younger is being blamed for undoing all the Black economic gains of the past three decades.

We are evidently supposed to forget that the unemploy­ment rates of Black and Latin women are consistently at least twice the national average. They are still only 57 percent of what men earn. That the "feminization of poverty" is not an exclusively Black condition. Women, Black and white, constitute the largest majority of the impoverished today. Two out of every three adults in poverty are women, and three out of every four of the elderly poor are women.

It is this degenerate reality of capitalism today that has seen the mass movement from practice to theory with our own theoretical development of Women's Liberation as an idea whose time has come into a Movement or the new way of life, and who believes in these principles — on the shoulders of the women. Just as Daniel Moynihan — on the shoulders of the women. Just as Daniel Moynihan

leading causes of children's deaths, with parents or step­parents responsible for a third of them.

Nor is that all — thought it surely is the ultimate! — that the utter depravity of capitalist society today is seen most clearly in the way the Department of Health and Human Services has doubled the national average. Nationally, too, while the rate of unemployment did drop in January and February and August-September for $2.50 a year, monthly except for January-February, 1984.

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El Salvador: The Kissing Commission, the rebel offensive

As President Reagan’s Commission on Central America, led by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, was drafting its report calling for a “new alliance of the United States with the majority of countries in Central America,” the Salvadoran government continued to tighten its grip on the presses. President Reagan took office, the U.S. had committed some $400 million in additional funds in 1984 and 1985. It calls for the renewal of the Peace in the Artificial Assistance Act which dominates the reports of force, police and for internal surveillance activity.

HUMAN RIGHTS DISAVOWAL

As a short-term measure the Reagan-Kissinger Commission wants to create an El Salvador elite rapid-reaction force of 1,000 soldiers in training and reserve. This force is to combine the beleaguered troops, para- chute troops and Engineers. The Commission’s human rights proposals, which call for linking these huge increases in military aid to a requirement for periodic reports of human rights progress in El Salvador, has been disavowed by the White House. Reagan, emboldened by his invasion of Grenada, had already pocketed the veto of the congressional provision which had been attached to the large increase in military aid. Our support is not limited to exerting pressure on the government on our behalf; so that the situation will be improved.

THE SALVADORAN REVOLUTION

But while within El Salvador, there does lie another pathway. It is that of a full social transformation, which has been un- folding in dozens of ways including the widespread guerrilla activities of Salvadoran rebels. The guerrilla dimension of this El Salvadoran social revolution is an important advance recently. In a period of three days they destroyed the Fourth Brigade headquarters of the El Salvadorian Army in El Paraiso, blew up the Caesar Bridge over the Lempa River, the major road link between the central part of the country and the northern provinces.

The rebels’ ability to mount such operations, at times when they are not getting substantial aid from Cuba or other Latin American governments, is because they are supplied by those outside the United States. Their military victories are rooted in mass support for a genuine social revolution. Only through such a revolution can there be genuine peace in El Salvador.

It is this concept of a full social transformation that we in the United States need to express our solidarity with, as we call for the further militarization of the Salvadoran conflict that the Reagan-Kissinger Commission calls for. Now is the time to make an appeal to the government in order to stand in part of movement of a whole continent, a continent aflame with the idea of freedom.

The Commission should respect freedom of expression and association. It is as well a solidarifying with the idea and activity for social justice, which we should recognize as a part of the discussion of freedom ideas that are an absolute necessity to make a full social transformation a reality.

Salvadoran refugees: no freedom here or there

Editor’s Note: Below are printing excerpts from an interview with a young Salvadoran refugee about conditions which drove him to the U.S., the problems of being a refugee here and his hopes for returning to his country.

I’m a high school student who left El Salvador because of the political situation that it is in. Many high school students have been murdered; just as many as workers and peasants, many of them. I was one of two who were taken out of their houses and would later be found strangled, tortured, and shot. They were young men, one of them was just out of college. They had radical ideas and ended up the same way. The problem in San Salvador was that, as a student, I had been marked as an enemy.

One time when I was attending school, there was a demonstration where innocent bystanders were picked up and beaten. That started my sense. At school, myself and other students picketed for better education. Our pictures were taken and they were supplied to the National guard and from there they obtained the lack of human rights in my country. But we’re here because of that. The people who they took against us Salvadorans and Guatemalans is ghastly.

Many refugees when they get caught are unaware of their rights, are their rights which are incomprehensible to them. Or they are asked to sign papers which make it seem like they are wanted for a crime. But, in truth, they are signing their own death warrants.

We have to unite against things like the Simpson-Mazzoli Law. I have a lot of friends who are from the north, and I try to help them get to the U.S. From the north, they have to fly and one of my friends was killed in the desert, by the organization that used to do this work. They provided transportation, pick people up and take them to the border. They are kind of squeezing people out of the grants and then saying you can’t live in the type of individual housing you have. You are either in the desert or desert, or just going to go starve.

What a lot of people on the reservation are saying is that this is going to get worse if the government gets into the position of deciding that it isn’t worth living on the reservation, and that we are not doing something for the country. I was talking to one man who lives on the reservation. He came to Ft. Totten, and he said it isn’t that they are making it hard to live in a communal way, but they are putting the squeeze on us to get out of there. They are hoping that we will get discouraged and decide to go. There is a big effort to get folks off the reservation.

I talked to him in the midst of that terrible cold spell and he was talking about the need for blankets and for canned food and hoping that some centers would send it. He was telling me about the organizations that used to do volunteer assistance, like the Salvation Army which would provide transportation and would take them to the clinics, were now saying that they couldn’t afford to use the trucks in this situation. And when the Tribal meeting occurs someone from the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) comes out and talks about an alternative of living in the reservation. I felt there was a pretty determined effort to break up the reservation and that it was real demoralizing and harmful and he felt it was another form of genocide. But he also said that in spite of all of this, people still felt the need of being there and trying.

He felt that the communal living was helping, because it was a great back to a really shared responsibility for the problems. We may have done it out of necessity, but it doesn’t mean that we didn’t want to do it. During the time of more Indian activism, the government had to be more underground in dealing with us. They spent a few years being very uneasy about it. But when the government is really out there and not feeling hesitant. The backlash against us is pretty hard. But I don’t think the government is going to find it that damn easy to get rid of us.

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Native Americans resist government policy

Editor’s Note: The Indian reservations of the Northern pines states suffered terribly in the mid-December freeze. The St. Joe River, the Snake River and the Bitteroot, the Latahka woman, to talk about what the conditions of this winter meant about Native peoples’ fight for survival.

Fuerza Pinochet

Palomas are small leaflets which are thrown from windows and roof tops, or stuffed up car exhaust pipes. It is one way of spreading ideas and calling for demonstrations in Chile. This one reads, “Out with Pinochet, Return to Democracy.”

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LIVING' IN REAGAN'S AMERICA: FOR JOBLESS, HOMELESS... 

In all probability, if Reagan is living on a different planet than the rest of us working people, he has his reasons. The facts of this country, it seems, don't ever relate to the one he sees in Detroit. Go down any main street in the middle of Detroit and you will see unemployed standing around. The other day I happened to drive by a soup kitchen on the corner of Woodward and Grand. The place was long waiting for lunch! Check out the number of closed factories idling away that are full of homes for the unemployed and homeless. It is growing in every neighborhood, while GM, Ford and Chrysler announce more layoffs. Our streets are littered with more and more robots and fewer and fewer workers. I am sick of all the politicians and union leaders who are supposed to be fighting Reagan. The Capitalist dream of the "House of Terror" for paupers, only in this case for paupers who must work 14 hours a day. Just as the Capitalist dream of the "House of Terror" compared with reality, just as the Capitalist dream of the "House of Terror" hot an asylum for the hungry, the "doubtful" hunger in this country goes along with the thinking of the fat hogs getting to be hog-killing time. In this country, it is well overdue.

Unemployed in Detroit

I was sitting in my Spanish class the other day I happened to drive by a soup kitchen on the corner of Woodward and Grand. The place was long waiting for lunch. It will be a long three years. Now they will throw everything at us: lay off those with less seniority, pay them less than they are paid, make them work harder. They've been taking our pictures on the picketlines since the strike began. They know who I am. I tell you one thing, they will get less work out of us now. They have damaged a lot of the good things that we've worked for in the past.

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Sue Ann veteran Los Angeles

Have you seen anything on the news or in the paper about the homeless people here? Since I have been unemployed and working, I decided to do a speech in my Spanish class on the topic. I figured out that there are over 100,000 homeless people living on the streets in our city. We are forced to live in the shadow streets with only the clothes on their backs. We have been called "hobo's" and "homeless." The mental health workers and community workers that come to talk to us, they call us "failures." Their majesty of the people and the way they treat us is a complete disgrace.

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Student Seattle, Wash.

Thank you for printing Charles Denby's report on the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and Rosa Parks in his book "The Black Worker's Journal," but I guess you appreciate a piece like that a lot more when you read the unique viewpoint, which was always as different from the official one of the union presidents, the civil rights leaders, or the radical pacifists as was that of the Esther Smith who decided the jury the chance to make the decision when he saw the case was no longer black and white. For Scrooge, for the author is gone from among us. It is a magnificent example of Denby's unique viewpoint, which was always as different from the official one of the union presidents, the civil rights leaders, or the radical pacifists as was that of the Esther Smith who decided the jury the chance to make the decision when he saw the case was no longer black and white. For Scrooge, for the author is gone from among us. It is a magnificent example of Denby's unique viewpoint, which was always as different from the official one of the union presidents, the civil rights leaders, or the radical pacifists as was that of the Esther Smith who decided the jury the chance to make the decision when he saw the case was no longer black and white.

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... and folks still in shops

The GM/Toyota deal at Fremont not only has the world's first and fourth largest auto manufacturers in the United States together as well as the approval of the U.S. government, in an unprecedented move, seeing the auto industry and federal law, but also the IAW International being its own members. All are rushing to establish new plants in order to reduce the number of unemployed and find new jobs. The irony is that this is coming just when Japanese unions, especially Denki Kuro, the All-Japanese Federation of Electric Machine Workers' Union, are breaking with conventional management in order to establish a new independent union. It appears that the employees of the female high school graduates. Denki Ro- den, which has over 400 members esti-
GRENADA: COUNTER-REVOLUTION, REVOLUTION, AND THE NEED FOR DIALOGUE

The events in Grenada should give all of us pause. I don't just mean Reagan's invasion, but also the murder of Bishop and the destruction of the movement from within. When you consider that Grenada's revolution took place at the beginning of the 19th century, you might be wonder how it could leap to inspire 30 million U.S. Blacks.

The Dec. N&L article by Raya on Grenada was a "whodunit" with every dot and dash put in place about who ordered our President. It's a shame that Dunayevskaya gives to interna­tionals figure it out for themselves.

The question of counter-revolution within the revolution is an important one. In her Political-Philosophic Letter is a very important factor in Reagan's fear of the Grenada situation. I can't agree with your emphasis on the murder of Maurice Bishop by Gen. Austin and others. Yes, I agree, but I don't think that line of reasoning lead? The main enemy is still U.S. imperialism, and I can't see getting far too fast on the other side. Maybe Castro was right to let the Grena­dians figure it out for themselves.

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We need fresh and different ideas to work with.

Thinking hard outside whichever political party.

By Raya Dunayevskaya, as well as an

includes the full analysis of those events

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sentiments of the open slave trade.

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in the struggle against imperialism at its earliest appearance. Take the question of the Spanish-American War. Blacks sensed its imperialist nature and became the very vanguard in the U.S. anti-war movement. They themselves organized an Anti-Imperialist League in 1899. In a word, whether the focus is on the Civil War in the U.S. or the world revolution, the Black masses of the U.S. showed their multi-dimensionality.

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Between the U.S. and Africa

a new meaning for our age with the emergence of a whole new Third World, as well as new mass struggles and the birth of a universal Black liberation movement in the U.S. According to the Black liberation movement in the U.S., the Black dimension in the U.S. as well as in Africa showed that we had, indeed, reached a totally new movement from practice to theory, via ideology. This new movement from practice to ideology, which we heard, recorded, and dialectically developed, is the new movement from theory to be rooted in that movement from practice and become developed to the point of philosophy — a philosophy of world revolution.

Our very first major theoretical work, Marxism and Freedom, was published in 1973, and was followed by a series of pamphlets in which the voices of all the revolutionary forces — workers, Blacks, women and youth — could be heard: from Workers' Battle for Freedom Riders Speak for Themselves, and from Working Women for Freedom.

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It is true that Africa, too, has since undergone many struggles. It is discussed in Chapter 10 of "A Decade of Historic Transformation: from the Grundrisse to Capital."

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by Raya Dunayevskaya

5 Years of Marxist-Humanism in the U.S.

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The second period discloses how very different is the understanding of Marcus Garvey by a generation like that of the 1960s versus the generation that lived through "1917-1919" when race riots swept the country and the infamous Palmer raids that J. Edgar Hoover spearheaded against "sabotage" and "subversive" activity. These experiences have been cast as it caused a new stage of Black consciousness.

And throughout the world, the United Nations, following Garvey's appeal to the Black masses declared: "America, that has been ringing the bells of the world, proclaiming to the nations and the peoples thereof that she has democracy to give to all and into being because masses of Afro-Americans were beginning to right the wrongs of Jim Crow, beginning with the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955-56. By methods of direct action, the accommodationist psychologists who had callously doped the anti-Vietnam War Movement of Black and white youth.

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This Black country of 13 million on the border of South Africa, Mozambique remains the most exciting socialist experience today. 


Kevin A. Barry

Ex-soldier tells how to not fight Reagan's wars

Los Angeles, CA - Reagan's invasion of Grenada, really showed me that the government is preparing itself for war. I think in this situation, every Marine is thinking about how to go AWOL. I can say that as a person who was in the Army for 11 months. The only reason I registered was that it was during peace time, and an opportunity to find employment. But when the first year, many dropped out because you hear one thing from the recruiter and experience a very different reality after you actually sign up.

Kevin A. Barry
Students against nukes

Illinois, Chicago— I went to a meeting of STOP (Student-Teacher Organization to Prevent Nuclear War) on Nov. 19. It brought me up close to how real people, rather than showing the concrete, human reality of the nuclear debate has mushroomed over evidence that British capitalism is the enemy, (organized through the Greenham women's network), and many arrests with the police becoming very heavy. The whole nuclear debate has mushroomed over evidence that British capitalism is the enemy, tied into American capital.
Racism in France

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PEUGEOT AUTO STRIKE

In the wake of this massive Dec. 3 march against racism, the heavily North African Arab minority, who constitute nearly two-thirds of the population, formed part of another section of society: the auto industry. This time it was older proletarians who for much of December and well into January crowded the gates of the huge Peugeot plant in the auto assembly plant.

It started in late December with the announcement that 1,000 of the plant’s 16,000 workers were to be laid off by early 1984. The majority of the plant is composed of immigrant workers, with about one-third from Algeria. The unions began maneuvering and got the layoffs reduced to only 2,000, but pressure by the Mitterrand government on the Peugeot plant was increasing.

But to the surprise of France’s power brokers, Left and Right, the 2,000 immigrant workers to be laid off, refused to accept the announcement, and a group of 2,000 demonstrated outside the plant in Jan. 16.

The smaller CFDT union came out in support of the workers while the larger CGT refused to march with the small group. The lay-offs continued, and layoffs of 400 workers were announced on Jan. 24.

The North African Arab strikers were called crazy and undisciplined, that the CGT eventually withdrew support, and helped get the police to the occupation to avoid further violence. A company union led by former Com. The 1980, which the strike was called, was joined by African labors, like a government-organized back to work movement. Violence broke out as the striking workers fought to keep their jobs.

The strike appears over and the layoffs in place, but the momentum of the massive Dec. 3 march against racism is not as battered wives. The sentiment among many in the country.

Tunisia

Thousands of jubilant Tunisians poured into the streets when the government was forced to cancel the doubling of prices and to accept the demands of the masses who came out in massive demonstrations throughout the country.

The same day before the Dec. 3, 1983 strike, had brought the unemployed and middle classes manifested itself in the fact that much of the vandalism was directed against symbols of wealth. People were attacking banks, jewelry stores, airline offices, television and appliances stores and other high-end consumer shows.

The demonstrations that originated in the southern part of Tunisia on Dec. 29, quickly spread to the two major cities, Tunis and Sfax, und the situation will be able to overcome alienation.

The Tunisian workforce is unequally represented among North African Arab workers who are now a crucial part of the industrial proletariat. Together with the Dec. 23 march against racism, there were unprecedented strikes among immigrant workers challenging racism within France.

Poland

Dec. 16 was a double anniversary in Poland: of workers shot at the Gdansk shipyard gates in 1970, and miners killed at the Wujek mine protesting martial law in 1981. The authorities were fully aware of the importance of this and riot police fired the streets of all major centers, beating 400 people. A scale was gathered on Dec. 15 to hear a call for demonstrations.

Despite the parade of war canons and truncheons, thousands turned out to demonstrate. In Warsaw, 3,000 marched in 10 degree weather in full view of the police. In Gdansk, 2,000 turned out to demonstrate the 1970's uprising. In Wroclaw, several thousand people clashed with police. In Gdansk, which was virtually taken over by protestors, several hundred were killed. The protestors leaving the shipyard were chanting "Solidarity! Solidarity!"

The protesters were not opposing the support for Solidarity, they were also opposing the most recent 40% increases in food prices, which citizens had to eat to keep up with inflation. The increases have been lowered and postponed while off duty. But new arrests and torture of regime opponents are still common.

British Columbia

It is difficult to call the Nov. 13 deal concluded between a select few labor leaders and the Social Credit-Operation Solidarity and British Columbia Premier Bill Bennett anything less than a sell-out. Under this agreement, $5,000 striking government employees returned to work, which increased the process eliminated from their contract. They will get a three percent raise this year, and one percent the next. But striking teachers will have to settle their contracts by negotiating with individual school boards, under the provisions of Bill 3. Members of the Solidarity Coalition who fought to overturn Bennett’s cuts in social programs, from housing to civil rights, and who had supported the workers on strike, were killed in cold blood by five police on a mountaintop in

China

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India

The 1983 invasion of Grenada is now an occupation with no end in sight. Guy Paul scoon and his self appointed nine-man council of “assistant, really accurate” and he called for a concept of “Marxist humanism” for today’s China. In doing so he was reportedly responding to the preoccupations of other, younger philosophers.

Grenada

300 “non-combat” troops still in Grenada bear arms and continue to terrorize the people, they man roadblocks, help guard at the Richmond Hill prison, and at political prisoners are being held incommunicado. and continue to administer the arrest and interrogation of Grenadians sus-