Steelworkers, meatpackers, autoworkers

Labor's new battlegrounds

by Andy Phillips

"Why don't people see that capitalism is always asking for something back. No matter what workers give back, they never gain in the process." So spoke a working woman in Oklahoma. She continued, "Let's face it, if Big Business does make it, we little people are the backbone. Yet these companies want give-backs in good and bad times. I believe workers have to make it stop, because it starts and stops with us. We need to stand up for the whole human race and pull together. I say go for it, Strike, and take back what belongs to all workers. Let's start before we're all taken down with capitalism.

The push for greater skill and the determination of workers to fight back are seen in so many kinds of labor from steelworkers to meatpackers, from city workers to nurses.

• Steelworkers at "bankruptcy" LTV Steel found medi cal and retiree benefits cut off. They went on the picket line only to be met with club-wielding police (See LTV steel story, page 10).
• Meatpackers at Oscar Mayer in Chicago find themselves locked out. But instead of waiting around, they have organized daily informational picket lines at the plant, are organizing rallies, boycotts and unity with other meatpacking workers (See Oscar Mayer story, page 8).
• Nurses facing cutbacks and increased work loads have hit the bricks in Chicago and have the support of..."
Three revolutionary Algerian voices by Neda Azad

That the counter-revolution that came from within the Algerian revolution of the 1950s and 1960s has not completely crushed the idea of freedom is seen in three new voices at Ben-Aknou University's halls of residence. It is no coincidence that these women believe and are fighting for women's liberation. Nadine Claire, the women's liberationist Nadine Claire, and the author of a book for her students, have all been talking about the struggle against the oppression of women. They are all members of the National Liberation Front (FLN), as well as today's Left in Algeria, and its relationship to women's liberation.

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In a language reminiscent of Fanon, Claire writes, "to operate the idea of freedom. They each express an anti-capitalist, anti-fundamentalist view, and their vision of revolution is one in which women are activists in defining what freedom is. That view is unique in a Muslim society, be it Africa or the Middle East, and calls for the deepest solidarity.

Women and Youth Fight Back

Ghalem gives us glimpses of the youth opposition inside Algeria, and shows us that the struggle against the "medical control of virginity." They demand, in their leaflets and actions, the right to divorce, "to free choice of preferences, and the right to refuse to pay. Our demand is that they return care to the needy—return quality care.

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Women's Struggles in Iran

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Three hundred fifty thousand women miners, supporters, including a delegation from Women Against Pit Closure in South Africa and the Women's Liberation Welfare Recipie of Quebec) held Social Assistance Week, a week of demonstration against welfare cuts, media smear campaign against welfare recipients, and the institution of 150 "special agents" to check on the receiving end. These agents have been dubbed "bobby maconides" after the character in a 1970s film. Information from Communities' Elf.

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Detroit city workers strike for fair wage...  

Detroit, Mich.—The longest city workers' strike in Detroit history is alive and fighting, as strikers reported a loud and angry "No!" to both city and union leaders on July 28 by voting down 3-to-1 a proposed contract settlement. The three-year proposal offered a 2% pay raise the first year, 2.5% the second year, but tied all salaries the third year to city revenues—meaning workers could face a pay cut.

Members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 25 walked off the jobs on July 10, and contract negotiations failed to bring about a settlement. As many as 5,000 other city workers from 30 different unions have honored the AFSCME picket lines, although Teamster leaders are now threatening to cross.

DETROIT SHUT DOWN

City services from buses and garbage pickup, to the sewage plant, and even the zoo were shut down by bus drivers and garbage truck drivers honored picket lines of mechanics, and clerical, health and social workers. Streets and parks maintenance staff went out on strike.

Strikers are furious over Mayor Coleman Young's decision to run the city on a system similar to the one that existed since last January high-level city officials pocketed gigantic pay hikes—$35,000 (43%) increase for the mayor and 28-33% for City Council members.

In trying to justify this travesty at a prese conference on the first day of the strike, Mayor Young galvanized Washington, D.C., and-around the city, with arrogant comments: "There's absolutely no connection between what executives get paid and what workers get paid. Both sides grill and that's an entirely different problem from what we pay people to drive buses."

POPULAR SUPPORT

Detroit has traditionally had a basically solid support in the Black community, at a July rally a predominantly Black crowd of about 2,000 people pledge the support of the city community to the strikers, and an extraordinary show of solidarity was present from since last January high-level city officials pocketed gigantic pay hikes— $35,000 (43%) increase for the mayor and 28-33% for City Council members. 

At our picket line people on foot, from teens to senior citizens, have stopped to say, "We're tired of walking, living in poverty."

The solidarity of the strikers—stronger than in any strike in the 20 years I've worked for the City—can be heard in the words of a woman at our picket line: "I didn't have enough money to buy my gas and my water. I'm not backing down! "If we have to get one big pot out here to eat out of, we will."

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Who runs the machine?

Philadelphia, Pa.—This spring, four years after my vision of my children's school being closed, the union, the company lost their last appeal of that decision after fighting it through the National Labor Relations Board and administrative law judges and the courts. Still they refused to negotiate.

While the union may afford some minimal protection, it was obvious from our first meeting that it will do little to save a school in this day.

When a woman protested about the difficulty of resolving problems with only one steward for three departments, we told her that the proper procedure was to remain at her machine and file a grievance on her own time. It is in our interest, we were told, that the union does not get hung up because of Coleman Young's greed."

—City striker

Striking Detroit sewage plant workers face police ...solidarity with strikers

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The Mayor got his big raise, and he said executives should get a lot more than workers. He would not last one hour under our working conditions. On a one-man truck, you do the work of three. You have to meet a quota of 27,000 pounds each day. You always get checked on the scales; and if you come up short, you get three days off.

Now there is no way of our drivers went in and they got trucks out. These drivers say they need the money. We all do. But it's a question of what your pri-

vate life is worth. They say they can't get enough to eat or go to the zoo, museums and recreation centers have been virtual­

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The Journeys through Marxist-Humanist Archives... by Raya Dunayevskaya

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Founding Director of the Archives in the U.S.,

I am turning over my column to my colleague Eugene Black, for Volume XII of the Marxist-Humanist Archives for the News and Letters Communications, July, 1958. The Archives continues to be a project of the News and Letters Communications, and the tone of the following letter will remain the same.

The theme that will dominate Volume XII is our statement of Marxism and the American experience in the 1930s. To see these revolutions in thought as well as fact, let's look at Vol. XII in three ways—as the Introduction/Overview, as the wealth of material which was divided into the Sections that were presented in the Guide to Vol. XII, and finally as some categories, dimensions which struck me as important in helping one to arrive at a Praxis of Marxist-Humanist Archives.

I. INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW

The Archives begin in the 1920s with the American Negro Workers Strike (microfilm #8686). It can be seen in the opening and ending paragraphs of the whole Introduction as an introduction to the Black Dimension. In the 1920s it must have meant a way in which the Russian Revolution on American soil. It certainly can be seen as a beginning to the Russian Revolution.

But it was as well true in the individual of Dunayevskaya, a child of the Russian Revolution, finding its expression in working in Chicago with the Negro Champion, in the work she did on Black, whether on Paul Laurence Dunbar, in her book reviews, in her at- tendance and work with Trotsky in the 1930s. The Introduction/Overview illuminates three central periods and the image of Dunayevskaya as Trotsky's secretary, 1937-38. But there is something very different about this Introduction/Overview that stretches some 60 years. It is called "The Birth of State-Capitalist Theory and Marx's Early Essays." What is particularly striking about this section is the number of elements that come together at the same time. We have often talked about the fact that while Dunayevskaya was working out state-capitalist theory, she was also translating some of the early works of Marx. Or when she was working on Russia as a state-capitalist society she used the categories of Marx's Capital. This section, then, gives us an appreciation of how Dunayevskaya's study of Marx's Capital, on Hegel, and on Lenin's Philosophy in the Turbulent Twenties is an ongoing process, one which we are only now realizing is precisely the one which the Archives, our half-century of developments, of trying to work on Absolute Idea as a New Beginning for our Age, as a New Beginning for our Age.

II. THE SECTIONS IN THE GUIDE

The six sections that make up Vol. XII are a sweep that stretches some 60 years. Section I is entitled, "From the Impact of the Russian Revolution to the Outbreak of World War II." One of the aspects of that which we see here in the Introduction/Overview is the discontinuity that established, with Black masses as the conscious of what we represent in meeting these challenges must surely have been in her mind when she issued that "First Draft of the Marxist-Humanist Archives, July, 1958.

It must be noted now that Dunayevskaya concentrates on the '50s and '60s and '70s is relationships with intellectuals, with revolutionaries—from the West African and Japanese trips to this exciting section to which I will return later—Battle of Ideas. Raya moves us to the 1970s and 1980s by pointing out that the passion for philosophy distinguishes these periods from those 1930s...

...Philosophy as Freedom Action... Can we not in truth view this correspondence at least from Dunayevskaya's side as one long letter on the Absolute Idea...?

Finally, Section VI, "The Marxist-Humanist Archives—The News and Letters Archives as Well as New Findings from the Old," should be very much studied in conjunction with Volume XI. This can give us a fuller view of how Marxism, say in the 1930s and through the 1960s, period we are only now realizing is precisely the one which the Archives, our half-century of developments, of trying to work on Absolute Idea..."
AIDS and the attack on the gay community

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The atlas because AIDS is primarily perceived as being a homosexual disease, and the Jerry Falwell mentality that holds that “AIDS is God’s punishment for homosexuality” seems to be the mentality that controls the purse strings for research and public health funding.

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ON OUR MARXIST-HUMANIST DRAFT PERSPECTIVES: PATHS TO REVOLUTION IN A CHANGED WORLD

FIGHTING STATE REPRESSION

The many ways the Reagan administration has turned back the clock on the advances of the '70s are now clearly linked to the Japanese military situation.

Korean student in the USA

I hope the preparation for a fortnightly NLL will include a frequent change in the style and presentation of the paper. One thing I frequently hear is that language is unnecessarily difficult, and I have to agree that this is a real problem. I frequently have to work to understand the language used in NLL, partly because so much of it is difficult, partly because I care about good writing. An expression that might be effective with intellectual readers might not be understood by workers—for example, "Pax Americana" depends on the reader knowing about "Pax Romana" and "Pax Britannica."

Richard Bunting

I was intrigued by the last part of the essay, on "Historic Turning Points on the Path to Communism," concerning Lenin's vanguardism, when you talk to "Marxist-Leninists" about subjectivism. You might as well say to them: "The revolution will come without people like you."

Many revolutions with the "Marxist-Leninist" view have slid back into decay and dogma.

Richard Bunting

I received your Call for the coming Convention of News and Letters Committees, which I wish the Convention succeeds in advance. We celebrated the June 18th Soweto uprising here at least 100 youths gathered to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in South Africa. But what makes it more interesting was the presence of both previous Gumbian police and the secret political police. You feel like you are in South Africa.

I am a Marxist-Humanist. I have been convinced by your letters and the literature you sent. The pamphlet Frantz Fanon, Soweto and American Blacks, which I have included in a more complete information. It has really given shape to my vision. Some of my friends are reading it.

I was in Guinea-Bissau, and I was told that the war with the Guinean-Bissau government is very much disappointed with what I saw. The situation they really sufficiently. In the transitional sentiments and slogans are not enough to decide the destiny of a nation, but the country is feeling the pains of war.

Shainape Shcapwe

The Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en people in British Columbia were told by the provincial government to remove their protest from the Skeena River, but they set their nets anyway because they say the river rights belong to the Gitksan. The provincial government said they would remove the net, but the Gitksan insisted on keeping it. Many of the Gitksan were assaulted with pillows and marshmallows. The Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en said their fight was for survival as the provincial claim over the water.

Shainape Shcapwe

I recently visited some of my family in Leeds. I have a nephew there who is 18 years old. He left school at 16 and since has put part-time jobs, with very low wages, and temporary. Most recently he got a job as a security guard at a police station. He is on probation. After about two weeks, there was a strike. Workers were offering management's plans to cut down on overtime pay by employing part-time and casual workers and paying less. After about 10 days the strike ended with a compromise, but the P.O. sacked my nephew in the new owners who had promised to cross the picket lines. They went to the union, wisely, which was a good move.

Another part of the case is that the police used violence to win. The strike but were told the union would not defend them, since they are "part of the cause of the strikes." It is tragic that many of the postal workers were so narrowly concerned for their own interests that they wouldn't show solidarity for people who had been sacked for supporting them.

Outraged Chicago

UAW member

There is no such thing as job security any more, I think. I was recently out of work and they had workers and told them to get the scrap rate down or the plant would be closed down. We were at 4%, but then the plant shut down, only. At my plant they show charts on how they put in robots, how many in replacing the number of workers, and how much money they have invested, evidently. It is just a profit. I can't help wonder how many other people are boycotting Hormel to support the strikers.

Auto parts worker

Michigan

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The PSOZ (Socialists) came up again with an absolute majority in Spanish elections, but with one million fewer votes. It is the first time in history that the workers are so greatly concerned for their own interests that they wouldn't show solidarity for people who had been sacked for supporting them.

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One of the most important things in the freedom of especially gays and lesbians, who want more. There are relations between revolution and the language is unnecessarily difficult, and I have to agree that this is a real problem. I frequently have to work to understand the language used in NLL, partly because so much of it is difficult, partly because I care about good writing. An expression that might be effective with intellectual readers might not be understood by workers—for example, "Pax Americana" depends on the reader knowing about "Pax Romana" and "Pax Britannica."

I was intrigued by the last part of the essay, on "Historic Turning Points on the Path to Communism," concerning Lenin's vanguardism, when you talk to "Marxist-Leninists" about subjectivism. You might as well say to them: "The revolution will come without people like you."

Many revolutions with the "Marxist-Leninist" view have slid back into decay and dogma.

I received your Call for the coming Convention of News and Letters Committees, which I wish the Convention succeeds in advance. We celebrated the June 18th Soweto uprising here at least 100 youths gathered to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in South Africa. But what makes it more interesting was the presence of both previous Gumbian police and the secret political police. You feel like you are in South Africa.

I am a Marxist-Humanist. I have been convinced by your letters and the literature you sent. The pamphlet Frantz Fanon, Soweto and American Blacks, which I have included in a more complete information. It has really given shape to my vision. Some of my friends are reading it.

I was in Guinea-Bissau, and I was told that the war with the Guinean-Bissau government is very much disappointed with what I saw. The situation they really sufficiently. In the transitional sentiments and slogans are not enough to decide the destiny of a nation, but the country is feeling the pains of war.

Shainape Shcapwe

The Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en people in British Columbia were told by the provincial government to remove their protest from the Skeena River, but they set their nets anyway because they say the river rights belong to the Gitksan. The provincial government said they would remove the net, but the Gitksan insisted on keeping it. Many of the Gitksan were assaulted with pillows and marshmallows. The Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en said their fight was for survival as the provincial claim over the water.

Shainape Shcapwe

I recently visited some of my family in Leeds. I have a nephew there who is 18 years old. He left school at 16 and since has put part-time jobs, with very low wages, and temporary. Most recently he got a job as a security guard at a police station. He is on probation. After about two weeks, there was a strike. Workers were offering management's plans to cut down on overtime pay by employing part-time and casual workers and paying less. After about 10 days the strike ended with a compromise, but the P.O. sacked my nephew in the new owners who had promised to cross the picket lines. They went to the union, wisely, which was a good move.

Another part of the case is that the police used violence to win. The strike but were told the union would not defend them, since they are "part of the cause of the strikes." It is tragic that many of the postal workers were so narrowly concerned for their own interests that they wouldn't show solidarity for people who had been sacked for supporting them.

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The News and Letters Constitution states that the youth are not directly involved in production, but the youth are not directly involved in production, they are the ones whose intellectual conclusions form the word combination with opposition to existing society in so unique a way that it literally brings them to the point that workers as builders of the new society.

I see evidence of this in an 18-year-old woman with whom I have a regular correspondence. We write mainly about our common interests in politics. Things are bad for her, but in her last letter she wrote: "I've become disillusioned with humanity in general. Things are bad; I just don't know how to ask about anti-sodomy laws. This is the land of freedom?" I sent her the July issue of N&L. I am now waiting to hear from her.

Young woman Los Angeles

On my vacation in Italy, I was able to meet some youth of the Democratic Proletarian...
Chicago, Ill.—“We have never refused a job. How can they lay us off and hire new workers? The company never stops to think that we workers have been here all these years. They never think about us as human beings; they think about us as robots. I will never accept anything less than a permanent job. So spoke a woman worker at the Chicago Oscar Mayer meatpacking plant, one of 600 locked-out Oscar Mayer workers who remain on strike daily in front of their plant.

The company says it is hiring temporary replacement workers while refusing to call back workers from lay-off. The company says it is paying a low wage to attract new workers.

The woman worker continued: “I love the organizing we are doing. I feel that we have had to fight just to get together for a long time. A small group of workers had the courage to fight. Piotrowski (United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 100A president) is being made to do more. A lot of pressure is on him now. The union leaders fight only when people make them fight.”

Militant action of the Oscar Mayer workers has forced the local union leadership to back the workers. First they fired Piotrowski to hold an election. Oscar Mayer offered to give rank-and-file militant leaders on the bargaining committee. Then they forced them to give up their demands for a contract.

We want our jobs back and we will get them back,” she adds. “We will not allow scales to take our jobs. We won’t give up our job that easily. I have worked too long to give it up.”

“I never thought I would see the day they would send us away as ‘misfits’ because we will not accept what they want to give. You have to have respect for your job to do good. But the opposite is what Oscar Mayer has done. We have to give them their job back. They have taken all that away. We aren’t going to let them sit on us. The fight is just now getting tough.”

To aid Oscar Mayer Workers Support Committee, P.O. Box 804321, Chicago, Ill. 60605-4331.
Horn of Africa crisis


This special issue of Africa Today is devoted to the Horn of Africa. The articles contained in this issue address the political, sociological, and economic issues that are currently affecting the region. The articles cover topics such as the Somali civil war, the Eritrean war, and the conflict in Sudan.

Poem censored by South African government

I am a T-shirt,
Wearing 37 organizations,
And the white and black.

"Poem censored by South African government"

In the 1980s, the South African government censored the following poem by John Alan Buckreed, which was published in the newspaper News & Letters. The poem was censored because it expressed support for the South African anti-apartheid movement.

Police brutality activist

Ramah, Cal.—Michael Zinzin, longtime activist in the Los Angeles Coalition Against Police Abuse, was the victim of a violent police attack leaving him with a severed optic nerve and a fractured skull. Zinzin had tried to stop the beating and asking for their badge numbers, but was hit once again with a mace in his eye by a metal flashlight. Zinzin was hit, maced, handcuffed and hit once again with a mace in his eye by a metal flashlight.

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Labor's new battlegrounds against capital's offensive

What must also be kept in mind is that other major assault on workers being waged through automation—roboton. A recent study by the UAW reports that at least 80,000 workers have been laid off in the steel industry over ten years, with the number of robots in use rising from 5,000 last year to about 60,000 by 1985. The study also shows that many companies plan to pay for themselves in three years.

An immediate consequence of this means can be seen in the older Jefferson plant and the modern plants of GM-Premont in California, Honda in Ohio and Nissan in Tennessee. The proposed productivity level is about 225 cars a year, but the three latter plants have half the workforce of Chrysler Jefferson's 4,250.

There is an opposition to these techniques that the auto companies and other industries are instituting and to the labor leaders who are "company men"—men who have accepted the imperative need to conciliate with the workers.

"The workers have to unbundle themselves from their labor leaders and the union and take the initiative for the future in a battle capital and the labor bureaucracy is on the agenda right now."

In Memoriam—Joe Gigante

We mourn the death of Joe Gigante, the president of the Charles H. Kerr Publishing Company, who had recognized in the 1970s that an institution with such a profound commitment to radical neo-Marxist revolutionary theory—beginning with the first English translation of Marx's Capital—should not be allowed to disappear, and that he recognized as the works of the union militants at International Harvester.

Haymarket Scrapbook, a new edition of John P. Humphrey, and a new edition of Joyce Kornbluh's Haymarket Martyrs, will be available as a

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A letter to all our friends

1986 is a year of many important labor anniversaries. It is also the centennial year of the Haymarket Martyrs. Joe Gigante, founder of the Kerr company, was an active participant in the revolutionary movement of money counts—are put forth as the wave

ECONOMIC THEORISTS

The "true" state of the economy in the 1980s we can add a whole new generation of economists who tell us about "uncoupling of employment from production." Via

The Chrysler worker was referring to the recent announcement by Marc Stepp, director of UAW's Chrysler Division, that the company would start using robots in its factories.

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The thes...
by Kevin A. Barry and Mary Holmes

July 2 and 3 were days of widespread open protest in Chile against the Pinochet dictatorship, as students, workers and peasants took to the streets to vent their anger and to demand the resignation of the military junta. The organizing efforts of these groups were the focus of a two-day general strike calling for the end of the military regime. The strike was called by the National Strike Committee (CNE), a coalition of labor and student groups, which has sought to organize a united front against the military in secret committees with an agenda for action. The murder of a young man by the police during the strike on July 2, who had tried to put up barricades, Nata Nuestra, age 13, was shot in the street on her way to buy bread. The family, at least 10 people were killed and 1,000 arrested.

Victor Paz Estenssoro sought to impose an iron-girded New World order on Bolivia this month was billed as a momentous encounter for the aspiring nationalist military. The July-August “marching season” is an annual and is always an ugly time, when right-wing Unionists celebrate and today’s reality of domination over the Catholic population of that artificiality, creates an enclave. This year the “marching season” turned particularly violent when masked demonstrators and the police traded shots, left a number of dead and wounded. The government has not apologized for its actions, but seeks to maintain the name and image of a “right-wing” state. The Bolivian military.

Though the arrival of 160 US troops on July 24 was billed as a moment of celebration in the city, it is anything but. The US troops are seen as a “war against cocaine,” little, that the drug is in itself a threat to the Bolivian people. The joint operations with the Bolivian Army are in fact the fulfillment of a long-standing US military policy to control the Bolivian military.

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U.S. troops in Bolivia

The U.S. troops in Bolivia are a clear indication of the U.S. and Surgen’s Luminoso’s (Shining Path) guerrilla war. The US troops are in the midst of the joint operation, which marked a new stage in a deepening process of confrontation between the US and the Bolivian military.

The US is now to the extent to which Reagan has shown himself willing to commit U.S. troops to the heart of South America. That cooperation took off last fall, when the government of Vice-President of the US, Ricardo Lagos, sought to impose a harsh economic austerity program through a 90-day state of siege. Paige then requested—and obtained—a U.S. military aid assistance.

Peru prison uprising

When inmates in three Peru prisons staged an uprising, the government gave the inmates a few days to surrender before the uprising, which then became a full-scale extermination campaign. Most were in prison for presumed association with the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrilla movement. The US military used helicopter gunships and anti-tank rockets. In all, 12 prisoners were killed in the assaults on the prison buildings, and in the aftermath some 7000 people were dead or still alive in the fraccións. The massacre was among the worst in the region.

At Lurigancho, at least 100 prisoners who were in the prison after the prisoners were summarily executed as they lay on the ground. Alan Garcia, the President of Peru, declared the massacre and promised a full investigation. Later they ordered the arrest of 95 police involved in the killing, but only one general has been arrested.

In fact, the military has gotten a loose

In Pinochet's Chile, protests, divisions grow

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