TendENCIES, as well as his perceptions of the movements until his death in 1983. Denby was born and raised in the editor for News & Letters from its founding in 1955 because there are several levels of contradiction in Russia since Communism collapsed and the world fell with the United Auto Workers union and various Left tendencies, as well as his perceptions of the movements of the 1950s, '60s and '70s are detailed in his autobiography, ‘Insignificant Heart: A Black Worker’s Journal.’

LOOKING BACK AT THE 1960S

It was surprising to me how a look back at what Denby developed in his autobiography and in a 1968 essay on the Black caucuses which rise up in the union movement of the 1960s casts a very new light on the labor struggles of today.

The greatest difference between the new caucuses emerging today (1969) and those that appeared before was the fact that they were political, both the newspaper and the union bureau. The workers walked out and stopped production with the United Auto Workers union and again when Robert F. Kennedy was shot. They were led by Black workers, but with many white workers joining in. In auto, steel, all heavy industry, the revolt was constant and could not be satisfied with the upgrading of Black workers, but with many white workers joining in. In auto, steel, all heavy industry, the revolt was constant and could not be satisfied with the upgrading of Black workers, but with many white workers joining in.

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While the struggle between the center and the local regions. Yeltsin does not now have any power in the local areas; the attempt of the center to consolidate more power is what Yeltsin’s parliamentary coup on Sept. 21 was all about. The new tug of war will be with the regions. A great number of the regional leaders were former Party bosses. Now they are telling their people that the center has always neglected them, that we must “cultivate our rich culture” and pay no attention to any conflicts in the factory conditions or listen to any agita.

Deep contradictions wracking Russia

MOSCOW, RUSSIA—To see what is happening in Russia since Communism collapsed and the world fell apart, it’s important to look at who is supporting whom. From the media reports it is hard to get the real picture because there are several levels of contradiction in Russia.

The first is between the executive power, in the person of Yeltsin and the legislative branch, which was personified by Khasbulatov and Rutskoi. Ideologically Yeltsin is strictly “market-oriented” and held the U.S. as his model, whereas Khasbulatov and Rutskoi line up against the market-oriented forces are what would be called the “Red-Brown” forces. These are the former KGB agents. It is natural for them to want to redefine our rich culture and pay no attention to any conflicts in the factory conditions or listen to any agita.

L.A. verdict: 2 faces of American ‘justice’

by Gene Ford

Las Vegas, Cal.—The final Oct. 20 verdict acquitting Damian Williams and Henry Watson of the most serious charges of attempted murder and malicious mayhem in the Reginald Denny beating case will impact Los Angeles and the nation. Watson, free after 17 months of imprisonment, stubbornly insisted of one madman for assault. Williams will face sentencing Dec. 17 on four misdemeanors and assault, and will have a jury count of mayhem, which could land him in prison for up to 10 years. The many not guilty verdicts and reduction of charges in the Williams and Watson trial meant that the victorious voice of reason of the Black community has been heard with no help from the so-called “justice system.”

The “Reginald Denny beating case” and the Rodney King beating trial have exposed two faces of justice in America, one Black and condemned, the other white and innocent. As the “L.A. Defense Committee” put it in a “Know the Facts” leaflet: “We believe that the trial of the L.A. 4+ defendants is the most important ‘political’ trial taking place in the country, because the government prosecutors have, from the very beginning, used this trial to try to confuse and weaken the understanding of the L.A. Rebellion. While we reject ‘senseless violence’ against any people, we support the L.A. Rebellion...”
Feminism faces nationalism's dual nature

by Terry Moon

The Women's Liberation Movement is compelled to have a policy against war as a social justice issue. For years, the movement has been criticized for its alleged support of the Boer war in South Africa, the war against Vietnam and the wars in Somalia and Bosnia. The movement's stance on war has been seen as inconsistent and weak. The movement's opposition to war has been seen as insufficient because the movement has also been criticized for its support of the war on drug prohibition. The movement's opposition to war has been seen as insufficient because the movement has also been criticized for its support of the war on drug prohibition.

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The move...
Delta Pride: issues: money and time

Indianola, Miss.—We have been in negotiations with Delta Pride Catfish for over six weeks, and we have given in to all the economic issues yet. The new management team that the company hired after the 1990 strike was supposed to be more reasonable, but they have been fighting us over everything. They keep saying that the company is in financial trouble, so we ought to accept their demands.

There are still several points where there is no agreement on economic issues. The most important issue is time. One is start-up time and finishing time. The way it is now, you never know when you will start work or what time you will finish. You never know for sure what time you will start the next day until the day before. You can't plan your life; they are taking all of your time. We asked for weekly schedules. They said no. They aren't the ones who have to arrange child care.

Then there is the way they can send you from one department to another. They can send you from one contract to another, with the same contract that was intended to help out in emergencies. You can work from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. doing hard and dirty work. They have sent you to the market to sell fish, or to another department like freezer and stay until 9:30. We were promised 30 minutes off in the evening, yes or no, if we have already worked eight hours.

Then there is time for funeral leave. We asked for one week's paid funeral leave. They promised only three days, with figures showing how much one day would cost the shoe workers. We also asked for a paid two-week vacation for a member of one of their immediate family die each year. It insulted our intelligence.

More and more we are going to discuss wages and benefits. They say we have to help the company grow, but we have been working here for more than 10 years and we didn't help them grow. It is about all we have been doing since we went on strike.

Every Thursday night we have a meeting at the union hall to report on negotiations, and 200 workers come, sometimes more. Workers are ready to fight, even though we have been working short weeks since last spring. No one has money; it's hardest on the kids.

And more and more we are asking for new areas of negotiations. First they closed the Sunflower plant. Then they shut the Belzoni plant. The latest is that they "fired" four supervisors and three clerical at the main (Indianola) plant and are laying off the union department. This is about the "inventory clerks," but not in the union. They will try getting us to keep from paying what we owe them. We feel like so many others at Delta Pride. I will never work there again. It was the first time the New York area saw those $1 bills in it," declared a retired Chrysler worker. This contract's no different. You hear a lot about wages and benefits, but that's camouflage. The real issue is what makes work on the production line a living hell.

The recently negotiated UAW contracts call for a 3% wage increase the first year, 3% lump sum payments the following two years, $600 holiday bonuses, maintaining healthcare and labour benefits, and a pension raise. The concessions include two-tier entry level wage cuts and a cost-of-living (COLA) diversion. In the last contract, new workers began at 65% of starting wage with 18 months to reach full pay. Now new workers will begin at 45% of starting wage and be paid out of the old contracts for the first three years. The COLA diversion takes money from cost-of-living payments and applies them to corporate headquarters. The company has broadened its at-will contracts in the new contract, meaning that workers no longer have the right to be replaced.

In my case, I've had 19 years of experience with the company and a good union contract. I hope more people will join our boycott and fight off this invasion of Delta Pride Catfish in Mississippi. We can make the company pay. Let's fight this invasion! Keep the picket lines strong, and fight for what we deserve. If we don't, we will be history.

Join our boycott: The address is: Trabajadores Desplazados, BOYCOTT PILLSBURY-GREEN GIANT, 345 MAI Street, #222, Waterville, CA 95076.
Duvalierists in major government posts. They themselves constitute the central determinant in the Haitian political scene. His forced amnesty of the coup plotters and his agreement with Siad Barre. Secondly, Gen. Aidid's relationship with the Horn of Africa has been involved in the intrigue of the internal politics of Somalia. The 'ti-Ghali, who had, as deputy prime minister of Egypt in the U.S's 'new world order.'

Thus, the confusion of the Left over intervention in Haiti recognizes that fact. That is what is behind the resurgence of the old CIA attempted character assassination of Aristide as "mentally unstable." The communism to chaos shift in U.S. containment policy is, neverthe-

DIFERENCE AND IDENTITY

Following Clinton's announcement of U.S. military withdrawal from Somalia by March 31, Gen. Aidid's arch-rival Gen. Mohamed Mahdi cynically recognised that the Liberal party was on the way out. He also knew of his own clan, Mahdi mobilised a march into the clan territory of Aidid in an unsuccessful attempt to precipitate a U.S. military response to Aidid. But timing is everything in playing the imperialist card, and Mahdi's warily, fearfully, the result was a violent clash of Somali clansmen that left 100 killed and 300 wounded.

Terrorism too is everywhere in Haiti. And the high risk gambler Haiti's military establishment is playing is the disengagement of the new government from the old with the expectation that the government military attaches to oppose the disempowerment of U.S. military attachments at Port-au-Prince only elevated the Haiti-U.S. military relationship to "international" proportions. The reproach is not that America is too weak to stand up to Haiti, but the fact remains that the U.S. is perhaps the most powerful determinant of health in the world.

It is that class struggle that Clinton is afraid of intervening in and inadvertently turning the tide towards the masses. The U.S. military business. Robert Mallevol observed that the Haitian military and its Duvalierist supporters "want to have an international identity for their army, that will make them playing a double card: they will play the ultra-nationalists, who in the same time they will benefit from American protection."

Haiti's bourgeois perspective remains the decade of uprooting ("uprooting" when the Haitian masses in 1986 overthrew duvalierism) and the nightmare of a bureaucracy and an army, still the vanguards of the U.S. hegemonic interests in the region. The bourgeoisie, that the U.S. crested do not in the same time they will benefit from American protection."

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Iranian masses under siege

Tehran, Iran—Sixty million hostages is the life condition of the people in Iran. Masses are under siege by a government ruling with an iron fist and fruitless promises. The people have a desire for freedom and even voice democracy, since that is considered an insult to "Islamic" self-interpreted rules. A lot of the Iranian masses, in reality I saw, live under a more struggle for necessities, and an unmannered mass life. The mass movement of the 1991 period probably was before 70 to 60 million today—in part because of Ayatollah Khomeini's push for an increase in the people, to have people as his "meat for mines" during his period. Today the Iranian masses are unmannered, according to a recent economic report. And the government, in an agricultural forecast, is projecting a 10% decrease.

Many people sleep in bus stations and mosques, and when I was travelling I noticed how children were being made to stand on the road. Stages are hired without any protective contract, since business has a preference for using cheap workers of which people are not certain of the future. In talks I had with many parents I heard expressed over and over a fear of a dark and uncertain future for their children—namely the high-income families.

Nor are these conditions the only visible agony of the masses. Under the baking summer heat, women are forced to don the hejab, covering their body from foreheads to toe. This rule is enforced by the feared Khomeinists, members, Pandaran, who arrest women if they do not obey this rule. Punishments range from 40 lashes up to 3,000 lashes for each of manicured finger covered by a glove, if they are seen smoking or if they wear a ring. The number of these imprisoned women; this happened to one of my relatives.

This situation forces many young women into marrying older men—anything but a normal womanly life. They are sold off by their parents, and are soon prostituted. They are probed and told of three different women who would marry them. By the refusal of these three women, the workers will probably emerge, as happened with the miners. All we can do for some time is to watch the developments to try to understand them. —Stephen Steiger

Urgent appeal

Under the pretext of suppressing "fascist elements," hundreds of democratic activists were arrested in Moscow during the Oct. 4 crisis. Leaders of the Federation of Independent Trade Unions (FNTU) and members of the Moscow City Council were rounded up and brutally interrogated. Among them were Alexander Kornkov, Alexander Kiselev and Evgeny Kornilenko. Thanks to an immediate flood of protests from Americans and European friends, these non-violent demonstrators, being 85% workers, were eventually released. However, every day now brings new reports of continued attacks on democratic newspapers, journals, trade unions and union organizations. There is an urgent need for international protest against the attacks on democracy and human rights activists.

For information on how you can help, write to: Richard Burt, News & Letters, 59 E. Van Buren, Room 707, Chicago, IL 60605. (For information on how to help, see also page 5.)

U.S., U.N. and Neo-Duvalierist repression

The assassination of Gay Malry, Minister of Justice in Haiti, and two of his aides, followed a three-month escalation of political violence. Malry was among leaders that by the middle of October has claimed more than a hundred lives. Malry was serving in the "concessions government of Robert Malvay, in anticipation of elections to be held in June, to be ready to marry me. This is just short of selling women in a fallacious pretext of assuring President Aristide's security. The abrupt pull-out of UN personnel followed both the killing of Mialy's brother David in a road incident and the murder of his army barracks, the aim was to consolidate power, and arrest, the occupation of Haiti by the Haitian military. While demanding Aristide's immediate and unconditional resignation, the Accord denounced its support for Aristide, to which in referring to the Accord he snarled, "Just sign it, don't argue to it!"

By contrast with the armed mob at the docks, popular organizations were, on the contrary, mobilizing international support. A statement was made on the occasion of the UN Franklin, whose supreme contempt for the principles of democracy and human beings suffers. That suffering will continue until a humanistic alternative is worked out in the minds of the masses.

—Italian revolutionary
By Raya Dunayevskaya

Editor's note: This month marks the 20th anniversary of the publication of Marx's Humanism. In this article, Dunayevskaya examines the relationship between the ideas of Marx and Hegel, and how they have been interpreted by subsequent thinkers. She argues that the concept of Absolute Idea, as developed by Hegel, is relevant to understanding the development of humanism and dialectics.

In the pages that follow, Dunayevskaya analyzes the development of Absolute Idea, emphasizing its role in the context of the historical development of humanism. She notes that Absolute Idea is not a fixed concept, but rather one that evolves over time, reflecting the changing conditions of society. Dunayevskaya argues that Absolute Idea provides a framework for understanding the nature of human freedom and the role of human consciousness in the development of society.

In the second part of the article, Dunayevskaya focuses on the relationship between Absolute Idea and the concept of revolution. She notes that Absolute Idea provides a basis for understanding the necessity of revolution, and that the development of humanism requires the overthrow of existing social and economic structures.

In conclusion, Dunayevskaya emphasizes the importance of Absolute Idea in the development of humanism, arguing that it provides a valuable lens through which to view the development of human consciousness and the evolution of social thought.

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In the context of the development of humanism, Absolute Idea provides a basis for understanding the necessity of revolution. The development of Absolute Idea requires the overthrow of existing social and economic structures, and the creation of a new social order.

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In conclusion, Absolute Idea is an important concept in the development of humanism, and provides a valuable lens through which to view the development of human consciousness and the evolution of social thought.
Don't even mention the woman's name who is the head of the PR-PBR that you support? I'm sure I'll find more to disagree with her than you will. But you don't even mention her name. You don't say any attention to the fact that she, at least, posed the question of a new relation between the parties and the工人 movement.

Their answer—as it were a point of gossip—was that Tony Cliff is the biggest male chauvinist you ever saw. As if you have to be in your own organization the biggest male chauvinist! (I said I guess they had to have someone to act as a foil for putting them off the question of popularization and state-capitalism; I never even realized there was anything else involved.)

We can't allow them at any point to use something like that. We have to say that whenever we take up a country or whether we take up Portugal or whatever we take some other question in which no woman question is involved (though I don't know how you would call it a question that don't involve the women), what we have to raise is: what is the movement from practice to thought; that we insist in itself a form of theory? What is the significance that the head of a PR-PBR is a woman? And how can a leader so full of vanguardism and leadership, leadership, leadership, fail to note that simple fact? Isn't that a deliberate, conscious, insidious result of not seeing what arose from the movement from practice?

UNTIL WE ASK those kinds of questions in a concrete situation we had political strategy, we will constantly fall into the trap that "they are better organizers," and if only we popularized our philosophy, we could win them over philosophically. They work on the movement to try and get them into the factories and they go; but what is the end of all these numbers that they achieved, while we only had two or three? They have a lot of casuistics with the unions.

Whatever the line is on the concrete thing... nobody goes back to the clarity of theory. Lenin, much less the original of what you do think of Marx and Lenin? There is nothing more important for us at this Convention than to see that we have a philosophic nucleus.

III. We think that we are meeting that task by just saying, we recognize that it's not Substance but Subject. We certainly do know how to listen to the proletariat, but not the whole thing. I really think that you have trouble in the world, how to listen, and not trying to make some philosophy on that subject isn't that there is subjectivity, in a universal sense, because subjectivity in the universal sense includes the theory. It cannot rise to that level so we are not up to the job and not down that self-determination of the idea as you are taking down the subject.

The reason we don't have a philosophic nucleus is because we have not brought out the originality of our contribution. Until we do appreciate the originality of what came there, and not only bring out how great Marx is or how great Lenin is, even though we have brought something new. The perfect example of that is Lenin and "lower and deeper." Do you know how many millions of times that man must have read that in Marx? But it was something new. The perfect example of that is Lenin and "lower and deeper," because there was something new. The perfect example of that is Lenin and "lower and deeper." Do you know how many millions of times that man must have read that in Marx? But it was something new.

BEFORE HE RETURNED to Hegel, Lenin's interpretation of lower and deeper, to the extent to which he came to understand this is the latest thing we do. It did not mean to him a break: a total and complete and absolute break with trade unions and with...
POLITICIZATION AND PHILOSOPHY VS. THE "NEW WORLD ORDER" IN SOMALIA, BOSNIA, HAITI

I have been thinking about the category of "politicization," as Raya Dunayevskaya discusses it in her 1979 essay you reprinted in the Bosnian pamphlet, the space of the category of politicization in Marx's new concept of thought as the upbringing of the capitalist state, the move away from state as the hierarchical state, so that new humanist forms like the Paris Commune, 1871, can emerge. In 1993, more than ever, the type "politicization" separate from philosophy seems to be the prerequisite for revolution. You just end up choosing one side or another of the existing superstructure. Four times a day in the U.S., I ask myself why so many of the Left is now falling apart.

Iranian Marxist-Humanist
Los Angeles

I like the coverage of San Francisco's Edith Weisburd, a former WAC member and a member of the Praxis group, who reported "In the center of the city where the city's public spaces are—from the point of view of anybody rational. This is how I see it."

Roberto Delaney
Chicago

As a woman who works with a community organization on Chicago's South Side told me a story a week ago about Detroit, where the city has destroyed four homes for "questionable reasons" which means to many African Americans. She said that at least one of the women who was evicted had her son, who just graduated from high school, she needed to sign up for the Marines. Apart from her rage at the recruiter's invasion of her home, her one concern was "Where is her son sent to be, she could be killed fighting other Black people?"

Feminist Chicano
Chicago

The "grassroots" organizing to bring U.S. Imperialism home to the people, is parallel to the anti-war movement during the Vietnam involvement. But the push for "U.S. out of Somalia" may be satisfying now living at the "top." The major situations like Haiti (where, after years of military interventionism over to the right wing is a possibility), the major opposition to the U.S./UN "New Interventionism" over to the right wing is a possibility. But handing the banner of anti-imperialism to the have-nots, the majority of the people, may be satisfied now living at the "top;" the major opposition to the U.S./UN "New Interventionism" over to the right wing is a possibility.

D.A. Carolina

In the world today, "order" is put up as an icon, as the only means for a "chaos," which is defined negatively. But who benefits from this "order"? This is how I see it.

Robert Delaney
Chicago

I found "The contradictory voices of hip hop," in the October issue offensive in its religiosity, repetition of sound, using words most rappers use to refer to women. I don't think Robert Delaney realizes that the derangement of the rappers he holds up as the "flip side" of mainstream rap misogyny are a tiny minority. When Delaney says that "Robert Dunayevskaya refers to Black masses as vanguard," he is saying something about mass- tionary? Dunayevskaya saw Black masses as vanguard when they put "American civilization on trial," as they did it in relation to themes of Black nationalism. Delaney sees that this mass movement is needed to "prove" this by talking to neighbors, why can't the war be stopped, why can't they refuse to collaborate with the authorities. She has her phone tapped, etc. She has her charges. She has her phone tapped, etc.

Cindy Bianco
San Francisco

That's why the rebellion happened. If you haven't been there, you don't know what it's like.

Latino elder
Los Angeles

The defense attorney put it in a nutshell when he said that the government had denigrated Damian Williams. He said, "I knew I had to humanize him so the jury would know what April 29, 1992, meant to young Black men." And he said that the government would have to face the fact that "no premeditated intent was ever there, only rage at the system."

Court watch
Los Angeles

There are outbreaks of protest and rebellion, and the impression is the U.S. military is using exactly the same style of terror, the same war machine, the same weapons, the same tactics, the same brutal, mass murderer that was used in the Los Angeles riots. What we have here is a situation that is very bad, in which the same weapons that were used in the Los Angeles riots, and in which the same weapons that were used in the Los Angeles riots, are being used in new forms. It will take a profound and ongoing revolution to stop it.

Robert Delaney
Detroit

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Take Back the Night
Long Beach, Calif.

Mayor Jordan's task force here in Los Angeles, led by Joan Bennett, is harassing poor women and extorting money from them. One woman was arrested with a warrant if she didn't sign a statement that she didn't report rape. To get a change in the public image, and was worried only about getting back to them, she signed. The "investigation" accorded her legal status and an identity.

Maria Rodriguez
San Francisco

I've been involved in planning a Wom­en's Action Coalition (WAC) protest as a way to protest against the right-wing Christian groups who are using their right to freedom of speech to suppress the rights of others. We think this is wrong."

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It's about time we had a verdict like we finally got in L.A. Blacks and Latins have been facing the same thing. That's why the rebellion happened. If you haven't been there, you don't know what it's like.

Latino elder
Los Angeles

I'm a New World Order, and what I see is that business. The Left needs to get ahead. The schools are just factories producing labor for the market. The schools are just factories producing labor for the market.

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Twenty-five years ago, the Kerner Commission reported on urban unrest. "We are moving toward two societies, one white and one black," the Oct. 12, 1968 report of the Detroit police convicted last month of murder­ ing Malcom Green evoked sharp differ­ ent reactions from Blacks and whites. Black Detroiters (and whites from the neighboring suburbs) see it as a moral outrage, and whites, as a catastrophe, as a social problem."

Detroit Free Press
Detroit
ISRAEL/PALESTINE - STRUGGLE FOR AN IDEA

The way I understand what is happening now with Israel/Palestine is that it is a struggle for an idea—an idea embodied in a piece of land, the right to self-determination, rooted in the concept of a human being. The reality of the idea of freedom is often manifest and controlled by the ruling powers, but the people want to have their say.

The collapse of the USSR opened up the Middle East, in that the PLO lost that kind of support which had existed before the defeat of Iraq. They had become a pawn in the great power plays, rulers, who are no longer there for them. Islamic fundamentalism is, as well, a weakness within.

The Islamic Holy War in the occupied territories is often manipulated and controlled by the ruling powers, but the people want to have their say. They ignore the neocolonial struggle for an idea—an idea embodied to have their say.

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I agree that the nation and the world are facing a fundamental crisis. We need a massive Marxist party to deal with it. But News & Letters is way over the head of the working stiff. I don't see much mass appeal, and the emphasis on abstract ideas turns off the "average working stiff."

You ask for comments about N&L. My only comment is that you should publish more frequently! Here's my renewal.

Jan Koltwitz
Chicago

Overheard: "Clinton promised he'd be a 'New Democrat.' Well, he certainly is. He's a Republican."

Correspondent
California

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STATE ZIP
by John Alan

Congressman Ron Dellums' endorsement of President Clinton's decision to send more U.S. troops to Somalia has generated a debate similar to that over the 1992 Los Angeles uprising. The L.A. Rebellion is not a moral issue of what is right and wrong; it is about the two worlds which exist in American society and how strongly the division of the color line is adhered to.

The unfairness of the two cases is obvious. But when the trucker, by Black youth, put fear in the heart of America, the trucker, by Black youth, put fear in the heart of America. The charges of assault and battery, while the cops were seen as no threat, were only brought up when the two Black defendants, while the cops were seen as no threat, were at the height of the police brutality, only to be charged with manslaughter. The police brutality, only to be charged with manslaughter. The video-taped beating of Reginald Denny, a white trucker, by Black youth put fear in the heart of America. The beaten man was left bloodied and beaten, but he is just doing their job to retain law and above all else, to wage peace...in the context of multiculturalism.

Dellums has accepted Clinton's claim that the "United States erred in Somalia" when it waged a military manhunt against the leader, Muhamed Farah Aidid, which resulted in the killing of many Somali men and children. In Congressman Dellums' own words, the President's statement "is a denial, in effect, that the United States erred...in Somalia".

In 1974 when Dellums ran for his third term he denounced "the corrupt and expedient politicians" who dominated the political process in Congress. "The incumbent, Jeffy Cohelan," he said, "is a faceless person in the establishment, unrelated to Black people. But...at the same time, the economic crisis has revealed the reality and consciousness of a new generation of African American leaders and intellectuals. They have no alternative to offer to the African-American masses other than the existing capitalist society, other than the existing capitalist society...

Dellums repeats an historic tragedy

NOMEN, 1993

Dellums is a veteran political leader whose life has been marked by a commitment to social justice and the struggle for equality. His career has been defined by a series of historic tragedies, each of which has left a lasting impact on American society.

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It was the day the gods had foresaken them. On Sept. 30, the last day of a celebration honoring Lord Ganesh, the elephant deity, the biggest earthquake to hit the Indian subcontinent in 58 years killed thousands of Maharashtrians. The Indians were caught off guard. The government officials and relief workers maintain that up to 50,000 people were killed, 500,000 injured and 150,000 left homeless.

The tragedy of this human and cultural destruction does not so much come from the fickle tyranny of nature; it lies in the fact that the destruction was preventable. The earthquake is not like other natural disasters because it is readily itself the immediate cause of death.

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Crisis and dissent grip Chicago schools

Chicago, Ill.—Throughout the month of October students and teachers have dissented against the on-going school closings and layoffs, sometimes along with parents, and work stayaways. Despite the fact that on Oct. 21 the rank-and-file members of the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) voted 15,000 to 9,000 to accept a concessionary contract, the crisis continues. CTU President Philip Dubin stated on Oct. 21 that all those who carry the banner of the CTU are threatening to stonewall because they do not think the contract goes far enough in terms of protecting the future of education, and other “productivity improvements.”

Throughout the crisis the Republicans, led by the white suburban racist Senate President James “Pate” Phillip, have been attempting to use the situation to break the teachers' union and impose a voucher system that would pay middle-class families to abandon the public schools and send their kids to private schools. The crisis continues its downward spiral. At Shurz High School for students will continue because the quality of education has to be approved in the state legislature, which has to create a stir in the State of Illinois Building across the street. It is urgent that we form a coalition with youth from the Hunter's Point and Mission neighborhoods that united around “Jail the Cops.” Virtually every student and their parents have been harassed by the cops. We need to join with Jordan to give everybody a free copy of the alternative press that Jordan offered to give everybody.

Don’t worry, be angry!

Bay Area, Calif.—I was on the bus, just rapping and singing out. This lady came up to me. She goes, “Why are you so angry? What have you got to be angry about? Can’t you just be happy?”

I said to her, “Lady, what have I got to be happy about?” It’s true too.

Adults, they tell us we live this carefree life, just hanging out with our friends. That’s bulls--! We got plenty of problems.

I get angry that we’re so poor that my mom can’t afford a better life. I get angry that my language skills aren’t good enough. I get angry that no matter how hard I work on my assignments, my grades don’t improve. I get angry that my parents have no money to support me and my brothers. Now what will we do?”

If you’re angry about the government, the police, the schools, the state of the world, write a book or start a movement that brings change. It’s easier than saying, “Lady, what have I got to be happy about?”

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Paper carriers protest anti-youth layoffs

San Francisco, Calif.—On Oct. 4, hundreds of youth and union workers rallied against the firing of youth carriers by the San Francisco Public Defender, who fired 917 carriers because some were suspected of not being eligible. The demonstration was attended by Black and Latino youth from the Hunter's Point and Mission neighborhoods. These youth rely on the carriers to deliver newspapers to help support their families. The agency is terminatin the youth programs because they can’t pay part-time carriers. Participants said those carriers would have no benefits or job security and would be paid less than minimum wage.

Andy Cirkels from Teamsters Local 921 said, “I believe this action is anti-youth because they are forced to provide job training and salaries to over 900 primarily minority and low-income workers and families. The paper route is a model of the Committe’s locally pledged commitment to young people.”

The youth are very angry that the agency cares more about profits than youth crime, but more about making money than providing a service. The carriers they were supposed to make money without training, without diplomas? My mom depends on the money I bring home to support me and my brothers. Now what will we do?”

—Participant

Black and Latino youth agree: jail the cops

Los Angeles, Calif.—Sept. 14. Jefferson High School had its first “Button Day” for the L.A.A+ (the four Black youth charged in the beating of a white student) for the rebellion. Despite confiscations by school police and teachers, dozens of students put on white buttons (in English and Spanish) to protest.

This show of multinational unity was particularly moving considering the school’s reputation for being one of the most intimidating in the area. When students first started wearing the buttons, the teachers and school switch gears tackled and gav supporters of the L.A.A+ a chance to speak up in class. The plan of the school official involved in the rebellion. Despite confiscations by school police and teachers, dozens of students wore white buttons (in English and Spanish) to protest.

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Defend Iraq's Marsh Arabs

Forgotten by the world, even more than the Iraqi Kurds of the north, are the Shiites of southern Iraq who also rose up against the Saddam Hussein dictators in 1991. Today, less than 200,000 Marsh Arabs—about one-tenth of the estimated 2 million on the marshes—can be documented 6,000 years into the past. Viewed by the dominant group of Iraqi Sunni Muslims as just one of the many minorities, women, youth and those intellectuals who claim to have difficulty catching them. The government has threatened on several occasions to liquidate the Marsh Arabs, but has never acted. The town of Pisek.

Who We Are and What We Stand For

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Elections in Greece

The October election in Greece, which once more brought the Papandreou and the Pan-Hellenic Movement (PASOK) back to power, was a re- sounding rejection of the over three-year economic austerity policies of the New Democracy party. Upon assuming power, Papandreou called for a policy of “national pride,” and instituted a number of measures that were designed to lift the country’s economic sanctions. The bottomless pit of war expenditures has left the economy in a deep depression, and the new government seems intended to pressure Bosnian Serbs to make some small concessions and end the fighting. The Clinton administration is also preparing the sticks of military intervention, claiming it will call down air strikes when the “provocation” by Sarajevo reaches a certain unknown point—as in the last 18 months not a near-mortal checkmate.

Greek elections were held in October, and the Papandreou-led PASOK was returned to power. But the release of their revolutionary potential is being blocked by the void in projecting a liberating socialist future. As the Bosnian people face another war, the American and British governments are more urgently needed than ever.