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Drivers hold firm

Trailways strike enters 3rd year

April 2nd marked the second anniversary of the day when 308 members of United Transportation Union Local 1699 walked out at Continental Trailways for benefits and higher pay. Today 280 drivers are still holding firm.

One striker explained he made more per hour with the company 17 years ago than in 1972. "They wanted to take it all away. If we didn't fight back, where would we be now? We haven't lost our self-respect."

Although Trailways is losing \$3 million each year the strike goes on, the company is holding out because it knows a victory will spark demands from its other divisions. They are using every dirty trick to bust the union here and hold down everybody's wages.

The local UTU has a history of struggle. They were out for 30 days in '63 and five months in '69. Trailways couldn't bribe the men so it tried to "replace" them with scabs recruited from the South who didn't know a strike was on. Management tells scabs the few

pickets out on New York Avenue are the only drivers still on strike.

Local 1699 has charged Trailways with unfair labor practice. When the National Labor Relations Board gets around to ruling in the union's favor, all the drivers will be guaranteed their jobs back. The drivers won't be winning a new contract for the scabs.

Trailways has gotten the FBI to tap phones and harrass strikers' families. The company has gotten police to make false arrests. "Incidents" have been provoked to frame the militants. Local media have cooperated by lending credence to management lies or avoiding mention of the strike.

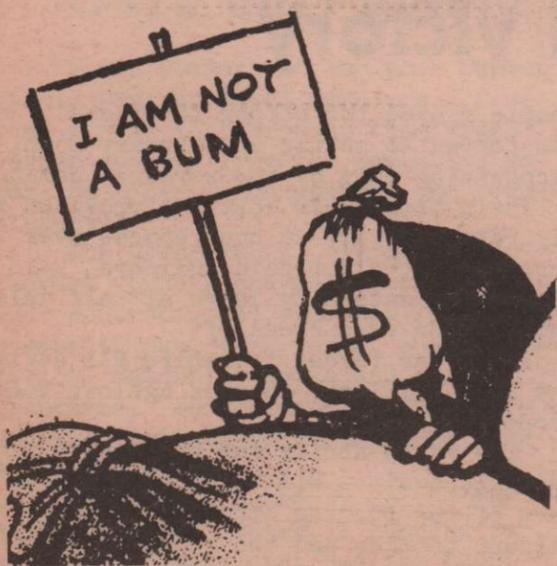
DISCRIMINATION SUIT

In February, Trailways was found guilty of discriminatory hiring practices. Before the strike, they didn't think Blacks were good enough to drive for them.

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Lanham rally celebrates Womens Day

Over 75 people rallied at the Sheraton strike headquarters in Lanham March 8 to celebrate International Women's Day and show their solidarity with Sheraton and Fairfax strikers, most of whom are women, as well as workers at GW Hospital.

The following day, the first of a series of spirited mass picket lines was held by workers and supporters of the strike at the Fairfax Hotel in DC.

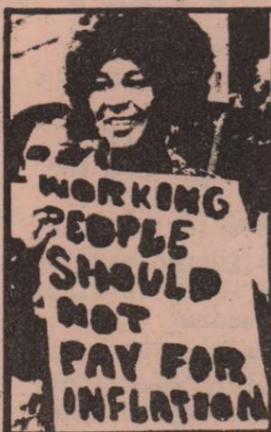
Back in 1857 on March 8, garment workers demonstrated in New York against long hours, unsafe conditions and starvation wages. When the march moved out of the slums the women lived and worked in toward a wealthy neighborhood to "shame the rich," police attacked the demonstrators, trampling some and arresting others.

On March 8, 1908, thousands of women garment workers marched once more through New York to demand an eight-hour day, an end to child labor and the right to vote. This struggle spurred the launching of the great unionization drive that created the International Ladies Garment Union, the ILGU.

In 1910, the International Conference of Socialists declared March 8 International Women's Day, a worldwide holiday for working people to honor the struggles of women for democratic rights, to take full part in production and political life, and for liberation of all working and oppressed peoples.

Today women are in the front lines of the struggle against imperialism. The victorious Farah strikers, 85% of whom were Chicanas, is an example. As they began to share in the leadership of the strike, many husbands who used to say "stay home" encouraged their wives to go on nationwide speaking tours.

The struggle at Farah was a



fight for unionization, against runaway shops and discrimination against Chicanos. It was also a struggle for the rights of women.

This illustrates what we mean when we say that the fight for the rights of women is part of the whole working-class fight against imperialism.

WOMEN AND MEN--SAME ENEMY

At the Lanham rally, speakers included women from the United Farmworkers, the Sheraton Motor Inn and DC Welfare Rights. A Palestinian sister explained how the struggle for national liberation was giving birth to a new woman in the Mid-East. Folksinger Flora Moulton sang her own songs of protest about Vietnam and some original right-on poetry brought loud applause.

The speaker from the Sheraton Solidarity Group which sponsored the rally pointed out that the struggles of the women Farmworkers, hotelworkers,

Welfare mothers and Palestinians were all directed against a common enemy--the system of imperialism (rule of the big corporations) which oppress women and men both.

Sheraton workers are fighting ITT, Farmworkers agribusiness like Tenneco, and Palestinians the multinational oil companies.

She explained how imperialists try to trick women into thinking their enemy is men instead of placing the blame where it belongs, and the importance of the united working class demanding women's real equality.

A movie called "Salt of the Earth" told the true story of the Empire Zinc strike in the early 50's by Chicano miners. It really brought home how working people cannot win without the women, and showed how much the women's participation in the struggle against the bosses taught them and their husbands, too, about women's power and creativity, building a new respect and equality between them.

21-month strike at Farah ends in victory

After nearly two years of militant, determined struggle, the workers at Farah Manufacturing Company have won an important victory. Their struggle drew support from working people all over the nation and showed owner Willie Farah and other bosses the power of the working class.

The strike began May 9th, 1972, with the firing of six Farah workers in San Antonio and quickly spread to four other Farah plants in El Paso. It grew to include 4000 Farah workers, mostly Chicana women who forced four Farah plants to close and put the other five on a three-day week. Farah stock prices fell from \$30 to \$4 per share.

The strike inspired other Chicanos to fight back against oppression in their communities and on the job and also sparked five more strikes in the Southwest. The Farah workers supported

Shell and United Farmworkers who were out on strike.

Across the US, Farah Support Committees were organized to create an active boycott of Farah pants. The boycott cost Willie Farah \$20 million. These committees also gathered money and supplies to aid the strikers.

Farah used every pressure and tactic he could to break the strike. He called on the racist Texas courts and the State Police in an attempt to terrorize the workers and force them to abandon their picket lines. He called on the press which spread lies and misinformation so as to alienate the strikers from their supporters in the community.

The National Labor Relations Board nearly stalled the strike to death.

But the determination of the Farah workers and the support from working

people proved too strong for Farah. He was forced to settle on February 25th, recognizing many of the workers' demands.

Their three-year contract provides for pay raises of 80¢ an hour spread over three years, eight paid holidays, 9-18 weeks paid maternity leave at half salary, and a union dues check-off.

Farah was forced to rehire all strikers and have all legal charges against them dropped.

The Farah strike was not just a struggle against Willie Farah. It was part of the ongoing struggle of the Chicano peoples and the whole working class. In particular, it dealt a blow to "runaway shops"--factories that move to the South and Southwest to rip superprofits off the peoples of oppressed nationalities who are not yet unionized.

Hotelworkers win contract : PG County breakthrough

A real breakthrough for Prince Georges County hotel workers was scored by employees at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Lanham. For the first time, PG hotelworkers have a union contract.

The workers won the contract March 28 after an 11-week strike which had management making beds and hauling out the garbage. Strikers kept up a 24-hour picket line through the January and February snow and ice. Their spirited struggle against a subsidiary of the largest multinational corporation in the world --ITT--brought enthusiastic support from other workers and students.

During the strike, management paid scabs more than they were willing to settle with the union for (they'd offered a penny an hour raise). They boasted openly they'd break the union within six months.

On February 11, a mass picket line was sponsored by the Sheraton Solidarity Group protesting a U of Maryland football banquet at the hotel. More than 80 workers from AFSCME at the U of Maryland, Local 1199, United Farmworkers, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, IBEW, Carpenters, and students from the University of Maryland as well as

people from ON THE MOVE in asking banquet guests not to cross the line.

Five days later, another support line was held when the local Republican Party had a convention at the hotel. And on March 8, an International Women's Day celebration was held at the Sheraton strike headquarters in solidarity with Sheraton and Fairfax Hotel strikers and workers from GW Hospital.

In addition, a number of unions sent food, money and supplies to the strike headquarters. Many deliverymen refused to cross the lines forcing management to go out and buy a truck for pick-ups. Hotel and dining reservations were canceled out of respect for the strike.

Sheraton bosses called in Prince Georges County police and hired Burns guards to patrol the hotel grounds. Before the strike was over, three strikers had been injured and several arrested.

The bosses also had the welfare office send welfare recipients to scab, threatening that their checks would be cut off if they didn't accept the job.

Although not all demands the strikers made were met, there were some gains made. The workers, mostly black laundresses and maids who started out at \$1.85/hr., won a 15¢ raise for



Strikers & supporters at the Sheraton.

each of the next three years. In addition, a number of the oppressive working conditions were done away with. But most important, they got a union in which they will work to make it fight.

And the Ramada Inn across the street from the Sheraton is next!

Office workers unity makes gains at NEA

A 12-day strike by the National Education Association (NEA) employees last February forced management to accept the contract offered by the union.

The NEA Staff Organization (NEASO), an affiliate of Communications Workers of America, voted to strike February 4 after rejecting a watered-down contract proposed by NEA.

The contract which was finally won raised the lowest-paid employees' salaries 8% and the highest salaries by 2%, all retroactive to June 1, 1973. Within ten days, everyone got their back pay in one lump sum.

Compensatory time was granted on a 1-hour to 1-hour basis instead of a 1 for 5, as it used to be. NEA promised no layoffs resulting from reorganization, and in the event of layoffs, women, Blacks, Chicanos and Native Americans will be given preference in other vacancies and for promotions.

Most of the staff stayed out during the strike--unlike a few years when there were many scabs. Unity was high during the strike and it continues now as NEA employees work to make NEA honor the contract.



Hank Dudley

'Gore ain't gonna rip us off no more'

Women workers at the posh Dupont Circle Fairfax Hotel have won a five-week strike that brought them widespread support from the community as well as other union members and local students.

The 24 strikers, employed as laundry workers and maids, won a two-year contract that provided for an increase in pay, sick leave, hospitalization, maternity leave and life insurance. In addition, all workers won the right to be rehired and have a union shop.

The hotel, owned by Col. Gore whose daughter Louise is running for governor of Maryland, was the scene of several mass picket lines numbering up to 40 people. Among the supporters who came to walk the line were union members from the Carpenters, Cooks, Sheraton strike, AFSCME, Local 1199 at

GW, IBEW & students from AU, Md., and Wash. Tech. & people from ON THE MOVE.

Chants and signs linked up the struggle of Fairfax workers with those at ITT-owned Sheraton Motel in Lanham as well as working women around the world. "Fairfax, Sheraton, ITT; Bring the bosses to their knees" unnerved big executives on their way to the Jockey Club Restaurant inside the hotel.

Some Teamsters Union members refused to cross the line to make deliveries and a number of cabs dumped passengers across the street. Even some people with reservations were turned away by the line.

Meanwhile, Vice-President Gerald Ford and former Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern crossed the line making clear their real contempt for workers' democratic rights.

Workers unite, fight to end all oppression

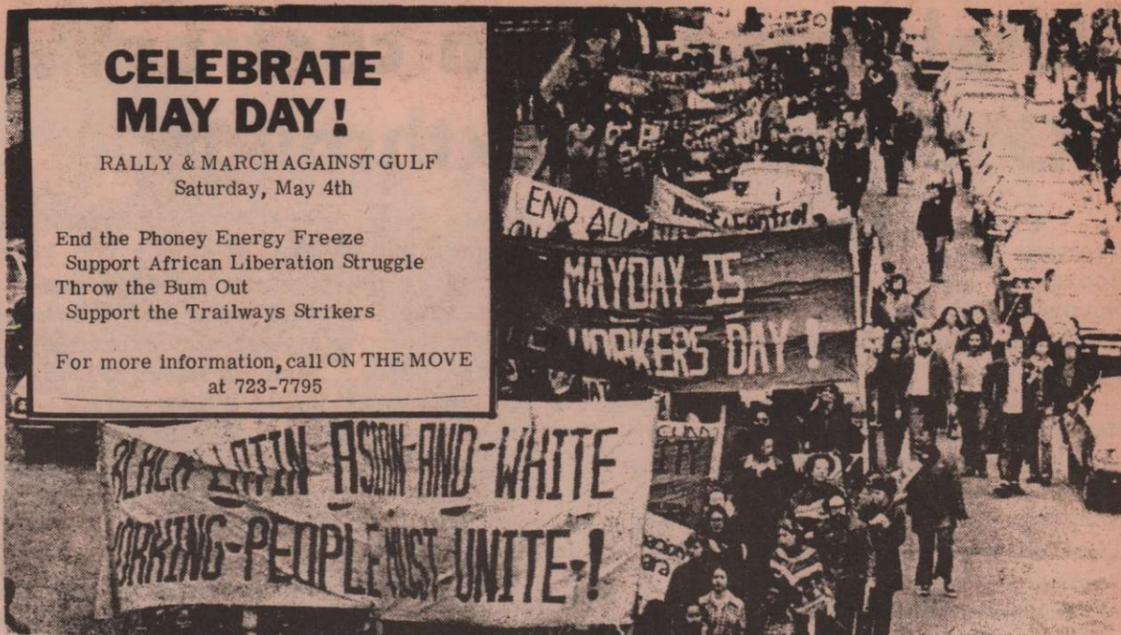
May 1 is International Workers Day, a day of celebration when the millions of working people of all countries go out into the streets to commemorate their great struggles down through history and demonstrate their solidarity and brotherhood with each other.

The bosses in this country are so afraid of May Day, they went so far as to make May Day "Law & Order Day." But things are changing and the past few years have seen thousands of working people in NY, San Francisco, and other US cities turning into the streets for rallies and demonstrations.

May Day grew out of the struggle of US working people for the 8-hr working day which reached a high point in 1886. That year over half a million took part in nationwide demonstrations.

The largest demo was in Chicago where on May 1, 25,000 came to support the strikers at the McCormick Reaper Works. When police attacked a group of McCormick strikers two days later, a huge rally was called in Haymarket Square. An agent threw a bomb which was the signal for police to attack again. In the battle that followed, 4 workers and 7 cops got killed.

The police seized the chance to trump up charges against the labor leaders, many of whom were sentenced to long years in jail and four of whom--who are called the "Haymarket Martyrs"--were hanged. As they were being



In New York City over 2,000 people participated in this May Day rally last year. This was one of many such May Day celebrations across the country.

led to the scaffold, one of them said, "There will come a day when the quiet of our death will ring out in a louder voice than the one you will choke now."

Inspired by the spirit of the American workers, an international socialist conference in Paris declared May 1 International Workers Day in 1889.

As the years went by, new May Day slogans and demands were raised. May Day 1917 called for an end to World War I which was being fought to enrich the bosses. An important part of May Day 1931 was the demand for freedom of the 9 Scottsboro Boys--Black teenagers framed for the rape of 2 white girls. Thousands marched for the full social, political and economic equality of all Black people.

Last May 1, a million British workers held a 1-day strike to protest wage controls and rising prices. Demos in Italy, France, Sweden and W. Germany

called for better job conditions and expressed solidarity with the Indochinese people.

In the Mideast, tens of thousands of Iraqi workers marched through the streets of Baghdad carrying signs saying, "Iraqi workers stand with the Palestinian Revolution" and "Arab Oil Belongs to the Arabs."

Many African countries rallied around the call for self-reliance and real independence. In China and Albania, thousands of workers took part in plays and parades and other holiday festivities.

This year, join with ON THE MOVE and the DC May Day Committee, celebrate the gains we've made and rally against Gulf Oil, symbol of oppression of workers in this country and in Africa. For more info, call ON THE MOVE at 723-7795.

Trailways drivers still holding firm in strike

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But when strikers forced the company to go out and search for scabs, management suddenly discovered a concern for "minority employment." Trailways began to hire Blacks because that had become a way to defend its profits.

THE GULF CONNECTION

Continental Trailways is a sub-

siary of Holiday Inns which likes to remind its stockholders of its "long-standing cooperative association" with Gulf Oil who owns a controlling interest.

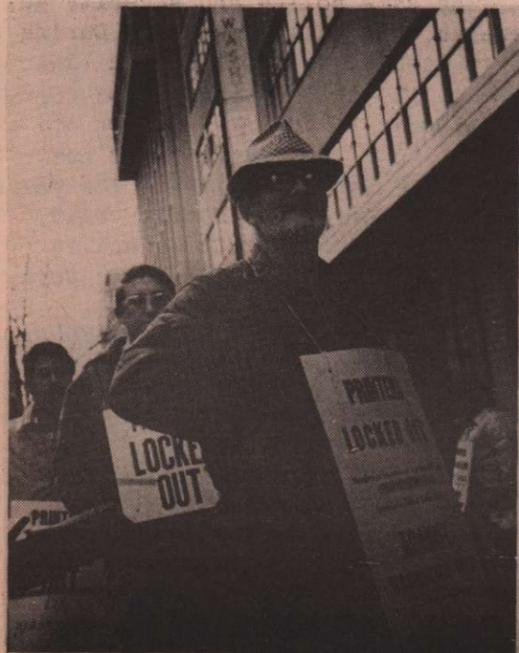
Gulf recently reported 153% fourth quarter profits while we paid more for gas and oil. Gulf foots nearly half the bill for Portuguese bombing, napalming and terrorism of

the peoples of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea-Bissau.

Through subsidiaries like Paramount Pictures, Gulf works to brainwash working people, peddling white chauvinism to white workers and Black capitalism to Blacks. They spend millions to convince us they are our friends while gouging us and killing off our sisters and brothers fighting for freedom in Africa.

Post workers make the real news

Mike Dressen



A walkout by 900 members of the Newspaper Guild on April 8 marks the latest in a series of struggles between workers at the Washington Post and the paper's owners.

The Guild, which represents the editorial employees, went on strike for higher pay and benefits.

The Post, one of the 500 largest corporations in the U.S., locked out printers in an attempt to intimidate the workers into a settlement last fall. The printers are seeking an agreement on automation that will not result in lay-offs. They have been working without a contract since September and may well be out on strike this spring.

Washington Post owners, who represent the liberal wing of the monopoly capitalists, are no different than the other big coporations when it comes to dealing with workers.

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Workers expose GW Hospital

GW administration has been up-tight for months seeing Black and white united to change the way things are. Hospital workers are determined to bring in the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Workers, Local 1199.

The organizing drive includes nursing assistants, technicians, clerks and service personnel in transportation and purchasing.

When the hospital trumped up charges against 55 workers last November, the workers exposed to everyone the unfair employer they are dealing with.

Although most of the eligible employees had signed union pledge cards, GW refused to hold a union vote. Administration was able to wiggle out of holding an election because the National Labor Relations Act does not cover hospital workers.

On November 30, workers held a demonstration asking Chief Hospital Administrator Novak to come talk to them about a vote. Novak's answer was to arrest 55 demonstrators and charge them with "unlawful entry" to the place they work in every day. Twenty-four workers were fired and 47 more suspended.

The 55 were found innocent by a jury on February 26. Thanks to the efforts of the workers, a community support group and Local 1199, one fired worker has already been awarded back pay and there is a good chance that some fired workers will get rehired.

GW IS BIG BUSINESS

The hospital is part of GW



VICTORY FOR GW WORKERS...George Washington Hospital workers outside courthouse after a jury acquitted 55 of charges growing out of a sit-in at the hospital demanding a union election.

University which is the largest private employer in DC and one of the biggest landlords here as well. It got that way by short-staffing its departments so that almost all workers wind up having to do jobs they aren't paid for. Salaries are low and there are no benefits to speak of. Black workers get the worst deal and Black women worst of all. GW knows many Black women need their jobs to support their children.

Seniority counts for nothing and there has never been any job security. Whenever GW wants to cheat a worker out of a raise or shut up someone who has a grievance, it says the worker has a "deficiency in attitude." This meaningless, catchall phrase is used as an excuse for demotions, transfers, probation and "termination." A doctor, head nurse or administrator can decide that a worker has a "deficiency in attitude" and get the worker fired

without further explanation.

The hospital pretends to "strive for excellence in patient care." But by overloading workers and keeping them afraid to lose their jobs, GW has proved that what it REALLY cares about is profits.

One problem the drive has faced is the tremendous turnover at the hospital. Employees get fed up real fast with conditions they have to face and quit. When the union is recognized, workers will be able to stop job-hopping and give up that second job many of them are forced to keep now just to make ends meet.

As one GW worker put it, "The people who got money and are over everybody want to pull all the strings. But GW Hospital couldn't function without us, the workers. We've got a right to a union who'll make them listen to our demands."

Six-week wildcat at Peoples' warehouses

The PEOPLES' drugstore? Bullshit! That's what 185 warehouse workers said when they walked out February 28th beginning a six-week wildcat. Warehouse truckers struck in solidarity with rank-and-file members of Teamsters Local 730 who demanded a cost-of-living clause, decent benefits and higher pay.

Management treats employees more

like slaves than people. Big cheese Tiller decides for workers when they are sick and whether they have a right to benefits they pay for. For a half-day absence, he demands a doctor's note. He uses layoffs and demotions to make employees "tow the line."

The drugstore chain, largest in the East, was offering a 72¢ raise over a

three-year period. Salaries run around \$115 a week.

The warehouses were condemned in the mid-50s. One worker at 4th & T fell four stories in an elevator.

The only way to get ahead at Peoples is to turn in your union card. All seniority means is priority on the shit list. Management would rather force employees to move on than have them fight for what they've earned.

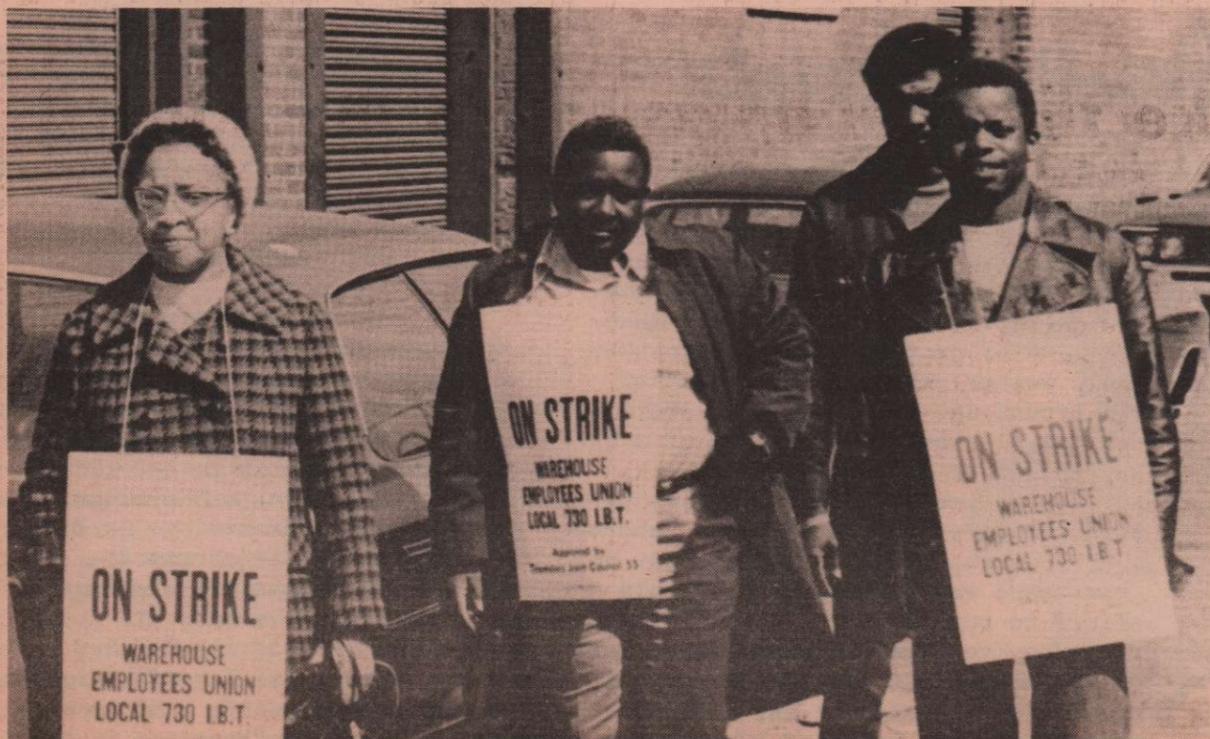
Workers threw up picket lines at warehouses to stop scab trucks. Peoples put police and security guards in the cabs to protect scab drivers.

The same police and security guards were used to bully pickets. During the first week of the strike when employees went to pick up back paychecks, a guard shot two workers, wounding one critically. Tiller is reported to have told guards to "shoot all those niggers."

The strike ended when Peoples anted up 90¢ over three years.

The local recognized the strike. But the International refused to sanction the walkout, so no strike benefits were paid. This was because workers didn't want to stay on the job without a contract. Three years ago they fell for that and Peoples pushed them round-the-clock to stock up stores before they struck.

Another problem was that many workers stayed at home instead of coming out to picket. It was the stay-at-homes who voted to go back.



PEOPLES STRIKE...Workers at the Peoples Drug Store warehouses in NE held strong for six weeks despite receiving no backing from the Teamster's International.

FIGHTIN' TH

Miners win fight against gas freeze

West Virginia coal miners last month scooped a victory in the fight against the energy freeze. Twenty-seven thousand miners struck for three weeks against gasoline shortages and a state limitation on gas sales to those whose tanks were over three-quarters empty.

The strike ended March 17 when Gov. Moore cancelled the regulation and additional gas was brought into the state.

On February 21, the day after the regulation was issued, one coal miner at Maitland Mine in McDowell County ran out of gas before he left the parking lot to go home. He was forced to spend the night in the parking lot. The next day, fellow-miners heard about the incident and walked off the job in protest.

Most miners have to drive a long way through the mountains to get to work. They foresaw the dilemma of having to either sleep in the bathroom after their shift or not go to work at all.

Miners in nine counties soon followed Maitland out on strike. Because many of the same companies that own oil also own the coal mines, the miners knew the strike hit the oil companies head-on.

The determined strikers won small concessions at first. Previously nonexistent gasoline appeared. Continental Coil Co., which owns Consoli-



Miners in West Virginia struck to demand that the state end restrictions on gas purchases. As one miner said, "If one man couldn't get to work, nobody was going to work."

dation Coal Co., brought in 650,000 gallons.

During the second week of the protests, Gov. Moore modified the one-quarter tank rule to exempt anyone traveling to work more than 250 miles per week. He also promised the miners that they would have all the gas they needed by April 1.

The miners rejected this compromise overwhelmingly. They continued to demand that the one-quarter tank limitation be abolished for everyone.

The corporations and the government replied with vicious attacks. US Steel threatened to begin laying off steel workers if the shutdown continued.

At US Steel's mines at Sary in McDowell County, the sheriff drove com-

pany officials to the picket line to identify the strikers. The police copied license numbers and set up roadblocks to harass the strikers. When the court issued injunctions, the cops carried armloads of them to the protest lines, serving them on everyone in sight.

At another mine, three strikers were shot and critically wounded.

But this desperate attempt to defeat the miners backfired. The strike spread further north into District 31. It began to look as if the whole state would walk out in response to the shooting.

Gov. Moore threw in the towel. The limitation was lifted. More gasoline became available. The miners returned to work victorious.

EDITORIAL

Phoney shortage, Real crisis

The "energy crisis" is a fake--a lying scheme put together to make the big oil monopolies a fat, quick and easy profit--at our expense. Most people smelled a rat right from the start; the whole thing just came on too suddenly to be real.

Now that gas prices have gone up 25¢, one out of ten workers in the DC area have lost their jobs or had their hours cut back and the government has a freeze on hiring---

And now that we have shivered through the winter months without proper heating in the dark a.m., we are still being told we must make all kinds of sacrifices while the oil co's make record profits.

PLENTY OF OIL

The fact is that there is plenty

of oil. The US alone has enough reserves to last 200 years--in the ground, not to mention other energy sources like coal which can keep us going for about 3000 years. But the oil companies figure they can't make the kind of profits they want so they don't bother getting the oil out of the ground and refining it or looking for alternatives. So all of a sudden, we've got a "shortage."

We've been through this jive before. Before oil, there was a "shortage" of meat, until the price went up. Then there was plenty, if you could afford to buy it!

They've tried to blame the crisis on the Arabs, but only 7% of our oil comes from the Mideast and how could that affect the price of our own oil of which there's plenty.

Then they tried the "blame it on

the people" shuck--it's all our fault. We live too good, drive too fast, keep our thermostats too high. Like one DC cabbie put it, "Poor as I've been all my life, ain't I always tried to save on fuel bills?"

Nixon tells us "everyone will have to make a few sacrifices for the good of the nation." In other words, we suffer while the monopolies line their pockets and send tons and tons of oil to Cambodia and Vietnam.

CRAZY SYSTEM

We've heard about plastic shortages, wheat shortages and even toilet paper shortages. The reason is that all these industries are controlled by a handful of monopolies that can turn the supply on and off like water to keep prices and profits high.

The most serious problem facing working people across the country now however is the JOB shortage. The auto companies have laid off 100,000 workers in the name of the "energy crisis."

But these layoffs have been in the picture for quite a while and it's not just the gas "shortage." The trend towards smaller cars is nothing new--increasing prices have simply meant

THE PHONY ENERGY CRISIS

Truckers shut down tight

More than 50,000 truck drivers staged a powerful blockade of the nation's highways in December and a massive shutdown of all trucking in February. They were independent owner-operators who buy their own fuel and pay their own taxes and operating expenses.

The truckers were fighting in the interests of all working people. One of their key demands was that ALL fuel prices be rolled back to the level of May '73.

Many truckers were already operating on a very narrow margin of profit before the so-called "energy crisis." Increased diesel prices, reduced supplies, closing of truck stops on Sundays and lower speed limits cut their income by as much as 40%.

One trucker said, "For months we talked to senators and congressmen and government agencies. All we got was the Washington merry-go-around until the blockade in December, and then all we got was promises." But the government was quick to listen to the industrial giants and tried to crush the February shutdown with National Guards and state and local

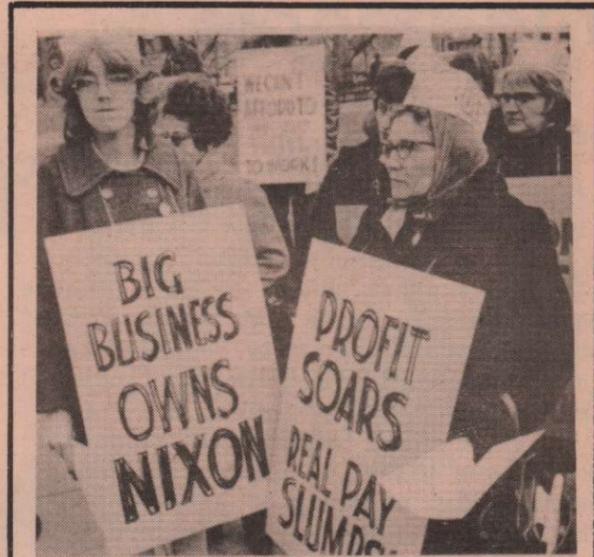
police. Many companies got court injunctions against the picketers.

One Ohio driver said, "Most of the truck drivers objected to Kent State and the violence there. But now we can understand how those kids got killed. Hell, Most of the guys here have fought to keep this country free, but I guess the kids have shown us that if you don't like the way the country is running, you protest."

After the meeting between driver reps and the government in Washington, negotiators recommended acceptance of the government's offer of 6% surcharge on freight rates, a freeze on diesel fuel at 48.3¢ a gallon and a guarantee of unlimited fuel at truck stops.

"The 6% increase is against the consumer," said trucker Pete Gallagher. "We don't want to pass the increase on to the consumer. That's all Nixon every says--'pass it on to the public, but don't touch the oil companies.'"

All the truckers' demands were not met, but as independent owner-operator Tommie Thompson of Georgia said, "We're coming back."



UE rally in DC

1,000 members of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) came to DC March 20 to demonstrate against inflation and the phony energy crisis. This was the first time in recent memory that workers have independently demonstrated in Washington. "I can't support the government with taxes and support the oil companies, too," said one man.

United States: Hands off the Middle East

Kissinger has been real busy setting up a deal in the Middle East. Israel and Egypt agreed to pull back a little from the Suez Canal. But the real issue in the Middle East has not been dealt with. That is the issue of the rights of the Palestinian people to their homeland. When the state of Israel was set up, the Palestinians were pushed off their land into neighboring Arab states where they've been living in refugee camps ever since.

Press and TV reports blame the oil crisis and all of the problems in the economy on the Arabs. They're trying to keep the American people from putting the blame where it belongs--on the oil companies and all the other big corporations and the system they're a part of.

The monopoly capitalists want the American people to say that it's just fine for them to rob and steal the resources of other countries. When people

around the world fight back, like the Arabs are doing by keeping some of their own oil, the US threatens to go to war.

But the Arabs have a right to control their own land and resources. The US government has no business trying to control the Middle East, no business meddling with the lives of the people who live there, and no business making deals for the future of the area.

that fewer and fewer people can afford a new car, let alone a luxury model!

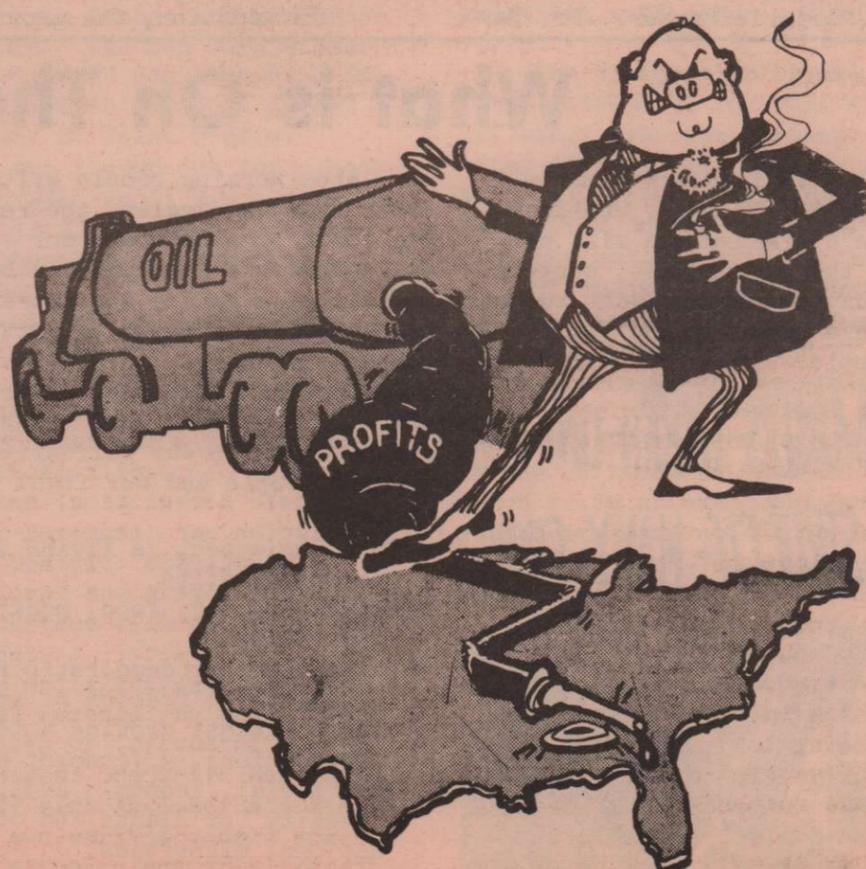
At the same time, the big auto companies have been pushing people to work harder than ever and turn out a record number of cars.

And it's going on all over--the bosses are boosting production and raising prices while holding wages down. They are filling warehouses with products no one can afford to buy.

Their "booming economy" is collapsing the way it does every so often. We're headed straight for a recession with millions unemployed and skyrocketing prices.

What kind of crazy system do we live under that will work us to death only to lay us off! A system where a handful of men on Wall Street can decide whether we can drive our cars or heat our homes and at what price. The name of the game is monopoly capitalism where the scramble for profits comes before the needs of the majority of the people.

It's time to organize to fight. The truck drivers are a good example of people fighting back and so are the coal miners. (See articles this issue.) Tenants are saying No heat, no rent. And in nearby Baltimore the people are protesting utility rate hikes.



Ike Center an attack on the people

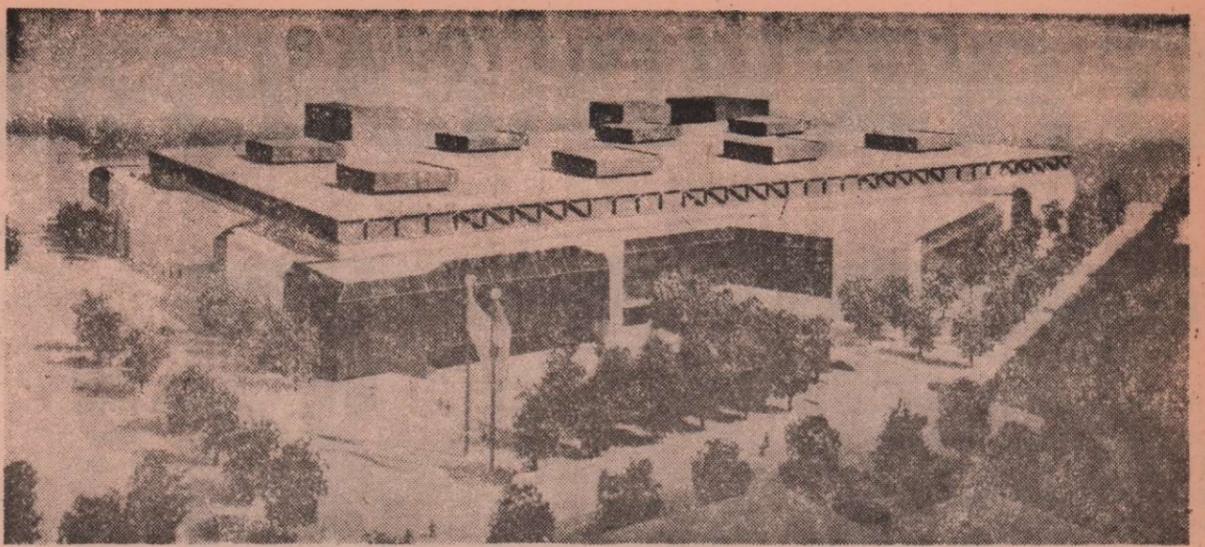
The proposed Eisenhower Center-- who needs it?

The idea came from the DC Board of Trade as a way to get rich conventioners into town to spend their money on big business here. It is also yet another scheme by DC's finance capitalists to drive poor people out of town now that inner-city real estate is going up and rich folk are finding the suburbs less convenient.

The center, which would be paid for by our taxes, is opposed by the overwhelming majority of city residents. That's why its few supporters are trying to avoid a referendum.

This is the same type "redevelopment" as Capitol Hill, Georgetown and now Adams-Morgan, or L'Enfant Plaza and the Kennedy Center. Every time poor families, most of whom are black, get pushed out and communities are destroyed. The proposed center would wipe out DC's Chinese-American community.

Big business claims the center



The Center is an attack on all the people of DC, particularly Chinatown.

will "benefit the people" by providing jobs and making neighborhoods "look nicer." But we've heard that song before and we've learned some lessons from previous fights.

Bolstering downtown business was the reason they wanted to build the North Central Freeway and the Three Sisters Bridge which would have tossed hundreds of people in the street and increased air pollution.

But a powerful movement grew uniting poor and working people, black and white, with small businessmen against both "projects." This movement

culminated in a series of mass demonstrations. Result: both plans were dropped.

The fact is that the center will provide only a few more jobs, of which two-thirds won't even be for DC residents. And if the finance capitalists are so interested in creating jobs and making neighborhoods "look nice," how come they've stalled six years in rebuilding the 14th Street corridor?

If neighborhoods are going to be redeveloped, it has to be for their rightful tenants--the people already living there.

Students hit budget cuts at Federal City

Federal City College students are organizing a mass campaign against budget cutbacks that would wipe out the school's summer program and take away the Teachers Education Department.

On April 10, students found out that \$988,133 of FCC's funds had been slashed by the DC City Council.

The announcement brought an immediate response from students several hundred of whom staged a large demonstration forcing Mayor Washington to promise the funds would be restored.

But students are not relying on the mayor's promises. The mayor and the council are concerned with votes they'll need when DC gets home rule and not with the quality of Black education.

Another demonstration was held at the home of Marjorie Parker. Dr. Par-

ker, chairman of the City Council's Education & Youth Committee, is the one who came up with the cutback scheme.

The threatened cutback is the latest in a series of attacks on colleges around the country where tuition hikes are forcing more and more students out of school. Blacks are hit the hardest.

These cutbacks and tuition hikes are coming from the same place as the high prices and so-called shortages of fuel and food. Big corporations are in a crisis because they are finding it harder and harder to rip off workers' labor and resources of the Third World.

As the government thinks up different ways to help big business keep its profits up, less of our taxes are going for education, health and welfare.

In addition, the growing political

consciousness on Black campuses in particular poses a big threat to the corporations. Their super-profits come in part from white chauvinism which gives them the cover for paying Blacks less for more work.

So when the monopoly capitalists--whom the whole government including City Council serve--aren't trying to keep Blacks out of schools altogether, they try to merge Black schools with white institutions where oppressed and poor students will be more likely to get the corporations' view of things.

Schools like FCC must be saved. But they have to be changed, too, so as to serve the real interests of Black and poor people by helping them learn the truth about their history and where their real interests lie.

What is On The Move?

ON THE MOVE is a new monthly newspaper in the DC area. Unlike the Post or the Star-News, we will not print what the businessmen, bankers, landlords or politicians want to hear.

We are a paper by and for working people.



When working people write articles about their struggles, the rest of us can learn from them and our victories will grow. We also plan to be active in helping organize demonstrations, print leaflets, build boycotts, and support strikes.

People on the staff have different opinions about many things but we stand united in our solidarity with working people and our fight for:

- Full employment, a living wage and decent benefits
- Decent housing, food, medical care and education
- Defense of our democratic rights (to organize, to freedom of speech, to vote) against growing attacks by the corporations, government and police
- Full social, economic and political equality for Blacks and other national minorities.
- Real equality for women in all aspects of life

- An end to US interference in other countries

The few on top try to divide us: men from women, Black from white, skilled from non-skilled and native from foreign-born. But we all have a common struggle against a common enemy--the system of imperialism where working and oppressed people are ripped off by big corporations and banks.

We must begin to link our struggles each with the other and with those of our brothers and sisters around the world.

We need you. You can help by reporting struggles on-the-job and in the community, distributing the paper, building support for strikes and demonstrations. We need your comments, suggestions and criticisms.

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May is African Liberation Month

The African Liberation Support Committee is planning a mass campaign this year against racism and imperialism throughout the US, Canada and the Caribbean.

In early May there will be educational forums and mass demonstrations around the energy "crisis," police repression in Black communities and getting rid of Nixon.

On Malcolm X's birthday, local demos will be sponsored across the country. These will be followed by a major conference on racism and imperialism in Washington, DC on May 23-24 and a national demonstration here on May 25.

RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU

ALSC activities here will also include a petition drive to collect thousands of signatures demanding US recognition of Guinea-Bissau.

Guinea-Bissau declared its independence from four centuries of Portuguese colonial rule last September 24. Nearly 90 nations have recognized the new state but the US veto is preventing its admission to the UN.

Although the African Party for Independence of Guinea and Cabo Verde (PAIGC) has liberated over 75% of the land, intense armed struggle is still being waged as Portugal refuses to recognize the right of African people to self-determination.

REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT

ALSC continues to mobilize mass support for repeal of the Byrd Amendment which allows US corporations to import chrome, ferrochrome and asbestos from Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), a country in southern Africa where an illegal white set-



Thousands of black people in the U.S. have marched on African Liberation Day during the last two years to demonstrate solidarity with African peoples struggling against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism.

tlar regime keeps Africans in virtual slavery.

The amendment, pushed through by Sen. Byrd (Va.) in 1971, states that the president can't prohibit importation of any strategic material (chrome) from a non-communist country (Zimbabwe) if the US is importing the same material from a communist country (meaning the USSR). Since then, the US has imported so much chrome from Zimbabwe, South Africa and the USSR that it started dumping it back on the world market.

Because US corporations only pay Africans about \$344 a year in Zimbabwe,

some shops have run away from the US, laying off workers here and super-exploiting workers in Africa.

Since its inception, many Black groups have been moving to get the bill repealed. Shipments from Zimbabwe have been met with protest from Black workers and students in New Orleans, Baltimore, Norfolk, Philadelphia and San Francisco, and many times longshoremen have refused to unload the scab cargo.

Thousands of petitions, letters and telegrams have been sent to congressmen. Demonstrations have been sponsored by ALSC around the country.

Portugal — chickens coming home to roost

Freedom fighters in Guinea-Bissau, Angola and Mozambique have brought the colonial wars home to Portugal. After 13 years of armed struggle, they have the Portuguese ruling class at each other's throats and the Portuguese



African men and women fighting for freedom have brought the wars home to the Portuguese ruling class.

workers fed up to here, and then some.

On March 16, the ruling-class split erupted as captains and troops of the Portuguese army mutinied. They tried to march on Lisbon and overthrow Premier Caetano. The men were supporters of Nazi-trained Genl. Antonio de Spínola whom Caetano had just junked as Deputy Chief of Joint Staffs.

Spínola was thrown out for a book that says Portugal can't win a military victory in Africa. He ought to know as ex-commander of terrorism in Guinea-Bissau.

But Spínola did not write the book alone. He had the help of many military and government officials, social scientists and businessmen, including two of Portugal's most powerful industrial families.

Their plan is to form a "federation" between Portugal, the colonies and possibly Brazil. They say, Get Africans to fight the Africans or the Portuguese draftees will get completely out-of-hand.

The \$1.2 million-a-day wars have already forced Portugal to open itself and the colonies up to control by foreign corporations. So while Portugal is ripping off African labor and resources, its own working people are being ripped off by countries like the United States.

Caught between the liberation struggles in Africa and the workers

movement at home, Spínola and his buddies are desperate for even more massive "support" than fellow pigs like Nixon can afford to give and still maintain relations with other countries in the world.

The "federation" gimmick is a last-ditch attempt by Portugal to keep some influence over the strategically-located African oil, uranium, diamonds, etc. while allowing the imperialists a cover for giving Portugal directly all the arms and dollars that she wants.

Of course, the US doesn't want to see the victory of the African people as that would spell the end of the 40 US corporations in Angola and Mozambique alone, including Gulf Oil. A victory by the Portuguese people would mean the end of the US Airforce base in the Azores which is in an excellent position for repressing liberation movements in southern Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

But already, in addition to the peaceful demonstrations of the Portuguese workers, armed guerrillas inside the country are condemning the "war-mongering colonialist government" which is the source of the suffering and exploitation of the Portuguese people as well as Africans. Portugal is the poorest country in all of Europe.

Spínola's plan or Caetano's politics—it doesn't really make a difference. Their final defeat is certain.

Police attack, Maryland students fight back

Student anger over police repression on the University of Maryland campus in College Park has grown into a broad political movement against the university administration.

Nearly 1,000 students marched on the administration building April 16 protesting undercover police agents on campus. About a week before, police had raided the campus and arrested a number of students on drug charges.

Fighting between police and the demonstrators broke out when police would not allow the students to see Chancellor Bishop. Attempts to enter the building were met by club-swinging police.

Students fought back with stones and bottles. Several cops and students were injured and a number of administration building windows broken.

After this demonstration, the demand to kick the cops off campus grew to include demands that no tuition increases be made, a freeze on room and board rates, a living wage for teaching assistants and no cuts in the number of teaching assistant jobs. The students also demanded that charges against all arrested students be dropped.

A rally of over 1,000 students the following day, April 17, heard Alan Gregory of the Black Student Union denounce the U. of Md. for its use of prisoners in Jessup as guinea pigs by the medical school.

Gregory also said that while the BSU does not advocate the use of marijuana, it firmly opposes the police

Robert Sherbow



POLICE ATTACK...Police attack on U. of Md. students April 16. The campus protests have grown into a broad movement against the university administration.

invasion of the campus.

Other speakers at the rallies included representatives from Redwing (Democratic Radical Union of Maryland), an anti-imperialist student group, which also demanded that scab lettuce be kicked off campus since students by a margin of 20-1 voted

to do so.

Student government president-elect Mark Strumpf said that cops serve the interests of the state who ordered the busts to draw attention away from corrupt politicians like Baltimore County Executive Anderson and former vice president Agnew.

FILM REVIEW: HONEST COPS ARE ONLY IN THE MOVIES



SERPICO

Cops are on the take. You say that nothing's new? Well, it comes as big news to Frank Serpico.

When he first joins the force, he's surprised and worried when he finds out his fellow cops get free meals in return for giving restaurant owners a break on parking tickets. Later on, when he's been transferred to another precinct, he's angry because he's the only cop in the station who's

willing to bust a policy runner. And what's a policy runner compared to a pusher anyway?

But Serpico learns, just as we have, that there are SOME laws cops will enforce to the letter. Whenever people are out fighting back, the police are out there using "law and order" to keep them down.

Police infiltrate political organizations, spy, break up meetings, attack marches, demonstrations and picket lines and tap phones. Police work overtime to repress the Black community. This is all to keep the ruling class on top.

Monopoly capitalism creates a garbage can and forces people to live in it. The cops' main job is to sit

on the lid.

Serpico begins to understand this when he goes to Mayor Lindsay's office to report the widespread police corruption. It turns out New York City is expecting a "hot summer" and can't afford to come down too heavy on the cops. They need the cops to keep "order" in case Blacks "act up."

Serpico loses out, quits the force and goes off to Switzerland. But where does that leave us when we are stuck here in DC?

Hollywood heroes have always been brave individuals who'll stand up alone against the greatest odds for something they believe in. When Serpico goes to fight corruption, it's him against the whole police force.

So it comes as no great shock to us either when Serpico loses. The moral Hollywood is trying to push on us is: "It's no use fighting back." But we say the REAL moral is, You can't fight back ALONE. We have to unite to fight not just police corruption but the cause of that corruption which is also the cause of pushers, muggers, rapists and bank robbers.

It all adds up to part and parcel of the system of imperialism. The whole system's got to go. Until then, the only good cops will be the cops in the movies.

Vets Rally

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The number one bum is on the run

-By the Revolutionary Union

Nixon is in trouble. Even his old friends are deserting him like rats fleeing a sinking ship. Across the country, the people's movement is building to get the bum thrown out.

But all the other bosses and politicians are in trouble, too, because the people are getting fed up and fighting mad. Every day exposes the money boys and their henchmen even more clearly than the day before.

Some of the big boys say "Impeach Nixon," hoping that will "restore faith in the system." Others say, "Bail Nixon out or the impeachment trials will expose us, too." They are looking for some way--any way--to keep things running, with or without the bum.

But we can't wait on Congress to decide to impeach or what. Not fighting to dump Nixon would make the bosses think we're all gripes and no guts, and that they can get away with anything again. We have to organize to let them know we're through with Nixon's POLICIES besides the crook himself.

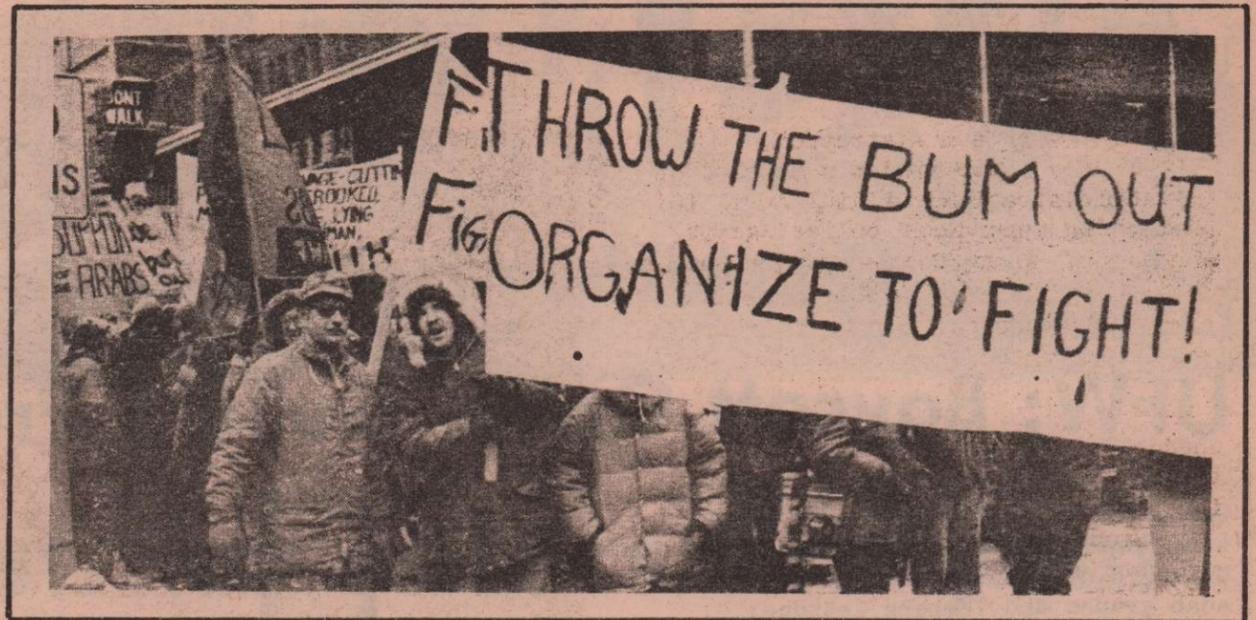
NIXON'S REAL CRIMES

Accepting \$100,000 from Howard Hughes or a big house from pal Sinatra, that's small-time stuff. Those aren't Nixon's real crimes.

One of the real crimes was the "Law and Order" campaign aimed at stifling Black liberation struggles. "Law and order" was the cover for attacking antiwar demonstrators, for the murders at Jackson and Kent State, and for all the phoney conspiracy trials.

The entire Nixon program on the economy has been one long attack on working people. Phases I through IV were to keep profits up by raising prices and clamping controls on wages. Nixon backed up wage controls with attacks on the right to strike and organize.

The borders of the US have not stopped Nixon any more than they stop



the big corporations he's been working for. Thousands of men, women, and children have been murdered to keep Indochina, Angola and Chile open for US investment. Nixon has kept busy all over trying to keep people's struggle down and corporate profits up.

WHO'S THE REAL ENEMY?

Nixon is not the only bum. He is just one representative of a whole class of bums, thieves and killers--the imperialists (monopoly capitalists). They own the big businesses and the banks, like Dupont and Rockefeller.

So long as the imperialists stay on top, WHOEVER is president--whether it's Ford, Jackson, McGovern, Kennedy or Wallace--that person will be hustling to protect their interests. So long as these leeches stay on top, profits will come before EVERYTHING, and the police, the courts, and the army will be used against the people.

The whole imperialist class is the enemy. They are a handful of criminals trying to run everything for themselves. But we, the working and oppressed people of the world, are 95% of the earth's population. So it's up to us to get it on and boot the exploiters out.

AWAY WITH ALL BUMS!

All over the world, working and oppressed people are fighting back against imperialism. We have a common struggle against a common enemy.

From Vietnam to Palestine, from Detroit to Durban, we are dealing the imperialists crippling blows. The "energy crisis" and the "Watergate crisis" are both part of the deepening REAL crisis of world imperialism. The people are backing imperialism up against the wall.

We will beat the bums here in this country. But it will be a long, hard fight and we have to build a strong revolutionary organization. We need a Communist party, which does not yet exist in the US, to be the "general staff" in our battle and lead the working class and its allies on to victory.

Under the leadership of the party, working people will throw all the bums out of politics for good and put an end to all the phoney shortages and "crises."

When we defeat the imperialists, we will build a new society under socialism in which we can work for ourselves, instead of robbers, and use all our wealth that is squandered now on wars for decent food and housing, for proper medical care and schools where our children will learn their real history.

Under socialism, all nations--whether small or big--will be equal and have the right to self-determination.

We say, working and oppressed people have built up the industries and empires of this world. We are the SOURCE of ALL the profits, though they've been stolen from us. We don't want crumbs or a few more crumbs for our children. We want the whole pie.



The 1930s sit-down strikes in auto that eventually unionized the Big Three were led by the Communist Party USA before it's leaders sold us out. We need a new CP to act as the general staff of the working class in our fight against all oppression.

What is the Revolutionary Union?

The Revolutionary Union is a nationwide communist organization made up of working people and students of all nationalities. They organize around day-to-day issues linking these with the broader struggle for socialism. The RU has nothing to do with the Communist Party, USA, which long ago made its peace with the bosses and betrayed the working class. For further information, contact the RU at P.O. Box 1992, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

Throw the Bum Out!

ON THE MOVE has endorsed the Throw the Bum Out contingent in the national impeachment demonstration scheduled here in D.C. Saturday, April 27. Assemble at 17th and Constitution NW at 11:00 a.m. Bring lots of signs and banners, there'll be thousands of people there. Throw the Bum Out, Organize to Fight!

A dump Nixon rally is scheduled for U. of Md. students Wednesday April 24 at noon on the mall and American University students are planning a Throw the Bum Out rally also on April 24.

Organize to Fight!



"THROW THE BUM OUT, ORGANIZE TO FIGHT" buttons available from ON THE MOVE for 25¢. Write to PO BOX 4256, Takoma Park, Md.

UFW: Boycott Gallo, Guild & Franzia

The nationwide boycott of Gallo, Guild and Franzia wines is gathering steam daily. The United Farmworkers Union is continuing the boycott against scab grapes and iceberg lettuce, but is now focusing most of its strength against the Gallo, Guild and Franzia wine companies whose treachery during negotiations last summer was a severe blow to the farmworkers.

For six years, farmworkers enjoyed the benefits and protection by the UFW. When the first contracts were signed with Gallo Wine in 1968, child labor came to an end and the misuse of pesticides was stopped. The labor contractor rent-a-slave system was abolished and excellent health care was established.

All these benefits and protections have been lost. Gallo has refused to renegotiate with the UFW although the company has stated on two occasions that only the UFW represents their workers. On July 9, 1973, little more than a month after telegraphing Cesar Chavez that "the Teamsters do NOT represent our (Gallo) workers," Gallo signed a four-year contract with the Teamsters.

Gallo is the largest U.S. wine-maker, producing one-third of all wine sold in this country and nearly half the wine made in California (109 million gallons).

The United Farmworkers are standing strong in unity with their friends and supporters from every walk of life. Two months ago, workers in Local 34 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union refused to handle 100,000 gallons of

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Roma	Ocean Spray Cranberry Rose
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Franzia

Table	Vermouth
Dessert	Louis the Fifth
Sparkling	Private labels

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Boycotts have been an essential part of past farmworker victories. To help protect farmworkers rights

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concentrated wine from Spain bound for Gallo.

The UFW has also gained international support. British dockworkers in London recently refused to unload a ship carrying 6,000 tons of scab

grapes. They described their boycott action as "part of our own class struggle." In Toronto, Canada recently more than 2,000 people took part in a march in support of the lettuce and grape boycott.

Greeks rise up against junta

April 21st marks 7 years since a military junta guided and supplied by the U.S. government imposed its rule on the Greek people.

The mission of this junta is to take care of the military, political and economic interests of U.S. monopoly corporations like Exxon and Coca-Cola. The junta does this by torturing and killing workers and students and banishing citizens to concentration camps previously closed down by the Red Cross.

Last November, thousands of workers and students rose up demanding an end to fascism and U.S. imperialism in Greece. At one point, they controlled 75% of Athens. The army mowed the freedom fighters down with tanks and announced a "coup d'etat."

The insurrection exposed the bankruptcy of the junta's phoney mouthing-off about elections and return to

democracy. It strengthened the resolve of the people to build the anti-imperialist movement and fight til victory.

The U.S. maintains 13 major nuclear, air, naval and intelligence bases in Greece. These are ready for possible intervention in the Middle East to protect the fabulous profits of U.S. oil companies.

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Ethiopian revolts

The catastrophic drought in Africa has been the catalyst for uprisings by Ethiopian workers, peasants, students and soldiers against the feudal regime of Haile Selassie which is propped up by US imperialism and Israeli Zionism.