

THE RED WORKER



U.S. Ruling Class Split Over Vietnam

The Vietnam policy of the U.S. ruling class has met with uninterrupted failure for the past ten years. Each escalation by the U.S. has been met with more determined opposition from the Vietnamese.

And at each and every expansion of the war by the U.S. government, the opposition to the war by the American people has also grown. From massive demonstrations in Washington, D.C. and other cities to dumping Lyndon Johnson in 1968 - the American people have repeatedly demonstrated their hatred for the war.

The U.S. imperialist ruling class is faced with military defeat in Vietnam and the opposition of the American people at home. This is part of the general decline of U.S. Imperialism around the world. No longer can the U.S. commit unbridled aggression against small under-developed countries like Vietnam and get away with it. No longer can the U.S. ride roughshod over the interests of small and medium-sized countries.

Faced with this new situation, a very sharp split has developed within the ranks of the U.S. ruling class. The issue? How best to maintain the declining position of U.S. Imperialism in the world and keep things quiet at home.

Two Policies--One Goal

One wing of the ruling class, represented by Nixon, still hopes for a military victory in Vietnam. This group thinks that the best way to maintain U.S. interests around the world is with military strength, bullying other nations into submission. The other wing of the ruling class, represented by McGovern, wants the U.S. to assume a less militaristic appearance while maintaining U.S. interests mainly through political and economic pressure.



Over 30,000 demonstrators in San Francisco April 22 in protest against the Vietnam war.

McGovern and his backers can see the writing on the wall in Vietnam. They want to get out as quickly as they can and try and hold on to what's left, which is still plenty. They would maintain a U.S. "presence" in S.E. Asia, based primarily in Thailand and the Philippines. McGovern would also maintain U.S. Imperialism's commitments in other parts of the world.

McGovern has said that he would take "whatever steps are necessary" to defend Israel, the No. 1 watchdog for U.S. interests in the Middle East. Presumably this means he would send troops. Also, McGovern has stated he would keep the U.S. militarily strong.

Why McGovern Opposes the War

McGovern's opposition to the war

exists only because of U.S. defeats in Indochina and the strong opposition of the American people to the war. He has stated that he would withdraw all troops and bombers from Indochina within 90 days after his inauguration. Certainly, this is better than Nixon's policy of continuing the bombing. The American people would welcome an end to the war.

But we can see from our past experience that an election promise to end the war often doesn't mean much. Johnson was elected over Goldwater in 1964 as a peace candidate, and immediately sent half a million troops to Vietnam. Nixon was elected in 1968, saying that he had a "plan" to end the war. Instead he expanded it into

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Hearing On New Trial Soon

Henry Whitlock

Henry Whitlock's court hearing for a new trial is scheduled for early September. Whitlock, a black General Motors worker, was sentenced to death in February. He was framed on charges of shooting a policeman and has been in jail for a year and a half.

The Supreme Court decision to halt capital punishment has not changed the need to free Henry Whitlock. The death penalty has been lifted from Whitlock and about 600 other death row prisoners. **BUT LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR AN INNOCENT MAN IS AS GREAT AN INJUSTICE AS THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!**

A citywide rally is tentatively scheduled for the week of the hearing. It is more important than ever to mobilize all people who are opposed to this injustice.

Without mass public support before the hearing, Whitlock is almost sure to be denied a new trial and once again be railroaded. Only turning the mass sentiment to free Henry Whitlock into a mass movement can force the racist courts to give him a new trial.

SUPPORT GROWING RAPIDLY

All over Atlanta people are joining the struggle to free Henry Whitlock. Committees have been established in some neighborhoods and work places. Since people see each other everyday and are often united in shop struggles, these workplace committees can be a powerful weapon for mobilizing mass support. Almost twenty thousand people have signed the petition demanding a new trial for Whitlock. The goal for September is 50,000 signatures.

On July 22, about 150 people attended a neighborhood rally in Summerhill sponsored by the Summerhill-Carver Homes Defense Committee. One speaker, Reverend Jackson, a member of the committee and a long time resident of Summerhill, spoke about his work in the 1930's to help build an international movement to free the Scottsboro boys, nine innocent black youths accused of rape in Alabama. The lesson for us, Jackson said, was that only the masses of people could force the courts to give justice.

UNITE ALL OPPOSED TO INJUSTICE

The case of Henry Whitlock is not an isolated unusual case. It's hard for any working person or poor person, black or white, to pay for a decent lawyer -- much less receive a fair trial from the ruling class courts. Under this class system of capitalism, with the courts and the government in the hands of the wealthy ruling class, "justice" means justice for the rich only.

ALL working people -- white, black and brown -- need to unite and fight against the conviction of Henry Whitlock and the denial of his democratic rights. His fight is our fight. The system and the ruling class that denied Henry Whitlock justice, are the same system and ruling class that oppress us daily in our jobs and communities.

The oppression of Henry Whitlock is a flagrant example, but it has the same origins as the harassment of working people and black people by the police; as the bad working conditions; low wages and reactionary bosses we work under; and as the oppression of thousands of innocent prisoners who have been denied justice because of class or color.

It is clear that working people cannot rely on the ruling class courts for justice. Only the people united in mass activity can bring justice. **ONLY THE PEOPLE CAN FREE HENRY WHITLOCK!**

Announcement:

The date for Henry Whitlock's hearing has been set for September 7. There will be a demonstration at the Decatur Court House the day of the hearing.

For further information about the demonstration contact:

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FREE HENRY WHITLOCK!



Support Grows for African Struggle



African worker is fingerprinted before he can begin work in South African gold mine. All blacks must register where they are working and carry complete identification passes with them 24 hours a day.

The American people are increasing their support for the African liberation struggles. Several actions in the United States over the past year are dramatic evidence of growing awareness of and support for the African peoples' struggles against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism.

In two Louisiana ports in March and April, predominantly Black dockworkers, joined by Black students, twice refused to unload chrome being imported from white minority-ruled Rhodesia in defiance of a worldwide economic embargo called by the United Nations.

In another action, several hundred Black and white demonstrators disrupted a parade in Norfolk, Va., honoring the imperialist military alliance, NATO. They were protesting NATO's support for Portugal's genocidal colonialist wars in Angola, Mozambique and Guinea (Bissau). The parade queen, a grandniece of the Portuguese Premier, was forced to flee the parade for safety.

Recently in Washington, D.C., 35,000 Blacks marked African Liberation

Day with demonstrations at the South African, Portuguese and Rhodesian embassies, and a huge rally at the Washington Monument. They came from many parts of the U.S. to support African liberation movements and to protest U.S. involvement and business interests in southern Africa. Similar demonstrations were held in San Francisco, Toronto and the Caribbean.

The broad-based coalition which organized those demonstrations, the African Liberation Day Coordinating Committee, is calling for funds for food, medicine, and arms for the guerrilla liberation movements.

Other demonstrations took place against Union Carbide Co. and Foote Mineral Co., importers who control the monopoly on Rhodesian chrome. Sailors aboard the US destroyer *Rush* protested stopovers in Angola and Mozambique. Black students at Harvard University took over the Administration Building, and later carried crosses and signs at their commencement, demanding that Harvard sell its Gulf Oil stock. Gulf is a major investor in Angola.

PART OF WORLDWIDE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE

These actions demonstrate that more and more Americans, especially Afro-Americans and other oppressed nationalities, see that the African liberation struggles are a component part of the worldwide anti-imperialist struggle.

The same U.S. imperialists who are waging genocidal wars against the Indochinese peoples; oppressing the Afro-American and other nationalities within their own borders; and attacking the wages and living standard of American workers; also are the main supporters — along with the British and other Western imperialists — of the white minority Rhodesian and South African ruling cliques and the Portuguese colonialists who are oppressing the African peoples.

The awareness of the relationship of all these struggles was clear, for instance, in a recent meeting of the Peoples' Solidarity Committee, made up of oppressed nationality people in the U.S. That meeting called for Solidarity Day demonstrations on August 19 to support the Indochinese peoples, the African and Latin American liberation fighters, and to lift the wage freeze.

AFRICAN STRUGGLES

FORGE AHEAD

The growing support for the just struggles of the African peoples is a response to the growing successes of these struggles.

After 9 years of hard struggle, guerrillas in Guinea (Bissau) have liberated about two-thirds of their nation from the Portuguese colonialists. Guerrillas in Mozambique now control about a fourth of the country's territory. After 11 years of armed struggle in Angola, nearly a million people have been liberated.

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Students at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania protest Foote Mineral Company's importation of Rhodesian chrome ore.

"Tuskegee Study" Is Out And Out Nazism



These poor, Black men have lived and died without benefit of knowing that when they passed this way, Life could have been better, without the racist intrusion of barbarians who dare to speak in civilized tones.

Adolph Hitler still has some disciples around, and apparently a lot of them work for the U. S. government, especially the Public Health Department.

From 1932 until today, the U.S. Public Health Service has been conducting a study of syphilis, using over 700 poor largely uneducated black men as guinea pigs. The men, chosen from rural Tuskegee, Alabama, were told they had "bad blood" and were offered free medical services. But they intentionally were not treated for syphilis. In return, they agreed to allow the government to take regular blood samples and to do autopsies when they died.

So far, over 150 have died from syphilis. The number suffering from the effects of the disease is unknown. The government knew of the men's condition and approved of the study. Even after the development of penicillin in the 1940's, it withheld the cure so that the autopsies could be performed on the victims and the effects of the disease could be studied.

Even today some officials have defended this blatantly racist, genocidal program. One doctor went so far as to say he didn't think it was racist. It was just a coincidence that the victims were all black and poor!!!

The doctors and government officials who are responsible for the "Tuskegee Study" are criminals. They are murderers just as the Nazi war criminals were murderers. Their attitude and treatment of minority groups is identical with that of the Nazis.

THE SAME PUNISHMENT SHOULD BE DEALT TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE "TUSKEGEE STUDY" THAT WAS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS--THEY SHOULD BE HUNG!

AHA: City's Biggest Slumlord

Struggle Grows In Public Housing

Several months ago, a tenant in the Atlanta Housing Authority (AHA) project reported a leaking water pipe in her ceiling. AHA said there was nothing they could do about it. Three days later, the ceiling fell in, and she was charged a \$90 repair bill.

Events such as this are what's behind the city-wide rent strike of tenants in Atlanta's public housing.

CONDITIONS WORSEN

In many apartments, there is no moulding around the windows, therefore no place to hang curtains. Old tile, eaten up with age, is not replaced. In one apartment in a project leased to the AHA, the wiring is so bad, that when the upstairs tenant walks across her floor, the ceiling lights downstairs go off.

Leaking gas heaters, bad plumbing, sewage that backs up into sinks, ceilings that fall in, rats, and peeling lead-base paint (with the danger of lead poisoning to children) are common in Atlanta's public housing.

The Housing Authority, with the help of the news media, tries to blame the tenants for the bad conditions in public housing. But how can the tenants be blamed for bad wiring and inadequate sewage and drainage? How can the tenants be blamed for broken windows when the only place children have to play is directly in front of the apartments? How can tenants be blamed for cracked walls and peeling paint?

One tenant involved in the rent strike says he has lived in Carver Homes for 17 years and hasn't seen a painter yet.

The deteriorating conditions of public housing are part of the overall cutback in social services and wages during the Nixon administration. The U.S. monopoly capitalists are in economic trouble. They have launched a general attack on the wages and living conditions of the U.S. working class in order to protect their profits. Cutbacks in social services and "poverty programs," as well as the wage freeze, are all part of this.

Public housing never was very good; now it's getting worse.

TENANTS UNITE IN CITY-WIDE STRIKE

The rent strike was called on July 2 and quickly spread across the city. According to the tenants, it was about 80% effective. Many rent offices were

closed. The tenants stated that they would withhold their rent and use the money to make necessary repairs themselves.

The rent strike is a part of the growing opposition all around the country to the ruling class' attempts to push its crisis onto the backs of workers and other poor and middle income people. As the capitalists intensify their exploitation and oppression, the people's resistance increases.

Picket lines were set up at project offices all across the city. The AHA's offices downtown were picketed. At several projects, the project managers admitted that conditions were so bad that they would honor the tenants' picket lines in spite of threats from their superiors.

The tenants demands include the following: more street lights on project

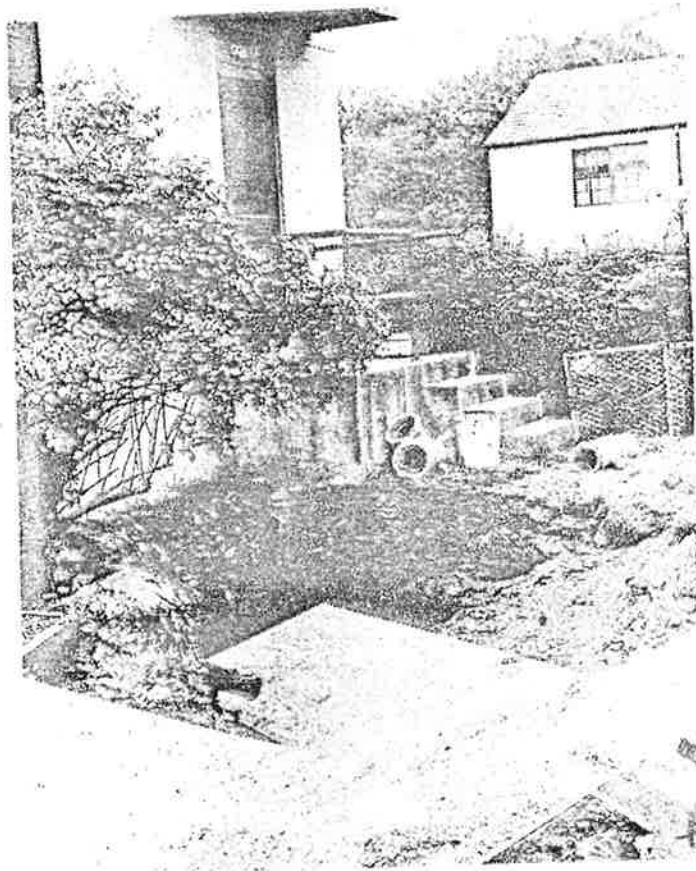
grounds, adequate maintenance and more pay for maintenance men, recreational facilities for children, adequate garbage receptacles, rat and pest control, and improved plumbing. These demands were drawn up at a city-wide meeting of representatives from all the city's housing projects.

AHA OPPOSES PEOPLE'S NEEDS

The AHA is an instrument of the ruling class — the capitalists — controlled by the capitalist government. The director of the AHA is appointed by the mayor and its funds come directly from the Federal Government. Its job is to provide housing as cheaply as possible for the millions of poor and unemployed who could not find housing any other way.

The capitalists used to provide cheap, barely livable housing for their

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A scene at Grady Homes, where the AHA says tenants have no complaints.

Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization

UNITY: Rising Trend in t

In recent years, as the struggles of the American people have grown more militant, the need for revolutionary leadership has become increasingly clear. In this light, the recent conference of the Young Lords Party in New York City has great significance for the growing communist forces in this country.

ORIGINS OF THE YOUNG LORDS

The Young Lords Party developed from a street gang in Chicago in 1969 to a revolutionary, anti-imperialist Puerto Rican organization guided by Marxist-Leninist-Maoist principles. They were based mainly in New York City. Since then, they have gone through a number of mass struggles. These included a "garbage offensive" (where they barricaded streets to force increased garbage collection in the ghetto) and struggles to force churches and hospitals in the Barrio (the Puerto Rican community) to better meet the needs of the people. They also set up chapters in Philadelphia, Bridgeport, and Puerto Rico.

In the past year, the Lords have been going through a number of changes, redefining their ideology and activities. This culminated in the conference, where the YLP renamed itself the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization.

The main theme of the conference was the need to build a multi-national communist party, that is, a party capable of uniting all U.S. workers, whether black, Puerto Rican, or white. The YLP criticized their previous position that they already were a communist party. They said that no small group without strong roots among the masses could claim to be a party. Their previous belief was seen as the source of continual errors.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS ATTEND

Representatives from several fraternal organizations were invited to the conference. The Black Workers Congress, an all-black Marxist-Leninist organization based on industrial workers, spoke of the need for a multi-national communist party to unite the whole working class.

The Revolutionary Union, a multi-national Marxist-Leninist organization, and I Wor Kuen, a group of Marxist-Leninist Chinese in the U.S., also stressed the need for a new class-wide communist party. The YLP invited these groups because they are Marxist-Leninist organizations developing roots in the working class. The YLP felt that a new communist party could emerge out of the common work and discussions of these groups.

Along with the delegates from the fraternal organizations, there were observers representing a number of anti-imperialist organizations such as the Puerto Rican Socialist Party, the Rising Up Angry group in Chicago, the Venceremos organization from northern California and a number of Asian-American groups. These organizations were brought together to discuss how to build a unified, national anti-imperialist movement.

PARTY BUILDING AND THE NATIONAL QUESTION

The YLP stressed the importance of building a party among the working class. They criticized their previous belief that the lumpen-proletariat was the leading revolutionary force.

The lumpen-proletariat is a class composed of thieves, pimps, prostitutes, dope pushers, junkies — in general, those people who survive mainly by hustling. It often moves into militant action more quickly than other segments of the population, but, because of its position in society, it vacillates and is unstable. It is not productive and is essentially a parasite on the working class. It can never replace the industrial workers as the leading revolutionary force, but rather is a stronghold for all kinds of capitalist ideas — individualism, adventurism, etc.

Only the working class, because of its concentration in the large factories and work places, can provide the advanced theory and organization to lead the masses in overthrowing the imperialists. This includes the vast "reserve army" of unemployed (composed largely of blacks, other

minorities, women and youth), which the capitalists shuttle in and out of the work force as it suits their needs.

PARTY BUILDING AND THE WORKING CLASS

The YLP clarified their position on the relationship between the national question and party building. They said that Puerto Rican workers in the U.S. are part of the U.S. working class; therefore, there should be no special party of Puerto Rican workers in the U.S. A single communist party, including and representing all nationalities in the U.S., must be built.



the Communist Movement

They concluded that the Puerto Rican Revolutionary Workers Organization should build toward that party by organizing Puerto Rican workers and at the same time working closely with other, similar groups.

UNITY GROWS

This conference has been a big step toward unifying the fragmented communist movement in this country. It is a sign of the growth of the communist forces in the U.S. Three years ago most of the organizations present at the conference didn't even exist. Today, these organizations and hundreds of small

collectives have developed throughout the country.

A low ideological level, lack of ties with the masses, and primitive organization are the main weaknesses which still plague the new communist forces — including the October League. However, recognition of these weaknesses is a major step in correcting them.

But unity is the rising trend in the communist movement today! The ideological level is rising as revolutionaries participate in the class struggle and apply the universal principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought to conditions in the U.S.

Unity is growing throughout the

communist movement as revolutionaries see the need to develop common practical work among the masses. Unity among communists is growing because the struggles of the masses demand revolutionary leadership — the type of leadership which only a communist party can give.

By persevering in struggle, upholding the revolutionary principles of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought, and integrating these principles with the conditions of revolution in the U.S., steps such as the YLP conference can be multiplied, our weak forces can grow strong, and a party capable of leading the masses can be built!



Repression Won't Silence Vietnam Vets

Two days before the start of the Democratic Convention in Miami, 23 antiwar veterans in Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) were subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury.

OPPRESSION BREEDS RESISTANCE

In the past few years, protest against the imperialists' genocidal war in Indochina has grown among all classes and sectors of the American people. But one of the most significant developments has been the growth of antiwar protest within the imperialists' own armed forces.

In the field in Vietnam, American GIs have refused to fight the Vietnamese people and, in a growing trend, even assassinated their own officers. The imperialists' own generals report growing rebellion in the ranks, which they try to disguise as "discipline" or "morale" problems.

GIs in military bases in the U.S. have joined antiwar demonstrations — or started their own — in growing numbers. The desertion rate has skyrocketed, as more and more GIs refuse to be cannon fodder in a war which benefits only the rich corporations and top imperialists. The U.S. ruling class is increasingly unable to rely on the American people to fight its aggressive wars.

Many GIs have continued their opposition to the war even after returning to civilian life. They have formed antiwar veterans groups such as Vietnam Veterans

Against the War (VVAW), and added a vital new element to the civilian antiwar movement.

IMPERIALISTS USE FASCIST MEASURES

As opposition to the war has spread, the U.S. ruling class has resorted more and more to fascist repression to squelch the protest. The case of Walter Collins, the Harrisburg trials, the Ellsberg trial, the Chicago 7 Conspiracy case are only a small part of a concerted, systematic attempt by the imperialists to silence dissent.

The latest such attack is against the VVAW. Timed exactly to coincide with the first of a series of veteran protests at the Democratic Convention, this transparent action was clearly designed to get the veterans off the streets and out of view of the American people.

The main evidence before the grand jury which issued the subpoenas was the testimony of a paid FBI informer who had infiltrated VVAW. The focus of the investigation was on supposedly planned disruptions during the Republican Convention by a VVAW chapter in south Florida. But government leaders admitted that the subpoenas were "designed to remove the VVAW leaders from Miami during the Democratic Convention."

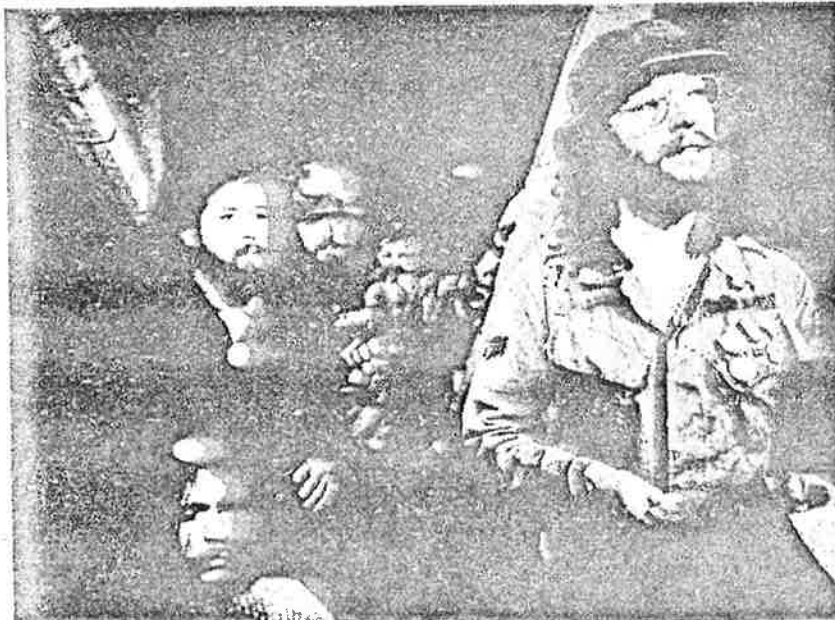
RULING CLASS FEARS VETS

Of all the groups, movements and individuals who have spoken out against the Indochina war, Nixon and his clique seem to be especially worried by the antiwar veterans.

One reason is that the vets have a lot of credibility with the American people because they have been in Indochina. Their opposition to the war is based on their own experiences. When they expose Nixon's lies about the war with firsthand information, people pay attention.

Another reason is that the antiwar vets have punctured Nixon's phony "concern" about the POW's and his attempt to manipulate the POW issue to prolong and escalate the war. Groups like the VVAW have pointed out that if Nixon really cared about the POW's he would stop the bombing (since that's how most of them got captured in the first place) and withdraw all American occupation forces (the only way the prisoners will be released).

Like past attempts to silence the American people's opposition to the aggression in Indochina, this one will also fail. Spokesmen for the VVAW say the subpoenas have strengthened their resolve to continue and increase their opposition to the war. The ruling class will never learn that their fascist attacks can never kill the people's determination to fight!



Inside the Statue of Liberty, last December, members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War barricaded themselves in to protest the Indochina war.

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Guerrilla struggles have also begun in the minority white-ruled areas in southern Africa — Namibia (Southwest Africa), Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), and South Africa. Demonstrations against white rule by both native Africans and progressive whites have swept across the reactionary heartland of apartheid, South Africa.

The national liberation movements in Africa are converging with those in Asia and Latin America to form a powerful torrent of revolutionary struggle, pounding the reactionary rule of imperialism. As they move from victory to victory, they will receive ever more support from the American and other peoples around the world.

THE JUST STRUGGLES OF ALL PEOPLES SUPPORT EACH OTHER!

Free Speech For Racists

The Federal Communications Commission recently ruled that J.B. Stoner's racist, anti-Black, anti-semitic slurs have the "right" to run uncensored on T.V. and radio because, in the U.S., there is "free speech." So they say!

When dealing with fascist, racist and right-wing elements like Stoner, the ruling class always wails that "although we disagree with his views, our hands are tied; the Constitution does not allow us to interfere with his right to FREE SPEECH."

But when dealing with workers' organizations, the Black Liberation and anti-war movements, communists or other progressive forces, the ruling classes' hands are not tied at all. They fired Angela Davis from her teaching job at UCLA and then kept her in jail 16

months to keep her quiet. Ernest Mandel, a Belgian Marxist, was recently denied entry into the U.S. to make a speaking tour. A group of Vietnam veterans were recently indicted on trumped up charges to keep them from speaking out against the war during the conventions in Miami. The government bars Cuban films from entering the country and has its hired thugs, the police, murder Black Panthers when their influence in the community becomes too great.

But, so they say, they can't do anything about J.B. Stoner because he has "freedom of speech."

"Free Speech" does not exist in the abstract, but only in concrete situations where it has concrete effects, reinforcing certain social forces and ideas. Different ideas serve different classes. White

supremacist ideas serve the interest of the capitalist class by dividing white and Black workers, and by discouraging white people from aiding the Black Liberation struggle. Racist ideology, based primarily on the national oppression of Black people, perpetuates the rule of the capitalists and the oppression and exploitation of both white workers and the Black people.

PART OF RACIST TREND

The amount of money that Stoner spent on his campaign shows that he is not an isolated fanatic, but has powerful friends. He has refused to comply with a federal regulation requiring candidates to submit spending reports and identify the sources of their funds.

The FCC ruling is part of a rising trend of reactionary and openly racist policies by the ruling class. It coincides with Nixon's anti-busing campaign, the appointment of white reactionaries to the Supreme Court, and increased U.S. aid to the racist South African, Rhodesian and Portuguese colonialists in Africa.

Stoner should be branded for what he is -- a rabid-mouthed, sniveling lackey of imperialists. The people need to stuff him right back into the sewer that the imperialists fished him out of.



"Nixon couldn't get you guys out, so he's sending you company."

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exploited workers (Cabbagetown, for example); now their government does it for them.

The AHA, over a period of years, has constantly opposed the legitimate demands of its tenants. This time was no different. As soon as the strike began, the AHA began slandering the tenants, calling them "troublemakers" and saying that most tenants don't have any real complaints. The overwhelming support the rent strike has among tenants proved this to be a lie.

TENANTS' STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE

Even though they have been unable, so far, to force the AHA to meet their demands, the city-wide rent strike has been an important step forward for public housing tenants. Their city-wide unity has brought tenants from all AHA projects together with the realization that their problems are the same. Many tenants have realized that only militant unity and a determination to fight and win can force the AHA to meet the needs of public housing tenants.

Fascism: One Step Closer

On May 22, the Supreme Court ruled that a "heavy majority" of a 12-member jury is sufficient in state trials to decide if a person is guilty or not.

Though the court temporarily held out for unanimous jury decisions in Federal cases, Justice Powell said that the states need "freedom to experiment at a time when great doubt exists as to the adequacy of our criminal justice system." Freedom to eliminate the democratic rights of the American people is what Justice Powell is really talking about.

The ruling class has always attempted to eliminate working class people, especially blacks and other nationalities, from juries. Their well paid government stooges pre-select jury rolls, often based on personal acquaintances or restrictive qualifications such as property ownership.

For the working-class, there has never been a "jury of one's peers." But the ruling class is not satisfied. They need a quicker and surer way to lock up those who are a threat to the capitalist system — all in the name of "justice."

On that same day, the Supreme Court also restricted the right of a person not to testify against himself. You may now be held in "contempt of court" for exercising a right supposedly guaranteed by the Constitution.

There can be little doubt as to what the capitalists are trying to do. As their political situation becomes more desperate, both at home and around the world, they must use increasingly fascist measures to keep the people in line. They begin by nibbling away at the democratic rights of the people. But the people have never given up their rights without a fight. If the rulers of this country think they can continue to restrict and reduce the rights of the people as they please, they are badly mistaken.

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Cambodia and Laos and sent hundreds of ships and planes to replace the troops he was forced to pull out.

If McGovern does become President and does end the war, it will be because the American and Vietnamese people force him to end it. The people's opposition to the war, coupled with the heroic victories of the Vietnamese, forced Johnson out of office and have forced Nixon to withdraw troops. The only way the Vietnam war, or any unjust war, will be ended is by continuing the opposition of the people.



"Eight to four? That's enough of a majority — 30 years!"



British workers demonstrating support for arrested dockers

Capitalism In Crisis



McGovern is painting an image of himself as a "people's candidate." Nixon and friends attack McGovern as being a "radical." For a "radical, people's candidate," McGovern has some strange supporters. Take Stewart Mott, General Motors heir, who has already contributed \$105,000 to his campaign; or Xerox executive Max Pavlevsky, who has contributed \$25,000; or Seagram's head Edgar Bronfman, who kicked in \$5,000. These are just a few of a growing list of big businessmen who support McGovern.

BRITISH WORKERS WALK

British workers, led by the longshoremens, have answered the government's attempt to curtail their right to strike with a massive walkout that has closed every major British port and thrown the British ruling class into a panic.

The strike and a wave of wildcat walkouts that preceded it were sparked in part by the arrest of five picketing longshoremens. They were arrested under a new Industrial Relations Law designed to eliminate the effectiveness of strikes. One and a half million British workers walked off their jobs protesting the arrests and the reactionary law. The five arrested strikers were quickly released.

This new law, modeled in part on the most fascist aspects of U.S. labor law, was intended to prevent strikes and increase the profits of British capitalists. But it has backfired in their faces. There have already been more strikes this year than in all of 1971, and more wildcats than at anytime since 1926.

The current dock strike is a strike not only for job security -- over 18,000 dockers' jobs in Britain have been eliminated in the last two years -- but against the reactionary policies of the British government as well. The dockers voted to strike in defiance of the government and their own union leaders.

British workers face the same

problems faced by all workers in an imperialist country -- "frozen" wages, rising prices, and political repression. The militancy and class consciousness of British workers, and their willingness to defend their class brothers, should be an inspiration for us all.

SEARS WORKERS WIN VICTORY

Black workers at Atlanta area Sears stores and warehouses have won a significant victory against one of the largest non-union companies in the U.S. By relying on their own initiative and showing a high degree of unity and militance, the striking workers were able to force Sears to agree to a long list of demands that will benefit all Sears workers, black and white. Whether Sears will live up to the agreement and whether Sears employees will have to walk again remains to be seen.

The strike brought together hundreds of Sears workers from the entire metro Atlanta area. It was this unity, which stopped Sears freight shipments cold and virtually closed several major Sears stores, that forced this giant company to back down. For many of the strikers, it was their first experience in a mass struggle, and many valuable lessons were learned. An important task for the Sears workers, both to defend what they've already won and to be ready for future struggles, is to build some form of rank and file organization that will keep the workers together city wide.

The Sears strike should be an inspiration to workers and oppressed people everywhere. When workers are united and fight as one, even the biggest of companies can be forced to meet their demands.

Announcement

This is the last issue of the *Red Worker*. As of September, the October League (M-L) will put out a new newspaper, *The Call*. It will be distributed nationwide (including Atlanta).

Putting out *The Call* is a part of the expansion of the October League to a national organization. The newspaper will enable the October League to aid in the building of a new multi-national communist party and a strong

anti-imperialist movement in the U.S.

We hope that our friends and other progressive people will support *The Call* with the same enthusiasm they have shown for the *Red Worker*. Write and send us your criticisms, suggestions, comments and financial contributions to:

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