

## POLICE PASSIVELY AID ANTI-NEGRO RIOTERS

### FAIL TO SHOW EFFICIENCY AGAINST AIRPORT HOMES VIOLENCE USUALLY DISPLAYED AGAINST LABOR

The events following the attack of 1000 white neighborhood residents on two Negro veterans, Fort and Waddle, who moved into the Airport Homes Housing Project give unmistakable evidence that the police are passively permitting the attackers to continue their violence. Reinvestigation of the December 5th assault reveals the true spirit of the Police Department.

Several police were overheard expressing their sympathy for the crowd. Others pushed back the attackers with apologies of "having to do their duty". Two observers, John Gray of the National Negro Council, and an official of the American Civil Liberties Union have furnished additional examples of police sentiment for the white residents in the neighborhood.

Gray, a Negro, came to the scene Thursday morning, December 5th, with two white members of the Packinghouse Workers, CIO. When the crowd spied him about fifty of them gathered menacingly around the car shouting, "You black bastard, go back to Africa!" A row of policemen standing nearby did not even budge and the car was forced to move away for safety.

The representative of the American Civil Liberties Union saw a group of boys piling bricks into a car. Police positioned right by did nothing. When asked why the boys were not being stopped the cops replied, "We don't know why they are collecting bricks." Later the police did stop the car. Its license plate was on the inside and the driver was made to put it out in accordance with city regulations. This done, the car drove on, still filled with bricks.

The number of police present did not at first measure up to the seriousness of the situation. The

Mayor's Commission had to contact the mayor repeatedly to get him to send out more men.

Since December 5th about 300 police have remained at the project but they have given Fort, Waddle and other Negroes protection only to the extent of preventing their murder.

Friday, Dec. 6th, a coal truck driven thru the neighborhood by a Negro was attacked. The windshield was broken and the driver hurt. Several other Negroes including a staff member of the Chicago Defender, a Negro weekly, were beaten to unconsciousness. At night a fiery cross ala Ku-Klux-Klan illuminated the project.

Sunday, Dec. 8th, a Negro veteran and his wife getting off the bus at 53th and Central Park, in order to apply for an apartment in the project, were followed by a jeering crowd which demanded that they quit

the neighborhood. The couple took refuge in the project office. In the afternoon two teen-age boys were arrested for throwing rocks, and released.

Monday, Dec. 9th, 4:00 PM 150 persons bombarded a truck delivering the remainder of Fort's and Waddle's furniture with rocks and empty soft-drink bottles. The truck and two police squad cars were pelted as soon as they crossed 60th and started north on Karlov. Persily, the Negro truck driver, was hit on the shoulder by an empty bottle and bolted out of his car to shout defiance at his maniacal tormentors. The police quickly pushed him back into the cab and the convoy continued under a new hail of rocks. The windshield of the truck was shattered but Persily escaped serious injury.

7:00 PM this same day 250 men and women paraded around the four-block project, four abreast, shouting and carrying signs in opposition to Negroes moving into the neighborhood. A heavy rain dispersed the mob at 10:00 PM.

The Jim-crow frenzy of the white residents has not yet diminished.  
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### MR. MONEY BAG'S SPECIAL GENIE

### AGAINST ORGANIZED LABOR



# CHICAGO COPS AID RIOTERS

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Angry crowds still swell around the project streets; 300 police remain on duty. Let a Negro innocently enter the neighborhood and out comes a howling, jeering, enraged pack of bloodthirsty Georgia-spirited lynchers. The only factor restraining them has been the failure of more Negroes to move into the neighborhood.

Considering this unstemmed violence and the frequency with which one ugly blow follows the other, it becomes perfectly apparent that the Chicago police are passively assisting the rioters despite the pretence at protecting the Negro veterans. The police probably do not wish to be placed in the limelight for letting the people they are supposed to guard be killed, but they are unquestionably permitting enough violence as pressure against Fort, Waddle and other Negroes who would seek the project as their home. This policy is consistent with Alderman Hogan's and the Democratic machine's previous actions to keep out Negroes.

The intended tameness of the police stands out in bold contrast to their record of unexcelled skill

and dispatch in breaking up labor demonstrations and picket lines. It was in 1936 that a "Hands Off Ethiopia" demonstration was called to protest Mussolini's invasion of that country. The demonstrators were to gather at 43rd around South Parkway in the center of Black Metropolis. But this protest meeting never got underway. Almost 2000 police patrolled the area arresting every white person and "suspicious" Negro. White people left streetcars only to enter patrol-wagons. The police showed no timidity here.

In other demonstrations, involving Negro and white unemployed workers greatly in excess of the 1000 white men, women and youths at the project, the police were always on hand and displayed a remarkable zeal at clearing the streets.

When the National Students League and later the American Students Union called their annual April protest strikes against imperialist war, during the '30s the police showed no consideration for youth in keeping the strikes quiet and orderly.

More recently, during the first week in October, the police clubbed the few pickets at the American Automatic Devices plant to the ground; then beat them to a bloody pulp - and this without provocation.

Even so mild an affair as the student's strike last month at Forman High School found Capt. Barnes and his "Red Squad" there to grill the youthful leaders.

Hundreds and thousands of other cases can be cited to prove the record of a department infamous for its raw brutality against the working class. The very annuals of the police department are kept with a club bloody from attack on school children, old age pensioners, outnumbered, unarmed pickets. No wonder it comes as surprise and a stupid, shallow tragic-comedy to see the police clawed by frantic housewives, stoned, assaulted, insulted and then turning their cheeks like good Christians.

This tolerance is possible only because the police by their very training and experience, are hopelessly anti-Negro and the Kelly mobsters who have started this mad ball rolling - although they did not expect it to reach these proportions - have given specific instructions to the police that they conduct themselves with appropriate patience. What bitter irony that liberals in Chicago - both Negro and white - go shamelessly begging to this mayor and his henchmen in blue to aid the cause of racial equality.

## PROTEST MEETINGS FRUITLESS

South Side Groups  
Ask Mayor for More  
Police Protection

"Liberals" Send Telegrams,  
Praise Mayor Kelly;  
Squelch Militant Action

100 delegates representing mainly Negro organizations and churches met December 9th at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, 3301 Indiana Ave. in a conference called by the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America to protest the anti-Negro attacks at the government housing project.

A resolution urged Cardinal Stritch "to speak out boldly... against the undemocratic sentiments of the West Lawn citizens in keeping with the recent pro-democratic resolution by the National Catholic Welfare Conference".

Col. Clifton Jones, commanding officer of the 8th Regiment of the Illinois National Guard called the Chicago police to account for failing to give "adequate protection for Negro families".

Some other resolutions were:

- (1) The mayor to use city, county police and sheriffs.
- (2) Support of Kelly's statement that Negroes "can live there as long as they want to, if it takes the whole police force and the state militia to protect them".
- (3) Veterans Administration to

The Mayor's Commission on Human Welfare held an emergency meeting of delegates of organizations on Dec. 6th at the Central YMCA to consider the anti-Negro violence out at the Airport Project. The delegates, for the majority church and civic authorities, were told that "this was not a meeting to give vent to feeling - but to do some serious planning". Representatives of political organizations were there without invitation.

First, the exact facts of the disturbance were minutely described. As the temper of the meeting rose, Kennedy (United Negro and Allied Vet. of Amer.) and McGee (NAACP) pointed out that the Negro community is highly disturbed by the latest events and that a mass meeting was decided for the following Sunday. Tom Wright, from Mayor's Commission on Human Welfare and chairman of the meeting, immediately retorted that a Negro mass meeting was the

intervene and help the Chicago Housing Authority.

(4) More Negro veterans to be assigned apartments at the project.

worst possible answer to the events. He appealed to the Negroes admirable patience.

Other delegates of the meeting's organizing committee sprang up to also say that a mass meeting was a bad idea - might lead to violence.

Even the audience at the Y, however, had to be given something besides repeated condemnation of the Airport riot. So proposals were suggested for "action".

1. To send telegrams to the Mayor to congratulate him on his courageous stand for his statement that discrimination of race and creed shall not be practiced in community projects and to ask the mayor by letter and telegram, for adequate police protection.

2. To ask the mayor to assign more police and detectives and police photographers to the area (so as to be able to arrest those who organize the riot).

3. To ask the FBI to come in on the case.

Mike Mann, secretary of the CIO Council and the only official representative of labor present at the meeting, took the floor twice; to propose the meeting congratulate the Chicago Housing Authority on its courageous stand, to oppose a proposal that Gov. Green be requested to send in state militia. He stated

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# THE FIRE OF NEIGHBORHOOD RACIAL STRIFE WILL SPREAD TO EVERY LOCAL UNION

UNLESS WE COME  
DOWN ON IT

WITH BOTH FEET!

The liberal ring-around-a-rosy in reaction to the violence at the Airport Project would be an enjoyable kindergarten pastime if human life and democratic rights for Negroes were not at stake. Outside of chewing the rag 'till it was a tasteless wad, the Mayor's Commission on Human Welfare did nothing for human welfare but to commend Mayor Kelly for his courageous stand in "defence" of the Negro minority. However, the facts reveal that this same mayor, his machine, and police were the original instigators of this sordid drama being enacted at West Lawn, not only condoned the would-be lynchings but still do

From the conference at the Pilgrim Baptist Church an appeal was made to the church, particularly the Catholic since the neighborhood is Polish and Irish, to bring peace and reason. But was it not a few days ago that priest, minister and rabbi were howled down by the frenzied bigots for attempting to stay their criminal attack? Was not Msgr. Reynold Hillenbrant of the Sacred Heart Church ridiculed? Are we to expect more this week?

This same conference called for more Negro veterans to move into the project and hailed the policy of the Chicago Housing Authority. Did not Miss Elizabeth Scott, head of the Chicago Housing Authority, urge the six other Negro families scheduled to move in with Fort and Waddle to wait?

The AFL and CIO were appealed to for assistance. Hasn't the AFL

## Fruitless meetings...

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this would set a dangerous precedent which might be used against labor picket lines.

Many hands went up to protest - presumably - against the mild tone of the meeting. Patterson, (Communist Party) was directly told to sit down when he tried to point out that behind the Airport disturbance lies the problem of the ghetto - big land interests forcing Negroes to live in fenced-off areas where rent can be skyrocketed. Mike Bartell (Socialist Workers Party) had his hand up for an hour without being recognized. But Mr. Babcock (of Mayor's Commission) was recognized and he took ten minutes to explain that the members of the meeting should write to the "Chicago Daily News" and "The Sun" to commend them on a fair treatment of the disturbance in an article and an

failed to appear at any conference? Wasn't the only positive proposal of Mike Mann, secretary of the Chicago CIO Council, to the Mayor's Commission, the sending of a telegram of congratulation to Miss Wood?

When the harmless smoke from the liberal's cap gun fades away we have a string of telegrams, resolutions and speeches in which all eyes turn to Mayor Kelly. And do we not know Kelly's ugly part?

Must Kelly doff a Columbia Inc. uniform, Chief of Police Prendergast the Ku-Klux-Klan white, must Rankin and Bilbo move into the city hall before it becomes clear that the city administration and police cannot be expected to squash Negro discrimination - that THEY HELP FEED IT INTO A DANGEROUS MONSTER?

editorial written by these papers respectively.

Then the meeting ended. Why was the meeting called at all? Couldn't Tom Wright who has free accession to the mayor tell him that stronger police protection was needed? The fact was he told us that Thursday night he had an emergency meeting with the mayor telling him just that.

The actual purpose of the meeting "to plan action" against the Airport rioters was to squelch all action - action by militant Negroes or by militant labor. Tom Wright, the mayor's own little pupil, called the "major" meeting so how could the mayor be accused of not being a militant fighter for minorities' rights?

Very clever politics, Mayor Kelly it is a shame that people are becoming ever more aware of what makes authorities move... It is not "the people's will" - it is the ruling class.



The Airport Project is only 4 blocks square. Since December 5th the white residents in the neighborhood have been beating their tin cans with immunity. They are having their ORGANIZED demonstrations of 100 to 1000. Isn't now the time to start some marches in support - the word is used so much these days - of Fort, Waddle and the other Negro families who have been assigned apartments? Demonstrations of 10, 20, 50,000? Wouldn't this give the neighborhood the impression that there really is ORGANIZED PROTEST in Chicago to protest their Jim-crow celebration? In addition wouldn't the bigots be given a practical demonstration of Negro-white solidarity?

Certainly this is not a far-fetched idea. The people who spend their time running from conference to conference, Western Union station to Western Union station, would in themselves make up a good-sized contingent.

But if such action is to come, it will not be from the liberals, churches, the trade union porkers. The worker organized in the shop should recognize what his unity and, therefore, his standard of living and working conditions are in danger if the disunity in West Lawn spreads to the factories. The worker in the shop can help scotch this evil thru his intervention. Let each local establish a defense guard proportionate to its size and inform the central labor bodies and the conferences that they have so many men ready for duty. Let each local go on record for militant demonstrations right in the neighborhood where these lynchings pile their rocks and empty soft-drink bottle.

## "EAT DIRT OR GET OUT!"

# ONE WAY TO CONTROL A UNION

## 194 FTA-CIO'S Stalinist leadership gives lesson in shady unionism at nomination meeting

Last week LABOR VIEWS related that four stewards of Local 194 Food and Tobacco Workers of America (CIO) were fired because they refused to buckle down to an infamous "cooperation plan", an agreement which this union's leadership has foisted upon Campbell's workers.

A graphic lesson on how this Stalinist union leadership squelches further opposition was given in the local's last membership meeting. The meeting convened at Halley's Hall, 2438 W. 38th Street on Sunday afternoon November 23rd.

The purpose of this "membership" meeting of all the plants under 194 - Campbell's Soup with over 3,000 dues-paying members, Chase and Sandborn, King Cole and College Inn - was to nominate officers for the coming year. Naturally, the dinky little Halley's Hall could not have held more than 300 of 194's over three thousand members.

There were less than 150 people in the room. A worker there informed LABOR VIEWS that the tiny four-line announcement of the meeting in 194's newspaper omitted the address of the hall on the excuse that "people know where it was". This hall is not even the union headquarters!

But the size of the meeting was controlled in yet another way. Such meetings officially scheduled for 3:00 o'clock usually begin sometime after 3:30. This time the meeting started at 3:00 on the dot. Unknown to the general assemblage the door downstairs to the street was locked shortly afterward. Later in the meeting the locked door was "discovered", and Gardiner then openly accused the opposition forces at

the meeting of pulling off this gag! The Gardiner-Gallagher forces had somehow known to come early that afternoon!

With all this oppression the opposition to this union leadership crystallized in the nomination of a steward, Tom Smith, for president. Of course, among the ~~main~~ chief spokesmen for Smith were the four stewards who were fired during the week before this meeting.

The Gardiner-Gallagher machine unhesitatingly delivered a vicious personal attack against Smith.

Now, John Gallagher is the president of 194. Gardiner and Gallagher alternately play pin-boy for each other while the other one does the bowling. At the nomination meeting it was Gardiner's turn to be pin-boy. In an emotional fist-wielding speech he extolled the virtuous militancy of John Gallagher and spoke of his years of experience...

As the story goes, according to workers in the shop, in 1942 194's president made off with the union treasury. Gallagher, who was then chief shop steward simply declared himself president and has since remained "in". The way in which the election was handled last year gives a clue as to how he and his gang have remained "in".

The following basic provisions were deliberately violated during that election:

(1) election is to be conducted by an election committee on which no one running for office may serve.

(2) the ballots are to be counted

LABOR VIEWS is a local paper issued by the Revolutionary Workers League, a group of Chicago workers, to further the struggle of the working-class against the constant attack of the industrialists and bankers.

We propose independent working class action beginning at the shops, mines and mills against this ruling class and its government - its police forces, its courts and laws - operating as

its "big stick".

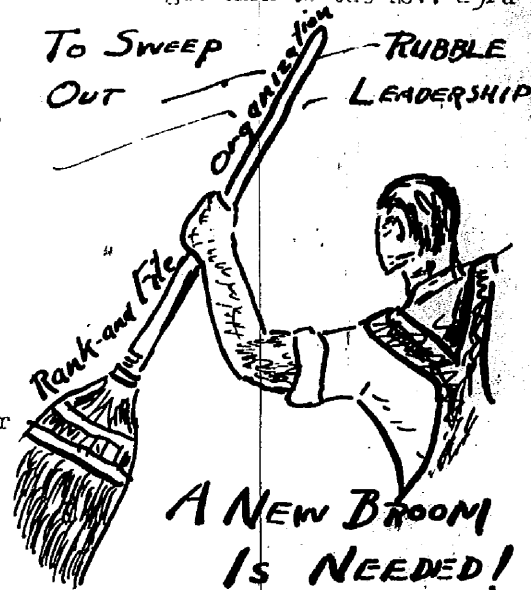
LABOR VIEWS recognizes that although today the working class fights to defend its living standards, tomorrow it will face the task of abolishing this rotting system of capitalist slavery, and creating a government which will organize society for the welfare of all who labor. The chief instrument needed for achieving this goal is a Revolutionary Workers Party.

the same day.

(3) any member of the union can be present at the ballot counting.

The ballots were gathered into the union office after the voting, and at 10 o'clock that night Gallagher insisted that only he, the president for re-election, would be allowed to remain with the ballots all night. The obvious results of the election were announced the next day.

But to get back to the Nov. 23rd



meeting - a whole string of political motions passed by the executive board were read into the meeting minutes... support of "pro-labor" candidates, anti-Bilbo petitions, support of Henry Wallace, etc, etc. But the whole character of this meeting showed how few of the union's rank-and-file workers actually have mobilized in support of these political positions. When at the end of the meeting Gallagher, Gardiner, Jessica Ryan, (Regional Director) and others combined in a soulful appeal for volunteers for a mass picket line the next day at struck Chicago Macaroni Co. - Less than a dozen raised their hands.

So far, the smoldering opposition to this fake leadership has taken the form of refusal by some stewards to "co-operate" with the company on grievance and other shop matters, and by offering just one opposition candidate for president, Tom Smith. The direction of this opposition for the most part is a healthy one except for one trend: some are giving support to Smith, a Negro, simply because 90% of 194's workers are now Negroes.

But the many sincere militants in local 194 are as yet too unorganized to really break the ruthless Stalinist grip on this outfit. They have been unable to defend militants fired just before this nomination meeting.