A SPECIAL INTERVIEW:

Female liberation and socialism

ALL-ROUND APPROACH—Delphine Welch (1.) and Pat Galligan of Boston Female Liberation in Korean karate exhibition. They see mass action and socialist goal as decisive to full emancipation of women. In a special interview, they, Jeanne Lafferty and Evelyn Clark explain why. Interview begins on page 9.

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In other races in Colorado's Texas where there were Raza Unida candidates, the SWP and socialist candidates, the SWP urged a vote for the Raza Unida candidates.

A suggestion

Garden City, Mich.
I have been a regular reader of The Militant for about three months. During that time I have been impressed with the depth and scope of your news coverage. It is by far the best of the radical press.

There is, however, one area where I feel we could be improved. The Militant should print brief analytical articles to explain the forces that control capitalist society. Ferring particularly to the roles of the police and the army.

I feel that The Militant is missing a critical opportunity to broaden young radicals into true revolutionaries. One method of achieving the transition could be follow-up, in-depth articles in the International Socialism Review after the reader's appetite has been whetted by the short Militant articles.

Ken Spears

Sub renewal

Binghamton, N. Y.
I am renewing my subscription gladly. I find The Militant to be one of the most enlightening and comprehensive newspapers of today. Keep up the good work.

J. G.

Red Cloud

Detroit, Mich.
Many good books have been published in the last ten years about the American Indian, a sign of the revival of the Indian's struggle to reclaim his lost land and culture. Some authors, like Stanley Vestal, Alvin M. Josephy, Ralph D. Forbes and George Bird Grinnell were raised among Indians of the West. Their stories have a true and sympathetic ring. What they relate of the Indians' resistance to the Anglo invaders in the

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The Militant is an interesting newsweekly that provides full coverage of radical news. Its effort to build a strong antiwar movement is unsurpassed.

It seems to go out of its way, however, to criticize every white person, party or grouping on the left. This policy must be reassessed. A united front is essential in these perilous times. While you may differ with the Communist Party, the Guardian, Dave Dellinger, etc., it is not necessary to impugn their motives. They are not the enemy; the enemy is the war.

At this point in the struggle, all progressive forces must make every effort to work together against racism, U. S. imperialism and the exploitation at home by the ruling class. S. D.

The Militant expresses its political disagreements with the politics of other left-wing forces but we have never deliberately impugned the personal motives of anyone in the radical movement. We believe that discussion of political differences is essential to education and growth of a healthy revolutionary movement. We feel it is the only way to work out critical strategy and tactics.

The Militant has consistently advocated that despite political disagreements that exist within the movement, there should be united-front campaigns encompassing all who agree on a specific, concrete issue of struggle.

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Antirwar movement attacks links of Houston police to Ku Klux Klan

By DAVID BLISS

HOUSTON--Facts have been gathered proving collusion between the police and the Ku Klux Klan in violent attacks on the antirwar and radical movement in this area over the past two years. At a news conference called Nov. 2 by the Houston Committee to End the War, representatives from a number of organizations demanded a full disclosure of all ties between the Houston Police Department, or its members, and the KKK.

Groups represented at the news conference included the New Party, the Student Mobilization Committee, the Women's Liberation Front, the Young Democrats, the Socialist Workers Party and the Hope Development Corporation.

The news conference, which was given wide media coverage, reflected the growing public reaction against the right-wing attacks that have been plaguing this area. It was prompted by the latest of a series of violent incidents involving the KKK.

On Oct. 20, local radio station KNUI received a bomb threat over the telephone. The police were called to the scene, where they arrested two men generally assumed to be members of the Ku Klux Klan, Jimmy Hutto and Louis Beam. The two, who were driving around before dawn with their car lights off, had in their possession three semi-automatc rifles with ammunition, a walkie-talkie, some flammable liquid, and KKK literature. They were arrested just a few blocks from the headquarters of Space City!, a local underground newspaper which has repeatedly been the victim of violent attacks.

Within a few hours of their arrest, however, both men were released by police without charges. This was, moreover, not the first time they had received such benign treatment from their fellow citizens.

Participants in the Nov. 2 news conference charged in a statement that "The release of Hutto and Beam... by the Houston police after they were picked up in such compromising circumstances is one more item in the mounting evidence pointing to an abhorrent relationship between the Klan and the Houston Police Department."

Hutto and Beam have a long record of harassment against the antirwar, liberal and radical movements. In 1968, Hutto infiltrated the Houston Committee to End the War. He entered the home of Fred Brode, the committee's chairman, on one occasion. Subsequently, Brode's house became the target of vicious attacks by night raiders. In a period of five months, more than 20 bullets were fired into his house. A fire was also set under it which the Fire Department called a clear case of arson.

Hutto then infiltrated the Houston SDS in 1969. For three months he lived together with SDSers. Once when the SDSers were away at a national convention, their house was ransacked and robbed of all the office equipment and papers. Two weeks later, some of the stolen literature was left in the driveway with a sticker attached. It read: "The Knights of the Klan is watching you." On Oct. 2, 1969, Beam was one of eight men who attempted to enter the Pacifica office. They were turned away by the landlord. As they were leaving, one threw a brick through the front window. The landlord hailed a passing police car, which chased two of the men at high speeds through stop signs in the Montrose area.

The police returned shortly with two men in custody, one of whom was Beam. The arresting officers assured the landlord that the men would be booked and charged. The next morning the landlord learned that they had been released without charges.

On March 15, 1970, Hutto and Beam were among a group that broke into the Converse police station and physically attacking one of the participants. Beam was captured by monitors from the Houston Police Committee and turned over to the police. Rather than book him, the police held him for a short time and then released him. A member of the Houston Peace Coalition who attempted to press charges against Beam was told "it was too late.

Recently, Hutto and Beam were seen at the embarkation point for the busses leaving from Houston for the Oct. 31 antirwar demonstration in Austin. Hutto and a friend were also seen taking notes outside a meeting of the University of Houston Young Socialist Alliance.

The KKK has been given such favorable treatment by the Houston police that it has begun to function more and more openly. On Oct. 10, the KKK held a rally near Crosby, Texas, a small town on the outskirts of Houston. More than 400 persons attended the nighttime rally, the first to be held in Harris County in more than three years.

Reverend Kilt, a right-wing fundamentalist preacher who is head of the Louisiana Klan, gave his, and presumably God's, blessing to the howd­ed gathering. The crowd met along the side of a long, flathed truck decked out in Klan paraphernalia and insignia. Around the podium stood a dozen uniformed, hooded bodyguards.

The featured speaker was Colonel Robert Shelton, the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, the largest KKK organization in the U.S. Shelton dealt with the evils of the educational system, to which he added his usual lurid racist demagogy. He also touched on the specific ways they hoped to accomplish their goals.

For Reverend, the Great Dragon of the Texas Klan, was much more to the point. For a Klan prior to the rally, Converse had given both radio and television news time to say that he would "expose" Houston City Hall at his rally Oct. 10. During the course of his "expose" at the rally, he boasted about "knocking down the City Hall." He even stated, "and these people are working to build up the United Klans!" Converse also reported arrested the police of Houston chief Herman Short and Harris County sheriff Buster Kern.

Following the speeches, a cross­burning was held in a nearby field. About two dozen silk­sheathed men with torches slowly circled the gasoline­soked cross until one of them lit it. Meanwhile, an electric organ was blaring "The Old Rugged Cross" over the loudspeakers. The crowd chased until the fire died out and the music stopped.

Following the rally, Robert Shelton was asked what the main objective of the Klan was. "We aren't worried about the niggers any more," he replied. "It's the communists we're after." Reporters from Space City! and Pacifica radio station KPFT followed up the rally with an interview with Frank Converse, who owns a gun store in Houston. They asked him what motivated him to join the Klan. "Well, you know," he said, "you seek out every organization in the United States that I thought had something to fight against communism, and the Klan was the only one that was really fighting." Converse also assured them that all members of the Texas Klan, including the lights and dare devils, were dedicated to eliminating police harassment and establish a new atmosphere of freedom of expression in Houston.

Amherst holds first socialist weekend parley

By TOM BLAS

AMHERST, Mass.--The first Western New England Socialist Educational Conference was held here Nov. 6-8 at the U of Massachusetts. Seventy-three people registered for the affair. Dick Roberts of The Militant spoke on Marxist economic theory. Peter Czales, recent Socialist Workers candidate for U.S. Senate from Massachusetts, addressed himself to "The Second American Revolution: The Civil War and the Anti­war Movement." He also greeted the students by saying: "The Revolutionary Dynamics of the Women's Liberation Movement" was the subject of a talk by Cindy Jaquith, New York YSA feminist activist.

The final talk of the conferences given by Joe Miles, recent SWP candidate for Congress from the 9th dist­ric­tor and organizer of GIs United Against the War in Vietnam at Fort Jackson, S.C. "Third World Liberation and Socialism" was his subject.

Amherst YSA also sponsors a weekly Militant Forum, with lectures and discussions on different aspects of the socialist revolution, past and present. It meets on Monday evenings at the University of Massachusetts.
The Guardian, Oct. 31 and NPAC

In our issue of Nov. 13, we offered an editorial estimate of the Oct. 31 demonstrations against the Vietnam war organized by the National Peace Action Coalition. We concluded that when measured in the context of the difficulty confronting the organizers, these demonstrations could be characterized as a heartening success.

The principal articles cited was the opposition by those within the radical movement who are against mass, single-issue ant-war demonstrations, and devote their energies to preventing them from happening. These included the forces which, in the recent past, took control of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam. By their opposition to mass action against the war, they succeeded in reducing the Mobe from an effective ant-war coalition to an unrepresentative, impotent, "multi-issue" sectarian formation.

It was the dissociation of the Mobe that led to the formation of a new coalition to continue organizing mass opposition to the war. This was called the New Mobe.

Not content with refusing to build or help build such ant-war actions themselves, these groups and individuals in control of the Mobe devoted their energies to organizing a campaign to suppress the newly launched coalition, hoping to isolate it and render it ineffective by branding it a front of the Trotskyist movement.

In the course of the development of NPAC and the organizational work of the Oct. 31 action, some of those who had been associated with the Mobe did give their support to the action and in some cases joined the NPAC coalition. This was certainly a good development and one that was welcomed by this publication.

However, in some cases the endorsement given to the Oct. 31 action was, as we stated in our editorial paragraph, "more formal than real." We said that if our view, this also applied to the endorsement of Oct. 31 by the weekly Guardian.

In a Nov. 14 editorial, the Guardian offered an angry rebuttal to this, asserting that the paper had in fact given "all-out support to the Oct. 31 demonstrations."

We are not persuaded.

It is perfectly true that several members of the Guardian staff, particularly Carl Davidson and Bernie Blaiklock, wrote several good news accounts of the founding of NPAC and the Oct. 31 action. And it is true that in editorials the week prior to the action, the Guardian argued editorially against those who refused to support the action on the grounds that demonstrations against the war served no useful purpose and/or because NPAC was "Trotskyist dominated."

But it is equally true that from the outset the weight of Guardian editorial opinion (again, here we are referring specifically to editorial opinion, not views indicated by staff writers) was thrown in favor of the Mobe, its multi-issue approach, and its efforts to pull out of the air a new multi-issue coalition, the National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression.

For example, a July 4 editorial characterized NPAC as "under the leadership of the Socialist Workers Party," and asserted that "the political influence of the SWP's 'single-issue' orientation and tactical inflexibility inhibit possibilities for expansion."

By way of contrast, the same editorial offered the following appraisal of the then already virtually defunct Mobe: "The New Mobe, with hundreds of constituent groups devoted to a mass coalition from moderate to radical anti-war, is leading the action."

While events did not permit the Guardian to continue to present this highly imaginative description of the alleged breadth of the Mobe, it did continue, persistently, in each editorial to drag in the alleged domination of NPAC by the SWP. It was not until after Oct. 31 in an editorial congratulating NPAC on a job well done, that the Guardian suggested that there might have been significant other forces involved. (This editorial was published along with the one responding for the Militant.)

The SWP has not concealed, and indeed has no reason to conceal, its full, energetic support for and participation in NPAC. But it is false and it is red-baiting to persistently suggest that NPAC is an SWP front.

It is also true, unfortunately, that the SWP is the only major left-wing group giving active support to NPAC. But this is not, as the Guardian gratuitously suggests in its Nov. 14 editorial, because the SWP has an interest in excluding others. It is because these other groupings have stubbornly and wrongly insisted on staying out of NPAC. From the outset NPAC has been committed to the anti-war non-exclusion, in deeds as well as words.

But, someone might argue, in political terms to the SWP role in NPAC, the Guardian is merely reporting news. That's like arguing that the New York Times is reporting the news when in virtually every article about Angela Davis it refers to her as "the militant Black Marx- ist." The intent is to convey an unfavorable image.

And if we were simply a matter of news, one might inquire why the Guardian editors apparently do feel that it is even necessary any longer to make reports of the news but to create by the ideological political difference that the Guardian did not really utilize its resources to campaign consistently and effectively for an all-out turnout Oct. 31.

On the eve of the Oct. 31 demonstrations, an Oct. 24 Guardian editorial argued against those in the movement who refused to join in because "the Trotskyist movement is leading the action."

It was good that the Guardian did argue against such a damag­ ingly factional and sectarian attitude. It would have been better if the Guardian had not contributed toward creating it.

The final point: All of those who feel, as the Guardian now declares it does, that NPAC did a worthwhile job of mobilization, any rem­ nant in the streets Oct. 31, should agree that a similar, more massive action in the spring is essential. To map plans for such an action, NP­ AC has called a movement anti-war conference for Dec. 4-6 in Chicago. It would be good if the Guardian took note of that gathering and less of its voice to achieving a large, rep­ resentative attendance there.
New York women set march for Dec. 12th

NEW YORK—the New York Women's Strike Coalition, representing some 30 feminist organizations, held a news conference Nov. 12 to announce a massive march of women and children on Mayor Lindsay's home Dec. 12. The women will demand that the city provide free, community-controlled public abortion clinics and 24-hour child-care centers.

To mobilize masses of women and children, the coalition hopes to expose and protest the fact that despite the liberalization of abortion law in New York, restrictions are still not available to women who need them. In addition to the restriction contained in the state law that abortions must now be done in hospitals or in clinics with hospital facilities and that hospitals are not required to take abortion cases.

Because of all these infringements on the right of women to abortion if they desire, women still have to resort to illegal abortionists. Hospitals have backlogs of six to eight weeks, and longer, with each week of delay making abortion more hazardous and more expensive for the woman. While illegal abortions cost $200 and up, hospitals are now charging from $400 to as much as $1,000.

In a statement released at the press conference, Lucinda Cramer, president of New Yorkers for Abortion Law Repeal, noted that private companies were planning to set up abortion centers around the state which would charge between $500 and $400. By so restricting access to public abortion clinics, the city is thus making it possible for private businesses to cash in on the misery of women with unwanted pregnancies.

Furthermore, child-care centers in New York City have space for only 7,000 children, while more than 500,000 children are in need of child care. Other women's organizations participating in the press conference included Delores Alexander from the National Organization for Women, Nancy Fried from Bardsall College Women's Liberation, writer Betty Friedan, Michele Berry from the Phoenix Organization of Women, and Ruthann Miller from the Socialist Women's Party.

Women's liberation groups from eight colleges and universities in the city issued a statement endorsing the Dec. 12 demonstration calling on campuses and women's liberation groups throughout the city to organize a series of meetings, women's liberation groups throughout the city to organize seminars.
The Black Panthers, an assessment (I)

By DERRICK MORRISON

The Black Panther Party held mass plenary sessions in Philadelphia Sept. 5-7 and in New York City Oct. 1-3 for an extraordinary Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention.

A variety of workshop proposals were submitted and passed. Approved were proposals calling for community control, women's liberation, a people's militia, nationalization of the means of production, decentralization of government.

These proposals stemmed from the belief that some type of socialist society is needed. And it is with this in mind that the Panther Party wants to put new constitution to be submitted to a public convention Nov. 27-29 in Washington, D.C.

An important lack in the Philadelphia gathering was that it failed to deal with one of the most urgent issues facing any mobility: mobilizing a mass defense of the Black Panther Party against the government plot to destroy it. There was no workshop on the legal defense of the mounting number of Panther political prisoners. Despite the arrests of more than 10,000 youths, 70 percent of whom were Black, no plan for the building of a national Solidarity Committee was laid out.

The problem of defending the Panther Party is not just a "Panther" matter but a matter of concern for all those fighting for change.

If the government is able to destroy the Panther Party, then the existence of all organizations and individuals committed to civil liberties will be placed in doubt.

It was this basic idea that prompted hundreds of the people to respond in the week prior to the Philadelphia convention. It was in the wake of a string of assaults by the Philadelphia police on three local offices of the Panther Party, the subsequent incarceration of 14 Panthers on bail of $100,000, and racist statements by police chief Frank Rizzo that some type of martial law was needed in the city.

These measures created a sense of outrage in the Black community. Blacks who had never related to the Panthers before volunteered to prepare food and provide housing for plenary participants. Thousands of Black adults and youths came down to McGonigle Hall (location of the plenary at Temple University) as a gesture of solidarity.

In the white community, a group of businessmen put an ad in the paper soliciting their support for the constitutional right of the Black Panther Party to peacefully assemble.

Thus, the Civil Rights people prompted the government to lower the ball on the 14 Panthers to amounts of $1,000 and $100. And a federal judge, in response to a Panther suit, issued an order restraining the police from any attacks on the plenary that weekend.

The dynamic operating here was not only the Black Panther Party had a bigger military arsenal than the Philadelphia Police Department. The convergence of the two forces was that the dynamic resided in the political consciousness and radicalization going on among the people.

The nationalist awakening in the Black community brought on instant solidarity. The mass demonstrations before the Vietnam war have set the way for many youth to come out in defense of the Panther Party. And in addition, the poverty of the people in this country assume that anyone has the constitutional right to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

The government has made serious inroads on these rights, but to do that a conscious understanding is needed of both the necessity and the opportunity.

Back in 1968, the Panthers launched a "Free Huey" movement in defense of Newton. They were willing to unite with any and everybody in that campaign. And when Eldridge Cleaver was re­ jailed out of a police ambush on April 6, 1968, the Panthers organized an international defense committee for his release.

In enlisting support, both of these defense efforts did not require any mass movement with the program of the Black Panther Party.

But today, after outright police attacks and recent court decision, in such places as Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Atlanta, New Orleans, Milwaukee, and other cities, no concerted defense campaign has been put into motion. The recent police assault on a Panther headquarters in Detroit suggests an escalation in these attacks.

In that Oct. 24 raid Detroit police cordoned off the surrounding community and brought in tanks. These attacks result in an increasing number of Panther political prisoners. Yet the only defense proposed at the Philadelphia plenary was that of "picking up the gun." The frustration and desperation of Folk singer Pete Seeger when he wrote, "F. Jackson at San Rafael was used as an example of action in the courts. This points up the fact that the Panthers do not conceive of "picking up the gun" as part and parcel of a mass-action program. Self-defense as a part of a movement of organizing the Black masses is valid and necessary. This is the type of movement developed by Robert F. Williams during the late '50s and early '60s in South Carolina. His experience is recorded in the book Negroes With Guns. Along the same veins, Malcolm X tried to integrate self-defense into a movement for Black control of the Black community.

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These strikes deserve the sympathy and support of all other workers in this area where the antiblack tactics of Whirlpool need to be publicized.

The need to build a Panther defense

By TOM FIDDICK

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—More than 5,000 members of Local 808 of the Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO, have been on the picket line since Oct. 18, when they met here in a football stadium and voted overwhelmingly to strike Whirlpool Corporation, the largest single employer in southwest Indiana. Only four voted against the strike.

The strike is a determined effort by Local 808 members to prevent Whirlpool management from dictating wages and conditions of work. Morale is high, as scores of strikers maintain the picket lines seven days a week.

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GM Settlement: below workers' expectations

By FRANK LOVELL

NOV. 22 - The basic draft of a new three-year contract for the U.S. auto industry was accepted by officials of the United Auto Workers Nov. 12 and submitted for ratification to the 400,000 General Motors strikers, who had been out for 58 days. Deadline for the membership vote was set for Nov. 20, when a majority of the 155 UAW-GM locals were expected to announce the results. Top union officials expressed confidence that the GM contract would be approved.

The UAW's 350-member GM Council, comprised of representatives from all locals that struck the GM when the vote to end the strike was being taken in this country, Dennis McDermott, a UAW vice president and director of the Canadian region, said that important differences in wages and working conditions remained to be settled.

The wage gains are far short of what the striking GM workers had expected. In the first year they will get a raise of 49 to 51 cents per hour, with the average production worker getting 50 cents. That includes the previously agreed-on 28 cents catch-up money owed under the limited cost-of-living clause of the previous contract.

The only substantial protection afforded under the new contract is the restoration of the full cost-of-living allowance, which adjusts wages to rising prices. The 1967 contract does not provide for such an allowance until Dec. 6, 1971, one full year after ratification of the present contract. Under the new contract, wages will rise 1 cent per hour for each 0.4 points increase in the consumer price index of the U.S. Bureau of Labor. Wages will be adjusted quarterly and the cost-of-living allowance will be paid each week in the regular pay check.

Anticipating continuing price rises, the UAW officials in Chicago said they would likely follow the following recommendation: "If the consumer price index should rise at a rate of 4 percent a year during the life of the new contract (which is less than the rate actually used during 1967), the increase in the cost-of-living allowance would amount to 50 cents per hour by the time the last adjustment under the new contract is made in 1973. Such an increase in cost-of-living allowance, of course, would not increase the living power of the strike but would help to protect buying power. The figure does illustrate, however, how important the cost-of-living provisions of the new contract can be.

During the second and third years of the contract, the catch-up wages will be 3 percent, in accordance with the estimated annual increase in productivity. These raises will amount to an average 13 cents per hour in each of the two years.

The total three-year wage package, discounting the 26 cents owing from the previous contract, gives workers an increase of 50 cents per hour in the first year, of 76 cents if the catch-up is included. This is a total of 50 cents per hour. The raise is used by UAW officials anxious to make the contract look as good as possible. They argue that average-income workers "are assured of increases in their wages under the new contract amounting to 76 cents per hour plus whatever additional amounts result from its cost-of-living allowance.

This is a good distance from the 91 cent first-year raise the UAW was asking when negotiations began July 21 and constantly reduced from the 61.5 cents demanded when the strike was called Sept. 14. Strikers at GM compare their wage gains with the $1.65 won by the Team­sters in the recent strike. The Teamster locals turned down a smaller settlement.

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The new GM contract includes a series of supplemental provisions that will affect the lives of workers and their families. Among the most important are:

1) A four percent wage raise for the first year, with the 1966 cost-of-living allowance restored. Wages will be raised to $4.60 an hour on Dec. 6, 1971, reduced to $4.56 on Oct. 1, 1972.

2) A $50 monthly pension for all workers after 30 years service, regardless of age. The settlement offers the pension at age 58, reduced to 56 on Oct. 1, 1972. Workers with 30 years in the plants who retire early lose 8 percent of their pension for every year below the age level. Thus a worker who started at 18 can retire at 48, but gets only $100 a month pension.

3) An investigation of administration of the UAW's Unemployment Benefit Plan (SUB) by the GM pension plan. GM will increase its payments from five to 10 cents an hour per worker. Bene­ficiaries who have put into unemployment has depleted the fund. The overall cost of the settlement is close to the original estimate pro­jected by GM cost accountants. With cost-of-living estimates included, the new contract is expected to increase dollar labor costs by no more than 10 percent per year, 30 percent over three years.

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The National Peace Action Coalition, which organized the Oct. 31 demonstrations in Seattle and San Francisco, has slated a national conference to be held in the Packington House Labor Center in Chicago Dec. 4-6. NPAC has, from its inception last June, rejected disarm both the Vietnamese resistance and the majority of the American people.

You know, this demonstration and others like it across the country are being sponsored by the National Peace Action Coalition, which is the broadest antwar coalition ever established, joining labor and students and GIs and all others who oppose the war.

And union after union (either by convention or by stated position of their leadership) has come out against the war in the last months. These include the UAW, the Teamsters, the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, the Meat Cutters Union, the Longshoremen and Warehousemen, District 65 of the Wholesale, Retail and Office Workers, the Oil and Chemical Workers, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the American Newspaper Guild, the Musicians Union, the National Federation of Press and Federal Employees, the Textile Union, and Labor, a paper which in its last issue for 21 radio stations in the U.S. have all said the war must be ended.

So what's in the offing now is a massive national spring action (which we hope will last about for years and we're just beginning now to consolidate) of workers and students, together with women and GIs and Blacks and all others. (Applause) So Nixon and his backers, in their political Alinsky effort to divide and conquer the people, they are the scapegoats for a bankrupt foreign policy and they are the scapegoats for a bankrupt domestic policy.

But we're not taking it! We're going to fight back and expose Nixon. And when Nixon says that the time has come in America to draw lines, well, we say that the antwar movement has already drawn the lines between Nixon and the majority of the American people.

And union after union has said the war must be ended. So we're going to go ahead and have our thing. And we said, "Yes, we're going to go ahead and have our thing."

As they said, "You're wondering about is that we don't see the names of well-known persons as speakers-

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Dove politics on own moratorium; the movement has to get the job done

by John Votava

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Interview with Boston women activists

Female liberation and socialism

By CAROLINE LUND

BOSTON—One important question that is often discussed within the women's liberation movement is the relationship between female liberation and socialism. This question and others are discussed in the following interview with four members of Female Liberation: Jeanne Lafferty, Delphine Welch, Pat Galligan and Evelyn Clark. All four began to fight against women's oppression, as members of Female Liberation. One of their main interests at the time was to form a relationship with the Students for a Democratic Society. Pat Galligan and Delphine Welch are Blue Belt Tae Kwon Do students, and Evelyn Clark and Jeanne Lafferty are green belts.

Lafferty: Back in the summer of '68, when I first heard about the women's movement, it was a pretty terrifying thing to be involved in the female liberation movement because that consisted of only about 10 people in the whole New England area. At that time we were called "Cell 16.

We had absolutely no allies, especially among the radicals. In fact, much of the left considered us to be their competitors, and something that was going on to disrupt the growth of the new left radical movement. I'm talking primarily about the Students for a Democratic Society. For days they went so far as to issue leaflets warning young people against the development of the women's movement. We were outraged at this, and it made us very skeptical about winning allies among the radicals.

Galligan: I was a member of SDS before I joined Female Liberation. I became terribly disenchanted with SDS for reasons which I could never put my finger on at the time. I just felt very alienated and didn't exactly know why.

When I first heard members of Female Liberation talk about the family and the oppression of females, it was a revelation. Suddenly things just fell into place and I knew that the women's movement was what I had been looking for.

When I would go out in the streets selling women's liberation literature I was often confronted by people I knew from SDS. And they would attack me for joining the women's movement, tell me that I was deserting the revolutionary struggle, that the women's movement was the enemy of the movement. So I studied Tae Kwan Do, and that's where I met people from Female Liberation and came among the group.

Welch: Learning about the family as an institution was what first led me to see and understand women's oppression. It was through my sociology and anthropology courses that I first started thinking about the family. I joined Female Liberation mainly because of its analysis of what the family structure was, that it is just a form of social organization, nothing "natural" or eternal.

Galligan: Then we began to learn that we were not going to look at it academically, and that's what led us to start talking with women about the family and such basic questions as what constitutes a female human being. And, of course, some of the "left" groups considered these things very apolitical.

Galligan: Another contribution we made was in raising the idea of self-defense for women. Women in Female Liberation started teaching Tae Kwon Do about two years ago, and we made a political analysis of the crimes against women, not only the most brutal forms like rape but the lesser forms of harassment like pinching, showing how they fit into the general sexist structure of society. Women can really understand and identify with this analysis.

Lafferty: What is the strategy of Female Liberation for changing the situation of women and in what ways has its strategy changed through its experiences over the past two years?

Welch: At first, we saw ourselves as a small, cadre-type organization. We set ourselves the goal of learning all we could and then going out and teaching what we knew to other women.

Galligan: Yes, we believed that there would grow up a whole network of small groups of women who understood their oppression, but we didn't think any further than that, to getting all the small groups together to actually do something.

Lafferty: This was a pretty demoralizing perspective after awhile. We would convince a small number of women, who would become superconsciou s and superrevolutionary. But we were convincing only about three or four people per year, and this didn't give us an optimistic outlook about women becoming a revolutionary force in society.

Then we began to learn that women's oppression was not only not going to develop in that way—that is, in small group discussions and studying that there are times of great upsurge when people become involved in struggles to certain degrees and they learn through their involvement. I think the August 26th demonstrations were a perfect example of that.

Welch: We have the kind of unity it is possible to build among women and how many new women have come into the movement through this period of upsurge in the women's movement.

Lafferty: We don't have to go around and knock on people's doors and sit with them for many months to revolutionize their consciousness; they can learn through their involvement in the struggle.

Galligan: And this way we can reach many, many more people.

Clark: It was difficult for women to join Female Liberation when it had the perspective of being a small cadre group. I was easily accepted into the ranks of the group because I was taking Tae Kwon Do lessons. But many women who came around in the early period just stayed on the outskirts of the movement because they did not see a real role for themselves.

Galligan: We are coming around again and again and getting involved. We've been overwhelmed at the response.

Lafferty: Now, especially after the August 26 demonstrations, we have a very deep concern with forming coalitions around actions.

Clark: When the coalition in Boston first began planning for Aug. 26, the projected number of people we thought we would come out was 400, and then 1,000. When those 7,000 women turned out we were all completely ecstatic. And we all knew, every group, that that demonstration couldn't have happened if only one group had built it.

Welch: There are differences between the groups, though. Female Liberation is a nonrevolutionary group that wants (Continued on page 10)
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Lafferty: The diversity of the movement is really amazing. It's a misconception that the movement is only made up of young, college-educated women. A lot of the women who come through the door of the Female Lib­er­a­tion office look more like my moth­er than like me, and yet we have the common bond of our oppression as women we can communicate with each other.

There are differences among wom­en, as there are among men, but that will not be erased in one day, and that we cannot ignore. But at the same time we can still unite to fight sexism, and that's just what's happening. Women from all different backgrounds can get together to fight their oppression, while not altogether eradicating the barriers that divide them.

Militant: How has the feminist move­ment and the socialist movement changed things for you?

Lafferty: I used to be a "typical housewife" and it's been a total change for me. I think there is that it takes all your time; you want to devote all your life to the movement, and that's impossible.

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Female Liberation holds 2nd Boston conference

By CINDY JAQUITH

BOSTON — About 300 and 400 women gathered at Boston University Nov. 13-14 for the second conference of Female Liberation, a Boston women’s liberation organization.

Friday evening the women listened to speeches by activists in the Boston and New York feminist movements. Dana Denmore, a member of Female Liberation and author of many articles in the group’s magazine A Journal of Female Liberation, began the evening with a talk on unity in the women’s movement. She stressed the importance of women building their own independent struggle and uniting around their common oppression, rather than concentrating on differences among themselves.

Speaking to the argument that women are “too divided to unite,” she pointed out that the oppression of women affects all women, including white and Third World women.

Denmore also answered the charge that the women’s movement is unimportant compared to other social issues. She pointed out that “if women don’t fight for their interests, no one else will,” emphasizing the concept that any one struggle should take precedence over another.

Maxine Williams, a member of the Third World Women’s Alliance in New York and the Young Socialist Alliance, spoke on the role Third World women play in the women’s liberation movement.

In dealing with the argument that feminism is a “white women’s movement,” she explained how Third World women experience a different form of oppression. At the same time, Third World women will continue to unite with all women around demands that relate to their common oppression.

Barbara Zilber, National Organization for Women publicist director for the Aug. 26 action in Boston, concentrated on the importance of action coalitions uniting all women in order to win their demands.

She explained how Aug. 26 was a success only because women from the entire spectrum of the women’s movement came together for common action. No one group, she said, could have organized alone. “It was necessary to have the support of as many different groups and individuals as possible. She stressed that it was not enough for women to understand their oppression; they also had to translate this understanding into action.

Jeanne Lafferty, a leader of Female Liberation, closed the evening with remarks on the nature of the group and on the lessons of Aug. 26. She invited all women to join Female Liberation, explaining that the group was open to every woman interested in feminism’s liberation movement already exist at Northeastern University and Boston University.

Saturday was devoted to workshops on a range of topics, including the organization of women’s groups on the high school and college campuses, abortion and child-rearing, the struggle of Black women and the revolution of feminism in the Americas.

The high school workshop voted to form a city-wide high school women’s group.

The conference ended with a karate demonstration and film. The address of Female Liberation is: 1126 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. 02115.

Women’s liberation notes

In Minnesota, abortions may be performed legally only when the mother’s life is in serious danger. Last April, Dr. Jane Hodgson, a St. Paul gynecologist and obstetrician, performed an abortion on a 24-year-old woman who had contracted German measles early in her pregnancy. After the operation, Dr. Hodgson called the police, told them she had just performed an illegal abortion, and urged them to come arrest her. They did, and she is currently on trial.

“It is a trial in which the defense is mainly a defense of the prosecution,” Dr. Hodgson told the New York Times Nov. 15. That is, her trial is a test of the restrictive Minnesota abortion laws. Referring to Minnesota’s 75,000 number of pregnant women who come to her seeking abortions but who the law prohibits her from helping, Hodgson said “I was beginning to feel like a criminal anyway. It’s the one I’ve refused to perform that haunts me.”

Although this is the first direct test of the abortion law to go to court, there are at least 70 other challenges pending. Last year, the abortion committee of the Minnesota Medical Society, of which Dr. Hodgson is a member, recommended repeal of all abortion laws. But the state legislature refused to vote on it. It was this footdragging that propelled Dr. Hodgson to take this step that will cause her to lose her license to practice if she is convicted.

In its story on the trial, the New York Times deemed it newsworthy to quote Dr. Hodgson as “a striking blonde whose figure and coloring bile her age (55 years).” If Dr. Hodgson was indeed so striking, why would the Times have felt a need to embellish the article with trivia on how his flat stomach and full head of hair belied his age?

About 1,000 women and men attended a forum on sexual liberation held at Columbia University Nov. 2. Cosponsored by Gay People at Columbia and Columbia Women’s Liberation, the panel focused largely on the relations between these two movements.

Dr. Sidney Abbott of the Gay Liberation Front said she has been active in both the feminist and homosexual movements, yet does not feel comfortable in either. She cited the black woman, conventional and middle class, as well as the nervousness many "straight" feminists feel about having the women’s liberation movement associated with lesbianism.

In the discussion period, most of those present agreed that lesbians are a part of the women’s liberation struggle. There was also a lively discussion of the rivalry between Marxism and the sexual revolution.

Other panelists included Kate Millet, author of Sexual Politics, Ann Harris of Columbia Women’s Liberation, and Arion Evans of Gay Activist Alliance.

Rose Compton, a Black worker in the Chevrolet sewing division and participant in the UAW strike, was recently interviewed in the Indianapolis Free Press. The following are the comments she made on the treatment of women in the auto industry.

“Well, we have all men forever. It is not a good situation. Men really don’t understand women workers. They don’t understand how we feel or the things we must do. For example, they don’t realize we have children who have emergencies that must be taken care of and that we, as women, have the sole responsibility for doing this.

"Other men workers in the plant also present problems. We must walk through the plant to get to our department. This can really be awful, especially the late shift. Men are sitting around watching you. They say unnecessary things to you that make a woman feel very uncomfortable. It’s very unpleasant.”

Two female AP reporters have just put out what may well be the fastest women’s liberation item to date — “The Liberated Women’s Appointment Calendar and Survey Handbook 1971.” It is a potpourri of dates in feminist history (and women’s men have done enough to fill almost every day of the year), photographs of women throughout history, and quotes from both feminists and misogynists. Time magazine reports that 75,000 copies at $2.95 each have already been sold. Although it is an invaluable calendar, there are some who have in terms of keeping track of the birth dates of suffragists and other anniversaries in our history and finding demonstrations and meetings around them, this calendar is a clear example of the flexibility of capitalism in their search for profits. The publishers, Universe Books, are also no-tortious for their pick-ups calendars.

Ad for National Airlines is typical of the way airlines exploit women as sexual objects in order to increase profits.

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DEBBY WOODROOFE
A penetrating Brecht parable

Good Woman of Setzuan


The Good Woman of Setzuan, which the Lincoln Center Repertory Theater has chosen to open its sixth season at the Vivian Beaumont Theater, is a play about moral ambiguity, set amid the harsh realities of Chinese society.

"And everything will turn out all right." something Brecht leaves up to the conditions. "Just be good," they advise, the theater.

"Be good to others and to myself." In this, they are simple people with simple dreams (i.e., who practice their moral precepts). They can find only one—the presence of Shen Teh.

Unlike gods, human beings need money to live. In such a world, even to be good all the time appears inappropriate, even harsh. "How can I be good when everything is so expensive?" asks Shen Teh.

Shen Teh's goodness is given a cash value by the gods who, not understanding anything about the problems of mankind ("We can't meddle in the affairs of economics"), give her between 4,000 and 10,000 silver dollars. With this she purchases a tobacco shop, hoping to become good by making a profit.

Besieged by sponging townpeople who take advantage of her generosity, she discovers that philanthropy and profitability cannot go together. Caught between her good intentions and the need to survive, she is forced to create a cousin, Shui Teh, who possesses the virtues necessary for survival: ruthlessness, practicality and a good business head.

Whenever her inability to say no brings her to the brink of financial ruin, she dresses up as Shui Teh. The periods she must rely on her grown love—her two, three, four, even five husbands—until he replaces her altogether. Shui Teh sets up a tobacco factory and becomes a hated exploiter of the townpeople. Yet, he does this not out of the goodness of his heart, but rather to escape the responsibility of being the dehumanization of "honorable work.

Shui Teh is eventually brought to trial (with the three gods as judges) on charges of having done away with a woman. Eventually, Shui Teh is acquitted. Seeing his wife escape prosecution, he becomes more bitter with each stanza.

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National picket line

Mine owners like Nixon choice

The Bureau of Mines has a new leader: Dr. Elburt F. Osborn. Although mining is a buyer's market and the mining industry is reportedly pleased with what he comes out of it, the ranks of the mining industry's own scientific community—"Dr. Osborn is former vice-president of Pennsylvania State University.

The former Bureau head, John F. Oglesby. was named Nixon's assistant secretary for the mining industry. While the scene is one of the mining industry's "I'm just as interested in my job as you are in yours, but I'm not interested in your problems.

Dr. Osborn is reported to be beginning the hiring and training of enough inspectors to make the mining industry less dependent on limited resources.

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A young father said he was using his extra weekend time to paint his house, play with his kids, get acquainted with his wife and even play an occasional round of golf.

A worker-student said it gave him more study time.

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The truth is they want all of the benefits of increasing automation to bring them higher profits and a reservoir of unemployed which they can use as a lever for depressing wages.

Mrs. Michael Quill, widow of the late head of the New York Transport Workers Union who died shortly after the 1966 subway strike of a heart attack, has won her fight for a workmen's compensation settlement and pension. The Workmen's Compensations Board had ordered the Harold Accident and Indemnity Company (which carried the insurance for the Transport Workers Union) to pay Mrs. Quill $5,500 in a lump sum and $36 a week for the rest of her life.

The insurance company appealed the decision on the grounds that the subway strike was illegal and that Quill's death resulted from an illegal act.

Michael Quill spent part of the 12-day 1966 subway strike in jail for contempt of a court injunction. He died of a heart attack after attorneys informed him the union had $50 million in damages.

—MARVEL SCHOLL
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The West Bank and the Gaza Strip: A struggle for the future of the Palestinian people.

The Palestinian people have been struggling for their rights and freedom for many years. The Israeli occupation of their land has only intensified their struggle.

The Israeli government has been using force and violence to maintain its control over the Palestinian people. The occupation has led to widespread suffering and hardship, as well as political and economic oppression.

The struggle for Palestinian self-determination and freedom is a just and popular one. The international community should support the Palestinian people in their struggle for independence and freedom.

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Congress rams through Nixon 'anticrime' bills

By DAVID THORSTAD

In the final weeks before the Nov. 3 elections, a flurry swept through Congress in the adoption of a number of 'anticrime' bills. Although their ostensible target is organized crime, they are in fact—and in some cases specifically—aimed at the radical movement.

Within one week alone, three major pieces of legislation were adopted. The haste and the wide margins by which this was accomplished were designed to counter charges by the Nixon administration that the permissive Congress was "soft on crime." The three were: the Organized Crime Control Act of 1968; the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (Drug Control) by a vote of 54-9; and "The Threat to Liberty," one of the most influential voices of the American ruling class, the New York Times, sharply differed with the Nixon administration over its approach to this question. "Under the guise of essential attacks on crime, police and investigatory powers are being sharpened for potential use against political offenders," it stated this past April 27.

The next day (five months before Nixon and Agnew launched their flat-thumping pre-election campaign) the Times found "terrifyingly new" the administration's "open exploitation of fear and discord." The paper accused the Nixon-Agnew team of "gutter fighting." At the root of such concern is the fear that the administration's approach might not have the hoped-for effect. Rather than curb dissent, it might actually make it more difficult to deal with. "Those who try to divide in order to govern are running the risk of making a divided nation ungovernable," the Times warned.

The Nixon administration does not appear to have heed the warning. Whatever "anticrime" and "antisubversive" measures are in the hopper, attempts may even be made to hurry some through the current lame-duck session of Congress.

Whatever tempo the administration chooses, however, the antwort to mass radical movements must respond in a militant, united way and to turn back these moves to stifle the mounting recognition of the need for social change.

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Three prisoners in Mexico given harsh sentences

Three Mexican political prisoners were given savage prison sentences October 14. Angel Juan Heredia Espinosa, 30, of Tonancito, Toluca, and donado, both students, were each sentenced to twelve years in prison for 65,000 pesos (125.50 who equal US$1); Carlos Cabagne Lopez Mendoza, a worker, was given fifteen years in prison and an 85,000-peso fine.

Failure to pay the fines will add six months to the prison sentences. All three had been in prison since the 1968 demonstrations of tens of thousands of students in Mexico City. Those demonstrations, demanding the release of political prisoners, were cut short on October 2, 1968, when the troops of President Diaz Ordaz attacked a peaceful protest in Tlatelolco Square, massacring 500 demonstrators.

Heredia, Fernandez, and Lopez were charged with criminal destruction of property. Although there was no evidence presented to show that a crime had been committed.

The three prisoners sentenced October 14 had been held more than two years without trial, in violation of the Mexican constitution, which says that persons who have been determined to be in danger of engaging in criminal activity must be brought to trial within one year of their arrest.

There are still at least 150 other political prisoners in Mexican jails who have been held for a similar length of time. It is now expected that the government of Gustavo Diaz Ordaz will sentence these prisoners—with or without a trial—before Diaz’s term is over.

Such a move would be intended to make it possible for Diaz’s successor, Luis Echeverria Alvarez, to claim that there are no political prisoners in Mexico.

In view of the sentences given the two Guatemalan exiles and the three prisoners sentenced October 14, the danger to the remaining prisoners is great. Heredia, Fernandez, and Lopez were charged with only one offense. Some of the political prisoners still awaiting sentencing are accused of as many offenses.

The prisoners still being held without trial represent the entire political spectrum of the left, as well as persons who belong to no political organization at all.

A campaign in defense of the victims of the repression has recently been launched in Mexico. It was begun at the request of a number of the prisoners, and has since been supported by nearly all of them.

The campaign has set a goal of collecting one million signatures on petitions asking amnesty for all of them.

Deny suit in Orangeburg Massacre

On Nov. 13 in Columbia, S. C., an all-white jury cleared nine state policemen of any liability in a $300,000 civil suit brought against them by the parents of three Black students killed in the “Orangeburg Massacre” of 1968 in Orangeburg County. The federal judge who presided over the case, Donald Russell, was a former South Carolina governor and U.S. senator.

According to attorney Hemphill P. Pope, motions have been filed on a new trial which will seek to overturn the verdict of the all-white jury. In a telephone interview with The Militant, Pope said that there were only nine Blacks in the panel from which the jury was picked. The prosecution constantly used all nine of its options to strike these Blacks from the jury.

In the last edition of Third World Liberation Notes, there was a report on a similar instance of black telephoning effort include the Communist party and the Grupo Comunistas Internacional- alistas (GCI-IAS, the Mexican Trotskyist organization.)

Similar actions are necessary in other countries immediately to overcome the Mexican government that its policies are being watched by people all over the world. Protests demanding freedom for all the political prisoners are being sent to Mexican embassies and consulates as soon as possible.

The Association of American Medical Colleges is mounting its chest about the Third World composition of this fall’s medical school freshman class as compared to last fall. The Nov. 2 Los Angeles Times reports the figure is over 17 percent, in contrast to 12.50 percent French-Canadian. He is quoted by the Times as saying, “I find Washington much like Ont- tawa. Down there you have the niggers, up here we’ve got the French.”

When the Black Panther Party held its plenary for the Revolutionary People’s Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia Sept. 5-7, a federal judge issued a restraining order enjoining the police from “violating the constitu- tional rights of the citizens of Phila- delphia.” The court order was tem- porary, but hearings began on Nov. 2 to make it permanent. These hear- ings lasted about a week and are to continue on Dec. 1. Accounts of po- lice brutality were given by 25 peo- ple, and others waiting to testify when the hearings were adjourned. Organizations leading the effort in- clude the Black Panther Party, Young Lords Party and the Coalition of Or- ganizations for Philadelphia Police Ac- countability and Responsibility (COPPAP).

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UNITY. Rev. Charles Koen (center), director United Front of Cairo, meets with Fred Wall, editor Chicago Courier, and Charles Armstrong, editor South Suburban News, to map Black media support for Cairo.
Alternative to two-party shell game

Growing prospect for labor party

BY FRANK LOVELL
(Sixth in a series)

The emergence of a labor party based on the unions and with a class-struggle program has been much longer delayed than radical workers in the CIO prior to World War II had then thought possible. But all the conditions for the appearance of such a party are now developing.

The economic and social crisis of U.S. capitalism is deepening. The ruling class is sharply divided over how to cope with it. Political polarization has begun dividing those who demand reactionary reinforcement of the exist­
ing, social order from the others who seek fundamental changes. The radi­calization of broad strata of the pop­ulation—including most young per­sons, Blacks and other national minor­ities, many women, and some sectors of the white working class—is chal­len­ging the hallowed values of cap­i­talist society. These developing pres­sures have resulted in a strengthening of the revolutionary working-class par­ty—the Socialist Workers Party—and have produced a viable, significant political party what is weakened.

The unions along the mainstream of the labor-Democratic coalition, are no longer able to make satisfactory gains on the economic front. No help is, will be, or can be forthcoming from the Democratic Party, the union­ists, their present strikes and struggles to maintain the living standards of their members.

The union movement maintains strong separate political organizations developed in the service of the Dem­ocratic Party.

This combination of circumstances is poised to generate strong pressures within the union movement for an independent labor party. When the situation is ripe, the unionists will be forced to seek through their own independent political party what their present political party promises them from winning by means of eco­nomic action alone. Will a party of the work­ing class develop? Who will organize it? By what path will it enter the elec­toral arena?

The answers to these questions are to be found in the presently unfolding class-struggle reality.

The union movement is deeply in­volved in politics, even when it ap­pears not to be. Strikes are working­class actions, limited to economic de­mands addressed to a sector of the employing class or to individual em­ployers. But the industrial strike that can affect the national economy also has a political character and raises political demands. The strike against General Electric last winter and the recent strike against General Motors are examples.

The GE strikers were demanding that General Electric respect the collective bargaining laws and success­fully appealed to the courts on this issue (not that the court rulings helped much in their winning of the strike). The auto workers' strike against GM had significant political overtones be­cause the wage demands included an unlimited escalator clause to provide for automatic wage increases to fol­low rises in the cost of living. This demand is now adopted by the larg­est and most powerful unions and is opposed by the employing class, presently represented by the Nixon administration.

Other recent strikes have had a more openly political character from the out­set. The postal strike last March was called to force Congress to raise wages of postal workers. It broke the "you­can't-strike-against-the-government" barrier and won its immediate ob­jective.

Other recent strikes during the past five years have been called in defiance of antistrike laws, and in some areas the demands have been efforts to stress improvement of the schools more than wages.

When a railroad strike is called for limited economic demands to raise wages and improve working condi­tions, it comes into direct conflict with the "awesomerepower of government" at the very outset, just as the postal strike did.

The ruling class is as unhappy with the present situation as it is with mass antiwar and social protest dem­onstrations. It has not yet raised the hue and cry against industrial strik­kers that it has sought to raise against demonstrators. They know the unionists are better organized, there are more of them, and they have greater support from the working class.

The trade-union bureaucracy looks to the Democratic Party for political protection, fostering the illusion of sepa­ration and antagonism between the unions' economic and political actions.

On the political side the results have not been gratifying. Since World War II the basic labor-management legis­lation has been directed against unions, in particular the 1947 Taft­Hartley law and the 1959 Labor-Man­agement Reporting and Disclosure Act (Landrum-Griffin).

Under these laws the National La­bor Relations Board has become in­creasingly employer-dominated. The U.S. Supreme Court has recently over­ruled the Norris-LaGuardia Act pro­hibition against issuance of injunctions in strikes.

This restrictive legislation and in­creased interference by government in union affairs on behalf of employers has developed over the past quarter century. For 15 of these 25 years a Democrat has lived in the White House, and for more than 20 years during the same period the Congress has been controlled by the Democratic Party. In the 1970 elections union dues again­poured money into the Democratic Party campaigns, claiming that a de­feat for the "pro-labor" candidates would be a defeat for the labor move­ment. But every election marks a de­feat regardless of which set of can­didates is elected. The cumulative re­sult over the years since the rise of the CIO in the 1930s is that unions are politically weaker now than ever before.

The union bureaucrats, the most productive agents of the Democratic Party in the vote-catching race, are interested in this game only so long as they can back winners and collect a few political crumbs for themselves.

The Democratic Party brings in win­ners, however, only when it receive­sthe solid support of the organized working class of which the national minorities, Blacks especially, are an increasingly influential and sizable part. So the emergence of the Chicago Raza Unida Party and some local all-Black parties is a present and po­tential threat to the winning chances of Democratic Party politi­cians at the polls. This damps the enthusiasm of union bureaucrats for the Demo­cratic Party. They go to the elec­tion races like horse races—to pick winners and collect the payoff.

This sporting attitude is not shared by rank-and-file union members, who expect politicians to deliver on their election promises. When the union finds itself at cross-purposes with Con­gress or with some local government, or when some judge elected as a "friend of labor" rules against the union members are quick to tell their officials to change the brand of politics.

(LA to be continued)

L.A. Gusanos win trial delay

BY DELLA ROSSA
LOS ANGELES—The trial of four Cuban counterrevolutionaries charged with arson attacks on The Haymarket, the Socialist Workers Party and the Ashgrove, scheduled to begin Nov. 12, has been postponed to Nov. 25 at the request of Randle Bate, at­orney for one of the defendants, Greentei­n Hernandez.

Bate said he needed more time to get the names and addresses of wit­nesses against Hernandez. Joan An­dersen, attorney for witnesses and vic­tims of the attacks, protested reveal­ing of addresses of witnesses in view of continued threats from Cuban exile terrorists.

Andersen advised the judge that a trail had been received Oct. 18 at the SWP office threatening that "you people can expect to be exploded." The caller said he was from Alpha 66, a Cuban counterrevolutionary or­ganization. Agreement was made that witnesses would be released through their attorney.

Information available here shows beyond the shadow of a doubt that Cuban counterrevolutionaries were re­sponsible for the three acts of ar­sion attacks made last spring on three radical headquarters.

The Oct. 20 issue of La Actualidad Políticas, a "Cuban anticommunist magazine," describes the attacks and boasts about "The Los Angeles Suc­cesses." Under a photograph of the Ashgrove, a radical coffeehouse at­tacked last June 7, the magazine falsely

ly asserts that the coffeehouse is a SWP center, stating:

"This was the communist den of the 'Social Worker Party' [sic] (SWP) lo­cated at 8162 W. Melrose Ave., which was destroyed on the inside by fire, an act of which three fellow Cubans are accused.

"It was disguised as a bar or caba­net named Ash Grove, but it was ac­tually the center of activities of the 'Young Socialist Alliance,' the faction of young radical communists in the SWP who are fanatics of the theories of Trotsky and who advocate violent means for the destruction of the demo­cratic party. And here is the amazing thing: THEY ARE ANTI-MOSCOW, ANTI-FEKING and PRO-CASTRO. . . . They are the lead­ing agents of Fidel in the United States, and the most determined and dangerous enemies of the Cuban re­fugee."" Another article in this publication, headed "Our Cuban Commando in L.A. . . . Special Claisdenite Report," says: "The hit squad of the radical anticom­munist citizens, known as Cuban Commandos, began in June 1967 in Los Angeles, to the slogan: 'Against communist violence, democratic vio­lence.'" The account outlines the at­tacks on the Haymarket, the SWP and the Ashgrove.

Leaders of the Cuban Youth of Los Angeles, according to the account in La Actualidad Politicas, took the initiative in raising bail for the four Cubans accused of the attacks.
ON STRIKE: The demands in themselves were not so different from other striking workers. What made the strike for better working conditions, higher wages and the right to unionize so explosive was the immediate actions taken by prison authorities. Almost all of the prisoners are solidly behind the strike. With the strike now entering its third week, prison authorities have retaliated by shutting off the heat in the inmates' cells, reducing food allotments, and putting purported ringleaders in the hole. The prison warden says he won't negotiate with them.

DIM VIEW OF DRAFT: In May 1970, the Los Angeles Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station was propped mneous to take in 2,336 men but 976 failed their physicals. Eight of the 976 were drafted and they appeared to briefly get inside the walls, "the prisoners are solidly behind the strike." With the strike now entering its third week, prison authorities have retaliated by shutting off the heat in the inmates' cells, reducing food allotments, and putting purported ringleaders in the hole. The prison warden says he won't negotiate with them. The prisoners are solidly behind the strike.

GROPPI APPEALS CONVICTION: Militant civil rights leader Louis "Non" Groppi has been convicted of perjury charges by a federal court in Wisconsin and is appealing a sentence for contempt. His six-month imprisonment has been upheld last month by the U.S. Court of Appeals. He is one of the most vocal spokesmen of leading the takeover of the Wisconsin Legislature building to protest welfare cuts. Rev. Groppi tells this columnist that the seven months from the arrest to the conviction was unconstitutional. "They voted me into jail," he says, "I never even heard of my accusers." Groppi also faces a state disorderly conduct charge for the same demonstration. His lawyers are appealing a contempt sentence imposed on him. He hopes to get the legal cases over with so he can begin organizing again. Meanwhile, he is available to speak on campuses. For more information call (414) 342-5478.

JOE INJURIES: A Labor Department study known as the Gordon Report, contains some inedible figures. The study, the most recent in a series of studies, shows the construction industry has been going through a period of intense activity. Over the past two weeks, the Associated Press reported that 2,250 persons have been arrested in California's Folson Prison. Almost all of the 2,250 persons have been arrested for the same reason, "flying." Indeed, the prison warden says he won't negotiate with them. The prisoners are solidly behind the strike.

TEACHERS WANT TO ORGANIZE: The National Press Club in Washington has voted to continue its efforts to organize teachers who are working 16 to 20 hours a day. They are worked 16 to 20 hours a day, and are paid $2.00 an hour. The local education association of the city has obtained a copy of that report and is considering action. Each working day, says the report, brings environmental pollution and police harassment. CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENTS: The constructional custody facility at Ft. Benning, Ga., is not called a "prison" for nothing. It is there for up to 30 days to be charged with any minor infraction of the Army code. The report says that 85 percent of the total labor force is currently employed in activities as a result of the Vietnam war. Eight GIs filed suit in U.S. district court in Columbus, Ga., charging cruel and unusual punishment and denial of due process of law. They want the Clarks' Concentration Camp shut down.

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SAEAL TRIAL: Bobby Seale and Ericka Huggins are slated to go on trial this week on murder-mutilation charges in New Haven, Conn.

TEACHERS WANT OUT: A YSA speaker poll is to be held on this week on murder-mutilation charges in New Haven, Conn.
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Seattle 8 face 'conspiracy' frame-up

By DOUG SWANSON

Seattle—The federal government was slated to begin prosecution Nov. 23 of the Seattle Eight on conspiracy charges in federal court in Tacoma, Wash.

The charges stem from a demonstration last February at the Seattle federal courthouse that was called to voice opposition to the Chicago Seven convictions.

The Seattle defendants are charged with conspiring to damage federal property and crossing state lines with intent to incite riot. They are not charged with actual violence. They are not charged with rioting. Their 'crimes' consist of thinking and of talking with others—the same type of actions necessary to organize any demonstration, march or rally.

If the Nixon-Mitchell forces are successful in convicting the Seattle Eight on the conspiracy charges, the ruling class will have gained a new powerful tool in their campaign to curb opposition to the conspiracy laws.

On Nov. 13, the Seattle SMC and YSA sponsored a forum on the Seattle Eight conspiracy trial. Chip Marshall, one of the defendants, linked the trial to an emerging wave of repression. He said Seattle was picked as a test-site by the Nixon-Mitchell forces because Seattle had been in the forefront of opposition to the conspiracy laws.

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Angela Davis is indicted by California grand jury

On Nov. 10, a Marin County grand jury indicted Angela Davis and Ruchell Magee on charges of murder, kidnapping, and conspiracy.

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