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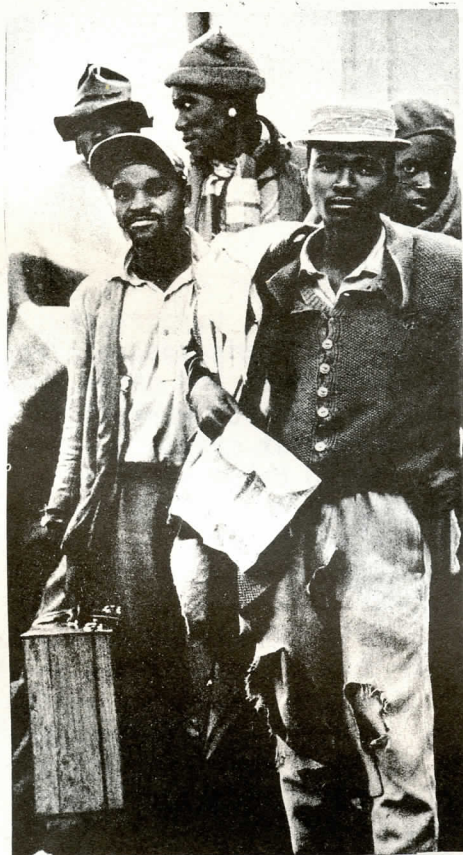
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## COAL MINERS STRIKES

### SOUTH AFRICA



### UNITED STATES



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OVER 120,000 MINERS WENT ON STRIKE AGAINST U.S. COAL MONOPOLIES. PHOTO BY EARL DOTTER.

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## BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN MINERS STRUGGLE AGAINST SLAVE-LIKE CONDITIONS

### U.S. MINERS CONTINUE STRIKE AGAINST COAL MONOPOLIES

# COAL MINERS BATTLE THE COAL INDUSTRIES

On November 12, more than 120,000 soft-coal miners went on strike against the Bituminous Coal Operations.

At the same time, Black South African miners are waging militant struggle against the large coal industries which are financed by U.S. capital.

The strikes in both countries have one similarity--the historical class struggle between the workers and the capitalists.

### THE STRUGGLE IN THE UNITED STATES

After ousting the trade union gangster Tony Boyle, the United Mine Workers with Arnold Miller as president has challenged the windfall profits of the coal industry at the expense of the coal miners.

The ten largest producers of coal have averaged 181 per cent higher profits than last year.

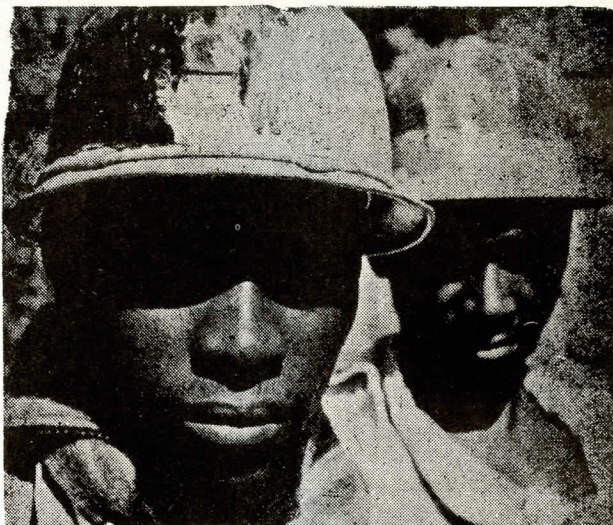
Pittston Corporation, fourth ranked U.S. coal producer, racked up an 868 per cent increase. Also, of the top 20 coal producing companies which account for 53 per cent of all U.S. soft-coal production, fifteen are subsidiaries of oil, steel, metals and utility companies.

On November 20, the UMW Bargaining Council rejected the first tentative contract agreement reached by Miller on November 13. However, the Bargaining Council did pass the second contract on November 26, after major changes were made.

But, under the new democratic rules of the UMW, the contract must be approved by the rank and file.

This tough stand by the UMW's rank and file demonstrates the fighting spirit of workers in the United States, radically different from the Tony Boyle sell-out policy.

But, not all labor leaders are militant challengers of the capitalists. Such toothless labor bureaucrats as George Meany have not come



Mine Workers

out in defense of workers against inflation, unemployment and low wages.

Instead, Meany talks of "buy America plans", support for Israel, stop all economic controls and combat the Communists, and never outlines a fighting plan for workers in the era of imperialist crisis.

Listed below are some of the grievances the miners want corrected:

- right to strike over local grievances
- ability to leave an imminent danger area
- seniority should be spelled out to mean the amount of time on the job
- higher wages that would also take in account the fall in wages of 4 per cent over the last three years due to the rise in the cost of living
- better pension plan

### BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN WORKERS FIGHT BACK

Since 1971, African workers in South Africa, especially miners, have been going on strike one after another.

In late 1971 and early 1972, Black workers paralyzed the economic life of Namibia (formerly Southwest Africa) and South Africa.

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One observer stated "...in Durban and Cape Town, dock workers went on strike, in Pretoria and Johannesburg, bus drivers, in Industria, Benoni, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, it was the mine workers going on strike."

In South Africa, it is in the large coal, gold and diamond mines where the Black workers are the most militant.

An example of this militancy was the strike in the Western Deep Level Mine in Carletonville on Sept. 11, 1973.

The miners went on strike demanding higher wages, better conditions, and the right to organize.

In response to their action, the workers were brutally met by South African police, resulting in 38 Black miners shot and 12 killed.

Recently, on September 30, South African police opened fire on a crowd of 400 striking platinum miners, killing two Blacks.

In South Africa, the mining industry is the mainstay of the economy. It is from the selling of coal, gold,

diamonds and other materials that South Africa obtains its currency to buy necessary equipment for their secondary industry (textiles, electrical parts, farm equipment).

Moreover, the African miners face super exploitation. The Black miner gets paid an average of 80 cents a shift.

Also, the Black miners in South Africa are faced with a multitude of racist laws from no right to form unions or conduct strikes to forced labor camps. These laws are also designed to stifle the growth of a labor movement against exploitation.

In short, Blacks suffer from extreme forms of national oppression, exploitation, poverty and the complete denial of all democratic rights.

But, it is imperialism that props up the South African regime against the Black worker and other oppressed nationalities.

Through the imperialist support of apartheid, the minority white population receives economic privileges and political superiority.

Thus, to an extreme degree, the white worker regards itself as part of the ruling class, and willingly acts as a tool and partner in the maintenance of capitalism and racism in South Africa.

Military weapons used to enforce the South African racist laws are made by British, German, French, Italian or American firms.

British and American capitalists control the major corporations in South Africa, and just recently the Southern Coal Company has begun to import coal from South Africa, thus eliminating jobs for miners in the United States and further exploiting the African miners.

In essence, all anti-imperialists must give support to both miners--the current U.S. coal strike and the struggle of Black miners in South Africa. Complete victory will not come until imperialism is defeated in South Africa and in the United States, and all over the world.

### Inflationary Profits:

It's a tough year to claim poverty



• WINDFALL PROFITS HAVE BEEN THE ORDER OF THE DAY for major coal producers during 1974. First-half profits after taxes for the 10 largest producers averaged 181 percent higher than for the same period in 1973. Fourth-ranked Pittston, biggest of the "independents," racked up an 868 percent increase.

In the table below, both parent companies and their coal-producing subsidiaries are shown, with the name of the coal-producer in italics. The profits shown are for the parent company (since these companies are not required by law to publish profit figures for their subsidiaries, no figures are available).

Rank	Company	First Half 1974 After-Tax Profits	% change
1	Kennecott Copper/ <i>PEABODY COAL</i>	\$ 106,628,704	+ 52
2	Continental Oil/ <i>CONSOLIDATION COAL</i>	209,601,000	+ 111
3	Occidental Oil/ <i>ISLAND CREEK COAL</i>	160,375,000	+ 403
4	<i>PITTSBURY COMPANY</i>	39,054,000	+ 868
5	American Metal Climax/ <i>AMAX COAL</i>	78,210,000	+ 67
6	U. S. Steel/ <i>COAL DIVISION</i>	249,000,000	+ 86
7	Bethlehem Steel/ <i>BETHLEHEM MINES</i>	112,718,000	+ 15
8	<i>NORTH AMERICAN COAL</i>	2,849,000	+ 38
9	Standard Oil of Ohio/ <i>OLD BEN COAL</i>	72,900,000	+ 22
10	Eastern Gas & Fuel/ <i>EASTERN ASSOCIATED COAL</i>	20,628,000	+ 149
11	<i>WESTMORELAND COAL</i>	13,923,308	+ 408
12	General Dynamics/ <i>FREEMAN and UNITED ELECTRIC</i>	18,789,000	+ 14
13	Gulf Oil/ <i>PITTSBURG &amp; MIDWAY COAL</i>	540,000,000	+ 50
14	Utah International/ <i>COAL DIVISION</i>	100,916,000	+ 70
15	American Electric Power (AEP)/ <i>COAL DIVISIONS</i>	101,444,000	+ 12
16	<i>ROCHESTER &amp; PITTSBURGH COAL</i>	3,624,677	+ 161
17	Montana Power/ <i>WESTERN ENERGY</i>	13,054,384	- 7
18	Houston Natural Gas/ <i>ZIEGLER COAL</i>	n.a.	
19	<i>VALLEY CAMP COAL</i>	n.a.	
20	Falcon Seaboard Oil/ <i>FALCON COAL</i>	4,801,000	+ 103

The top 20 coal-producing companies account for about 53 percent of all U.S. soft-coal production. Note that only 5 are independent: the rest are subsidiaries of oil, steel, metals, and utility companies.

# CRISIS OF IMPERIALISM: UNEMPLOYMENT

It becomes clearer every day that the capitalists are in big trouble, and their hard times are just beginning.

In frantic attempts to bolster a sagging, historically doomed economic system, the capitalists are passing on their troubles to the masses of people by slashing wages, cutting back production, and laying off workers.

However, the capitalist system can not hold out against bombardments from within and without.

Because of the successful liberation movements around the world, the United States and other imperialists are no longer able to plunder at will--suffering losses of huge superprofits.

And, at home, the rising resistance to uncontrolled profits, wage reduction, and massive lay offs signal the growth of a mass movement and the impending doom of capitalism and imperialism.

Last month, unemployment reached a high of six per cent--the highest since the recession of the 1950s. Recent and predicted layoffs totalling a quarter of a million will dramatically increase that number.

The greatest cutbacks are in the auto industry which has laid off

several hundred thousand workers across the country.

Ford, Chrysler and American Motors are expected to announce further lay offs affecting at least 40,000 more production and 12,000 white collar workers.

In a token gesture designed to promote the myth that "we are all in this together", Chrysler's 35 top officers are giving up about \$250,000 of their still inflated salaries next month.

For the most part, laid off workers are left to make do on their own.

For example, General Motors supposedly has a plan to compensate workers for time lost. Under a company paid supplemental benefit fund, employees are able to receive almost 95 per cent of their regular take home pay.

But, the fund is no match for a recession, and is rapidly being eaten up as lay offs increase and contributions to the fund decrease.

Lay offs are not limited to the auto industry. Nearly 20,000 workers in coal-dependent industries have been laid off since the United Mine Workers' strike.

U.S. Steel announced lay offs of another 4,300 during the last weeks of November and Bethlehem Steel will cut back 2,500 workers because of the coal strike.

The government has estimated that 400,000 workers could be laid off if the coal miners' strike last four weeks.

However, this is just an attempt to divide the working class by blaming lay offs on the striking coal miners and to divert attention from the real culprit--the contradictions within the capitalist system.

Most workers, however, know the right to strike is their survival tool, and are not influenced by government propaganda.

Industries across the country are cutting back in an effort to boost production and profits at the

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# DEMONSTRATION FOR PUERTO RICO'S INDEPENDENCE A SUCCESS

More than 16,000 demonstrators packed Madison Square Garden on October 27, demanding independence for Puerto Rico and liberation for its jailed patriots.

Owusu Sadaukai, ALSC National Secretariat member, was one of the many speakers expressing solidarity with the struggle of the Puerto Rican people.

Opening his remarks with the Chinese people's analysis of the world situation (countries want independence, nations want liberation and people want revolution); Sadaukai blasted efforts of the ruling class to divide and, thereby, weaken the struggle of oppressed peoples.

"We say to the ruling class that we will no longer tolerate their use of racism and national chauvinism to divide us. Our struggle is the same," he said.

Sadaukai compared Puerto Rican activists with such Black revolutionaries as George Jackson and Rap Brown and condemned the massacre of Puerto Rican patriots at Ponce in 1937 along with the massacre of Black students at Jackson State College in 1970.

Sadaukai ended his speech by voicing firm support for the unconditional liberation of Puerto Rico and quoting again the irreversible trend toward independence, liberation and revolution.

The rally was sponsored by the Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee composed of many diverse elements of the Puerto Rican, other minority and "left" communities.

Pro-independence rallies were held concurrently in Los Angeles, Denver and the San Francisco Bay area. More than 1,000 persons participated in the demonstration in East Oakland.

The rally was the annual commemoration of the 1950 uprising in Jayuya, P.R. Last year, about 2,000 persons marched in Washington,

the year before, several hundred celebrated in New York, and in 1971, nearly 100 observed the day in Spanish Harlem.

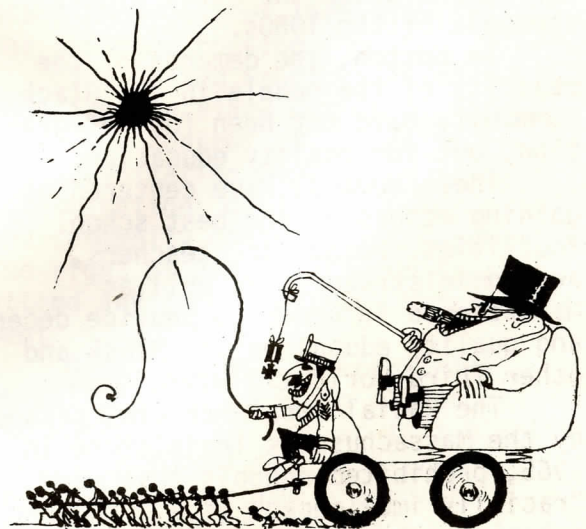
Signs and banners decorating Madison Square Garden were radically different than the usual posters urging on a sports team or advertising Coco-Cola.

Many people waved banners reading "Independencia para Puerto Rica." Hanging from the ceiling was the flag of a free Puerto Rico-- five red and white stripes with a blue triangle encompassing a single large star. The present Cuban flag is the same with the colors inverted. Pictures of imprisoned Puerto Rican nationalists hung above the speakers' platform.

The Puerto Rican Socialist Party (PSP) played an important role in pulling together the Solidarity Day. Juan Mari Bras, secretary general of the PSP, was the featured speaker.

Following his denunciation of colonial exploitation, Bras received a standing ovation. The fact that his speech was delivered in Spanish did not dampen the spirit and enthusiasm of the English-speaking crowd who followed his speech on a handout written in English--eagerly, if not accurately.

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# BLACKS IN BOSTON DEMAND: QUALITY EDUCATION

## ALSC-BOSTON

Since the first day of the current school session, Black people in Boston have been under sustained attack led by ultra right wing, white racist elements.

This element has duped poor whites in South Boston and other white communities into believing that Black people are their main enemy.

But, it is ridiculous to believe that Black people are the cause of massive unemployment, deteriorating housing conditions, high rate of drugs and alcoholism, recession, poverty, runaway inflation, inferior schools, etc.

White politicians who have become symbols of fascist leadership stand for the maintenance of these conditions and the status quo, perpetuated by imperialism as a system and racism as a main policy and tactic.

## NOT INTEGRATION - BUT QUALITY EDUCATION MAIN DEMAND

Court ordered busing as a means of desegregation was instituted in order to comply with the Racial Imbalance Law.

The history of the Racial Imbalance Law has been a history of Black people struggling against segregation as an institution before, during and after the Civil Rights struggle of the 1960s.

In Boston, the demands of the majority of the people in the Black community have not been for integration, but for quality education.

These demands have centered on gaining access to the best school facilities, resources, teachers, and administrators, as well as maintenance in order to provide decent and quality education for Black and other Third World children.

The Racial Imbalance Law, passed by the Massachusetts legislature in 1965, prohibited schools that were "racially imbalanced" (i.e., those schools with more than 50 per cent

Black and other minority students, and not predominantly white schools).

In June of this year, Judge Arthur Garrity, in response to a suit by Black parents issued a court order that called for the implementation of busing to achieve integration.

The struggle to raise the quality of public education has been and continues to be a just struggle due to the fact that the Boston School Committee and the City Council have allowed schools in the Black community to deteriorate, while catering to the needs of upper class children.

The exposure of segregated educational facilities has thrown the spotlight on the all-white School Committee as the cornerstone of institutional racism in Boston.

Many reactionary and racist politicians, such as Louise Day Hicks (now a member of the City Council) and John Kerrigan, have used the School Committee either as a springboard to higher positions within the local government, or have used racist stances on major issues to solidify their current status.

This enables them to organize wide support among racist, anti-busing advocates and other undemocratic forces in South Boston, Hyde Park and Roslindale.

## END TO RACIST VIOLENCE

The Black community is primarily concerned with ending the violence and breaking the backbone of white racist resistance.

Mobs of fanatic racists numbering as many as 6,000 have been allowed to stampede through the streets attacking school buses, beating and terrifying children, and dragging people from their cars.

Where were the police while this was happening?

Black people have a right to armed self defense. We must be

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self-reliant when it comes to protecting our people and our homes.

In addition, the Black community calls on all anti-racist forces to denounce and oppose the racist attacks on Black people, neutralize the growing fascist movement, and demand an end to the presence of real "outside agitators" such as the KKK and the Nazi Party.

## PROGRESSIVE UNITED FRONT FOR QUALITY EDUCATION FORMED

The Black community is also involved in organizing for quality education.

The Progressive United Front on Education was formed a few weeks ago to deal with defending the democratic rights of Black people to safety and to a quality education.

The United Front seeks to play a leading role in developing real alternatives and therefore, real solutions to the educational problems facing Black people in Boston.

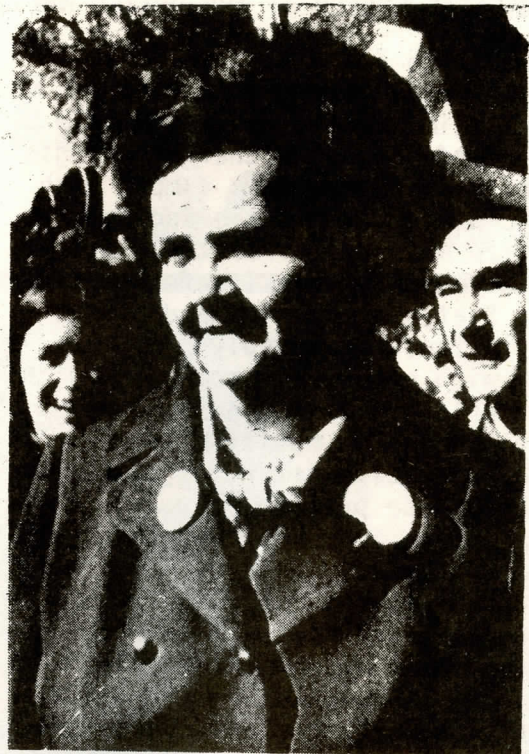
The question of quality education has not been addressed. The courts have decided busing not quality education.

The schools in the white ghetto of South Boston are not quality schools. Only one per cent of their graduates finish college.

Yet, the traditional conservative community leaders, that is, members of the petit bourgeoisie, have consistently encouraged Black children to attend schools in racist strongholds at times when potential mob violence and racial hysteria was at a fever pitch.

When white chauvinist caravans of 200-300 cars encircled areas of the city, including homes of liberal white politicians, these community leaders told our people, "If we want integration, we have no choice."

This negative leadership must be challenged, opposed, and replaced by community people who are not owned by liberal, white politicians,



*White supremacist city councilwoman Louise Day Hicks leads antibusing rally last month*

universities, foundations, or charitable philanthropists.

In addition, to have a correct perspective of the Boston school crisis, we must analyze and understand the class forces which give rise to and sustain racism.

For example, Louise Day Hicks is a slumlord in South Boston who is interested in keeping white residents fighting an imaginary Black enemy rather than fighting for improved housing.

The United Front seeks to mobilize the Black community to challenge control of education. The organization emphasizes self-determination, quality education, and community control, and supports the right of Black children to attend any school without harassment.

Also, the United Front will be calling for a series of forums and workshops leading up to a Black community educational conference to develop a program around the specific needs of the Black community.

# WORDS OF LIBERATION

## YASSAR ARAFAT'S SPEECH AT THE UNITED NATIONS

### U.S. SUPPLIES ZIONISTS

They have imagined that our people claims rights not rightfully its own and fights neither with logic nor valid motive, with a simple wish only to disturb the peace and to terrorize wantonly. For there are amongst you--and here I refer to the United States of America and others like it--those who supply our enemy freely with planes and bombs and with every variety of murderous weapon. They take hostile positions against us, deliberately distorting the true essence of the problem.

All this is done not only at our expense, but at the expense of the American people, and of the friendship we continue to hope can be cemented between us and this great people, whose history of struggle for the sake of freedom we honor and salute.

### ROOTS OF QUESTION

The roots of the Palestinian question reach back into the closing years of the 19th century, in other words, to that period which we call the era of colonialism and settlement as we know it today. This is precisely the

Zionism is an ideology that is imperialist, colonialist, racist; it is profoundly reactionary and discriminatory; it is united with anti-Semitism in its retrograde tenets and is, when all is said and done, another side of the same base coin. For when what is proposed is that adherents of the Jewish faith, regardless of their national residence, should neither owe allegiance to their national residence nor live on equal footing with its other, non-Jewish citizens--when that is proposed we hear anti-Semitism being proposed.

### JUDAISM VS. ZIONISM

We do distinguish between Judaism and Zionism. While we maintain our opposition to the colonialist Zionist movement, we respect the Jewish faith. Today, almost one century



### ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY

Our people cannot but maintain the heritage of their ancestors in resisting the invaders, in assuming the privileged task of defending their native land, their Arab nationhood, their culture and civilization and in safeguarding the cradle of monotheistic religion.

By contrast, we need only mention briefly some Israeli stands--its support of the Secret Army Organization in Algeria; its bolstering of the settle-colonialists in Africa--whether in the Congo, Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Azania or South Africa--and its backing of South Vietnam against the Vietnamese revolution.

In addition, one can mention Israel's continuing support of imperialists and racists everywhere, its obstructive stand in the (UN) Committee of Twenty-Four (on Decolonization), its refusal to cast its vote in support of independence for the African states, and its opposition to the demands of many Asian, African and Latin American nations, and several other states, in the conference on raw materials, population, the law of the sea and food.

Today, I have come bearing an olive branch and a freedom-fighter's gun. Do not let the olive branch fall from my hand. I repeat: do not let the olive branch fall from my hand.





# ALSC IN ACTION



*ALD- '74 marchers in Washington, D. C. Since that time the crisis of imperialism has deepened, and the need for mass action against imperialism and racism has become the order of the day.*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The D.C. ALSC held a political program entitled "Defeat U.S. Imperialism, Support D.C. Community Struggles" on November 9.

More than 100 community people and eight community organizations attended the program.

The panelists included Herb Quinn, Local 1199 union organizer; Mrs. Willie Hardy, newly elected D.C. councilwoman Brenda Stokely, participant in the tenant movement, and Carl Turpin, chairperson of the D.C. chapter.

A film was shown on the Local 1199 hospital workers strike in New York, called "Like a Beautiful Child."

The program pointed out the connection between the crisis of imperialism and the rise of community struggles in the D.C. area and the need to increase the drive to organize to struggle.

**BOSTON, MASS.**— ALSC in Boston has helped form a progressive united front against racism and imperialism connected with the integration effort of the public schools.

The United Front plans a series of forums and workshops leading up to a Black community education conference.

**BALTIMORE, MD.**— The ALSC in Baltimore has joined with

other anti-imperialist organizations to hold a forum and demonstrations against police repression last month.

The collection of organizations is called the Fred Hampton Coalition.

**DURHAM, N.C.** — Community organizations and ALSC have formed a coalition to Save Our Children From Drownings.

Three children have drowned in Durham since 1970 in the same pond.

The Coalition is protesting the hazardous and unsafe condition of 67 creeks in Durham and the city council's neglect.

**ATLANTA, GA.** — ALSC in Atlanta is continuing their organizing drive against the importation of coal from South Africa.

The Atlanta ALSC has suggested the following methods to fight the importation of coal: (1) put pressure on the ILA, International Longshoremen Association (2) circulate petitions opposing importation of South African coal (3) hold community forums to educate the masses to provide the correct analysis (4) demonstrate at the ports receiving shipments of South African coal and (5) leaflet and propaganda efforts to show the connection between workers in South Africa and the United States.

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one half of the average in the United States.

Yet, the cost of living is about 25 per cent higher than in New York City. More than 80 per cent of Puerto Ricans have an income of below \$3,000--yet foreign corporations reap huge profits, siphoning money off the island.

While Puerto Ricans have all the benefits of being exploited by U.S. capitalism, they have none of the rights of U.S. citizenship.

Declared a commonwealth, Puerto Rico is not represented by voting delegates in Congress nor can Puerto Ricans vote in U.S. presidential elections.

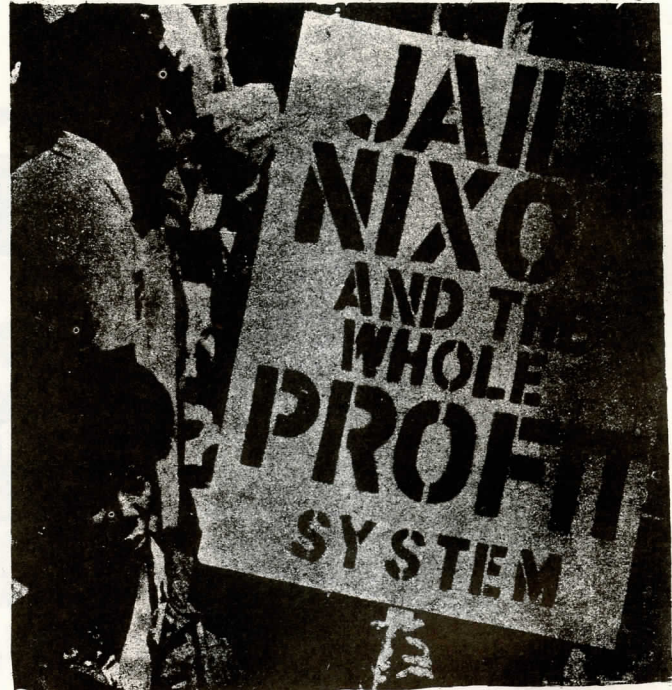
All national laws are decided in Washington. The island's foreign relations policy, currency, postal system, communications, transportation and legal system are all controlled by the U.S. government.

Clearly Puerto Rico is a colony of the United States and the Puerto Rican people have the right to fight for self-determination.

But, as most of the rally speakers summed up, neither Puerto Rico nor any oppressed nation or people can be free as long as imperialism survives.

Therefore, we must link the struggle for national liberation and independence with the worldwide revolution to overthrow capitalism and institute socialism.

## SOUTHERN U SOLIDARITY WEEK



Black students across the country held solidarity activities in support of the Southern University struggle between November 11-16.

The Student Solidarity Week was designed to lay out concrete plans to build the anti-imperialism student movement.

The main slogan was "Remember Southern--Build the Anti-Imperialist Student Movement."

Activities were held at Community College in New York, North Carolina's A and T, Tennessee State, Fisk University, Harvard, Princeton, Lincoln University, Howard University, George Washington University, Federal City College, Atlanta University, and Rutgers University.

For more information on the building of the anti-imperialist student movement, see the November 30 issue of *The African World*, or write to *The African World*, P.O. Box 2413, Washington, D.C. 20013.

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**FOR AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST DIRECTION**

**WHAT IS IMPERIALISM?**

Capitalism is an economic system which puts *profits over the welfare of the people*. As we all can see during the energy crisis, the present ridiculous food prices, and the housing crisis, all stem from the economic system—capitalism.

Capitalism is private ownership of the factories, land, coal, iron and other resources (i.e., the means of production) which are used solely for profits which don't go to the majority of us but to a privileged few (bourgeoisie class). The people who work for slave wages always will be exploited and our wages *never* equal the value of what is produced.

Imperialism is the highest stage of capitalism. Imperialism has several important features:

- \* Big corporations form monopolies and control the economy and the state (government). In this stage of capitalism a few large businesses control the production and sales of commodities (goods and services produced solely for the sale to consumers). Several examples are oil monopolies (Exxon, Mobil, Gulf); food industry (Armour, Swift, General Mills, etc.); auto industry (General Motors, Ford, Chrysler); computer-electronics industry (IBM).

Large banks control the financial institutions:

- \* In imperialism, there develops the concentration of large banks for mere holders of money or middle men to which industries are dependent to obtain credit and loans to expand their production facilities. These are, in the U.S., eight financial groups:

Morgan	Bank of America
Rockefeller	Chicago Bank
Dupont	Cleveland Bank
Mellon	First National Bank

Export of capital to other countries. In the stage of imperialism the capitalist exports large amounts of piled up "surplus." Capital (money, manufactured goods extracted from workers) in their own nations to other nations.

Today, this is in two forms:

- \* Loan capital — Loans made available to the governments of other nations.
- \* Productive capital — When capitalists build industrial enterprises (railways, roads, etc.) in other countries.

Both loan capital and productive capital are exported by the imperialist for profit not to help develop the

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expense of the workers.

Yes, the picture for the masses of people, particularly the poor, minorities and working people, looks gloomy.

But, it is possible for us to turn a bad thing into a good thing.

The drooping economy signals the downfall of capitalism—a system which was never designed to benefit more than a few people.

Yet, capitalism, though dying, is not dead, and the capitalist will use any measures to keep it alive.

This means that the people must organize and wage militant struggle against efforts to use the people as props for capitalism.

Workers must follow the militant example of the striking mine workers and wring concessions from the hands and pockets of the capitalists.

To fundamentally change the quality of life for the people, we must kick capitalism while it is down—hurry it to its death.

Falling capitalism is a bad thing for the capitalists, but it can be a good thing for the masses of oppressed nationalities, poor and working people.

other country.

Imperialist capital is mainly exported to third world countries: Latin America, Africa, Asia. (However some U.S. capital is exported to European nations.)

Economic division of the world among capitalist nations. The imperialist nations have divided up the world into their control over the world takes several forms:

TYPE	EXAMPLE
Colonialism	Africa before 1960; Portuguese colonies before the coup in Portugal
Semi-colonial Countries	China before 1949
White Settler Governments	South Africa, Rhodesia
Neo-colonial Governments	Ivory Coast, Liberia, South Viet Nam, Chile

There are several countries that have broken away from the shackles of imperialism: China, Cuba, Albania, North Viet Nam!!!

# people want revolution



## DEFEAT COLONIALISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

### SOUTH AFRICA SILENCED IN THE UNITED NATIONS

The U.N. General Assembly recently suspended the white ruled South African government's right to participate in its meetings.

The suspension means that the racist regime's delegation cannot be seated, speak, introduce motions or vote in the Assembly.

Since the Security Council is the only body of the U.N. that can expel a member nation, South Africa will probably retain its seat. Earlier, the United States, France and Britain showed their imperialist and racist nature by blocking the apartheid regime's expulsion through a triple veto.

The Algerian Foreign Minister, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, serving as president of the General Assembly stated that if the decision of the General Assembly were to be regarded "merely as a procedural incident to express its rejection of the policy of apartheid", it would be a "betrayal of the clearly expressed will and often repeated will of the General Assembly." He ruled that the vote of the Assembly should be interpreted as suspending South Africa's rights of participation in the General Assembly.

Bouteflika's ruling set a precedent at the U.N. and was challenged by the U.S. delegate John Scali, French, British and Guatemalan delegates as "unlawful and unconstitutional."

South African Prime Minister John Vorster condemned the U.N. as a body dominated by "irresponsible" elements.

Israel, disturbed by the move, lobbied behind the scenes to prevent the expulsion of South Africa.

Thus, all the imperialist and

racist nations aligned together.

The move for South Africa's expulsion was based on Article 6 of the U.N. Charter which reads, "A member of the U.N. which has persistently violated the principles contained in the present Charter may be expelled from the organization by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council."

### NAMIBIA

South Africa has announced a scheme whereby black, brown and white people would start talk on the future pattern of constitutional development in Namibia. The South African government asserted that the white population in the territory had decided to act "in a more positive and practical manner."

The "dramatic turnabout" must be viewed in perspective with (1) the vote of the U.N. General Assembly to expel South Africa from the U.N. (2) the transitional government of FRELIMO in Mozambique (3) the impending independence of Angola (4) the mounting labor, student and Black political protest in South Africa itself (5) the trouble of Ian Smith's regime in Zimbabwe and (6) the opposition of the Namibia people to South African rule.

The farcical scheme has not and will not resolve the issue of apartheid in white-ruled South Africa nor the continued illegal exploitation of the Namibian people and their natural resources.

The fact that the South African government finds it necessary to manufacture such a reformist tactic and assert that it is positive attests to its increased isolation within Africa and the world.