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Blast U.S. Scab Programs



Cop at Washington D.C. food stamp center moves swiftly to try and suppress Labor Party candidate Charles Henry. Labor Party organizers are exposing the capitalists' slave labor plans in continuing nationwide campaign.

by Don Baier

Oct. 1, SLAVE LABOR DAY — Ninety thousand welfare mothers in the Aid to Dependent Children program were scheduled to become eligible for the forced-labor Work Relief Employment Program today. U.S. Labor Party organizing against slave labor has set it back a month.

Without pausing to celebrate this victory, Labor Party campaigners across the country continued to organize marches, rallies and demonstrations against the Rockefeller-Beame scab plan — now scheduled for implementation on Nov. 1 — and similar recycling programs in other cities.

In New York, the week's organizing was highlighted by successful marches through central Harlem and the South Bronx ghettos. The city was plastered with posters showing Labor Party mayoral candidate Tony Chaitkin chasing Abe Beame, the erstwhile Democratic candidate, off the streets. The "Get Beame Hotline" in the Labor Party offices began ringing today in response to those posters and to Chaitkin's call broadcast a dozen times a day over stations WINS and WCBS: "Tell us when you see Abe 'Slave Labor' Beame attempting to campaign. We will send out a truth squad. Call 865-9086 now!" And the Beame machine began to crack under the pressure: one Beame staffer cheerfully admitted what "Jelly" Beame can't bring himself to say to Chaitkin's face — that the welfare program is an attack on municipal unions.

In Washington D.C. police harassment turned a socialist campaign appearance at the payments office of the city's food stamp center into a major electoral rally for the Maryland congressional and gubernatorial campaigns of the U.S. Labor Party. At the height of the rally, Charles Henry, candidate for Congress from Maryland's Seventh district, addressed an audience of 200 black and white construction workers and 40 welfare recipients and social workers on the recycling of the work force and the international food crisis.

In Chicago Bill Engdahl, USLP candidate for U.S. Senator, kicked off his campaign with a rally outside the Federal Building. In this city, Oct. 1 marked the inauguration of the notorious flat grant system of welfare payments, the culmination of an extensive anti-fraud campaign conducted by Governor Dan Walker and Welfare Department official Joel Edelman. As Engdahl addressed the crowd he pointed to Room 513 in the Federal building, where the local above-ground office of the Central Intelligence Agency keeps tabs on the various counterinsurgency schemes the government uses to divide the working class and facilitate the imposition of slave labor. 35 cops were on the scene to contain the 15 USLP and 5 NUWRO organizers.

In Seattle, Slave Labor Day activities included an intervention into the Seattle branch of the National Conference of Social Workers and a demonstration outside the city's only unemployment center. Labor Party and NUWRO activists

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Barakaites in Armed Attack Flee Boston Mtg. Bloodied

by Don Buck

Oct. 1 — Desperate black nationalist police agents and followers of CIA operative Imanu Baraka were soundly and bloodily defeated tonight in their attempt to murder Labor Party organizers at a public political meeting on the campus of Harvard University in Boston.

Harvard campus police cooperated with the thwarted pistol and knife murder attempts.

A similar attack by Baraka followers on another Labor Party meeting was also driven off tonight in Rochester, N.Y.

The forum at Harvard, which drew 60 participants, was one of many held around the country as part of the national campaign to mop up Baraka and his disintegrating fascist machine (see story page 5). The attempted attack was instigated by Hayward Henry, the Boston operative of Baraka's Congress of African Peoples, and two blustering cronies, aided by a group of police-backed thugs called "Mau Mau."

Henry and his friends entered the meeting at the beginning. Labor Party defense personnel were searching everyone at the door until one of Henry's cocky friends, "Professor" Vincent

Terrell, objected. Terrell called the campus police, who prevented further searches, even though they were informed of previous threats of violence by Terrell, Henry and their armed thugs against the Labor Party.

As the forum progressed, half a dozen "Mau Mau" goons appeared, some carrying three-inch knives behind their backs.

The Mau Mau group has been built up as big bad "black spokesmen" by the Boston Police Department and the press during racial violence at local high schools in recent weeks.

Police have allowed these hoodlums into the schools as a "liaison" between cops and

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Latin American Regimes Hunt Revolutionaries

by G. Gotham and Daniel Sol

"I just want people to know that if I am killed," said José Rucci, Argentina's principal labor leader and a strong right-wing Peronist, in a recent interview, "it will be the work of filthy Marxists and Trotskyites. It will be the People's Revolutionary Army."

Rucci's "foresight" was confirmed in blood last week as the 48-year-old secretary general of the General Confederation of Labor was machine-gunned to death in a quiet Buenos Aires street. The People's Revolutionary Army was immediately blamed for the murder, in a clear attempted frameup of that guerrilla group by Peron.

The death of long-time cohort

Rucci was a small price for Peron to pay in order to carry out his long-planned extermination drive against the left. Already the left-Peronist sanitation union in Cordoba has been bombed by rightists. Armed assassins burst into the apartment of Enrique Grunberg and murdered this leader of the left wing of the Juventud Peronista. And Peron himself came out with a major statement promising a "head-on struggle with Marxism" in response to the Rucci murder. "We must engage in an ideological purge...of all the organizations of the (Peronist) movement," he threatened, thus insuring that the wave of anti-left violence will swell in the weeks ahead.

These Argentine developments are merely the most significant of the first of a long series of concentric political shock waves that will rock Latin America in the aftermath of the Chilean coup. As the military tightened its grip on the Chilean working class over the past week — rounding up, torturing and executing leftists, and returning the economy to capitalist normalcy — the local representatives of the international capitalist class in a number of other Latin American countries began to take advantage of the particular conjuncture that their Chilean victory has afforded them. They are stepping up attacks on their own local sectors of the working class.

The faction-ridden Bolivian bourgeoisie is now uniting around a renewed offensive against the still-strong labor movement in that country. In response to a recent leftist efforts to reconstitute the Bolivian Workers Confederation — the major trade union body which has been declared illegal by the Banzer regime — the government arrested 89 labor leaders throughout the country. They were accused of being part of a plot to overthrow the government, a plot allegedly directed by Bolivian revolutionaries exiled in Argentina.

The Colombian capitalists have "seized the time" by attacking a small guerrilla group near Medellin, killing

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Nairobi IMF Smokescreens Secret S.F. Conf

by J. Victor

The well-publicized diversion staged by the leading finance ministers of the capitalist sector at Nairobi two weeks ago served as a smokescreen for the real policy-making capitalist clique, which met in San Francisco only the week before.

A vacillating Nixon cabal came to the Nairobi Annual Meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) led by Treasury Secretary George Shultz. Nixon had already sabotaged his earlier summer agreement to sacrifice narrow national interests to a unified U.S.-Europe-Japan monetary scheme. The earlier sense of urgency was replaced by lighthearted promises that something would be pathed together by July 1, 1974.

Shultz could only sigh: "This Annual Meeting is not the best setting. So much else is going on, and there is a great deal of distraction, and one needs to really concentrate on this subject by itself."

Indeed, it is reported that large numbers of ministers boycotted the meetings in favor of safaris and sightseeing with their children.

A planload of provincial U.S. Senators attended the meeting, along with large retinues of petty financial ministers, corp-

orate observers and academic "experts" from every insignificant IMF member country. Hardly a place where desperately-needed new capitalist looting policies could be freely discussed.

The Real IMF

In San Francisco, however, the leadership of the world bourgeoisie emerged with a clear, comprehensive program: tighten worldwide credit and launch a fascist recycling of the work force.

Only one week before the Nairobi meeting, the select group consisting of the heads of all the major international banks and multinational corporations met in San Francisco for a week of secret meetings around the International Industrial Conference. Only members of the class-conscious capitalist elite were invited to attend, with the significant exception of a top Soviet technology minister, Jermen Gvishiani.

Reporters and tape recordings of the sessions were strictly forbidden. The following information comes from the press conferences held afterward and from details leaked to the New York Times and a San Francisco trade journal, the Daily Commercial News.

Among those attending the conference were David Rocke-

ller of the Chase Manhattan Bank; Stephen D. Bechtel, a financier whose connections can be traced from General Motors Corporation and Hanna Mining Company through Chase Manhattan Bank and Bankers Trust to Chrysler Corporation. Also Walter Wriston, Chairman of the First National City Corporation; A.W. Clausen, head of the Bank of America, largest in the U.S.; and Helmut Schmidt, West Germany's finance minister.

Walter Wriston led off with the keynote address — the only speech released in full to the press — on "The World Corporation." It was a sophisticated (for a capitalist) argument against the latter-day mercantilism of those elements of the bourgeoisie who would like to believe that the present bulging growth of international credit and debt can be sustained forever.

Wriston chastised both Europe and the U.S. for harping on their petty demands for a "fair shake" for their domestic industry and agriculture.

Even more significant, he noted that today no one country must be allowed to follow its own individual political course towards fascist social and economic policies.

"We have one world... Nevertheless, the politicians of the

world will not act...The disorder — almost paralysis — of the political aspect of the European Economic Community is further evidence. History is replete with the tragedies wrought by efforts of one society to impose its concepts upon others [i.e., a suicidally narrow national fascism like the Nazis]."

Small wonder that the sole finance minister present at the gathering was Helmut Schmidt. Schmidt was the only one competent to advise the ruling clique about West German Chancellor Willy Brandt's worldwide "participation" and workers' control program to slide workers into fascist self-policing and speedup.

R. Heath Larry, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors of the United States Steel corporation, elaborated Brandt's general policy.

Leaders in labor and industry, he said, "are beginning to espouse roles which although neither familiar nor comfortable to them may nevertheless begin to furnish some of the answers we need so badly."

On the monetary side, Clausen of the Bank of America flatly asserted that the world must soon institute a regime of fixed exchange rates, or face monetary chaos and the collapse of world trade — a mea-

sure that local politicians like Nixon are afraid to even mention to their respective legislatures.

The final link in the ruling bourgeoisie's general strategy is their rapidly-advancing campaign to open up the Eastern Bloc to massive looting operations.

Remarks made by Jermen M. Gvishiani, deputy chairman of the Soviet Union's Council of Ministers for Science and Technology and son-in-law of Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin, showed how desperate the Soviet Union is to participate in this program.

"We have particularly urged cooperation from American multinational companies... We are undertaking feasibility studies now, and I would not exclude that in the not-too-distant future we will come to some very interesting agreements."

Indeed, the capitalist class has a well-developed long-range policy for the depression. Their job now is to make sure no national parochialism gets in their way. With the International Caucus of Labour Committees boldly challenging every facet of this policy, they will have to move rapidly behind the scenes, leaving public events like the Nairobi bash to their PR men.

Barakaites Meet a Bloody Rebuff In Armed Boston Attack

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black students. The Mau Mau have carried out this assignment by siding with the cops to keep Labor Party literature out of those same schools with threats of violence.

It is not yet known how close the connection is between the Mau Mau and Mayor White's special assistant for police reorganization Richard Kiley, who was an aide to former Director of Central Intelligence Richard Helms.

At the Harvard meeting, the Mau Mau apparently had the foolish belief that they would be able to take over with their standard loud racist threats and then attack the Labor Party.

As the main speech by Revolutionary Youth Movement organizer Isiah Scott ended, a Mau Mau leader named Shareef and his friends began strutting up and down shouting about "white boys." When a Mau Mau threw a punch, Labor Party defense squads immediately moved in. Shareef bluffed, "Are you ready to trade weapon fire?" but as he was quickly beaten with sticks and silenced he was found to be unarmed.

Hayward Henry cried, "I've gotta get out of here," and flew out the door. Most of the suddenly terrified thugs followed their leader's advice, leaving the remaining Mau Mau to be knocked down and beaten senseless as they crawled around on the bloody floor crying for mercy.

"Professor" Terrell picked up a chair. It was taken away from him and he pulled out an automatic pistol. That was taken away also as he was heavily damaged with serious head injuries. All the thugs who had not fled were quickly ejected and kicked down the nearby stairs.

"That bastard who pulled a gun," one defense squad leader said afterwards. "The next person who tries that against us won't get off so easily."

Later it was learned that the Harvard campus police had disappeared from the area on a signal from the Mau Mau, who arrived late. After the attack



Mau Mau member meets firm political response from Labor Party organizers at the Boston Baraka forum.

was defeated, the campus cops, accompanied by the Cambridge city police, suddenly reappeared and swarmed over the building. They hustled everyone out, locked the doors, then left the deserted courtyard before the Labor Party did. They were setting the revolutionaries up for some sort of counterattack, but the beaten black nationalists had fled for good, and no further assaults occurred.

Two Revolutionary Youth Movement organizers were treated at a Cambridge hospital for knife wounds. They are expected to be released in two days.

Upon examining wallets dropped by the fleeing hoodlums, the Labor Party found that Vincent Terrell is the "Artistic Director" of something called the Society for Creative Consciousness Incorporated, with an office at 521 Massachusetts Avenue in Boston. The pathetic poser also claims to be a professor of anthropology at the University of Massachusetts, but officials contacted there have never heard of him.

Police rescued — arrested — Terrell after the Harvard attack, but it could not be immediately confirmed what charges were brought.

A second hoodlum who dropped his papers was James R.L. Smart, "Director" of the un-

known Trotter Anthropological Institute, of the same Massachusetts address. Smart carried a Medicaid card which listed him as being on welfare; but this welfare recipient's passport showed that between 1969 and 1971 he made several trips to Sweden, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Ethiopia, Togo and Czechoslovakia, and was planning another trip to East African countries.

At the University of Roches-

Baraka Forums...

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tions against selling literature." Once again the campus black "radicals" chose to hide from the real issues behind the starched skirts of campus law.

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At black Cheyney State College in Philadelphia, deans and campus security guards connived to prevent the Labor Party from giving a campus forum on Baraka. The Labor Party organizers distributed literature and attracted wide interest in the cafeteria, and then marched toward the building in which the forum was scheduled to be held. Then a dean and several security guards intervened and threatened to call the state police and have the socialists arrested for trespassing. The forum was cancelled, but organizing at Cheyney State will continue.

ter in Rochester, N.Y., 10 thugs from Baraka's Emikago pidgin-Swahili school attacked the beginning of a forum given by Dennis Speed, U.S. Labor Party candidate for City Council in Newark. The club-swinging goons were driven off and the forum proceeded without further incident.

During the fight one attacker dropped a clip of .38 caliber bullets. The fleeing thugs had called to each other, "Get the gun."

Half an hour after the scheduled starting time of the forum, a dozen black students arrived, having been told that the meeting would be "taken over" by then. The only glimpse these cowardly bystanders got of their heroes was the Baraka leader,

Talik el Amin, who stayed behind under campus police protection.

Clutching his cracked ribs and bleeding from the head, Amin sputtered incoherently for five minutes, "I'm proud to be a racist." He said, "The black community can't spend its energies attacking the CIA and the cops. There are more important things to do." Before he left for the hospital, he denounced the Labor Party for having the nerve to thoroughly plaster the Rochester ghettos with big posters denouncing Baraka.

The forum ended with a lively debate between Speed and the black students about Baraka and related questions of revolution.

Gotbaum Caves in....

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At the Sept. 25 delegates' assembly meeting — which was called to celebrate the pact between the union and Beame — four Labor Party members distributing literature were forcibly ejected from the union hall.

When Beame drove up in his limousine, 25 leading bureaucrats — with coats, ties and attache cases — formed a white collar goon squad to protect Beame from challenges to debate Labor Party mayoral candidate Tony Chaitkin. As Beame raced for the safety of his car, he paused to assault a Labor Party distributor, seizing him by the neck.

Gotbaum was not to be undone in hysteria. As he left the meeting he responded to Labor Party demands that he repudiate Beame by snapping: "I'm a fascist. I support Abe Beame because he's a fascist too."

Bureaucrats Divided

Beneath their sarcasm the bureaucrats are awed and fascinated by the Labor Party because it is something they are not: a potent political force. Calling his union's candidate "the world's largest midget" — in reference to Beame's

physical and political stature — DC 37 Political Action Department head John Corcoran admitted to Labor Party comp-troller candidate Leif Johnson that the Labor Party is Beame's "only opposition."

Other ranking DC 37 officials are bewildered by Gotbaum's new support for slave labor. Several have agreed to meet with the Labor Party — in one case clandestinely — to discuss joint work around the campaign against WREP.

New Solidarity's intelligence sources in the union indicate that Gotbaum may be covering up more than workfare. There is a distinct possibility that he is gearing up his union of slaves to be the major conduit for the full-scale introduction of the capitalists' most sophisticated anti-labor technique: co-participation.

DC 37 will play host to a conference of international public-employee union bureaucrats in October. The conference is being run by Social Democrat Gunnar Hallstrom from Sweden, whose government is in the vanguard of these plans for labor-management collaboration on the ways and means of working-class destruction.