

ATTICA REBELLION- HEROIC BATTLE AGAINST RACIST PRISONS! (see pp. 2,3)

SDS new
left
notes

SMASH RACISM! ALLY WITH WORKERS

VOL. 6 NO. 11

15¢

SEPT. 25, 1971

In This Issue:

SPECIAL FEATURE

**Worker-Student Alliance
Grows Over Past Year**

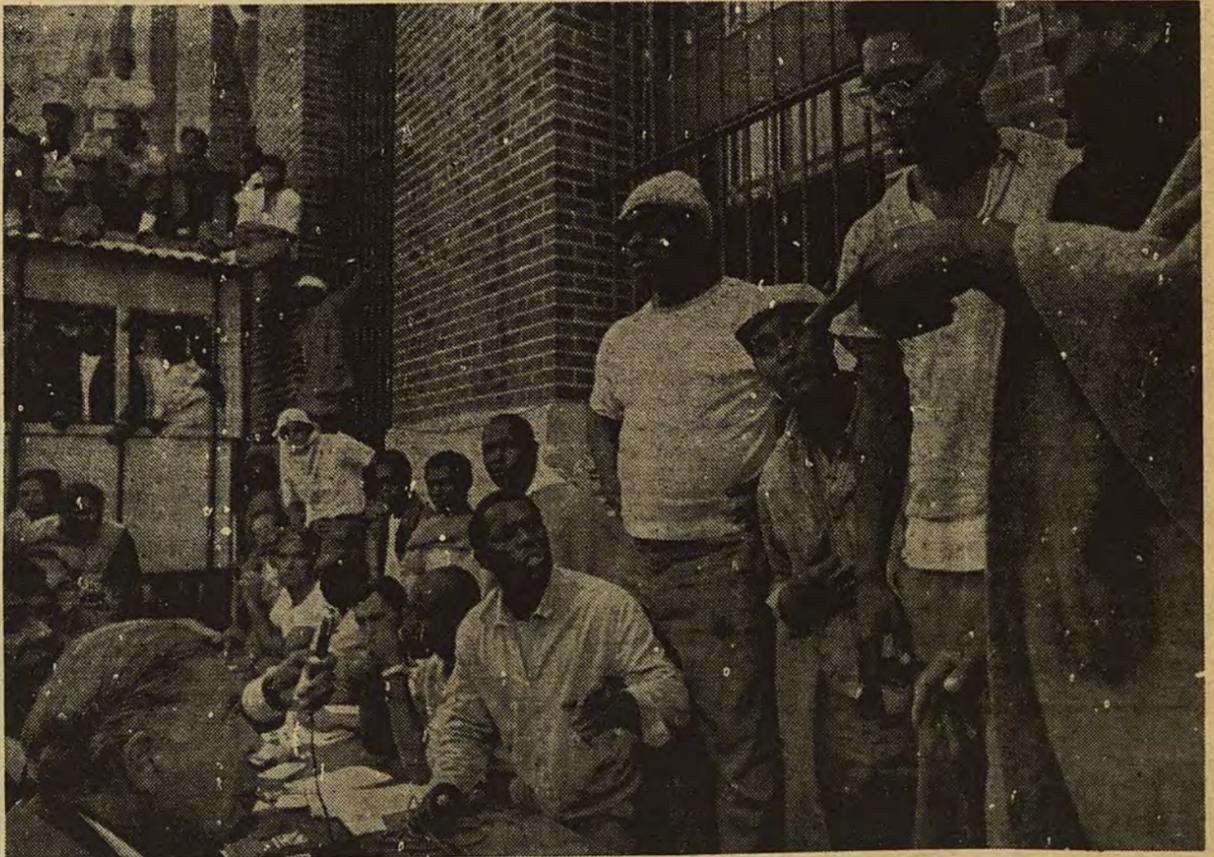
SEE CENTERFOLD

**SAME ENEMY
SAME FIGHT
workers and
students
MUST UNITE!**

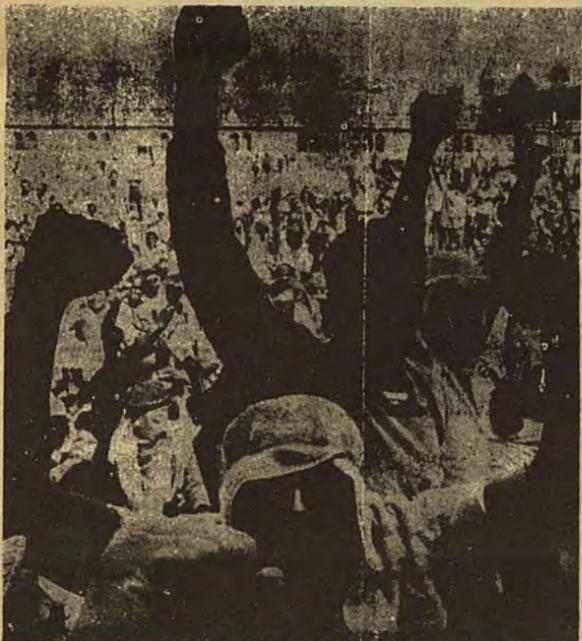
Rulers Fear Rebellions will Spread Murder 32 Attica Rebels

Forty-one dead Attica rebels, scores more wounded, and the man responsible, "liberal" Governor Rockefeller, says he would do it the same way all over again. Sure he would. This multi-millionaire politician saw this prison rebellion as a threat to a way of life — his and that of the other rich men who profit from racism. These guys were scared. They were afraid that the courageous battle against racism would spread. And they were right to squirm. At least two other prison rebellions have now occurred, and hundreds of workers and students have demonstrated solidarity with the Attica rebels.

At Attica, the club talked until September 4, the day of the rebellion. As in every other prison around the country, the guards are racist and brutal, rarely speaking to the prisoners, not telling them to go from one place to another, but beating them to work or to the dining hall. They throw prisoners in solitary confinement ("the box") whenever they feel like it. The food is often rotten and there's never enough, and when prisoners get sick or hurt there's not a doctor in sight. Most of the prisoners are from New York City — 11 hours' drive for their friends or family — so "visiting rights" don't mean a thing. The demand for minimum wage of \$1.85 an hour came in response to the maximum wage of 35¢ a day at Attica for heavy metal work and the like.



Oswald squirms as militant rebels lay down their terms.



It's that kind of lousy treatment and slave labor that keeps the prison system running and keeps racist bosses like Rockefeller willing to commit mass murder to protect that system.

Eighty-five per cent of the prisoners at Attica are black or Latin. They have had to fight all their lives against racism. From the time they were born these men have gotten the worst health care, lived in the worst housing, and had the least chance of finding and keeping a job. Why? Because of racism, because in this rotten system it is profitable for people like the Rockefellers to be able to pay minority workers less and keep minority and white workers from uniting. The minority workers also face constant attacks from the racist cops and courts, used by the bosses to keep workers in line. Since black and Latin workers are the most oppressed, they fight back the hardest. Because of this they receive the brunt of these attacks. Hundreds of minority workers are thrown in jail every year because they were framed or were considered trouble makers or couldn't afford a lawyer or a bribe. That's why the court-cop-prison system is racist and the men who run it and control it are the real criminals.

If you read the papers or watch TV you would

never know what happened at Attica. The media are trying to make it seem that the rebellion was mainly black against white. News reporters only bother to interview the white guards and their families, never talking to the prisoners' families and never admitting that white prisoners were actively involved, and lying about the murders when in fact the cops killed both the prisoners and the guards. But they couldn't hide the truth forever. It was a united fight for decent shelter, food, health care, and wages, and finally a fight for freedom from racist imprisonment. The rebellion wasn't a savage uprising, as the newsmen and guards say, but from the beginning was a political, well organized battle against the prison system. Black and white prisoners stood together, and because they did won 27 demands from Warden Oswald.

The Attica rebels were right to fight back. They were right to demand decent wages and living conditions. That's why they were right to demand amnesty for their actions in waging this fight. In fact, they were right to demand freedom from the racist prison system entirely.

The Attica uprising was a courageous fight. Workers and students should follow the lead of the Attica rebels and build a united movement to support their demands and fight racism!

Saul Levine and Margie Keller
Chicago SDS

Letter from a Relative of an Attica Prisoner

Wake up before it's too late! We must move on the Establishment in a strong attempt to destroy the so-called "democratic" policy and the people who capitalize from the system. This can be done successfully only if we the majority band together with a common aim to expose the sellouts and show them for what they are. Destroy the fascist rule of the Establishment by exposing them as racist bigots. It should be evident now, since the rebellion, that the bosses are lying, deceitful racists.

The Attica rebellion should open everyone's eyes to the underhanded way the bosses deal with the people. Their policy has always been to grind down the underdog. They fed the inmates of Attica Prison with promises. The bosses have used and still are using these same underhanded tactics on us. They pacify us just long enough to get themselves together and plunge their daggers in our backs.

Perhaps you who have refused to believe that the bosses are out to get us can see for yourself that they thrive on the blood of the poor, blacks, and all minority groups. The bosses used the inmates of Attica in a political game of chess — to win the game at any expense. Yes, lives were terminated in that game. The crucial move was called by the bosses. Again the bosses have scored another victory — conquer, kill, destroy. We can reverse this victory to a loss for the bosses by fighting back with workers and students uniting everywhere. There are loads of things to do — sit-ins, marches, moratoriums, pickets and demonstrations. All the fights are one, all the issues are one, for the working man.

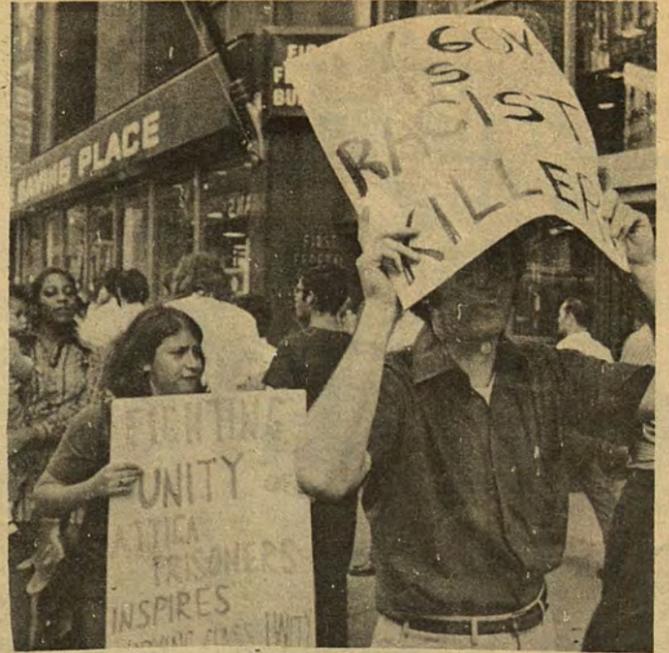
**Build a Worker - Student
Alliance see pg 7-10**

- * 100 AT RALLY AT LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE
- * 150 AT MINNESOTA SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION
- * 200 SITTING IN AT UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO
- * NIXON AND ROCKEFELLER HANGED IN EFFIGY AT U OF MARYLAND
- * 150 DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT IN BOSTON
- * PICKET LINES, RALLIES, AND DEMONSTRATIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!

These are some of the national actions SDS and other groups organized in support of Attica Prison rebels. Welfare mothers, unemployed and employed workers, high-school and college students and teachers are out in support.

The message that Rockefeller and his henchmen have given all oppressed people is clear — FIGHT BACK AND YOU'LL GET SMASHED! The message that the Attica rebels and all oppressed workers and students are giving back? WE WILL ORGANIZE! WE WILL FIGHT! WE WILL WIN!

SMASH RACISM! SUPPORT PRISON REBELS! JAIL ROCKEFELLER, NOT REBELS!



Rallies Support Prison Rebels

WANTED



RACIST ROCKEFELLER for MASS MURDER

Nelson Rockefeller is the New York State boss who ordered the killing of Attica prisoners in a desperate attempt to keep prison rebellions from spreading. 1700 cops and National Guard were called out to crush the Attica revolt. Rockefeller is one of the richest people in the world and is the enemy of all workers, students, and peasants. We should mobilize to attack this racist wherever he appears.

FLASH... U.B. SIT-IN

At the University of Buffalo, a sit-in took place at the medical school demanding that med students be allowed to treat the prisoners. The sit-in ended with the promise that their demand would be met. Thursday morning this treatment was denied and the "promise" broken. When University President Ketter spoke at a memorial service he was shouted down by students.

Saigon Students Take the Lead

ATTACK DOVE Mc GOVERN

Stones and firebombs from angry young Vietnamese students greeted liberal Presidential candidate George McGovern during his recent visit to Vietnam. Vietnamese people were able to see through McGovern's front of caring for the common man, and so should American students.

"Dove" McGovern actually wants a negotiated "piece" of Vietnam. He supports the wage freeze and other such tactics against the working class. He is a front man for big business, and that means he is to blame for the blood spilt in Vietnam just as much as Rockefeller or Chase Manhattan Bank.

McGovern should get the same welcome here in America that he got in Vietnam. When SDS booted down liberal Senator Vance Hartke at the National Peace Action Coalition conference in New York recently, some people criticized us for abusing his "right to free speech". We replied that our treatment of this representative of the US Government was mild compared to what he would receive from the Vietnamese people. And McGovern's reception in Vietnam bears this out. Workers and students must get together and make sure that the blood-covered hands of the big businessmen and their slimy politicians do not spread their murderous crap on the campus.

Chicago SDS



WORKERS AND STUDENTS ALLY TO FIGHT WAGE FREEZE AND G.E. LAYOFFS

500 Protest Wage-Freeze, Back GE Wildcat

Lynn, Massachusetts is a working class suburb of Boston where most of the people depend on the big GE plant (which employs upward of 10,000 workers) for their living. In a typical bosses' display of benevolence, GE is carrying out massive layoffs of 3500 workers — and is cutting the piecework wage rates.

The people are not going to say "give". Last Saturday over 500 workers and students marched on the plant in support of a GE workers' wildcat strike where an entire building of 500 workers walked off their jobs displaying their hatred of GE's latest plans.

The march was organized by SDS, Progressive Labor Party, a revolutionary communist party, Somerville Veterans and Workers (a local group), Students Against Unemployment, and the University Action Group (UAG) and included black, latin, and white workers from GE and other plants, welfare mothers and campus workers, high school students, teachers, and college students.

Carrying banners and signs with slogans like "Welfare Mothers Support GE Workers", "Build a Worker-Student Alliance — Fight Racist Layoffs", the marchers chanted: "Abajo el Racismo", "Men and Women, Black and White, Workers and Students, Must Unite" and "Kick the Bosses in the Ass, Power to the Working Class".

Before the march reached the factory, a GE worker, a worker from General Dynamics shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts, and another worker addressed the crowd. All workers and students must unite and fight against the wage freeze, saying it's a scheme by the bosses of this country to raise their profits at the expense of workers and students.

The chanting marchers received a lot of support from the community. Many, including a busload of people, gave us the clenched fist of solidarity. People going alongside the march passing out leaflets, selling literature, and talking to people got a largely enthusiastic response.

One student in the march said: "This seemed like something that would have happened in the '30s. I didn't think something like this could have happened again."

A worker approached a couple of students leafletting before the march and said: "You guys are united all across the country and I think

**NATIONAL ON-CAMPUS
ACTION!**

that's great. I'm with you 100%... You've got to get out with the person on the street and talk to him." Many workers and students met along the march gave their names so that they could be contacted about getting involved in the movement.

The bosses were scared to touch us because of the support. As we approached the plant gates three guards with their arms folded, trying to look tough, slowly backed off unsure of the best place to run. At our "illegal rally" at the plant gates we had terrific speeches from a welfare mother, an SDS member, and a member of PL.

Everyone left the march excited and optimistic about the possibility of building a massive movement to destroy the wage freeze. People in Boston University SDS are encouraged by the student support raised on the campus for this struggle. Twenty people from BU participated in the march.

Two nights before the march 50 people attended our first meeting. Clearly, many students are interested in fighting against the increasing oppression of the layoffs of campus workers and students. We must show we are committed to building these worker-student struggles, especially against racism. It is due to racism that the black and Latin workers are generally the first laid off. The slogan "Less Talk, More Action, Fight Racism" should not be just another slogan. It's something we should be doing every day on the campuses and around the communities. Our plan at Boston University is to unite the workers and students against the racist layoffs on campus, and at Lynn's GE plant is where we begin.

Bob Porteous, B.U. -- SDS

We need articles on struggles, books, text books, records, and film reviews. We want them to turn the paper into an organizing tool of SDS.

We are also asking for photos and letters to the editor on the more controversial topics today. Send all articles and photos to: SDS, 1225 South Wabash, 6th Floor North, Chicago 60605 (when mailing photos mark PHOTOS-DO NOT BEND on envelope and reinforce envelope with cardboard).

Lindsay in Pitt. Smiling Faces Tell Lies

"A guy like Lindsay—who just laid off thousands of people in New York City. These people have families. What are they going to do now? Why should we vote for people like that?" That's what a campus worker from Allegheny Community College (Pittsburgh) had to say about the "Peace and New Priorities" rally held here on September 9th. He was referring to the layoffs of teachers and city workers who are mostly blacks and Latins. The liberal politicians led by the racist cutthroat Mayor Lindsay offered free boat rides and free music as a candy coated cover up for their appeal to "vote for me." Like some ancient Roman circus, the purpose of this rally was to try and keep the people from thinking about the corrupt political situation that exists today. The big business bosses would rather have us register and vote than organize and fight. They want us to save their system which makes the rich richer and the poor poorer.

The side rings of the circus were occupied by various political little-shots like Shirley Chisholm, a congresswoman from New York. She emotionally pleaded with young people to get into the political process, crying that the Youth of America has the answers to the problems of corrupt society. However, the answer she was talking about was the voting power that young people now possess to keep her in office! Senator McClosky (a dump Nixon republican) told a tale of the supposed differences between the two political parties which convinced no one. And who would be a more appropriate speaker than John Lindsay, who just switched his loyalties from one group of bosses (Rep) to another (Dem).

"WELCOME TO PITT, LINDSAY, YOU RACIST CUTTHROAT BASTARD"

The above was the title to a leaflet SDS handed out at the rally. With the support we had, we would have been able to boo down the whole bunch of liberal creeps if we had been better organized and brought more people with us.

Lindsay gave a speech saying how sympathetic he was to the worker and his plight. This is quite true. Lindsay and his cronies ARE the plight of New York workers. He mouthed great concern for the struggle of American students — since he has a lot of trouble putting it down. Lindsay's "outstanding" record of actions for "peace and new priorities" includes:

***layoffs of thousands of New York teachers in already understaffed schools

***sending for the National Guard to crush the sanitation workers' strike

***using TAC Squad terror to beat rebelling New York prisoners—after promising no attacks

***calling out troops against ghetto rebels in Brownsville

***nominating Spiro Agnew for Vice-President

Lindsay's ties with big business are blatant; his brother is vice president of the First National City Bank of New York which has branches around the world. He also sits on the board on Consolidated Edison. No wonder Honest John came to Pittsburgh to cram his lies down people's throats — he couldn't get away with the same crap in New York City where workers and students know what a money hungry racist cutthroat he really is.

Many people saw through Lindsay. SDS met dozens of people who had the same opinion about Lindsay. We sold 125 New Left Notes and met thirty people interested in SDS. We asked an older woman what she thought about the wage freeze and Lindsay. She put it this way, "I think it's good — good for the rich. All these politicians stink!"

Pittsburgh SDS

Minneapolis- STRIKE AT MA ROSA'S

Mama Rosa's restaurant near the University of Minnesota is well known for having some of the most racist and worst working conditions in the town. No minority person has been allowed to keep a job there for any time longer than a week. The owner has harassed and thrown racially mixed couples out of the restaurant on several occasions. The employees who work there, under a petty tyrant named David Bojorno, work extra hours with no breaks or overtime. Three people have been injured on the job due to faulty equipment. Bojorno is also a landlord who refuses to rent to blacks.

On September 1 over 60 of the workers called for a strike. Black and white students and workers from around the campus and community came down to Mama Rosa's where there was a large picket line. Women took the lead and the slogan of the picket line was "Smash Racist, Male Chauvinist Practices". SDS sold New Left Notes and openly supported the strike. At one point, Bojorno offered a new contract if the workers would kick SDS out of the strike support. The workers shouted him down, demanding to know when he would meet their demands.

Mama Rosa's was shut tight for two days! People coming to eat at the restaurant immediately turned away after seeing the picket line, talking to the strikers, and reading the leaflet. After the two days Bojorno agreed to give in to the demands.

The workers dropped the picket line and leafletting. When Bojorno discovered this, he immediately went back on his promise of fulfilling the demands. When the workers threatened to walk out again, Bojorno consulted his lawyers and came up with a court injunction.

One lesson we learned was that strong ties must be kept with the community, and strong fights waged not only until new contracts are



WORKERS AND STUDENTS
PICKET ROSA'S

signed, but carried on to make sure the contracts are carried out. There are many things that can be reversed in the restaurant strike. Perhaps worker-student unity can be rebuilt to force Bojorno into meeting the workers' demands. Only with mass unity can we win. If we are not together, or if we drop our mass struggle, the bosses aren't going to wait for us to reorganize.

Greg Scott, U. of Minn. -- SDS

(CAMPUS ACTION CONTINUED ON PAGES 12 & 13)

Hernstein Lies Throw Racist Out!

In the September issue of the Atlantic Monthly Harvard Professor Richard Hernstein writes that people in the ruling class rule because they are more "intelligent" than the rest of the populace. They are the cream of the population, and therefore they rise to the top. By contrast, workers (for example truck drivers, riveters, sales clerks) are simply not intelligent enough to get better jobs. And finally there is a group of people, the "residue" as Hernstein calls them, who have so little intelligence they cannot be trained at any kind of job. In addition, he says "intelligence" is inherited.

To quote Hernstein: "Unemployment runs in the family like bad teeth."

The Hernstein article comes at a time when the oppression of working people is at its sharpest. Unemployment is rising and living conditions are worsening for the masses of people. The article is trying to justify this unemployment by blaming the unemployed. According to Hernstein unemployed workers are too stupid to work at a job, and since in addition unemployment is genetic they cannot be taught to work.

The Hernstein article says to workers, and especially white-collar workers by whom the Atlantic Monthly is read, that other workers who can't find jobs are stupid and inferior. It's an old trick. The Nazis had plenty of "scholars" they could drag out to prove their theories of German superiority and the genetic inferiority of other groups like Jews and Slavs. The American ruling class is trying to do the same thing with people like Hernstein.

Students and workers, black, Latin, and white, employed and unemployed should build a strong movement against racists like Hernstein. On Tuesday, September 21st, we are going to stage a demonstration in front of the Atlantic Monthly office to demand that no more copies of racist Hernstein's article be distributed and to demand that Hernstein be fired from Harvard.
Harvard SDS

Balt. Students Demand Jobs

During the second summer session at the Community College in Baltimore, members of SDS and other interested students confronted President Harold Bard concerning jobs for students and graduates. We were unhappy because black students are counseled out of programs in better paying fields. (One of us was asked several times to drop mental health technology and take lab technology.) We were upset because of the screening process that keeps black students out of occupational therapy programs. We were irritated because graduates in mental health technology trained for jobs at \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year were only offered jobs paying \$3600 a year. We were disturbed because the placement office was not coming up with the part-time jobs that some of us needed badly. WE WERE ANGRY!

President Bard stated that he was on our side and that together we should form a common front to fight unemployment. We asked our newfound friend what his salary was. He wouldn't say, but when pressed he admitted that it was at least three or four times that of a CCB (Community College of Baltimore) graduate.

"Would you be willing to give up that part of your salary beyond the average CCB graduate's income, and use it to create about 15 new work-study jobs?"

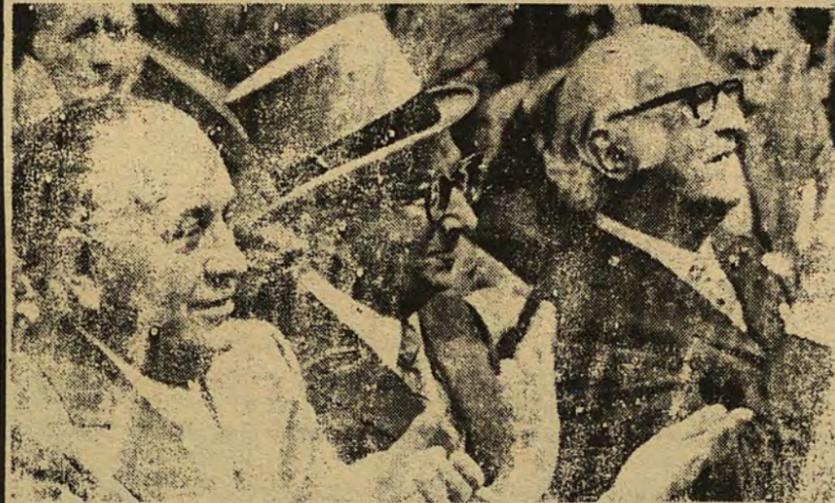
Laughter.

"No," replied Bard.

So much for any alliance with "our friend", President Bard. But the fight for decent jobs will go on.

Mike Burdanski, C.C.B. -- SDS

These guys won't be clapping long if you . . . Burn the Bosses with a Buck



(l-r) Boss Daley, real estate developer Arthur Rubloff, and food chain chairman Nathan Cummings applaud Chicago fashion show.

On August 21st, hundreds of workers and students marched through Washington chanting "Freeze Nixon, Not Wages". One thing was clear — there wasn't a liberal politician in sight. There were no businessmen or bank presidents either. This means that SDS does not get funds from big business. We survive not on grants from the racist murderer Rockefeller, but on money from the pockets of workers and students.

There's a good reason why bosses don't fund us. We are building a worker-student alliance to crush their every attempt to make more profit by exploiting us. The movement is growing, and the struggles are getting sharper. We feel that you should know about these struggles, that you should be a part of them. The way we build a mass movement is through New Left Notes, pamphlets, leaflets, and buttons. These cost money. We need money to keep this movement

growing. Quarters, nickels, dimes, and dollars add up! Go out to everyone you know and ask them for money. Professors, friends, workers, and other students are more than willing to give money when asked.

We are asking people to reach into their pockets and give these coins and dollars now. To spread the movement, to wage an effective war against the shit leveled at workers and students every day. New Left Notes is going to be coming out twice a month, and we have to move our national headquarters (the old building is being torn down) to a new building which costs lots of money.

Right now as you're reading this you probably have change in your pocket. No amount is too small. It all adds up. Send it in. Help spread the fight to build the worker-student alliance around the country.

Behind Wage, Strike Freeze--

Imperialists Fight Over Share of Pie: US Empire Shaky

The reason behind Nixon's wage-strike freeze is becoming more and more clear. Rather than control the runaway inflation that has cut into workers' real buying power in the last six years, the real purpose of the new policy is to help US business compete more effectively with other rising imperialist powers—especially Japan. The Nixon policy is part of a new long-term trend of the US empire on the decline.

The international balance of economic power has undergone a big change since the end of World War II. After 1945 the US took over the colonies and markets of war-wearied Britain and France. US bosses moved into Southeast Asia and Europe to fill the vacuum of defeated Japan and Germany. All through the 1950s the US was virtually unchallenged as an imperialist power and effectively ruled the world. Post-1945 US propaganda trumpeted the new situation as the American "century".

"AMERICAN CENTURY":

FADING FAST

But the American "century" lasted only twenty years. US business is rapidly losing its position as top imperialist dog. Other countries such as Japan, Germany, and France are able to undercut US prices because of their cheap labor sources. Now that their economies have been rebuilt, they are able to use their low prices to take over formerly uncontested US markets. New alliances have sprung up among European powers, Japan, the Soviet Union, and others to undercut United States economic domination. In other words, the US bosses are in trouble. Take a few examples:

—The position of the formerly all-powerful US steel industry is precipitously declining. In 1960 the US produced 45% of the world's steel—now only 27%. Business Week predicts that "at that rate the US will undoubtedly slip into third place in (world) steel production behind Japan and Russia by 1980." The US steel industry can't even control its own home market—a substantial part now is controlled by the Japanese.

—In the auto industry Japanese production has

shot up 500% in the last eight years! Foreign imports like Toyotas, Datsuns, and VWs have grabbed an increasing portion of the US auto market—now 16%.

—In other industries, too, US businesses have been losing ground. It's becoming hard to find an American-made model of many electrical items because Japanese competition has driven US firms out of the field or into Asia. In oil, the Soviet Union is moving ahead. It has grabbed the oil resources of India, Iran, and Iraq. Now it's going after the whole Middle East. Oil in the Middle East costs 1.59 per barrel compared to \$3.10 for US oil—all due to super-exploitation of Arab workers. What is at stake in the Middle East struggle is control of the oil dependent Western Europe and Japan markets.

—In general, while the overall US industrial production has climbed 60% from 1958 to 1970, Japanese production has risen five times that much. Russia, Italy, and Germany have all increased production at a much faster rate than the US. In fact many observers feel that by 1980 the US will be overtaken by Japan and Russia in industrial production.

NIXON PLAN: MAKE WORKERS PAY

In a nutshell this is the deepening crisis US bosses find themselves in. The wage-strike freeze is nothing more than an attempt by Nixon—as a spokesman for big business—to shift the burden of this crisis onto the backs of the American workers.

In the following excerpt from a US News and World Report interview with Peter Peterson, the executive director of Nixon's Council on International Economic Policy, the real basis for the new economic policy comes out:

Question: Just how important to this country's trading position are escalating wages and work rules at home?

Peterson: One of the best measures we have of productivity in the manufacturing sector is unit labor costs per hour. The US maintained



Japanese workers and students demonstrate against US occupation. These people are our allies not our enemies

steady labor costs for the first five or six years of the 60s. Since 1966 this has not been true.... The country that up to now has done an extraordinary job on productivity is Japan. THE JAPANESE WORKER HAS A COHESIVE SENSE OF HIS IDENTITY WITH HIS COMPANY AND HIS COUNTRY! In the last few years the Japanese have been averaging productivity increases of 15%, and the Japanese have been putting about 39% of their GNP into investment versus about 18-19% or 25-30% for Western

Europe. WHEN SECRETARY OF TREASURY JOHN CONNOLLY SAYS THAT OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD ARE OUTWORKING US I KNOW THAT ONE OF THE AREAS HE IS THINKING ABOUT IS JAPAN, WHERE THE WORK WEEK IS 25% LONGER AND THEY WORK HARD AT THEIR JOBS.

Plain and simple, what the bosses are saying is this: The only way we can compete with cheap foreign products and thus keep our Empire afloat is by lowering American wages and making US workers work longer and harder.

RACISM & PATRIOTISM PUSHED HARD

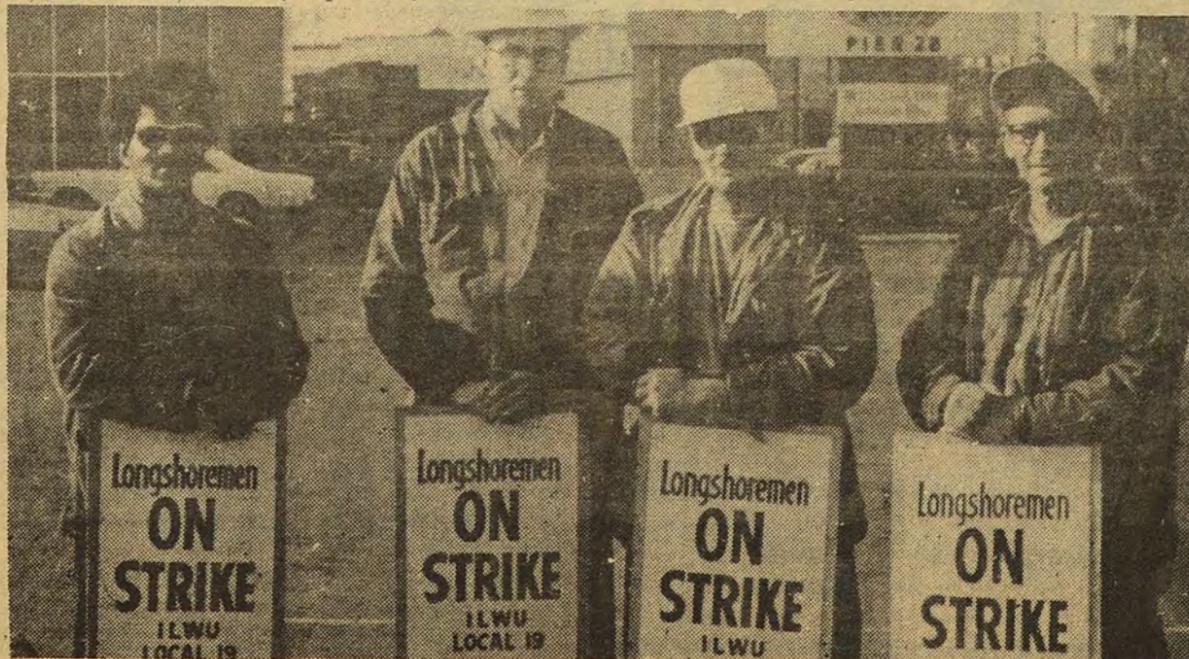
The excuse for the wage-strike freeze is that "we must tighten our belts a little for the sake of the nation". (After all, America: Love It Or Leave It! is the argument.) The real people to blame, they will say, are the Japanese workers who are willing to work for less. (The militancy of recent Japanese strikes disproves this lie.) The bosses will be telling workers to go along with the new measures because "otherwise we might have to throw you out of work since your wages are too high." Already in the past year a hate-Japan campaign has begun. In Chicago recently Mayor Daley, textile bosses, and textile union hacks joined to stage mass demonstrations against Japanese textile imports. US bosses are trying to make us believe the choice is between Japanese bosses and US bosses. But in reality there is a third choice: Build our own movement that serves the interests of oppressed workers everywhere—from Japan to the US.

The other key weapon in the bosses' article is racism. An incredible amount of unemployment is setting in among black and Latin workers—over twice that for whites. This is the usual racist policy practiced by the bosses—last hired, first fired. The bosses will then be trying to divert white workers' anger at deteriorating conditions against these so-called "lazy and shiftless" black and Latin unemployed. But we won't be split up along racial lines, either.

Our alternative is the unity of workers and students worldwide against the bosses. We need to fight the wage freeze and support workers when they defy Nixon's strike ban. On campus we can unite with campus workers to strike for higher wages and better working conditions. And we can oppose tuition hikes, work-study cuts, and layoffs.

LET THE BOSSES TIGHTEN THEIR OWN BELTS!

Richard Schneirov Chicago SDS



Longshoreman strike (still on) defies Nixon wage-strike freeze.

SPECIAL FEATURE

The worker-student alliance is a tool in the hands of all oppressed workers and students against racism, imperialism, and the oppression of women. This article tells the story of its growth in the past year. Many struggles are left out for want of space, but major worker-student actions are included. BUILD THE WORKER-STUDENT ALLIANCE! JOIN SDS!

On Campus and in the Community

WORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE GROWS NATIONWIDE

The strike against General Motors was going to be a hard fight. The 350,000 GM workers, not to mention Ford and Chrysler, were demanding pay increases, better conditions, and automatic paid retirement after 30 years. GM was afraid the workers would fight hard and hold out for the demands, so they were all the more determined to control the strike by keeping union leader Woodcock on their side. All the locals were urged by the International to drop their local grievances in order to negotiate a speedier and cheaper contract. To auto workers — most of whom are black, who die from lung cancer after 17 years in the paint shop, who face temperatures of 120 degrees, who see their fellow workers injured daily from faulty equipment — the idea of dropping local grievances was ridiculous! Their wages had decreased with the rising cost of living, there were more layoffs, and there was more harassment directed at black, Latin, and women workers. The workers were ready for a fight. At a San Jose plant workers battled cops after setting fire to a load of garbage being hustled out of the plant, and in Canada windows of new GM cars were smashed. Such incidents were not unusual, although the press never reported them because it might set an example for other workers.

Govt. Hacks Attack Auto Strike Support

Nationally, support for the auto workers was strong. Students and workers, employed and unemployed, collected money, donated food, and participated in support actions. At the University of Illinois, Champaign, 500 workers and students threw a scab GM recruiter off campus. GM dealerships were forced to shut down as a result of boycotting and picket lines. SDS called a national support demonstration on election day November 3rd in Detroit and San Jose. Hundreds of students and workers arrived in Detroit days early to tell people about the demonstration. Hundreds of thousands of leaflets were handed out at every shift of most major factories in the Detroit area. Practically everyone in Detroit knew about the action.

Support for the action was so great that Henry Ford, Leonard Woodcock (president of the UAW), and the Governor of Michigan were forced to lie on television. They warned the strikers of the demonstration by saying auto workers did not want the support of other workers and students and everyone should stay away. In spite of this "warning", hundreds of auto workers picked up donated food which had been sent in from around the country. A letter was written to New Left Notes by a worker urging all students to come to Detroit to support the auto strike.

Over 2,000 black, Latin, and white workers and students marched from Wayne State University to GM's international headquarters in downtown Detroit shouting "Warmaker, Strikebreaker — Smash GM!" Many people the march passed joined in the chanting and came to the rally. As the march arrived at the 30-story GM fortress, cops stood shoulder to shoulder protecting the



Cops failed to move scabs across worker-student picket line at NYU.

bosses inside. At the rally angry auto workers, Welfare mothers, and students spoke out against the conditions of GM plants and the conditions that workers face everywhere. They called on everyone to fight back against this exploitation and build a worker-student alliance that could fight racism and win demands for better lives and better conditions.

While the demonstration was going on in Detroit, 600 workers and students from all over the West Coast were marching in San Jose around the same demands.

It was partially the autoworkers' strike which caused Nixon's personal secretary on October 29th to say: "San Jose was the worst damn reception the President had received since Venezuela." 4,000 people, including striking auto workers, laid-off aerospace workers, farm workers, construction workers, and students greeted Nixon, Governor Reagan, and Senator Murphy's election pitch with boos and jeers! When the President flashed the victory sign, angry workers and students fought off the tactical squad while attacking the motorcade with eggs, rocks, and bottles.

Because of the tremendous response the strike support demonstrations received, Newsweek — the mouthpiece of big business — was prompted to write an article about the demonstration in Detroit. They said it was a flop — there wasn't a worker in sight, nor any blacks. Furthermore, SDS was dead. They only wish!

MIT, Georgia State Fight Racism

This was the kind of fighting worker-student unity that was developed around the auto strike. These demonstrations proved to be sparks for a

series of worker-student campus action fights before Christmas. Two outstanding examples of how people picked up the fight occurred at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at Georgia State — both revolving around racist university practices.

AT MIT in Boston, black workers led daily picketing and daily confrontations against the Administration. The University Faculty Club paid its all-black "banquet set-up men" 61¢ an hour less than white workers who do the same work elsewhere on campus. After more than a month's fight campus workers and students forced an end to this racist pay differential.

Meanwhile at Georgia State cafeteria workers, who are mainly black women, were faced with rotten working conditions. Here black and white workers and students confronted a cafeteria boss who soon gave in to the demands and promised to provide dressing rooms for women workers and free meals for all cafeteria workers.

"The Winning Way"

These were just a few of the actions that were to set the stage for the 1970 SDS national convention in Chicago December 27th through December 30th. Over a thousand people from around the country came to share experiences and to develop a winning strategy for the coming year. The power of the worker-student alliance was brought to life as a campus worker from MIT vividly portrayed its power in dealing a blow to ANY university's racist practices. He was just one of the many campus workers, black and white, who came to the convention to build worker-student unity. Much struggle occurred during workshops and open floor discussions as



"Warmaker, Strikebreaker-Smash GM" Students and workers rally at GM world headquarters to support auto strike.

various differing opinions were expressed. What came out of this struggle was the main proposal of the national convention—the winning way, worker-student alliance. It proposed ways to actively fight racism and male chauvinism and imperialism. During the convention; people were busy going out to shopping centers, factories, and housing projects enthusiastically spreading these ideas by building for a demonstration on December 31st against racist unemployment. The demonstration was met with a great response from thousands of Chicago working people and students who lined the downtown streets and joined the spirited march of 1500. This was to be the first of many major nationwide demonstrations against racist unemployment.

Unemployment Becomes Key Issue

Unemployment had been increasing during past months, and by December it was officially at 6%. But this figure means very little. It does not include people who have stopped looking for jobs, GIs, part-time workers, people on Welfare, or those "temporarily" laid off. A large portion of the unemployed are black and Latin because they are the first hired and last fired.

In future months workers were to speak out against racist unemployment in rebellions which demanded jobs. From Albuquerque, New Mexico to Brownsville, New York to East Los Angeles to Chattanooga, Tennessee there was open resistance to the worsening conditions. Cairo, Illinois, where unemployment is over 35%, is a city where a rebellion has been waging for over a year. The demands are for jobs and against police and white vigilante groups. The situation on campus was no different. Many campus workers were being laid off and student part-time jobs were being cut. Hundreds of jobs for teachers, social workers, secretaries, and engineers were cut. Few workers or students were to remain untouched by increasing layoffs, the resulting speed-up, and rising unemployment.

Laos, Puerto Rico - U.S. Rulers Under Fire

In February, US troops invaded Laos. Learning from the experience of last year's reaction to the invasion of Cambodia, this new invasion was kept more secretive. The purpose was to cut off the supply trail between the North and the South. The invasion failed miserably. Regardless of how much the press tried to play down the invasion, there was still widespread opposition. Chapters of SDS and other organizations held actions against this imperialist move. With US bosses squeezing people with unemployment and then escalating their fight in Southeast Asia, the common enemy of both was apparent. University administrators were attacked for providing ROTC officers for the war while laying off campus workers.

ROTC was attacked not only in the US but also in Puerto Rico. A year ago last spring thousands of students and workers marched on the ROTC Building at the University of Puerto Rico and burned it to the ground. The struggle to throw

ROTC out has been continued all this year. They want US imperialism out of Puerto Rico! March 4th SDS held solidarity rallies and marches in many cities to show support for the workers and students in Puerto Rico. The importance and strength of internationalism was especially clear when people from Puerto Rico came to the US to share experiences and build unity. A student from the University of Puerto Rico was a major speaker at the SDS demonstration against the wage freeze in Washington this past August. The bosses have built up an international system of exploitation, and we need to build an international worker-student alliance to fight them effectively.

There were many reasons why hundreds of angry workers and students attacked Nixon during the Governor's Convention in Des Moines, Iowa. Hatred of his policies—the construction wage freeze, the war in Southeast Asia, falling farm prices, and racist unemployment—displayed itself. Construction workers, farmers, and students organized by SDS stood shoulder to shoulder pelting Nixon with eggs. The workers and students "wanted to make one thing perfectly clear"—they weren't going to stand by while Nixon and his big business buddies tightened the clamps on all workers and students. Greeting the President in this fashion became a common occurrence around the nation in future months as the economic situation grew worse for workers and students.

No Scab Oil

A number of actions in the spring showed what workers and students could do together—the nationwide demonstrations on March 20th, the strikes at Stonybrook, New York University, and Yale, and the disruption of a pro-war teach-in at Harvard.

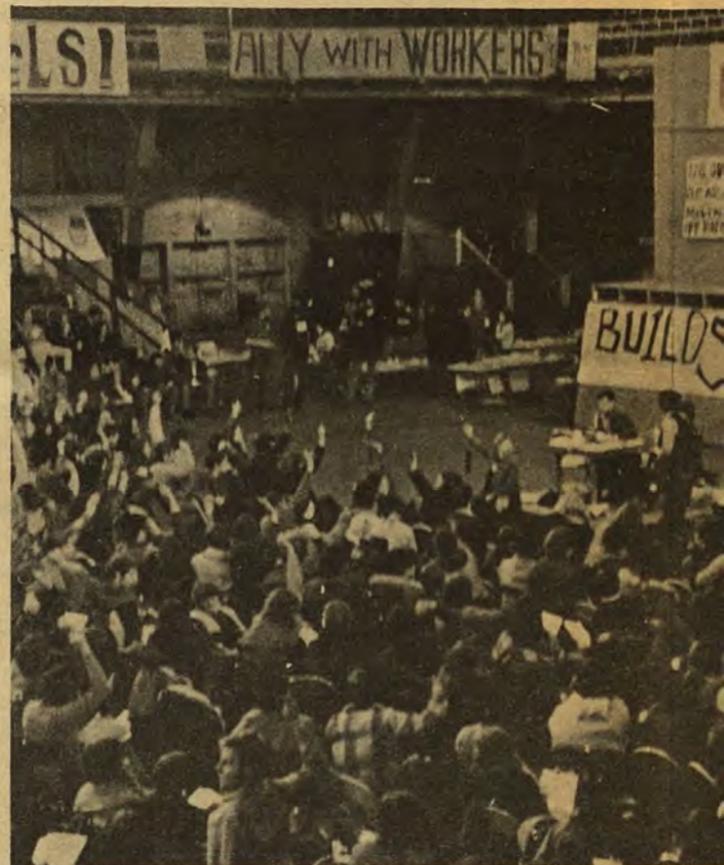
The managers of the cafeteria at the State University of New York at Stonybrook thought they had come up with a great idea. They would lay off 300 campus workers while cutting back on the service to students and other workers. The cafeteria workers, with the help of students, proceeded to shut tight the cafeteria. Militant picket lines stopped trucks that were delivering sandwiches. The head of campus "security" was briskly thrown out of the cafeteria by some of the women workers when he went in to try to threaten a union steward. After a week workers and students decided they'd had enough! Actions would have to be stepped up to win the demands. A march to the Administration Building was planned. From all parts of the campus over 300 workers and students marched together. They marched into the Administration Building up to the vice-president's office and took it over. They held him hostage for the rest of the day. Unfortunately, mistakes were made which finally deadened the strike. The leadership of the strike made a deal with the Administration: Everyone would leave the building and the Administration would negotiate. Once the people had left, the Administration backed out of its promise.

Despite this, the basis for worker-student unity was built. Strikers learned how slick the

university bosses really are—how they try to sweet-talk fighting workers and students into accepting a rotten deal or into abandoning mass actions. A picket line of 50 people, refusing to let scabs cross, really hurts the bosses. They try to prevent it at all costs. In this case they were successful; next time they'd better watch out!

Fighting alongside striking campus workers, New York University students learned a lesson. When bosses are being hurt in their pockets, they'll try every strikebreaking tactic in the book! For over five weeks, skilled craftsmen (carpenters, electricians, plumbers, et cetera) had been striking to demand wage parity with fellow campus workers, an end to racist pay differentials, and the rehiring of a painter who was fired because of his union activity.

Students joined workers on the picket lines to keep all trucks from crossing. The truckdrivers refused to scab and cross the lines. So NYU had to hire scabs. Food wasn't getting into the cafeteria and oil for the central heating plant was running out. As the situation grew serious for the NYU bosses they brought their cops on the scene to protect scab drivers getting through the picket lines. Scabs carried .32-caliber rifles which they pointed at workers and students while trying to cross. But the picketers didn't shy away from the guns. Under the leadership of striking workers, students took up strategic positions planning to smash the truck windshields if the



SDS national convention mandate: Build

drivers insisted on going through. But the scab drivers chickened out and drove away without delivering. This continued for days. People even slept on the picket lines to make sure no scab trucks tried to go through during the night. The NYU Administration got more desperate as more worker-student unity grew. The oil shortage was taking effect and there was no end to the strike in sight.

NYU made its final move—hundreds of cops issued and the union decided to honor it. That spelled the end of the mass nature of the strike. Some of the demands were met. One lesson was learned—the cops belong to the bosses. They were used to enforce bosses' laws on workers and students and were called out to protect the racist, exploitative policies of NYU bosses. Most importantly, however, the seeds were well sown for more worker-student actions against NYU bosses.

"6000 March For Jobs"

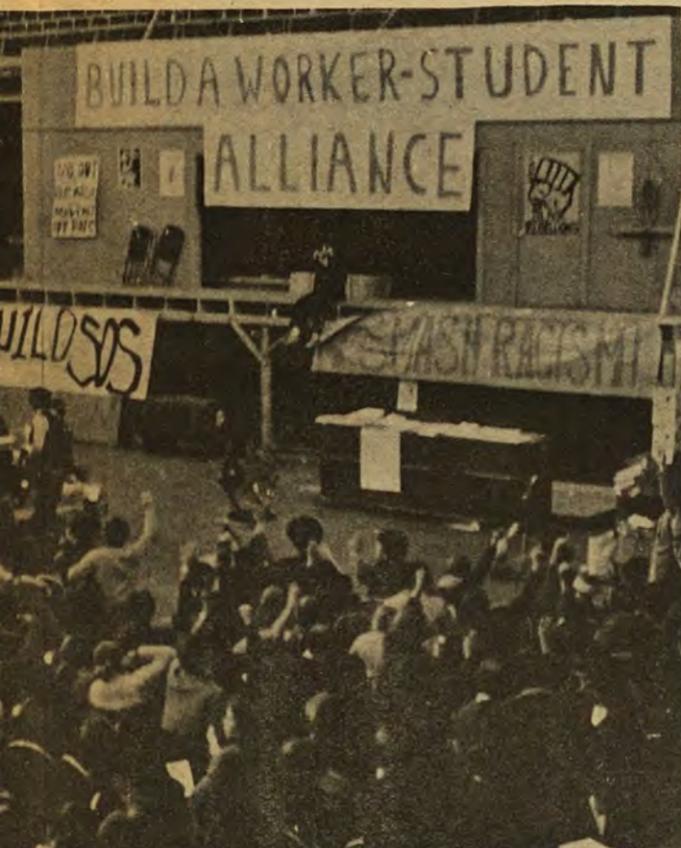
Many local actions around layoffs of campus workers, Welfare cuts, and strike support were all brought together in national demonstrations held in Washington DC, Houston, and Sacramento on March 20. Six thousand workers and students from all over the country participated in these

demonstrations. The action in Washington was the largest demonstration staged there against unemployment since during the Depression. Workers, students, Welfare mothers, GIs, and high-school students, black, Latin, and white, joined together to demand an end to racist unemployment.

There were thousands of people on the streets of DC as demonstrators marched through the black working class community that Saturday afternoon. A passing busload of GIs heading for their base cheered and raised clenched fists in a show of support. The militant spirit of the demonstration reflected the hatred workers and students have of the rotten system and the rich people who cause it all. The determination to carry on the struggle was to be shown in future actions. It was obvious by this demonstration that a solid nationwide worker-student alliance was being built.

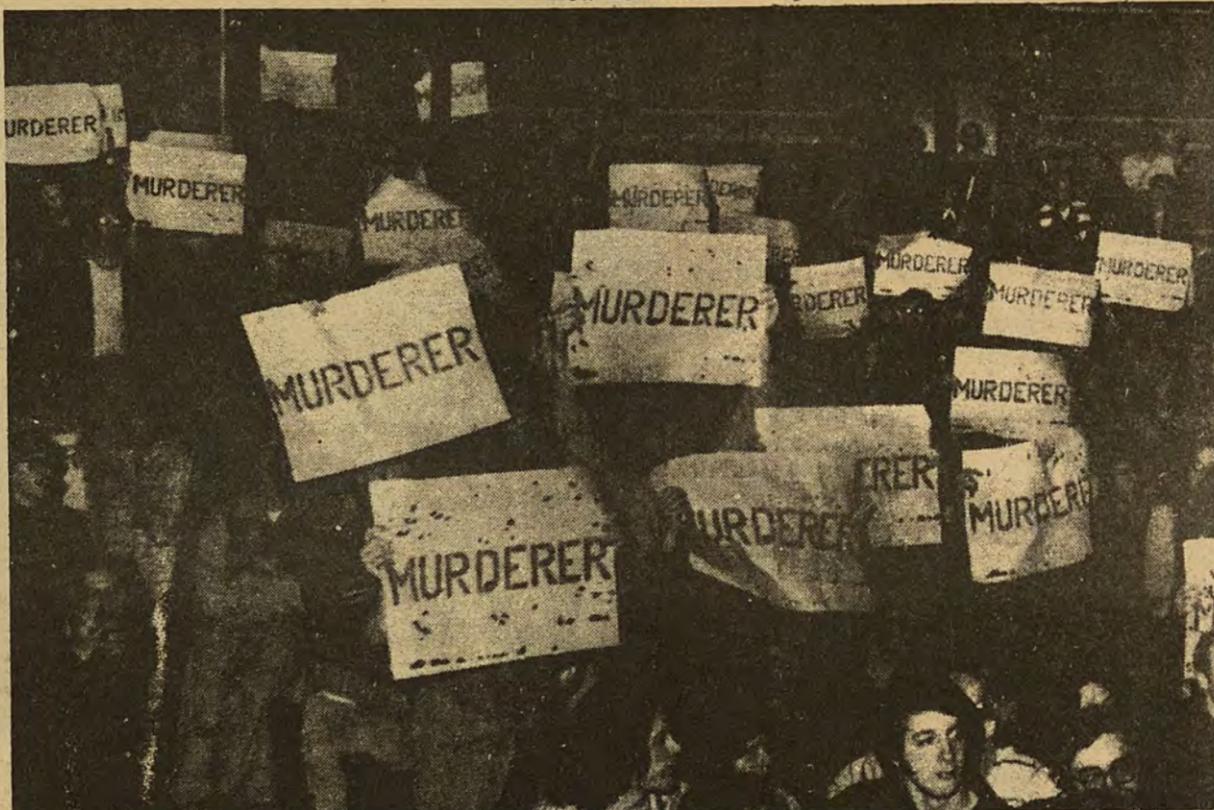
Pro-War Rally Zapped

Returning from this march, ready to fight, students found many things to do. At Harvard, the Right-wing Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) in co-operation with the US Information Agency, planned a teach-in in support of the US policies in Vietnam. Harvard, like all the other universities, is there to "educate" us into supporting things like the war in Southeast Asia and unemployment. We are supposed to learn that the way to change this system is by



Build mass worker-student alliance.

participating in local elections and writing your Congressman. But a lot of workers and students at Harvard did not fall for these lies. At the YAF teach-in the speakers included such stars as South Vietnamese officials, members of the US Embassy, and a specialist in uprooting South Vietnamese peasants and then putting them in concentration camps. The US Government sent in camera crews to film the pro-war rally. The film was to be sent around the world to show how US workers and students supported the American foreign policy. What dreamers! What the US Information Agency didn't plan on and the YAF didn't count on were the 800 students, campus workers, and professors who jammed into the halls angry as hell. The speakers didn't get a word out as they were shouted into oblivion. The Harvard Administration were shocked. They began threatening dire consequences for faculty students and faculty members. But after a series of demonstrations, the Harvard Administration gave up all attempts to fire a professor who had helped organize the demonstration. Not only was shouting down the speakers a tremendous event, but it was also the first time that the Harvard Administration had been prevented from picking and choosing who they wanted to fire. The worker-student alliance was becoming a strong fighting force that many administrators would



Imperialist speakers shouted into oblivion by Harvard workers and students.

soon be confronted by.

Yale Commencement Bloody Battle

One of the hardest fought battles occurred at Yale. The Yale campus workers' contract came up at the same time the Yale Administration was trying to replace full-time cafeteria workers with part-time students at less pay. The workers struck to keep their jobs and demand a training program to place unemployed black and Puerto Rican youth in higher-paying skilled jobs. Yale students supporting the strike overturned tables as they walked out of the cafeteria without paying. Students and workers daily picketed University power plants to stop oil trucks. The cops soon charged the picket line, sending trucks through at 30 miles an hour. (Next day Yale president Brewster spoke at a Kent State memorial, where he stressed the importance of non-violence.) Workers and students barricaded the entrances to the plants and kept the picket line up 24 hours a day. One power plant shut down. The main plant was about to stop. The head of the Union promised the Yale Administration that no one would block the trucks anymore. People ignored this sellout plan and 17 were beaten and arrested. The strikers and students then disrupted Yale's

ceremonious commencement exercises. For the first time in its history Yale's commencement was to be the scene of a bloody battle between cops and hundreds of workers and students. Yale bosses were forced to give in to a wage increase.

Worker-student actions were not confined just to college campuses. Boston Welfare mothers were joined by students and workers in fighting the proposed racist flat grant program which means smaller Welfare checks. Yelling "Come out, you rat!" (referring to the Governor), over 250 workers and students tried to demonstrate at the State House. A 45-minute battle with the cops ensued. The flat grant program has yet to be passed. In future months other state and federal officials were to propose similar racist cuts.

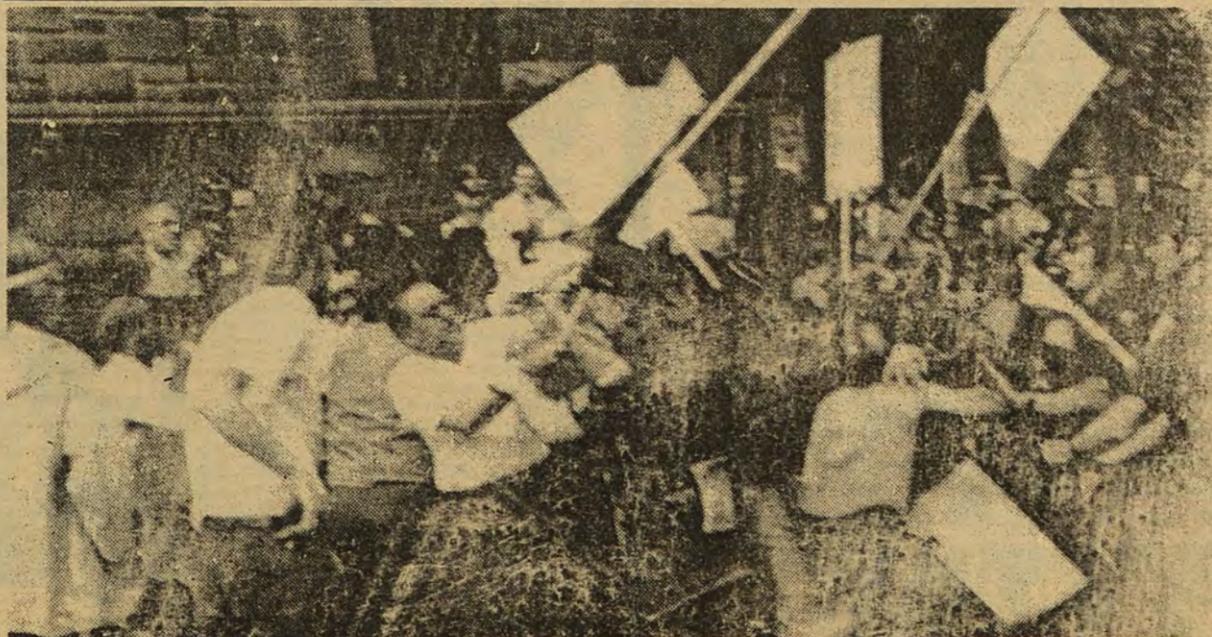
Strike Wave Hits Nation

Major strikes which struck at the very heart of the economy loomed on the horizon as schools ended their regular sessions. US bosses found themselves in a situation which could rock the foundations of their profit system. Hundreds of thousands of steel strikers, telephone workers, longshoremen, and other striking workers would need support for their upcoming battles against the bosses. More and more ghetto rebellions would occur as racist unemployment reached 30

On today's volatile campuses, university officials run a particular risk that students and professors may side with the workers and escalate an otherwise simple labor-management dispute into an epic battle for social justice...

As Yale also discovered, strikers with even a minimum of help from students can cause great embarrassment. It was, indeed, ironic that this proud university with an enviable national reputation for cooling student disorder should have had its commencement pageantry nearly disrupted this month by a few hundred blue-collar demonstrators singing "solidarity forever."

The Atlanta Journal, July 6, 1971



Striking workers and students battle cops at Yale commencement

to 50% in ghettos and barrios.

More state governments began severe cuts in their Welfare programs. Illinois alone slashed \$65,000,000 and summer vaccination programs. To join in and involve more students in these fights the SDS members and friends moved to 20 key industrial cities from Buffalo, New York to San Jose, California and Houston, Texas to Seattle, Washington.

As workers walked off their jobs on strike, much support was built on campuses and in the communities. Copper workers in Salt Lake City got a big boost when students and other employed unemployed workers joined the fight to eliminate the residency requirement which prevented them from receiving Welfare payment. Students raised money and joined the picket line of longshoremen in San Francisco. Support demonstrations for the upcoming steel strike were held in Chicago, Gary, and Buffalo. Even though the steel strike was sold out before it could begin, thousands of steelworkers knew about the support of students.

Chicago Welfare clients, workers, and students took the offensive when Illinois Governor Ogilvie announced massive Welfare cuts and a racist plan to force Welfare people to drive cabs at a time when a cab drivers' strike was coming up. Opposition from Welfare recipients and workers all over the city forced the slave labor plan to be scrapped.

No Jobs For Students

As the summer progressed, students found themselves being hit by a lack of jobs, tuition and scholarship hikes, and work-study cuts. These coupled with announced layoffs of campus workers and teachers showed that worker-student unity was a MUST in order to stop these schemes of university administrators and state and federal legislators.

The number of work-study jobs was slashed in half at the same time tuition was increasing. Fights against work-study cuts occurred around the nation. In Detroit a woman who had been in the work-study program for over two years was suddenly cut off. SDS and others confronted the program director at Wayne State University to demand her job back. Seeing the unity between black and white workers and students, the boss gave in.

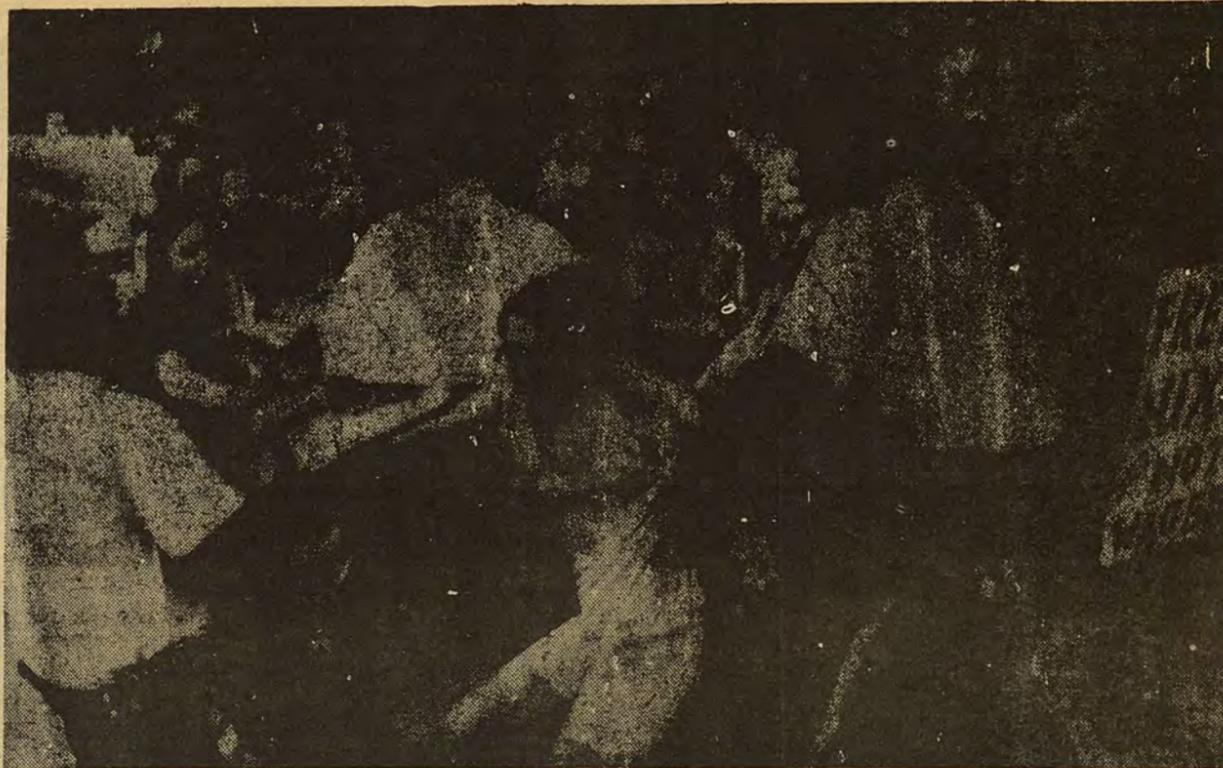
A national SDS demonstration was planned for Washington DC in August demanding more jobs and not school cutbacks. In the process of building this demonstration many more fights were launched on campuses. At the University of Maryland, high-school students and members of SDS fought against the University's racist Neighborhood Youth Corps program. (This plan was designed to take mainly black and Latin students off the street and make them do the back-breaking work for slave wages of under \$1.60.) The demonstrators took over the office. The NYC administrator was held hostage until he agreed to give the students free uniforms, transportation money, and a paid lunch hour.

Freeze Nixon, Not Wages

But the biggest surprise of the year was announced a few days before the August 21st demonstration. Nixon announced his wage-strike freeze. Piled on top of layoffs, work-study cuts, and no jobs for anyone, people had just about enough from big businessmen. The wage freeze had everyone in a fighting mood!

The day before the demonstration fifty SDSers defied the ban on picketing the White House to demand an end to the wage freeze. The cops attacked, and everyone was arrested. Support was tremendous. One woman said: "Let me know the next time you're going down there, and I'll slap Nixon's face!"

This was the same feeling hundreds of people expressed the next day during the march and rally. Black, Latin, and white campus workers, college and high-school students, and professors marched through a Washington working-class area where a couple hundred of the community residents joined the demonstration. This action was just the beginning of the fight around the wage freeze.



Cops attack wage-freeze picket line at White House.

What happens from this point on depends on all of us. We are the ones who build a fighting unified organization of workers and students, black, Latin, and white, men and women. We need an alliance of tens of millions who will fight together whenever workers, students, or other oppressed people come under attack. We need the kind of unity that means that hundreds of thousands of workers and students will join together to oppose the use of cops against the ghetto. It means militant worker-student actions to oppose racist Welfare cuts or demand jobs for all. It means

thousands of students going on picket lines to support striking workers. It means workers going on strike when cops or troops are used against students. It means workers and students together fighting the university — from layoffs to ROTC to classroom lies.

THE WORKER-STUDENT ALLIANCE MEANS A UNITED MASSIVE MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS AND WORKERS OF ALL RACES, EMPLOYED OR UNEMPLOYED, WHO WILL JOIN TOGETHER AND FIGHT!

B. King, Sue Freese, Steve Carl

1st of 3 part series on the Worker - Student Alliance

sds new left notes

MARCH 5, 1971
Vol. 6, No. 3

From Gary, leader of MOTHER POWER group of Chicago welfare mothers, who is participating in the action. We want to see some questions we want to ask welfare mothers about their jobs. People have to get their own money to pay their bills. This demonstration can help fight unemployment and it can help welfare mothers. The message about unemployment will be sent loud.

FIGHT RACISM - BUILD THE WORKER-STUDENT ALLIANCE

March on Washington Sacramento

to demand:

SMASH RACIST LAYOFFS!

JOBS FOR ALL

US OUT OF SE ASIA NOW!

March 20

Thousands of rank and file workers and students, black, Latin, and white will join together to demand SMASH RACIST UNEMPLOYMENT JOBS FOR ALL. Welfare mothers, high school students, SDS, the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party, Ford Workers Forward (Chicago), University Action Group, Mother Power (Chicago), Mothers Against the Flat Grant (Boston), Detroit Committee Against Racist Medical Care, and others are presently building for the march against the biggest boss of all: the U.S. Government. This movement relies on these thousands of workers and students for its strength. NOT liberal politicians, union sell-outs, businessmen, or government agencies. These creeps say they are on your side but work night and day to sell out the struggle — a serious movement must reject them totally.

The march will be the first of its kind in the United States in three decades — part of a mass struggle against the racist U.S. big businessmen who control the government, big corporations and universities.

Standing shoulder to shoulder, construction workers, farmers, and students in the M. L. King, Jr. march. Not what they think of administration policies.

**Extra!
Extra!**

**Latest
Worker-
Student
Alliance
News**

**Read
New
Left
Notes**

Organize to Fight Back Against:

- *Racist Lies on Campus*
- *Wage - Strike Freeze*
- *Campus Layoffs*
- *Work - Study Cuts*
- *Police Science,*
- *ROTC, War Research*



Support the Miners Strike

U.S. Out of Asia Now No Negotiations

Fight Racism at Every Turn

BUILD WORKER-STUDENT

JOIN SDS ! UNITY!

Throw the Butcher out!

Ex-Instructor Diem's Secret Police returns to MSU

The man responsible for maintaining the Diem regime and killing thousands of people in Vietnam in the 1950s is returning to the faculty of Michigan State University. The administration is trying to sneak him back but SDS and others are organizing to throw him out of town.

Diem was picked by the United States State Department in 1954 to make Vietnam safe for US big business interests by creating a permanent government in the south and cancelling the scheduled reunification elections. To do this Diem carried out a campaign of terror against the people, especially the Vietminh organizations. To help him do this, Diem called on his old buddy, Wesley Fischel. Wesley Fischel, professor of political science, led the MSU Vietnam project which began in 1955.

Under Fischel MSU trained the bureaucrats to staff Diem's phony government and more important, trained and armed the cops, palace guards, and Vietnamese Bureau of Investigation (a job that was especially fitting to MSU since it has the country's largest police administration school coupled with one of the most extensive "international programs").

This MSU Project devised the national identification program. This plan required all Vietnamese to wear laminated identification tags at all times. Like Hitler's plan that forced Jewish people to wear yellow badges, this was aimed at keeping tabs on the Vietnamese. A person's fingerprints and picture were on the tag. This fascist program was soon abandoned after the US trained teams who administered the tags were consistently ambushed.

W. Fischel is coming back to MSU to teach

a course called the Political Institutions of Southeast Asia. We know what he did about the political institutions, and this is what he said in 1959 about the people: "The people of Southeast Asia are not...sufficiently sophisticated to understand what we mean by democracy and how they can exercise and protect their political rights." (The New Leader, November 2nd, 1959) We don't need this racist justification of US imperialism to be taught to us. The Vietnamese have fought for years to protect themselves from foreign businessmen who want to exploit them for cheap labor and natural resources. We want to fight this propaganda and don't want this course to go past the first day!!!

Lois Gertz
MSU SDS

Long Island-- HS'ers Shout Down Principal

Students at Brentwood High School, in New York, have stepped up the fight to dump the racist administration from their school. On the first day of school, students printed leaflets demanding no student guard (student slime who patrol the halls and rat on their classmates), an end to the firing of teachers who ally with students, and a stop to the racist division of students pushed by the administration.

The majority of black and Latin students are put into general courses, such as shop courses, while those placed in college preparatory courses are mostly white students. The school administration pushes this racism even further by keeping blacks, Latins, and whites separated in various sections of the school (which you need a pass to get to).

At the orientation exercises, the fascist administration refused to let an ex-student council president speak, because he was now a member of SDS and wanted to present the list of student demands that were earlier printed in leaflets passed out around the school. The SDSer and others who were told not to come to orientation because they were "troublemakers" were joined by other students in shouting down the puppet student council and representatives of the administration with chants of, "Teachers and students, black and white, unite and fight! Smash the administration." and "No divided schools."

The next day, the SDS member was suspended for distributing "communist literature" (the leaflets used in raising the students' demands). Before the cop car arrived that was called by the school to take the SDSer home, the principal tried without success to get a notebook from the SDSer that contained the names of the people interested in SDS. In a desperate attempt to gain information about SDS, the student was belted in the mouth by a cop while being driven home.

Students and teachers at Brentwood High School are united even more, not only to win demands but also to get the student back into school. This kind of unity will beat the administration. The SDSer has to appear in court on the suspension charges, and he will be joined by students and teachers.

Anyone interested in joining this fight, or in building SDS in their own school should call Izzy at (516)273-8085. FIGHT RACISM! BUILD THE WORKER-STUDENT ALLIANCE.

Brentwood High School SDS



SAN FRANCISCO STUDENTS AND WORKERS FORMED PICKETLINE TO ATTACK NIXONS' WAGE FREEZE.

Racist Temple U. Exposed!

On July 29th black, Latin, and white students in SDS at Temple University in Pennsylvania attempted to enter President Anderson's office. The students were demanding an end to racist cuts in scholarships and more jobs for students and campus workers. Thirty cops came to defend Anderson and a pitched battle ensued. We were arrested by the campus cops. Weeks later three SDSers were told to come to trial on grounds of "assault and battery" and "obstructing university property".

On September 2nd, prior to the arrival of thousands of students on campus for the fall session, the trial began. Despite the efforts by administrators to keep it closed, seventy people were packed into the tiny courtroom. Two of the defendants were not even in the court, as they had returned home at the end of the summer not aware of the trial.

During the trial a member of the Progressive Labor Party came into the courtroom with a sign saying: "Bosses, Cops, and Administrators Are Together — Workers and Students Must Unite!" Immediately the chairman jumped out of his chair yelling "Get that sign out of here!" He said that if the sign was not removed within five minutes he would order the courtroom cleared. After the five minutes were up we refused to

remove the sign and demanded that the panel ask campus workers how they feel about the job freeze and lousy wages. After another ultimatum the other members of the panel decided that the sign should stay.

The trial lasted from three o'clock till eleven o'clock that night, then reconvened at ten o'clock the next morning. SDSers were allowed to testify. One black student, when asked his name, said: "That's irrelevant, but I would like to identify Temple U as a racist institution." Another student was asked to swear to tell the truth. He replied: "Yes, I do. I also swear to tell the truth about Temple's racism." At seven o'clock that night the panel delivered a guilty verdict and placed one SDSer on disciplinary probation for a year, and the same for the absent members when they return to Temple.

Colonel Kaplan, the chief investigator, an ex-ROTC head, is pushing hard to get other SDSers on trial for refusing to give identification after the fight at the Administration Building. He has been pushing for expulsion of students who were on trial and he will probably try to do the same with these other SDSers. We will bring even more students and workers with us and expose the University again.

Philadelphia SDS

"I've Seen A lot of Shit Come Down, This Time I'm Taking a stand Against Racism"

"Time to Fight Back!"

Mark Russ hoped to go through the necessary four years of carpenter's apprenticeship at the University of California to become a carpenter. After four years of hard work and having to put up with cracks from his superintendent, the UC Administration wanted him to leave. His crime? Mark Russ is black, and he refuses to let the University bosses push him around.

The attack on Mark was racist. Mark's trainer attacked him at every step. In Mark's words:

"Now as far as I'm concerned, the guy who was training me is a bigot from the word GO. For him everything I did was wrong. One time there was a complaint about a doorcloser I had installed in Sproul (a dorm). He checked it out and couldn't find anything wrong with it, but he refused to straighten it out (for the record) with the management.

"About three months later I was told by the superintendent that he 'couldn't carry me any longer', and I would be dismissed. I filed a complaint with the Fair Employment Practices Commission and after investigating the complaint they came up with the idea that there was NO discrimination on the part of the University and that I should have another year of training to better my ability, and also that I should work at 10% less than I was working. I had just finished

four years of apprenticeship, so it was like repeating my fourth year.

"So now after my fourth year of training I'm up before the Board again. It's the same board that came up with this lousy deal in the first place. On top of everything, I'm not allowed in the room while my case is being heard."

Mark decided to fight back before he could be railroaded out of a job. He said: "In 30 years I've seen a lot of shit come down, but this time I'm taking a stand against racism." He was going to be investigated for incompetence. Mark and SDS began to work together to organize students and campus workers to fight back against this racist attack, to let the Administration know it could not get away with its plan to railroad Mark off his job. August 26th, the day of the hearing, a rally and march was held at the University of California. A skit showing the things Mark had to go through at UC started off the rally and had the 150 people gathered round the stage laughing, clapping, and shouting "Right on!" Mark talked about the racism at UC and a march took place to the personnel office. Later the Administration planned to conduct a hearing on the subject of Mark's firing. They tried to keep people from coming by not telling anyone about it.

The hearing was a really disgusting racist farce. The personnel manager, the supervisor, and all the other people there were lying through their teeth. They claimed that everything Mark

built had to be torn down and redone. When Mark asked for evidence, they said they did not keep records of such things. But you know damn well that if such a thing had happened even once, the racist bastards would have kept a careful record. After all, they've been trying to get rid of Mark for over a year!

They sentenced Mark to a 30-day probation. This gives us 30 days to build support for Mark among students and campus workers.

There is only one way to put an end to this kind of discrimination—BUILD A WORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE AND FORCE THE RACIST RATS TO CRAWL BACK IN THEIR HOLE. Only through the unity of workers and students can Mark keep his job. ONLY THROUGH A WORKER STUDENT ALLIANCE CAN A FIGHT TO SMASH RACISM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BE EFFECTIVE. If you want to be part of such a fight at the University of California, call Mark at 237-8982. Mark has taken a stand against racism—just as thousands of others have all over the country. From San Jose to Iowa, from Harvard to the University of Maryland the worker-student alliance is growing—AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. Because it's the way, the only way, to fight racism and imperialism on the campus. UNITE TO FIGHT! UNITE TO WIN!

University of California Berkeley SDS

U of Hawaii Cuts back While Bosses get Richer

At the University of Hawaii a planned layoff of 1100 workers has been curtailed. But this is only because enough uproar was raised last spring. The UH bosses still plan to cut back 300 jobs as of this fall. Many students depend on part-time campus employment to continue in school despite the poverty-level \$1.60-an-hour wage for most of the jobs.

Many full-time campus workers, especially janitors, are protesting that there has been no increase in their crews although they have more and more buildings to take care of. And layoffs for political reasons continue. SDS member George Hudes, a political science graduate assistant, has not been rehired. These attacks on campus workers and students must be stopped.

The corporate boss dominated Board of Regents has also decided to limit enrollment at UH. The official ceiling for the Manoa campus, the state's largest, is 23,050, but a cutoff point of more than 4,000 less has been mentioned reliably. This comes at a time when there is increasing demand that the large number of men and women outside the middle class be served, for a change, by Hawaii's major college.

The bosses have been aware of this demand. As a showpiece they designed a plan that would pay all expenses of students from working-class areas like Kalihi-Palama, Waimanalo, Waianae, and gradually be expanded to take care of 800. The ruling class's legislators didn't even allow that to pass. But UH officials kept claiming that this program is "very much alive". It's about as alive as all those community people that have died under the guns of Honolulu police this past year.

Naturally all these cutbacks are explained as being necessary because of the "sad state" of the economy. But that "sad state" has not prevented UH and Hawaii Government bosses from aiding their favorite construction magnates. The new Business Administration Building, appropriately enough, is a Bastille-like fortress. The ruling class did not hesitate to construct this bastion at an incredible cost to Hawaiian taxpayers.

Another project that the financially "troubled" state government seems to have enough funds for is the relocating and remodeling of UH President Harland Cleveland's office. The former NATO

ambassador has made himself overlord of the state's entire university system, delegating the administration of the various campuses to some hand-picked chancellors. So to separate himself physically Cleveland is having a whole building in the Varsity area remodeled for his office at a cost of at least \$450,000.

Cleveland is an old hand at smoothing over blatant actions. In the '50s he worked in the precursor to the CIA's Agency for International Development, and under Kennedy he was the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations before his NATO appointment. During his two years of presidency here he has managed to preserve ROTC, "defense" research, and military and capitalist recruiting in spite of nearly constant struggle on the part of workers

and students. Also still operating here is the University-connected and State Department-run East-West Center. This institution has given small-arms training to Asian counterinsurgency lackeys for years and has played a significant role in the CIA's Indonesian coup. That resulted in the slaughter of over 1,500,000 Indonesian men, women, and children.

This racist, imperialist institution must be smashed! The big businessmen and government officials keep getting richer and richer while the unemployment lines grow and students have to listen to rotten ideas put forth in classrooms. Workers and students are joining together to stop the bosses' racket!

Greg King Hawaii SDS



Solidarity of workers and students of Lynn, Mass. sets example for all people

Protest Racist Murder of ——— George Jackson

The jails of this country are filled with people who have opposed the system's unemployment, rip-off prices, and curfew rules, to name a few. Most of these people are black and Latin; all of them are poor. The jails are supposed to break their ability to fight back and put them out of action for awhile. If the jails fail, then overt force and violence must be used. That is what happened to George Jackson.

-JACKSON FRAMED-

George Jackson was arrested as a teenager for allegedly driving a getaway car in a \$70 holdup. He was told that if he pleaded guilty and played along with the court he would get off easy. He got a sentence of one year to life. Part of this time was spent in Soledad Prison. The guards in Soledad are no different from prison guards elsewhere. They are supposed to keep prisoners in line. They do this by encouraging racist infighting between black and white inmates, by selling drugs to prisoners, and by using guns, knives, and nightsticks. Above all, the prison administrators don't want the inmates to get together and fight these conditions.

On January 13, 1969 the prison guards began another night of harassment with the aim of demoralizing men like George Jackson — a skin search for weapons. Men were stripped and made to lie flat on the concrete as guards moved about punching and kicking them. A fight between the black and white inmates broke out and a guard opened fire on the group, killing three black men and wounding one white. An "investigation" was held and the guard was let off. Another guard was later found dead on the prison grounds. Prison officials said that Jackson, Fleeta Drumgo, and John Clutchette were responsible for the guard's death. Not because there was any proof that they had killed the guard, but because they were known militants.

Now George Jackson has been killed.

-PRESS LIES-

The ruling class press has tried its best to create a story about what happened at San Quentin by making it look as if they had no alternative but to kill George Jackson. They disguised the cold-blooded murder with a story about a bloody escape attempt in which three guards and two inmates were killed. However the lack of consistency of facts reveal the bungling half-ass tactics to try to create racism and fear: Jackson was supposedly smuggled a pistol by a rich lawyer inside a tape recorder, and then supposedly he put the gun and two clips in his hair. Realizing the absurdity of the story, the press then said that Jackson had on an afro wig which was later found flushed down the toilet in his cell. They did not explain how a prisoner got an afro wig in a jail, much less hid a gun and two clips in a natural or a wig.

The night of the killing the guards were having another "skin search", only this time more brutal than ever before. Men were being shot at, beaten, and burned. All were refused medical care. One who had been shot point-blank in the leg had to beg for over an hour before the guards would let him get up from the ground!

How George Jackson was killed is still unclear mainly due to the prison "security" (censorship) involving the events. The news surrounding the death has only been released by the prison officials.



Soledad mother yells "racist judge" and friends battle tac squad to prevent her arrest

The other Soledad Brothers, John Clutchette and Fleeta Drumgo, stated at the court hearing following the supposed jailbreak attempt that their lives had been threatened and that they were being given until the end of the week to live. They also demanded that they be able to expose where they had been beaten to the court. When they did show their bodies there were cigarette burns and other wounds, but the judge refused to recognize this. It is a fact that prisoners have been searched, beaten, and harassed in jail in an effort to get them to go along with the prison's side of the story. In an attempt to force the judge to look at the wounds and send medical care inside the prison (which had been denied for two weeks), Clutchette's mother screamed in outrage

at the judge's racism. People in the courtroom fought the tactical squad as they tried to arrest the mother who was yelling at the judge.

Whether or not there was an escape attempt makes no difference! This murder is supposed to scare people into deciding not to fight back for fear of what may happen to them. To protest this racist murder and show that we are not intimidated, 150 black, white, and Latin workers and students marched through the Fillmore district to Dubose Park in San Francisco. We demanded an end to the brutality and oppression in San Quentin and said that we were going to continue the fight against racism. We want everyone to join us in building this fight so we can STOP MURDERS LIKE THIS!



San Francisco Progressive Labor Party and SDS march protests murder

'Only' Workers Get Shafted in ...

"Shaft" is a film made by and supposedly showing the condition of blacks.

John Shaft is a black detective hired to find the daughter of Bumpy Jonas, head of Harlem's biggest mob. His first lead is a "revolutionary" named Ben Buford who lives somewhere in Harlem. Shaft searches from one building to another, hoping to find Ben. Out on the street he finds someone who knows where Ben is and is happy to part with the information for a few bucks. This is the dominant theme of the movie: That is, all black people care about is money, and they would rat on or sell out anyone or anything for a few bucks.

Ben's group is shown as being very elite and separate from the community, and holds secret meetings to plan the revolution against whites. A series of events occur which lead Shaft to believe that the Mafia has Bumpy's daughter. Bumpy explains that he wanted Ben and Shaft to get together. The Mafia is strong, and Bumpy feels that an army is needed to get his daughter, and "Ben's people" are that army.

Ben shouts at Bumpy for ripping off the black community, and Bumpy replies: "Don't you try to bullshit me, boy. I sell broads, dope, and numbers; you sell crap in the blue sky. It's all the same game." (LIKE HELL IT IS! Fighting oppression and being a tool of the oppressor are very different.) This film is nothing more than a distortion of militants (who are shown as being out to get "whitey" and holding secret meetings, et cetera). It is also a distortion to compare and have militants working with the scurvy that sucks the marrow out of the very bones of the working class. Ben decides to work for Bumpy for a large price because the blood money will be good to get his "brothers and sisters" out of jail. (Perhaps Ben's group is too secret to get money from the community.)

The film also attacks Italians and women. The women are shown as stupid, promiscuous clods past the point of absurdity. In one scene taking place at a coffee shop a young waitress is shown as a bumbling, assent-minded doltz whose mind doesn't seem to perk up until she, like everyone else in the film, sees the color of Shaft's money.

For years Hollywood has launched attacks on Italian Americans by showing them in films as either gangsters, cops, or Mafia types. The excuse the bosses give working people for the oppression of Italians is that Italians are gangsters. The theater, which has depicted Indian Americans as "savages", blacks as being "super sexed, lazy, sneaky, money hungry" and Latins and Spanish people as "gangsters and hoods" has done nothing but try to spread distrust and unfounded fear. The only time racism is brought up in "Shaft" it is brought up as a joke. When Shaft is referred to as a "nigger" by an Italian American he calls him a "wop". This is supposed to be funny.

When watching a film like "Shaft" it is very easy to get overly involved in the action of the film and let the racist, male chauvinist shit just pass by. Just like in westerns it is easy to get involved in the action and gloss over the picturing of Indian Americans. The action in a movie does not justify the film.

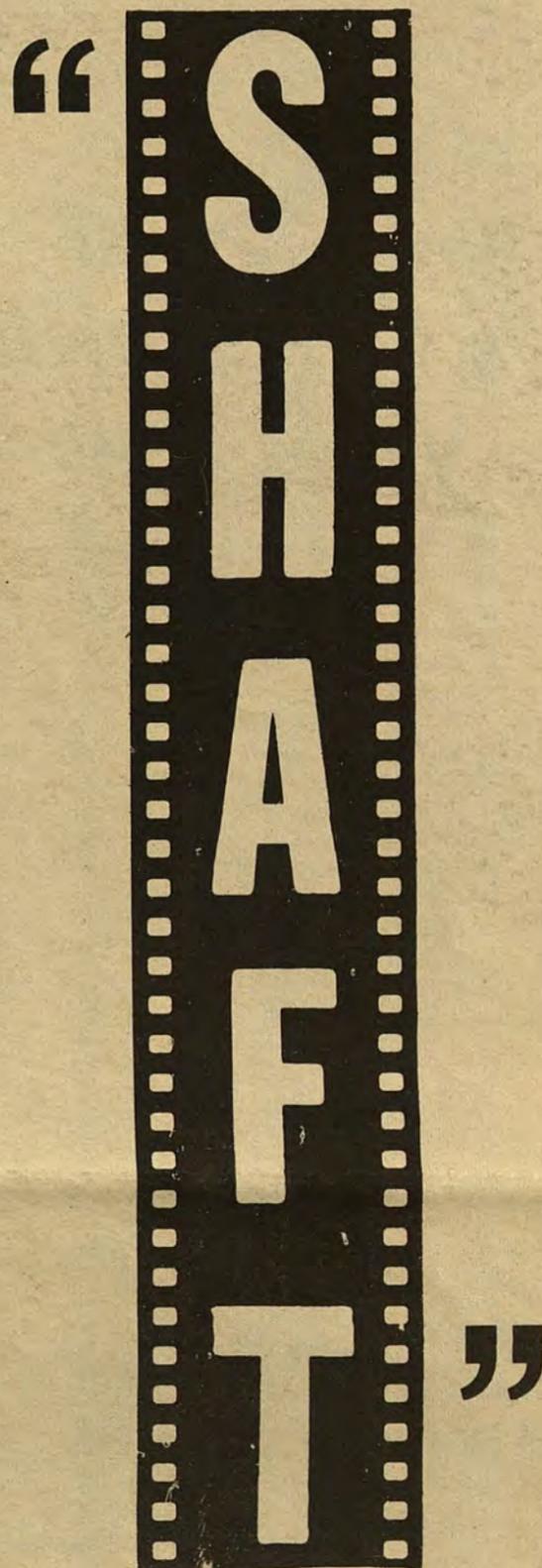
"Shaft" is part of a new wave in films, a wave that is supposed to show black people and their conditions as they really are. If they wanted to do that they could make films about the Harlem and Watts rebellions, Nat Turner, Malcolm X. Instead we see films about pimps and parasites ("Sweet Sweetback"), super cops ("Shaft"),

and even "funny" racist cops ("Cotton Comes to Harlem"). Hollywood likes to glamorize the most nauseating aspects of poverty and oppression. What's next—a film about good-guy slumlords?

"Shaft" pushes racism hard. The racism that brought about the almost total genocide of the American Indians and excused slavery, lynching, and slums. This racism must not be treated as a joke, but must be exposed and dealt with by black and white students and workers uniting to smash it. Don't be fooled by the "new wave" in films. It is simply a new excuse for racism, chauvinism, and cynicism. It's the same crap, but with different approaches, that's all.

(If you have a film or book review, send it to this paper.)

Michael Flores
Chicago SDS



The Hawaii Workers Council

The Hawaii Worker-Student Coalition has published FIGHTING BACK. It can be obtained by writing to -Fighting Back, c/o -Jim Nakamura, 2326 Oahu, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822 (Send 50¢ to help with postage)

GET IN TOUCH WITH SDS!

For more information on SDS call:

Albany (518) 463-2995

Atlanta (404) 874-1222

Boston (617) 868-8438

Buffalo (716) 838-4977

Baltimore (301) 539-2566

Cleveland (216) 229-3098

Columbus (614) 228-0776

Chicago (312) 528-9735

Detroit (313) 831-2340

Gary (219) 882-4878

Houston (713) 633-2577

Iowa (319) 338-6838

Kansas City (816) 561-5195

Lansing (517) 351-5216

Long Island (516) 273-8085

Los Angeles (213) 660-2791

Minnesota (612) 338-8095

New Jersey (201) 923-9752

New York City (212) 649-6815

Oakland (415) 534-0958

Philadelphia (215) 227-3514

Pittsburgh (412) 621-8312

Rochester (716) 288-4584

San Francisco (415) 431-0963

San Diego (714) 227-1776

San Jose (408) 294-2133

Seattle (206) 319-9455

Utah (801) 364-9182

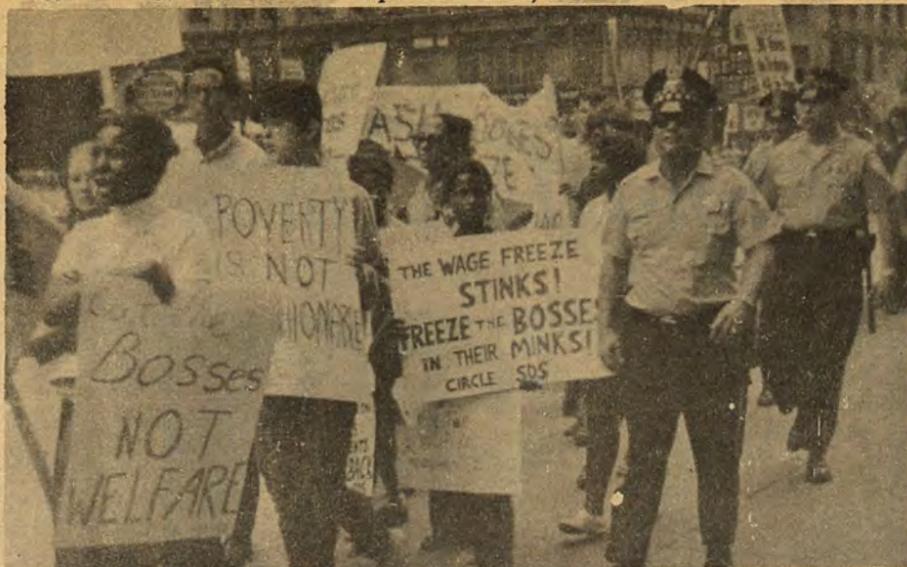
West Virginia (304) 841-4067

Wisconsin (608) 262-3851

Washington DC (202) 387-3026

St. Louis (314) 371-0773

sds, 1225 s. wabash, chicago, ill.



Chi. Coalition Demands School Clothing Workers, Students Freeze Daley's Fashion (Fascist) Show

While we were demanding clothes for Welfare children and battling Chicago cops, that rich stinker Mrs. Goldblatt was modeling her furs. That's what happened Tuesday, August 31st, as we demonstrated against the "Chicago Look" fashion show. SDS members from Loop, Chicago Circle, and Chicago State Colleges and other students had united with Welfare mothers and other working people. Together we formed the "Coalition Against the Cuts" to fight Welfare cuts and the wage freeze. This day, 200 of us were demonstrating against rich Chicago bosses like Goldblatt, Marshall Field, and Mayor Daley to demand jobs and school clothes for children on Welfare. Welfare mothers, mostly black and Latin women, led the demonstration, and they were furious. "We need clothes, not fashion shows!" How can you live on \$3,000 a year for a family of four? Let's see Nixon or Daley live on that. Tricia's wedding dress alone cost that much. Without clothes money for children what are you supposed to do? Make clothes out of rat hides?

Millions can't find jobs, wages are being frozen, strikes are outlawed, Welfare is being cut, and school children don't have clothes. AND THESE GREEDY PIGS ARE MODELING THOUSAND DOLLAR DRESSES AND MINKS! They were really uptight because we were reaching thousands of workers and students downtown, and we asked everyone to join the struggle and build the growing worker-student alliance. Because they couldn't use racism to divide us, these creeps called out their paid thugs as a last resort to try to stop us. Using brass knuckles and clubs, plainclothes cops attacked the rear of our march on a back street. We fought back, sending two cops to the hospital. In the process 18 people were arrested including five students from Chicago Circle. Afterwards, everyone in Chicago knew what had happened and bail money was raised quickly as workers and students everywhere pitched in. Everyone is now more determined than ever to fight back, and more people are joining in the struggle.

Winning Checks Sets The Stage

The "Coalition Against the Cuts" is composed of working people and Welfare mothers from a dozen different organizations. Most of them are neighborhood housing project groups. The real strength of the coalition is shown in its power to win demands, and it has the potential to grow really big. The week before, workers in the new coalition had gone down to the Welfare Office to demand badly needed Welfare checks. The Office supervisor called the cops and four people were arrested. The 75 people who had been sitting in the receiving room since early in the morning yelled and threw garbage at the arresting cops. Many said they wanted to come down the next day and DEMAND their checks. The next day about 100 people came and demanded back checks for everyone. When the cops came this time and saw that everyone was ready for them, they split fast. When the supervisor tried to doubletalk,

everyone chanted: "We want the checks, not the runaround!" Finally he was forced to tell case workers to write out FORTY CHECKS on the spot. The next week we learned of another victory: that the plan to cut off all General Assistance had temporarily been halted.

Welfare Mothers Lead Coalition

The situation for people on Welfare is rotten. People who are considered permanently on Welfare rolls face 10% cutbacks in their monthly Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) checks. In the past, special clothing allowances for children on Welfare were given in the fall. But this year there won't be any. Also more and more workers are being forced onto the Welfare rolls due to nationwide mass layoffs in industries such as steel and the railroads. Unemployed workers and strikers generally qualify for General Assistance checks. But it was announced earlier that these too might be cut off. On top of this, checks are being held up all the time, making every day a life-and-death battle. Faced with these prospects and no jobs, it's no wonder the Welfare mothers wanted to tear Daley and the others to pieces.

Winning 40 Welfare checks and disrupting the Daley fashion show were real victories. But more workers and many more students must join in. And the bosses know that too. That's why they try to use racism to divide us. They try to spread lies that black or Latin people on Welfare don't want jobs. Or they'll try to spread the idea

to workers that students are mad bombers. Or vice-versa as they try to teach students to look down on workers. But for the Chicago bosses all these schemes failed. They couldn't buy off the most militant people. They couldn't break our unity. THAT'S WHY THEY RESORTED TO A VICIOUS PHYSICAL ATTACK.

Spread the Struggle: Unite With Workers to Smash Welfare Cuts and the Wage Freeze!

The strength of the coalition shows that a growing worker-student alliance is needed everywhere. That means more students must join with workers to smash racist schemes like the wage freeze and Welfare cuts. Many of us in Chicago made the mistake of not trying to get many more students involved in this coalition — not just those in SDS. All students: black, Latin, Indian, white, and Asian, and all visiting foreign students, should get involved this fall. If we take part in struggles like this one in Chicago, and join forces with workers to fight our common enemy, a powerful, unbeatable alliance will be formed. If you live in or near Chicago and are interested in joining the "Coalition Against the Cuts", call 935-87 2 or 528-9735. If you live far away and want to fight the wage freeze, Welfare cutbacks, or your own school Administration, contact the SDS chapter nearest you. (See the SDS chapter contact list elsewhere in this issue for the chapter contact nearest you.)

Build A Worker-Student Alliance FIGHT RACISM JOIN SDS

- I would like more information on SDS
- I would like to join SDS (\$5/year membership includes NLN subscription)
- I would like to subscribe to NLN (\$5/year)
- I would like to start an SDS chapter

NAME _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School or job _____

Send to SDS, 1225 S. Wabash, Chicago, Ill. 60605
6th floor north