Civil war is once again raging in Nicaragua as the hatred of the Nicaraguan people for U.S. imperialism and its fascist henchman Anastasio Somoza explodes. Beginning in May the Sandinistas Front for National Liberation led attacks on targets in the southeastern region of the country. Assualts on Somoza’s National Guard steadily increased and became more widespread. Armed clashes broke out in major cities: Managua, Matagalpa and Leén. There were many heroic actions by the people which brought back to mind the scenes of the offensive last fall when Nicaraguans, including many youth, picked up anything at hand—from “Saturday night specials” to iron pipes—to do battle with the heavily equipped, U.S.-trained National Guard. And the people kicked their butts as often as not.

On May 31, the Sandinistas launched a major offensive against the regime and called for a general strike to begin on June 4. Electricity on the west coast, including in the capital city of Managua, has been cut off by the Sandinista forces. Heavy fighting continues in other cities. The Somoza regime is desperate to stop the struggle and the Chicago Rock Against Racism air force is using napalm in the cities of Rivas and Chinandega.

As we go to press the whole part of the country north of and including Leén, which is Nicaragua’s second largest city, has been liberated. All major cities that have not been liberated have continued the general strike. The Sandinistas issued a communique on June 4 from a hidden location saying, “The general strike which began today will end on the day on which the Somoza regime is overthrown and the people, led by the Sandinista National Liberation Front, have controlled their destiny according to their own will.”

U.S. imperialism is shitting in its pants. It would hate to see another one of its boys go the way of the Shah of Iran, especially one so close to home. And a U.S. boy is exactly what Somoza is. His family was put in power in 1927.

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Chicago—On Memorial Day in Chicago while prune-faced Mayor Jane Byrne was presiding over the red-white-and-blue hype for Vietnam Vet’s Day in the band shell downtown, a Black family and their friends were leaving Schiller Woods, a park on the Northside, after picnicking all day. Suddenly the nightmare began. A gang of white goons came at them, hurling bricks and bottles at the cars and the people inside and brandishing guns. They beat on the cars until the people were forced out and then they chased them through the park. One white youth, holding a broken bottle, threatened 20-year-old James Jackson, taunting “Come on nigger!” Jackson defended himself but was stabbed.

After 30 of these goons ambushed the cars, other white people from all over the park swarmed in on the Black people. They took one car, drove it into a thicket and set it on fire. They drove another car into the lagoon. A number of middle-aged white men armed with rifles joined in this cowardly and disgusting attack. And the police? The pigs in blue didn’t move a goddamn muscle until a 50-year-old mother of three ran to them and begged them to stop the beatings. Although the cops took away a few rifles, they later denied that they had found any weapons at the scene. One white youth was arrested.

Chicago. Business as usual for the pigs who have protected reactionaries like Frank Collins and his Nazi rat-pack in Marquette Park, business as usual for these servants of the rich who have a license to kill Blacks and Puerto Ricans, a license to roam the parks and beaches

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**U.S. Imperialists Fire Pulpit Warhead**

The Western world and no small number of Eastern European Catholics have been following closely the trip to Poland. That now familiar stupid grin on the Pope's face has been splash- ed all over the front pages around the world and, contrary to appearances, the purpose of John Paul's "pilgrimage" is not to gild babies, hands and the ground. Actually the Pope's visit is a much more serious motive—one which the Pope has been none too subtle about. As he slobbers around in the property, significant kissing has been reserved for the Polish Catholic hierarchy in contrast of its sharpened confrontation with the Soviet Union.

The Pope has raised the cross to beat down the revisionist rulers of Poland and the other East European governments, as well as those great masters in the Soviet Union. "A civilization truly worthy of man," said his holiness the day of his arrival, "must be a Christian civilization." The last testament which hung on his every word was a sign of the inroads the U.S. bloc is making into Poland, and it indicates just how much of a god-send (to speak) the promotion of a Polish Pope has been to the West. As hundreds of thousands line the streets to hear the message of this prophet, the Pope is attempting to drive home the hands of an oppressor equally as sure as the one they face now.

The official line originally applied with the Polish authorities for a visit in May. The idea was for the Pope's trip to coincide with the 900th anniversary of the execution of Poland's patron Saint Stanislaw. However, if Saint Stanislaw was an outstanding human rights activist, the May visit was intended to score cold war propaganda points in West against the Soviets on this count, it is a bit late to pick a fight by which the Polish authorities and denied was denied. They did, however, grant a visit in June, and the trip was on. As for Stanislaw, the Church simply moved his anniversary back a month, while the Polish government maintains that the occasion of the visit is the "15th anniversary of Polish Polish Pope."

"We welcome the Pope," said a Polish official, "This climate of the religious life between church-state relations executed by the government has its own reasons for allowing the papal visit. The government has the task, however, to reconcile its own contradictions. Poland's economy is in disastrous shape. Things grow worse daily as shortages hit virtually every consumer good. The Catholic Church has been a center of criticism of conditions in Poland, of the Giercek government and of Soviet control of the country. Divil the trip would have left Giercek more exposed than he already is. This is a criticism an even broader audience. There is also, no doubt, some truth in the way he has portrayed the Pope as a governmentsummite up. Giercek is trying to buy people off with the Pope. He is telling them he can't provide meat for their dinner tables, but he can provide the Pope.

In fact, despite the Pope's reputation as a man "tempered by 33 years of opposition to communism," he was even criticized by the revisionists and the church, petty squabbles aside, have gotten along fine in the past. The Catholic church has historically been very adept at adjusting to meet the needs of one or another ruling class. This is indicated by the Pope's side trip to Auschwitz and the tribute he paid the Jews murdered there during the World War II. Better for John Paul that the role of former Pope Pius as an open collaborator with the Nazis be forgotten. In regard to the Polish revisionists, John Paul himself, when he was still Cardinal Wojtyla, played a key role in backing up the "white revolution." Catholicism is a weapon of rebellion of Polish workers over food price increases.

But today conditions are rapidly changing. Things are developing at a quickening pace toward world war. The cooperation between the Polish authorities and the church which characterized the past is yielding to open conflict and confrontation. To aid its own imperialist designs, the U.S. sees a potentially vast political reserve in the millions of Eastern European Catholics, particularly those in Poland. It would like to whip the spirit of Catholic 5th column and mobilize people under the aegis of the Pope and above to fight its enemies here on earth.

Poland itself is extremely strategically for any ground war fought in Europe. Division upon division of Warsaw Pact troops is stationed in Poland—and the Church, incidentally, maintains chaplains in the Polish Army. Critical for supplying the Catholic country is located between the USSR and East Germany and also has a coastline to the Soviet Union. The Pope, just the man to galvanize anti-Soviet sentiments behind the holy cause of U.S. imperialism.

The running theme of the Pope's trip was highlighted the day of his arrival. Giercek appeared with the Pope on the reviewing stand and in his opening remarks paid tribute to the "help" that Poland had received from the Soviet Union. The Pope shot back with a statement about colonialism, not just economic but "political and cultural colonialism."

The following day, the Pope delivered a sort of mass mass to upwards of a million people. He reaffirmed, as one newspaper put it, that "Our Lady remains Queen of the Polish land, whatever the size of the country, colonialism." In fact, on the third day of his trip, his holiness drove home to Giercek and the Soviets the highly political nature of his visit and exactly which "transitory government" the church and its western masters should supervise.

The proceedings of a "closed" meeting between the Pope and the Polish church hierarchy was billed as the most "outright challenge" yet to the revisionist regime. Evidently, the Pope had used the facts of life in his boys, calling for a stepped up offensive against the government and a more militant defense of the Soviet system. "HIS nation." After all, who speaks for more Poles, the revisionists or the church? The U.S. press has played this up as a "battle of ideologies"—Communism vs. Catholicism—and has pointed to the thorns of people who turned out to see the Pope. Of course, the real battle of "issues" going on here is that between...
On May 17, the San Diego District Attorney decided not to bring charges against border patrol murderer Dan Cole. Two months before, Cole had caught three Mexican nationals attempting to cross the border. He handcuffed them, but they turned and fled back to Mexico. Cole pulled out his gun and cold-bloodedly shot all of them in the back, while the third escaped. Explaining why he was refusing to file charges against the defendant, the D.A. stated, “Attempting to escape from a federal agent is a felony,” and therefore Mexican is “legally” justified.

The demonstration on Mexicans was met with outrage of quite a few people on both sides of the border. Mexican workers pulled both American and Mexican border patrol with rocks and bricks. The battle continued for a week. In one incident the border patrol, under a barrage of rocks and bottles, opened fire, wounding one man in the stomach.

The San Diego police department began plans to retrain their Border Patrol officers about the ways around the argument against the Weber Case—the latest attempt to slash away at affirmative action. The battle is going to be in the courts. Under the slogans “Reverse the Weber Decision!” and “Defend and Expand Affirmative Action!”, a thousand people marched to the sacred halls of the Oakland, California over 800 people marched.

The thousands who came out on June 2 went right up against the lies of the bourgeoisie that admitting Blacks and other minorities into medical schools, the skilled trades, and so on, is not as “qualified” and intelligent as whites, the argument goes.

No, the Black liberation struggle of the ’60s and the fight of other oppressed nationalities never won a “fair share of the pie.” Reformism like affirmative action never can change a small percentage of minorities. What the struggle of the ’60s did do was indict the capitalist system and the vicious inequality and oppression that it breeds and it gave rise to powerful sentiments and movements aimed at overthrowing this system of exploitation and oppression. So today when the hallucination of “reverse discrimination” is raised, it is not mainly to make room for raci

The Weber Case comes on the heels of the recent Black decision of the high court a year ago which outlawed a University of California affirmative action program for medical students. Brian Weber is a technician at a Kaiser Mental hospital in Louisiana who sued in court to be allowed into the apprenticeship program for the skilled trades, charging that the affirmative action program was denying him a place. This reactionary never had any intention of taking the job (he probably has much bigger ambitions!)—he readily admits he did it “simply out of curiosity” to get into the program anyway and he is just trying to “test the legality of the program.”

Where Weber is coming from is clear from the many, much-broadcast media interviews he has given. In one such interview with a New Orleans newspaper he said, “I never agreed with making restaurants serve Blacks. If you choose not to serve them, it’s your business.” This reactionary never had any intention of taking the job (he probably has much bigger ambitions!)—he readily admits he did it “simply out of curiosity” to get into the program anyway and he is just trying to “test the legality of the program.”

Unfortunately, the demonstrations were not as powerful a blow against the argument of minorities as they could have been due to their leadership. Many unions took part in the demonstration (and even gave members, for once!), but they brought the same kind of faith in capitalism to the demonstration that they exhibit all the rest of the time. Some leaflets for the demonstration proclaimed a “Defeat a Deal!” only which served to foster the illusion that the affirmative action programs can serve as a solution to inequality in American society. Other leaflets said, “Our right to a decent job is under attack!” ‘Tell that to the unemployed! There is no such right under capitalism, for Blacks, or whites, with or without affirmative action. A big force pushing this myth is

May 20, 1978. Demonstration in Laredo, Texas after a Mexican woman and her unborn child were murdered by the INS.

Dr. Ryan Against Zionism

A young Zionist walked into a Boston hospital expecting to walk out with his visa papers to go to Israel, but he found he wasn’t really in the clear. When he came to signing the bottom line on this immigration paper that would allow him to go to his homeland, his doctor, Jim Ryan, stopped short. He refused to sign, “I support the struggle of the Palestinian people against their homeland.”

The young man flew into a rage, saying, “There is No Palestine and we will never give up our land.” After this vituperative outburst, the doctor called the Boston Bethel-British Anti-Deportation League, which charged the doctor and hospital with discrimination against the Jews. This puffed up road blocks like to blur the clear distinction between a stand against Zionism and discrimination against Jews. Their real interest in doing this was to bring in the money from the defending the imperialist Zionist state. The hospital trustees weren’t willing to have politics and medicine don’t mix.” They threatened

Doctors RE Zionism

The charges against the doctor are still pending.
For several years now Stokely Carmichael, the African-American Revolutionary Party (AAPRP) and all Pan Africanists shy away from. Will this ever really lead to revolution in the U.S.? No way. Even if every form, would the U.S. capitalist class stop oppressing Black people in this country? Of course not. Even if every African country were to win its independence from imperialist domination in any of the people here? Of course not. Even if every African country were to win its independence from imperialist domination in any of the people here? Of course not. Even if every African country were to win its independence from imperialist domination in any of the people here? Of course not.

African liberation and divert it from a progressive course into two reactionary channels. "Don't struggle against oppression and for revolution in the U.S.—you're helpless until Africa is free," has been one part of Stokely's message. The other part—a more recent development—counsels Black people to "pull their chestnuts out of the fire. For all his heavy rapping, if it had been the Sncc, who were developing into Marxist- Leninists, which was then—near its height, as dramatically symbolized by the urban rebellions. Neither did he see any hope of mobilizing the masses of people of all nationalities who are kicked around and driven down by capitalism. Neither did he see any hope of mobilizing the masses of people of all nationalities who are kicked around and driven down by capitalism.

Carmichael doesn't just forget the struggle in this country—he opposes it. But by the late '60s, Carmichael's line represents a upside-down point of view, the reverse of reality. Supporting genuine liberation struggles of the people in Africa is a must for any revolutionary or other freedom-loving person in this country. But what will be our biggest assistance to the liberation of the people of Africa? Nothing short of rising up and overthrowing our own ruling class of imperialists who seek not only our blood, but the blood of millions on every continent. The day we do this in will be a great day indeed for people everywhere... Carmichael's two bottles of poison are really the same brand, because both are based on the view that the masses of people, here or in Africa, can't really get anything substantial out of exploitation they face through their own power. Instead, he wants to reach to Moscow and to Cuba, Africa could not become free. (According to the Cubans, the real bottom line at the conference was run out at a workshop on the role of the "socialist countries"—i.e. the Soviet bloc—which was in reality an exhibit of profiles in treachery. The line-up was a gallery of Soviet puppets from Ethiopia, Cuba and Angola who all brought the same message: without reliance on the Soviet Union and Cuba, Africa could not become free. According to the Cubans, people's war could not be used to stop South Africa's invasion of Angola in 1974-75 because of South Africa's military superiority. The only way they could be stopped—yes, you guessed it—was with large-scale Soviet weapons."

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Cleveland Cops Lynched Blacks in Jail

Flash! Cleveland, Ohio—June 4, as we go to press a young left Anthony Maurice "Red" McClain, a 20-year-old Black man dead. He was working on his car when two pigs came to arrest him. The other side caught the worst of it—pigs right now.

A new wave of police murders has hit on Long Island, demonstrators tore down one of the gates leading onto the power com- pany's property. They flooded through the Morton Nuclear power plant construction site near Philadelphia, there were several clashes and as a last resort, they had to be ar- rested. The Shoreham demonstration site near Philadelphia, there were several clashes and as a last resort, they had to be ar- rested.

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At the Zimmer plant near Cincinnati, protesters faced 250 riot-equipped cops who widened the hands of a police cordon. At one point in the demonstration, a Black city councilwoman with a history of confronting the police for supporting the war, was arrested.

At the very same time as the demonstration, several radio stations covered up the pigs' crimes and were us- ing "suicide" government, for "enlightened" legislation, to cover up the executions and murder in cold blood.
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People could never finish their education. They would not come back to study or they would have to leave the country. The education itself is controlled by the government and it is in line with the orders. The whole education planning is laid out by them. There are armed guards within the university, this is the atmosphere that people have to study in.

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Embassy 5 Trial Begins

White paint. When it hit the Chinese Embassy wall last January it was as if Teng Hsiao-ping himself had got it in the eye. It was a mark buttling this backslider who'd betrayed the red flag. It was an international incident. Carter had matching egg on his face. The U.S. government had to offer an official apology to the Chinese.

Teng's trip to the U.S. hadn't even started yet, and already their reactionary political plans to parade around this traitor to revolution— to glory in his betrayal of communism and his enlistment of China in the U.S. war bloc—all this was being dragged into the light of day. And once he reached the U.S. Teng wouldn't be able to travel anywhere without catching the horrifying sight of Maoist revolutionaries waving Mao's Red Book in his little rat face.

Today, six months later, on June 11, 5 revolutionaries are being brought to trial for this act. "Not political." "Common criminals," says the prosecution. But this very political government is trying to get its pound of flesh of vengeance for the revolutionaries' very political actions. The five face possible life terms. And beyond this, the government is also trying to use this trial to further prepare their railroad case against the other Mao Tsung defendants—the 78 revolutionaries, including Revolutionary Communist Party Chairman Bob Avakian, who were arrested when cops attacked a demonstration the day of Teng's White House dinner.

Committees to Free the Mao Tsung Defendants are spreading the word far and wide across the country. In Chicago, red balloons saying "Free the Mao Tsung Defendants" are going like hot cakes when sold in the parks. Petitions, telegram, letters of support and money are starting to arrive in Washington, D.C.

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The annual Rose Festival in Portland has already become a kind of national phenomenon, not so much because it is a larger or better-known than the local chapter would like. This spectacle is aimed at portraying Oregon as a city that can support a rich variety of cultural activities, but Portland's citizens have had their hands full trying to deal with thousands of rebellious youth who have come into the city to create a real threat to the local authorities.

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No such thing as a fair shake.

Don't trust nothin', they give us the breath of life.

The law is our friend.

Only a fool would give them his gun.

No mercy and give them none.

No mercy will be shown.

No mercy drag them from their throne.

No mercy till they're dead and gone.

Yeah, yeah you heard us right, we're out for blood tonight.

Prairie Fire, a revolutionary rock band from San Francisco, made their fifth appearance at a high school in Chicago last week. During their first appearance with a new lineup only a month ago (See Revolutionary Worker, June 8, 1979), the Nazis functioned as an anti-racist organization at the school when they heard about the RAR concert.

This all has upset the authorities. At Chicago Vocational High, an all-black school, the Black principal who is running election-free state representative came out and told a group of six RCBYers, 3 Black and 3 white, to "Get your white people off this. We're sick of the way things are."

"We're Black, We're White, We're Brown, We're Gonna Rip the Whole Damn System Down!" A student of students from some of the teachers took leaflets to the school, and one girl said that her white classmates knew about it and they had held block meetings to talk about it. At another high school in the largely Chicano Pilsen district, students formed an anti-racist organization at the school when they heard about the RAR concert.

"This is what the government is doing. It's a real dividing line."

Now RAR has hit the U.S. and thousands have already come together at Chicago Vocational High, Dominican, Columbus and New York City at RAR gigs, but June 9 is Chicago is a crucial test. Musicians and students are on the run, organizing block marches and talking up the concert on and off stage at the clubs. Already, Chicago concert has drawn over 100 bands to volunteer to do benefits and build for the June 9 concert, which promises to be an extraordinary musical event, bringing together New Wave punk, reggae, rockers and rap.

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The Ponce smoke cleared, 20 people lay spectators with "conspiracy to over carbines. When the marchers and government" As police opened fire machine guns and throw the U.S. 21, 1937. One hundred marchers gathered to protest in burned-out, rat-infested country because they were filled with an irresistible desire to leave their seacoast towns and mountain villages to come live in hurled-out, rat-infested neighborhoods like the South Bronx, which the newspapers like to say "looks like a landscape on the moon." Where's it's freezing half the year and there's no heat in the apartment. Where if the dope and the gangbanging don't get your kids the cops definitely will. Where Puerto Ricans are robbed of their language and culture and abused like a landscape on the moon. Where they are paid half as much on the average as other workers. Where Puerto Ricans are shot and killed and stuffed into slums of America as jobs and the possibility of getting by were just plain disappearing on the enchanted island.

In fact, when these big American companies show their "gratitude" to the Puerto Ricans whose blood they suck here by hiring little floats that say "Puerto Rico Me Encanta—Puerto Rico Enchants Me," this is a very sick joke. The American capitalists have never done anything but abuse and degrade the island and its people trying to squeeze everything of value out of them.

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and Marriot signs at the airport to the signs saying Pittsburgh Paint and Glass, Dow Chemical, Crown Cork Bottling and so on at the plant entrance, from the American chain supermarkets and department stores to Burger King and McDonald's, one can get a glimpse of how Puerto Rico is dominated economically.

But it goes even deeper, because the investments of the Rockefeller's and the other big American banks aren't advertised in neon. Especially in the factories, the vast majority work directly or indirectly for American sweatshops. These factories sell practically nothing but American goods—even rice and fruits and other foods which not long ago flourished in Puerto Rico have to be bought from American companies, because these monopolies have crushed Puerto Rican agriculture. Meanwhile prices are higher there than on the mainland.

Rain 'Em—Use 'Em

When U.S. troops marched up Puer
to Rico in 1898, American interests bought up the land, ruined the small farmers and leaving many with no choice but to work on “undeclared” plantations and tobacco and coffee farms which produced for the export market. Even then, when drawing up crops in other countries seemed even more profitable, the rural workers were left to work on the land or in the mills forcing Puerto Ricans to leave in the 1950's and '60's.

Since then many American companies have rushed in to take advantage of this labor kept cheap by oppression. More jobs for Puerto Ricans? More unemployment. Agriculture and small businesses have been replaced by modern, more automated plants. With this “other great privilege, American citizenship”? This is nothing but a chain on Puerto Rican necks like so much raw material into the jaws of American industry.

The U.S. military bases which squat on huge chunks of the island make it plain that Puerto Rico is no more the independent and sovereign “free associated state” that it’s said to be than a prisoner is “freely associated” with a jailer. The U.S. Congress and the federal government have the final say on everything. The courts are American, and trials take place in English. The FBI and other pigs who run free here are as American as apple pie.

Nothing better reveals just how much the island’s government is a puppet of American imperialism than the way it has worked hand in hand with the U.S. ruling class to crush the Puerto Rican independence movement. There is no difference between the last year or so, this has taken not only the form of arrests and frameups of independentistas, but also cold-blooded political murders. The police have "caught" not even after a long series of assassinations of political activists.

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Today, unlike a few years ago, almost everyone would have to admit that Puerto Rico is a colony. Even the U.S. has passed a resolution condemning the U.S. &’s colonial domination of Puerto Rico, a fact which really annoys the imperialists. The national aspirations of the people of Puerto Rico are now a real threat to American interests in Puerto Rico. So these imperialists have had to deal with it.

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Statehood Controversy

This same Governor Romero Barcelo has been the main advocate of statehood for Puerto Rico. He is the island’s first pro-statehood governor. This question has been the subject of controversy in Puerto Rico since President Ford publicly proposed it during his last days in office. The proposal is that a new referendum be held to establish the political status of Puerto Rico.

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by the U.S. in order to put a Nicaraguan face on U.S. control of the country—which had been under U.S. Marine occupation. In 1978 Jimmy “human rights” Carter discovered that Somozismo had become too big to fail. The U.S. had agreed to support it. He began to criticize his regime a bit. Of course the real “prosecution” of Somozismo was the clamping down on to power, Carter changed his tune and praised the dictator for “making substantial progress”.(1) In human rights. Carter even sweetened the pot by mentioning an additional $15,000 training grant for Somozismo’s National Guard. Of course all along the U.S. has kept military advisors in Nicaragua, giving pointers to the puppet.

This time around the U.S. government is even more involved in running Somozismo to the teeth and stock and stone with cannon fodder. While they might prefer someone less exposed and hated to do their dirty work, the U.S. does not want him overthrowing all U.S. Undersecretary of Inter-American Affairs has refused to defy the U.S. would intervene militarily.


**Pope**

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Two brands of capitalism—Soviet revisionism vs. Americanism—and the Pope is merely the latest weapon in the arsenal of the Western Bloc. But beyond this, millions would not have been afraid of a “dirty war”, had the destruction and bankruptcy of the Pope, and. Sandinistas' ambition is not just to establish a criminal and alien dictatorship, and condescending official declarations of the Carter administration which claims to have terminated all military aid to Somozismo. The Sandinista National Liberation Front vehemently calls for the U.S. out of the country, the people of the world, especially the people of the U.S., to stop this imperialist attack on Nicaragua.

Religious distress is at the same time the continuation of the struggle against real distress. Religion is the opium of the people, the spirit of a spiritless world. It is the opium of the people.

The mass turnout for the Pope is also a testament to the fact that many in this world are still mesmerized by the mirages of personal identity and the “rural way of life”—a leftover of the Middle Ages. The fact that there are still Popes in this world shows the degeneration and bankruptcy of the capitalist system. The Roman Catholic Church is just as rotten and decadent as that of their western counterparts. In Nicaragua the mafia, that is, the state, is run by the U.S. who oppose every aspect of the U.S. imperialist war against Nicaragua.

There is a possibility that Somoza, the monster of U.S. imperialism behind him into the dirt. The Sandinistas themselves have also been involved in this process of restoring capitalism—was an integral part of the process of restoring capitalism. The people of the great North American continent were helping to do this—on their own. They will always tend to end up caving in to the enemy. Such is the real revolutionary force, the masses of the world who oppose every aspect of U.S. imperialism. In the eyes of the Pan Africanists, Cuba has magically been transformed into a long-time revolutionary fighter, and we are still living in the eyes of the Pan Africanists, Cuba has magically been transformed into a long-time revolutionary fighter, and we are still living in the years that have passed.

On top of this the U.S.-supplied reactionary army of the U.S. has been disbanded in its entirety. In this period, and for a while after the fall of Somoza, there was a lull in the struggle. And right they were.

The rise of Sandinista, the movement that would lead to the establishment of the Soviet Union, had a mixed response among the population. Some were excited by the prospect of a new government, while others were fearful of the unknown. The Sandinista National Liberation Front, which they fully support, is prepared to set up a provisional government after Somozismo’s fall which will include all opposition parties and will call for elections.

Of course the Sandinistas themselves contain various forces—including some who are sympathetic to, and oppose every aspect of, the U.S. group. This means that Somozismo has even hopes to capitalize on this. Even while they back Somozismo with guns and promises, they keep the U.S. on a leash, hoping not to lose their whole ass when he goes down. But the blow the Sandinista can deliver from their one rifle is a strident one, that one will weaken imperialist confidence.

There is a possibility that Somozismo, with U.S. help, might survive the current crisis.

Today, his private Boeing 727 jet is parked off his private runway, ready to go. Last fall a couple of his more able-bodied opposition was only halted by Somozismo’s military force. As the Sandinista movement grows, it is generating a spirit of independence which is spreading throughout the continent.
people's memories don't disappear.

The district attorney really thinks he has the three nailed, when on the first day of the trial he whips out a leaflet by the RCYB headlined, "Avenge the Murder of Melvin Black" and reads it aloud to the jury, AHA! It says right here that their system is rotten and should be overthrown. He and the judge can't believe it until the defense attorney himself insists on making this same point. He asks the jury, did they remember back in the '60s when the Black Panthers carried around Mao Tsetung's Red Book? It's his only job to prove that these three went to Oakland High School not as political prisoners, but as a driving, rebellious habit and inciting the students to riot. The police merely tend the funerals of Melvin Black, a beautiful kids. They hate seeing us, they have in all their lives. You could see the oppression, it was sweet as wine. They beat him good. Then to top things off, a white truck driver was in a week ago a white truck driver was in a

Nurd Takes Stand in Oakland Trial

Oakland, June 4-Judge Levine, in an action that was declared the trial of the Oakland High 3 a trial of the three Black students who were thrown in jail in 1977 for their alleged part in the student strike which led to the deaths of Melvin Black and Anthony Noblett, has declared the trial of the three comes to an end. The prosecution said that they had no case and the defense said there was a case of murder. The jury is expected to reach a verdict in the next few days.

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I fully understand now that the man on top hates seeing whites and Blacks together, not just in his mind, but in reality. Of course, it's okay for him to take the Black woman to bed because she didn't do his days in the ladies' room. Well, I didn't give up. I stayed and I went to Cal because I didn't give up. Then I learned that my Black people when I was not railroaded into the hotel, county jail. I would be going down the street and there would come lieutenants, pigs, lovely salutations like, "Hey, nigger lover, you going down the street?

It was all right with me. I didn't care. I was only going to be laughed at more than laughed with, he would do his days in the ladies' room. After all, he was only going to be laughed at more than laughed with, he would do his days in the ladies' room. Gladly, I did not give up. I stayed and I went to Cal because I didn't give up.

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