

Mine strike looms if Nixon vetoes bill

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it falls short of the need. "It's a watered down version of what we wanted," he said.

The bill's main provisions are compensation for Black Lung victims and a staged reduction of the allowable coal dust level to 3.0 milligrams per cubic meter of air.

Recent tests by the Bureau of Mines proved that the use of simple high speed fans at the mine face can virtually eliminate coal dust. Coal dust in many mines in the Pittsburgh seam reaches twice or three times the 3.0 milligram concentration. The high-speed continuous mining machines grind out hundreds of tons of coal per shift filling the galleries and headings with choking clouds of dust.

More than 100,000 miners, active and retired, are afflicted with Black Lung which causes shortness of breath, dizziness, extreme weakness and ultimate death. Furthermore, coal dust is

extremely explosive and was the probable cause of the explosion of Mountaineer No. 9 in Mannington West Va. in 1968, killing 78 miners.

Justin McCarthy, editor of the United Mine Workers Journal, told the Daily World the UMW is meeting in emergency consultation to attempt "to eliminate the veto."

Meanwhile, the report of the House and Senate Conference Committee on the bill passed through the House overwhelming last night, 333 to 12. The conference committee was established to iron out differences between the House and Senate versions.

Senator Harrison A. Williams (D-NJ) predicted a similar margin of victory today when the conference report is submitted to the Senate. Williams accused the Nixon Administration of "shabby treatment indeed" to the nation's coal miners by demonstrating a callous disregard for human suffering.

In a most unconscionable manner, he said, the Administration has once again tried to delay and defeat the legislative process.

May override veto

The overwhelming support for the bill in Congress indicated a strong likelihood that the President's veto would be overridden by a two-thirds majority of both Houses. Reversal of the veto on this crucial safety bill would be a major setback for the Administration. It would be a rebuff to Nixon's labor policies and also his so-called "anti-inflation

drive."

In the halls of the Labor Department, according to spokesmen for organized labor, reports are circulating of a possible shutdown in the coal mine industry. The threat of a coal mine shutdown arises against the backdrop of the bitter General Electric strike, indicating a growing resurgence of working class militancy against President Nixon.

The main issue of this revolt is the Administration's policy of forcing the nation's working people to pay the cost of his so-called "anti-inflation drive" in intensified exploitation, higher taxes and higher prices.

Dockers eye bill

Albert Lannon, Jr., legislative representative of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, told the Daily World, "We're watching what the Administration does on this bill because it will indicate the Administration's attitude on all compensation legislation."

He pointed out that mining is the nation's most hazardous work, followed by stevedoring.

"The Administration has been promising a longshore compensation bill since last year. It hasn't seen the light of day," he said.

Longshoremen currently receive federal compensation for injuries sustained on board ships, gang planks and in shipyards, but the benefits are less than one third a longshoreman's weekly earnings.

"The Administration tells us they will give us a non-inflationary compensation increase. That means cheap," Lannon charged.

North Carolina black girl, 18 years old, faces execution

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 18 — North Carolina Chief Justice Bobbitt has ordered a delay in the Dec. 26 execution of an 18-year-old black girl so she can appeal her death sentence to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bobbitt's order did not set a new date for the execution of Marie Hill, who was convicted last December of killing a white grocer, W. E. Strum, in Rocky Mount during a robbery Oct. 7.

1968. Miss Hill, who has become the focus of a massive civil rights campaign, is the youngest woman to receive the death penalty in North Carolina. She was 17 when the sentence was imposed.

Miss Hill maintains she was not in Rocky Mount on the day of the killing. But the State Supreme Court last week upheld her conviction and the death sentence.

Mr. Ichord: anti-war plans are no 'secret'

Special to the Daily World
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 — While the chairman of the House Internal Security Committee was talking about "secret" plans on the part of resisters to the Vietnam War, those plans were being made public by the New Mobilization Committee.

Rep. Richard H. Ichord (D-Mo) talked in ominous tones about a meeting in Cleveland allegedly held last weekend at which a three-phase anti-war campaign was drafted.

Meanwhile, a news conference was being held yesterday by Ron Young, co-chairman of the New Mobe; Stewart Meacham, a Quaker and another co-chairman; and Arthur Waskow, an associate of the Institute for Policy Studies.

They detailed plans for the winter-spring efforts to bring the war to an end. These included:

— A campaign against all forms of repression, particularly the persecution of the Black Panthers;

— A campaign to publicize involvement of U.S. corporations in the manufacture of instruments of death, as well as the deleterious economic effects of the war;

— A campaign to support G.I.'s and other draft-age youths who want to resist involvement in the war.

Culminating dates for the projected campaign, Young said, will be March 27, Good Friday; and May 30, Memorial Day. The latter will feature G.I. demonstration at military posts around the country.



Jimmy York, deputy chairman of the Jersey Branch of the Black Panther Party and Mrs. Clara Vincent, defense captain shown at headquarters at 384 Pacific Avenue.

The story of Jersey City plot to crush Panthers

By TED BASSETT

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 18 — Long before the attack on the Black Panthers Party drew nationwide attention, Jersey City police and officials were in a drive to crush the Panthers' fledgling branch here, this reporter was told by Jimmy York, the branch's deputy chairman, in an interview at his headquarters at 384 Pacific St.

York pointed out that Isaiah Rowley, Panther defense captain, and Victor Perez and Charles Hicks, leading members of the branch, have been held in jail on excessive bail for more than a year, including five months in solitary.

"They were," he said, "among 10 persons, of whom four were teenage non-members, who were seized in two simultaneous raids on Dec. 5, 1968.

"On May 12, 1969, Ralph Cobb was arrested here on trumped up charges of a plot to extort \$5,000 from a rabbi, and of kidnaping. Cobb is out on \$5,000 bail. His trial

is set for Jan. 12.

Defense committee
York said that a defense committee of prominent citizens, black and white, including liberal and religious figures, has been organized to support the fight to defend the Jersey City Panthers who were arrested, as well as to fight the oppression of black people across the country.

Cobb had been acting defense captain of the branch at the time of his arrest. The present defense captain is Mrs. Clare Vincent, who related to this reporter the details of the attacks on her branch.

"On Nov. 29, 1968," she said,

"the Jersey City fifth police precinct was strafed by three or four white men in a light-colored car. Five days later the three Panther members, Rowley, Perez, and Hicks and seven others, were arrested in two simultaneous pre-dawn raids. Also seized, she said, "were Rowley's wife, Ann, Adrian Owens, Willie Davis, and four juveniles.

She added that the raid on Rowley's house at 110 Arlington Ave. was led by Police Chief Stephen Nestor and Inspector Patrick McGhee, and on Hicks' house at 75 Bostwick Ave. the raid was led by James A. Tumulty, county prosecutor, and captain Edward Russ of the 5th precinct.

No warrant

"There was no warrant," she said. "Rowley was called on the phone by the police and told they were coming. But no sooner had he answered than they knocked on the door and entered with guns drawn. Looking out of the window he saw the house was surrounded by police with guns trained on the house.

"They roused everybody and handcuffed them and then began ripping pictures off the wall, tearing up clothing and turning over dressers in their search.

"Nine were arrested in Rowley's house. Charges of assault on a policeman and other charges were placed against them."

York continued the story at this point. He said the police pretended to be looking for weapons used in the Nov. 29 strafing of the 5th precinct.

At the arraignment, City Attorney Vincent Frank asked for \$100,000 bail for Rowley, Hicks and Perez.

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Jersey CP warns: watch racist cops

JERSEY CITY, N.Y., Dec. 18 — James Tormey, chairman of the Communist Party of New Jersey, vowed in a statement issued here today that "we New Jersey Communists join all who wish, without regard to their political or ideological persuasion, to build a mighty counter-offensive against the attack upon the Black Panther Party."

Terming the defense of the Black Panthers at this moment "the first line of defense of democracy and of the right to fight for fundamental change," Tormey appealed to the people of New Jersey, black and white, "to keep your eyes upon the Jersey police so that we can prevent another Chicago massacre."

"In New Jersey," he said, "the underworld of organized crime and massive corruption of public officials and the police now

coming to light goes hand-in-hand with a special racist violence against the black people of our state in Plainfield, Camden, Trenton, Patterson, Newark, Jersey City and elsewhere.

"It is not strange that in Hudson County, which is reputed to be the country's most corrupt county, three members of the Black Panther Party in Jersey City, Isaiah Rowley, Charles Hicks and Victor Perez have languished in jail on a frame-up charge for over twenty months without trial, with high bail amounting to ransom. It is here, too, that Ralph Cobb faces a phony kidnap charge under a state statute carrying an automatic mandatory 30-year sentence if found "guilty". It is not strange because organized crime, corruption in high places, racism and anti-Communism are all symptoms of a declining society."

KIDNAPPED



Shown in photo are (L to R) Roscoe Proctor, member of the National Trade Union Commission of the Communist Party and national committee member, James Tormey, chairman of the Communist Party of New Jersey and national committee member, Mrs. Clara Vincent, defense captain of the Jersey City branch of the Black Panther Party and Jimmy York, deputy chairman of the Branch.

Teamsters donate funds for other striking unions

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19—Delegates to the County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, got a first-hand account at their Dec. 15 meeting of how one local union — a Teamsters local — came to the support of its union brothers on the picketlines.

Jerry Veracruz, secretary-treasurer of Local 595 of the Teamsters, who had come to the federation meeting to ask for support of one of the Teamster union efforts, related how his members had donated over \$1,250 at their last meeting to be equally divided among the striking General Electric workers, the Herald Examiner strikers and the farm workers.

Readers of the DAILY WORLD have asked for information on means to use in making bequest to the paper's predecessors, the DAILY WORK for many years the recipients of such gifts supporters.

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Story on Jersey City plot on Panthers

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Judge Brenner at first set bail at \$7,500 but after a phone call from local politicians he set bail at \$50,000 each, and later reduced this to a still excessive \$30,000 for Rowley and Perez, and \$25,000 for Hicks.

As to the others, York said, Ann Rowley was charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors and remained in jail overnight and Willie Davis, on the same charge, had his probation revoked and was returned to the reformatory.

No complaints by parents were signed against either Ann Crowley or Davis, said York.

He added that Adrians Owens is out on \$5,000 bail and the juveniles were released in custody of their parents.

Mrs. Vincent cited as evidence of conspiracy against the Panthers a statement in the Hudson Dispatch of last May 7 in which Mayor Thomas Whelan called the Panthers "thugs and goons."

She also declared that Police Chief Nestor, two days before the raid, had said, in referring to the Nov. 29 strafing of the police precinct, "I assume it was the Black Panthers."

Bondsmen pressured

York continued the story. "Pressure," he said, "was put on bondsmen, who were told to take a don't-touch-attitude toward Rowley, Perez and Hicks, who are being held in violation of their constitutional rights which entitles them to a fair and speedy trial. They are also being subjected to harassment, beatings and denied the customary privileges of other inmates."

"Jersey City police have been permitted under pretext of interrogation to go into the Hudson County jail to beat and intimidate the three men."

Mrs. Vincent added that "on one occasion a local patrolman, Don Nagel, out of Jersey City's 7th precinct, along with a policeman from the Newark Imperiale-run police department went into the Hudson County jail to harass Rowley, Hicks and Perez."

"One of the privileges that the three defendants have been denied," she said, "is to read literature of their own choice."

She cited another instance, in which Floyd Tyler, while distributing Panther literature, was grabbed at Pacific and Maple street and thrown into a van by detectives Kevin Moran, William Hamilton and others. As the van passed through the black community, residents saw Tyler being beaten. He suffered a punch wound in the leg, body and facial abrasion, and an arm injury, she said.

Long harassment

York added that since last March he had been arrested for trespassing, for failing to give an account of himself in broad daylight, for alleged threats on the mayor of Linden and for alleged assault on a police officer.

He added, "I was sentenced to six months on the trumped up police assault charges which my attorney is appealing. I have also

had my Jersey and California drivers' licenses taken away on account of four alleged traffic violations for which I have never been convicted. I have also been arrested, charged and convicted of interstate transportation of firearms by a felon and sentenced to five years probation even though I have never been convicted of a felony before."

Counsel for Cobb is Milton H. Friedman, New York civil liberties attorney; counsel for Rowley is Raymond A. Brown; for Perez is Seymour Goldstab and for Hicks is Arthur N. D'Italia.

York said that the Panthers are demanding release of Rowley, Hicks and Perez on reasonable bail and their immediate trial by a jury of their peers. This demand stems from point nine of the Panther program, which reads:

"We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States."

He said the Jersey City branch has 125 children in hot breakfast programs at the Christ the King Catholic Church and the Lafayette Dutch Reform Church. They are also conducting a Liberation School at 384 Pacific Ave. every Saturday for youth in the Community, are holding community meetings for adults on housing, welfare, etc., and are in process of initiating a free health clinic.

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