

Year in jail for strikers

by NICK WAHL

The stiffest sentences to be meted out to demonstrators arrested in the January 23 mass arrest at SF State were handed down by Municipal Court Judge Fitzgerald Ames last week.

Susan Bethel and Larry Larsen were sentenced to one year each on the charges of disturbing the peace, unlawful assembly, and failure to disperse. Both Larsen and Miss Bethel, members of The Progressive Labor party (PL), acted as their own counsels throughout the trial and defended their revolutionary politics.

In a statement released to the press by the trial judge excerpts of testimony of the two were quot-

ed. Larsen leveled the charge at the judge that he was scared, "SCARED"

"You're scared that people are going to hear what our party has to say. You're scared that people, especially working people, are going to join the revolutionary movement," he said.

In examination periods in which they questioned themselves, the demonstrators asked: "Did we willfully join the fight against racism?" and answered: "Yes, we did." "Did we take a stand to fight like millions of working people before us? -- Yes, we did."

"Do we believe in ending this system of oppression and exploi-

tation, of racism and repression, of imperialist wars? -- Yes, we do."

In handing down the unprecedented sentences, the judge set the bail at \$10,000 for each defendant. Ames delivered a lecture to Larsen, calling him a "dedicated revolutionist" and added "the court cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing amazement that a person born and raised here could turn on his benefactors with such obvious scorn and hatred."

STATEMENT

In a statement following the sentencing, The Progressive Labor party declared: "To be at-

tacked by the enemy is a good thing. We will learn how to draw new steel from their old iron bars. Every time they put one of us in jail, some will be frightened away, yes, but many more will see just how vulnerable the ruling class really is, and in their new understanding, and their new anger, will join the ranks of our party and the revolutionary movement. The best way to defend Sue Bethel and Larry Larsen is to keep on fighting until this rotten racist system is smashed and the working class takes power."

At a rally at City Hall on Wednesday John Levin of PL and a student at SF State declared the

resolve of PL members to defend their politics in court -- and not resort to "tricky legalisms".

The rally was briefly visited by Mayor Joseph Alioto leaving his City Hall office. He was greeted by shouts of "Jail the Mayor" by the rallyers.

The two convicted demonstrators are scheduled for an appeal hearing today or Monday at which time they could be released on bail. Approximately \$50 was collected at the rally towards the \$2000 needed for a bail bondsman. Fred Jerome of PL appealed for donations to be sent to the PL office, 948 Market Street, SF.

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SDS splits on radical purge

by GREG deGIERE and NICK WAHL

CHICAGO -- Basic conflicts in student radicals' approaches to the working class caused a split at the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) national convention here last week, when a minority walked out and declared the majority expelled.

The two sides in SDS -- which lead strikes and other actions at schools across the US this year -- are those who want to create a "revolutionary youth movement" and those who are trying to build a "worker-student alliance."

WSA

The Worker-Student Alliance (WSA) caucus, lead by the Maoist Progressive Labor party (PL), views the working class as the only force which can lead a movement for basic changes in American society. It argues that "the ruling class is desperate about the growing militancy of workers, especially black workers, so it is intensifying its building of racism to further exploit black people

forces of the US overextending themselves around the world and being defeated piecemeal," so it wants to concentrate on supporting organizations such as the North Vietnamese government and the Black Panther party.

WALK-OUT

The high point of the chaotic convention came late Saturday



night when the RYM leaders and their allies -- including SF State SDS's Joe Hill caucus, Robert Avakian's Bay Area Revolutionary Union, and the old Communist party -- declared PL expelled. When most of the delegates simply laughed, the RYM group lead 500 to 700 of the 1500-plus persons in the hall in a walkout.

The next day the two groups met separately to pass statements and calls for demonstrations, elect national officers, and declare each other illegitimate. The WSA group plus many SDS ers of neither faction continued to meet in the regular convention hall, admitting anyone who came; while the RYM minority -- which the Chicago newspapers dubbed the "regulars" -- met in a church across town, excluding PLers, WSAers, and many other delegates deemed untrustworthy.

PURGE

The RYM splinter group pledged to purge PL and others who differ with it from SDS chapters everywhere. But the delegates who stayed in the SDS convention hall

promised to fight to hold the organization together and appealed to the renegades to "return to SDS and fight for their politics within the organization."

The effect of the split at SF State is still unclear. The WSA group usually commands a slim majority in the local SDS chapter, and SF State WSA leaders said that their caucus will attend any campus meetings called by the opposition Joe Hill caucus in the name of SDS.

But SF State students on both sides of the split played big roles at the convention, and leaders of the local WSA and Joe Hill caucuses were elected to national offices in the rural Chicago meetings.

PAT FORMAN

Pat Forman, WSA leader and SF State strike spokesman, was named national interorganizational secretary by the majority that stayed, and local SDS co-chairman and WSAer Gordon DeMarco was picked to be an alternate member

The rump convention across town elected Joe Hill caucus leader Jeff Jones as national inter-organizational secretary. Joe Hill ideologue Alex Forman, although not picked for national office by the RYM schismatics, emerged as a prominent spokesman in the attack on PL and WSA.

PANTHERS

The main anti-PL strategy of the old national leaders was to call on leaders of the Illinois Black Panther party to attack the leaders' opponents.

The first time a Panther spokesman spoke to the convention he got no more specific than asserting that "we are the vanguard, no these other punks -- you know who I'm talking about." Much more of his speech was consumed with a discussion of Eldridge Cleaver's slogan "pussy power."

"We say that a revolutionary woman shouldn't lay up with a counter-revolutionary man, be-

cause there are plenty of revolutionary men who you can call who will be happy to take care of you in your hour of need," the Panther spokesman said.

'MALE CHAUVINISM'

This was greeted with boos, hisses, shouted insults, and chants of "fight male chauvinism" from about three-fourths of the assembled SDSers. A few RYM delegates applauded, but they later officially apologized at the demand of a "women's liberation caucus" representing women of both major factions.

Hayakawa blasts self

by HARVEY POSKINS

Acting president S. I. Hayakawa released a letter written to himself last Friday in which he advised himself to resign immediately.

"If you had any sense you'd quit this minute," the spunky acting president advised himself.

During the course of the letter to himself Hayakawa admitted he was guilty of unprofessional conduct, ill temper, and various other acts of contempt for the people.

The mocking letter of self-criticism was written in the semantically unclear academic language so recognizable to SF State students.

CRITIC

Arthur Bierman, an outspoken critic of Hayakawa and his Administration, did not accept the message in the unserious manner in which it was presented. "His good faith will be shown when he gives us word on the date of his resignation," Bierman declared.

In retort, Hayakawa said, "I will resign as acting president when I am appointed permanent president."

In the letter Hayakawa admitted to several improprieties on his

The next day, however, the old national SDS leaders brought in a more articulate Panther leader, Jules Cook, Panther field secretary in Illinois.

Cook, reading from a position paper he identified as authorized by national Black Panther leaders Bobby Seale and David Hilliard, accused PL of a "definite deviation from the correct line on the question of self-determination for black and other third world people. If PL continues its egocentric policies, they will be condemned as

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part. He criticized himself for "serious unprofessional" behavior in accepting the presidency of the college in defiance of Academic Senate rules at a time "when the campus was in dangerous turmoil." Besides the Academic Senate, Hayakawa listed six other organizations he should have consulted.

WIRES

In reference to his criminal act of ripping the wires from a sound truck parked off-campus, Hayakawa remarked of himself: "There is no doubt that your action was precipitate and impetuous." He listed several organizations and individuals he should have consulted before he committed the act.

After climbing from the sound truck, Hayakawa called English professor Kay Boyle "a fool" and threatened to fire her. Hayakawa's criticism of himself on this point was rather unclear.

"To attempt to terminate Miss Boyle's employment is understandable and possibly within your rights as an administrator. But to call public attention to a lady's imperfections, whether of character or intelligence, is unpar-donably rude. You are a cad sir!"

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and disunite the working class."

This faction, which has grown tremendously within SDS in the last three years, puts forth as its main slogan "fight racism."

RYM

On the other side of the split is the Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) faction, headed by last year's SDS national officers.

This youth group thinks that young people of all social classes will be the leaders of a coming revolution. But pessimistic of the youth's strength, this group expects this revolution to triumph only "as a result of the military

Jazz Journal
Steven J. Carter

Skuffling is the means by which jazz musicians keep the ends together. To some, that entails a day gig (get somebody else to run the terminology down to you - there isn't room here). Others prefer an ol' lady with an income. That arrangement is not only the most comfortable but is aesthetically less style-cramping than others. The kinds of concessions you make to a woman may mess with your independence but not with your music. Which brings us to the third and most insidious skuffle: "night-time-day-gigs".

N.T.D.G.s are those wherein you play what The Man wants to hear. Some can do that and keep their own music separate. That is not, however, an easy trick.

Charlie Parker said music is your life - if you don't live it, it won't come out of your horn. Implicit in his statement is the notion that you can't kiss The Man's ass during the day and blow truly beautiful music after night-fall. If you have to do that brown-nosing, your music has to reflect it. It follows then, that musicians have a deep-seated need for living in peace with those around them - unalienated life, if you will.

Of course that kind of life is impossible in America today and that is why the skuffle continues.

Two ex-San Francisco musicians are featured on Ornette Coleman's first Impulse album entitled Ornette At 12. The title refers to Ornette Denardo Coleman, the artist's 12 year old drummer-son.

Tenorist Dewey Redman and bassist Charlie Haden both lived in San Francisco. Haden and drummer Jerry Granelli made up two thirds of the Denny Zeitlin Trio when it was at its peak of popularity. Redman had his own group here with Rafael Garrett, Eddie Moore, and trumpeter Julius Ellerbee (since split for Colorado due to the exigencies of his health).

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counter-revolutionary traitors."

JUDGED

"SDS will be judged by the company it keeps," Cook added. He was booed by about half the delegates, many of whom shouted "fight anti-communism," and "let the NO (national officers) speak for themselves."

Cook was answered by Jeff Gordon, a national leader of PL and WSA. "We will not be baited or intimidated out of SDS," he shouted.

But the PL leader also spoke favorably of the Black Panthers.

DEFENSE

"The Panthers' original emphasis on armed self-defense for black people was a very progressive thing, which we support. We also recognize the Panthers as a militant anti-capitalist organization, and we support them and wish to defend them from the recent wave of organized attacks on them by the state," Gordon said.

Gordon omitted mention of the Black Panthers' more recent emphasis on "community control of the pigs (police)" and service programs such as the Breakfast for Children program. PL has criticized this side of the Panthers' work as "building illusions that people can control the police while the ruling class still controls the rest of the state, and illusions that there can be a socialism program existing under capitalism."

"But we've been very consistent in saying that the main thing for SDS to do is to build an anti-racist, anti-imperialism student movement, not to criticize the negative aspect of the black liberation struggle or just issue statements of support and run band-aids, as the former national SDS leaders do," Gordon said later.

WALKOUT

Following Gordon's speech, RYM leaders repeated the Panthers' accusation that PL opposed self-determination, and then called on all delegates who backed self-determination to leave to caucus in an adjoining room. When 500-700 persons left with them, they locked the doors to prevent any of their followers from rejoining the main body.

After a 26-hour caucus, highlighted by another Panther speech, the RYM caucus voted to expel PL and walk out of the convention. When one RYMer objected that the minority had no right to expel the

majority, the caucus chairman ruled him out of order.

WORKSHOPS

Left without the RYM leaders, the majority remaining in the main hall broke down into discussion workshops on the issues of the split. The former officers had prevented such workshops throughout the previous three days.

Meeting separately after the final walkout, the two conventions adopted calls for separate national actions in the fall. The majority remaining in the convention hall voted for "nation-wide student actions, such as strikes, local and regional mobilizations, rallies,

and sit-ins" on November 12. These actions would demand "end to the racist attacks on black people" and "US get out of Vietnam now."

The renegade group passed a Joe Hill caucus proposal for "one week of massive anti-war actions" beginning November 8. Also adopted across town was a call for "three days of demonstrations and actions in Chicago beginning September 24," the date of the beginning of "conspiracy" trials for eight persons indicted as leaders of last summer's demonstrations at the Democratic national convention.

OFFICE

It seems unlikely that the "two SDS's" will last long, but which one will survive is questionable. The RYM group still controls the old national office in Chicago, the

small SDS treasury, the presses, and the organization's mailing list.

But the WSA group, which grew to its current size from four PLers who joined SDS three years

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SDS CONVENTION cont. from page 3 ago, still seems to be on the offensive. The majority which stayed in the convention hall, lead by the WSA caucus, did not exclude disagreeing individuals and groups, so many SDSers not aligned with either camp stayed with the organization.

REJECT
Pat Forman expressed confidence that "the students across the country will keep SDS together and reject the splitist leadership."
"We elected a national interim committee consisting of leaders including about half who aren't in the WSA caucus and even a few

who walked out but came back after being turned off by the lack of internal democracy in the RYM group. And the Worker-Student Alliance caucus will continue to do who it's been going for three years -- organizing as many students as possible around an anti-racist, pro-working class movement."

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Two of ACT'S most popular productions will leave the repertory after three more performances each. "A FLEA IN HER EAR" will be presented for the last times

at 8:30 p.m. on June 26, July 5 and 10 at the Geary Theatre. "LITTLE MURDERS", will have its final performances on the same dates as "A FLEA IN HER EAR", but at the Marines' Memorial Theatre. Reservations may be made by calling 673-6440.

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