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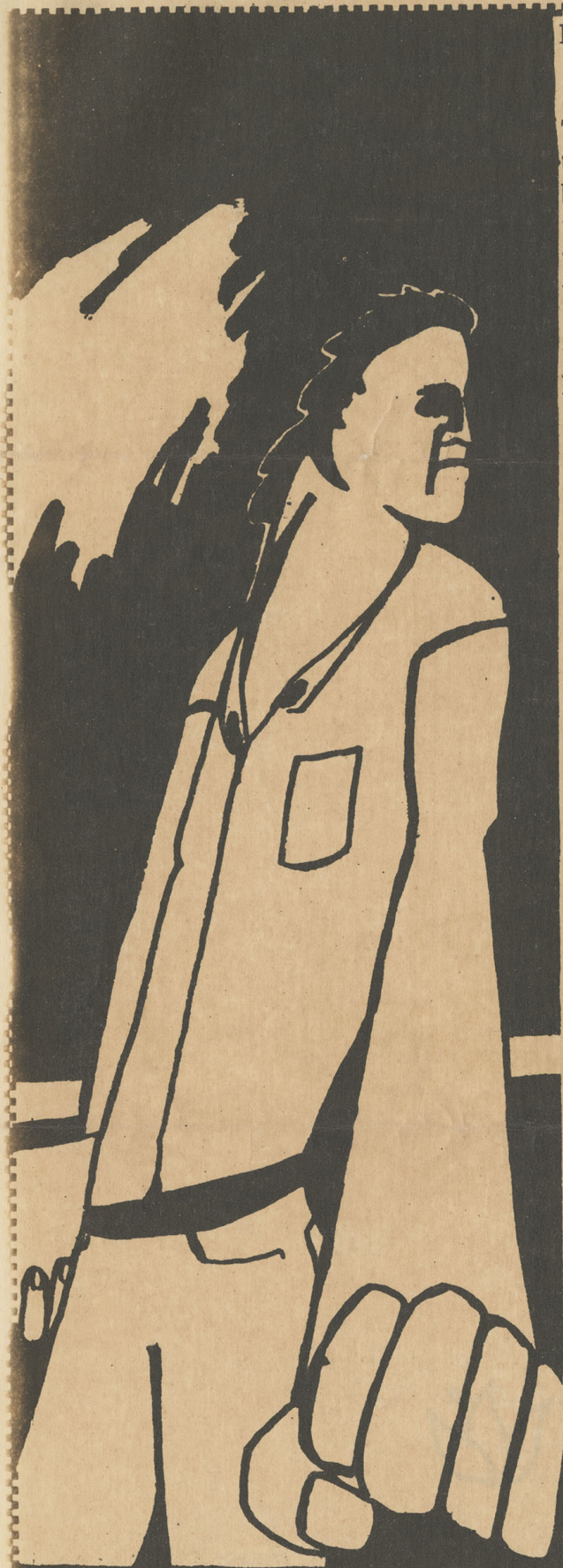
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The richest and most powerful criminals in the world are coming to San Francisco Sept. 15-19. They're not throwing a testimonial dinner for Legs Diamond, they're having an "International Industrialists Conference". Some of the country's top gangsters will be there. Davie "Scarface" Rockefeller (from New York's Chase Manhattan Bank) "Jolly" Roger Blough (U. S. Steel) and Ed "Bugsy" Kaiser (Kaiser Aluminum) and hundreds of their cohorts will be meeting at the Fairmont Hotel to map out their business strategy in the Third World and the U. S. for the next 4 years.

If these gangsters wore white spats and carried tommy guns, they'd be easy to deal with. They don't. They carry attache cases and confer with presidents on weekends. Once every 4 years virtually everyone who is anyone in the ruling class of the United States comes to San Francisco. While the Vietnam war continues endlessly, taxes rise, and police kill black people at will, the world's top "industrialists" meet on Nob Hill to figure out how to increase their profits.

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DOING THEIR THING



In the United States the industrialists rule. They have the power and we know it. We have seen too many jive elections. (Johnson and Nixon were both going to end the war, remember?) We know that the people don't have any say in how this country is run. And we know that every government policy makes these guys richer: the war in Asia, cops in the ghettos, tracking in the schools, higher taxes and prices. Almost everyone in Tricky Dick Nixon's cabinet is from big business and they're proud of it. Surprising? We know that business and government are partners and that these men meeting in San Francisco have the final say in what goes on. From the Far East to your home block, money talks and everything else has to listen.

THEY DO OUR THING TOO

Instead of cleaning dirty cities, building decent housing, and assuring people jobs, they pour money back into their companies and wasteful defense programs like ABM. To drill their oil and cut their lumber, they mess up our beaches and destroy our forests. To run their factories, they pollute our air and water. To protect their investments in other people's land, they send troops to Asia and Latin America and their cops to the ghettos. In the name of "freedom", and "private property", they make us fight their wars and constantly raise our taxes to pay for it. When the people fight back to protect what's theirs, we've seen what happens: from Watts to S. F. State, from Cuba to People's Park.

HIROHITO'S HENCHMEN

It's hard to remember when the Asian war began. Now these guys at the Fairmont are planning more action. Rockefeller, Blough and the boys will not be meeting alone. Some of their junior partners from Japan will be moving into town a couple of weeks early. "Japan Week in San Francisco" is officially publicized as a "festival and trade fair". In reality, the men meeting at the Fairmont have invited their counterparts from Japan (including one member of the Imperial Family) to pull a public relations ploy and make sure that the U. S. can keep Japan's help in maintaining its foreign investments and military bases in Vietnam, Thailand, and Korea. Japan has three hundred million dollars invested in Thailand and the U. S. has fifty thousand GI's there now.

Unite

In World War II, millions of Japanese and American people died in a war that was supposed to bring peace and democracy to Asia. But it wasn't the Japanese people who wanted to rape China and bomb Pearl Harbor--it was the big Japanese businessmen and generals. American businessmen and politicians, not the American people, wanted the Pacific for their private lake. These same men threw one hundred and twenty thousand Japanese-Americans into concentration camps in California. And now, American and Japanese businessmen are getting together to figure out how to expand and hold on to their financial empires.

IT'S THE SYSTEM

Dig it? The ruling class runs the system, and the system screws everyone. The system puts us in schools that don't teach us what we want to learn. The system tracks us into boring jobs, low-paying jobs, or no jobs at all. The system trains women to serve men, and like it; to get paid less for doing the same jobs men do, and not complain. The system robs people's pocketbooks and creates a welfare system whose money goes for paying social workers, not the hungry and jobless. The system screws Black and other Third World people. It makes whites think they have it good and blames the Third World people for the problems created by the system itself. While Huey P. Newton stays in jail with no bail. Teddy Kennedy runs scot free on the Senate floor. And the system has a name: Imperialism. It's the ruling class that keeps this system going and makes sure that things run in 2 directions--up for them, down for us.

THE SYSTEM CRACKS

But the ruling class has its problems too. They'd like to see things work just like the commercials they put on TV--smiling housewives and kids with no cavities. But as anyone who has ever used Crest toothpaste knows, it ain't necessarily so.

Food costs are rising, debts are higher than ever before. Between state and local taxes, skyrocketing inflation, and now the federal surtax, real incomes of working people have declined over the last ten years. According to LIFE Magazine, unless you've gotten a fifty per cent wage increase over the last ten years, your buying power has actually gone down. Meanwhile, the top officers at General Motors received nineteen per cent more in salaries, bonuses, and stock options since just last year. **CONTINUED** →



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In Africa, Asia, and Latin America the system's cracks are even bigger. In Latin America, 2 million people die every year of hunger and curable diseases. In the past fifteen years more people have died there than the combined combat deaths of World War I and World War II. At the same time U.S. corporations take out over two billion dollars income from Latin American investments. That comes to one thousand dollars for every dead Latin American. That's what imperialism is all about.

So the ruling class has called this conference to deal with their problems--to figure out how to make the system work better for them. In their own words, they plan to talk about:

- "Coordinating development efforts of private business and government." That means buying the governments the people are supposed to elect.
- "Obstacles to private foreign investment." That means sending occupation troops and CIA bands to South America and Asia where people defend their right to control their own resources and government.
- "Developing feasible alternatives to free collective bargaining and strikes." That means trying to buy off unions and bust strikes.

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It's very clear why people all over the world are starting to go to war to kick these gangsters out of their countries.

GETTING IT TOGETHER

People are getting together. When a bunch of streamlined Mafiosos control the people's turf and the people's lives, there is only one thing to do--take the power back into our own hands. We must do it, and the only way to do that is together: the people of Asia, Africa, and Latin America are our brothers. They are up against the same enemy. The Blacks and Browns of this country aren't against us, they're fighting the same capitalist system we are. We are beginning to follow the example of Third World people at home and abroad. We must fight the Rockefellers, the Kaisers, the Bloughs, because fighting is the only way to stop them from stealing everything we have and our lives too.

So when these men come to San Francisco, SDS, the Asian Coalition, Los Siete de la Raza and others are calling a series of demonstrations. Thousands of young people will be marching on the Fairmont Hotel, marching to kick these super-business pigs out. We'll tell them that they can't meet here--or anywhere. We'll show them that if they want to make plans to rule the world, then they'll have to face the wrath of the people.

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