

## Not an advantage

The equalizer.

That's what the U.S. army calls the neutron warhead, which will either be leading to European missile sites or to the Asian. Pres. Carter should send the project to the Asian, as he has "retaliated" decided to do, according to recent reports.

Far from being an "equalizer," the neutron warhead would give the European pact countries a "technical advantage" over the Soviet forces. This technical advantage comes from the effectiveness of the weapon in countering conventional forces, especially against Soviet tanks. But the warhead could also be used in aggressive offensive actions as well as making it not only a defensive weapon, but a possible — and a very dangerous — offensive weapon. The danger is compounded by the possibility of a neutron warhead battle becoming a full-fledged nuclear war.

But perhaps the most damage of which the neutron warhead will be capable will become evident in the drive for strategic arms limitation. With a neutron warhead a reality, coupled with the recent hoopla over upgrading the U.S. satellite program, arms limitation may be even more difficult to achieve than it was before the warhead and satellite systems came onto the scene.

Without a doubt, the neutron warhead should be tossed into the Asian. The advantages listed by army sources may be true, but the dangers of using a technical nuclear weapon, particularly one which is designed to be used in any kind of war, are not worth the risk of a nuclear war.

We have no doubt that the neutron warhead would endanger arms limitation, jeopardize the chances for peace, and enhance the chances for a nuclear war. And we see no advantage in that.

## Bakke demonstration Saturday

Submitted by John Kaiser for the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade

The U.S. Supreme Court will come out with its ruling on the Bakke case sometime in April. This case represents a major attack on minorities, aimed at ripping away gains made through the mass struggles of the '50's and '60's. Students, workers, and others will be taking to the streets and demonstrating April 8 and students will be wearing armbands nationally on April 12 to stand up to this attack.

Allen Bakke, a 34-year-old white engineer, was rejected twice from medical school at the University of California at Davis, as well as 13 other schools in 1973-74. Encouraged to do so by a member of the admissions committee, Bakke sued U.C. Davis, claiming he was a victim of "reverse discrimination" because he had scored higher on admission tests than minority students who were accepted. The California Supreme Court agreed, saying a white couldn't be passed over because an affirmative action program held a certain number of positions for minorities. The U.S. Supreme Court heard the case in Oct. 1977 and will rule on it soon.

The press and politicians have jumped on the "reverse discrimination" bandwagon. They say that

the opportunities are equal today for minorities and whites and there's no more discrimination. They say that now everyone has an equal chance to "get ahead" in this system, and in fact there's actually reverse discrimination against whites.

Apparently the capitalists, the rich and their representatives, don't even read their own statistics. Only 1 percent of all California lawyers are national minorities, though they are 25 percent of the population. The doctor-population ratio for the U.S. is 1/700. For minority doctor-minority population it is 1/3800 for blacks, 1/20,000 for Native Americans, and 1/30,000 for Chicacos. Here at the University of Oregon, where they've already axed special admission and financial aid programs for minorities, there are only 200 Black and 35 Chicaco students.

National oppression neither starts nor stops in college. When the cops declare open season on shooting down youth, minority youth are first on the list. The future looks more and more dead-end for young people with one-half of Black youth unemployed compared to one-fifth of all youth. Average Black family income fell from 62 percent of the average white family income in 1970 to 58 percent in 1974.

Who benefits from the Bakke decision? Only the capitalist class gains from national oppression, discrimination and inequality. And imperialism, the system of monopoly capitalism, is the source of all oppression. Politically, the help maintain their rule, the rich would like nothing better than to convince whites that minorities are to blame for the shrinking number of jobs and college openings, and convince minorities that the only problem is the racist ideas of whites. Economically also, only the owning class wins. They get the super-profits when minorities are paid less and the extra money from over-priced rents on lousy housing.

So who keeps Bakke and minority students from medical school?

The capitalists have purposely built only a small number of med schools (each year 42,000 apply for 16,000 first-year med school spots) so they can keep medical care profitable, therefore unaffordable for most people. That's how their whole system works: don't give a damn about the needs of the people unless they can make big bucks off it.

Even if Allen Bakke, the individual, hadn't brought this case, the worsening economic and political conditions in this country would have given rise to a similar case or other legal cover for the ruling class to attack national minorities.

This decision is only the front line of an advancing attack by the capitalists against minority people. If the Bakke case stands there will be severe repercussions throughout society. This case will be used to destroy affirmative action, and other gains won by minorities and women, and to legitimize national (minority) oppression. It is also an attack against working people and youth of all nationalities to try to make us fight among ourselves over the crumbs of an ever-shrinking pie.

The only way for us — minorities and whites — is to stand together to defeat the Bakke decision and fight to end all oppression. As long as a capitalist class rules there will be oppression. Only through making working class revolution to socialism, working class rule, will working people and the masses of all nationalities really be able to end national oppression and transform all of society.

The National Coalition to Overturn the Bakke Decision is calling demonstrations across the country on April 8, including in Seattle. A National Armband Day has been called for on April 12 by the RCYB, with the slogans: Minorities and Whites — Unite to Smash the Bakke Decision! Fight All Attacks on Oppressed Nationalities! Fight Imperialism, the Source of All Oppression!

Wear the armband April 12! Pick up yours at the RCYB table in the EMU Monday or Wednesday.



WE SAY THEY HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANY BUILDING MORATORIUM, AND THEY'RE GOING TO BUILD SETTLEMENTS WHEREVER THEY CAN, WELL PLEASE AND WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT.

opinion

## U.S. media distort truth of Israeli terrorism

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The U.S. media has been treating the events in the Middle East in a distorted and biased manner. Even the Emerald "the students' newspaper" hasn't escaped this biased reporting. Israel has been looked upon as a "bastion of democracy" which needs "security" in the face of any Palestinian "terrorist" attack. Sadat of Egypt is portrayed as "the man of the year" whose "peace initiative" is in jeopardy. The U.S. arms deal to Israel, Saudi Arabia and Egypt is intended to ensure "stability and balance" while the U.N. troops in Lebanon are a "peace keeping force" or "buffer zone" between Israel and the Palestinians.

The fact of the matter is that Israel is neither a peaceful nor a democratic state. Israel is based on the Zionist ideology which was condemned by the U.N. as a racist ideology. The Zionist ideology advocates and practices racial discrimination against non-Jewish people. The Zionist colonization of Palestine denies the Palestinian people (3.8 million) their rightful homeland. On these same lands an exclusive Jewish State was established which grants Jews from all over the world the "right of return" while it denies it to the indigenous population. The Zionists have forcefully evicted the Palestinians from their homes and denied them their right to self-determination.

One of the aspects of Zionism is the use of brutal force and massacres in order to force millions of Palestinians to evacuate their land. Numerous massacres were committed, historically, Deir Yassin in 1948 and Kafir-Kassim in 1956 are but two examples. The Palestinians who stayed in their homes had to remain as second class citizens in

Israel. They face discrimination in employment and education; they are forced to live within restricted areas and can only move from place to place with a pass permit. Another aspect of Zionism is the Israeli policy of expansionism as exemplified by the steady expansion from a small number of settlements to almost all of Palestine by 1949.

The 1967 aggression led to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza, the Golan Heights and Sinai. The recent invasion of Lebanon where thousands were killed is a clear manifestation of Zionism's kill-evict and occupy policy. The U.S. news media never referred to this, instead, it would have us believe that the Israeli invasion of Lebanon is an act of "security" in "retaliation" for the Palestinian "terrorist" attack against Israel.

The double-talk practiced by the U.S. news media makes Israel's wholesale violence a "retaliation" to maintain the "security of the State", while, they describe Palestinians' struggle against this violence as "terror."

In the dictionary the word terrorism means "intimidation by the systematic use of violence" as a means of both "governing and opposing existing government." The creation of the colonial state of Israel by the expulsion of the Palestinian people is an intimidation by violence, it is an act of "terrorism". Even after its creation the essence of the Israeli policy is intimidation by unrestrained violence against the Palestinian and other Arab people. The Israeli record is revealing: according to the Associated Press Israel has carried out a minimum of nine military attacks on Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon since February 1973. In May 1974, Zionist Israel started a series of bombing raids that continued for nine months,

destroyed 30 Lebanese villages and took the lives of thousands of innocent men, women and children.

On November 1977, during the so-called "peace momentum", Israel bombed the refugee camps in Southern Lebanon resulting in the massacre of 600 innocent people. This Israeli policy of violence and expansion has been going on for the past 30 years independent of who is in power, from Ben Gurion to the terrorist Begin. Yet the media uses the word "terrorism" to describe the Palestinian commando raid on Israel which resulted in the death of 30 persons. Somehow it is never used to describe what is and has been the result of the Israeli policy, backed up by the most sophisticated arms supplied by the U.S.

This selective use of the word "terrorism" led the U.S. State Department to estimate a world-wide total of 292 deaths caused by "terrorism" for the past three years. The thousands of people who get killed everyday in Palestine, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Chile, Argentina and other countries go unnoticed. To the State Department, the wholesale violence used by the fascist client states is not "terror", it is merely "maintaining order" or "retaliation". Meanwhile, the struggle of the people for freedom and democracy is depicted as "terror".

The struggle of the Palestinian people against imperialism, Zionism and the reactionary Arab regimes is a just struggle for the right of self-determination. The goal of the Palestinian movement is the establishment of secular, democratic state in Palestine for Christians, Moslems and Jews. The struggle of the Palestinian people is part of the struggle of the Third World people for liberation and self-determination. It is a struggle supported by all progressive people of the world.