

were afraid to show up for work on Friday. Housewives are staying home, too scared even to venture out to local stores for the day's shopping.

The press is gleefully fueling an already explosive situation. The Observer headlined the Birmingham explosion: "The night a city felt trapped." Describing bomb casualties, the Observer quoted a local doctor: "You would go into the casualty ward and could be forgiven for thinking roast beef was cooking--the smell of burns was still there long after these people were removed."

With reports of more fabricated "terrorist" attacks to follow, Jenkins warned: "We could be moving to a situation that could be as dangerous in the long-term as in Northern Ireland itself."

Jenkins' measures made it an offense to be a member of, or support in any way, the IRA. Since the British Left openly supports the IRA as a liberation force in Northern Ireland, they will be prime targets in Jenkins' new reign of terror. Homes of British leftists are already regularly raided and searched on the pretext of IRA sympathy. Now they will be subject to intensive interrogation in Irish-style detention camps while awaiting deportation, imprisonment, or unlimited fines if tried and found guilty.

The Conservative Opposition has promised special cooperation with the Government's proposals so they can become law by Nov. 28.

BIRMINGHAM PLAN FOR SELF-POLICING, WARRING NEIGHBORHOODS IS MODEL FOR U.S.

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 25 (IPS)--A pilot citywide system is being set up in the city of Birmingham, Alabama to divide the working class into squabbling, self-policing "strategic hamlets" competing for jobs, services, and housing. It is a triple-tiered structure with 86 elected neighborhood citizens committees at its base, an intermediate level of 19 community committees, and a Citywide Advisory Board. Elections to the neighborhood committees were held Nov. 20.

The system is strikingly similar to the Judenrat (Jewish Council) structure set up by the Nazis to control the doomed Jewish ghetto of Warsaw.

Under the Community Planning and Development Act of 1974, the Department of Housing and Urban Development is helping to set up similar structures in cities throughout the United States.

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While set up under HUD requirements to provide "community participation" on matters of housing, schools, etc., the Birmingham apparatus will interface with other citywide slave labor institutions to create an integrated Judenrat system. Most importantly, according to an official at the Birmingham Department of Community Development, it is intended that the local Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) group known as the Manpower Planning Consortium will use the HUD apparatus to get neighborhood participation in the planning of slave labor programs.

It is also likely that the HUD neighborhood apparatus will be used to develop Law Enforcement Assistance Administration programs. According to Jesse Stewart, a Birmingham long-standing poverty pimp, once the neighborhood committees are set up, "the people of each neighborhood will be forced to be responsible for the crime rate."

Prior to the elections for the neighborhood committees, counterinsurgents from Operation New Birmingham went throughout the city asking people what neighborhood they live in and where their neighborhood ends and another begins. In this way, the parochial tendencies of the population were reinforced, and the neighborhood committee boundaries were drawn on the basis of a map of the neurotic fears of the population.

Existing neighborhood organizations, such as black civic groups, white ethnic groups, local community associations, are expected to provide the backbone of the neighborhood committees.

UAW'S BLUESTONE ASKS WORKERS TO SACRIFICE FOR SUB PAY

TORONTO, Nov. 25 (IPS)--At a closed meeting here of the United Auto Workers General Motors Council Nov. 21, Council head UAW Vice President Irving Bluestone put forward an Executive Board proposal to divert up to 10 cents per hour in negotiated wage and cost of living increases into the GM Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) fund. GM SUB pay, according to Bluestone, is "in a crisis" due to mounting extended layoffs.

Bluestone asked the 500 Canadian and U.S. Council members to "sound out" their rank and file on the idea. "It is morally and economically right," he claimed. "We have to ask workers to sacrifice, not only for workers already laid off, but for those still employed who may be idled in the future."

Bluestone is doing nothing less than calling for the Brazilianization of the American working class. The first step in the devastating recycling of the Brazilian working class was based on the notorious PIN program whereby workers set aside part of their wages for expected layoffs and other misfortunes.