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14th Amendment "Invalid"?

Governor George Wallace of Alabama said the other day that the 14th Amendment was "Constitutionally invalid" and therefore should be nullified.

Considering that the U.S. constitution was a *slaveholders'* Constitution before the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, and to a certain extent still is, the racist Governor has a legal point.

The 14th Amendment was passed in a way that wasn't quite according to the ideas of the Constitution-makers. Strictly speaking it wasn't "legal."

(Of course the American Revolution wasn't "legal" and the Civil War wasn't "legal," either. The existence of the United States, by this logic, is open to serious legal doubts!)

The 14th Amendment was forced through the House of Representatives

in 1866 by the tactics of *not allowing the Southern Representatives to vote*. This tactic was only possible because a *civil war* had just been fought against the ruling class these men represented and an army was occupying their country.

The ruling class of today—including the now all-powerful *Northern* ruling class—conceals this irregularity from the schoolchildren and all but erases it from history.

Both Northern and Southern ruling classes conceal it—not because either is in the least bit serious about enforcing the 14th Amendment's mildly progressive provisions, but because they are both mortally afraid the oppressed masses will learn the most effective way to change constitutions in their own favor and make new ones.

Love vs. Struggle

Thomas Jefferson said, "The tree of liberty should be watered from time to time with the blood of tyrants."

Some of the so-called friends of Black Freedom have tried to re-word that injunction and water liberty with the blood of the tyrants' victims.

That, more or less, is how the moderates, liberals, pacifists, etc., view the struggle in the South today. The worst of them call for restraining the struggle altogether, telling the people not to march, not to demonstrate, etc. The best of them call for restraining the normal passions of people who are asking for freedom and being spit upon, kicked, beaten and tortured.

Some defend this line of action not as a way of life or a religious principle like the preachers do—but as a clever and successful tactic. "Doesn't it compel the attention of the whole world?" they say. "And doesn't it succeed in gaining concessions from Kennedy and the courts?"

But it is not the restraint of the oppressed that shocks the world, it's the *lack* of restraint of the oppressors! And it's not the non-violence of the sit-ins and the marchers that wins concessions from the racist. It's the fact that the sit-inners *sat* and the marchers *marched*! Those who regard non-violence as a tactic in this epic struggle may believe that an attempt at self-defense will only bring more violence down upon the oppressed from the oppressor. But the facts prove otherwise.

William Moore, for example, was *killed* because he put his faith in love rather than struggle. The cowardly racists are *encouraged* in their violence, knowing in advance that their victims will be *non-violent*.

"Very Funny," Said JFK's Brother

James Baldwin, Lorraine Hansberry and others met with Robert F. Kennedy last week to discuss the problems of the Black people.

It might help things, Baldwin said, to have Kennedy's brother, the President, accompany the three Black students into Alabama University next month and defy the segregationists in a dramatic and internationally publicized move.

Actually, this is just the kind of liberal pipe dream that might really come true. It would make JFK look like a knight in shining armor (with 5,000 Secret Service men guarding him), win

The exponents of non-violence as a tactic may imagine that the racists will not kill unarmed demonstrators in broad daylight. But they underestimate the cruelty of the racists just as they underestimate the rising wrath of the people they are trying to lead. The racists are just as capable of slaughtering unarmed masses as they have already shown themselves capable of slaughtering unarmed individuals.

The great masses of Black people understand this very well and one of the big reasons they have not moved in much greater numbers onto the arena of battle is that they want to *win*—not just be martyrs. For them, the "philosophy" of non-violence never even existed. They do not want to be organized as sitting ducks; they want to be organized as an army of fighters to win their freedom.

Baldwin Says Rev. King Is at 'End of His Rope'

NEW YORK, May 28—Author James Baldwin said today that a great many followers of Martin Luther King are now turning their backs on him. Reason: *non-violence won't work*.

Baldwin spoke over New York educational station, WGBH-TV and strongly criticized Rev. King's philosophy of "love your enemies" and "turn the other cheek."

"You can only survive so many beatings, so much humiliation, so much despair, so many broken promises before something gives."

"... Martin has reached the end of his rope," he said.

him more votes in the North than he would lose in the South, and at the same time would hardly give the Black-Man-in-the-street any equality to worry about at all.

But it is a little concession to the struggle, and would be a new departure for a President.

Robert F. Kennedy thought the proposition was so "way out" and outrageous that he laughed at it.

"Let's just say he didn't get the point," Baldwin said.

Let's just say that Baldwin made the understatement of the year.

Sobell Supporters to Rally at 10th Anniversary of Rosenbergs' Death

June 19 is the 10th anniversary of the martyrdom of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

The Rosenberg-Sobell case was a product of the witch-hunt hysteria of the McCarthy era. Despite nation and world-wide protests, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were executed and Morton Sobell languishes in prison for the alleged crime of "conspiracy to commit" espionage.

Neither the Rosenbergs nor Sobell were actually charged with espionage or treason. Under the "conspiracy" charge, no proof of any actual acts of espionage is needed. No proof was forthcoming.

Not one shred of documentary evidence was presented at the trial. The chief witness against the Rosenbergs, David Greenglass, has since been called a habitual liar and mentally unbalanced by his wife.

Nobel prize scientist Harold Urey asserted that Greenglass did not have sufficient knowledge of physics, chemistry, or mathematics to transmit atom bomb secrets to anyone.

The U.S. Court of Appeals said: "Doubtless, if that (Greenglass's testimony) were disregarded, the conviction could not stand."

A Fairy Tale and a Test Ban

Second only to the hypocrisy of the U.S. ruling class over Birmingham is its hypocrisy over nuclear testing.

In the past few weeks, Kennedy has suddenly become very concerned about nuclear testing and told the people he was worried about "the genie getting out of the bottle"—as though he were talking to children at the Library's Saturday Afternoon Fairy Tale Reading.

(Last October, if memory serves, Kennedy said he would pull any number of genes out of the bottle and threatened not just a nuclear test or two but a nuclear war to obliterate half of mankind—including by some official estimates, 90 million of his own countrymen.)

Not only Kennedy, but the whole capitalist press and a great many Senators and other spokesmen for big business have now sounded off very progressively indeed on the dangers in further nuclear testing.

But suddenly there comes an announcement that the *Soviet Union* is likely to start nuclear tests again, thus rudely ignoring all these good Senators and trampling upon the honest anti-war sentiments of the idealist in the White House!

But the genie-haunted Mr. Kennedy and his friends must have known that the Soviets were going to start new

The Rosenbergs insisted on their innocence to the end.

Filmsy as the case against the Rosenbergs was, the case against Sobell was less than filmsy. Sobell was convicted on the testimony of only one witness, Max Elitcher, who admitted previous perjury. Sobell's lawyers advised him that the evidence of the prosecution was so threadbare, his most effective defense would be to rest on his plea of innocence, without even taking the witness stand.

The judge who sentenced Sobell to 30 years (Irving Kaufman) told the jury:

"If you do not believe the testimony of Max Elitcher as it pertains to Sobell, then you must acquit the defendant Sobell."

Like the cases of Sacco-Vanzetti and Francisco Molina, the Rosenberg-Sobell case joins the family of American judicial outrages and carried out in a witch-hunt atmosphere of fear and hysteria.

Wednesday evening, June 19, the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is calling upon the labor and progressive movement to rally at Carnegie Hall—to show that the legal murder of the Rosenbergs has not frightened the opponents of oppression nor dimmed their determination to gain freedom for Morton Sobell.

tests *three or four weeks before the public did*. (That's what they have the CIA for.)

Thus, when they started blowing the test-ban trumpets in Washington, they knew very well the tune would soon be changed.

Only last month, the U.S. moved to widen the nuclear field to include several NATO countries, thus possibly tipping the military status quo against the Soviet Union so that a test-ban becomes more or less impossible.

And just last week, Moscow's discovery of a serious spy-plot raised the question of U.S. knowledge of important Soviet military secrets which would make the Soviet Union more vulnerable to attack by the war-mad imperialists.

The Soviet Union may thus be compelled by U.S. pressures to test in the atmosphere at the very moment when U.S. propaganda says the U.S. is for a test ban.

The Soviets know very well they will have to test at the risk of losing the good will of a great many well-meaning people who do not understand the imperialist plotting or the imperialist hypocrisy.

And hypocrite Kennedy will make the most of it.

Steel Union Faces More Layoffs

While the Steelworkers Union delays setting a possible strike deadline, the steel industry goes on with near capacity production piling up steel so that industry will not "suffer" if there is a strike. This of course considerably blunts the edge of the strike weapon and makes a longer strike necessary if there is to be one.

The word has gone out that the "Human Relations Committee" (a phony labor-management-"public" set-up for control on the steelworkers after the last strike) is negotiating the next agreement.

An extended vacation period for older workers seems to be in the making—which is all very well for the individual workers who will benefit—but as a cure for unemployment, which it is supposed to be, it will be about as effective as a cat on a tin roof in a high wind.

The radio doesn't say that some of the biggest companies in the U.S. are building huge modern plants in Germany, Italy, Japan, Belgium and Holland so they can super-exploit foreign workers while they nonchalantly lay off workers at home.

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70,000 on West Coast Turn Out for Birmingham

'Los Angeles IS Alabama' Say Black Masses

LOS ANGELES, May 27—The largest civil rights rally ever held in this city, with a crowd variously estimated at 30,000 to 50,000, roared its agreement when speakers said that Los Angeles' segregation must go just as Birmingham's must.

(Following the rally, about 800 people marched downtown from Wrigley Field to City Hall—a distance of five miles—to demand justice in Los Angeles. Some carried signs saying, "L. A. is Alabama!")

Martin Luther King was the featured speaker, but the thunderous applause he got was not for his pacifism or "non-violence" but for his militant phrases and his constant insistence on "Freedom Now."

The whole demonstration was so powerful that the ruling class politicians had to support and indeed try to take it over.

Mayor Yorty—vacationing in fascist Spain—felt called upon to send a telegram of "support" to the rally. And Governor Brown wired that segregation must be abolished in Los Angeles or else situations like that in Birmingham would occur.

(Brown himself was picketed recently in Los Angeles with interracial pickets calling upon him for fair play in the Muslim frame-ups and similar cases.)

There were about 40 organizations sponsoring the rally, most of them labor unions and related bodies. Several auto workers' locals were very generous in their financial donations.

The great prominence given to Hollywood actors on the platform (something almost inevitable in any big gathering out here) was of course a drawing card, but it also watered down the real working class character of the audience and the down-to-earth militancy of the masses. Nevertheless, the affair was a milestone in this city and will mark the beginning of a higher stage in the civil rights struggle.

Great Labor Solidarity

SAN FRANCISCO—This city is only a quarter the size of Los Angeles, but about the same number of people turned out for "Human Rights Day" Parade. Police estimated the crowd at 30,000. This only counted the actual marchers and those who came to hear the speakers at City Hall.

Veteran Honored After He's Dead; But 20 Years They Denied Him Bread

By Daniel Fried

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Solomon Collor Jr. of this city was denied full veteran benefits for a period of 20 years (1943-1963). Upon his death, he was given a citation from the President of the United States.

But Mrs. Eleanor Collor, his widow, feels this citation did not make up for the suffering and privation she and her family endured at the hands of the Veterans' Administration. In fact, this "citation" was Mrs. Collor's last straw. She returned it to Kennedy, demanding that she and her family be given the rights and benefits denied them during that 20-year period.

While the V.A. and the (St. Louis) City Health Department arranged for a funeral "with honors," Mrs. Collor had her husband's body held at a mortuary for three weeks. She refused to bury her husband in the face of two fraudulent death certificates which not only misrepresented the date of her husband's death, but also the manner in which he died. This was done to avoid paying the benefits to which she and her family are entitled.

Mrs. Dolores Richardson, leading activist of the Committee of the People of St. Louis and long-time friend of

Kenyatta Victory

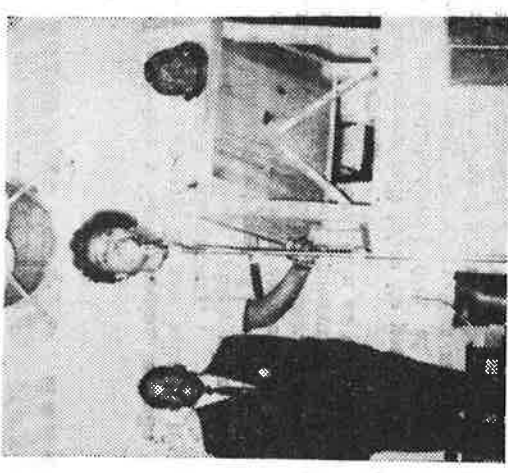


Jomo Kenyatta

KENYA, May 27—Jomo Kenyatta, leader of the famous Mau Mau freedom fighters who virtually touched off the African struggles of this decade, won a big victory in Kenya's national elections today.

As the new Prime Minister, he will apparently still have to collaborate with the British to some degree, since Kenya is not yet free. It is to be hoped that this will be only for a short period and the Kenyans will soon expel imperialism completely from their country.

Mae Mallory Case To Be Heard June 8



In Buffalo, N.Y., Mothers Alliance calls for last-minute action to aid Mae Mallory's struggle against extradition to North Carolina. Mrs. Mallory faces a crucial hearing in the U.S. District Court of Appeals in Cincinnati June 8.

The Home of Mercy in NYC

By Wm. Jordan

The hospital! — home of mercy, of complete devotion to the saving of life.

And if the skin that a particular life wears happens to be a little dark, well, the mercy just gets a little thin, the devotion a little less complete.

Take the case, for example, of a Spanish-American recently admitted to Jacobi Hospital in New York. He was operated on for an arterial break and then put into the hospital dormitory. But then it was discovered that the dormitory space could be used for a white, "all-American" patient. So the Spanish-American patient was promptly removed and deposited in the hallway.

Now this incident leaked out in time and the hospital was compelled to return him to the dormitory.

Countless other incidents of callous discrimination against Spanish-Americans and Afro-American patients have been reported only after the little thinning of mercy had brought disastrous consequences to these patients.

Undoubtedly there have been other cases where there were no eyewitnesses (surviving) present. Well, what the public doesn't know won't hurt the hospital management!

And don't think that Afro-Americans

and Spanish-Americans get this special "treatment" for nothing. According to the New York Spanish-American daily *La Noticia*, Spanish-American patients have been given papers to sign authorizing operations much more expensive than those they need. Since these patients absent-mindedly forgot to go through medical school before getting sick or injured, many of them have signed the papers. In this way, Spanish-Americans pay more than "all-Americans" for the same operations, and these higher expenses are not covered by their insurance.

"After all," the hospital owners might say, "these Spanish-Americans and Afro-Americans should be glad to pay the extra money. We may not give them as much devotion or mercy, but we certainly give them lots more discrimination."

Gold Spoon Delinquents

"It's spring and the sap begins to run," indulgently said New Jersey Governor Hughes of last month's riot at Princeton University. The damage caused by this "spree" has been estimated at \$5,500. The students set fires, tore up fences, ripped screens off houses and threw cherry bombs. They sent a one-ton air compressor rolling down a road, endangering passing cars. The boys were "severely reprimanded." Fourteen were arrested and then released on \$25 bond each.

But what would have happened if workers' sons—Harlem kids—instead of rich college boys, did the same thing? It would be reform school, jail, and screaming headlines in the press about "Vicious Hoodlums" and "J.D.'s on the Rampage."

The "Advisers"

"The armored vehicles, moving northward from the Mekong River to link up with two helicopter-borne battalions, first flushed 25 guerrillas into the open. Twenty-two of these died in waist-high reeds under the steel tracks of the carriers and from machine-gun fire. Two were captured...."

"A mile further on, another peasant also froze until the last group of helicopters came overhead. Then he reached into the reeds, pulled out a rifle and started firing."

"Three helicopters swept down on him, firing with 12 machine guns. His body spun into the reeds."

"United States officers of the 57th Helicopter Transport Company, based in Saigon, called the operation the 'best we've had so far.'"

—New York Times, May 19

Union Fights for Right to Visit USSR

President H. C. Buchanan, answered the charges of the Canadian Director of the Union. He showed conclusively that the Local's support of the Teamsters was not only good unionism, but had been authorized by the Acting Director of the Canadian Union some time previously.

The real attack on Local 9-601, however, undoubtedly centers around the election of a delegate to the Moscow Conference.

"If the late Dal Grauer, former head of the B. C. Electric Co., could go to the Soviet Union to look at advanced power installations," said the President of the Local, "and if Mayor Charlotte Witton of Ottawa could go to Moscow for May Day this year, why should we pass up an opportunity to learn about our fellow oil workers in other lands?"

Why, indeed?

And, we may add that if the U.S. State Department were paying for the trip and some true-blue fink in the labor movement—someone who didn't give a damn about his "fellow oil workers"—were going first-class-paid plus 40 dollars a day "expense" money plus double his lost time from the plant, why everything would be just fine and dandy with the top leadership of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union!

Short Week — New Jobs

The shorter work-week (at the same pay as formerly), which the New York City electricians won last year, has created 800 to 1,000 new electrical jobs.

Theodore W. Kheel, director of the Office of Impartial Review of the New York City Electrical Industry, announced last week that this has happened despite a general decline in construction work.

The decline has hit the other building trades. But electrical workers have hardly been affected because of their 25-hour work week.

And Nehru Calls It "Socialism"

India: The Rich Flourish; the Poor Perish

By Eleanor Stephens

The cholera epidemic, raging in India ever since January, is now believed to be the worst in this century.

This dread disease, which when untreated kills 90 per cent of its victims, is not carried by human contact, but by contaminated drinking water. Modern sanitation and health measures could banish cholera from India as they have done in China.

But cholera still takes its yearly toll. The capitalist-created filth of India's teeming cities, the starvation and disease of her villages grow worse year by year. Two hundred years' rule by British imperialism brought more widespread epidemics. And sixteen years' rule by Indian capitalism could not eliminate it.

The irony of it all is that many people believe that "socialism" prevails in India!

Actually, the situation is just the opposite. While the Indian masses have become poorer, the Indian capitalists have become richer. And imperialism, instead of losing its grip on India with the 1947 withdrawal of British troops, has found new ways of sinking its talons deeper into India's misery.

An informative article in Peking Review (April 12) quotes from public reports by Indian politicians and businessmen:

"An investigation by the Indian central statistical organization shows that the number of people who earn an annual income of less than 200 rupees [about \$40]—that

is, below the lowest recorded level of income and in a state of starvation—increased from about 50 per cent of India's total population in 1951-52 to 62 per cent in 1956-57."

Although the Indian National Congress in 1955 formally announced it intended to build a "socialist pattern of society," and has since launched three Five-Year Plans, it has always and at all times bolstered up capitalist relations of production and has in fact *strengthened* the position of India's capitalist class *vis a vis* the exploited masses.

That is why cholera has grown worse in spite of "socialism."

How "Socialism" Helps the Rich

Nehru's government points to the large "public sector" of the economy as proof of its "socialist" character. But actually the "public sector" exists because Indian private capital has always been too scanty to finance heavy industry and large public utilities.

Indian capitalists (like some of those in more advanced countries—i.e., England, France, etc.) depend on the so-called nationalized "public sector" (the "socialist" industries) to provide them with raw materials and transportation they can't afford to own themselves.

Peking Review quotes Desai, Indian Finance Minister, who says:

"The private sector had expanded by four to five times during the last four or five years. If the public sector had not been there, the private

sector could not have done this. Who would have supplied the necessary steel and machinery?"

And Birla, one of India's biggest capitalists, states that "The public sector is going to act as a generator of *private* enterprises." (Since he is one of the 10 per cent of Indians who own 70 per cent of the national income, he should be well satisfied with the government's "socialist" policy!)

But the many-millioned masses of India have even more to bear than the greedy exploitation of their own capitalist class. The great imperialist powers of the Western World have moved into India with lightning speed and plundered its remaining wealth with murderous efficiency.

"Official permission has been given to foreign investors to *remit the whole of their profits back to their own country*. Foreign investors have been exempted from taxes, or given tax concessions," says Peking Review.

Since the tax burden on foreign investors is so light, who feels its weight the most? India's capitalist class? Hardly.

The workers and peasants of India bear the greatest burden of taxation—up 70 per cent since the 2nd Five-Year Plan. And they pay for all the profits extorted by Indian and foreign capitalists alike.

Until they smash the system that feeds on them they will continue to pay in poverty, starvation and disease.

TFX at the Feeding Trough

By R. G. Lieder

In the New York Times of March 15, columnist James Reston spares no effort in trying to prove that the recent TFX scandal did not involve graft, favoritism, or anything as naughty as all that.

To Reston, the TFX affair is a *noble* "conflict of interest" between the civilian and military, not a *base* "conflict of interest" involving, of all things, mere money.

In trying to idealize one aspect of the struggle between the civilian and military wings of the capitalist state, Reston chooses to ignore the intra-class struggle for profits between different wings of the monopoly Bourgeoisie. Let us briefly review some of the salient facts in the TFX affair and see whether this important aspect of capitalism *can*, in fact, be ignored.

The Defense Department awarded a juicy 6.5 billion dollar contract to develop the Navy-Air Force TFX fighter plane to General Dynamics, rather than Boeing Aircraft. This was done despite the fact that: (1) the bid submitted by Boeing was at least 100 million dollars less; (2) the Boeing contract was favored by the military chiefs of the Navy and Air Force.

In the light of this, Boeing could hardly stand idly by. A Senate subcommittee (headed by Sen. McClellan) was called into action to investigate the affair. The hearings developed into stormy sessions. At one point, Defense Secretary McNamara broke down and lamented that his son was asking, "When is my father going to be proved an honest man?" (National Observer, 3/25/63).

When McNamara's crocodile tears were dried and the smoke of battle cleared away, a few facts emerged that may be more important than the military merits of the TFX.

On General Dynamics side was McNamara, who has close connections with the Rockefeller group, one of the financial giants behind General Dynamics; his assistant Gilpatric (member of a New York law firm which received \$300,000 in legal fees from General Dynamics); Navy Secretary Korth, a Texan (General Dynamics has its plant and offices in Texas); and even Vice-President Johnson, also a Texan.

Leading the fight for Boeing was Sen.

China Offers Peace To Govt. of India

PEKING, May 26—An editorial in Jenmin Jih Pao, official newspaper of the Chinese Communist Party, today held out an olive branch to India, but warned that continued Indian border provocations would not be endured by China.

Speaking of the Chinese release of all Indian prisoners (3,213 of them) as a gesture of peace, the editorial said this should prove China's "reluctance to cross swords with India."

But should India "create new border clashes," the editorial went on, "the Indian government will again be exposed rather than gain any advantage."

The Indian government, under the pressure of foreign imperialism and the reactionary capitalists of India itself, is demanding that China move back to the border positions of September 8, 1962, before the autumn conflict erupted.

The Chinese are willing to resume the border positions of *three years earlier* while talks proceed. (The Indians had been encroaching on Chinese territory during that time and therefore by September 8, 1962, occupied parts of China which they had not occupied before.)

Meantime, India is asking for \$1,500,000 in military assistance from the United States and Britain "to meet the threat from Communist China," according to the May 21 New York Times.

The imperialists are of course only too anxious to "help" India to carry out imperialist policy with a war against China. But the great masses of India have no interest in such a war. The U.S. plans to use them as a catspaw against China may yet boomerang and bring about the one thing the imperialists most hope to prevent: the socialist revolution in India.

Missionary Praises China

After Five Years in Jail

Harold George King, a British missionary, was just released from a Chinese prison after serving four years and seven months of a five-year sentence.

He toured Shanghai before leaving China and said when he arrived in Hong Kong:

"From the material point of view, the Communists have done more for the people than any previous government in China."

This is important praise coming from an opponent of the regime. Naturally, Rev. King emphasized the "material," however. According to his standards, that is not the big thing. "Man lives not by bread alone," as the preachers say, "but by things of the spirit, too."

But considering that the Chinese are carrying on a gigantic educational campaign (they have 90 million children in public school and are on the road to abolishing illiteracy and superstition altogether) the Chinese have also done more from the *spiritual* point of view than any previous Chinese government—and more than all the missionaries the imperialists have sent them for a hundred years.

Buffalo Workers Learn About China

BUFFALO, May 20—A meeting sponsored by the Buffalo Labor Forum applauded the WONDERS OF PEOPLES CHINA. Militant workers and students listened eagerly as Maud Russell gave a true and realistic picture of Peoples China today.

Exposing the lies that appear in the U.S. press about China, Miss Russell spoke of China's relations with her Asian neighbors, and in so doing, destroyed the U.S. created myth that China is a war-mongering state.

Referring to the advances made in China, Miss Russell spoke of the free medical care and educational benefits available to all workers and peasants. She pointed out that there was no starvation and no unemployment in China.

The growth of China as the third great world power became evident from the slides Miss Russell showed.

Maud Russell, who had lived in China for twenty-six years prior to the 1949

Revolution and who travelled throughout China in 1959, is on a nationwide tour discussing the progress of China. While in Baltimore, Miss Russell was subpoenaed by the House Un-American Activities Committee. HUAC aimed to silence Miss Russell because of her views on China of which the House disapproves. But this harassment has not halted her actions, as she continues her tour.

Horrible Example

The following quotation is from a pamphlet published by General Motors for its employees:

"The U.S. Constitution has served as an example for other nations including Canada, Mexico, Australia, *South Africa*, Turkey, India and many Central and South American countries." (Our emphasis.)

—Some Constitution.

China Gives Water

To Parched Hong Kong

HONG KONG, May 30—The drought has been so bad in this British colony that the colonial government had to accept water from Peoples China.

It broke their hearts to do so. But after the Chinese offered to furnish 40 days supply of water free and the oppressed Chinese in Hong Kong knew it, it became the better part of wisdom for the imperialist authorities to accept.

They are expected to insist on paying for the water, however, in order to save their falling prestige.

—Philadelphia

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were fingerprinted and photographed as if they were criminals.

An Afro-American mother was kicked and dragged by the sadistic policemen, along with an Afro-American minister, Rev. John M. White, 53, who was knocked down and beaten. Still not satisfied, the bestial cops proceeded to attack still others. Beverly Black, 23, was knocked down badly and dragged on the ground. Others were handled in the same gallant fashion by these defenders of the "peace."

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (Thursday was Decoration Day) similar scenes occurred. The police were drawn up in battalions like an army. The scabs in some cases were uglier as the days wore on. In other cases, there was some cooperation.

For example, Black pickets lay down on the street in front of advancing trucks which were delivering materials to the job. The truck drivers, of course, just shrugged their shoulders, backed up and turned around.

"I ain't going to run over anybody," said one as he was prodded by the construction boss.

The latest news is that the craft union leaderships have agreed to put six Afro-American craftsmen on to the job. This is a modest but important victory. Plans are now being made to push for city-wide action on school construction and other sites.

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Kennedy's "Civil Rights" Program

Too Little—Too Late—Too Phony 20 Million People Want FREEDOM

What Did Kennedy Really Say?

John F. Kennedy's sudden conversion to the cause of civil rights—after two and a half years in office—has received the applause of Northern "liberals" and Southern "moderates" alike, as though he said just what they were thinking all the time.

But Kennedy's June 11 speech calling for full equal rights and first class citizenship for Afro-Americans was something neither Kennedy's supporters nor Kennedy himself would have even imagined his making two short months ago.

The militant part of Kennedy's speech was in fact nothing but a pale oratorical echo of the great mass actions of the Black masses of the South—in Birmingham and after.

True, the speech may herald some change in ruling class policy.

True, Kennedy fairly called for full equality and demanded legislation to enforce it. He even dared to mention—for the first time—that "the U.S. Constitution (should) be color blind."

But the most cursory reading of Kennedy's speech reveals that his main intention in making it—and in passing whatever legislation he can get passed and giving whatever concessions he has to give—is to stop the growing struggle of the black masses and divert that struggle into strictly legal channels.

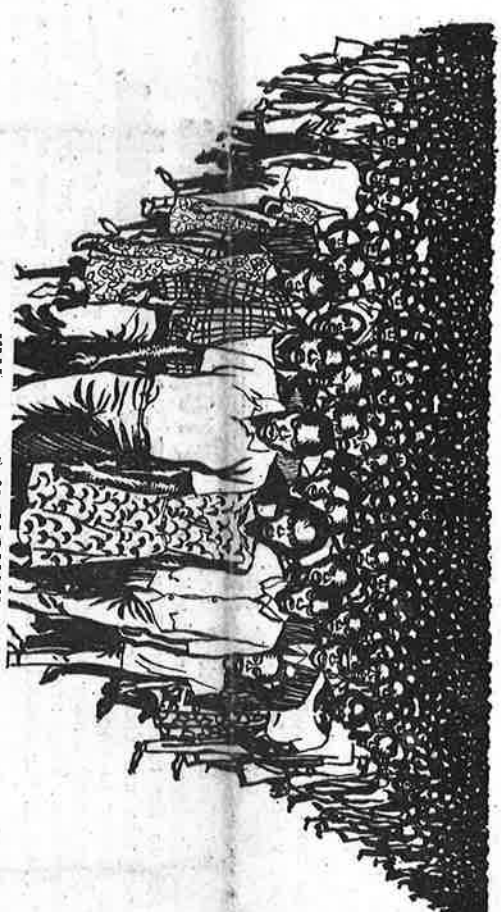
In spite of all Kennedy's moralizing, he revealed again and again that his motive was fear—ruling class fear of an aroused Black people. If Birmingham was a turning point for the Afro-American people, it was also a loud alarm bell to the U.S. imperialist ruling class. For those who did not hear the alarm clearly enough, Kennedy repeated it in plain words and Boston accents:

"The fires of frustration are burning in every city, North and South. Where legal remedies are not at hand, redress is sought in demonstrations, parades and protests, which create tensions and threaten violence. . . ."

The theme which accompanied Ken-

ned's warnings about Black revolt was the capitalists' need to get the people "off the streets and into the courts"—to divert the struggle and contain it within the straitjacket of legal restraints and lengthy, demoralizing court proceedings.

"It is better to settle these matters (Continued on Page 3)



"We want it NOW."

The Soviet Union Does It Again!

The First Space Woman

So, it was a "propaganda stunt" and a piece of "showmanship" was it? Then why is it that the country that produced P. T. Barnum just didn't get around to sending the first woman into space?

The answer has nothing to do with showmanship—or even technology, both of which the United States has plenty of. It's the difference in social systems.

It wouldn't even occur to the white supremacist, male supremacist U.S. capitalists to send a woman into space (until of course, the USSR did it) any

more than it would occur to them to send an Afro-American, a Puerto Rican or an Indian.

In the Soviet Union, 50 per cent of all directing and specialist positions are held by women; also 71 per cent of all teaching, science and public health positions. Of Soviet doctors (who vastly outnumber American doctors) no less than 75 per cent are women.

The idea of women's equality is no longer a novelty in the Soviet Union. It has acquired the fixity of a popular tradition. Moreover, the dynamic social system constantly requires more workers in all categories—rather than less as in the United States.

This means that Valentina Tereshkova, three years ago an unknown textile worker, is not merely an unusual and heroic woman, but the legitimate representative of a socialist country and indeed of the socialist future.

"It Sure Beats Washing the Dishes"

An "inquiring reporter" polled women of different walks of life on June 16 to get their reactions to Miss Tereshkova's great pioneering feat.

Miss Jo Surge of New York City said laconically: "It beats doing the dishes."

Miss Spurge expressed the conscious or unconscious feelings of many millions of American women and summed the matter up in a masterful fashion—or in other words: she said a mouthful.

From Birmingham to Jackson to Cambridge to Harlem — It'll Take More Than a "Cup of Coffee" Now, Mr. Kennedy!

ens for freedom.

New forces have entered the arena to carry the fight to a higher stage than before. The unemployed steelworkers of Mississippi; the crowds at Cambridge, Birmingham; the youth of Jackson, Maryland; the much-maligned masses in Harlem—only yesterday were passive and silent, content to watch students demonstrate and wonder if it meant anything. Now they have gone far beyond the students and they cannot be quieted. Neither arrests nor clubbings can stop their growing consciousness. Nor can it silence their demand for freedom now.

New leaders are coming forward, reflecting the need for newer and still more serious struggles.

New methods of struggle are being tried. Significantly, it was in the North—in Philadelphia—that the first real battle took place against a reactionary labor union bureaucracy for skilled jobs. And a modest, but important victory was won. Early picket lines gave way to sit-ins. Sit-ins gave way to marches; marches to demonstrations; demonstrations to mass demonstrations; then newer and more militant picket lines. And the movement is still young. But the capitalist ruling class—North, as well as South—is not yet prepared to throw in the towel. The old masters are not merely keeping segregation because they hate the Afro-American. They are making profits out of him. And they can't let go of profits any more than a wood-tic can let go of blood after it has embedded itself in an animal's skin.

However, their new wave of brutal repression last week was answered by an unknown youth a reporter overheard in a Jackson, Mississippi, doorway:

"The only way to stop evil is to have a revolution," he said. "Somebody have to die."

Let the masters, bosses and Presidents quake at those words. They were a message from the anonymous millions after the silence of a century.

N. Y. Cops Show Harlem What Kennedy's "New" Program Will Be Like

NEW YORK, June 18—Harlem was like an occupied country last night with helmeted New York cops playing the part of hated U.S. occupation troops.

As the New York Times admitted:

"Central Harlem looked like an armed camp with helmeted patrolmen stationed at intervals of five to ten yards for blocks from 125th Street."

It all started when police claimed that "a bottle whizzed out of a crowd [listening to a Nationalist lecture] at a policeman." Then, as the right-wing Hearst Journal American revealed:

"Police charged into the crowd, clubs flying. Several persons were knocked to the sidewalk."

After a battle, some of the crowd spontaneously marched westward and south down Broadway, chanting and singing. Police arrested 25 for "parading without a permit." Nine of these were under 16.

They Weep for Evers' Death, Their Cops Club Evers' Mourners

At the very time every newspaper in the U. S. — including in Mississippi—was weeping salt tears about Medgar Evers, the President and both of Mississippi's U.S. Senators were sporting their indignation against Evers' cowardly murder, the Jackson police were showing the Afro-American people just how seriously this was meant.

On June 12, just a few hours after Evers was shot, the Black community of Jackson organized a protest parade.

Rev. Edwing King, chaplain of Tougaloo College near Jackson, described the affair as follows:

"The police were beating people

up, kicking them, doing everything in Nazi-style to stop them. The marchers were carrying American flags and you could tell another marcher was getting beaten when you saw his flag flutter and fall into the dirt."

Evers had been trailed constantly by police for two weeks before he was murdered, to prevent him from organizing demonstrations.

At the hour of his murder, however, the police were nowhere to be seen.

Twelve hours after the killing, over 200 of them were on hand to descend brutally upon the Afro-Americans who protested his bloody death.

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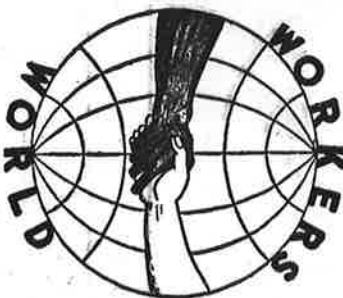
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The Murderers' Lament

Like paid mourners at the wailing wall, the political leaders of the U.S. ruling class have joined in a loud and obscene chorus of lamentation at the martyrdom of Medgar Evers.

This performance is obscene and revolting, this last-minute lamentation, because it is put on by the *real murderers* of Evers.

Senators Eastland and Stennis of Mississippi spouted their regrets in the U.S. Senate and offered their lying condolences to Evers' widow and his real mourners.

These veterans of innumerable filibusters against civil rights, these powerful upholders of the "Southern Way of Life" might just as well have fired the bullet that killed Evers themselves. For they certainly educated, indoctrinated and gave assassin's courage to the man who did fire it.

John F. Kennedy's indignant protest is just about as worthless and even more hypocritical than these racist ras-cals'. For he is the man who was supposed to have led the whole Congress in civil rights legislation over two years ago and he openly compromised it then because he wanted to win "the rest of his program," we were told.

From Kennedy on down to the back country racist politician, Mayor Thompson of Jackson, every single ruling-class murderer for Evers is a hypocrite and a

murderer. Only yesterday, the ruling class was completely calloused to the cries of the oppressed. Lynchings, shootings, beatings occurred as regularly as the rain—and were less noted by the capitalist rulers.

For example, what "statesman," what Senator, what Mayor, what big-shot

newspaper shed a tear for *Emmet Till*? Emmet Till was only 14 and he was beaten to death in the cruelest and most sadistic manner allegedly because he tried to flirt with an adult white woman storekeeper.

His murder was even more savage and more revolting than the murder of Medgar Evers. His murderers were freed by an all-white jury and received many thousands of dollars for telling the detailed story of their crime in Look Magazine.

But the big bosses closed their eyes and ears and acted as though nothing had happened. Only the Black masses and their closest allies mourned for Emmet Till.

But that was in 1955. Since Emmet Till, there have been a dozen other well-publicized killings — some of unknown Black workers, others of prominent Black civil rights fighters. And no reaction from the racist ruling class.

But that was before Birmingham. The ruling masters of this capitalist white supremacist land have now seen the growing demonstrations, marches, and passionate protests, which ever since Birmingham have taken on the resolute and forceful character of a social movement conscious of its revolutionary destiny.

And they are desperately anxious to head this off into *safe, legal channels*. Their "national mourning" and their "public indignation" is a ghoul's concession to the tearless mourning of the masses who are determined to convert their sorrow to *anger*.

Let no honest worker accept the tears of the enemy. They are as false and as dangerous as the assassin's bullet itself.

The Gentlemen Cry Peace

Washington is all sweetness and light about a possible test-ban treaty and has announced that treaty talks will be held in Moscow this July.

"This is a glimmer of hope," says that bleating bell-weather of the capitalist class, the New York Times, "a gleam of light on everybody's horizon — *except, perhaps, the Communist Chinese, who do not appear to be looking these days for the light of peace.*"

The light of peace burns brightly, of course, in the Pentagon, where they give the orders to keep the U.S. 7th Fleet blockading the eastern coast of China and send soldiers, helicopters and bombs to Vietnam on the border of China.

It burns brightly, too, in the State

— But They Give No Peace

Peoples China may explode an atomic bomb this year.

The imperialists know this very well. And they understand very well the compelling factors that lead China to do this. But the great masses do not understand.

Honest workers and progressive people in general should be prepared for a barrage of imperialist propaganda that will brand China for the thousandth time as a "violin of the peace" and as a country that wants to "shoot its way into the UN."

This is a propaganda of *lies*—and worse than lies, because those who peddle this propaganda are themselves the real violators of peace.

On a President's Promises

By Mae Mallory

The following letter was released for publication by the Monroe Defense Committee:

The President of the United States has stated that the Negro baby who is born in the United States today, regardless of the section of the United States he is born in, has about one-half as much a chance of completing High School (if he manages to get there) as a white baby born in the same place on the same day; one-third as much of becoming a professional man; twice as much of becoming unemployed; (and we may add, ten times as much of going to jail; ten chances more of being electrocuted) one-seventh as much of earning \$10,000 a year—a life expectancy which is seven years shorter and the prospects of earning half as much....

The Negro community . . . has the right to expect that the law will be fair and just, that the Constitution will be "color blind" as Justice Harlan said at the turn of the century.

I, May Mallory, question whether the law of the land is color blind and if the people who interpret the law are color blind. We question whether such people are concerned with "justice for all whites only." I am being fraudulently charged with kidnapping; a charge which grew out of a racial disturbance in North Carolina in August of 1961. Justice has not prevailed in my case. Actually there was no kidnapping at all.

For almost two years I have been fighting extradition to the Southeastern Headquarters of the Ku-Klux-Klan to stand trial on this bogus charge of kidnapping this couple although they themselves admit they were totally unharmed in spite of the fact that armed and angry Negroes were demanding their blood.

No white person would ever be held on such a charge for protecting a Negro. In fact, it is highly doubtful that a Negro would escape with his life, much less bodily harm, if surrounded by angry whites in a solid white community.

Progress Comes To North Carolina.

Progress! The State of North Carolina, which has not yet lynched Mae Mallory, is in the process of passing a law that provides for an 85 cent an hour minimum wage.

That's \$34 a week before taxes—a magnificent sum for the richest country in the world.

And since the law does not cover such jobs as maidservants and handymen, the Afro-American part of the population (which is jamcrowded into these jobs) will just have to keep on getting along on \$15 a week without time-and-a-half (or even straight time) for the overtime.

But what do you expect? In a place where you can't even get a cup of coffee where you want to, you can't expect to earn enough to *buy* a cup of coffee, can you?

stock of bombs is destroyed, China, in self-defense, must have a bomb of its own. (Actually, the U.S. intends to build *more* bombs, even after a nuclear test ban.)

The U.S. government, whose leading figure, John F. Kennedy, says "Europe is worth a nuclear war," is obviously the greatest danger to world peace. This is not merely because of Kennedy's words—it is clear from the government's actions—in Vietnam, Laos, Cuba, etc.

While the U.S. possesses weapons of total destruction, any nation threatened by the U.S. cannot afford to be without the same weapons.

There are numerous examples that can be cited.

William Moore, a white postal employee, was murdered in cold-blood near Gadsden, Alabama. Mr. Moore's only crime was carrying a sign encouraging integration—an unforgivable sin for a white man to commit in a community ruled by white racists.

And on the same day the Appeals Court refused to rule on the merits of my appeal (an appeal that sought to submit evidence to show that I stand as a probable victim of a racist terrorized community if returned). Civil Rights batter Medgar Evers, a Blackman, well known officer of the NAACP, was murdered in cold-blood in his own front yard by white racists. Is there any doubt that my life would be in danger if returned to trial on a phony charge in such a racially tense area as North Carolina?

If the President means what he says in his statements on the racial situation in America and would sincerely like to correct this national evil, then let him do so. Let him get his brother, the Attorney General of the United States, to demand that the bogus charge of kidnapping which is held against me be dropped.

Let us prevent murder—Let us have deeds instead of soothing words! Let us have FREEDOM NOW.

Mae Mallory

The Ohio Court of Appeals has just refused to rule on the merits of an appeal made by Attorney Hafner for the Monroe Defense Committee (supported by Ralph J. Ruid of the ACLU and with Friend of the Court brief by NAACP).

But Ohio Governor Rhodes has complete executive power to give Mrs. Mallory the protection of his state. Let us all join in with petitions, letters, telegrams, etc., and ask him to do so.

For further information, contact: The Monroe Defense Committee at 10517 Superior Ave., Cleveland 6, Ohio. Phone: 791-6593.

Vancouver Letter

One does not know whether to laugh or cuss and gnash one's teeth, at the "way-out" and sectarian reaction a Canadian audience gave the three news-bearers who told us about Birmingham, Alabama civil rights demonstrations and the barbaric treatment the demonstrators received.

The reaction was that of isolation and disregard to the fact that the American Civil Rights Struggle, whether the leadership is pro-Christian or not, is still part and parcel of the ever present class struggle.

The Black people of America enjoyed some rights at one time but it was taken away from them at the behest of the Ku Klux Klan. As one speaker said, a civil rights victory for the Afro-American will never last until the Ku Klux Klan is smashed.

The Ku Klux Klan is an insidious organization, financed and maintained by capitalism to suppress the working class and minority groups. If you delve into the past struggles of labor, you will find the Ku Klux Klan with a hand in all the suppressive measures against labor and minority groups. They reached over to Canada, too. They used to have quite a nest of them in the Lower Kootenays in B.C. They smashed the power of the I.W.W. in both Canada and the United States. How can we start to smash this snake in the grass?

Helen Baylor

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—What Did Kennedy Say?

(Continued from Page 1)
ters in the courts than on the streets," he said.

"Unless the Congress acts, their (the Afro-American's) only remedy is the streets...."

A great change is at hand and our task, our obligation is to make that revolution, that change, peaceful....

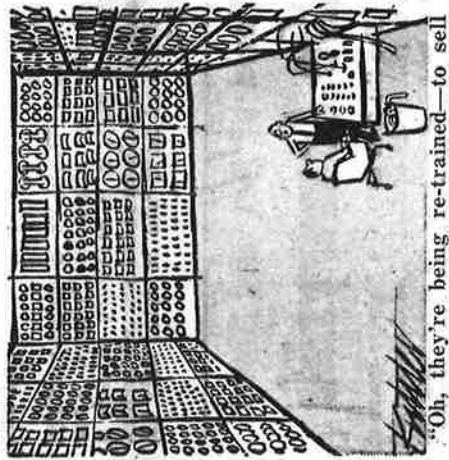
"Nationwide legislation is needed, if we are to move this problem from the streets to the courts."

These quotations give the real essence of Kennedy's much-praised civil rights speech. They prove that Kennedy and his ruling class pals (who are in suspiciously unanimous agreement with him) are only concerned with heading off the tremendous freedom struggle.

Kennedy is now, two-and-a-half years after he double-crossed the Afro-American people on a mild civil rights program, quite "sincere" about pushing some legislation through Congress. And maybe Congress will pass it — to the hosannas of all the preachers, editors, etc. of the whole country.

But this would be the *most* that could be gained by trusting the imperialist Kennedy and Co. The *least* would be a complete betrayal that would take the form of the Southern Senatorial stooges refusing to obey their Northern bosses and once more filibustering a civil rights law to death.

In either case, the masses would be robbed of their victory. No serious Black Freedom Fighter can have a cent's worth of confidence in Kennedy's proposed legislative program, nor can he agree to getting the struggle "off the streets and into the courts" without selling his birthright for a mess of pottage.



Soviet Press Hails Youth Action Against Racist Alabama Governor

Pravda, daily organ of the Soviet Communist Party, on June 4 carried the story of Youth Against War and Fascism's picket line against racist Governor Wallace of Alabama.

The text of *Pravda's* article follows: New York, June 3rd, Correspondent of Tass, N. Tyrkatenko says—Wallace, the governor of the state of Alabama where Birmingham is located, was given a chance to propagate his racist views in front of millions of viewers thanks to N.B.C. Wearing a deep frown and squinting his eyes, Wallace declared in front of all listeners that he intends that racial discrimination will continue in the future in Alabama.

Wallace made a special flight to New York City in order to take part in the program "Meet the Press." Representatives of leading New York papers asked him whether he intends to stop the two Negroes, who on July 11, in agreement with their rights guaranteed by the constitution of the United States, are going to try to enter the University of Alabama.

"I said that I would do this, and I will," he declared.

New Yorkers who are leading the fight against racial discrimination met Wallace on his own. While he was speaking, he was picketed. Fathers and mothers, children and youth, and the aged all declared "Down with Racist and Fascist Wallace."

Black Youth Hit Much Harder Than White

These Workers on Scrap Heap at Eighteen!

By Nancy Howard

the same as that of non-high-school graduates. To make matters worse, the number of unskilled jobs available to teenagers is decreasing: They are expected to drop to 4.6 per cent of total jobs by 1970 from 5.5 per cent in 1960; machines run by fewer, more skilled workers will take over these jobs!

What does the Kennedy Administration propose as a solution to teen-age unemployment? A bill is now before Congress which would create a Youth Conservation Corps to "provide useful training and work"—for a six-month to two-year period—for 15,000 men aged 16-21. The YCC would work to conserve water, soil, vegetation and wildlife.

The bill would also set up a Domestic Peace Corps, employing 40,000 men and

The Rich Manage Not to —

Why Do They "Drop Out"?

married young.

But a rich kid doesn't have to contribute to his parents' support and if he gets married, he doesn't have to leave school. The money rolls in anyway. And if a baby is born, the whole family goes to school without any trouble.

Of course, a large number of students drop out because of bad grades and because they lack a clear perspective and can't figure out how their studies will benefit them. Here again, however, the rich student, no matter how bad his grades, manages to stay in school. He is pushed ahead, goes to special schools, and if necessary, his family buys him good grades.

"Don't Be a Drop-Out" is good advice, as far as it goes.

But "Don't Be Born Poor," would be more to the point.

The Floating Crap Game

By Ellen Pierce



The Dutches of Windsor

executives of the charity groups. A little arithmetic shows that each of the 700 guests contributed an average of less than \$180! (The biggest celebrities got at least a million dollars worth of publicity out of the affair.)

The press was ecstatic over the big event. In "smart set" jargon, the affair was termed "Society's riposte to the prosaic." Columns of print were devoted to describing the ladies weighed down by "rocks" and their debonair escorts.

There was not the tiniest hint that it might not be right for a few hundred people to accumulate such fabulous wealth by exploiting millions upon millions of others.

High Society millionaires took time out from robbing the poor last week—allegedly to throw a few bucks back (to charity, that is).

They did it in a gay way, playing roulette and dice games all night long with the winnings going to sweet charity. Tickets for the event were \$125. But scalpers were selling them for as much as \$1,000.

About 700 people—the fabulously rich and the social climbers—gathered aboard the SS Rotterdam, flagship of the Holland-America Line. A casino was set up and proceeds went to the New York City Cancer Committee. Although gambling is illegal in the state, anyone with enough money can get around the law. They sailed the boat several miles out to sea where it was not subject to New York laws.

As U.S. planes bombed villages and destroyed crops in South Vietnam, Freddy Richmond, Commissioner of Human Rights (with a shifting badge to prove it) dined and danced aboard ship. As U.S. "advisers" in Venezuela attempted to crush the revolution there to protect Rockefeller oil, the Governor and his bride (wearing a wide collar of diamonds and emeralds) chatted pleasantly with the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

As Senator Jacob Javits ranted about destroying Cuba, his wife was busy filling her pockets in a winning streak at this big charity affair.

As a million people dwelt in the misery of New York slums, "fascinating" Commissioner of City Planning, Mrs. Randolph Guggenheimer and her husband lived it up at sea.

As thousands of Afro-Americans were herded into jail for demanding freedom, New York's "most soigné couples" crowded aboard the Rotterdam to flash jewels, fashionable gowns and furs (on a warm summer night).

When the cruise was over and the partygoers returned to their mansions and penthouses, a count showed that \$125,000 had been collected — barely enough to pay the salaries of the top

"Don't Be a Drop-Out," the bus advertisement tells the school children on the way to school.

"Don't quit school before you learn a good trade or profession. Don't join the 800,000 teen-agers out of a job this spring — or the 3,000,000 looking for work this summer." So say the magazines and the wise editorials in the newspapers.

To read this solemn and valuable advice, anybody would think that hundreds of thousands of young people drop out of school through laziness, impatience to get married or sheer dumbness.

All you have to do is tighten up your discipline, put your shoulder to the wheel, put your nose to the grindstone, study a little harder and you, too, will be a moon rocket engineer at \$10,000 per year. At least that's the general idea conveyed by the anti-drop-out propagandists.

But the ad writers and faculty counselors leave out a point. They forget to mention that the "drop-outs" are all poor kids. The middle class and rich students just about never drop out of school. But hundreds of thousands of poor ones do every year.

A great many of these quit school because they have to go to work, others because they want to get money for the shows, dances and little luxuries the rich students can always afford. Many have to help out at home. Some get

While the racist discussed the "moral problems" of segregation in Birmingham and other towns of Alabama, the picketers remained at their post, "For Freedom in Birmingham Now! We Support the Fight of the People in Birmingham. Wallace Is a Criminal, Why Is He Free?" were the main slogans on their placards.

"Wallace came to New York to spread his racist poison on television. We are protesting against this," declared a representative of the movement, *Youth Against War and Fascism* which organized the picketers. "Wallace," said the representative, "is a fascist in power who carries on the horrible repressions against the Black population of Alabama and remains free while Black children sit in jail."

The representative of the movement emphasized that Wallace could commit all his evil acts because the Federal Government does not take any steps to prevent the repressions against the Black people of the U.S., fighters for their rights.

A statement of the Attorney General of the U.S., Robert Kennedy, at Trinity College in Washington on June 2nd was a glaring proof of these words. "The present local crises involving citizens' freedom," he said, "cannot be settled by a government act. It can only be settled by 'enlightening acts' of individual citizens."

The U.S. Supplies the Weapons

Murderous Attack on Buddhists in Vietnam

By Eleanor Stephens

SAIGON, June 16—Using tanks and barbed wire, bayonets, shotguns and machine guns—all supplied by the United States—the puppet troops of South Vietnam broke up a Buddhist demonstration here today.

The "demonstration" consisted only in the attempt of the Buddhist masses to join the funeral procession of a Buddhist monk who had killed himself in protest against the regime's persecution of his religion.

The shooting followed by hours an agreement between Buddhist and government representatives to eliminate discrimination against the Buddhists.

What is behind all this violence in a city that is supposedly united behind the U.S. anti-Communist and anti-liberation movement?

When Reverend Quang Duc burned himself alive before the masses of this city, he was expressing not only a religious protest, but also the deep hatred of the popular masses against the Diem regime.

The Buddhist uprisings in Vietnam are a continuation of the civil war in another form. A liberation army is not possible inside Saigon at this moment; so political opposition is translated into religious opposition.

Ngo Dinh Diem and his henchmen are Roman Catholics. They represent only

a tiny minority—the ruling class of Vietnam.

The Buddhist masses see behind this Catholic minority the face of western imperialism—they see behind the Catholic religious mask the cruel features of imperialist oppression and ruthless exploitation.

For 25 centuries (since 500 years before Christ) Buddhism has been the

most popular religion for the poor and suffering peoples of Asia. Today the Buddhists number 400 millions. Vietnam is 80 per cent Buddhist.

For more than a month, demonstrations against Diem's regime have mounted in intensity. In Hue, on May 8, police fired upon a demonstration and killed 9 people. Buddhists want the Government to assume responsibility for the deaths

Bertrand Russell Challenges Times On U.S. Atrocities in South Vietnam

Bertrand Russell, the well-known British pacifist, wrote a letter to the *New York Times* (April 8) protesting the U.S. war of annihilation in South Vietnam. He listed some of the U.S. atrocities, such as the use of napalm and chemicals to destroy crops and livestock.

In the same issue of the *Times*, an editorial attempted to refute Russell's charge and defend the U.S. role in Vietnam. Russell then wrote a second letter to the *Times* in which he elaborated more fully on the U.S. atrocities, and also revealed the sources and details of his information.

However, the *Times* deleted certain relevant sections of Russell's second letter. In a recent letter to a peace group in this country, Russell gives the main section of his letter which the *Times* refused to publish. The following is that unpublished section.

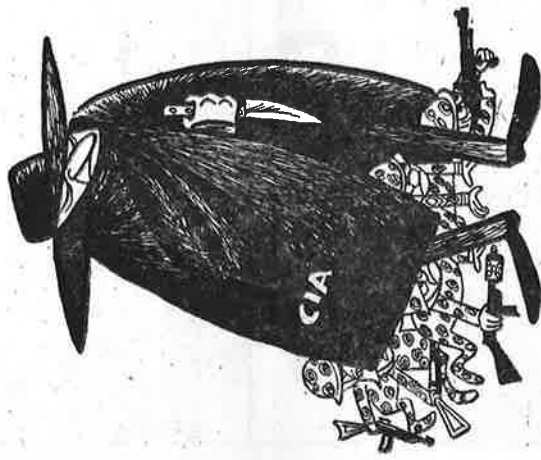
In your fifth paragraph (the editorial attack) you also endeavor to minimize the effect of "defoliation chemicals" by calling them "common weed killers." If sprayed, as they must be to achieve the end for which you say they are intended, certain common weed killers would destroy many crops and animals. But, in fact, chemicals other than common weed killers have been used (some of these were once used as "common weed killers," but were found to be too dangerous).

The U.S. Government has been charged by the south Vietnam Liberation Red Cross, after a year's study by them of the chemicals sprayed in south Vietnam and their effect upon the health of human beings, animals and crops, with

using weed killers which, in the large doses used, are harmful; with using white arsenic, various kinds of arsenite sodium and arsenite calcium, lead man-ganese arsenates, D.N.P. and D.N.C. (which inflame and eat into human flesh), and calcic cyanamide (which has "caused leaves, flowers and fruit to fall, killed big cattle like buffaloes and cows, and seriously affected thousands" of the inhabitants of south Vietnam); with having spread these poisonous chemicals on large and densely populated areas of south Vietnam.

Admittedly, the south Vietnam Liberation Red Cross is, as its name suggests, allied with those opposing the U.S.-supported Diem regime, but its published findings cannot be ignored since it has urged international investigation of the situation. The use of these weapons, napalm bombs and chemicals, constitutes and results in atrocities, and points to the fact that this is "a war of annihilation."

I have written further to the *New York Times* demanding that this be published and stating that in a long experience of correspondence with many newspapers, including *Pravda* and *Izvestia*, I have never been treated so shamefully as by the *New York Times*.



A Slanderer of Cuba Slips Up

By R. G. Lieder

Saturday Evening Post editor Edward Behr has just returned from a trip to Cuba. His article in the June 8 issue—"Chaos in Castro's Cuba"—is carefully slanted to convince the reader that Cuba is a shambles and Communism is a flop. Take the following example: "The flavor of Havana, as I soon found, is compounded of the smell of refuse rotting in the sun; of once luxurious now sleazy apartment buildings; of nearly empty shops and bookstalls selling Liu Shao-chi's *How to be a good Communist*..."

In the course of his article, Behr (perhaps inadvertently) admits certain facts which serve to tear down the edifice he has taken such pains to construct. These admissions, however, are so thoroughly engulfed in his violent slanders and anti-Communism that they have to be carefully dissected out from the bulk of the article.

For example, early in the article he states that: "The poorest people are better off than they ever were before." Later on he notes, "So far, the revolution has meant a steady deterioration in living standards among all but the poorest Cubans." (our emphasis) Behr fails to add to these admissions that the "poorest Cubans" actually formed a majority of the population. Thus, Behr is admitting that the living standards of the majority of Cubans has improved.

In actual fact, it is the overwhelming majority of Cubans whose living standards have improved.

Further on in the article Behr begrudgingly admits that "It's the proud

China's Peasants See the World of Art and Story Culture Goes to the Countryside

Once upon a time there was a country where the poor peasants were too tired at the end of the day to talk or sing, where they never saw any plays or movies, where only the sun and rain were heeded because human life was so precariously dependent upon them.

Today that country is a different land. The peasants still work hard, but they laugh and sing. They see traveling operas, hear music and even the people in the farthest and most inaccessible places see movies.

A fairy tale? No.

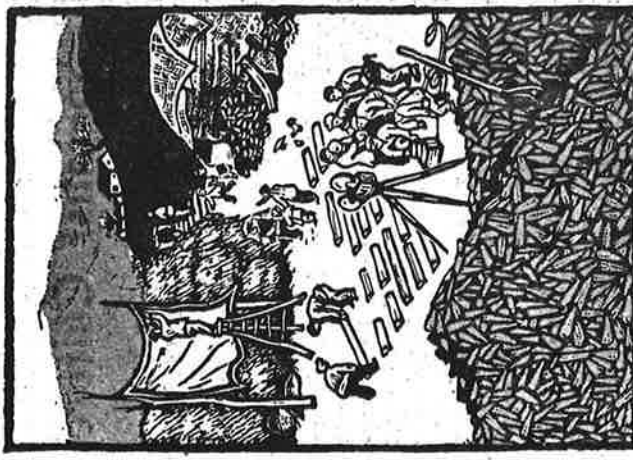
The Chinese Communist Party sends mobile cinema teams to take movies to the people. The teams consist of three members each, who travel through the most rugged countryside using push-carts where there are roads or carrying their equipment on their backs in the mountains.

The peasants enjoy the movies so much that the teams, although weary from travel, find their work richly rewarding.

The films are often about scientific and agricultural subjects teaching the people how to improve on old-fashioned methods of farming and animal husbandry.

There are films about the revolution, such as *The Long March* and the Red Guards of Lake Hunghu. Operas are put on film, too. A great favorite is—*Monkey Sun Fights the White-Bone Ghost*.

But moving pictures are only a small, though important, part of the cultural transformation of the Chinese countryside. The great literacy campaigns are now bearing fruit. Nearly all young people have become voracious readers. For older people who know very few characters there are bright picture books. The radio, too, has penetrated the hinterland for the first time. Tens of thousands—soon-to-be millions—of sets are in the farm-houses.



Opera Comes to the Farm
—Woodcut by Chiu Chen-teh

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