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**No More Mack Parkers; No More Tallahasseees!**

## Workers: Answer Racist Terror With Civil Rights Defense Guards!

**Hail Rob Williams For His Courage!**

By V. Grey

From a tiny town in North Carolina a voice was heard throughout the whole United States.

On May 6, Robert Williams, President of the Union County NAACP said that Negroes must "meet violence with violence" and "even be willing to kill if necessary"—to protect themselves against the vicious lynch law by which capitalism divides the workers.

Williams is a courageous fighter for Negro justice. He re-organized the Union County NAACP when terror and apathy had reduced it to only two active members. But now the NAACP Executive Secretary, Roy Wilkins, has shamefully **SUSPENDED** Williams from his post because of the above statement.

His statement came on the heels of a Carolina jury's flagrant acquittal of a white man for raping a pregnant Negro woman in an open-and-shut case — and a few days after a Negro was foully murdered by lynchers for the same crime, in a case where his guilt was never established.

Williams himself has been nearly lynched and often threatened with lynching.

He and several of his friends successfully repelled a Ku Klux Klan attack on a friend's home in a gun battle some time ago. (This is one example of what we mean by Civil Rights Defense Guards.) The cowardly white hoodlums have made no attempt to lynch any Negroes in Williams' area since that time.

It is a measure of the hypocrisy and cowardice of capitalist society that the head of the NAACP which is supposed to fight for the Negro people should feel compelled to repudiate Williams' statement.

Millions of Negroes live in daily fear of violence incited by their oppressors. But when a brave man advises them to defend themselves, he is repudiated and condemned by a leader of the very association he helps build at the risk of his life.

But Williams' fame will outlast his critic's infamy.

### THE DEATH PENALTY Will Lessen the Terror

We demand that the four white rapists of Tallahassee be given the electric chair. We demand this as a life and death necessity for the whole Negro people.

There will be no let-up of the capitalists' White Terror, when Negroes are tortured and killed for the very suspicion of rape, while whites are winked at or virtually given a medal for the same crime.

The execution of the four white rapists will be a clear command in the only language the white supremacists understand, to **STOP LYNCHING THE NEGRO PEOPLE**.

Sentimentalists may lament the youth of the criminals. Religious people may wait for God to punish them. "Humanists" may be merciful on the ground of abstract opposition to capital punishment. Moralists, thinking of Mack Parker's terrible death, may say that two wrongs do not make a right.

**But the life and death interests of the Negro People are far more important than any of these worthy considerations. These interests demand that the criminals pay the extreme penalty.**

No white man was ever executed for rape in Mississippi or Florida. But hundreds of Negroes have been executed, legally and illegally, innocent and guilty alike. If this horrible practice had stopped, it would be time to talk of mercy for the Florida four.

But the practice has *not* stopped. Mack Parker's torn flesh still hangs to his bones. The earth on his grave is still loose. The Negro people still feel his wounds. Their sons are in hourly danger of mutilation and violent death; their daughters subject to the whim of debased, unfeeling men. Drastic measures must be taken.

If the ruling class wants decent integration of the schools rather than the indecent integration of forced cohabitation at gunpoint, let it here make a stern example.

If the ruling class wants to make a show of equal justice for all, let it execute the vicious men that its system has morally destroyed.

If the President of the United States cares about the safety of twenty millions of his fellow citizens, let him call openly for the execution of four of their self-confessed torturers.

And if there is a single shred of honor, honesty, or simple decency in the general indignation against the rape of a white woman, let it be proven by an equally great outcry against the rape of a black woman.

Let the whole American working class, white and black, demand the execution of the four rapists. Their execution will compel the Southern aristocracy and its Northern Wall Street friends to soften their blows on the Negro People. It will compel Big Business and its depraved minions of the white mob to *retreat*.

### Florida Rapists Assault Honor of ALL Workers

The Tallahassee student was held at gun-point and knife point. She was bound and gagged. She was repeatedly raped. She was in the hospital for days in a condition of extreme shock.

Had four Negroes perpetrated such a crime, the millionaire Coca Cola Colonels and Bayou Bourbons would have liquored up their poor white dupes and sent them off like wolf dogs to tear the criminals limb from limb.

But it was not four Negroes. It was four whites, committing a crime far worse, because it combined the ordinary indignity of forced love and violence with the unbearable humiliation of a *Negro woman* being treated as an inferior being to whom rape is supposed to be of no concern.

But this woman's agony, and her loved ones' pain is *not* the end of the story, as it would have been some years ago.

Negroes have been raped, robbed, bullied, tortured and murdered by the thousand in a brutal, centuries old pattern of white supremacy and divide-and-rule. But the big news today is that they are now fighting back. They are not going to take the raping and the murders any longer. And they are going to have white working class allies.

The outrage against the Florida co-ed was answered immediately by a student strike at A and M University. Student bodies of other colleges will follow suit, and may be more militant, less pacifist. Morehouse College students at Atlanta have already sent a resolution congratulating the A and M students for their strike. It was signed by several hundred after a roaring student body meeting. It is printed on page 2.

The April 25 mob assault on the unguarded Mississippi jail, and the vicious murder of Mack Parker for the unproved suspicion of rape—horrified the whole American working class and like the Florida case, it will recruit whole legions for the cause of the oppressed.

### White Workers for Justice

The statement of Robert Williams (see left-hand column) is simply a part of the nation-wide cry for justice. The Workers World joins in that cry. Liberal whites as well as white radicals and white trade unionists throughout the country, are more aroused at the Southern violation of civil rights than they have been in years. They want to do something.

The question of defense for the Negro People is the great and urgent question of the hour. The Negro People will defend themselves. But every progressive white must help them. The next step in the forward march of the American working class cannot be taken until this defensive unity is achieved.

All those whites who are serious about their support to the Negro struggle must draw together with the Negroes in committees of self-defense. They must begin the creation of **CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE GUARDS**.

Thus they will serve notice on the white hoodlums that they tamper with the lives of the Negro people at the peril of their own. Thus they will serve notice on the capitalist class that the old trick of divide and rule will no longer work.

### China Steel Spirals

The most recent record for steel-making in Shanghai, according to Peking Review, is 3 hours and 57 minutes for a "heat" of open hearth steel.

This can be done in the best American open hearths too. But there are hundreds of furnaces here which still take 6 to 9 hours to do it.

China also continues to make great quantities of cast iron from the new "primitive" blast furnaces that dot the country-side and amaze the world. This year China may produce more steel than Britain, the oppressor who kept her backward and barefoot for a century.

We take pride that this new nation and its glorious achievements belong to us, the working class.

### Woman Worker Hounded For Helping the Oppressed

Another potential McCarran Act victim, Jo Ann Santiago is threatened with deportation to Canada because she came to this country from Montreal at the age of six and, through a technicality, did not become a citizen.

Real reason for deportation is because she has been a militant fighter for the oppressed. She organized a tenants' council, became a shop steward in her union, worked at the Jefferson School in New York, and married a well-known Puerto Rican independence fighter.

Further information may be obtained from the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 49 E. 21st St., N.Y. 10, N.Y.

### Believe it or Not

When John D. Rockefeller Jr. was still in his twenties, he lost a million dollars at one crack in the stock market.

"Never shall I forget my shame and humiliation," he said, "when I told Father of this situation. I had no money to meet the loss with, and there was nothing to do but to turn to him. Father listened to the story patiently. When he had heard the whole story and finished his questioning, Father simply said, 'All right John, don't worry. I will see you through.' That was all. Could there have been a better way to teach me the dangers and the unwisdom of speculation?"

Quoted in Time Magazine Sept. 24, 1956



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# No Compromise — Equal Justice, Say Georgia Students

We re-print herewith a copy of the forceful letter sent by students of Morehouse College, Atlanta, to the student body of A and M in Tallahassee, where the May 1st rape incident occurred.

We are informed that at least 80 percent of the Morehouse students signed this letter personally, as the result of a mass meeting protesting the Florida rape and Mississippi lynching.

The Student Body  
Florida A and M University  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Fellow Students:

The recent racial incidents of vicious brutality and willful attacks on our people particularly in the South, intensified by the latest outrage which took

place in your community, have not only shocked the consciousness of us all in Atlanta, but of many the world over.

We realize that what has happened in your community affects us all. We will not sit idly by while such brutality reigns. Thus we will do more than defend and protect our corner of the grid-iron in the fight for equal justice for all. We therefore solidarize ourselves with you in your protest to see that justice is done.

In joining in this protest to protect and defend our rights, we will not rest until equal justice is accorded everyone and such attacks on our people have ceased.

Let us accept no compromises, let us see that justice is done.

## MAIL BAG

### Against Race Prejudice

... A feeling came over me from reading the papers (different issues of WW) that I was being exposed to some of the most penetrating and analytical minds of this generation. Sharp, piercing, vitriolic and determined. Wow! What a staff. What insight and understanding.

The perspective is so world-wide. The issues so controversial and fluid. I do hope and pray that the results of the Workers World group's activities will redound to the alleviation of the burdens and disadvantages of race prejudice. . . .

Good luck  
Student, Washington, D.C.

### We Aim to Conquer

I am a worker. I hate segregation. I want to fight it any way that I can.

While in Washington, D.C., I was handed a copy of the Workers World and after reading it, I was glad deep down inside.

I want you to know that I have had experience with the radical parties. I think the CP and lots of others have forgotten how to fight. I am proud of your paper. I just hope you keep it up. Fight for a workers world! Go to it!

T. S., New York

### Blossom in Japan

Dear Friend,

I thank you very much for your air letter which I received yesterday.

If you want, I may give you further information of the Japanese labor movement. If you wish, I will write to you on the socialist discussion in Japan. In fact, within the Japanese CP, the conflict and disunity of programmatic opinion are growing step by step. This discussion is concerning the "peaceful co-existence" policy etc.

Within the Social Democratic Party, an atmosphere of "renaissance" of the socialist spirit is being seen, and some of its members organized themselves into a new society like the Victory for Socialism in Great Britain.

I am sorry that I cannot send any money to you, and I shall be very pleased if you kindly send me a complimentary copy of every issue of the Workers World.

I look forward to hearing from you soon again.

With all good wishes  
A Japanese Youth

### Road to Equality

Dear Sir:

Your paper the Workers World is a very wonderful paper, in fact the most militant I ever read. Your idea on the African question was very correct. Who else but the African people themselves should run their own countries?

Also I would like to comment on your open letter to Tom Mboya, the nationalist leader. I hope he reads it and gets something out of it that will help the movement on the road to equality.

Woman worker  
Buffalo, New York

### Boss Theocracy

Remember how sarcastic the capitalist press used to be about Hirohito when the Japanese called him a "God-king"?

They are quite nice today about the "Living God" of Tibet. . . .

### For Defense Guards

Vincent Copeland, Editor  
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New York City  
Dear Vincent:

Just a few comments on the significance of your movement's "deviation." Your paper is alone in reflecting, at least in this country, an analysis of developments and a program of action based on revolutionary Marxism. Consequently it can alone measure up to the tremendous opportunities being thrust to the surface by the ineluctable laws of social conflict.

The left-wing movement has been beguiled fatally by two slogans — "Peace" and "attachment to the labor movement." A few years ago some concern was expressed in "liberal" circles over the decision of A. J. Muste and other pacifists to set up a discussion core with leftists, including the Stalinists. At the time the pacifists pooh-poohed any suggestion that they might be made the front of the CP. As it turned out, their confidence was justified. They ended by infiltrating the CP ranks with passive resistance tenets. Now these ranks are unable to diagnose the general funk into which the radical groups have sunk and substitute "peaceful coexistence," a requirement of the Soviet Union, for any meaningful activity affording a direction for the dispossessed masses of their own society.

A few illustrations will indicate what I mean. The lynching of Mack Parker, with the connivance of Mississippi Democratic officials, presented a clear example of the bestiality of the American ruling class. What response was to be proposed? The pacifists prayed and fasted. The left-wing generally deplored the incident. Only your paper saw the theoretical necessity of advocating the arming of the Negroes as civil defense guards to meet this latest aggression. And the May 1, 1959 edition of the *Los Angeles Tribune* reports that the Negroes of the Delta section of Mississippi have now quietly begun to arm. Rob Williams and the Negroes of Monroe, N.C. had already led the way by successfully repelling the Klan in a gun battle. No Negroes are being lynched in his section of the country now because the cowardly white hoodlums who form the rank-and-file of the lynch mobs are deathly afraid of guns, in the hands of their intended victims.

Another example of the castration of the left is the activity of the liberal labor leaders like Andy Biemiller in having struck out of the McClellan Bill the provisions which would have made some provisions for equal rights for Negroes and other minorities in unions. The sorry spectacle of these leaders and Northern Democrats whispering to Southern reactionaries that they were as concerned as Southern segregationists with preventing Negroes from having equal rights in unions and would vote with them to kill this amendment was matched by the shameful silence of the "liberal" press about such manoeuvres. Only the reactionary press, *The Mirror* and *The Daily News* was at pains to point out the hypocrisy of the "do-gooders."

However, the masses need only one voice. A great many of us are not willing to sink back and resign ourselves to the totalitarian state. Only in such uncorrupted spirits lies the hope of man in our time.

C. J. L., New York

## A Constitutional Right

"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."—Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The idea of Civil Rights Defense Guards is founded in the moral duty of the oppressed and their friends to defend themselves against lawless acts. But it is found also in an unassailable legal RIGHT, sanctioned by the highest written law in the United States.

## Khrushchev, Malenkov, And African Freedom

Malenkov was thrown out of the Soviet leadership in 1957. But a great deal more was involved than just the personal fortunes of an individual. The Malenkov men had large forces, and led the so-called "anti-party group" against aid to China and the colonial struggle.

The New York Times of May 6 verifies the above facts from speeches just made public from the 21st Congress of the Soviet CP.

We already knew that the "anti-party men" wanted an immediate sharp increase in production of consumer goods at the expense of capital goods. But this increase could not have been effected on the level they desired without cutting down on aid to China and the colonial struggle. Therefore the Times disclosure is probably true.

We of course favor immediate and massive aid to China and particularly to Africa, which has yet to strike off its chains.

However, we question whether Khrushchev is as consistent in favoring aid to the colonial struggle as he claims Malenkov was in opposing it.

For example, President Touré of Guinea (in West Africa) has openly stated that he will take arms from wherever he can get them. But so far, the Soviet Union has sent only a boatload of "ob-

solete" hand rifles to Guinea.

The rising countries of Black Africa are very anxious to know whether Khrushchev's attack on the conservatism of the "anti-party men" means a new Soviet policy of all-out aid to African freedom, or not.

If they consider the case of China, they may have cause to wonder:—

Alexander Dallin, Russian "expert" at Columbia University, claims that Soviet deliveries to China went from \$380 million in 1950 to \$542 million in 1957. But, he adds, Chinese deliveries to the USSR grew from \$188 million in 1950 to \$738 million in 1957. (New Leader Apr. 20.)

The "anti-party" group probably was "conservative" and "ultra-nationalistic" as Khrushchev avers. And this group was probably much bigger than Khrushchev admits. There are great pressures on Soviet leaders to sit down, make peace with capitalism, stop rocking the boat with aid to the rebellious colonies, and enjoy life. Malenkov and many others yielded to the pressures.

But we have yet to see that Khrushchev is any Rock of Gibraltar against these pressures. We are still waiting to see how Khrushchev arms the African Revolution after his big victory over the "conservatives."

## Deutscher Distorts Lenin To Discredit Revolution

In the April issue of The American Socialist, in an article titled "Lenin's Last Dilemma" Isaac Deutscher quotes a few fragments from some hitherto unpublished notes of Lenin. According to Deutscher they prove that "he was now (Dec. 1922) a prey to remorse, which was extinguishing the feeble flame of life left in him. . . ." He quotes Lenin as saying, "I am, it seems, strongly guilty before the workers of Russia . . ."

Guilty of what? Deutscher gives the impression that Lenin meant to repudiate his entire course of action in building the Bolshevik party on centralist lines — that Lenin finally came to the conclusion that a wishy-washy Menshevik-type party could have prevented the Stalinist degeneration in the Soviet Union. What a wretched distortion of Lenin!

Every reader of Lenin knows that his writings bristled with strong expressions and blunt expletives. He no doubt used the word "guilty" in the same way that he sometimes spoke of himself as having been "stupid" and "silly." The word "guilty" did not have the same fearsome connotation in 1922 as it has today in the era of the "guilt complex" and other super-psychological bugaboos

Lenin undoubtedly realized he had made a mistake in not warning his co-workers sooner against Stalin. But he knew better than anyone of his day that the Stalinist bureaucracy had a material, not an organizational cause. He knew ahead of time that unless the Socialist revolution was victorious in a significant sector of the economically advanced countries of the world, political power would inevitably fall into

the hands of an oligarchy. Stalin's brutality and unscrupulousness only fitted him for the part that history had prepared.

Isaac Deutscher, as a student of Lenin, knows this, and states it occasionally—in passing. But, as a popular writer for such respectable magazines as the *British Economist* and the *American Reporter*, he finds it more profitable to color his writings in line with their prejudices.

Deutscher is now a leading exponent of the pernicious theory that the bureaucratic degeneration in the Soviet Union had its roots in Leninism itself. He did not originate this theory. It was born in the mind of an obscure writer named Souvarine over twenty years ago. It has appeared again and again over different signatures in the course of these past twenty years.

The theory was exploded by Leon Trotsky in his famous pamphlet "Stalinism and Bolshevism." But Deutscher, who has borrowed freely from the ideas of Trotsky, nevertheless peddles this anti-Trotskyist theory. He has found a perfect formula for both fame and success—Trotsky's stolen ideas have given him respect as a scholar and thinker, and Souvarine's half-baked theory, so acceptable to the liberal bourgeoisie, has given him a good market for his literary output.

But now Deutscher has added a brand new wrinkle to his old moth-eaten theory! He has now contrived to give his readers the impression that Lenin himself, in the last months of his life, embraced the same theory that Deutscher holds today. He would have us believe that Lenin became a Deutscherite!



# Steelworkers Must Make 30 for 40 A Battle Cry

Youngstown—The steelworkers have not forgotten the most recent depression. They have not forgotten either that the steel companies are stockpiling and that there is another depression on the way if the union does not do something to prevent it. So when the negotiations began in New York, the workers had mainly one thing in mind: How can we get security and prevent another wholesale layoff of steelworkers?

The steel barons claim that wage increases cause price increases and that profits cannot be lowered because expansion would cease. Union spokesmen correctly insist that the steel industry is fully capable of giving wage increases to the workers without raising prices.

The agents of the multimillionaire steel corporations are crying about the stiff foreign competition. They say this competition takes away business and is a contributing cause of the depression. The leaders of the union counter by proving that only about 3 per cent of the steel sold in the U. S. is from other countries.

The corporations argue that the increased productivity from automation must give them more money with which to work in order to invest in still more new capital. The union leadership rightly states that the workers should share in this increased productivity.

The leadership is right and the corporations are wrong. But still, the leaders have failed to inspire the members with a clear call to battle.

What the union must demand is that

the increased productivity be distributed among all the workers. We must demand a sliding scale of hours so that all workers can remain on the payroll without any wage cuts or layoffs. This is the real issue. But it has not been made clear.

Neither the union leaders, nor the companies, nor the company stooges who run the government, are concerned with the laid-off workers. They are glad to see so many unemployed because they can drive the workers harder. The McDonald leadership talks in generalities for a shorter work week. But the issue has to be made clear. We must fight for the 30 hour week at 40 hours pay—that is the best way to get real mobilization behind the union and it is the best way to get the fullest employment possible under capitalism.

The trade union bureaucrats do not want to fight if they can help it. They repeat daily that they are opposed to a strike, whereas we know that striking is the surest way to win the best contract. We have never won anything without a strike or the threat of it.

The struggle of the steelworkers for a new contract is the struggle of all workers. To make sure that we win, we must set forth a program of action that will unite the workers as a whole. To do this, we must fight for the shorter week with no reduction in pay.

Only the battle cry of 30 for 40 will electrify the steelworkers' ranks today and lead them united to war with the steel bosses.

## Always Welcome!

Anna Louise Strong tells us—in the Guardian—that the Living God of Tibet still has his job open for him when he returns.

## Wrong and Right

Khrushchev closed the 21st Congress of the CPSU by saying "Long live world peace!"

"Long live world revolution," say we!

# Court Gives Only What it Has To; Class Bias Shown in Entire History

By Ben Steisel

The Supreme Court is the most conservative of capitalist legal institutions. It only gives what it has to give, and precious little of that.

The capitalist class saw that it could not conquer the colonial peoples of the world (who are mostly colored) by a head-on assault. It had to convince them that it had now grown "liberal." So Wall Street's Supreme Court made some liberal decisions.

Now the anti-Negro, anti-labor hate-mongers are attacking these liberal decisions. Workers must defend these decisions. But they should defend the decisions without defending the capitalist Court.

It is important for lawyers such as Thurgood Marshall to argue before the Court in cases like the school integration. But the victories are not won by the brilliance of Marshall's legal arguments. They are won by the millions of colored people in the world who are fighting far away from the courtroom, and far from the schoolroom itself.

It is absolutely right to utilize the Court's school decision for the benefit of the oppressed. But it is absolutely wrong to teach the workers that this

Justice, John Jay, accepted his position only in order to defend the interests of the big land barons and the slave-holders through the decisions he later made as Chief Justice.

He had married into the Livingston family which stole thousands of acres of the choicest land of New York and New Jersey right from under the cabins of

The Supreme Court last month refused to review the case of Robert Thompson, Executive secretary of the Communist Party, who has already served years in prison for the "crime" of belonging to his party. Thompson, Executive Secretary of and nearly killed in prison by an anti-communist thug armed with a lead pipe. He still carries a large plate in his skull after a series of brain operations.)

the pioneers who had settled there. It was this family along with other landed families, who used their influence on President Washington and on Congress to secure the post for Jay. (History of Supreme Court, Gustavus Myer.)

Some succeeding Chief Justices, like the famous John Marshall, were personally more honest than Jay. But like Marshall, they defended the interests of their CLASS even better.

Earl Warren is no exception to this rule. Warren, the "liberal-conservative," did favor a very mild form of integration when he was appointed in 1953, and he did tepidly oppose Senator McCarthy. But Warren also opposed repealing the Smith Act, and he supported the give-away of the fabulously rich off-shore oil reserves to the corporations. Like John Jay and John Marshall, he is a friend of the rich and a foe of the poor.

Warren may be personally sympathetic to the idea of school integration, in a liberal, legalistic sort of way. But eight other conservative old men suddenly ruled in favor of it too, after 165 years of heartless Supreme Court snobbery.

\$32 a Week and \$30,000 a Year!

# Lowest Pay Sparks 1st Hospital Strike

By Eleanor Stephens

"The ward patients are most in sympathy with us because they come from the same walk of life," said a young woman on the picket line in front of Mount Sinai Hospital to two reporters from the Workers World.

Mount Sinai was one of the five New York hospitals struck by Local 1199 of the Retail Drug Employees Union on May 8—the historical opening day of the only large-scale hospital strike the city of New York ever experienced.

Its impressive entrance facing Central Park at 100th Street, in one of the wealthiest sections of the city, Mount Sinai's line of determined working-class pickets was in striking contrast to the fashionable line of Fifth Avenue dowagers walking their toy poodles in the May sunshine.

Picket lines, accompanied by a heavy contingent of police, covered every entrance to the huge hospital. Orderlies, nurses' aides, kitchen workers, laundry workers, porters — all the lowest paid, most cruelly exploited workers of any hospital — marched together on the line. Most of them were Negroes and Puerto Ricans.

They carried signs reading "750 Workers at Mount Sinai Make Less than \$1 an Hour" — "A City Welfare Allowance is Bigger than a Mount Sinai Salary!"

Women laundry workers said, "Tell your readers the conditions in the laundry here are terrible. Many times workers faint at the mangle from the heat and overwork." One woman said, "I have been working here in the laundry for 17 years and my pay now is only

\$42.50 a week."

A middle-aged man in a grey flannel suit came out of the hospital and taunted the older women on the line. "You know you're not going to win. Why don't you come back in and stop losing money!"

"Why are you against us having a union, Harry?" a grey-haired woman cried. "You used to be for the union."

"That's when I was young and simple-minded," the man said.

"No, that's when your salary was smaller. You weren't an assistant director then," the woman jeered.

Hospital office workers were also on the picket line. One girl, who carried a picket sign in front of the hospital's main entrance said bitterly, "I worked in this office for four years. Not any more, though. But when I heard about the strike I came back to picket. I wish we had done it four years ago!"

Another girl, who was a medical secretary, told us that many of the patients were shocked when they heard the pay was as low as \$32 a week. "Why, I'm paying \$35 a day for a semi-private room," one patient said. "When they get that kind of money from us, why can't they pay their help a living wage?"

An orderly said, "If these hospitals want people to believe they are losing money, why have they refused the Mayor's request to meet with a fact-finding board? There are rumors that the salaries of some administrators run to \$30,000 — even \$50,000 a year. Maybe those are the facts they're afraid the workers in this industry will find out."

## Czech Govt Gives Kids Better Break

The workers states have a progressive view of education. And they attempt to orient education to the working class. This fact comes through to us in spite of all distortions or bureaucratic excesses.

The following quote from the anti-communist monthly, "East Europe" (although its editors are trying to prove something else) verifies this fact completely:

"Resentment over the policy of awarding scholarships primarily to workers' children and consequent discrimination (!) against children of the intelligentsia has recently come to the surface with the publication of two letters in Rude Pravo (Prague), Feb. 14, addressed to the education editor, Vera Michalkova. A college graduate wrote as follows: 'I am not a worker. I am a college-trained mechanical engineer . . . and I try as best I can to work . . . usefully for our Socialist country. I am under the impression that we who work with our brains are supposed to be something worse than the workers. Don't you think that this is unjust? Why should my son be worse off than the son of my comrade-worker who makes just about the same salary as I do and whose work is in no way more important than mine? What is decisive, after all, is the attitude a man takes toward society, and not his position.'

"This complaint was echoed by a woman from Brno: 'Let us assume that the son of a mathematics professor who has great talent, will have no choice to study simply because his father has had an education. This seems illogical and unjustified to me. Isn't the intelligentsia equal to other people? Doesn't it have the same obligations and rights?'

To refute these arguments the education editor produced the following statistics: "Of 13.5 million inhabitants, the working class represents 78.6 percent, the members of the intelligentsia, 18.7 percent, yet only 40 percent of the college students hail from the ranks of the workers and farmers. If anyone is wronged, it is not the intelligentsia but the workers' and farmers' children."

This should teach us that much more than a little sympathy is involved. It is a change of policy—a change from "hard cop" to "soft cop."

The 1954 school decision was a historic gain to be sure. But it will remain forever as just a piece of democratic window dressing—unless the Negro and labor movements themselves make it the law of the land. They will do this, not by "defending the Supreme Court" as the liberals do, but by defending their own democratic rights through the class struggle.

## Freedom of Poverty

The Commerce and Industry Association of New York referred to bills to broaden and extend unemployment insurance as "right-to-loaf measures."

What they would like is a "right to starve" measure.

## Inequality Under Tito

"There is more traffic and the people lack the drab, uniform appearance of Poland. It is immediately evident that this is a far less egalitarian society."

—John Kenneth Galbraith, writing of Yugoslavia in the New Leader

## ABC's in China

Those magnificent Chinese have come up with a new "phonetic alphabet" too.

This will replace, or at least supplement, the almost impossible-to-learn system of Chinese "characters." Formerly only the exploiting classes could master these characters because of the large amount of leisure time required to do it. Now the workers are learning to read and write by the millions.

## People in Glass Houses

Remember all those elections in the Soviet bloc that were 98 per cent for the regime? And remember all the capitalist charges about hand-raising stooges in the Soviet Central Committee?

Well—what about the free-thinking, independent-minded U.S. Senators who voted 93-0 to endorse Herter as Secretary of State?

May 4 — The Supreme Court refused to review a lower court's decision to bar Negro doctors from a North Carolina hospital.

The hospital is partly supported by Federal funds!

sanctimonious, black-robed pillar of capitalism, the Supreme Court, is anything but their enemy.

In five long years, the Court has done all but nothing about enforcing its 1954 desegregation order. Last month, 30,000 Negro and white school children marched to Washington still demanding school integration. But not a single Supreme Court Justice bothered to see them, much less to apologize for the five-year run-around he had given them!

The aristocratic and lofty Supreme Court has been based on the class interests of the rich from its very beginning in 1789. The very first Chief

# "Labor's Choice" in Nov. Busting Unions in May

By J. Wilson

Mike Di Salle of Ohio was successfully elected Democratic Governor over his Republican opponent because of the dissatisfaction of the workers.

This so-called friend of labor who was given official support by the Ohio labor movement has proposed a most vicious anti-labor law. (He undoubtedly is carrying out his campaign promises that a law "regulating" labor unions was needed.) This bill is so bad that it has bestirred even the otherwise docile labor officials in Ohio, who are generally willing to compromise with the bosses' agents.

The provisions are as bad as, if not worse than the "Right to Work" law that the workers of Ohio rejected by over four to one.

The AFL-CIO Executive Board of Ohio made a detailed analysis of the bill and explained "One section of the bill will jeopardize the operation of every union in the state," "Unions couldn't hire enough lawyers to keep abreast of the laws and it would become impossible for unions to function," "This is not a question of being for or against Labor wrongdoing... this is a question of the right way to go about it," "One section would make it unlawful for a union officer to accept a member's dues if they are checked off by the employer."

Also the board stated: (1) It is one-sided, (2) It is more discriminatory against union leaders than bank presidents, (3) It would prevent check-off of union dues, (4) Union officers would have to violate either the federal or the state law, (5) It would impose most unfair penalties.

How is this new attack on Ohio labor to be answered? The so-called labor leaders begin by asking for laws to regulate themselves. They just want "fair" laws. We begin by asking labor to keep or clean its own house—it needs no government or company (the same) interference with its internal affairs.

The Ohio State labor officialdom refuses to recognize or doesn't know that

the state apparatus is a bosses' apparatus and that even the so-called "good" labor laws have the purpose of enmeshing the workers in a web of capitalist legality. They also do not understand that the courts and the officers who interpret or enforce the laws are all in favor of "private enterprise"... which means higher profits that must come out of the hides of the working class. And these same labor leaders mislead the workers into giving *political confidence* to capitalist politicians in return for a promise to enact "good" labor laws. (The truth is that all so-called good labor laws were forced by pressure of the workers.)

The worst crime of the labor leadership is its failure to mobilize the membership to fight big business. Just as in the struggle for Supplemental Unemployment Benefits, this leadership refuses to organize any mass actions. All it calls for is resolutions and letters.

But just as SUB could have been won long ago, so this anti-labor bill can be defeated, despite past errors of supporting Di Salle and other capitalist politicians. Now we must mobilize to demonstrate to Di Salle in actions and mass meetings that the rank and file are not going to permit this union busting. In this way we will get results. At the very least Di Salle will have to remember his election promises.

## TOM MBOYA'S REPLY TO WW

Tom Mboya evaded the fundamental questions in his reply to our "Open Letter" on May 11 at the Church of the Master in New York.

Mboya said: "And now, with respect to the Open Letter, I won't answer it point by point. I'll say just this: I stand on my record. And I have the support of my people."

The Open Letter had raised a series of burning questions relating to the African Revolution, and the cunning efforts of U. S. capitalists "to make Africa an enlarged version of Harlem."

# Capitalists Respect Property —But Not Property of the Poor!

By John Penn

Los Angeles—All of the big capitalist newspapers in Los Angeles gave a lot of space in their papers to the people who were evicted from their homes in Chavez Ravine. The papers carried front-page pictures of cops forcing women and children out of their homes. They also showed pictures of bulldozers smashing the houses down. (Great publicity for the Dodgers!)

It "appears" that the capitalist press sympathizes with the poor people of Los Angeles. But such is not the case. This is a "trick" human-interest story, and it tries to deceive honest workers into thinking that the capitalist papers tell the truth sometimes.

While this struggle between the home owners and the capitalist corporation is basically the struggle between workers and bosses, the class struggle issue itself is not immediately apparent. What is more apparent is that *private property is being violated*. The issue of private property is the only basis on which the worker, under capitalism, can help defend his fellow worker who is being evicted. (My home is my castle.)

In order to deceive the worker well, the capitalists had a helicopter equipped with cameras hovering overhead, their television cameras were set up, their newspaper reporters and photographers were on hand, and they even flew in reporters from the East Coast. Then when

the "stage" was set, the cops moved in on the families, many of whom were Mexican—and the show was on.

Even with all of Clete Robert's "tears," there is one lesson that the capitalists have taught us: the worker will always be robbed and evicted by the

## Without Representation

There are 750,000 Puerto Ricans living in the city of New York.

The whole state of North Dakota has a population of 700,000, the state of Montana, 660,000, and our 50th state of Hawaii, 575,000. These populations are represented in their state capitals.

The country of Costa Rica, with a population of 800,000 is ruled by Costa Ricans; the country of Iceland, population 180,000, is ruled by Icelanders.

But in New York City, there is not one Puerto Rican even on the School Board!

bloodsucker capitalists as long as the capitalists rule society, as long as *they* control the cops, and as long as *we* the workers do not fight the capitalists.

There is one more lesson that the capitalists teach us here: if it's ok for the bosses to carry us out of our homes, then it's ok for us to carry the bosses out of the factories. And when we carry them out, *they can't come back*.

## Jomo Kenyatta Not Yet Free

Of the almost 80,000 Negroes that were put in concentration camps by the brutal British imperialists who govern Kenya, hundreds and hundreds still remain behind British barbed wire, half starved, maltreated and many of them completely exhausted.

Not one word has been raised in their behalf by the many refugee organizations in this country, set up for the purpose of allegedly helping "freedom fighters."

Is it not time for labor organizations to set up an emergency relief fund for all in Africa who have been hunted, imprisoned, and exiled by the British government? Most important is to remind all Americans interested in civil liberties, that Jomo Kenyatta is *not* yet free. He is confined to an "African Siberia," in what amounts to practically complete isolation from the outside world—except by permission of his British governors.

## Union Democracy Bad for Bosses

Many crocodile tears have been shed by the capitalist press over racketeer-led unions.

But look when they shed *real* tears. A. H. Raskin of the N. Y. Times reported on the United Parcel Service strike of the Teamsters Union in New York.

Raskin complains that now union officials have "rank and file watchdogs in collective bargaining." Consequently—unlike the racketeers, they fight for much higher wages and better working conditions.

According to Mr. Raskin, a very fearful thing has happened, "the largest of the striking unions has taken to heart the maxim that the rank and file should be supreme in its own organization."

Sounds to us like Mr. Raskin prefers the racketeers.

# U. S. Uses Capital to Enslave Liberia, Ravage and Starve the People There

By Don Franklin

Throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, the U. S. "protected" Liberia from British and French encroachments, and in 1909 Liberian finances were placed under U. S. management. In this way, this tiny country in West Africa was opened up for exploitation—not by gunboats or military expeditions, but by the agency of money.

In 1912, J. P. Morgan bankers extended Liberia a loan, a loan which was used to exact unbelievable concessions from Liberia. The way having been paved by the J. P. Morgan bankers, the Firestone Rubber company just about took over Liberia, lock, stock, and barrel.

In 1926, Firestone extended a \$5 million loan to the Liberian government through the Finance Corporation of America, one of its subsidiaries. The interest rate on the loan was a stiff 7 per cent. For the questionable privilege of getting this loan the Liberian government had to cede a million acres of land to Firestone rent-free for 99 years.

In this way, the chief industry of Liberia, the Firestone Rubber Plantation, was established. 100,000 of the 2 million Liberian people today have been expropriated from their tribal life. And out of these 100,000 people, 30,000 work directly on Firestone Plantation, which is supplied by a system of forced labor.

In 1943, the U. S. moved to take over the whole financial system of the coun-

try. The American dollar became the official currency. If Liberia had any independence up to this time, she certainly didn't afterwards. The U. S. bankers from then on completely controlled the Liberian economy.

The National Bank of Liberia became a mere subsidiary of the First National City Bank of New York. The only industry is U. S. owned. The only currency is the American dollar. The only banks are branch offices of a Wall Street bank. The whole country is so webbed in by American finance capital that the imperialists extract wholesale concessions for nothing!

The First National City Bank of New York is the investment banker and adviser to Firestone Rubber Co. (besides being linked to other empires like Ford and Standard Oil). It controls the finances of Haiti, Cuba, and Puerto Rico. It has branches in Egypt, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia. In Liberia, its authority is nearly absolute.

The much touted "foreign aid" that the United States has extended to Liberia only enslaves the country more.

"Foreign aid" dates from the 2nd World War, when the U. S. under the Roosevelt administration utilized Liberia as a military base. In 1942, a U. S.-Liberian agreement admitted U. S. troops to build strategic airports. In 1944, another agreement provided for permanent U. S. military and naval bases.

So during the 2nd World War, the U. S. built an airport in Liberia at a cost of 5 million dollars. After the war, it was turned over to Pan American Airways at no cost whatsoever to them.

Likewise, a naval harbor was built in 1947 at Monrovia (the capital) at a cost of about \$20 million. Articles in the capitalist press constantly point this out as the pride and joy of U. S. "aid"

to Liberia. A third of U. S. tax funds spent in Liberia have gone into the building of this harbor.

But this harbor is neither owned nor operated by Liberia. This "pride and joy" belongs to United States capital. The management of the harbor has been organized by the State Department to represent 7 U. S. corporations. Nowhere are the Liberian people represented.

An agreement was made with Liberia that Liberia can only own and operate this port, itself, when every penny of the cost has been repaid to the U. S. And since Wall Street sets the prices for Liberian products, such a possibility is slim indeed!

The rest of U. S. capitalism's foreign "aid" is the same. Roads were built for bringing timber out of the interior. And then an American millionaire by the name of Tournau got rights to half a million acres of this timberland for 80 years for nothing. The survey of timberlands and road construction by the U. S. government helped the American millionaire—not the Liberian people.

The corporations want the timber, the iron ore, the diamonds, the natural rubber and other agricultural products. But the Liberian workers who are earning from 30 to 50 cents a day, want their country for themselves.

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## Kiss of Death

New Times No. 8 reports that FBI agent, General Williams, influenced the formation of the last Italian Cabinet. There was a big scandal in Rome when the matter came to light. And the FBI disowned the general on the theory that open American support for Italian politicians is equivalent to the kiss of death.