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Support The Southern Sitdowns— Harbingers Of Negro Liberation!

The Frame-up Of Martin Luther King

V. Grey

The capitalist rulers of Alabama might flog, rape, burn, lynch and starve their darker-skinned subjects from time to time. But they never (No, never!) would lie.

It is therefore especially fitting that these virtuous gentlemen have accused Reverend Martin Luther King of perjury (lying under oath), and are getting him extradited from Atlanta, Georgia back to Montgomery, Alabama, where the "crime" is supposed to have been committed.

What they are really saying is that King absconded with a large amount of money from the Montgomery Improvement Association, and lied about it when he made out his income tax. They are trying to use this to examine the Association's books, find out just who did contribute to the Association, who is a member and so on.

The white supremacist rulers of Alabama are only creating a diversionary smoke-screen behind which they are really trying to attack the civil rights campaign that King is attempting to lead.

More Frame-ups Coming

As the struggle develops further in the South, and as more militant leaders come to the fore, the racist rulers will be compelled to use the tactic of frame-up against them, more and more. The racists can no longer successfully attack them for their real "crime"—that is, opposition to racial inequality. Today the racists must resort to sly innuendo, insinuation, and finally, frame-up.

If and when militant leaders of the oppressed show signs of betrayal of their trust, it is the duty of their own organizations to try them, and if guilty, to throw them out.

But the attacks of the ruling class against these leaders are in no way designed to protect the membership from possible dishonesty of the leadership. No, indeed. These attacks are simply to slander and discredit the fighting instruments of the oppressed. They are attacks against the *organizations themselves*.

In supporting King whole-heartedly against the racist capitalist court he may have to face, we are supporting the Montgomery Improvement Association and its right to exist in defiance of Southern jimcrow justice.

He Loves His Enemies!

Of course King is not the best kind of fighting leader for an embattled organization such as this in the deep South. For example, even at the moment of his arrest, he declared that he had "no bitterness in his heart."

But his persecutors and the persecutors of the MIA are very bitter indeed. They are *merciless* to any of their slaves who dare to revolt—especially if they only revolt half way. And this incident proves it.

The South needs fighting leaders who are *all-the-way fighters*—who will not forgive the enemies of the masses until

the masses are free. Therefore, in supporting King, we naturally reserve the right to criticize King's ineffective, pacifist, love-your-enemies method of fighting.

Only relentless prosecution of the class struggle will free the Negro people from their three centuries of blood-and-iron dictatorship—the dictatorship that has now framed-up Martin Luther King.

The Spirit That Cops Can't Break!



THE GREAT BEGINNING

The South will never be the same again! The tidal wave of sit-downs has introduced a new element into the struggle. Up until now the intervention of the Negro people has been on an isolated and scattered basis. Such was the case even with the bus boycotts. But what is new is the spontaneous intervention of *larger masses* on the arena of struggle and with an *unprecedented* boldness and determination.

It is truly the beginning of a mass movement. It differs qualitatively from such a much-acclaimed event as the Supreme Court Desegregation Decision. That was in part an attempt by the ruling class to anticipate the development of just such a dynamic mass movement so as to divert it and tame it with token concessions. But the hard core of the ruling class turned down the advice of its own hand-picked lily-white Court.

As always in the case of "reforms from above" they do no more than delay the inevitable and irresistible historical task that only the masses themselves can carry out.

No farcical filibuster by Dixiecrats in collusion with Northern capitalist politicians can stop it.

White supremacists will try to crush it.

Pacifist preachers will try to disarm it.

Liberal politicians will try to buy it.

Labor bureaucrats will try to curb it.

But through trial and tribulation the mass movement will develop and build up a genuine revolutionary socialist leadership, for only such a leadership can measure up to the great historic task that lies ahead.

Tidal Wave of Irresistible Mass Protest Sweeps Over South and Threatens Wall St. Too

Rolling onward like a cataclysmic flood whose waters have gushed from the middle of the earth, the sitdowns have spread from city to city and state to state.

They began by asking for integrated lunchroom service, and are already demanding the larger rights the United States Constitution is supposed to guarantee to everyone.

The flood first welled up in North Carolina when white students enthusiastically supported the Negro students in sitdowns at Woolworth and other Five and Ten's which refused to serve Negroes at the regular lunch counters.

The tide quickly reached into Virginia and even to the arch-reactionary, Confederate-minded state of South Carolina.

Nine cities in North Carolina, three in South Carolina, six in Virginia have been washed by this flood. And the waters of protest have spread to Tennessee and up into Maryland. In the North, Englewood and New Brunswick, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Buffalo and New York City have also felt the storm.

The heart and capital of the old slave-owning Confederacy, Montgomery, Alabama, was all but *inundated*. A thousand students from Alabama State University boldly marched down the main avenue of town to demonstrate at the capitol building.

Defying the white-supremacist Governor Patterson's open threat to expel militant students from the state-supported all-Negro university, they demonstrated not once, but several times in the capitol city.

There were scores of youth arrested both in Virginia and North Carolina. In Raleigh alone, 45 teen-agers were picked up and 28 were fined in Portsmouth. And yet the still more stormy events in Chattanooga and Nashville occurred after these attempted intimidations. The Montgomery mass parade occurred still later, and after the Governor's vicious warning. The movement could not be stopped by ordinary police action!

The Bourbon, bloody-shirt, racist lawmakers of Virginia, Georgia and South Carolina are now busy trying to sweep back the tide with their little brooms—introducing "laws" that say these elemental protests for rights guaranteed a hundred years ago are *illegal*!

But their efforts will avail them nothing. The aroused Negro people are threatening to tear down the remaining dikes and let the ocean of freedom cover the whole South.

British Workers Fight Jimcrow

Over 8,000 London workers demonstrated against South African jimcrow (apartheid) in Trafalgar Square on February 28.

American workers will be interested to learn that this was a nearly all-white demonstration led by the British Labor Party.

A few hundred fascists—similar to American Klansmen and members of the White Citizens Council—tried ineffectively to break the meeting up with an outburst of violence.

The demonstration was held to inaugurate the campaign to boycott South African goods until the "apartheid" laws are repealed.



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Princess Margaret

So Princess Margaret is going to be married? How nice, how romantic, how lovely!

And it is to a person of her own choice, not a nobleman, not an idiot-king from the degenerate royal houses of Old Europe, but a clean-cut young fellow whom she just happened to meet in his line of work (which happens to be taking pictures of people like herself).

How appropriate that all the bells ring out and all the papers stretch their headlines to the edge of the page to herald the happy event!

Of course when the young British Empire Prince, Seretse Kama of Be-

chuanaland, wanted to marry an English commoner, the bells did not ring and the newspapers had smaller and less happy headlines.

Was this because the girl was so far beneath Prince Kama's station? Was it because she wasn't of royal enough blood?

Ah, no! It was because Prince Kama was black and his bride was white. And the British capitalist rule of Africa depends almost entirely on keeping the races divided.

Now just suppose how it would have been if Prince Seretse Kama had been that court photographer. . . .

Hypocrisy on the Bomb

The Eisenhower administration expressed disapproval of the French atomic bomb in the Sahara. But this was sheer hypocrisy.

The United States government has been sending billions of dollars to France for military and other uses. De Gaulle could never have even thought of exploding this bomb if the United States really opposed it.

The United States government could have told de Gaulle that all U.S. aid

would stop if he dropped the bomb.

The same applies to the whole Algerian War. The French imperialists are being supplied by the United States to keep up their army in "NATO." But they are using these "NATO" supplies to shoot down the people of Algeria.

Anyone who seriously opposes the atomic bomb in the Sahara must oppose United States imperialist-military aid to France.

Polyansky Tells the Truth

Dmitri S. Polyansky, leader of a touring Russian delegation to the United States, made the following statement in Salt Lake City on February 14:

"It is common knowledge that the United Nations is controlled by the United States."

It is quite true that United States capitalism controls the United Nations. But it is most definitely untrue that this is "common knowledge."

In fact, the only reason that Mr. Polyansky even blurted out this unpleasant fact is that some students were baiting him about the UN's censure of the Soviet suppression of the Hungarian uprising of 1956.

The Latin American bloc in the United Nations is entirely controlled—except for Cuba—by the United States. And most West European countries being beneficiaries of United States financial aid, usually vote as the U.S. State Department asks them to.

And what kind of a "United Nations" is it that denies membership to China—one-quarter of the human race?

What Kind of Peace?

There have been 18 limited wars since the end of the Second World War. Most of these wars have been fought against the rising colonial revolution in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Now who was it that said the class struggle was passé?

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Real Story Behind The Spain-Germany "Axis"

The State Department got into a real stew as a result of its discovery that West Germany and Spain were secretly negotiating an agreement whereby the German air force would obtain bases in Spain for training its missile personnel.

A loud, angry cry came out simultaneously from London and Washington. And well-planted State Department and Downing Street newspaper stories immediately got to work with warnings to West Germany and Spain.

But why is Washington so opposed to these two worthy "free world" partners having a little get-together on a military basis of their own?

It is not because of any fear of the rise of a new fascist axis—as the New York Post and other liberal newspapers are telling their readers. Washington and London had no objection against Franco for butchering the Spanish working class, destroying its unions, and imposing the most barbaric form of thought control.

Nor have the financiers and industrialists of Wall Street and Lombard Street any objection to the growing influence of former Nazi generals, ministers, industrialists and bankers in the new re-armed Germany. And in fact they have no objection to military collaboration between a re-armed and re-Nazified Germany and fascist Spain.

What the Anglo-American imperialist partners really objected to in these clandestine military negotiations was something the imperialist press completely blacked out. It was this:

United States finance capital, together with its London junior partner, wants capitalist Germany and fascist Spain to re-arm and collaborate, it's true. But it wants this strictly confined to war plans against the Soviet Union and the East European bloc of workers states!

What Adenauer and Franco were in reality secretly planning was how to re-arm in such a way as to put themselves in a stronger military position to bargain with Britain and the U.S. for imperialist plunder in the world market. This is particularly true of oil—so vitally necessary—which neither Germany nor Spain have, and must purchase at extortionate prices dictated by U.S. and British oil cartels. Spain's strategic position in the Mediterranean makes her an extremely desirable partner to West Germany.

In other words, the Anglo-American financial pirates want Germany and Spain to serve as imperialist satellites in the struggle against the Soviet bloc and colonial people only. And if these partners want to horn in on any of the plunder of the United States and Britain, then that is strictly verboten.

Cheese and Chalk In Civil Rights

(The Case of Caryl Chessman)

The name of Caryl Chessman has blazed across the banner headlines of almost every newspaper in the country, with many sympathetic stories on his behalf.

Now we don't mean to sound hard-hearted about an imprisoned man sentenced to die. Quite the contrary. We feel sorry for any victim of circumstances who stands in danger of falling into the clutches of the executioner. We hope Chessman doesn't die.

We doubt however, that the unprecedented publicity by the big business press for his case is motivated by humanitarian sentiments.

We have seen these very same newspapers light-heartedly ignore the imprisonment and death of all too many people, sometimes with hardly any publicity or sympathy at all. So why the uproar about Chessman?

Some years ago, Willie McGee was sentenced to death by a white supremacist court. The all-white jury didn't have a scintilla of evidence before it. But Willie died.

There were no blazing headlines for him. Nor was there a shred of sympathy in the kept press. The same thing happened to Odel Waller several years earlier. When the fair state of Virginia executed the "Martinsville Seven" for alleged rape, it was simply a case of mass murder. But we don't remember any banner headlines on that case either.

And what about the Rosenbergs? They got plenty of publicity, all right—the kind that made their execution certain.

And practically on the same day that Chessman was scheduled to die, Henry Winston, well-known Communist Party leader, was near death as a result of negligence by the U. S. authorities in the prison where he was serving time for no crime at all—except his ideas. There was and still is a virtual blackout of publicity about his case—and of course no sympathy from the press.

So again, why the uproar about Chessman? What's really behind it? It's the old boss tactic of putting up a phony issue in order to distract the

people from the real one.

The bosses know that cheese and chalk look alike. When it serves their interest, they try to pass off one for the other. That's why it's a good idea to examine them carefully — especially in an election year.

The biggest issue in this country is now and has been for quite a number of years — the witch-hunt — the persecution, oppression and imprisonment of people for their ideas. Now that the political atmosphere seems to be changing, and people are beginning to speak up, the titans of finance and industry who rig the press, radio and TV are badly in need of a new type of political "commercial."

So they want to pass off chalk for cheese in the matter of civil rights. They want to convert the fight against monopoly capital into a fight against capital punishment. That is why they embroider the Chessman case with tears and sympathy while they sew up the Winston case in a blanket of silence.

(The very best argument against capital punishment in the U. S.—that it's mostly applied to Negroes—the capitalists do not even mention.)

Yet there are so-called Socialists who cannot understand what is going on. They give a free plug to this vile political commercial of big business without even getting payola, and dupe their unwary readers in the bargain.

We feel a workers party has a general duty to defend everyone who is persecuted by the capitalist government. However, the cases which the party selects to push, especially in a period of witch-hunt, where there are literally hundreds and thousands of such cases, are of key importance.

But a case like Chessman's is not one of them. It is eminently appropriate material for such venerable organizations as the Salvation Army, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, or the Fellowship of Reconciliation. But not for the working class movement.

A genuine workers party must above all, not pass off chalk for cheese.

Steelworkers Begin to Sense A New Wave of Layoffs

The fact that steelworkers are working for the same money they were getting a year ago is obscured for the moment by generally full employment, high incentive and bonus earnings due to record breaking exploitation of labor and considerable overtime work in all departments.

Steelworkers feel uneasy about the future and the feeling is growing that mass layoffs may be coming in steel by midsummer.

Here in Youngstown the Youngstown Vindicator is now warning the workers not to expect the prosperity to last very long. The Vindicator pretends to be puzzled by the short life of the steel shortage. (When the steelworkers were driven back to work with the Taft-Hartley injunction, the Vindicator predicted steel operations would be at capacity for the whole of 1960.) If there is a crisis approaching, however, the Vindicator explains it all with the stock answer, "Wages are too good—high."

This absurd nut-house formulation, so popular among the capitalist press nowadays, doesn't find a mass market among the working class. Even the steelworkers, nearly the highest paid among industrial workers, feel aggrieved about not getting a wage increase, feel they should have more

money and chafe over the enormous bite taken from their pay by taxes.

To propose that they take a wage

A Letter on Algeria (The Paper Didn't Print it!)

Editor, Cleveland Plain Dealer
Sir,

In your Spotlight Topic for Monday, February 16, you say, "French enterprise and French capital, 600 million dollars, have made Algeria what it is today—"

In this one phrase you have, probably unconsciously on your part, printed one of the briefest and most thoroughly damning indictments of the imperialism of western capitalism ever written.

We have made Algeria what it is today—this boast which the bankers take so much pride in means something entirely different to the colonial and non-industrialized nations of the world who are the vast majority of mankind.

To these people, Algeria today is a slaughter-house where men are tortured and murdered and women and children systematically starved. And this river of bloodshed is unleashed to protect the returns on the 600 million dollars. This investment which amounts to little more than 60 dollars for each of the nine million Algerian Arabs seems a puny base from which to launch the massed killing power of a modern army of 500,000 men.

the mediaeval, semi-barbarous past. They are the most important symbols against democracy.

The British monarch is still the Pope of the Anglican Catholic Church. And the Japanese monarch is the Pope of Shinto religion with its nature and ancestor-worship. Both rulers are supported by the most wealthy, conservative and anti-labor sections of the population.

The "democratic" Queen's soldiers inflict the most ghastly tortures and murders on the unarmed masses of Kenya. And the Japanese Emperor's police shoot and club the unarmed demonstrators of Tokyo.

The United States of course has no queens, emperors or kings. But it has bosses, capitalists and skillful liars, who perfume the thrones of foreign rulers so they can sit more safely on their own.

What the masses need most immediately is to get rid of Yankee domination. Therefore the most natural thing would be for them to greet Eisenhower with jeers rather than cheers. But with the largest working-class party now hailing him as "sincerely for peace," even some workers innocently joined in the false cry: "Viva Ike!"

But Eisenhower's triumph in South America will be short-lived. On the very morrow of his return to Washington, new struggles will erupt, new leaders will arise. And in spite of all Wall Street's billions, the Latin American masses will fight their oppressors, with or without the aid of the Communist Party.

Since the above was written, we learn that the Trotskyists of Chile organized a great demonstration against Eisenhower. We are glad and proud to hear this and to solidarize ourselves with their action.

We are equally glad to see that Uruguayan students and workers demonstrated so energetically.

But here, too, the CP was conspicuous by its absence. This was a nationalist, pro-Castro demonstration.

cut to reinforce the faltering boom sounds, to them, insane. It is and so is the system they live in. And it has been so since 1914. (But this does not prevent the steel bosses from taking their insanity out on the workers.)

Cutbacks are coming in steel and they will show that the contract has failed to move toward the solution of what will very soon be again the number one problem to the steelworkers—the problem of unemployment.

However, reading a little farther we learn there is iron ore—manganese—copper—and—OIL! This is evidently enough wealth to justify really staggering crimes.

It would be grossly inaccurate, though, to let the statement, "French capital has made Algeria what it is today," go unchallenged. The French army of killers in Algeria today is a NATO army and every gun and every bullet was financed in the first instance by Wall Street. So sympathetic is Wall Street and Washington, so solicitous over the threat to this 600 million that recently Wall Street loaned the French some helicopters with the boast that these are unexcelled for hunting the Algerian rebels WHO ARE DEFENDING THEIR OWN HOMES!

The editors of the Plain Dealer will also have to share some of the world condemnation for making Algeria what it is today—you print such articles as this sympathetic to the French invader. And you publish without comment and with a straight face the weekly totals that the French Army has "put out of action" so many "head" of Algerians.

—M. P.

(For the benefit of our Spanish-speaking readers, we here reprint articles that appeared in a previous issue of Workers World.)

El Viaje de Mikoyan a Cuba Hace Ver Rojo a Wall Street

La cariñosa y entusiasta bienvenida que el pueblo cubano le dió a Anastas Mikoyan hará lectura sombría en la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores de los Estados Unidos. Pero esto debe ser una noticia bienvenida para los trabajadores americanos.

Aunque el Primer Comisario Ministro de la Unión de Repúblicas Soviéticas Socialistas está en la Habana oficialmente para abrir la exhibición comercial allí, cada obrero que tiene conciencia de clase y que es amigo de la independencia cubana tiene esperanzas que el régimen de Fidel Castro usará la oportunidad para resumir las relaciones diplomáticas con la URSS.

Si él hace esto, Castro no solamente rendirá un servicio progresivo a su país, pero demostrará dramáticamente al mundo que su régimen goza en alto grado de independencia del imperialismo yanqui.

El hecho que la Habana rompió sus relaciones en 1952 con Moscow, no es la falta de Cuba ni es la falta del gobierno soviético. El rompimiento diplomático fué ejecutado por el régimen

Independencia Para Puerto Rico

Mientras que los imperialistas americanos están clamando por la sangre de los revolucionarios cubanos, al mismo tiempo guardan sus dedos cruzados temerosos de la lucha venidera por la independencia de Puerto Rico.

Cuba, una colonia económica de los Estados Unidos, ha declarado su independencia. Es el primer país latinoamericano en muchos años que hecho esto.

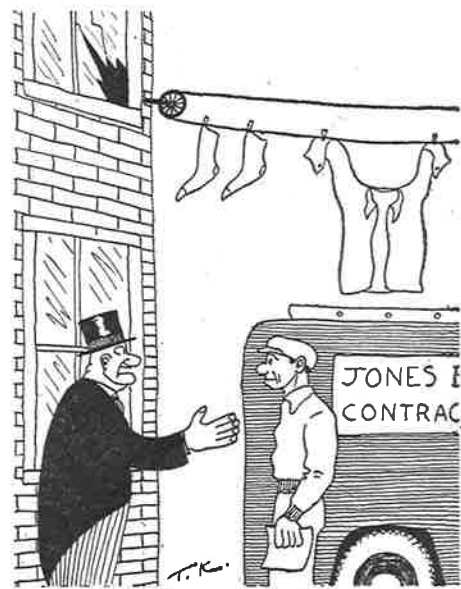
Puerto Rico en la otra mano, es no solamente un colonia económica, pero es una colonia política también. Esto es, el gobierno de los Estados Unidos puede intervenir directamente en el gobierno de Puerto Rico. Esto ha hecho a Puerto Rico una "comunidad" de los Estados Unidos más bien que un país independiente.

An Act of Murder

Four children died in a fire in Buffalo, N. Y. on January 2.

The owner of the building was later convicted in City Court of violating the law which provides for two "separate, safe and unobstructed means of exit from the third floor" to the ground. His sentence—a \$200 fine.

"Let 'em Burn!"



"Are you crazy — \$1,500 for a fire escape? If they all get burned to a crisp, I'll only get fined \$200!"

Where it Comes From

Eisenhower promises a Federal Budget surplus of 4.2 billion dollars next year. One-sixth of this amount is to come from increased Post Office revenues.

In plain English: You're going to pay five cents for a postage stamp!

Why No Tomatoes for Ike?

Why is Eisenhower's tour of South America so much more successful than Vice President Nixon's was last year? Is Ike's smile so much more powerful than the smooth talk of "Tricky Dick"? Or does the reason lie a little deeper?

The real reason is that the C. P.'s throughout the world are showing American capitalism how well-behaved they can be.

Khrushchev and the Moscow bureaucracy are so anxious to make "peace" with Eisenhower that they are asking the national CP's to call off the class struggle! When "Ike" visited Italy last fall, for example, the CP criticized the Italian capitalists for not being enthusiastic enough, and it chanted, "We like Ike, too!"

The only demonstrations against the imperialist Eisenhower's triumphal tour of South America were by "left-wing Socialists," Peronists, and student supporters of Castro. The Communist Party was eloquently silent.

All of Latin America is an economic colony of Wall Street imperialism. The Communist Party, although illegal in many Latin American countries, is relatively strong and powerful. This is because the people are so terribly oppressed, and so anxious to throw off their chains.

London Conference Fails to Halt Revolution in Kenya

The stormy London conference over the political future of Kenya adjourned February 21, with nothing really settled except that the British imperialists were going to play the same two-faced role they have always played with their colonial slaves.

At first it appeared that the Africans attending the conference were taken in by the phony talk of "guarantees" for the protection of property rights.—The British want to write into the proposed Kenya Constitution a legal guarantee for the land holdings to stay just as they are now. And the end of the conference was hailed in this country with the following headline: "Kenya Talks End in Accord on Land."

The truth, it now appears, is just the opposite. There was, in fact, a three-week deadlock on the land question. And no wonder! The land question is the question of liberty or slavery, life or death, for the Africans in Kenya.

One per cent of the population, the white capitalist British, own more than half the arable land—the so-called "White Highlands." This land is among the most beautiful and desirable in the whole world. Some British holdings are as high as 30,000 acres. The Africans have 5.8 acres per capita. And much of their land is worthless.

The African delegation should have understood in the first place that the British were putting on a great masquerade to fool the colonial peoples of the world, including the Kenyans themselves. And the Africans were only aiding the British by their presence.

Jomo Kenyatta, the outstanding Kenya fighter for liberation, is still imprisoned by the British. With Kenyatta still restricted, the Conference could only be a "democratic" fraud. The British refused to seat anyone alleged to be involved in the so-called Mau Mau uprising of 1952.

This was a sharp warning that they have no intention of retreating on any

matter of substance. And the three-week deadlock on the land question made this crystal clear to anyone who still doubted it.

Of course, the British Colonial Office representing the most subtle and sensi-

HE'S STILL UNDER ARREST!



Jomo Kenyatta

tive slave masters in the world, well understands that some concessions have to be made. Iain McLeod, the Colonial Secretary, talked grandly about the coming "independence" for Kenya, and even promised \$3 million for the maintenance of the East African Land Forces! (This was the "native" army the British used to hunt down the Mau Mau.)

McLeod also held out the bait of \$14 million for new "development projects" some of which might conceivably help the African people in Kenya.

African leaders are very conscious of the need to develop their country along modern, industrial lines. And they naturally need capital. But as long as the British capitalists have all the best land in the country, they will hold a strangle grip on the whole economy, since it is based on agricul-

ture. And this will be equally true even when the Africans hold a clear majority in the Kenya Parliament and formally control their own government.

The fact that Africans will gain more formal control is already assured. Sir Patrick Renison, British appointed Governor of Kenya, has informed McLeod that he would like to bring more Africans into his council at once rather than wait until the new Constitution takes effect.

Why this enlightened liberalism from the oppressors' overseer?

The truth is that the great majority of British capitalists, and even most of those in Kenya itself, are deathly frightened that they will lose everything, unless they make some concessions soon. And they hope that the Africans will accept the form of freedom, while they, the British, keep the essence for themselves.

The United Party of Kenya which gets a lot of publicity as the stand-pat super-colonialist organ of the white capitalists, now appears doomed. But this is not because the imperialists have grown less vicious or more kind. It is because new times require more subtle methods of rule.

The White Kenya capitalists have a new party now — the New Kenya Group. This party says it wants more black representation in the Kenya Parliament. It is led by smart capitalist opportunists who scent the coming wind of black freedom. Their plan for gradual parliamentary freedom is full of duplicity and booby traps. But it was more or less victorious at the Conference. And it was not really fought by the Africans.

Michael Blundell, leader of the New Kenya Group, in fact hailed the whole conference as "a victory for moderation."

He said he had no fears for the future of the white capitalist community in Kenya.

Blundell did not miss the fact that the African delegation repudiated the

Mau Mau uprising. He was quite well aware of the conciliatory nature of some of the Africans present. And he saw the African delegation pledge itself to an "independent judiciary." (This means that judges shall not be controlled by the African majority.)

But the fact remains that the Africans would not consent to any British property guarantees being written into the new constitution. This means that no matter how soft, how conciliatory, how legal-minded they are, the African leaders will still respond to the African masses. They will have to fight for the end of the British ownership of the "White Highlands."

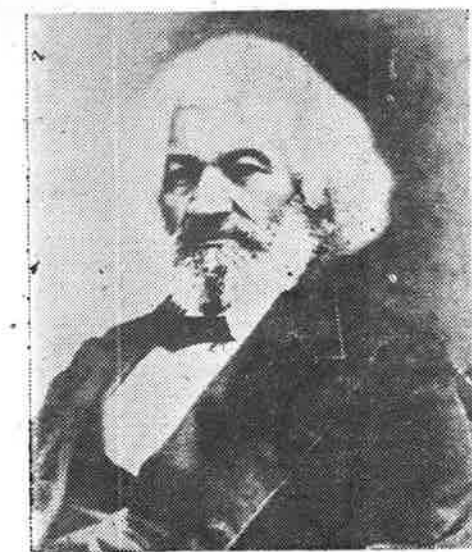
The upheaval in Kenya will continue. The legal and parliamentary changes in the coming year will only be the curtain-raiser to greater changes and more thoroughgoing revolution.

He Went to London



Tom Mboya

His Spirit Lives on in Sitdowns!



Frederick Douglass

Man of Struggle

Frederick Douglass, one of America's unsung heroes, broke from the chains of slavery and became an abolitionist and liberator of his people. He was a great lecturer and newspaper editor. He fought tirelessly for women's rights and labor solidarity. He believed that while one man was in chains no man was free.

Born in slavery in 1817, he escaped at an early age and fled to the North. In his lecture tours, his life was always at stake. He was beaten up several times and almost killed.

He is the author of the famous statement:

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle."

—N. S.

Couldn't Happen To a Nicer Gorilla

A call for help is now going out to the zoological societies of the world. It seems that 350 mountain gorillas, the only ones left out of captivity, are in danger of extinction because the Watusis—of the Belgian Congo—are taking over the gorillas' grazing lands for their cattle.

The Watusis are nomadic herdsmen (African) "forever seeking new grazing grounds," according to John Hilaby of the New York Times. And the Congo National Parks Institute (in Brussels, Belgium) is very worried about the Watusis' cruelty to the gorillas, who may soon become extinct.

We have a suggestion. Let the gorillas graze on the 125,000-acre Congo military airbase at Kamina. (It is rumored to have been constructed with American money, and definitely known to be pledged for American use in case of war. United States zoological societies might use their influence with the State Department.)

We also understand that Belgian capitalist "settlers" are still being offered farming plots of 1,235 acres

apiece. Why couldn't the Belgians give a dozen of these plots to the gorillas?

On the other hand, it is possible that the Watusis may decide to do something that would make Belgian capitalism extinct!

It couldn't happen to a nicer gorilla.

130 Attend WW Public Meeting

The first public meeting of the Workers World Party in New York City was a success from every point of view.

The audience numbered 130 and included a very large proportion of Negro and Puerto Rican workers—actually over a third of the total. No other radical meeting in recent years has had such a large percentage of representatives of oppressed minorities as this. Observers from opponent political tendencies were greatly impressed.

The principal speaker, Sam Marcy, laid bare the driving forces of American capitalism which are inevitably heading for catastrophe. He stressed the need for a proletarian revolutionary party, and outlined the general program of the WWP in contrast to the reformist and centrist distortions of Marxism now current with the CP and other parties.

Judging by the applause, the comments and expressions of the listeners, it was clear that the great majority of those present welcomed the new party with real enthusiasm.

Informal but intense discussion continued for sometime after the close of the meeting. Then comrades and friends stayed for an hour of refreshments and dancing.

Ancient Schools In Modern N. Y. C.!

Frederick Matteger

The walls of an 84-year-old New York City school collapsed last month. Bricks cascaded down on two classrooms. Fortunately there were no children in school since the schools were closed for a holiday.

How did such a near-tragedy come about?

Schools are factories which prepare workers. Workers have to know how to read, write and subtract simple sums in order to be any use to the bosses. The bosses regard the trained worker as a product like any other product. But the bosses can't make any money on the schoolchild stage of this product. In fact, they have to chip in a little of their profits to keep these worker-preparation factories going. And they don't like the idea. They'd rather have the workers pay for the whole thing.

There are plenty of workers these days anyway, and more coming. And the bosses are figuring out more and more machines to make a lot of these workers unnecessary. New school buildings for workers' kids aren't so important for the bosses.

If you take all the bosses together, of course, and consider the threat to their system posed by the competition of Soviet science, you'd think schools would be very important to them indeed. But you'd be wrong. They're looking for a buck right now. And they don't want to pay taxes for more education.

The bosses' factories are replaced when they get old. Their banks are new—and made of marble at that. But schools for workers' kids? Anything will do for them as long as it doesn't cost the bosses money. (They themselves, of course, live out in the suburbs and they can afford plenty of new schools out there.)

This may help explain why New York kids were still using that 84-year-old school building which collapsed on Lincoln's birthday.

Sunshine in Louisiana

James Davis, the song writer, singer, share-crop landlord and white supremacist, has just been elected Governor of Louisiana (by winning the lily-white Louisiana primary).

Author and singer of "You Are My Sunshine," Davis promises to keep Louisiana segregated.

Please Let's Take This Sunshine Away!

Bob Hope for President!

Rumor has it that Richard Nixon is hiring a professional "gag" writer to touch up his speeches on television. (His regular speech writer isn't funny enough.)