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Reactionary Japanese Government Tottering In Revolutionary Storm



Japanese students storming the official residence of Prime Minister Kishi during the recent demonstration. This picture was taken early in the month.

M. L. King Thanks His Persecutors; And Then They Hit His Collaborator!

To hear the way some people talk about the dismissal of the trumped-up charges against Martin Luther King, you would gather that the acquittal verdict came as a divine gift, inspired by Heaven and filtered through the milk of human kindness of the brutish white supremacist judge and jury.

Not the least of these people is the Reverend King, himself, who said of Special Circuit Judge James L. Carter, who presided over his trial, that "he had gone out of his way to be fair."—*Atlanta Daily Herald*, May 31. (One of his attorneys, Hubert Delaney of New York told the jury that an acquittal would mean that "people all over the world may know that in this court the defendant may be given justice.")

This is one more precious example of King's "non-violent" belly-crawling, cheek-turning tactics by which he hinders, rather than helps, the liberation movement. The fact of the matter is, as King well knows, that the judge, jury, prosecutor and even the Governor were most anxious to sow the illusion that an all-white jury could mete out justice to the Negro people. Thereby they could weaken the civil rights struggle as a whole and divert the mass movement into purely token efforts to reform the jimerow judicial system by gradualist methods.

Of course the King verdict was a significant gain. But like all victories in the class struggle and in the liberation struggle as a whole, it is a by-product of that struggle waged by the masses themselves.

By explaining it the way King and his attorney, Hubert Delaney did, they confuse the masses and half the victory won is thereby lost.

If there is any doubt about this in King's mind, he should consult his close friend and associate, Dr. Lawrence D. Redick who was just fired from Alabama State College by order of Governor John Patterson. He was accused of so-called "Communist associations."

The charge against Dr. Redick is as phony as it is malicious. But it was

effected by the very same forces of the white supremacist Alabama oligarchy who indicted King.

Only a tremendous amount of publicity and pressure from all organizations interested in the liberation struggle of the Negro people can re-instate Dr. Redick to his rightful job. And King himself should take the lead in unmasking the red-baiting enemies of Dr. Reddick.

Buffalo Tenants Fight Back

Expose and Defy Real Estate Swindlers

Buffalo, June 15—The public hearing held here yesterday on the conversion of the Dante Housing Project, marked a climax in the seven-month struggle of 616 families who stand to lose their homes unless they reverse the outrageous decision just made by the Buffalo Common Council.

The conversion plan is a ten million dollar give-away scheme in which public funds set aside for low-income housing will be used to erect a so-called middle-income project run by a private corporation with the present tenants evicted from the Dante Project.

Fortunately, the magnificent struggle put up by the tenants, and the really splendid manner in which the Dante Tenants Defense League, the Mothers Alliance, and the United Committee to Defend Civil Rights mobilized mass community support, makes it likely that the Council decision will be upset. Already these organizations are setting the stage for the next phase of the struggle which is a hearing before Mayor Sedita.

Telegrams have been sent to State Comptroller Levitt and Attorney-General Lefkowitz, strongly urging disapproval of the conversion.

Yesterday's Council session was a well-staged farce. The Democratic majority had met in caucus and made up their

Mass Actions of Heroic Students and Workers Compel Kishi to Call on U.S. Big Business for Help

BULLETIN: Masses force Kishi to cancel Ike's trip. This is a check to Wall Street's war plans and a mortal blow to Kishi, himself.

Tokyo, June 16—Tens of thousands demonstrated today against the puppet Kishi government, the pending war pact with Wall Street, and the visit of Eisenhower to Japan. (All are inter-connected.)

For weeks, the revolutionary-minded students under the leadership of the Zengakuren have protested the U.S.-Japanese "Peace" Treaty as a naked war alliance directed against China. And for weeks also, the radical federation of labor unions—SOHYO—has demonstrated and called strikes against this war treaty.

On June 15, however, both the capitalist authorities and Socialist leaders said the situation was "under control" and that Eisenhower could safely make his visit without any extreme unpleasantness.

On the 16th (today) the new and irrepressible struggles raised serious doubts among the ruling class about Eisenhower's visit.

Previously, the pickets had carried such signs as these: Ike, Don't Come! We Dislike Ike, Ike Can't Save Kishi, We Want Real Security—Not a War Treaty, Go to Hell Ike.

On June 10, thousands had besieged Eisenhower's press secretary, James Hagerty, as he traveled from the Tokyo Airport in a limousine. They so completely immobilized his car and frightened the occupants, that U.S. Marines had to rescue Hagerty in a helicopter!

Up to this moment, the Eisenhower visit is still on because any cancellation of it would cause Kishi's government to lose so much prestige that it would have to resign.

The Kishi government, being such a loyal stooge for Wall Street, cannot be let down by the U.S. President. This is not out of any special Wall Street loyalty to its stooges, but out of panicky fear that Kishi's resignation will open the road for a much more radical government—at the very least, a "neutralist" one.

The U.S. capitalist press has been saying for days that the Japanese demonstrators are not especially against the U.S. government—that they are just angry at their own government. But the Japanese understand only too well the puppet character of the Kishi government!

They know only too well how lovingly Wall Street looks upon their hated Premier! And they know very well that American troops are stationed in Japan, among other reasons, to defend the Japanese government against the Japanese people. And this stays their hand, of course.

But the social reckoning in Japan is now long past due. The historic accounting cannot now be held off much longer. Countless millions of Japanese workers and peasants are crying from their graves for vengeance against their brutal ruling class, and its present ally who reduced Hiroshima to atomic ashes.

Millions of the living hear that cry in the daily conditions of their own lives. And they will answer it.

minds before they even heard the very moving pleas of the tenants and their supporters.

A powerful delegation of over 80 people attended the Council meeting and demanded to be heard. Pressure from tenants finally resulted in many speakers getting a chance to present their arguments against this flagrant give-away.

"The Dante conversion sets a precedent that can lead to the destruction of

Mayor Sedita, in response to a telegram from Dante Defense League president, Adrian Rowland, said he would hear a delegation of the tenants some time in the next ten days.

the entire low-cost housing program," said Adrian Rowland, president of the Dante Tenants Defense League.

Support for the Dante tenants also came from several other important organizations, notably the AFL-CIO Council; Bethlehem Steel Locals 2601 and 2603, USW; Westinghouse Local 1581 IUE; Chevrolet Foundry, Local 1173, UAW; and local 43 of the Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers; all AFL-CIO.

Mrs. Vera Spruill, president of the Mothers Alliance, in her speech reported on a meeting of 150 people in the Masten area to protest the Dante conversion—and presented a resolution passed at that meeting. She exposed the hypocrisy and snobbery of the planners who say that low-income housing is incompatible with developing the waterfront.

Mr. Joseph Walker of the United Committee to Defend Civil Rights spoke in support of the Dante tenants. The Tri-Partisan Masten Committee, the Mexican Club and the Western New York Citizenship Council (the political arm of the UAW) and the Negro American Labor Council also opposed the conversion.

Nevertheless, the give-away plan was steam-rolled through the Common Council by a vote of 11 to 4. (With Councilmen Trammell, Szudzik, Manze and Cora Maloney opposing.) This was done in the face of indisputable evidence that the city's Housing Authority (MHA) had proceeded illegally by closing up 102 apartments in the Dante Project even before the conversion plan was presented to the Common Council.

The four opposing votes reflected the massive support the tenants had enlisted in their favor as they stood up against

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LENIN

Joe Louis and Cuba

Joe Louis has been viciously, but subtly, hounded out of his commission to encourage Negro travel to Cuba.

Joe is part owner of a travel agency that received a \$287,000 a year contract from Cuba to advertise for Negro tourists. But the witch-hunters and white supremacists and some liberals scared him out of this much-needed job by saying it was "unAmerican" to help Cuba in this way.

A great many U.S. capitalists, who could buy and sell Joe Louis a million times, are still doing business in Cuba, and no one questions their love for the U.S. government (they are the government anyway!). Why all the hue and cry against Louis?

The Negro press says that it's because the big white capitalists don't want a Negro to make any money. There's some truth in that. But no white travel company is fighting to get this particular contract. So it's not just a case of preventing a Negro from "muscling in" on a white capitalist's business.

The real explanation is that the capitalists don't want the Negro people

of the United States to identify themselves with Cuba. They don't want them to support and sympathize with Cuba. And if hundreds of thousands of Negroes started taking their vacations in Cuba, soon there would be twenty million sympathizers with the Cuban revolution in this country.

The U. S. billionaires are still making millions of dollars out of the Cuban people. But they have lost some of their power in Cuba. And they are afraid that the Cuban revolution will take the rest of it away from them in time, and they want to maintain a universal hatred and fear of Cuba in the United States. Thus they hope to prepare public opinion for "intervention" against Cuba sooner or later. So they frighten Joe Louis out of his job.

Poor Joe. When he gave up the deal he said, "I have been accused of selling out my country." He didn't know that this country was sold out long ago—to the Wall Street corporations that still own half of Cuba, while they rob and govern the people of the United States.

French Bomb Camerouns

French planes are carrying on continuous bombing in the Bamilike regions of the African Camerouns.

The people of Cameroun are being wantonly slaughtered by a French imperialism armed with American-made arms. This news has been almost completely suppressed and we are indebted to the Committee of African Organizations in London for the information.

While American capitalist politicians vie with each other over who is the most effective anti-Soviet fighter, or who is

the best counter-spy, the Washington bureaucracy and the Wall Street generals continue their grisly work of butchering the colonial peoples.

While well-meaning pacifists conduct marches to ban the atomic bomb, the bomb-makers make "old fashioned" war upon the unarmed masses.

The Camerouns have no pacifist illusions about the nature of their enemy. They are getting arms and they, like the Algerians, will fight to the death for their own land.

Freedom Fighters

Ivan Kovacs, a leading "freedom fighter" of Hungary, has just been graduated after a four-year scholarship at Fordham.

He attended Fordham under a special

scholarship program for Hungarian refugees, begun after the 1956 uprising.

How about a special scholarship program for the freedom fighters of South Africa, Kenya, Alabama and Mississippi?

Turkey and Japan

After the student demonstrations against the government in Turkey last month, a clique of Army generals took over the government, arrested the President and his cabinet, disbanded the Parliament.

The generals have not complied with any of the progressive demands of the demonstrators, but they have made sure that there were no more demonstrations. These generals, completely authoritarian, completely pro-capitalist, anti-Soviet and anti-democratic—are applauded by

the American press as representing the real will of the Turkish people.

Isn't it remarkable how a few generals can represent the whole Turkish people so well?

And yet when hundreds of thousands demonstrate in Japan, not a single U.S. daily newspaper believes that this represents the will of the Japanese people! When 15 million Japanese sign petitions against the war alliance between the U.S. and Japan, this is not regarded as "representative"!!!

MAIL BAG

This letter was sent to the New York Times by Richard B. Moore, a leading participant in the struggle for Negro liberation. It raises an important question that is not less important for being "just" a matter of language.

We would be interested to hear what our readers have to say on this subject, what they think of the argument, and so on. Language means what people think it means. What do they think the word "Negro" means? — Editor.

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May 18, 1960

The Editor
The New York Times

Dear Mr. Editor:

Because the use of harmful names hinders the development of healthy attitudes and peaceful relations between peoples, it is necessary to address this open letter to you.

Your frequent use of the name "Negro" for the indigenous people of Africa has aroused considerable concern and growing resentment. It is hard to understand and impossible to accept this usage, particularly in view of the statement made by Alan Paton in the article "As Blind As Sampson was" published in your Magazine Section of April 10 last.

Explaining the attitude of the present apartheid minority ruler of the Union of South Africa, who, although a relatively recent immigrant from Holland, "actually called himself the 'Afrikaner,' the 'man of Africa,'" Mr. Paton stated the following:

He even refuses to grant the black African the use of the word "African." The black African used to be a "Kaffir," today he is a "native" or a "Bantu." But he, like the Afrikaner, wants to be called a "man of Africa."

Doubtless, Mr. Paton used the adjective "black" in order to identify the indigenous inhabitants of South Africa. But it must be pointed out here that this is a loose term which cannot be wholly separated from its racist overtones.

In that same issue of your Magazine

Section, at the bottom of page 10 under the caption "APARTHEID," the term "Bantu" is interpreted thus: "Here Bantus (i.e., Negroes) line up to have compulsory identification pictures made." To follow this apartheid usage is, albeit unconsciously, to give aid, comfort, and support to that reactionary regime of horrible oppression and massacre of the African people.

A truly democratic and human attitude requires that all such offensive and smearing names, including "Negro," be scrupulously avoided, and that the over-all name African, as designated by the people themselves, be used and respected in accordance with their human rights and their unalienable right of self-determination.

This attempt to foist the name "Negro" upon the African people brings into bold relief the true nature of this term. It is clear that the name "Negro" remains suffused with the stigma of racist inferiority, and is loaded with contempt, degradation, hate, and hostile intent.

It is futile then to continue to try to deodorize or to dignify it. When it's all too easy further corruptions into "Negress," "nigger," and the like are duly considered, it should clearly be seen that it has now become necessary to reject and abolish its use entirely.

Our Committee requests, therefore, that you adopt the usage of the proper over-all name African for all indigenous people of Africa. It urges you also to adopt, as a suitable alternative to the offensive name "Negro," the name Afro-american for people of African ancestry in this country. A good example has been given for some time now by thinking, forward-looking Latin Americans who use the terms Afrobrasileiro, Afro-cubano, etc. in place of the noxious term "Negro". . . .

Thank you in anticipation of your consideration and early reply.

Very truly yours,

Committee to Present the Truth About The Name "Negro".

Richard B. Moore, Chairman

Krushchev's Plan To Visit Cuba Frightens and Enrages US Imperialism

When Nikita Khrushchev announced his intention to visit Cuba, this was the signal for another barrage of red-baiting against Cuba in the corporation-owned newspapers of the United States.

They had to admit, of course, that Khrushchev's visit to the United States last fall did not create a Communist society in America. But they made all the innuendos and dark hints they could. They implied that an anti-U. S. base

was being built in this hemisphere, etc.

The truth is that Khrushchev's visit to Cuba, if indeed he goes through with it, will be very much of a defeat for United States capitalism. Latin America has been a veritable backyard for American big business for a long time. And the most immediate problem for the millions to the south of us is how to get free from the grip of the North American monopoly corporations.

Khrushchev's visit will signify that the Soviet Union is attempting to wrench Cuba—and Latin America itself—out of the orbit of American imperialism. Like Mikoyan's earlier visit, it will help create bases of support for Cuba outside the United States, where her traditional enemies reside. And in a larger sense, the visit will strengthen all the moods of rebellion that exist in Latin America.

Khrushchev's visit will therefore be a good thing, and all American workers should welcome it.

However, there is no fairy-godfather for the Cuban or Latin American masses. Even were Castro to be enormously strengthened and the Cuban economy greatly enriched by Soviet aid, the basic problems of the working class would remain.

It would still be necessary for the workers to have their own party. It would still be necessary to differentiate the workers' road to power from Castro's bourgeois-nationalist program. It would still be necessary to advocate the overthrow of Cuban capitalism, even while defending the Castro government against the counter-revolution.

The Cuban Communist Party members may feel when Khrushchev arrives in Cuba, that Communism has arrived too. If so, they will be cruelly disappointed. No Khrushchev-Castro agreement can be a substitute for the independent political action of the masses.

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The King And Ike

By Ana Kezman

Eisenhower is now going to Japan as "guest of the Emperor" because the Emperor is supposed to represent Japan itself, while the millions of Japanese demonstrators supposedly do not!

The Emperor is the most reactionary institution in Japan and possibly in the world. He was supposed to be a god and so were his ancestors for 2,500 years. After the American Army defeated Japan, the occupation took away his "divinity" but allowed him to continue ruling so as to better hoodwink the Japanese masses.

With what righteous zeal American journalists and "Japanese experts" used to expose the Emperor system! How they analyzed the Japanese "national character" as naturally debased and over-submissive in its ready worship of the Emperor!—And now the democratic Ike is burning incense to Hirohito!

How many farce comedies have been written on the nonsensical "divinity" of the Emperor, from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" on down! And now that the younger generation doesn't give a damn about the Emperor, Wall Street is writing a new operetta, making the Emperor more divine than ever, insist-

ing that he represents Japan most, just when he represents it least!

And now that the "war-like" Japanese people are fighting for peace; now that the "obedient, submissive" Japanese people are rising up against the Japanese militarists; now that the Emperor-worshipping Japanese are ready to throw the Emperor in the garbage-can of history; President Eisenhower is going to be the guest of—the Emperor!

Enlightened 20th Century capitalism, discoverer of atomic energy and explorer of the universe, now pays its respects to the direct descendant of the Sun Goddess!

The ancient Roman rulers used to put the gods (idols) of each nation they conquered into the Pantheon at Rome. This gave respectability to barbarian gods and kidded the conquered peoples into thinking they were equal—since their gods were equal—to the conquerors.

But the United States ruling class is even more cynical than ancient Rome's. *It revives dying gods that are no longer worshipped by the conquered nations.* It tries to revive the dying rule of the Japanese warlords and would, if it could, resurrect the dead Samurai to rule the turbulent masses with the naked sword.

Solidarity With Sit-Down Victim

By Nina Silay

A dean and nine faculty members resigned from Vanderbilt University because it refused to reinstate the expelled Rev. James Lawson.

Rev. Lawson is a Negro divinity student who was jailed last March for taking an active part in the lunchcounter demonstrations. He was charged with

being one of the leaders in the Nashville demonstration for integration.

At the time Rev. Lawson was jailed, the faculty at Vanderbilt Divinity School raised the money for bond to get his release. He was suspended from the Divinity School after his arrest and since that time, the faculty has been trying to get him re-admitted. However, the reactionary board of trustees refused to allow him to return to Vanderbilt.

About 15 students have threatened to quit the university, and three former students said they would return their degrees.

The resigning faculty members are all white. What a splendid show of solidarity!

Buffalo Tenants

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the wealthy banking and property interests of Buffalo.

Nobody in this city who had closely observed the struggle of the tenants from the beginning of the seven-month battle, would have even remotely guessed that the movement to stop this illegal and outrageous give-away would reach such formidable proportions and arouse such strong sympathy in the community.

The courage and deep conviction displayed by the tenants indicate that they will pursue their goal until victory is achieved.

As Adrian Rowland, the militant president of the Dante Tenants Defense League, said immediately after the Council vote: "We have just begun to fight."

Great Guy

Robert C. Ruark, the Negro-hating columnist, has apparently been told to slow up on his racist poison. So how does he do it?

—He writes a whole column full of good-humored, condescending references to Joe Louis and Negro fighters in general, and advises his readers to bet on Patterson in the coming fight with Ingo! Big deal.

Why Ike Is So Buddy Buddy With Kishi

U.S. Capitalism Tied To Its Own War Chariot In Japan

By V. Grey

Next to the fighting Japanese students and workers, the American ruling class has the main responsibility for creating the present revolutionary situation in Japan.

The American capitalists have goaded the Japanese masses into their present anti-government and anti-American demonstrations. And they know it, but they can't do anything about it.

The picture of this situation is the picture of the frustration of capitalist foreign policy—the picture of the inevitable doom of Wall Street's campaign to run the world.

"Liberal" Uncle Sam!

Strangely enough, Wall Street began its Occupation of Japan by courting the masses. After crushing Japan with atomic bombs in 1945, the U.S. at first followed the liberal policy of restraining Japanese monopolies, encouraging opposition parties (legalizing the Communist Party, for example), legalizing labor unions—and writing a constitution for Japan that outlawed war forever!

The reason was this: The American capitalists wished to eliminate Japan as an imperialist rival in what they thought was their coming capitalist exploitation of China. They weakened the big monopolistic Japanese families (Zaibatsu) so that these families would lack power to make war against the United States or

against China, the then ally of the United States. They helped to give women the vote in Japan so as to make an additional drag on the war powers of the rulers. And they sponsored many other more or less progressive measures, all directed against the monopolist-militarists. They were very much in favor of capitalism, but apparently for a liberal capitalism.

This was the honeymoon period (1945-1947) of the greatest popularity for the United States among the Japanese masses. For contrary to U.S. war propaganda after Pearl Harbor, the Japanese masses were not imperialist-minded. They had in fact been straining desperately against the leash of their "own" reactionary rulers.

When the U.S. held war-crimes trials in Japan and purged 200,000 militarists from public life, this foreign punishment of their countrymen met with general approval from the war-weary people.

Even the reactionary General Douglas MacArthur at first acquired a reputation for liberalism in Occupied Japan.

But all this was changed and changed drastically.

On New Year's Day, 1951, for example, General MacArthur made a speech in Japan proposing to eliminate the "no war" clause from the constitution.

In the spring of the same year John Foster Dulles went to Japan and told Wall Street's pliable Premier (then Yoshida) to de-purge 150,000 of the old military bureaucracy and let them return to public life!

On March 2, 1952, the U.S. guided the de-purging of none other than Suburo Kurosu, the special envoy who was discussing peace in Washington on December 7, 1951 (while Pearl Harbor was being bombed)!

Kishi's buddy Hitler's pal!

De-purged militarists now sit in Kishi's cabinet. Kishi himself and one of his predecessors as Premier, Hato-yama (a good friend of Hitler), are ex-prisoners and inner members of the militaristic-bureaucratic clique that waged the late imperialist war.

It is true that among the more nationalist-minded Japanese, these militarists at first acquired a sort of martyrdom by being imprisoned by the foreigner (the U.S.). But their rule had been so brutal before and during World War II and especially now that they never have attained real popularity.

The Japanese masses hate their repressive rulers and hate, in addition, the United States imperialists for again foisting these rulers upon them.

The question is: WHY has the U.S.

upset its whole previous "liberal" policy in the past ten years or so? WHY has it backed not only the most reactionary, but the most unpopular figures in the Japanese ruling class? WHY has it brought the Japanese nation to the brink of an explosive revolution that will end forever the capitalist exploitation of the teeming Asiatic land mass, and seal the doom of world capitalism, itself?

The answers to these questions can be summed up in three words: The Chinese Revolution.

China changed the world

Wall Street's whole policy for defeated Japan was at first based on the idea of a prostrate China. Wall Street fought the whole Pacific War in order to open up China to the exploitation of U.S. big business. It therefore had to destroy Japan's power to exploit China—which meant to destroy Japan's monopoly corporations along with Japan's imperialist war machine.

But when the Chinese Revolution tore China out of the grip of imperialism, Yankee capitalism had to make new plans for Japan.

Japan's military might had to be revived in the interest of Wall Street, and its constitution had to be changed. Japan had to become the armed bastion of Wall Street against China, and the army had to be increased. The Japanese masses who had just been taught that peace was respectable and in fact, desirable, were now told it was traitorous—and Communistic.

Above all, the worst enemies of the Japanese masses, the fascist-like militarists, became the best friends of the Wall Street "democrats."

American capitalism, in its counter-revolutionary drive against China, is compelled to line up with exactly the same clique that was immediately responsible for Pearl Harbor and—together with Wall Street—for the death of a whole generation of Japanese and American youth. And what more natural? A new war against China requires the same authoritarian leadership as the old one!

But it also requires the willing participation of the masses. And here the plans of both Wall Street and its Japanese militarist stooges are coming apart at the seams.

For it isn't just the high spirits of a hundred thousand student demonstrators that are shaking the world of Hirohito. These are only the surface tremors of the deep dissatisfaction of broad masses of the working class. The postwar prosperity of Japan has not been shared to any real extent by the workers. There

are still 5 million officially unemployed (equivalent to 10 million in the U.S.) and it is still common for industrial workers to get less than 25 cents an hour.

While the Mitsui and Mitsubishi have made the full economic come-back and then some, the workers still eat the bitter rice of poverty. And it is more and more obvious that American support for the reactionary Japanese rulers has made it easier for them to openly plunder the poor.

Ike still backs Kishi!

And now Eisenhower's trip to Japan will emphasize still more strongly that Wall Street is determined to continue this support. Eisenhower may have told Kishi to call off the invitation when he saw the big demonstrations. But Kishi knew his own government would fall if he yielded to the mass pressure to call off Eisenhower's trip. So he asked Eisenhower to come anyway, probably blackmailing him with threats that the new "Peace" Treaty would otherwise not be ratified.

Thus American capitalism is chained to its own war chariot. And thus it madly gallops to its own doom. Whether Eisenhower gets through his visit without mishap or not—whether the "Peace" Treaty is ratified or not—Wall Street faces the debacle of its reactionary policy in Japan, while Kishi's government faces the abyss.

The Mau Mau and 1776

Kenya legislator, S. A. Ayodo has declared that the Mau Mau movement when properly appraised will rank in history with "the French Revolution or the War of American Independence."

Time Magazine says this is a "prize example of nationalism gone berserk."

However, there were many people in the United States in 1776 who thought Jefferson was quite "berserk" to suggest that "all men are created equal." And when men fought for this idea with guns in their hands, the Time writers of those days thought the whole world was turned upside down.

With one per cent of the population of Kenya (the British) owning fifty per cent of the arable land, the other ninety-nine per cent now want to fight for the concept that "all men are created equal."

It's about time they went berserk.

The main difference with the French and American Revolution is that Kenya hasn't won yet.

Achilles Gets the Message



(Achilles was an ancient Greek hero who was invulnerable to any wound except on his heel.)

So Many Tears for Eichmann!

The big newspapers are saying that Eichmann, the murderer of millions of Jews, should be sent to *Germany* for trial, and that Israel has no right to try him. (Israeli agents are thought to have kidnapped him from Argentina where he was hiding.)

If Ghana had captured the murderers of Emmet Till and Charles Mack Parker, would we recommend sending them back for trial in Mississippi?

Should Workers Support it?

To speak frankly — Is the capture of Eichman by the Israel government and his transfer to Israel for trial there, a progressive act which the working class and oppressed people, generally, ought to support? Yes, indeed!

Eichman is charged with plotting and carrying out the systematic murder of 6,000,000 Jews.

People who object to his trial being held in Israel do so on purely legalistic niceties and highly technical formalities. Of course, even the worst sort of person should get a fair trial, and Israel will give him one.

But the newspapers who show such great concern for this mass murderer, completely forgot to raise legal and formal rights on the occasion when the French imperialist government kidnapped several of the most prominent Algerian National leaders and brought them to France!

—And by the way, whatever *did* hap-

pen to these heroic fighters? *Did they ever get any kind of trial at all?*

Ike Tells Truth!

"In Korea, the President (of the U.S.) plans to make a speech praising the Korean people for their recent revolution. He will reassert U.S. faith in democratic institutions—but will be careful not to commit the U.S. to opposing undemocratic governments that are also non-Communist."

—Business Week, June 11

Apple Pie

"Race prejudice is as American as apple pie."

For this homely bit of Americana we are indebted to William J. Simmons of Jackson, Mississippi, editor of the national publication of the white citizens' councils.

Mr. Simmons spoke at Elmira College in New York State on May 14 to explain to the students that—"Racial segregation is, and has been since the founding of this country, a pervading characteristic of American life."

A week later, Elmira students—all in favor of apple pie—demonstrated against segregation.

Negro American Labor Council Convention

By a Participant

I attended the Negro American Labor Council Convention which was held in Detroit May 27-29. I went there with great expectations and so did a thousand other Negro people from the far corners of the country.

We came from Los Angeles, Chicago, Youngstown, Cleveland, Buffalo and New York City. And we came with the feeling that this was not just another routine convention. We came to work and fight for better representation, and for the elimination of jimcrow in organized labor.

But from the very beginning of the convention it began to be apparent that the so-called leaders had molded the narrow and limited channels into which they wanted the convention to run.

A day before the convention, on a televised news broadcast, A. Philip Randolph gave the UAW a clean bill of health regarding the Negro struggle. On the platform of the convention he hailed Reuther as a friend of the workers. But not a word about the fact that *there is no Negro on the Executive Board of the UAW*. Not a word about Reuther exploiting the convention by rallying support to the jimcrow capitalist Democratic Party.

With George Meany's bad record on the Negro struggle (and his insulting conduct to Randolph!), it was no wonder that *there was booing* at the convention when Randolph said he was pro-Meany and has no animosity toward him.

But what about the militant trade unionists who attended the convention, leaving their homes and families, spending money they couldn't afford, and find they can't even voice any opposition, or voice an opinion on how the organization was to function.

And what about the cut and dried way you handled the convention, Mr. Randolph? Were you afraid that some of the

delegates would raise some opposition?

Randolph lies when he says that the NALC is independent of the control of the AFL-CIO. One of the most important positions in the NALC went to Roy Reuther, brother of Walter Reuther, who was appointed Political Consultant.

I am for the NALC, and I hope to help it grow. But I am sure Negro trade unionists who saw what happened at Detroit must realize that we can't depend upon any one but ourselves to settle our problems. Leaders will rise out of our rank and file who feel the struggle and are not afraid to stand up and fight.

Civil Rights Fighter Goes to Cuba

New York, June 11—Robert F. Williams, local NAACP president in Monroe, North Carolina, and one of the boldest leaders in the fight for integration in the South, left New York today by plane to see the country that "Joe Louis was not allowed to talk about."

Williams, who was suspended for six months last year by the National NAACP leadership because he urged Negroes "to fight violence with violence," declared that "the obvious campaign to muzzle Joe Louis has increased my determination to see Cuba myself."

"Everybody knows that racial discrimination has been abolished in Cuba. But I am going to see Cuba for myself," said Williams.

"When I come back," he added, "I intend to let my people, and any other Americans who are willing to listen, know what is really going on down there."

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Youngstown Threatened With Becoming Ghost Town

15,000 Steelworkers On Scrapheap Of Unemployed

By J. Wilson and Mose Peterson

As steel goes, so goes Youngstown.

Production of steel in the Youngstown district collapsed to depression levels during the Memorial holiday week. Output in this third largest steel district in the U.S.A. fell to 22% of rated capacity.

The drive by the steel bosses to maintain their profits and lush salaries threw an estimated 15,000 steelworkers onto the scrapheap of unemployed while the remaining work force was slashed to three or four days work per week.

Sharon steel closed its doors on 1,100 workers over two months ago at its Lowellville plant, and laid off its full crew of about 2,500 at its Farrell plant in Pennsylvania.

The Truscon division of Republic Steel has sporadic production, one week on and one week off, for its 500 out of 800 regular workers.

At the main plant of the giant Republic Corporation, only 500 of the 5,000 regular workers were working.

At the Brier Hill works of Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., all workers were laid off, where normally there were about 3,000 employed. Of the remainder of the 9,000 workers at this company, there were about 6,000 working and most of these on a four-day week basis.

At the Ohio Works, plant of the US Steel Corporation, there were less than 3,000 of the normal crew of 4,000 working. At the same company's finishing plant at McDonald, approximately one half were working. Add to this picture hundreds and thousands of men who took vacations to prevent layoffs and you have the gruesome picture of conditions in the Youngstown area.

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Since that week of low production, things have picked up a bit. Instead of being down to the 22% level, production has risen to about 43%. And so things are picking up? Well, management of U.S. Steel has announced that it plans to shut down its two plants for a two week

period in July—another 7,000 to be laid off in one fell swoop.

This is the third consecutive year of the sharp economic slump in Youngstown and this one is striking harder at the confidence of the steelworkers than before. The steelworkers' concern over their bleak and uncertain future is reflected in David J. McDonald's complaint that chronic unemployment in steel "puts the American System on trial."

And this is not in Youngstown alone. The national rate of production is around 62% of capacity, a bit over the Youngstown 43% rate. The *newest mill in the country*, the Fairless Works, has been shut down, the Donora Works is closed, the Clairton Works is limping along. So bad is the situation becoming that the executives, as well as the leaders of the Steelworkers union, have to give the whole problem serious consideration.

Because of automation and technological improvements, the industry can produce enough steel in 7 months to supply the effective demand of 12 months. Youngstown is hit harder than other regions because it is an all-steel area. It is *inland* and all materials have to be shipped in and out by rail, whereas the newer mills are using the much cheaper water transportation and are closer to the sources of raw materials and markets. Because of this particular situation, the corporations have stopped expanding and improving the mills in this section with the same speed as other places.

To try to solve this dilemma of the system, the bosses have a lot of schemes to be worked out at the expense of the workers. The Youngstown Chamber of Commerce is warning the population that Youngstown is being threatened with being a ghost town and that major inducements must be made to new industry to locate here. Naturally, the main inducements should be a "revision of the steel wage structure," in other words—a WAGE CUT.

The hordes of bosses in the mills, being afraid of their own future, try to justify their unearned salaries by forcing a speedup of the workers. They constantly plot to combine and eliminate jobs and even begin to do the production workers' jobs themselves. Although no figures are available, it is evident in some plants that the bosses' payroll exceeds the wages earned by hourly rated workers.

In Youngstown, Congressman Kirwan is trying hard to get the taxpayers to accept the burden of bringing a steady flow of water for the steel mills, calling

it a "flood-control" project. He wants "socialism" for the corporations. He wants the workers to accept the additional burden of making business even more profitable for the bosses. And the steel corporation executives try to blame everyone except the system for the depression. They blame the auto industry, foreign competition, high wages, and high inventories. *But they refuse to admit that the capitalist system cannot operate without a further attack on the conditions of the oppressed.* They want government aid but demand the profits for themselves.

Supporting the Southern Sitdowners in Youngstown



These Youngstown union and NAACP demonstrators (in defense of the sitdowners) were joined last month by fifty students from Oberlin, Kent State and Youngstown universities. This picture was featured in the June issue of Ebony