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UN Speeds Destruction Of Congo; World Crisis Brings Leaders Here

In Place of the UN —

A truly momentous session is to take place at the UN on September 19. It could turn out to be a turning point in world history, or it could degenerate into a farcical global filibuster in which the victims are the world working class and the oppressed peoples everywhere. An atmosphere of grave international crisis hovers over the Assembly as it prepares to meet.

The main and fundamental task for the USSR and the oppressed countries is to *draw a clear dividing line* between the imperialist and the anti-imperialist forces in the UN.

We therefore propose the framing of a single, plain and unambiguous resolution which would:

1. Demand immediate, complete, and unconditional withdrawal of all *imperialist* forces and imperialist *commanders* from the Congo—and the recognition of the Lumumba regime as the legally constituted government.
2. Denounce US aggression against Cuba and demand withdrawal of US naval forces from Guantanamo Bay.
3. Denounce the DeGaulle regime for its policy of extermination of Algeria and demand recognition of the Provisional Government of Algeria.
4. Demand recognition by all countries of the Peoples Republic of China and its admission to the UN.
5. Demand immediate withdrawal of all imperialist troops from foreign soil and the liquidation of their bases.
6. Demand the liquidation of all colonial rule.

If such a resolution is framed, it will clearly isolate the imperialist powers. And if the imperialist powers defeat or sabotage such a resolution, then it would be proper to *organize into a bloc all those who voted for the resolution* and so to constitute a new organization—an ANTI-IMPERIALIST UNITED NATIONS.

Such a body would be the decisive section of humanity and have the sympathy and support of most of the world.

UN Command in Desperate Effort To Present Assembly with Accomplished Fact

A world crisis of gigantic proportions is now in the making. And the focal point of it all is in the Congo.

In a desperate effort to crush the Congolese liberation movement and its legitimate Lumumba government, the imperialist powers, with the U.S. as their leader, are using the U.N. in what amounts to the re-establishment of the Congo as a colony under U.N. auspices.

Almost half a dozen times in the last few days, the American public has been informed that either Lumumba or Kasavubu has been ousted. It was at one time announced that *both* were ousted. But the truth of the matter is that the imperialist forces are having a desperate time in destroying the Congo Republic. And the Lumumba-Kasavubu fight is a direct reflection of this.

First the imperialists thought they had Lumumba in their pocket. When Lumumba showed that he was getting wise to them, they began to turn to the Belgian quisling, Tshombe.

The U.N. forces are openly protecting Tshombe's reactionary secessionist maneuvers. But this has proved inadequate as the mass of the Congo people are up in arms against Tshombe and fully recognize him as a puppet resting on the tips of foreign bayonets.

To re-inforce Tshombe the U.N. imperialist command set up another puppet from among the Baluba tribesmen named Kalonji. But this effort nearly collapsed when a mere token force from the Congolese liberation army attacked Kalonji.

In an effort to cover up the failure of its imperialist adventures, the U.N. virtually seized by force all the communication facilities in the Congo including

radio, telegraph and the vitally important airfields.

This enraged the populace and unmasked the U.N. as a mortal enemy of the Congo people.

As the crisis deepened, with practically all the oppressed peoples of the earth carefully watching the outcome of the struggle, the imperialists pulled out their trump card. This was *Kasavubu*.

However, in the short space of less than 48 hours, both houses of parliament voted full confidence and gave full powers to Lumumba.

In the meantime three key African nations — Ghana, Guinea and the United Arab Republic — have at last stated they would withdraw their troops unless the U.N. stops its interference against the Lumumba government.

More than the Congo is involved here. Inextricably wound up in this crisis is the fate of other African countries, the Cuban revolution, and in fact all of Latin America.

The realization that all this portends a global crisis has obliged Khrushchev, Castro, Nasser, Sukarno and others to attend this session of the United Nations Assembly.

The global class line between oppressor and oppressed was never so sharply drawn.

The aim of the imperialists is to permit a verbal attack from all the anti-imperialist countries and at the same time — by force, violence and conspiracy — to liquidate the Congo Republic.

The question, then, is posed this way:

Have the leaders of the anti-imperialist countries come to hear funeral orations over a deceased sister republic — or have they come to take up the cudgels against imperialist aggression?

Much of the answer to this question lies in the nature of Khrushchev's policy. The crisis is deepening.

Why Did OAS Meet at Costa Rica?

Perhaps the most remarkable fact to emerge from the OAS Conference was the choice of Costa Rica as the meeting place. This was by no means accidental. We are indebted to Washington correspondent Joseph Alsop, who oftentimes acts as mouthpiece for the extremist wing of the Pentagon, for incautiously revealing the real reason that Costa Rica was chosen for the site of the OAS Conference.

"It was," said Alsop in his Herald-Tribune column of September 12, "the only Caribbean country the Secretary of State could visit, except under the heaviest armed guard without severe risk of being mobbed, spat upon, stoned, or otherwise endangered, or humiliated."

So Costa Rica was chosen. And so U.S. Big Business and its Latin-American puppet-dictators hid themselves from the wrath of the masses.

Never were the fortunes of predatory monopoly capital in Latin America so low! And never were the hopes and aspirations of the oppressed people of Latin America so high!



Pied Piper Piping Himself and Pals to Paradise

Negro Youth Unite To Meet Police Violence

In Jacksonville, Florida—on Aug. 27, peaceful youth demonstrations against segregated lunch counters were viciously attacked by a white hoodlum mob, with clubs and other weapons.

Police closed in, and "arrested and clubbed" not the attacking white hoodlums—but the peaceful Negro demonstrators.

It is therefore of special interest to note the following.

The press reports in Jacksonville, Florida, that many of the Negro youth are organized into "gangs." When the Jacksonville police appeared on the scene to break up a reported "rumble" between two warring Negro groups, they discovered—much to their surprise—and alarm—that the Negro youths had stopped their "inter-gang" warfare, and decided to unite so that they would be better able to fight their real enemy, the big-business backed white-supremacists and their jimerow police.



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Religion and Opium

Karl Marx once said that religion is the opium of the people. It seems that Kennedy and Nixon are desperately trying to prove that Marx was right. How else can one explain the utterly disgusting manner in which religion has become an issue in the campaign except as an opiate to dull the senses of the mass of the American people and divert them from the fact that there is no issue whatever between the two capitalist presidential candidates.

And while speaking of opium, we are reminded that one of the bastions of the "Free World" is the puppet state of Laos which, in addition to being supported by American guns, planes, and tanks to the tune of a quarter billion dollars, has as its main source of revenue in-

come from the production and sale of opium. The Wall Street-controlled state of Laos is, in fact, one of the very few, if not the only state in the world, where the production and sale of opium is still legal.

Now if the workers and peasants of Laos should one of these days overthrow the State Department-appointed minions who run the opium-ridden country and establish instead a workers and peasants government, you can be sure of one thing.

The capitalist press in the USA will brand the new government as "sacrilegious, atheistic, and downright communist," and the Nixon-Kennedy team will be the most articulate exponents of the dope-peddling line of Wall Street.

Missing Persons Bureau

An announcement from Geneva states that the International Red Cross is actively engaged in a diligent search for missing persons arising out of the civil war in the Congo. A close reading of the published statement in the New York Times of September 10 makes it clear, however, that the missing persons they are searching for are Belgians, not Congolese who have been displaced by the thousands.

Of the thousand or so missing Bel-

gian persons, the Red Cross regretfully announces they have been able to locate only about one hundred.

May we respectfully submit a helpful suggestion, that the Red Cross direct its effort at looking into the various offices of the UN and scanning the so-called Swedish, Norwegian, American, and Irish troops wearing UN uniforms. We confidently predict that they will find more missing Belgians that way than in any other.

Pennsy Strike

Several weeks ago a militant section of the N. Y. Transport Workers Union bus drivers went on an unauthorized strike as a result of a deliberate and flagrant provocation by the company. The capitalist press in New York City let out one of its well planned, unified howls against the strikers, coupled with the usual crocodile tears on behalf of the public.

In an unusually rude, and undemocratic fashion, Mike Quill, head of the TWU broke the strike, to the delight of all the enemies of labor, and the merriment of the capitalist press. But only the *Herald-Tribune* went so far as to really put in a nice word for Mike.

As we go to press, the Pennsy strikers are in the throes of a truly militant struggle against the financial monster known as the Pennsylvania Railroad. The pressure from the rail magnates is so severe, that they have even pushed Secretary of Labor Mitchell into dropping his mask of neutrality (in an election year too!) and openly siding with the railroad barons.

The strike is strong, and the magnificent demonstration of the Pennsy strikers at the New York Labor Day parade, was something that even amazed old-time militants who hadn't seen anything like it since the thirties. And even more significantly, the strikers have been able to keep Mike Quill in line.

But just the other day, the *Herald-Tribune*, which had such nice words for Mike for breaking the bus strike, reversed itself quickly in an editorial on

the current strike. This editorial headline said, "Let's Break Mike Quill."

The Pennsy strikers, however, need no such advice from the Trib. They and only they can, and ultimately will, in good time, take care of Mike Quill, and obviously not for the reasons listed in the vicious Trib editorial.

But now is the time for the Pennsy strikers to counter the Trib with: *Let's break the power of John Hay Whitney*. This is the man who has a luxurious mansion in faraway London, and uses his spare time to act as U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain. That is, of course, when time permits him to take off from his duties as member of the ultra-exclusive, lilly-white *Yacht, Racquet and Tennis Club*. He lives off the profits of his multi-million dollar empire, not a small slice of which just happens to be—in Pennsy interests.

But what, you may ask, does this have to do with answering the vicious anti-labor editorial on the Pennsy strike in the N. Y. *Herald-Tribune*? Oh! John Hay Whitney just happens to be the publisher.

But No UN Here!

Britain's 12-year "state of emergency" in Malaya "ended" on July 31. During the "emergency" British troops practically ruled the country.

—After July 31, the British troops still remain there.

MAIL BAG

CCF Convention

Regarding the CCF convention held in Regina, Sask., Canada recently, the widely expected unity of the two groups, the Canadian Congress of Labor and the Canadian Commonwealth Federation (CCF), just did not materialize. They have postponed the proposed unity, which was to lead to the formation of a new Labor Party, until next year, and between you and me and the fire hydrant, I just have that little sneaky feeling, they ain't going to join hands, ever.

Very little of consequence came out of the CCF Convention, except a move by the left wing to divorce the CCF from its allegiance to NATO. Immediately following this remarkable feat, the centrists and the right wingers voted in a rider supporting an international police force of some kind to protect them from whom, was not clarified, but I would personally presume Russia and China. So actually, what the leftwingers thought they had accomplished, was not so.

The convention was loaded with youthful, pacifist delegates. They are in reality, the offspring of the old and now doddering pacifist group running the show since the leftists were either booted out or eased out.

I have come to the conclusion that anyone hoping that the CCF will be, in some shape or another, the vehicle to launch socialism in Canada, is indeed a dreamer. And I would further say to the trade unions, who are hoping that the CCF will stand by them in good faith, are also dreamers.

I think that it is indeed a good move on the part of the trade unions in Canada to recognize the need for political action. That shows maturity and I'm all for it. But, the present CCF has done nothing but straddle the fence.

The late Woodsworth, founder of the CCF, was farsighted enough to understand that the old order had to be overthrown to establish a new socialist order, and he would turn over in his grave if he knew the devious whimsies his followers are devising to attain their mutated and false ideas of socialism.

The CCF as of now, does not want the labor unions to gain control of the leadership, and if the present leadership maintains control, I do believe they would not do justice to the demands of labor, even through legislative means. I judge by their past performances for the past twenty years.

The CCF when I first became interested in it 25 years ago, actually used to form united fronts with other labor groups on certain social issues which demanded immediate action. But now they pass up such every day struggles, and cover up by saying that IF we make up our minds to elect a CCF govern-

Slave-Labor Conditions for Migrant Workers Are Maintained by Rich Planters in N. Y. State

Pedro Sanchez

Once again the New York State AFL-CIO Convention passed the buck on helping the migrant workers. The convention witnessed a great deal of oratory in lambasting the Republicans, and painting up the Democrats, but nothing at all for the more than 60,000 farm laborers and their families. The irony of it all is that the convention met at the very beginning of what is known in the trade as the "pickin' season."

So terrible is the plight of the migrant workers, that only last December, a U.S. Senate sub-committee was forced to hold hearings in New York City at Foley Square, which revealed that in some of the labor camps in New York State, workers received pay of "\$1 or \$2 at the end of each week's work."

The misery and hunger which migrant workers must endure, has become such an acute problem, that the New York Times was obliged, on August 29th, to devote more than three-quarters of a page to it.

Describing conditions in the state, the Times writer said, "Large families are crowded into a single cubicle to sleep, cook, and eat. They lack electricity, screens or garbage can lids, and have, in place of plumbing, a hand pump out front and a couple of privies out back."

These are the conditions of life for

ment, all those social blights of the present day society will wither away.

They also want to take over the British Electric Power by paying the shareholders for it. There isn't enough money in the whole treasury of the Province of British Columbia to pay for the B.C. Electric, to begin with, and why pay millionaires for a utility which rightly belongs to the people and is fundamentally operated by the people?

So I am of the opinion that the Canadian Congress of Labor would be better off without unity with the CCF which has become a decadent political party, masquerading under a socialist banner.

I also think that the Canadian Congress of Labor should align itself with a truly socialist party. If they are not quite ready to take that plunge then they should work for the formation of a new mass Labor Party.

H., Vancouver

Our Nigerian Reporter

Abraham James

The struggle for the independence of the Nigerian Labor Movement, which is experiencing its first great upsurge and efforts at self-organization, became the topic of a significant parliamentary discussion.

Below is a brief first-hand account of this development by our special correspondent—ED.

Lagos, Nigeria—The Federal Government of Nigeria has declared that it is not its wish to stop Nigerian Trade Unions, and their leaders from foreign aid or affiliation.

In a ministerial statement by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Nigerian Minister of Labor in the House of Representatives, Chief O. Oweh said: "It is the declared policy of the Government to foster and encourage the development of sound, independent and responsible trade unions on democratic lines."

The Junior Minister's statement followed a question by a parliamentarian who asked to what extent Nigerian labor leaders were receiving support (material and otherwise) from abroad, and also whether the Minister of Labor would consider the advisability of prohibiting, at least for the time being, Nigerian trade unions and their leaders from accepting foreign assistance and affiliations.

Chief Oweh said the Government wished to preserve the rights of trade union movements to develop freely, and that any restrictions placed on these rights, as suggested, would infringe the freedom of association which the Government sought to preserve. He could not say the extent of material of financial support which had been received from external sources by the Nigerian labor leaders.

thousands of workers, not in the rural south — or in the back woods — but in what is considered one of the most "advanced" states in the USA. To date, despite numerous "investigations," and "exposes" — substantially nothing has been done to alleviate the suffering of these thousands of men, women and children, barely able to stay alive.

Most of the migrants are Negro and Puerto Rican workers who come to New York on what is called "contract," a fancy word for semi-slave labor.

The Foley Square hearings brought out not only the terrible misery and poverty of the migrant workers, but also showed that they were often the victims of police brutality, detention by local police authorities without any cause whatsoever, illegal searches and seizures, and shortages in pay.

In an effort to perpetuate these slave-labor conditions, the growing processing and packing monopolies have organized into a vast network of influence and lobbying through the Western New York Growers Association, and allied groups even more powerful, who work behind the scenes.

The sub-standard wages of migrant workers, are a peril to the entire labor movement. How bad must it get before union bureaucrats get off their fannies, and do something?

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Resolute Supporters Cheer Castro; Defy Police Who Surround Rally

Dorothy Ballan

In an extraordinary rally in New York City, on August 28th, thousands of Spanish-speaking people and many allies, came to Union Square, at the call of the 26th of July Movement, to demonstrate their enthusiastic and unswerving support for the Cuban revolution.

The challenge that this represents was not lost on the rulers of this country. They showed their fear and hatred of these oppressed and revolutionary masses, by surrounding the demonstration with the largest police contingent seen since the '30's — including many on horseback. Watching several battalions of police lined up in formation after the demonstration was over—and even after many police had been dismissed—we counted no less than 450 cops.

This massive attempt at intimidation by the authorities, served only to increase the defiance and determination of the demonstrators, who appeared despite an almost total blackout of publicity. Large numbers of the demonstrators were young people.

Speaking from the platform, in support of Castro and the Cuban revolution, were many speakers, who not only denounced imperialist puppets like Franco and Trujillo — but most especially — American imperialism itself.

Included among the speakers were Pelegrin Garcia from the *Puerto Rico Nationalist Party*, Julio Medina from the *26th of July Movement*, General Asencio from the *Spanish Republican Movement*, a speaker from the *Fair Play for Cuba Committee* and many others.

At one point, a spotlight was thrown dramatically and symbolically on a group of people from the *21st of March Movement* (for Puerto Rican Independence) as they proudly marched to the platform carrying their national flag amidst great cheering from the demonstrators.

During the course of the militant, fighting and anti-imperialist speeches roaring from the platform, the enthusiastic and utterly receptive audience responded intermittently with loud chants of *Patrio O Muerte* (Fatherland or Death) — *Venceremos* (We Shall Triumph) and repeatedly called *Paredon* (To the Wall), which was the battle cry of the Cuban people against the counter-revolutionaries (freely trans-

lated as "Shoot Them Down").

At one point, the entire mass of humanity turned around and defiantly faced the police—chanting louder and louder — *Paredon — Paredon — (To the Wall)*.

That this took place in the heart of NYC, which is the very citadel of American imperialism, and in the face of an ever-deepening witch-hunt against Castro supporters, has enormous significance.

Yes — the flames of the Cuban revolution are licking the very shores of the United States itself — and the imperialists are afraid — and they are right.

Buffalo Tenants Win Partial Victory In Long Struggle for Their Homes

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 7 — Supreme Court Justice John H. Marsh prohibited today the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority from evicting any tenants from the Dante housing project. The ruling also had the effect of halting any remodeling in five of the seven Dante buildings.

The tenants of the Dante housing project, through their organization, the Dante Tenants Defense League, have carried on one of the most militant and determined struggles over a period of more than seven months in an effort to stop the first attempt in this country to convert a public low-cost housing project into a privately owned so-called middle income project. The so-called conversion is in reality an \$11,000,000 giveaway to the real estate sharks, and would mean that about 600 Negro families would lose their homes.

The case before Justice Marsh came in the form of a request for an injunction to stop the Municipal Housing Authority from going through with the giveaway. Justice Marsh did not issue a permanent injunction, but merely stayed the hands of the Municipal Housing Authority temporarily until September 21 at which time the Dante case is to be heard and the MHA is to give its answer to the tenants' complaint.

In a statement issued by the Dante Tenants Defense League, Adrian Row-

In the Olympics there is an obvious contest between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. In the unofficial point tally system, the Soviet team took an early lead. The U.S. team has a strong track squad. In these events, the U.S. scored heavily and nearly closed the gap. However, at final report the Soviet team had won an even greater triumph over-all than at the previous Olympics in 1956.

In the course of the games, the U.S. team suffered a number of surprising and unexpected defeats. A rash of alibis broke out in the American papers to explain these losses, and question Soviet victories.

Some of the alibis were: 1. the Olym-

pic officials were anti-American. Americans were always getting raw deals; 2. a Bulgarian wrestler was accused of throwing a match to help a Russian win; 3. the U.S. team was breaking training, staying up late, while the Russians went to bed by 10 P.M. (the sneaky rascals).

It is well known that U.S. amateur athletes, and of course Olympic athletes, are highly subsidized by private sources. These big business forces have long

U.S. Olympic Winner

Wilma Rudolph, as U.S. track star and gold medal winner at the Olympics, brought great honor to the country of her birth. How extraordinary this young Negro woman must be can be gauged by the following. She achieved this victory, despite the problems of growing up as one of eighteen children — and she lives in Tennessee.

How does her country reward her remarkable contribution? Her own answer, "to return to segregated life will all but kill me!"

known the propaganda value of Olympic sports victories and they would like to have fielded a team that could outdistance the Soviet Union. Yet it did not happen.

A lack of medal winning athletes is a small cross to bear, but the reasons for previous U.S. sports supremacy and its recent second place status can be interesting and even significant.

Producing top flight athletes, just as producing top flight missile designers or scientists, takes more than money. It requires a plan which allows and promotes the development of the talents of all people from childhood on up. Rich countries have the resources to do this, but capitalist countries, no matter how rich, put money, and the getting of money, ahead of people and the development of the talents of people.

On the other hand, the socialist forms of the Soviet Union, anticipate the future. Even in the "non-political" field of sports, the superiority of the Soviet system begins to show itself.

World socialism will develop the healthy talents of people more fully to perform physical as well as mental feats.

Louisiana's Well-Heeled Lawmakers Give Birth to a "Starve the Babies" Law

Not the Children, But the Jimcrow Govt's Are Illegitimate

The "Suitable Home Law," one of the most savage pieces of legislation in recent American history was put into effect in the state of Louisiana on June 22 when Governor Davis signed a bill which threw 23,000 children, 95% of them Negro, off the welfare rolls and virtually left them to starve.

When the bill was signed, not more than 2% of the nation's newspapers even so much as bothered to report it, and only in the last couple of weeks, did the news of this repressive measure begin to trickle through the big business press.

This vicious law applies not only to the so-called illegitimate children stricken from the welfare rolls but also includes their older brothers and sisters not born out of wedlock.

Illegitimacy is a stigma directed against the poor. Wealthy and well-to-do bigots and hypocrites who often perpetuate illegitimacy in their own private lives, have no fear of a law from which they are protected by money and power.

It was no sudden urge for "moral rearmament" which prompted the passage of this law. Many of the lawmakers privately admitted that it was directed against the recent surge of militancy in the Negro struggle, exhibited especially by increasing efforts to register and vote.

The welfare crisis has raised the spectre of disease and generalized mass suffering among the affected families in Louisiana. Large scale unemployment prevails. The severity of the measure is particularly acute in rural areas because of recent crop failures.

A *Workers World* reporter contacted the Red Cross and asked them if any assistance, in the view of their functions, would be extended, or if any was planned. Apparently, the matter had already been discussed. They had a ready made pat answer: "The Louisiana situation is a state problem and the Red Cross can not take part in it because it was created by an act of a state. — The Red Cross can act only in emergencies brought on by 'an act of God,' such as

floods and earthquakes and other natural disasters."

Workers World also called CARE, the worldwide organization set up to help needy people with food packages. Their answer was that they "had an understanding with the State Department that their activities did not include such assistance to those needing it at home in the U.S."

The U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, has sat on its hands and refused any help. In the meantime, local Negro organizations in Louisiana are carrying on an active campaign to obtain help for the kids.

The Urban League, at its recent 50th national convention, launched a worldwide appeal to raise food, money and clothing for these 23,000 starving children.

Among the organizations which quickly and boldly took the initiative in the struggle, was the Universal Association of Ethiopian Women with headquarters in New Orleans. Mrs. Audley Moore, one of the outstanding fighters in the struggle, is the head of the organization.

The Association, led by Mrs. Audley Moore, visited the U.S. Department of Agriculture offices in Washington. She made a strong, stirring appeal, calling on the Agriculture Department to allo-

cate surplus food for the children. Hundreds of millions of dollars worth of surplus foods are stocked and may rot in warehouses throughout the country for which the U.S. Government spends about \$1,000,000 a day for storage alone. Mrs. Audley Moore and a delegation of others also met with the State Welfare and Agriculture Departments in an attempt to obtain help. Others in the delegation included Mrs. Virginia Collins and Millien Lombard of the Handicapped Voters League.

To the white supremacist landlords, big-businessmen, planters, and government officials, we say, there are no illegitimate children — only illegitimate white-supremacist governments.

Food from Afar

A "Shame Governor Davis" campaign has been launched across the seas by outraged City Councilwomen from the coal-mining city of New Castle-on-Tyne in England.

Immediately upon hearing of the barbaric law passed in Louisiana, they shipped a contribution of 23 lbs. of food for the hungry families, and promised at least one shipment every day plus all the money that they can raise.

Both food and money are being shipped to the Urban League in New Orleans.



AUDLEY MOORE

Two Faces of the UN

The Congo—

And South Africa

By Sam Marcy

Where was the UN when the murderous Verwoerd regime of South Africa opened fire in Sharpsville against tens of thousands of defenseless South African people killing many, wounding hundreds, and imprisoning thousands? Where was Dag Hammarskjöld at that time? Where was the vociferous Henry Cabot Lodge? Where was Ralph Bunche?

Did the UN Security Council at that time meet in a pre-dawn session and at breakneck speed dispatch an international police force to Johannesburg or Capetown? Did the international police force seize the airports of Johannesburg as they did in Leopoldville? Did they take over the railroads, telegraph, and radio communication centers? Did they push aside the apartheid butcher of the South African people, the premier of the Union of South Africa, in the name of "restoring law and order"?

Merely to ask these questions is to answer them.

Oh what a difference!

But oh, how different is the case in the Congo! Here the UN *did* meet in pre-dawn session and did at literally breakneck speed dispatch an international police force, which did take over the airfield in Leopoldville, did illegally seize the nation's communication centers, lodged their soldiers at all strategic economic centers of the country, and to heap indignity upon indignity, rudely took over the nation's radio networks and even refused to permit the legally elected Premier Lumumba to speak in his own country on the radio!

And finally, to top it all off, did Dag Hammarskjöld even so much as suggest the disarming of the white supremacist South African army as he has been systematically disarming the Congolese?

"... Reports indicate that villages have been pillaged and burnt and their inhabitants—men, women, and children—killed. United Nations officials were informed that unarmed persons were deliberately killed . . . These actions obviously cannot be viewed merely as examples of internal political conflict. They involve a most flagrant violation of elementary human rights and have the characteristics of the crime of genocide, since they appear to be directed toward the extermination of a specific ethnic group . . ."

What a truthful ring is contained in practically every word of the above lines! How well they fit the well-known imperialist pattern!

These words are from a report of Dag Hammarskjöld, delivered at the UN Security Council on September 9. But who is he condemning? Who is he denouncing? The Verwoerd regime? The Belgian regime? The De Gaulle regime in Algiers? The British regime in Kenya?

Dag in shining armor

Oh no, dear reader, he is denouncing, defaming, and scandalizing the revolutionary soldiers of the Congolese liberation army! And who is he presumably defending? The Baluba tribe! Dag Hammarskjöld, banker and big businessman, tool of Wall Street, Lombard Street, the Paris Bourse, and international contact man for Scandinavian finance capital, now dressed in the shining armor of a knight, has become the defender of the Baluba tribesman!

In all these many years when the Belgians carried out an absolutely unprecedented campaign of extermination of the Balubas, which reduced their population to half its original size, not one among the imperialists even as much as seemed to notice it, least of all, Dag Hammarskjöld. But now that the Belgian imperialists by cunning, trickery, and bribery, have lined up a few of the Baluba leaders and are using some of their supporters against the Congolese liberation movement, the UN Secretary General has suddenly donned the uniform of a Baluba battle chieftain and raised the slogan of genocide as his battle cry! A more disgusting example of hypocrisy could scarcely be conceived!

Probably not more than one out of a thousand people in this country will remember that the UN Security Council passed a resolution last April which called upon the "Government of the Union of South Africa to initiate measures bringing about racial harmony based on equality."

What fine humanitarian sentiment! It is to be noted that the resolution did not merely call for the abolition of the hated pass system, for the abolition of discriminatory legal penalties—such as the monstrous practice of whipping African prisoners. It called for equality. Equality! In the Union of South Africa, no less! In apartheid-ridden South Africa! Headlines to this effect were splashed practically throughout the entire globe, particularly in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

They just "passed a resolution"

Only a bare five months have elapsed since the Security Council passed the South African resolution, and yet it seems to have been completely obliterated from the memory of mankind. But is it the short memory of the people which is to blame or is it the long repressive arm of the imperialist oppressors and their kept press which is to blame?

At the height of the momentous rising of the South African masses in their first great bid for liberation, the UN launched "Operation Global Deception." But no sooner had the rising been drowned in blood than the UN went into an entirely different operation. In this one it has carefully maintained a virtual conspiracy of silence and has to date refrained from so much as printing a two-inch item to remind the world of the resolution which it so ostentatiously displayed when the million-fold South African masses were on the march.

It is extremely instructive to note, particularly in relation to the UN's tactic in the Congo, that the South African resolution ordered—yes, ordered—the "Secretary General (Dag Hammarskjöld) in consultation with the Government of the Union of South Africa, to make such arrangements as would adequately help in upholding the purposes and principles of the Charter (of the UN) and to report to the Security Council whenever necessary and appropriate."

Virtually the same concluding paragraph as in the Congo resolution! With this difference, however, that the South African resolution was conveniently put away in the UN cabinet marked "File and Forget" while the Congo resolution was executed in accordance with the wishes and plans of the imperialists. This was done, with the knowledge of those who knew better (Khrushchev!), and with

the acquiescence of those who should have known better (Lumumba, Bourguiba, Nkruma, et al!).

But they really meant it In the case of the Congo!

In the Congo, imperialist mouthpiece Hammarskjöld finds the isolated skirmish of the Congolese liberation army against the Balubas "actions that cannot be viewed merely as examples of internal political conflict, they had the characteristics of the crime of genocide." Are these characteristics absent to the Secretary General in the case of South Africa?

When the French imperialists launch a six-year war of extermination against the Algerian people, is that not genocide? But according to Hammarskjöld, that doesn't go beyond an "internal political conflict"—it's a "purely domestic affair."

In the Congo, the UN finds "two opposing forces in conflict" which obliges it to "safeguard law and order." It did not find "two opposing forces" in the Union of South Africa, let us say, between the Verwoerd regime and the Pan-Africanist Congress.

The lesson, however, of the sharp contrast between the UN's position in Leopoldville as compared with Johannesburg must not be lost upon the struggling peoples of the world. For this more than anything else exposes the true character of the UN as a facade behind which the imperialist countries operate most effectively to suppress the revolutionary peoples and strangle any insurrectionary movement which seeks to free itself of the incubus of monopoly capital.

Ruling classes need a cover

If half a century ago, Lenin could say with justification, that no government in modern times can act without taking into calculation the role of the people, today it is a hundred times more true. As the ruling classes become more and more isolated, they are in ever greater need to give the appearance of ruling with the consent of the masses.

More than ever, their most urgent task is to have a world body which has the outward appearance of legal authority flowing from the peoples of the world.

The UN fulfills that function. That is why the leading imperialist governments took the initiative in forming it. In the more than fifteen years of its existence, a period which has been so rich in the development of so many revolutionary uprisings of the oppressed peoples, the UN has not been found in a single instance, on the side of the oppressed.

Without a quarter of humanity

Perhaps the very worst aspect of the coming UN Assembly meeting is that it takes place amidst the growing attempt of world imperialism to isolate China, to disrupt China's relations with its neighbors in Asia, and to find a medium by which to obtain the acquiescence of Khrushchev and his colleagues to attain these objectives.

The very appearance of Khrushchev at any world meeting without the presence of China, is in itself the most damaging indictment of Khrushchev's policy, and an unmitigated affront to a workers' state representing well nigh a quarter of the human race.

Golden Voice of Lyndon Johnson Now Charms Whole Wide World!

When the first flat tones of Lyndon B. Johnson's nasal voice came through from the "Echo" space-ship last month, the eager world expected something really special. And the Senator from Texas did not disappoint the world in its expectations.

From the awesome vastness of outer space came not a trite "Hello. How are You? The weather's fine!" — Mr. Jim-crow Johnson ventured a prophecy. He prophesied that because of the success of the "Echo," a not-too-distant day would

come when people all the over the world would sit in their own living-rooms viewing the very same program all at the very same moment!

Think of it! A South African miner in the "living-room" of his company-owned barracks, a Puerto Rican laborer in the vermin-infested "living room" of his crowded shack, or a Georgia sharecropper whose "living room" lets in the rain as well as the air, can all love Lucy and hate Philbrick's Communist

"spies" at the same moment.

They can all think and feel "at one" with Lyndon B. Johnson, himself, as he loves and hates along with them in the well-upholstered room of his million-dollar Texas ranch house.

Mr. Johnson's prophecy expresses the twin dreams of U.S. capitalism—regimentation of thought on a world scale and exploitation on a world scale.

We prophesy you'll lose out on both counts, Mr. Johnson!

Guinea Embassy

An AP dispatch of September 8th reports that the Soviet Union has given Piridonovska Palace to Guinea (until recently a French colony) to use as an embassy.

This building, inherited from the days

of the Czar, has until now, been used as the official house for entertaining by the Soviet Foreign Ministry. It is reportedly much larger and more elaborate than the British or French Embassies or the residence of the United States Ambassador.

It was given to the Guineans when their Ambassador, who had been staying there as a guest, said he would like to remain permanently.

There are those who may snicker that this is merely a political maneuver on the part of the Soviet Union, to win over the government of a newly independent African state.

Perhaps so. But how come the United States government finds itself incapable of making similar maneuvers?