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**Castro — To All Oppressed Nations:**

## "Kick Out Your Foreign Masters And Take What Belongs To You!"

### Get U.S. Battleships Out of Cuba!

The U.S. government refuses to sell a single gun to Cuba to defend itself. But the U.S. keeps enough battleships in Cuba's Guantanamo Bay — with enough guns and firepower — to murder hundreds of thousands of Cuban and other Latin-American people.

These ships and guns are not defending the people of the United States. They are only trying to terrorize the peoples of other lands.

The Cubans do not want troops and ships threatening them. Let the Cubans have their own country. Get the U.S. battleships out of Cuba and give Guantanamo back to the Cuban people!

**Khrushchev, Castro in Harlem —**

### Shows Importance of Negro Masses

Castro's stay in Harlem and Khrushchev's visit to his hotel there were diplomatic events of the highest importance to the black "Captive Nation" in the United States.

For Castro's entire ten-day stay, there was a constant demonstration of political enthusiasm and solidarity among the oppressed such as has not been seen in New York City for many a long year.

Day and night, the crowds along 125 Street waved and shouted and danced their enthusiasm. Cubans, Puerto Ricans, and Negro people mingled by the thousands in the most joyful, good-natured, high-spirited kind of celebration imaginable.

Cuba's revolution against U.S. imperialism thus penetrated Harlem by means of Castro's stay there.

And Khrushchev's special visit to Castro's hotel was indeed a "clever move" to win Negro support, as the capitalist newspapers said it was. But the two men's meeting in Harlem also eloquently expressed a very deep social and political reality.

This social and political reality is that

the Soviet Union and the colonial world have everything in common with the struggle for Negro liberation in America and must in the very nature of things come to the aid of that struggle.



Castro with Juan Almeida, only Negro Chief of the Army in this hemisphere. They are dining with employees of Hotel Theresa in Harlem.

### Castro Tells U.N. That All Underdeveloped Countries Should Do What Cuba Did—Seize All Foreign Capital

United Nations, September 26 — Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba today asserted the right of all colonies and underdeveloped countries to *nationalize without indemnity* their own natural resources as well as the foreign-owned factories, mines etc. in their lands.

"There can be no political independence unless there is economic independence," he said in his four-and-a-half hour indictment of imperialism's bloody crimes in Cuba and the rest of the colonial and semi-colonial countries of the world.

He summed up the long history of the shameful U.S. record in Cuba. He compared the untold wealth extracted from Cuba by Wall Street to the unspeakable living conditions of his countrymen who produced that wealth. And he exposed the present machinations of the U.S. military brass to get Cuba back under the control of U.S. Big Business. But the main burden of his speech was an indictment of colonialism itself.

#### Supports Nkrumah

Turning to the present imperialist panic over Africa's coming liberation, he referred to President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana. He "supported his proposal to liberate the African territory

of military bases and eliminate the danger of nuclear war."

(Nkrumah had called, in Friday's session, for the evacuation of all imperialist troops out of Africa.)

#### For Algerian Liberation

"It is ridiculous to maintain that Algeria is part of the French nation," he said . . . "Algeria belongs to Africa as France belongs to Europe . . . We (the U.N. troops) were so quick to go to the Congo — and yet we are so reluctant to go to Algeria . . . I only wish we would go to Algeria, but to defend the interests of the Algerians and not the imperialists."

#### For a Free Congo

"We condemn the way in which the United Nations forces intervention was carried out in the Congo . . . All facts point to the people and reason being on the side of the only (leader) who stayed there to defend the interests of his country, and that is Lumumba."

He added, in relation to the white-supremacist terrorist dictatorship in South Africa, "We are on the side of the colored people of South Africa."

#### U.S. Government

"The government of the United States of America cannot agree with the people of Algeria because the United States is an ally of France, cannot agree with the Congolese people because the United States is an ally of Belgium, cannot be with the Spanish people because it is an ally of Franco."

And that government of the rich, by the rich and for the rich cannot be with the Cuban people because it is not merely an ally, but the exclusive representative of the U.S. corporations which exploited the Cuban people.

**Who is Mobutu?**

### 'Time' Tells All!

Who is Mobutu, the "strong man" who seized power in the Congo last month?

Did he represent any section of the Congolese people? Did he have any of the requirements for what U.N. officials consider "responsible leadership?"

Nobody knows. We do know that he has served in the Congo army and was made a Colonel by Patrice Lumumba.

And we do know what *Time Magazine* says in its Sept. 26th issue:

"Colonel Mobutu left no doubt about which side of the cold war he had joined." . . . Just before his seizure of power, "Mobutu became a frequent visitor to the U.S. embassy and held long talks with officials there."

## Unemployed Workers Treated Like Thieves

By J. Wilson

Youngstown, Ohio — With mounting misery and unemployment, the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, at the behest of the steel bosses, is getting tougher.

This state bureau has transformed itself into a detective agency, investigating workers so it can save money for the bosses.

And this is all too easy to do.

If its "stoolies" find that a worker has not been out every day actively seeking work, it can claim that the worker is not eligible for compensation . . . And if this worker claims that he was not seeking work, he can be penalized for the whole six months of compensation to which he is entitled.

If the worker does not go out to the required number of bosses looking for work, even though there isn't any work

available, he can be disqualified. If a worker goes to an all-day funeral—if he works around his house all day — he can be penalized.

And why is it so easy for this to happen? Why don't the workers just go out and get other jobs? Because Youngstown is strictly a steel-making town. When steelworkers don't work, nobody works.

The vicious attack on the workers' rights is conducted through the investigation department of the unemployment bureau. This department is manned here by seven unsavory characters stooging for the bosses.

Here are some of the ways these low-down creatures proceed to get their information:

They use regular police methods, stooping to the lowest possible position

to deceive. First some informer calls the bureau telling them that a worker is violating the law. The bureau then gets the investigators busy. They go to the home, and pose as salesmen, insurance agents, etc. They particularly like to talk to children because they feel that the children will be more likely to tell what their father or mother is or is not doing.

They snoop around, asking the neighbors or anyone else who may be willing to squeal on the worker. By this underhanded method, they begin to build up a case. Then, all of a sudden, they call the worker in and charge him with some technical violation; cut off his compensation till his case is cleared, which may take several months—or never. In the meantime, the unemployed worker and his family can go hungry.



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## Powell Hurts Negro Cause

Representative Adam Clayton Powell Jr. welcomed Castro to Harlem by saying:

"His stay in Harlem is sheer hypocrisy... I would advise Dr. Castro that he is in my Congressional District and that Harlem hospitality will end the moment he launches any Communist-inspired activity or rioting in Harlem. ... We Negro people have enough problems without the additional burden of Dr. Castro's confusion."

It is Adam Clayton Powell, not Castro, who is confused. And his confusion injures the cause of Negro liberation and tarnishes his own reputation as a fighter for equal rights.

Every corporation that jimerows Powell's constituents, every newspaper that slanders Powell's church-members—also

slanders Castro's struggle and jimerows Castro's delegation to the U.N.—and for the same reason.

Fortunately, other Negro leaders understand the meaning and importance of solidarity between oppressed peoples.

Robert F. Williams, one of the bravest fighters and leaders in the "jungle of Dixie" formally invited Castro to his home in Monroe, North Carolina. This, in defiance of the U.S. government's restriction of Castro to the island of Manhattan.

Williams, who visited Cuba several times, is well aware of the anti-racist, pro-Negro policy of the whole Cuban revolution and its government.

"On the streets of Cuba," he said in his paper, the *Crusader*, "I learned for the first time what it feels like to be respected as a fellow human being."

## Castro HELPS the Cause

Castro and his whole group attending the United Nations walked out of the swanky Hotel Shelburne and stormed up to the Hotel Theresa in Harlem.

According to the newspapers of Big Business, this was a "propaganda stunt" to win the sympathy of the Negro people for revolutionary Cuba.

Isn't it interesting that Kennedy and Nixon never think of propaganda stunts like this?

They spend millions of dollars for political campaigns planned by the Madison Avenue advertising companies. They kiss babies, get out of their Cadillacs to shake hands with workers on the streets and make grandiose promises on

civil rights in their campaign platforms—but they don't go to the Hotel Theresa!

Of course, Castro's move was not a publicity stunt. Many of the highest officers in the Cuban government are Negro. The chief of the whole Cuban army, Juan Almeida, who is in Castro's party at the Theresa, is a Negro. And revolutionary Cuba, which is considerably closer to civilization than the U.S. on the Negro question, has absolutely outlawed segregation by color.

Castro thus has every right to be in Harlem. And the Negro people have every reason to welcome him with enthusiasm—as they are certainly doing.

## Whistling by the Graveyard

The capitalists always deceive the workers on political and social questions. But when it comes to a possible depression in business, the capitalists also deceive themselves!

Take for example, the depression in steel production:

Ever since last March, steel production fell down from its near-record performance. And during July, August and September, it has been rattling around in the statistical cellar at about 50 per cent of its capacity.

A few weeks ago, some alibi artist explained that this was because the new compact cars used 1,234 pounds of steel less than the standard cars. And some of

the wisest financial writers proceeded to give the same explanation.

Assuming there are 6 million cars produced this year, a little over 2 million will be "compacts." If you multiply 2 million by 1,234 pounds, you get 1,234,000 tons—that is, one and a quarter million tons.

But the steel industry has the capacity to produce about 3 million tons of steel per week. Thus the "compacts" will only account for about three days' loss of steel production for the year.

Obviously, the steel depression is due to far more basic causes than the compact car. But the capitalists are afraid to admit this—even to themselves.

## U.S. Red-Baits Nkrumah

Kwame Nkrumah, President of the African Republic of Ghana, angered the imperialists at the U.N. almost as much as did Khrushchev.

Just before Khrushchev's speech on September 23, Nkrumah called for (1) the removal of the U.N.'s Congo operation from the supervision of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, (2) putting the Congo under the control of the "independent states of Africa" and (3) removing all troops except Africans from the area.

These seem to be very logical demands for any ordinarily patriotic African to make. But the United States Secretary of State, Christian A. Herter, said that Nkrumah, by these demands, "has marked himself as very definitely leaning toward the Soviet bloc."

Herter thus identifies African nationalism with pro-Sovietism. He seems to take it for granted that anybody who says "Africa for the Africans" is leaning in the direction of Communism rather than U.S. capitalism. And in the long run he is quite right.

For diplomatic reasons and in order to woo Nkrumah back into the fold of the capitalist West, Herter may apologize to Nkrumah or find some way to change his tune.

And Nkrumah himself may never consciously support Communism. But to the extent that he fights for a free Africa, he will to the same extent help to destroy the brutal domination of world capitalism and help lay the basis for the Communist liberation of mankind.

## Congratulations, Castro, for Giving Our U.S. Bosses Such a Shellacking!

(copy of Western Union telegram)

September 26, 1960

Premier Fidel Castro  
Theresa Hotel  
7th Avenue at 125th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Congratulations on your speech at the U.N. It was a revolutionary expose of U.S. imperialism and a stirring call to arms for all the oppressed countries of the world.

Your defense of Africa, especially of Algeria and the Congo, which are now in such need of defense, was heroic, and it breathed the fire of struggle.

Your espousal of China was irresistible to any but the most hard-bitten stooges of imperialism. And your appeal to the Latin American nations to prepare for their liberation from the Wall Street colossus cannot have fallen upon deaf ears.

Above all, your masterly recapitulation of your own country's revolution has surely earned almost as many friends as that revolution itself.

Never has anyone spoken for the oppressed masses in the one-sided United Nations forum with equal faithfulness or eloquence.

Viva Cuba libre!

Vincent Copeland  
Editor, Workers World

## Slave Revolts—1792 and 1960

The first faint steps taken against the African slave trade were taken nearly 200 years ago. But they were not taken because of the humanity of the slave masters.

They were taken because of the masters' mortal fear of insurrection by the slaves.

The new slaves arriving from Africa were always harder to manage. And the slave population was so big by 1776—and the slave-masters' troops were so tiny—that several slave uprisings came close to success.

After 1792 a new fear swept the

South. This was the fear of revolution travelling from the West Indian island of Haiti and the forces of Toussaint L'Ouverture. The South passed laws against any slave trade with the West Indies for fear that the epidemic of freedom would infect the United States.

Today, another West Indies Island is in the throes of revolution. The Congo in Africa is in revolt. The Chinese colossus has thrown off his chains.

Today the U.S. prevents Lumumba from coming to the U.N., confines Castro to the island of Manhattan, and will not allow anyone of the 650 million people from the mainland of China to visit our shores.

Why is this? What is the capitalist government afraid of?

It is afraid of the same thing that the slave masters of the past were afraid of—the revolt of the American slaves.

### Famous Hotel

Havana — Employees of the swanky Riviera Hotel have voted to change its name to Theresa in honor of Hotel Theresa, where Castro stayed in Harlem.

## Kennedy Vetoes 30 for 40

John F. Kennedy couldn't have made his point any plainer.

He is against labor, just like his Republican opponent, Richard Nixon. But he chose to make his clear and brutal statement against the 32-hour week at 40 hours' pay on the platform of the United Steelworkers Convention.

He made his point especially clear because David J. McDonald, the union's president, had so recently advocated the 32-hour week to solve the growing and chronic unemployment in the steel industry. And the Convention called upon Congress to pass a law to this effect.

Kennedy was thus giving advance notice that as President he would veto any such law—in the remote event that the Big Business Democrats and Republicans ever were to pass it.

The "fighting" leader of labor, David J. McDonald, led the applause for Kennedy.

In the not-too-distant future, McDonald and the other misleaders of labor will find themselves compelled to put up a fight for the 30 or 32-hour

week—and not just a legal appeal to a reactionary Congress.

With 200,000 steelworkers unemployed or on short weeks and no pickup in sight for steel production, McDonald will have to do much more than beseech his "friend" Kennedy to grant a 32-hour week.

### Joys of Motherhood

The following is a quote from an article in Newsweek, Aug. 15 on illegal abortions and illegitimacy.

"Not the wanton teen-ager... not the naive girl in the big city... but the young (between 21 and 25 years) married woman is most likely to undergo an abortion in the U.S. today. Why? ... she may be the destitute mother of two or three children, unwilling and unable to face a future with another mouth to feed."

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# Union President's Opponent Given Vicious Beating

(But Rarick Shouldn't Have Hollered "Cop" to Government)

By Pedro Sanchez

Atlantic City, September 21 — David J. McDonald led a witch-hunt and apparently organized a vicious gang-attack and physical beating of Donald C. Rarick at the steelworkers' convention here yesterday.

The President of the United Steelworkers called Rarick and his colleagues "traitors" and "stinking stooges" on the basis of their previous record in the union—which consisted mainly of opposing him, McDonald, for office.

An 1100-word resolution extolling McDonald's leadership was put on the floor. Opponents of the resolution and critics of McDonald were called "company agents." (One well-paid union or-

ganizer referred to McDonald as "the greatest leader in the world today.") Rarick and eleven other local union leaders voted against the resolution.

Rarick walked out just after the vote and returned in a few minutes to find himself being characterized by Joseph P. Molony, District Director of New York State, as a "strikebreaker."

After this, four ushers beat up Rarick for distributing anti-McDonald leaflets. Today, Rarick was beaten up again by union organizers — while McDonald hypocritically told the convention that he "abhorred violence of any kind."

But Rarick has now wired Secretary of Labor Mitchell, asking U.S. intervention in the affairs of the union under

the reactionary Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Act.

This was the wrong thing to do and it will have bad consequences both for Rarick and for the union.

Most militant union men, and in fact all honest workers, will sympathize with Rarick rather than with McDonald as far as the actual conflict between the two is concerned. But any leadership that intends to unseat the bureaucratic, labor-faking McDonald must do it by calling upon the wrath of the fighting steelworkers themselves, not the intervention of the anti-labor government.

That is the only way to get a better leadership than McDonald, bad as McDonald is.

## "Liberal" UnAmericans

The one thing liberal about the reactionary UnAmerican Activities Committee is its expense account. This Committee spends \$327,000 of the taxpayers' money every year.

Chauffer-driven Cadillacs costing \$25 per day are a common luxury for Committee members. These cars are used for the super-special job of transporting mittee members.

Senior Committee members are known to occupy hotel rooms costing \$45 per day. They use public funds to pay for their entertainment on "business" trips. At one time a member ran up a bill of \$90 for one evening in a night club.

Well, after all, fingering class struggle fighters, getting people discharged from their jobs and other such "American" practices is a very wearing job and requires relaxation in American style!

## "Honest" N.Y. Times

On Wednesday night, September 21, the "objective" and "truthful" *New York Times* reported a fight in Harlem near Hotel Theresa in which Fidel Castro was staying.

*"A fist fight broke out. Mounted and foot patrolmen rushed into the melee and broke the crowd into small groups. A few persons lost their footing and fell."*

This is a lie. The police deliberately crushed free speech because of their hostility to the Cuban revolution.

Two enthusiastic Negro youths were supporting Fidel Castro. One held a sign saying: "They Jim-crowed Fidel as They Jim-crow Us Here in Harlem" while the other was speaking.

Suddenly, two cops rushed in and dragged the speaker down. The crowd attempted to prevent his arrest. This brought over a hundred cops into action. They shoved and whipped the crowd with their clubs, crushing many against the wall.

This is the true story of what the lying item quoted above from the *Times* is supposed to describe.

—B.H.

## They Get Very Excited "Protecting White Womanhood," But—

# Cops Keep Calm When Little Boy Is Nearly Killed

St. Louis—The police brutality in this city has been on the increase lately.

Many of the cases go unreported. And as in other cities, most of the brutality is directed against Negro people. There have been beatings, false arrests and plenty of just plain pushing around.

You see it in ways you would hardly expect—even in simple things like accident cases, where you would think the cops would have no reason to be tough or thoughtless.

Little Sergei Richardson could tell you a lot about it, and he's hardly old enough to talk.

Sergei got hit by a car in front of his house at 5721 Etzel last month. His skull was fractured. He was unconscious for two and a half days and he spent four days in an oxygent tent.

The cops got to the scene of course, but none of them bothered to go to the hospital with Sergei and his mother, Delores Richardson (well known in the



Sergei and Friend

neighborhood for her constant fighting in behalf of the oppressed).

They just stood around badgering little Billie, Sergei's sister. They figured that a car parked nearby (it was there all day) was the one that had hit Sergei. And they wouldn't listen to Billie's story about a white hit-and-run driver hitting the boy. They told the driver of the parked car it was his fault—when he didn't even know about the accident!

This might just seem like carelessness or plain stupidity on the part of the police. But it happens much more often to colored people here than to anybody else.

The police of the 12th District are especially bad. And some of the people are getting a petition against them.

There is big talk about the cops using dogs to arrest people now. A lot of St. Louisans have their own idea who the real dogs are!

# Steel Depression Spreading to Rest of Economy

The economic picture doesn't seem to be improving. In fact, it seems to be getting darker by the month. In May, they predicted a pickup in June, in June, a pickup in July and now in September, they predict that the pickup in steel will be in March, maybe. The national steel production rate is about 54 per cent of capacity. And this week it is dropping again.

In Youngstown, it dropped to 43 per cent. Over 15,000 of the 150,000 workers in the area, are unemployed. That is 10 per cent of the total work force. And of this 15,000, nearly 1500 are running out of unemployment compensation. Most of those working in the steel producing

plants are working the 4-day week.

Some steel bosses even predict that the depression will last through 1961. An ex-vice president of Detroit Lakes Steel, predicts that production in 1961 will be at about 65 per cent of capacity.

This condition in the steel industry seems to be spreading to other segments of the national economy. Auto production is down, and the number of auto workers has been greatly reduced. The number of mine workers today is approximately 40 per cent of what it was 10 years ago. Textiles, electric appliances, copper, aluminum, aircraft and railroads are all complaining of high costs and declining markets.

It is no wonder that the present unemployed labor force is approximately 6 per cent of the total. *This does not include the millions that would work if there were opportunities at decent wages.*

What is to be done about this problem?

The ranks of the working class have to insist that a *struggle* be put up and that the leaders must lead or give up their positions of leadership.

Those who suffer the most from the unemployment crisis are the Negro people. The most oppressed are always the ones who have the most to gain and the least to lose by a struggle, and are the most willing to fight.

## Cuba Backs Congo

Berlin, September 21—A Cuban doctor's delegation walked out of the general assembly of the World Medical Association in solidarity with the Congo.

The Cubans had presented a resolution condemning the Belgian doctors who had left the Congo and abandoned their patients.

Dr. Fernandez Mel, who introduced the resolution, said that a number of countries freeing themselves from colonialism, imperialism and exploitation had been thus victimized by selfish foreign doctors.

The delegation included the Cuban Minister of Health, Jose Ventura Machado.

# Puerto Rico—Paradise for Bosses

By Frederick Matteger

You will be glad to hear that some workers in Puerto Rico got raises recently. As usual these raises took the form of small increases in the legal minimum wages. Most workers in Puerto Rico get the minimum or close to it. The minimum is different for each job and industry.

The raise for the square scarf and linen industry was effective September 11 of this year. In this industry hand-sewing wages were raised one cent an hour.

*The one cent an hour raise brought the hand-sewing wage from 27 cents an hour to 28 cents an hour. In other words from \$10.80 to \$11.20 for a 40 hour week.*

Maybe you're thinking that 28 cents buys a lot more in Puerto Rico than it would in the U.S. In case you are, note the comparison of some typical basic food prices in Puerto Rico and New York City as of August.

How much of this would 28 cents buy?

This is the situation after years of the much publicized "Operation Boot-

strap" of Munoz Marin. "Operation Bootstrap" has brought many industries to Puerto Rico and has supposedly been "transforming" the island.

In a sense it *has* transformed Puerto Rico—into a haven for runaway U.S. shops making big profits on Puerto Rican workers' sweatshop wages.

Most of the goods are exported. The businessmen pocket the money by the millions. Only the pressure of Puerto Rican unrest has brought a few more pennies to Puerto Rican workers.

And it is doubtful if these penny increases have kept pace with the rising prices.

After years of "transformation" the median wage is \$24.40 a week, and unemployment was officially 13.8 per cent for 1959. (U.S. unemployment is about 5½ per cent.)

Is it any wonder Puerto Ricans cheer for Castro?

## Jimcrow White Kid

Dunn, North Carolina, Sept. 21—A group of parents objected to admitting a dark complected white girl to the all-white Mary Stewart Elementary School.

Seven-year-old Edna Sue Hump had to stay home from school because about 15 to 20 white parents threatened her at the school entrance.

The principal of the school said that Edna was "not exactly light-skinned, but the records all show her to be white."

The town of Dunn, where this happened, is in Harnett County, the county where a group of Indian parents last week objected to sending their children *seventy-two miles daily* to a special Indian school. The children are still making the trip as of the time of this report.

First Negro kids, then Indian kids, then dark-skinned "white" kids. Maybe next it will be black-haired white kids. And then even blonde-haired kids won't be any good if they don't touch up with a little peroxide!

## Compare these Prices!

		New York City	Puerto Rico
Eggs	1 dozen	55¢—69¢	75¢—77¢
Cabbage	1 lb.	6¢	12¢
Potatoes	5 lbs.	19¢—39¢	35¢—49¢
Beef, ground	1 lb.	45¢—49¢	79¢

# Khrushchev's UN Proposal

## A Preliminary Appraisal

By Sam Marcy

It is too early to make a definitive evaluation of the new turn of world events as reflected in the struggle at the current UN session. Nevertheless, certain tentative conclusions can already be drawn.

The world balance of power has been drastically altered in favor of the oppressed as against the oppressor Powers. Imperialism is everywhere on the defensive. Even where the imperialists have crushed in blood the rising of the revolutionary masses, such as in South Africa, they have emerged in an extremely weakened and debilitated condition. And although the UN Command, in collusion with Belgium and the U.S. had virtually destroyed the Congo Republic even before the Assembly had convened, the last word has not yet been said. Far from it.

### Mobutu Coup Founders

The installation of Mobutu by the U.S. embassy as a supposed military arbiter between the Kasavubu (pro-imperialist) and Lumumba (anti-imperialist) factions, is a thinly disguised fraud. The attempt to quickly liquidate the Congolese Republic by a swift military coup has foundered. And not because of benevolent intervention of world public opinion as expressed through the spokesmen at the UN.

Unquestionably the strong support rendered by the governments of Guinea, Ghana and the UAR helped substantially, as certainly did the governments of the USSR and other workers republics. But again as has happened so often in the history of previous counter-revolutions, it was, and is still the "unreliability" of the very troops under Mobutu's command that stayed the hand of the would-be executioner of the Congolese Republic, and made at least the partial re-emergence of Lumumba in Leopoldville possible.

This is the key fact, hidden behind the heaviest fog of imperialist press handouts, which should have been emblazoned in the headlines of all the newspapers, if there were a free rather than a kept press in this country.

Even this is overshadowed by the fact that these very troops originally initiated the rebellion that set off the tidal wave of revolution in the Congo, following the pronouncement of freedom, which

the Belgian imperialists pledged — but never intended to grant.

### Ranks of Army Saved the Day

It is the army rank and file, drawn from the mass of the people, who saved the day in Leopoldville (at least as of now), as distinguished from the military brass, who were trained, nourished and indoctrinated by their Belgian taskmasters.

It is only in the light of the crisis arising out of the situation in the Congo, that one can examine some of the proposals made by Khrushchev at the current UN Assembly. Undoubtedly the most significant one concerns the liquidation of colonialism.

The absolutely unprecedented campaign of vilification, slander and calumny directed at Khrushchev by the imperialist press, should not be permitted to drown out an objective appraisal of the proposal's actual significance. Unquestionably it was a good, progressive, and timely thing to present.

In the heroic age of the early revolutionary Communist movement, such a proposal would have been regarded as routine, and as a matter of course. It was then understood everywhere in the world, both by the oppressors as well as the advanced section of the oppressed peoples that the leadership of the youthful Soviet Republic was wholly and unconditionally committed not only to the liquidation of colonialism but to the struggle for world socialist revolution.

### Unexpected Proposal

A proposal such as this, coming from Lenin would have been taken completely for granted as the Soviet Union's unshakeable stand, but coming from Khrushchev, it comes as a surprise and an unexpected bombshell to the imperialists.

Nevertheless, in the context of the present international situation, and especially in the light of the tremendous power and prestige of the Soviet Union, Khrushchev's proposal has aroused not only the ire of the imperialists, but it has instilled new hope and vigor in the colonial peoples.

If we assume that the main and fun-

damental task of the USSR at this Assembly was to draw a clear dividing line between the imperialist and anti-imperialist forces in the UN, then the Algerian question was the issue par excellence for promoting this objective in the UN and would have been admirably suited and timed for the occasion.

### Recognize Algeria!

To give substance to Khrushchev's proposal, he should have confronted the Assembly with the recognition by the Soviet government of the Provisional Algerian Republic.

The imperialists did not hesitate to confront the Assembly with what amounts to a virtually accomplished fact in the Congo. Why shouldn't the USSR do the same thing, in reverse, with respect to the Algerian struggle, and present the UN with the accomplished fact of USSR recognition of the Algerian Provisional Government — as China has done?

Many people ask what the diplomatic recognition of the Algerians by the USSR would accomplish. A great deal indeed!

For one thing, it would give a renewed impetus to the Algerian Liberation Movement, and would add an enormous amount of political as well as material support to the struggle.

If by diplomatic recognition is meant more than the mere technical term implies, it would operate as a commitment by the USSR to give it active material assistance. The eastern European countries would certainly follow suit. And others would be impelled one way or another, to offer, to one degree or another, political or other support.

### Would Sharpen Line

By this very act alone, Khrushchev would not only expose the Gaullist administrators of the Paris Bourse, but would also have forced the MacMillan and Eisenhower governments to show their hand. It's the kind of an issue which has a tremendous potential in the given situation in the UN, of drawing a sharp line between the imperialist and anti-imperialist countries.

But, say the apologists for Khrushchev, this would run counter to the wishes of the masses of the French people.

On the contrary, never in recent years have the French people experienced such an overwhelming spirit of sympathy for the Algerian revolution as at the precise moment when Khrushchev was delivering his talk to the UN.

### Trial of the 26

This was dramatically demonstrated by the stand taken in Paris of the 26 defendants who were accused of helping the Algerians and were before a military tribunal at Paris' Cherchemidi Prison, where they heroically upheld the cause of the Algerian Liberation Movement in the very teeth of the Gaullist military camarilla. And the symptom of the general feeling permeating France on the Algerian issue was the formation of a committee which the *New York Times* was forced to admit in its Sept. 25 issue, was "a formidable array of French writers, stage personalities and teachers (who) jeopardized their careers by supporting the defendants' right to

back the Moslem Algerian struggle for independence.

"Most prominent among the 'names' supporting the defendants were Jean-Paul Sartre, playwright and philosopher; Simone de Beauvoir, author, and Simone Signoret, the actress.

"Considerable support came also from lesser-known writers and schoolteachers. Altogether 121 of the 'intellectuals' signed a manifesto, while the trial was in progress, upholding the right of a Frenchman to refuse to fight against the Moslem rebels if his conscience was against it.

"The manifesto said that the Moslems were fighting a legitimate war for their national independence and the French Army in Algeria, faced with guerilla warfare, was using Nazi-like techniques of torture and imprisonment."

### French Workers For Free Algeria

It should be scarcely necessary to add that the French working class is the most internationalist and class conscious on the west European continent, and has at all times been in sympathy with the Algerian liberation movement. It is only the leaders that stand in the way.

Thus the old moth-eaten apology for Khrushchev, that recognition of the Algerian National Republic would run counter to the wishes of the French people, stands exposed as a naked lie.

Why then, should Khrushchev spurn the outstretched hand of the embattled Algerian people?

Is it because he feels it would constitute a definitive rupture with the De Gaulle regime — which it surely would do in such case? Does he feel it would consolidate the Western imperialist bloc, or does he fear it would endanger his schema for a "world settlement" with the imperialist powers on the basis of his much cherished dogma of "peaceful co-existence"?

### Only Road to Peace

Whatever the present calculations of Khrushchev and his ruling group, in the eyes of the Algerian people, peace with De Gaulle means war against Algeria! Peace with MacMillan will strengthen the stranglehold on Kenya and all the colonial and semi-colonial people under British domination. Peace with Eisenhower strengthens the hand of the Pentagon madmen and their Wall Street masters, against Latin-America, Asia, Africa, the European proletariat, and last but not least, in the struggle against the working class in the USA. Peace with imperialism means a continuation of the unceasing struggle of the predatory monopolists against the peoples of the world.

The only road to a real genuine peace, is an unceasing struggle against imperialism.

"In these conditions, the slogans of pacifism, international disarmament under capitalism, courts of arbitration, etc., are not only reactionary utopias, but downright deceptions of the toilers designed to disarm the proletariat and distract it from the task of disarming the exploiters."—By Lenin, *Program of the Third International*, 1919.

How right Lenin was then! How right he is now!

## Committee Wins Struggle To Get Biased Film Withdrawn

Atlanta, Ga.—A vigorous protest by The Committee To Protect the History and Culture of Colored and Colonial Peoples, has stopped the showing of the film "Hannibal" in Atlanta's Negro theatres.

The black general, "Hannibal" is played by Victor Mature, a white man, and the only black men in the film are shown as slaves.

When this film first appeared in Atlanta the above-named committee protested to the management of the Bailey Theatres, a white-owned chain operating in Atlanta's Negro neighborhoods, and "Hannibal" was withdrawn.

A letter from the same committee also appeared in the Atlanta Daily World urging a boycott of this movie.

"The movie 'Hannibal' is based on the life of—and bears the name of—one of the greatest military geniuses of all time, a performer of many astounding military feats. . . . He defeated Rome in every battle which took place over a period of fifteen years. . . . His military tactics have been taught in the leading academies all over the world (including the United States). History also shows that he was a black man."

The letter concludes, "In times like these, when the oppressed minorities and colored peoples are rising up—everywhere in defiance, when movies like these are shown which disregard historical accuracy by ignoring important roles played by black men in World History, we should all make our protest known by boycotting the movie houses until there is a change."

The fact that the Committee To Protect the History and Culture of Colored and Colonial Peoples did force a change upon a large chain of theatres in Atlanta is another important victory in the struggle.

—E.S.

*Editor's note: In answer to those who say that Carthage was originally founded by the Phoenicians and that therefore Hannibal was not black—we must answer that Carthage was already several hundred years old when Hannibal lived. The Carthaginians had mixed with the African Libyans much as the early Spaniards mixed with the Indians in Latin America. Hannibal would certainly be jimcrowed were he in the United States today.*

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