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GE Workers Fight Back Against Worst Union-Busting In 20 Years!

Wall St's U.N. Offers China Not Peace, But a Sword

Once again a quarter of humanity has been declared ineligible to have a representative at the swanky building on Rockefeller's land near the East River in New York.

The United Nations has once again proved it is a tool of the U.S. imperialists by voting 42 to 34 against admitting China to its fake "world government."

Wish-thinking radicals and naive liberals will rejoice because the vote was better than it has been in the past. And it is true that the vote shows a gradual shift against the influence of U.S. capitalism in favor of the colonial revolution and the international working class.

But the U.N. is not one single step closer to becoming the "world government" the credulous are dreaming about. The more it is utilized as a forum for the oppressed, the more determined the U.S. capitalists will be to break it up.

Wise "neutrals" like Nehru are trying to convince the capitalists to admit China to the U.N. in order to muffle China's militancy and "contain" its revolutionary drive. In vain.

Smart as it would be for capitalism thus to "contain" China, capitalism refuses to do so. It prefers to "contain" the Chinese revolution with guns, planes and atomic bombs from the island of Taiwan (Formosa).

A quick look at the vote to admit China and at the vote to accept Khrushchev's offer of complete disarmament tells the story. The China vote was 42 to 34. The vote against disarmament was 54 to 13.

Thus the "good" capitalists and "neutrals" are only maneuvering over the admission of China. The majority of

even those who voted to admit China did so from bad motives. And the U.S. imperialists who voted against seating China do not even want to maneuver. They are dead set against the Chinese masses and prefer to slaughter them rather than talk with them.

It is not peace, but a sword that the imperialist-dominated U.N. is offering to the Chinese people. And although they try to make it look otherwise and pretend that The Chinese People's Republic threatens the U.S., the truth is that the U.S. capitalists are determined to keep the U.N. as their private preserve.

Our next issue will discuss and analyze the recent U.N. developments in the light of the international revolution and the growing crisis.

GE's Open Appeal for Scabbing and Police Violence Is a Clear Call to Arms for All U.S. Labor

The J. P. Morgan-dominated General Electric Company (GE) has declared war upon its workers and upon the whole labor movement of the United States.

The company openly announced before the strike deadline that *the gates would be open for scabs*, and that it would try to smash the union completely. From the moment the strike began, the company showed it would keep its word. This is the first time since World War II that such a large company has gone all out against labor.

In the long weeks of negotiation, the company refused to renew the cost-of-living clause in the next contract. This is the clause that guarantees a raise in wages if the storekeeper's prices go up first.

James B. Carey, President of the International Union of Electrical Workers, begged and pleaded with the company for a concession on this point and clearly stated: "We don't want a strike. You're forcing a strike on us."

But the company understood this only too well. And the hard-boiled attitude of GE is not just calculated to force a strike, but to force it *and then to break it*.

In Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York State, company-provoked violence broke out the very first day of the strike. And GE served notice on the communities that if it doesn't get enough local police and state police "protection" it will move its plants to other areas.

At the same time it demanded local governments thus to interfere against the strikers, the company hinted to the U.S. government that it better not interfere to settle the strike. "We can hold out a year without causing a crisis in the national economy," a GE spokesman said.

And the government can only re-open the plant under the Taft-Hartley provision about a national production crisis. The General Electric Company, which helped write the Taft-Hartley Act is not satisfied that it hurts the union enough. Its idea is to kill the union altogether.

Moreover, GE is gunning for the whole United States labor movement. And as Charles E. Wilson of GE correctly said ten years ago:

"We have it within our power to influence the course and character of all private enterprise."

But if GE is so arrogant and the union leadership so cowardly, the workers themselves are fighting back like lions at bay. At the first sign of the mass scabbing (which GE openly en-

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GE Gets Help of Cops in Move to Break Strike



Cops beat up a GE striker, left, at Lynn, Mass., and right, they escort a scab into work.



10,000 Japanese Demonstrate To Protest Murder of Socialist

Oct. 12 — Ota Yamaguchi, member of the fascist Greater Japan Patriotic Society, today brutally murdered Inejiro Asanuma, Chairman of the Socialist Party of Japan, as he spoke at a political meeting called to discuss "clean campaign practices" in the coming parliamentary elections.

Not only is militarism on the rise in Japan, but fascist groups have come to the fore, and are widely known to be heavily financed by the very same ruling class that tries to befuddle the masses with claims of a "clean," "democratic," "free" election.

The murder of Inejiro Asanuma is a clear signal that the imperialist pro-US ruling class in Japan is beginning to mobilize extra-legal armed force against the masses.

The Japanese ruling class, through its legal military arm, and its hoodlum

fascist organizations, — and undoubtedly with the approval of the US ruling class, is organizing, and will inevitably try to crush the Japanese masses.

Only the victorious socialist revolution can overturn the ruling class and their plans for fascism. The heroic courage and determination displayed in the recent anti-US, anti-imperialist demonstrations, which forced the cancellation of Eisenhower's visit, indicated that this long-awaited revolution is on the way.

Already, as a result of the murder of Inejiro Asanuma, 10,000 people marched on Police Headquarters and Premier Isheda's home, demanding his resignation, and crying, "Down with Terrorism." New and even greater demonstrations will be unleashed.

Let the ruling class in Japan and the U.S. beware!

The Latest Lockheed Plane Crash Was Practically Mass Murder!

October 6—An Eastern Airlines plane crashed in Boston yesterday killing 61 of the 72 persons aboard.

Every newspaper headlined the event. Some showed heart-rending pictures of travelers still sitting inside their seat-straps dangling in the water—dead.

Many told the stories of the 15 youths just taken into the Marines and on their way to boot camp, nearly all of them—dead. Some had still more touching stories of women who screamed in the night—and died. Of sweethearts on the way to see their beloved—who died.

But not one of these newspapers told the real story. Not one of them said what they all know very well!

That this was a 100 per cent preventable disaster. That it need not have happened. That it was caused by greed and greed alone.

On April 14 of this year, the Civil

Aeronautics Board recommended the grounding of all the Lockheed Electra planes in use. And the plane that crashed on October 5 was a Lockheed Electra!

The Federal Aviation Administration would not grant the request of the CAB in spite of the fact that there had already been three disasters with Electras in the previous months.


These accidents were as follows:

February 3, 1959 at LaGuardia Field in New York. Of 73 aboard, 65 killed.


September 29, 1959 near Buffalo, Texas. All 34 on board killed when the plane lost a wing.

March 17, 1960 near Tell City, Indiana. All 63 aboard killed when this plane also lost a wing.

The big question the newspapers have (Continued on page 3)



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Hails WW's UN stand

Dear Editor:

Here are two "truth dollars" which Radio Free Europe won't get. . . .

I certainly want to compliment you folks on the September 15 issue. Just received today. The resolution on the U.N. is of the highest political order. Eventually it will be carried out. In my opinion, the U.N. is soon to go the way of the Hague and the League of Nations.

I scarcely agree with the Soviets that it can or soon will be taken over by the left forces. This formulation smacks too much of gradualism and the capitalists will not stay in a political body they can't control. . . .

The heading in bold face type over the article on Louisiana's "starve-the-babies law" is an excellent heading—"Not the Children, but the Jimcrow Governments are ILLEGITIMATE!"

We should prepare ourselves—rather, inform ourselves—so that we can make clear to the workers that the *entire government* (of the U.S.) is illegitimate. . . .

Here are two clippings. You probably have the information already, but here they are if needed. Tampa has "integrated" temporarily to prevent another Jacksonville—which might be in reverse!

The bus company has hired three Negro drivers.

A., Tampa, Fla.

ceived in the form of a half billion dollars from the United States. On his return from Ecuador, he wrote a detailed report on the state of that nation's economy for the influential *Universe* of Guayaquil.

According to this report, things are going to get worse for Ecuador in the near future instead of better. Reason: The United Fruit Company is closing down its operation in Ecuador because they can't suck another drop of blood from the already impoverished populace. Their profits went down from 25 per cent in 1955 to 14 per cent last year.

I suppose they just "can't make a living" on that, can they?

Another interesting thing about Ecuador that I didn't see in any other country was that the poor children are compelled to wear different uniforms than the children of the rich—even in Catholic schools. The Bishop of Guayaquil told me that this was customary in Ecuador, and who was he to go against custom, however much he might regret it, etc.

I hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you when I return from my second trip South, late next month. Meanwhile, I remain, with best regards to everyone at WW,

Yours very truly,
Y. A., New York

Union-Busting Government

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, last month attacked the maritime workers, and through them all of U.S. labor, when he filed suit against the recent reelection of Joseph Curran to the presidency of the NMU.

Using the union election provisions of the reactionary Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Act of 1959, Mitchell filed suit in the U.S. District Court to invalidate Curran's vote of 18,949 to the 2,024 of his nearest opponent. The election was conducted by the Honest Balloting Association.

We recollect that Curran won a union election by a much closer margin in much more doubtful circumstances some 14 years ago.

And we recollect that the Secretary of Labor in those days thought Curran was a great hero. In fact, the super-patriotic, anti-labor *Life* Magazine gave him several pages of fulsome praise with a full-page picture of him in front of a great big American flag.

Oh yes, Curran was just fine in those days. And the Honest Balloting Association was just the most honest of all honest balloteers.

But in those honest days, you see, Joe Curran was not attacking the ship owners nearly as much as he was attacking the militants and radicals in his own union. And in that honest election, he was running against a *Leftist* candidate. And Landrum, Griffin and all their friends were strong for "Honest Joe."

In fact, we recollect that the United States Customs officials openly co-operated with Joe in getting all radicals or suspected radicals or militants that Joe called radicals — screened off the ships and fired.

The FBI and the New York City police openly helped Curran to beat down the opposition in his union and thus to win his election. And Curran, with U.S. government aid, gagged his opposition for years afterward.

But now, lo and behold, the U.S. government is calling Joe Curran dishonest! Is this because the government wants to defend the militant union men that Curran victimized with the government's help? Is it because Secretary of Labor Mitchell wants to restore all these men to their jobs with back pay?

Not on your life!

The idea is to take advantage of a weakened union movement and destroy it. *The attack on Curran's election is an attack on the right of the membership to manage their own affairs, not at all an attack on union bureaucracy.*

Bad as Curran is, he still represents a good union, and Secretary Mitchell, stooge of the big bosses, knows it. Bad as Curran is, he is a threat to the ship-owners while Secretary of Labor Mitchell is their proven friend.

Prophetically enough, a few hours before the anti-union court suit was filed, Curran was speaking about the anti-union law under which it was made possible.

"And we of the labor movement had better not wait until some Secretary of Labor announces that he will use the law for union busting before we start fighting. . . ."

The fighting has *already* started. It is now up to the NMU and the rest of labor to *fight back*.

Anti-Fascist a Prisoner in Greece

The beginning of the anti-Nazi resistance started in Greece in the year 1941 on May 31.

That day, two young men, Emanuel Glezos and Lakes Santos, tore down the hateful Swastika which had been put on the eternal monument of the Acropolis in the city of Athens, the capital of Greece.

Today, Emanuel Glezos is not free. He is in prison like so many other young men who fought the Nazis.

The present government of Greece, using undemocratic laws, sentenced him to seven years in prison and five subsequent years of enforced political inactivity.

Under the special laws which are made against the socialist anti-war fighters, and under the inhuman measures which the police are using, it is very hard to live without the fear that maybe tomorrow you will find yourself in a cold, damp cell in the police headquarters with a security man beating you and asking you to sign a paper renouncing socialism. And this because somebody who didn't like you fingered you as a socialist.

That was the case of Glezos. It moved every worker's heart all over Europe. In France, they petitioned for "Freedom for Glezos." In Britain, they formed a "Committee to Re-establish the Democratic Laws of Greece." In Moscow, in Vienna, in Rome, in every corner of Europe, they want to help those persecuted by the police state which exists in Greece.

My dear comrades! Hundreds of them are thrown every day in prison and exiled in stony islands like St. Eustratios where not even a blade of grass grows.

And why? Because they are against the King's family which spends two million dollars every year without offering anything to the people! Because they are against illiteracy, prejudice, racism, exploitation and all the misery that every capitalist state gives to the workers.

The sentence of Glezos and the persecution of his co-fighters is a blow against us all. We must join in the fight for his liberation.

Come with us, workers! Let's unite! Our bodies and our hearts can overcome every obstacle.

George Statos
Athens, Greece

In Ecuador they starve!

Dear Editor:

The August 25 issue of *Workers World* reported that "The average annual income in the United States is \$2,200 per person, while in Latin America it is \$200 per person."

It is quite true that the average annual income of 14 Latin American countries is about \$200 per person as reported by "impartial" U.N. and World Bank sources. *What is more to the point, however, is that when the average income per person is over \$200 per year, it is rarely very much more than that, whereas there are six countries that cannot even claim to afford their people even that small modicum of comfort.*

Perhaps the most significant statistics apply to the little republic that first gave Panama hats to the world—El Ecuador.

Ecuador held elections only a few weeks before my arrival. The regime of Ponce, a Liberal, was ousted by that of Velasco Ibarra, a Left Socialist, who won by a comfortable margin.

Ponce, in a declaration to *Life en Espanol* which was conspicuously absent from the English language edition of *Life*, said that although the average annual income in his country was slightly above \$100 per person, *more than 95 per cent of the population* was compelled to subsist on less than that figure.

Velasco Ibarra's Minister of Finance attended the hush-hush conference in Bogota where capitalists of 20 nations divided the spoils of their perfidy, re-

"Rush extra copies!"

Dear Editor:,

WW for September 16 is good stuff. It's instructive, militant and even prophetic. Rush me five copies. Thank you. One dollar enclosed.

R. F., Brooklyn

Security in ten years?

Dear Editor:

I am a working-woman, 55 years old. In ten years I can collect my social security and live happily ever after—if I can hold out that long. Of course, if I'm satisfied with 70 per cent of my social security I can quit work in only seven years!

The only hitch is that 70 per cent wouldn't be enough to support me, and I would have to depend upon relatives for part of my keep.

Today I read in the October 10 issue of U.S. News and World Report that women in the Soviet Union retire and collect their pensions at the age of 55—just my age, and men retire at 60!

Now I guess there are lots of things an American citizen wouldn't like about life in the Soviet Union—no chance to become a millionaire, no chance to invest your savings in the stock market, not a ghost of a chance even to vote for millionaires like Kennedy, or clean-cut crooks like Nixon.

But there's one thing I would like about life in that backward country—the chance to quit work NOW.

Yours,
M. J., New York

Florida White Worker Fights Racism But White Judge Fights Integration

Dear Editor:

Several nights ago as I left a downtown theatre here in Tampa I saw two men walking down Franklin Street (our main drag) plastering small handbills to store windows.

I crossed the street to see what was up and when I saw the first one my dander was up, and using much more energy than was necessary for such a small sign, I jerked it from the store window. And I proceeded to follow the two culprits, removing their little signs as fast as they put them up. . . . I am enclosing two of these handbills for your information.

(Leaflets say: "Certain Tampa merchants have integrated their lunch counters. . . . It is just another stepping stone to our white schools and playgrounds and a chance to put a Negro beside your white daughter. Just how long will white men tolerate this before they will stand up and be counted? . . ." etc., etc. — Ed.)

These hoodlums do not represent the "White Citizens of Tampa". . . . Many of

us "White Citizens" have been making extra trips downtown to be sure and patronize the firms that have now integrated their lunch counters. The stores are packed with white and colored customers every day. . . .

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Fraternally yours,
D., Tampa, Fla.

Tampa, September 15 — Judge L. A. Grayson of Criminal Court, called on all white citizens to boycott 18 lunch-rooms that have been integrated during the last week.

Judge Grayson announced that he had already canceled his charge account at one store because it now served Negroes at its lunch counter. And he said he was boycotting all other such stores.

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We have been waiting since the above date for the Supreme Court to say something about this little Florida judge who can so publicly flout the High Court's decisions. But we're not holding our breath while we wait.

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Venezuela Tired of Being Colony; Wants Its Freedom From Wall Street

By Pedro Sanchez

Just to show how strong the Cuban revolution is in other parts of Latin America:

One of the *official government parties* in the three-party coalition government of the Venezuela has apparently hoisted the banner of Castro.

This does *not* mean that the Venezuelan government will accept the revolutionary program of the government of Cuba. But it *does* mean that the Republican Democratic Union Party understands the mood of the dispossessed masses of Venezuela and is preparing for future elections.

At the recent Costa Rica Conference of Latin American nations (OAS), the Wall Street steam roller rolled up an impressive vote against Cuba. But behind this unanimous vote, there was a great deal of shuffling — of embarrassed backing and forthgoing.

And Venezuela provided the clearest and most dramatic example of this Latin American sympathy for Castro. The Foreign Minister of the country, Ignacio Luis Arcaya, a member of the above-named pro-Castro party, openly and vigorously fought Wall Street's anti-Cuban line at the Costa Rica Conference.

Betancourt, the "liberal" Wall Street-controlled President of Venezuela, immediately suspended Arcaya and ordered Arcaya's assistant to sign Wall Street's anti-Cuba resolution.

When Arcaya returned to Venezuela, about 600 wildly cheering pro-Castro workers and students met him at the airport. Then Betancourt fired him for good.

The opportunist Republican Demo-

cratic Union Party then repudiated its own man, Arcaya, so it could stay in the same government with Betancourt.

Of course, the tiny clique of Venezuelan capitalists and some of the middle class are being bought off by the new "aid" money from Wall Street. So the Venezuelan crisis is apparently being delayed.

But this is only on the surface.

The U.S. "aid" is going to build schools that children are too poor to attend. It is going to build roads for automobiles when people can't afford shoes. It is going to *increase* the forces of the Venezuelan revolution rather than decrease them.

Venezuela is sick with social injustice. It has the highest *average* income in all Latin America—slightly under Mississippi—about \$875 a year per person.

But half the people are lucky if they get even \$100 a year per person.

Venezuela is the second richest oil country in the world. But gasoline for dry-cleaning is an unheard-of luxury for nine-tenths of the population.

More than half the Venezuelan people live without roof or walls and they have only rags to cover themselves with. They sleep under bridges. They live in shacks made of junk. In the countryside, they live in huts made of grass. More than half the children go to bed hungry every night.

Betancourt, shaking in his fifty-dollar U.S.-made shoes, has just reduced house rents by 25 per cent. He hopes this will be a big enough concession to stop the coming revolution. But it won't be.

It's too little—and it's too late.

—Practically Mass Murder!

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not attempted to answer is this: *Why* did the Federal Aviation Administrator refuse to heed the advice of the CAB? And *why* does this official still today "refuse to be stampeded into grounding all Electras simply because a fifth one has crashed" — as the aviation editor of the Heart press puts it?

Or as the Workers World said on May 1 of this year:

"*Why* would a Federal Aviation Administrator be so adamant against the urgent and apparently unanimous advice of the Civil Aeronautics Board? *Why* would he be so heartless about the 162 people already killed and so heedless of the safety of perhaps hundreds more?"

"One reason is enough. General Elwood Quesada (the Administrator) became a *vice-president of the Lockheed Aircraft Company* after his retirement from the Army in 1951 and has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in salaries and bonuses from that company."

This fact has not so far been even mentioned in any of the big New York papers that have written thousands and thousands of words about the latest Electra tragedy. Even Senator Hartke of Indiana who has been campaigning to ground the Electras ever since the crash in Indiana, has not so far publicly mentioned this embarrassing fact about Quesada. And 63 more have died since we printed the above question and answer.

Suppose some foreign country had sold the United States a hundred commercial airliners. And suppose an ex-vice chairman of a foreign aviation company was for some reason made Federal Aviation Administrator. What would be done after FIVE major accidents killing 223 people in the foreign-made planes?

What would be said if the Administrator "refused to be stampeded into grounding them simply because a fifth one had crashed"?

Of course there would be screaming headlines calling for the Administrator's scalp. Of course the big papers would unanimously press to ground the whole 100 planes. And of course, of course—no matter what "scientific" reason was given for the crashes, the papers would all charge that the responsibility lay completely with the foreign manufacturers of the planes.

But since Lockheed is owned by "pat-riotic" U.S. multimillionaires, and the newspapers are also owned by U.S. multimillionaires, it is a different matter.

If GE Succeeds —

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couraged), the workers in many areas formed human barricades, linked arms and held back the strikebreakers, defying cops and firehoses as well.

In Syracuse, strikers used their cars to jam up the roads leading into the plant in a magnificent tactic not seen in this country since the great Ford River Rouge strike in 1941.

So far, their inspiring militancy has somewhat stayed the hand of the anti-labor state governments. But this is one strike where the solidarity of *all* U.S. labor is needed and needed RIGHT NOW.

So Rich, Yet So Poor

Venezuela produces more oil than Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia combined.

All the oil is owned by foreign corporation.

Munoz Marin —

The "Independent" Stooge

When both Khrushchev and Castro told the United Nations that Puerto Rico was in reality a colony of the United States, there was a fluttering in many quarters.

One of the flutterers was Wall Street's accommodating governor of Puerto Rico, Munoz Marin. He immediately lodged a protest with the U.N. "Puerto Rico is not a colony," he said. . . . "The people of Puerto Rico are a self-governing people."

But in sending his protest to the U.N., this "self-governing" governor had to send it first to James J. Wadsworth, the United States representative, for transmission to the U.N. Assembly—!

U.S. Wields the Power Over the United Nations

"It is our opinion that when the United States uses its influence in the General Assembly (of the U.N.) which is at the present time representative of the world's governments, to deny China, the largest nation on the face of the earth in population, a seat on that body, our government is not seeking peace. . . .

"The United States, in its role today as leader of the so-called "free world" is a colonial power. It has clearly and unequivocally identified itself with the colonial powers of Europe.

"The stand it took in the Congo and its brutal exploitation of Cuba, Puerto Rico and other Latin American countries, and the fact that, as horrible as it is, it was the only country in the world which dropped the dreadful atomic bomb on the Japanese people, these deeds, coupled with its new form of colonialism via "American aid" makes it entirely too dangerous to wield the power over the United Nations which it has had and has demonstrated during the past few weeks."

—The Herald-Dispatch, Oct. 8

How Mexie Died:

His Parents Dared to "Talk About" Voting, So the Racists Killed Him by Starvation

By Ana Kezman

Three months-old Mexie Anderson died of starvation last month *because his parents wanted to vote.*

Mexie's mother, Rosie Bell Anderson registered to vote in Fayette County, Tennessee, last August. Mexie's father, L. T. Anderson, "talked about" voting. So L. T.'s boss ordered him off the farm he was share-cropping on, the day before the twins, Rexie and Mexie, were born. "You better not be here by sundown," he said.

There was no money for food, and no water because the landlord boss shut off the well. Rosie Bell and L. T. moved their eleven little ones to a two-room shack in another county.

The shack contained two beds and most of the children slept on the floor without covers. Other families nearly as poor as the Andersons, provided them with what food they could spare. It saved the rest of the family from starvation. But Mexie couldn't make it.

They buried Mexie in a little grave and they put up a sign on it that told the story of his short life and why he died.

There are 21,000 Negro people in Fayette County and only 9,000 whites. No Negroes have voted there since the Civil War. When 450 black folk registered to vote this year, their service stopped at the white stores, their credit stopped at the white banks. And the poor white workers who befriended them were terrorized and intimidated.

And Mexie was killed.

"Now what do we have to do?" the oppressed people are saying. "What must we do to get justice?"

The big politicians are going on making promises, shooting at the moon, telling us about dictatorships in other countries, and how wonderful we've got

it here. But President Eisenhower doesn't even send us a letter saying he's sorry about Mexie dying because his daddy tried to vote.

Well, L. T. and the people in Fayette County aren't going to depend on Eisenhower, even if he ever *should* take time out to write a letter. They're going to depend on themselves.

"They can back you up to the wall,

and drive you into the ground," said L.T. who is a share cropper and never made more than 800 dollars a year in his life. "But they ain't got all the power. We got some power, too. . . . I ain't got no education and I live like a slave, but they can't make my mind no slave."

No, they can't, L. T. You will prove that Mexie didn't die in vain.



Youthful Congolese — Appointees of Lumumba Government — Prove to be Highly Talented and Heroic Administrators

Remember when they were talking about "chaos in the Congo"? Remember how they said the Congolese were not "ready" for independence because they didn't have college diplomas and they didn't understand the mysteries of city administration, sanitation problems and so forth?

Well now that Mobutu, the colonel who was first appointed by Lumumba, has taken over as a puppet for the imperialists, there is no more talk about that. Apparently Mobutu has suddenly acquired the necessary education and all his friends (since they are against Lumumba) are "ready" for independence and know all about governing themselves.

The truth is that the city administration of Leopoldville is the same inexperienced and youthful Congolese administration as it was when Lumumba first took power on June 30. And it has been doing a terrific job.

Take for example Jean Mondjobe. He attended just two years of high school (the highest education the Belgians provided for the Congolese up to a short time ago). He became head of Leopoldville's Bureau of Finances after his Belgian superior fled the city. Before that, he was a bookkeeper. And at the end of August (with Lumumba still in power) he reported an increase in the city treasury.

He told a UPI reporter:
"Although we had lost nearly all the revenues derived from European business, personal income and vehicle taxes, we found that nearly half of this was compensated for in the money we saved by not having to pay the salaries and expenses of departed Belgian civil servants."

Mondjobe and his colleagues made up the loss by minor taxes on every small African trader and businessman, many of whom went into business after the Belgians left.

The city has maintained its civilization. And the grass has not grown in the

streets. The "jungle" has not taken over. The water is still drinkable. The electricity still works, the streets are cleaned regularly, the garbage is picked up. And the Congolese city employees have had a

30 per cent raise in their wages. All this happened before Lumumba was overthrown, and before Mobutu took over. But now that the imperialists are no

longer talking about the "chaos in the Congo," now that the U.N. (really the U.S., of course) has "restored order"—now the real chaos is threatening to begin.

For one thing, the provincial government has stopped its payments to the city for services (water and utilities, etc.). This has been caused directly by the disruptive U.N. intervention. And if no money is forthcoming, Leopoldville will indeed revert to the jungle and become a "pest-infested backwater town."

But the money is there.

It has already been agreed that 22.5 per cent of the stock of the biggest mining and engineering company (stock worth 50 million dollars) should go to the government of the Congo. But the Belgians are now maneuvering to give this stock to their stooge government of Katanga instead.

With the U.N. troops upholding the present status quo in the Congo, it is inevitable that the Congo will be compelled to ask the U.N. for financial help because the U.N. prevents the Congo people from taking what belongs to them.

Mr. Mondjobe and the other talented and heroic administrators of the Lumumba government can thus be turned into beggars and petitioners before the United States capitalists. And of course the U.S. and the U.N. can make this all look like the most altruistic charity, like giving lollipops to bad boys.

But even at this late date, the struggle is not over. Lumumba made yet another attempt at a come-back on October 9, boldly striding through Leopoldville proclaiming a new insurrection.

The fact that he could do this and even stay alive, much less be cheered as he was, is proof that the spirit of revolution still lives in the Congo. If Lumumba were to call upon the whole 13 million Congo people to fight a united national war against the Belgians, the U.N. and all imperialists, he would win.

And so would the rest of Africa.

?? The Great Debate ??

Memo to Kennedy and Nixon:

- Having trouble with your T-V program?*
- Not getting your message across?*
- Can't compete with the World Series?*
- Can't think up any exciting issues?*

Here are some questions you could debate about and maybe liven things up a bit:

1. How to put 4 million unemployed back to work without going to war.
2. How to raise the income of poor farmers and lower the price of food for the workers.
3. How to get steel production back up to 100 per cent from its present 55 per cent and at the same time cut out arms production.
4. How to get rid of the 900,000 of the 1960 model cars fast enough so the auto companies will produce enough 61's to put all the auto workers back to work.
5. How to convince Latin America that the United States' half-a-billion "assistance" program has nothing to do with the over-a-billion-a-year your big money pals are taking out of Latin America in profits.
6. Why 7 or 8 million Negroes cannot vote in this "free and democratic" country.
7. Why the Supreme Court is powerless to enforce its school integration decision when a hundred and

three years ago (in the case of the Dred Scott Decision) it had no trouble enforcing slavery.

8. Why 70 per cent of the doctors in the Soviet Union can be women and yet many medical schools in the U.S. discourage women from attending.

9. Why it's so important to keep the United Nations inside the United States.

10. Which side you are on in the G.E. strike.

And then to make it real lively, Mr. Nixon, you could ask Mr. Kennedy if he's going to keep his promise to all those millionaires to "remember" them if they contribute enough to his campaign fund.

And you, Mr. Kennedy, could remind Mr. Nixon about how he spent up all that money on himself that time when the California businessmen gave him a fund to "fight Communism." That would be something.

—Might even compete with "Gun-smoke"!

Organized Pressure of Black Masses in South Africa On Verge of Exploding Verwoerd's Racist Dictatorship

By V. Grey

The white supremacist rulers of South Africa are going to be struck by the lightning of revolution soon. And they are not equipped with lightning rods.

The 11 million Africans have no vote and no representation whatever in the racist government of the minority population of 3 million British and Dutch colonists.

And therefore even the most conservative among the black African leaders are compelled to take the most revolutionary measures to gain even the mildest kind of concessions from the dictatorship.

Hendrik Verwoerd's racist dictatorship is neither willing nor able to soften up its opposition by making democratic concessions.

Wonderful Improvement

Bethlehem Steel announced on October 10 that most of its giant Sparrows Point (Baltimore) plant is going on a four-day week due to over-production of steel.

On the same day, the Standard Oil Company also made an announcement. It had just perfected a method of using fuel oil in blast furnaces that will increase steel production so much that it will be "the most wonderful improvement in 20 years." It will increase production and decrease the number of workers.

Wonderful.

Before last spring's revolutionary mass upsurge over the hated pass system, and before the Sharpeville massacre, there was at least some very slight freedom to organize protest movements such as the African National Congress or the Pan-Africanist Congress. And there was also some remaining illusions that freedom could be gained without bloodshed and that simple human rights could be obtained from the inhuman capitalist government.

But the terror-stricken dictatorship saw more clearly than its disorganized and still half-trusting opposition that its own days were numbered. It illegalized both Congresses the moment it felt that even a part of its power was in jeopardy. It reasoned—correctly—that to lose a part of its power to the black majority was under present-day conditions, to lose it all.

So today it is a "crime" punishable by five years' imprisonment or a \$1,400 fine or ten strokes of the whip to even belong to either of the above organizations. And yet—so far—these groups are not demanding Communism or even equal wages, but only elementary democratic majority rule.

Today it is a "crime" to publish certain literature in South Africa. And only last month the government hysteri-

cally proposed to appoint a board that could suppress any newspaper, book or magazine it pleased!

But the masses are doing without books, newspapers and magazines. Mimeographed leaflets are appearing from nobody knows where. They bear the name of the outlawed African National Congress and call for new actions against the pass laws, and they are being quietly distributed by the thousands under virtual threat of death for the distributors.

Slogans are mysteriously painted on public buildings. Secret meetings are being held. Men, women, children, teachers, clerks and industrial workers—the whole oppressed majority—is stirring again. The dictatorship, by its total suppression, is speedily uniting its opposition into a total revolution. The whip of the counter-revolution is spurring the revolution onward.

Of course, more than the brutality of Verwoerd is calling forth the new hurricane in South Africa. The tempest in the Congo has sent its storm signals into the south. And even the relatively respectable and stately half-independence just won in nearby Nigeria has put the scent of freedom into the wind.

But the South African revolution still hesitates. The country is profoundly

different than either the Congo, Ghana or Nigeria. Unlike the Congo, there are great numbers of Europeans, most of whom are working people rather than just overseers and masters. Unlike Nigeria or Ghana, the black people have few privileged merchants or professionals and few connecting lines of upper class black and white collaboration.

The hesitation cannot be for long. The South African racists are pushing for a showdown. They are even now trying to cut loose their ties with "moderate" Britain and go all out for an even more brutal white supremacy.

The racists are spying upon and persecuting the white "moderates" of the Liberal Party. Those liberal whites among the ruling class who openly warn that the storm is coming and warn the white supremacists to take shelter—these are imprisoned.

And the wealthy white farmer who tried to assassinate racist dictator, Verwoerd—he has been put into an asylum.

South Africa—"the beloved country"—has become a cemetery for the black majority and a madhouse for the racist rulers of the white minority. And maddest of all is dictator Verwoerd who sees the storm coming, knows the lightning will strike, but cannot stop it nor even delay it. This is logical, crazy though it seems, and deep in the nature of things.

"Whom the gods will destroy, they first make mad."