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When Racist Mob Took Over New Orleans—

WHERE WAS KENNEDY?

DEFENSE GUARDS

To Meet the Racist Attack!

The white racist mobs of New Orleans are *organized*. Their actions do not come from the meanness of ignorant "crackers" or the viciousness of teen-age schoolchildren. They are calculated and consciously planned by adult capitalist white-supremacists, determined to keep their system supreme.

The four little girls had only just started first grade (in previously all-white schools) on November 14, when the very next day, a rally of 6,000 segregationists was held at Municipal Auditorium with the full knowledge of the city authorities.

Former State Senator, William M. Rainach, a notorious segregationist, whipped up the already vicious racist crowd to a hot fury of race-baiting violence—calling openly for "civil disobedience," meaning in this case, defiance of the government order for *token integration*.

The next day, the violence began. Newspapers throughout the country featured pictures of teen-age boys and girls as if they were leading the rioters. But as the New Orleans School Superintendent observed: "Children have to be *goaded* into disorderly conduct."

This was a careful understatement of what had really taken place—a pale hint of the violent "goad-ing" which took place the night before and lined up thousands of

parents to goad their children.

But it wasn't merely a bunch of hooting and booing children who were fighting the four little six-year-old girls. Racist-crazed adults hurled pop bottles, bricks and even lighted newspapers into the cars of colored drivers. Hundreds of men from 18 to 25 or 26 were seen as well as hysteria-driven mothers and fathers. They caught and beat up hundreds of colored people of all ages.

Black New Orleans was slow to anger and fight back. But that night, baseball bats came out. Colored people did not leave their homes without sticks or bricks to protect themselves. But unlike the white segregationists, *they had no organization*.

The need of the hour in New Orleans—as in many other places—is *to organize self-defense guards* that can go to the aid of embattled victims of the white supremacists.

The fascist-racist filth can be defeated by an armed and resolute organization of black freedom-fighters. Every white worker who loves liberty will give tacit or open support to such an organization.

But a beginning must be made soon. It is necessary to start building Civil Rights Defense Guards NOW.

And IKE's Inaction on White Supremacist Rioting Proves that Token Equality is Not the Answer

New Orleans has proven the bankruptcy of "tokenism."

If there was any doubt about it before, there can be none now. After six and a half years, the Supreme Court of the United States proves helpless to token-desegregate four little girls from the hateful jimcrow system of the Deep South.

Not only the racist mob, but the legal machinery of a whole "Sovereign State" of the United States was put into action to stop the attendance of four six-year-olds in a "white" school.

The "moderate" and "law-abiding" school board which ordered the pathetic and hypocritical tokenism in the first place, stuck to its position *just three days* and then called on the Supreme Court to—close the schools!

The much-touted heroes of the token civil rights struggle were eloquently silent. Where, for example, was John F. Kennedy, who made his famous token telephone call to the wife of Martin Luther King—*before the election?*

Tokenism itself is a fraud and a disgrace. The very idea that four little girls sitting in a hostile white school is *equality*—is a false idea, and a terrible abuse of their bravery and their parents' self-sacrifice. And its net result is to make the masses think that "gradually" *real* equality will come for everyone.

The United States ruling class needs tokenism to show the African nations how "well" it treats Americans of African descent—and thus how well it

would treat those African nations, once it has enslaved them also.

But the Southern rulers will not permit even this much tokenism, fraudulent though it is. They will settle for nothing less than a Belgian Congo in New Orleans and a South Africa in the Southern United States.

Six and half years of tokenism is enough! The legal and peaceful offensive of the NAACP has been replaced by the illegal and violent offensive of the Southern ruling class. And all in the name of tokenism!

The oppressed masses need one thing—the end of their oppression. Not tokenism, but equality, emancipation and liberation, complete and indivisible—and NOW.

Steel Depression

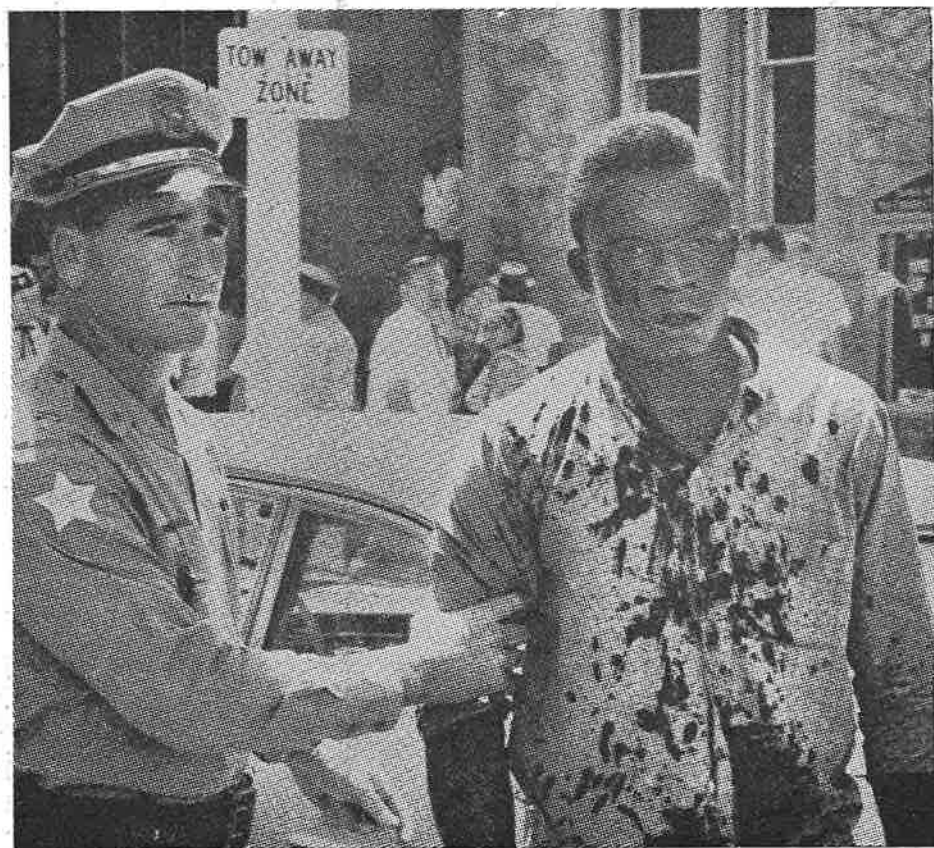
Youngstown, November 21—Steel production here was scheduled at 27 per cent of capacity for this week.

This important steel district has one-tenth of the steelmaking facilities of the United States.

It has been in a depression ever since last June. Unemployment insurance is running out for many. Relief and Welfare authorities are cracking down on small families and single men.

The Steelworkers Union is attempting to get the State Government to extend unemployment insurance from 26 to 39 weeks.

This is Why We Need Self-Defense Guards



This picture shows a man whose head was bashed in by an axe-handle for no other reason than the color of his skin. Note the calm, unflustered attitude of the policeman who "rescued" him from the racist mob—after the beating!

Ike Plots War on Cuba And All of Latin America!

Ready to fight to the last drop of blood of the working class, Eisenhower nonchalantly dispatched a whole U.S. fleet of gunboats to the Caribbean last week.

Why?

Because the U.S. capitalist class now sees with blazing clarity, the coming downfall of its cruel reign over Latin America.

The Wall Street bankers, the steel and copper barons, the oil companies, the big fruit and coffee importers, the tin, nickel, lead, silver and gold-magnates—all of them have gotten the message.

The Latin American masses have typed that message with machine-gun bullets in Nicaragua and Guatemala and with great general strikes in Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

New upheavals are being prepared in Brazil and Colombia. The Venezuela revolt is all but begun. And the still warm embers of the Mexican revolution are being fanned by the new hemispheric hurricane.

Cuba, the first Western country to completely expropriate Wall Street ca-

pitalism, is to the mind of the military brass, the very eye of the hurricane and the center of all the troubles of the U.S. capitalists in Latin America.

And it is at Cuba that the U.S. fleet will really point its guns as it pretends to "protect" Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Cuba is the shining example to all oppressed countries—the example of a colony that really declared its independence of U.S. Big Business.

The U.S. imperialists know this well. And the U.S. admirals and generals plan to make Cuba an example of another sort—an example of what happens to a country that dares to take its freedom from Wall Street.

The workers of the United States are not so well informed. Many believe the lies they are told about Cuba. But the big brass are deceiving themselves if they believe the U.S. workers will welcome another Korea in Latin America.

But in the meantime—200 million Latin Americans will teach the admirals that battleships, be they made of steel a foot thick, cannot destroy the will of a revolution whose time has come.



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A Stooze Gets a Seat

The seating of Joseph Kasavubu as the legal representative of the Congo in the United Nations is a colossal affront to the Congolese people. It is also a brazen and cynical maneuver by which the imperialists hope to dismember the Congo Republic.

The vote to seat Kasavubu demonstrates this beyond the shadow of a doubt. It also demonstrates that the UN, as presently constituted, is nothing but a tool in the hands of the imperialist powers.

"The vote to seat Kasavubu in the UN," gloats the *New York Times*, "was a victory for the U.S. and other Western powers."

Indeed! But was there ever any doubt that the Western imperialists could muster a majority in the UN on a really vital issue?

Ever since the day it was founded, the UN has served merely as a screen behind which the giant monopolies carry on their operations and give the public the impression that it is the "nations of the world," rather than the predatory ruling classes of a hand-

ful of capitalist powers, who are making the decisions.

Just a bare few hours before the UN vote to seat Kasavubu took place, the guns of Colonel Mobutu were still firing at UN troops! But strange as it may seem, the U.S., Britain, France—and last, but not least, Belgium did not so much as utter a word of protest.

And why? The truth of the matter lies in the fact that Mobutu is a miserable hireling of these very same imperialist bandits. The bullets of his mercenaries were directed at Tunisian and Ghanaian soldiers, who were guarding the members of the legally-constituted Lumumba government.

That's the reason why the imperialists did not protest. On the contrary, they really welcomed it. And there is every reason to believe that they conspired and planned it.

But the Congolese liberation movement is by no means crushed. It is one thing to give recognition to a puppet regime. It is something else again to have the puppet accepted by the Congolese people — as the cases of Syngman Rhee, Batista and Menderes have recently proved so clearly.

The "Lesser Evil"

John F. Kennedy has already kicked his liberal supporters in the face and proved that he is just as much an enemy of the working class as the Republican Nixon.

His first big announcement was the reappointment of J. Edgar Hoover as head of the FBI and Allen Dulles as chief of the reactionary Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) which carries out capitalist counter-revolutions throughout the world.

Thus Kennedy showed in one utterance that he was for reaction both at home and abroad. He proved once again that "capitalist governments may come and go, but the police go on forever."

Shortly after conciliating with these arch-conservative old men, the "vigorous young statesman" rushed over to see Nixon just to let him know that the Republicans were not going to be left off the capitalist gravy train after all.

Then he flew over to Texas to have

a good long talk with Lyndon (Jim-crow) Johnson, his anti-labor running mate. He and Johnson no doubt talked about the great problems of the day — especially the problems of whom to give what jobs and what juicy plums were going into Johnson's patronage system.

Then, after Kennedy flew back to Jimcrow Florida where he is vacationing, Allen Dulles turned up. It seems that Eisenhower had just sent the U.S. Fleet to Guatemala and Nicaragua. And Dulles had to "brief" Kennedy about just how dangerous the "Communist" threat was in the Caribbean.

And Kennedy didn't say a critical word about Dulles' call or against Eisenhower's war maneuvers. He and Eisenhower and Dulles are three of a kind.

This is only the beginning. The poor liberals thought Kennedy was the "lesser evil." But Kennedy is already showing he can be just as evil as Nixon.

Thunderous Applause Greets Speakers At Rally of Fair Play for Cuba Comm.

By George Fitzpatrick

With the imperialist government of the United States rushing battleships to protect its stooze regimes in Guatemala and Nicaragua and increasing its threats against Cuba, 500 people attended a rally of the New York Chapter of the Fair Play For Cuba Committee, in Harlem, Thursday, November 17th.

They demonstrated their solidarity with the courageous people of Cuba and their revolutionary government. They gave thunderous applause to the fighting speeches of Robert F. Williams, President of the Union County North Carolina Branch of the NAACP; William Worthy, well known Afro-American newspaper correspondent; Daniel H. Watts, Chairman of the Liberation Committee for Africa; Mrs. Ora Mobley, who spoke for The Crusader.

Mr. Williams scored heavily when

he pointed out that "none of us 20,000,000 Afro-Americans in the United States are really citizens of this country." He contrasted this situation with the reception he was accorded in revolutionary Cuba.

He also pointed out that while the U.S. government was so quick to rush to the aid of the corrupt puppet regimes in Latin America, it had done nothing to end racist terror in Louisiana.

His concluding statement that it is "better to live 30 seconds in the glory of manhood than to live a thousand years on your knees" roused the audience to a standing ovation.

The capitalist press, full of slanders against Fidel Castro and revolutionary Cuba, devoted many pages to the wastrel life of millionaire movie star, Clark Gable, but could find not a word to say about the Harlem Rally.

MAIL BAG

On the name, "Negro"

Dear Editor:

What's in a name? Much, in every instance. Shakespeare, in a brief sentence, warns us of its significance.

History proves that whenever a majority desires to oppress or exploit a minority, it invents, applies and perpetuates a scurrilous name to the minority as a stigma of inferiority.

Mindful of these facts and many more, Rev. Ross T. Brown, editor and publisher of the *Afro-American World Almanac*, writing under the caption: "Something to Remember," stated:

The Southern slave-owners said we were "Darkies."

The race-hating crackers call us "Niggers."

The Black Brotherhood said we were "Black People."

The Moorish Americans said we were "Asiatics."

The A.M.E. Church founder called us "Africans."

The UNIA says we are "Negroes."

The NAACP says we are "colored people."

The Holy Bible refers to us as "Ethiopians."

Many newspapers refer to us as "group."

And before election, politicians call us "BROTHERS."

We were never Negroes. We are not colored. That word, in the main, means varnished, dyed or stained. . . .

We are not the only minority in this nation that has been insulted by the upstarts of the ruling class and their hirelings. Others have also been called scurrilous names which they promptly resented—so can we.

Let this nation know that we are AFRO-AMERICANS and that we intend to agitate until these opprobrious words—Negro, Negro-American, Negro-Democrat, Negro-Republican etc. are permanently erased from its vocabulary.

R.F., Brooklyn, N.Y.

"Prejudice—lowest form Of human expression"

(A Puerto Rican friend brought us this letter which the *Saturday Evening Post* and the *New York Times* refused to print. It is an answer to an "analysis" of Puerto Ricans in the *United States in the Post*.—Ed.)

In this letter, we propose to answer an article about Puerto Ricans entitled "Crime Without Reason," published in the November 5 *Saturday Evening Post*.

This article is written without regard for the good name and dignity of a peaceful and friendly minority, making its transient stay in the North American community. Transient indeed, for the "American way of life" is truly foreign and incomprehensible to our distinct sensibility, our sound culture and our best understanding of the dignity of man.

Do Puerto Ricans, we ask, constitute the lowest form of human beings to ever set foot in this country? Such implications are made in this article.

The title of the article itself is quite inappropriate. This we learn as the article progresses. For example: "Their (Puerto Ricans') crimes are crimes of passion, not for profit."

Is the author, we ask, speaking apologetically for the characteristic crime pattern of United States hoodlums and gangsters?

Again we quote: "They sign credit contracts in blank and get cheated—Landlords rent them flats no one else will have—Sell them buildings on contract and then dispossess them if they default on a single payment—Their flats are miserable—The choking smell of poverty is everywhere."

Is this the North American society's attitude toward minority groups, or more precisely, the just approach of the solution of the "Puerto Rican problem"?

On the subject of the mass emigration of Puerto Ricans to the United

States, we will limit ourselves to one minor observation:

In the past few years, a program of industrialization is being carried out in Puerto Rico, which has failed completely to meet employment needs. This program employs 36,000 U.S. mainland citizens—not for lack of competent Puerto Ricans, but to serve U.S. business interests. In addition, a Puerto Rican worker on the island is paid from one-third to one-half what a mainland worker gets in the same capacity. Is it any wonder that Puerto Ricans emigrate?

Concluding, we find noteworthy and enlightening, the following statement:

That those who have emigrated to the United States found accommodation in North American society only after "acquiring Americanism, including Americans' race prejudice."

This may be well-meant sarcasm. But if so, it is out of place. We Puerto Ricans firmly believe that prejudice is the lowest form of human expression. . . .

Respectfully,
A. Sanchez, New York

Vancouver Reporter

Much publicity was made of Mrs. T. who smashed a bank window to draw attention to the poverty she and her three children were suffering.

Recently widowed, she inherited \$1,800 insurance money, which she spent to pay doctor, funeral and other bills. When she applied for social service help she was refused on the grounds that she had spent her insurance money too fast. She went to the Salvation Army and these Saviours of Souls gave her \$10 to last two weeks.

In two weeks time she had stretched the \$10 as much as she could and sold all her good clothes to the second hand stores to feed her little family. By this time she owed three months rent so back to the Salvation Army she went.

These Angels of Mercy decided to give her \$15 and told her that would have to last another two weeks. She took it, then let loose with some rugged swear words. You can't swear at Angels of Mercy no matter how they treat you, so she was told she would get no more from the Salvation Army.

So she went to the nearest bank and smashed a window (!) She was arrested and while in the pokey she cussed the policemen but good. The gendarmes decided she was "mental" so they sent her to Essondale, our local insane asylum, where she languished for two months.

The Vancouver Civil Rights Committee, a group of socialist and civil rights fighters, decided to investigate Mrs. T's case. With the support of two or three unions they succeeded in freeing Mrs. T from Essondale, and had charges of malicious damage dropped.

Then the poor woman had to face the Social Service again! Learning that unless she was accepted by them she could not regain custody of her three children, and suffering from the stigma of her two months in Essondale, she became so despondent she took an overdose of sleeping tablets and landed in the hospital.

She would have been returned to Essondale if the Human Rights Committee had not requested she be kept in the hospital, put on Social Service pay-roll right away, and have correct treatment.

She is receiving B2 injections and a general build-up in health and she has gained weight and looks tremendously improved and cheerful. This is the treatment she should have received in the first place! (They gave her nothing but tranquilizers in Essondale.)

This is the experience of an unfortunate woman whose problem was economic and physical, but who had to attempt suicide to get the proper diagnosis and treatment!

School Kids Fight Racism; Adult Racists Punish Them

By J. Wilson

Youngstown—The struggle for Negro equality broke out openly here on Friday, October 28, after a football game between East High School and Ursuline High School.

East has about 500 Negro students, while Ursuline, a Catholic parochial school, has only a few. There are several star Negro athletes on the East team.

Ursuline beat East in a rare upset. Then the Ursuline kids came onto the field and some of them taunted the East High students. This was to be expected, of course. But some taunts were sharp and cruelly referred to "niggers." It was then that the fighting started.

Some students were slightly injured and one was rather badly hurt. East had the best of the battle and that's as it should be. But here's what followed:

Facts Deliberately Twisted

The next day the Youngstown Vindicator described the incident using such headlines as: "Ursuline Boys Beaten by East Side Gangs," implying that the East High students were the initiators and offenders in the fights. Radio and TV accounts had a similar bias.

On Monday morning, the superintendent of schools castigated the students at East High and stated that disciplinary action would be taken. All this on the basis of rumors and reports and not on a full investigation of the causes of the fighting.

And on Tuesday, the Vindicator, in reporting the news, again pointed the finger at the school which has the largest Negro enrollment, with not a single line to indicate that there might perhaps be two sides to the issue.

Interrogation of East High students known to have been at the ball game was carried on by the juvenile authorities in an atmosphere of intimidation. Seven East High students were sent to the Detention Home, one from another school, but none from Ursuline.

The Youngstown Board of Education, which has not even one Negro member, held a special meeting and passed a resolution which penalized only East High and indirectly blamed

the Negro students for all the trouble.

The NAACP issued a statement protesting the implications of the Board's action, but stressed that it did not believe that any racial groups were responsible. However, the parents and students at East High were angered by the attack. They feel the weight of discrimination daily, and resent being blamed for actions caused by the whole Jim Crow system.

These events show how necessary it is to organize against the policies which are handed down from the steel trust to the Board of Education against the poorest, most oppressed workers in this town.

The students down south organized against discrimination at lunch counters last year. Students and their parents can certainly organize this year against their oppressors UP SOUTH in Youngstown.

Peaceful Road to Equality? — Not in Fayette County, USA!

By Ana Kezman

After the voting was over, the racist terror of Tennessee continued.

It's a special kind of terror that doesn't make as many big headlines and get as many dramatic pictures as the bloody beatings and lynchings in the Deep South.

But it's just as important, and maybe more important. Why? Because it's proving to 20 million people that there is no legal road to equality in this country and no peaceful road to liberation.

Here's what happened:

After a whole summer's persecution and semi-starvation for daring to register in Fayette County, 1,000 black voters went to the polls and defiantly cast their votes.

Scores of farmhands, as a result, have been ordered out of their shacks,

and many small farmers face the loss of the homes, land and equipment they have accumulated in years of back-breaking toil.

Take the case of Jesse Jones. He is 51 years old, known to be one of the best tenant farmers in all Fayette County. He has been ordered to take his wife and eight children—the youngest two months old—and get off the land.

Or take the case of West Park. His landlord saw him on the voting line November 8. He was run out of the county by nightfall.

In nearby Haywood County, 75 to 100 families have been ordered off their farms for the same reason. The Haywood County Civic and Welfare League has been trying to raise money to buy second-hand tents to be put up on land owned by colored farmers as temporary shelter for the dispossessed families.

This is the "democracy" of the State of Tennessee. Like the "democracy" of New Orleans and Jacksonville, it is getting worse instead of better.

So far no open violence has broken out in Haywood or Fayette Counties as it has in other places throughout the South. And nobody has been killed—if you don't count two-month-old Mexie Anderson, who was starved to death as a result of his father's getting fired.

No "violence." No guns or bullets. Just starvation and the weapons of a barbarous ruling class against a captive people.

And not even a verbal protest from the two ruling class candidates this people struggled so hard to vote for!

The twenty million will think this over for a long time. They will think it over in their own way—and they will draw their own conclusions.

Workers in NYC Picket to Help Class War Prisoner in Greece

New York, November 19—The Greek-American Committee to Free Glezos, including Greek, North American and Puerto Rican workers in its ranks, demonstrated in front of the Greek Consulate here today.

They were demanding the freedom of the heroic anti-Nazi resistance fighter and Greek working class leader, Emmanuel Glezos, who is serving a seven-year sentence in Greece today.

Picket signs were in Greek, Spanish and English. The Greek signs said: "We Want Freedom of Hero Glezos" and "Karamanles and NATO Get Out of Greece!" Spanish signs said: "March 21st of Puerto Rico Supports Glezos' Struggle" and "Freedom for Glezos."

And in English, one of the signs said, "Menderes out; Karamanles Next."

George P. Stryker, Co-ordinator of the Greek-American Committee to Free Glezos, announced that a massive petition campaign would be launched here soon for Glezos' freedom. He pointed out that 12,500 had signed a similar petition in Athens in one day.

Glezos is well known in Athens as the youth who bravely tore down the Nazi Swastika from the ancient Acropolis in 1941. Karamanles, the Prime Minister of the Greek Movement which imprisoned him, is now being exposed as a collaborator with the Nazis in their occupation of this semi-colonial country.

Mrs. Audley Moore Presents Case —

Mothers Alliance Sends Aid to Starving Children

Buffalo, November 20 —

Mrs. Audley Moore, founder of the Universal Association of Ethiopian Women addressed an enthusiastic and inspired audience on Sunday in behalf of the 23,000 Louisiana mothers and children who are starving victims of the outrageous Suitable Homes Law.

Mrs. Moore of New Orleans has attended hearings in Washington and her organization was the first to bring

national attention to these inhuman laws.

The meeting, sponsored by the Mothers Alliance, an interracial group of women, was the high point of an intense three-week food gathering campaign under the auspices of the Buffalo Committee to Aid the Starving Children.

Mr. Bill Tanner, Chairman of the

Committee, reported on aid from the unions. Mr. Tanner is an officer of a steel local union here. He and his daughter, Mrs. Horace Watkins, began the campaign in Buffalo. (Latest reports are that the UAW has now raised \$1,500 toward a \$25,000 goal set by the UAW Citizenship Council.)

Mr. Tanner credited the Mothers Alliance with publicizing the campaign and stepping up the collection of food and money.

Mrs. Shirley, co-chairman of the committee described the work of the Mothers Alliance in collecting food at supermarkets. Mrs. Ruth Stone, Treasurer of the Mothers Alliance chaired the meeting and gave an account of the vicious drive that is being waged against unemployed workers on welfare.

Mrs. Moore told the heartbreaking story of Mrs. Mildred Reimoneng and her 10 children in New Orleans as typical of many thousands. She said the so-called "Suitable Homes Law" is only part of a larger package of laws that are calculated to destroy the Black South.

She praised the Mothers Alliance, Mr. Tanner and Mrs. Watkins for the work they had done and added: "You must make every can of food you send speak with a thousand words. You must let Europe, Asia and AFRICA know what is happening."

At a government hearing in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Moore had raised the demand that a \$25 million emergency fund be immediately released as an emergency measure for the children of Louisiana.

The audience repeated the same demand in a unanimous resolution to that effect.

Alas, Poor Boss!

(Monkeys too Smart to Work)

By Lew Grimes

The Superior Furniture Manufacturing Company of Houston, Texas, recently tried to place several chimpanzees to work on the assembly line.

This crude insult to workers and slap in the face of the unemployed went over big in the capitalist press. The incident was viewed by no less than fifty newsmen and the story dispatched all over the country.

The plant manager, who claimed the effort was serious, planned to establish an entire assembly line of "chimp workers" with two "ordinary human beings" as foremen.

Alas, poor Mr. Boss! The chimpanzees would only work a few minutes. There was no profit in it and not much furniture without the working men. The boss was forced to reduce his animal training to a part-time hobby. The chimpanzees were fired.

The idea of replacing human beings with chimpanzees does seem to have merit.

But in this case it was done all wrong. The thing to do is to replace the foreman and supervisors with chimpanzees, also the board of directors and especially the stockholders. The chimpanzees would be every bit as useful to society as the owners of the company now are—in fact, much more so.

Instead of giving the parasites their billions, we'd just give the new bosses a few bananas—and give the profits back to the workers whose labor made all the furniture and the profits.

Govt. Has \$ Millions to Send Battleships to Cuba



—But Can't Find Any Money to Feed Hungry Children!
(These mothers and their children were demonstrating for help from racist relief authorities in New Orleans)

The Dollar versus The Ruble

By R. Lieder

The constant flow of gold from the U.S. has evoked frantic attempts by the ruling class to stem the tide.

One measure taken by Eisenhower was to cut U.S. spending abroad. The other was to persuade some of the more "prosperous" imperialist allies to assume a greater share of the "economic burden."

Neither of these measures is likely to be effective. The latter, in fact, is likely to sharpen the economic and political antagonisms between the U.S. and her imperialist allies.

In sharp contrast to the panic among the world capitalist class is the recent Soviet announcement to revalue the ruble by increasing its gold content. This announcement has been sloughed off by Wall Street and the State Department as "propaganda," but their vigorous attempts to minimize the importance of this Soviet move only reveal their anxiety and concern.

What do these announcements—coming so close to one another—signify?

The flight of gold from the U.S. is an infallible indication of the basic instability of the dollar and the capitalist system in general. It is a symptom of a grossly diseased system of production and exchange which has long outlived its usefulness.

Apologists for the capitalist system, such as Edwin L. Dale, Jr., writing in the New York Times, concede that

something went wrong with the U.S. economy.

Dale, however, attributes the gold rush to "drifting stock markets," "high interest rates," using other such bourgeois jargon, but fails to mention the real cause of the crisis: Namely, the insoluble contradiction inherent in the capitalist system, based on production for sale, rather than for use.

Overwhelming evidence that these contradictions, which Marx analyzed over 100 years ago, still operate in the U.S. economy today, and inevitably lead to periodic crises of varying intensity, can be seen in the following symptoms:

- (1) *The current recession*, some barometers of which are a rising rate of unemployment (estimated now at 6%) and drastic cuts in auto and steel production.
- (2) *The military expenditures*, which, in accounting for fully one-half of the national budget, are necessary to offset an immediate depression.
- (3) *The National Debt*, ever increasing, and estimated now at nearly a third of a trillion dollars.

Dale has thus said a mouthful when he concludes his article as follows:

"The events of recent months have shown that United States Governments from now on can suddenly be confronted with this (the gold outflow)

crisis. The chances are the next Administration will be preoccupied with it, intermittently at least, among all the other things that can make life troublesome."

Turning to the Soviet sphere, we find that the revaluation of the ruble is an indication of the growing economic strength of the Soviet Union and the basic soundness of the Soviet system of production.

Whereas the capitalist countries have been and are floundering in their insoluble contradictions, the Soviet Union has been moving steadily forward, and has risen from a backward, semi-feudal country to the second most powerful country in the world.

It has achieved this despite a devastating World War in which millions of Soviet people were killed and incalculable material damages were sustained.

In addition, since in the Soviet Union production is for use rather than for profit, overproduction is not an inherent consequence of the productive system, and economic crises with widespread unemployment are not likely to occur.

To the Soviet Union, the arms race is a burden rather than a prop to its economy, since arms must be manufactured at the expense of needed consumer goods.

It is of interest to note that this development in the Soviet economy, namely the presence of a stable, sound money unit, was called for by Trotsky and the Left Opposition as early as 1927 as a first necessary step in socialist development.

The existence of money itself, and gold as money, is an infallible proof that classes have not yet been abolished, inequality has not yet been erased and socialism has not yet been achieved.

But Stalin attempted to cover up the mistakes of his bureaucratic mismanagement and conceal the inequalities in Soviet society by pretending that money was not necessary.

He said money was a relic of capitalism and therefore Trotsky was pro-capitalist for advocating a sound ruble!

Today, several decades afterward, even after the truly magnificent achievements of Soviet economy, it is still necessary to follow the monetary policy of Trotsky rather than Stalin.

The new gold ruble is an admission that the Soviet Union lives in a capitalist world. But it is at the same time a great step in the economic victory over that world.

Some day, gold will be used to plate the urinals or pave the streets—if that seems advisable under socialism. But until the day when all the gold in the world belongs to the world socialist society, and all class and caste privileges are abolished, it will be necessary for the workers states to do just what the Soviet Union has done with the ruble.

Africa Helped Bring Civilization to Europe

But Europe Brought Barbarism to Africa!

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History, it is often said, is written by the conquerors. And so it is with the history of Africa.

For hundreds of years, in olden times, Africa was regarded as a glamorous place with great kings, legendary queens, resplendent cities decked with silver and gold.

But in our time and in fact since the European colonization of America, an absolutely opposite concept of Africa and its history has grown up.

This concept has it that Africa had no history until the European arrived there. This concept has it that the rum-and-molasses slave-trader and the imperialist "settlers" brought the first culture to Africa along with slave-chains and Christianity.

What Is The Truth?

The truth is that Africa did have an ancient civilization equal or superior to that of many other countries of the period who have since surpassed her.

But these two opposite concepts arose outside Africa and both concepts served the interests of ruling classes outside Africa.

Ever since the rise of slavery in the New World and the slavetrader on a world scale, it has been necessary to portray Africa as the "Dark Continent." It has been necessary to do this in order to lie about the "inherent inferiority" of the black peoples, in order to help justify slavery and later, to justify oppression and discrimination.

Especially since the beginning of the direct exploitation of the African continent itself—its peoples and all its abundant resources—it has been doubly necessary to denigrate African history and portray the "natives" as naked cannibals.

It has been necessary to describe the modern descendants of ancient civilizations as "unfit for self-government."

Up until a few years ago, it was even necessary to proclaim that it was "the white man's burden" to govern the continent. But the Africans have recently shown such a willingness to take up this "burden" that the phrase has become a joke even among the European ruling class.

But in the century before Columbus and for nearly a century after him, the

rulers of Spain, Portugal, Holland and England spread stories about Africa that were, if anything, more glamorous than the reality, and even more awesome than the departed glory of Egypt itself.

They had heard the true stories of powerful nations in West Central Africa (Ghana, Mali, etc.). They had also heard of the famed Timbuktu and coveted the rich gold supplies in these places. They knew vaguely of Mapungubwe near the old Limpopo in South Africa. And they knew the ancient tales of the glory of pre-Christian Ethiopia, but did not know that the height of this glory had passed away some centuries before.

And in those days, they told the truth and far more. They not only gave Africa her due, but were willing to even invent mythical kingdoms there, and did.

Because this served the interests of the European ruling classes at that time.

African Treasures

The rising countries of Western Europe were then poor in goods. They looked to the wealthy East and to the storied South—to the spice-larders, to the silks of Cathay (China), to the gold and ivory of Africa. They emphasized the wealth of Africa (and wealth always means civilization) in order to encourage their seamen to participate in the search for treasure and in the despoliation of the treasure-house.

Once that treasure-house was ransacked, once it was firmly in their hands, the new masters concealed the history of the vital peoples who had built and developed it, just as they now conceal from the workers of the world the capitalists' real interest and colossal holdings in Africa.

Modern archaeology has discovered much about ancient and mediaeval Africa during the past twenty or thirty years.

Africa's Ancient Culture

There were great cities in Africa, built by African labor, planned by African brains, adorned with African wealth and art, flourishing with African culture and intellect.

Long before the European sought the water route to the Indies, centuries before the existence of London or Paris, and even before the legendary founding of ancient Rome, the kingdoms of Kush and Punt were flourishing. Kush even

conquered great Egypt in the Eighth Century B.C. giving that country its 25th, or "Ethiopian" dynasty.

In Kush at the city of Naga, somewhat north of present-day Ethiopia, a thousand miles south of the Mediterranean Sea, stands the ruins of a cosmopolitan civilization. There the viewer may still behold an art whose still more remote inspiration may have been Carthaginian, may even, says one writer, be descended from the art of that oldest Africa which "gave the gods to Egypt!"

Close to Naga was the storied city of Meroe. Meroe had its own temples, its own hieroglyphics (unlike the Egyptian, still untranslated). It not only made golden objects as many ancient peoples have done, but unlike the Incas or the Aztecs, and unlike many an Asiatic kingdom, it learned the metallurgy of iron some years before Christianity began. And it taught this civilizing craft to peoples many hundreds of miles to the south and west.

Who Founded Egypt?

The well-known civilization of Egypt itself, whose rise began about 3,000 B.C. long before even the earliest songs of the ancient Greek Homer were sung, was much more African and less Mediterranean than is generally imagined.

The Egyptians are said to be a mixture of Hamitic and Semitic peoples. (The Hamites are to all intents and purposes indigenous black Africans. But according to a pedantic one-sided and even somewhat racist concept of anthropology, they are closer to "white" than to the "Negro.")

However, in the prehistoric antiquity which fathered the Egyptian civilization, others beside the Hamites peopled the alluvial plain of the Nile.

As Basil Davidson says: "An analysis of some 800 skulls from pre-dynastic Egypt—that is . . . before about 3,000 B.C.—shows that at least a third of them were Negroes or ancestors of the Negroes whom we know. And this may very well support the view to which a study of language also brings some confirmation—that remote ancestors of the Africans of today were an important and perhaps dominant element among the populations which fathered the civilization of ancient Egypt." pp. 7-8, *Lost Cities of Africa*.

Why Is It A Secret?

But if this interesting fact is so avail-

able to the science of archaeology and anthropology, why is it so secret in the field of politics and even human history generally?

A reference to South Africa will help us to understand.

Some 28 years ago, a few white South African farmers discovered the ancient city of Mapungubwe just south of the Limpopo River. The place was simply teeming with precious objects of art and utility, many of them solid gold and of course immensely valuable.

It was to their credit that the farmers did not use the gold to enrich themselves, or start a "gold rush" on the place. They went to the proper academic authorities and to the South African government with the story, and "steps were taken."

But if there was no "gold rush" there was also no noticeable rush of scholars or antiquarians to the place either. Nor was there any consistent publicity in the South African press.

Now what can possibly explain this strange phenomenon? Here is a country—South Africa—that was never thought to have any very ancient history. And here is a discovery that should be just as sensational as the "Dead Sea Scrolls" when one considers that it was a hundred times more unexpected than the "Dead Sea Scrolls." Here is a discovery that sets South Africa right on the civilized map, so to speak. But hardly any excitement at all.

It Takes More Than Guns

The explanation is not hard to find. South Africa is a country ruled by white supremacists. And this vicious rule is not enforced by guns alone.

The white supremacists have to convince their own white workers that the African is by nature inferior. And moreover, they have to convince the majority of the Africans, themselves that they are inferior! And this is done in a thousand ways, not the least of which is making the African think that he is a nobody and always was a nobody.

The descendants of Africans in the United States are taught a history that practically excludes them from the human race. They are taught that they are the children of savages only fit to be slaves, and that everything they are today they owe to the beneficence of their captors.

This is an outrageous, capitalistic, white-supremacist LIE.