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## Kennedy Ducks The Real Issue— 5,500,000 Workers Unemployed!

### Changing of the Guard

### 'Liberal' Makes Hit With Jimcrow Senator

Lurking behind the facade of the "change" in the government of the U.S. capitalist class, with the inauguration of Kennedy, lies the unchanging reality of that class's existence as the rulers of the country.

Since the era of imperialism, the U.S. capitalist class has extended its rule from the shores of the United States to vast areas in Latin America, Asia, and Africa, exploiting the human and material wealth of these countries for its own ends, and leaving the people in a state of poverty and disease.

With regard to these colonial countries, the practice of what is called "foreign policy" by the U.S. ruling class governments, is really nothing more than an attempt by this class to safeguard and further extend its exploitation of the colonial countries and peoples.

It is of interest to examine some of the recent statements of the two men who will be, at least ostensibly, largely responsible for implementing foreign policy in the new Administration—secretary of State, Dean Rusk, and Under Secretary of State, Chester Bowles.

These men are classified as "liberals," as opposed to Dulles, Herter, and Dillon of the Eisenhower government, who are called "conservatives."

These statements are taken from testimony given before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as reported in the *New York Times* on January 13th and 20th. (All emphasis ours.)

On the question of U.S. relations with Latin America, Rusk makes very clear what the "liberal" position is:

"We have a very large stake in the well-being, the stability, vitality of our neighbors to the South."

This "very large stake" is, of course, at least 10 billion dollars worth of investments in Latin America. Rusk's concern for the "well-being, stability, vitality" of the Latin Americans is motivated by his desire to stave off the Latin American revolution so that this "very large stake" will not be jeopardized.

With regard to Africa, Rusk again "accidentally" lets slip out the real driving force behind U.S. foreign policy.

"In terms of the long-range interests of the United States and our capacity to shape a world in which free institu-

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### Loud and Eloquent on Fight for World "Freedom" But Soft and Quiet on Putting Unemployed to Work

Washington, D.C. — On January 20, Kennedy talked in his "historic" Inaugural speech, of the pressing obligations that good citizens have to their country. But he did not speak at all about his own obligations to the citizens — especially the workers.

He said not a word about "the 17,000,000 hungry people" in the United States who so troubled his thoughts during his stay in West Virginia last spring when he was trying to get the nomination for President.

On January 23, Seymore L. Wolfbein,

his deputy assistant Secretary of Labor, said the total number of unemployed in January would be even more than the 5,500,000 predicted earlier in the month.

On the same day, the Secretary of Labor, Arthur Goldberg, noted the situation "with grave concern" and said that President Kennedy would have something to say at his first news conference on January 25.

On January 25, Kennedy said he would deal with the question in his "State of the Union Message" on Monday, January 30.

For a man in such a sweat to save the world for "freedom" he is not moving very fast!

Of course, he will probably ask Congress to give a little special aid to the states so unemployment insurance can be extended for another 13 weeks. (Big deal!)

But nearly 2,000,000 unemployed are officially admitted not to be covered by unemployment compensation at all!

What is going to be done about them? How are these people going to get a living wage? And what about the hundreds of thousands who exhausted their benefits weeks ago and months ago?

Kennedy has already been compared with Lincoln, with Theodore Roosevelt, with F.D.R. and with Shakespeare. The newspapers have built him up as the dynamic hero of a new generation. He is supposed to favor peace and full employment while at the same time planning brilliant new stratagems for the Cold War.

Many papers are indulging in the game of predicting what Kennedy's new moves will be. We venture to make bold with a prediction of our own:

Kennedy will not scrap the 42-billion dollar armaments program. And he will not turn the money over to aid the unemployed and benefit the working class.

And the workers will get wise.

### These Are the Cubans Wall St. Wants You to Fight



The people in the above picture are not planning an invasion of the United States. But they are preparing a battle—the battle of education.

They are newly-graduated teachers who have gone to the Sierra Maestra (where the Cuban Revolution first started) to teach the children there.

The inhabitants of the Sierra Maestra Mountains, like those of some other parts of Cuba, have been illiterate for four and a half centuries. The Cuban

Revolution, now in its third year, is on the high road to ending this shameful blight of the human mind forever.

Meantime, the U.S. corporations and their puppet government in Washington, are preparing an assault upon this revolution with the intent to destroy it.

If they were successful, the dreams of Cuban children would die—human progress in Cuba would die.

But they will not be successful. They cannot destroy the revolution.

## Police Brutality Raises Question of Defense Guards in L.A.

Los Angeles—Once again the racist police of Los Angeles County have brutally beaten an Afro-American. This time these Batista-like cops beat up 16-year-old and 119-pound Albert Thomas, Jr. of 1525 South McKinley, Compton, California.

Albert and some friends were returning from a funeral. They were crossing against the light at Compton Avenue and Imperial Highway. They stopped in the crosswalk as two Deputy Sheriffs drove by. The deputies yelled at the children to stay in the crosswalk. Albert laughed.

They stopped the car and called Albert over. One of the cops hit him in the face. Albert ran up Compton Avenue crying. The cops turned the car around and chased him. Albert tried to hide

among some chicken coops in a backyard of a Mexican-American. The cops ran through the backyards in the block. One fired his gun.

Well, they found young Albert. Then they began to beat him. Even after handcuffing him they continued to beat him. They clubbed and kicked him in the chest, stomach and head. Partially satisfied, they dragged him from 116th St. down to Imperial Highway.

A crowd gathered. More cops were called. They drew their guns and took Albert away with his clothes ripped and his face still bloody.

When his parents arrived at the station they were not allowed to see him. Neither was their doctor. For four nights he was held like this. When he was kicked into his cell he was told:

"Get in there! You're not a nigger, you're a dog! And your mother is a bastard!"

Albert is "out" now. But he has continuous headaches and pains in his chest. Skin is missing from behind his ears. His legs are still numb.

Albert's mother is a hospital worker, his father is presently unemployed. They're trying to raise fifteen children in a racist hell. The cops continue to harass them. Mr. Thomas has just been given a ticket for "repairing his car" on the quiet street in front of his house.

Angry, and anxious to fight back, Mr. Thomas said, "If we Negro people intend to survive in this city and if we want our children to grow up to manhood and womanhood, we are going to have to buy arms to protect ourselves

against the fascists in the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department."

Mrs. Thomas is just as angry. She intends to hold a public meeting on the whole question. Above all, she wants an organization that will come to the rescue and defense of those subjected to brutality.

The oppressed peoples of Los Angeles, especially Afro-Americans and Mexican-Americans, have seen their children beaten for many years. False leaders have told them to turn the other cheek. But the time of picket lines, demonstrations and organized struggle is arriving. Already some of the oppressed are calling for the organization of Self-Defense Guards.



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## Presidential Double-Cross

When John F. Kennedy took his oath of office on January 20, he swore to defend the U.S. Constitution (which includes the 14th and 15th Amendments guaranteeing equal rights to all citizens regardless of race).

*But he had his fingers crossed!*

He had already double-crossed the millions of Afro-Americans who voted for him by permitting his party to engineer the defeat of his own civil rights program.

How did he do this?

The newly-elected Senate, with a Democratic majority, voted on January 11 to allow the filibuster system to continue — that is, to retain the age-old reactionary custom of letting a couple of Southern Senators talk a proposed civil rights law to death.

The vote to retain this system was 50 to 46, with the new Democratic Senate Majority leader, Mike Mansfield, a Northerner, voting with the Southern Democrats along with other "liberals."

Most political observers in Washington admitted that Mansfield could not possibly have voted the way he did, much less advised others to vote that way, without Kennedy's consent.

Thus when Kennedy took his oath of office, he had already proved himself a liar and a double-dealer. The "great Inaugural speech" was nothing but a play-actor's script—even if he wrote it himself.

## U.A.R. to Help Free Congo

The United Arab Republic (Egypt and Syria) will withdraw its troops from the UN forces in the Congo by February 1.

*Not only that, the UAR may very possibly put those troops at the service of the new pro-Lumumba regime in Stanleyville.*

This is wonderful news and, it is to be hoped, only the beginning of a series of such moves by other African nations (e.g., Guinea, Ghana, Morocco).

At Casablanca, three weeks ago, the heads of several neutralist African states discussed the Congo situation and indicated they would take some such action.

At about the same time, the Afro-Asian Solidarity Council, meeting in

Cairo, proclaimed the pro-Lumumba regime as the legitimate government of the Congo. It requested all governments to withdraw their troops from the United Nations command and put them at the disposal of the Lumumba government.

This same Council created a 13-nation committee including the Soviet Union and China, to co-ordinate all material aid and perhaps to raise a volunteer army to help the Lumumba nationalist government.

This is an excellent program. And it only remains to carry it out. As we said on December 23:

*"The anti-imperialist nations, like the Congo masses, cannot but rally to the support of the Stanleyville government."*

## Senate Says, "Come and Get It"

We previously commented on Robert S. McNamara, president of the Ford Motor Company, getting the job of Secretary of Defense in the new Cabinet.

McNamara said he was losing a lot of money to take this job with its measly \$25,000 per year salary. And we agreed. However, we pointed out, the Ford Motor Company might not do so badly, since McNamara would be managing the 42-billion dollar arms budget and might throw a few billions in orders over to Ford.

The Senate is not supposed to confirm McNamara's appointment if it believes there is any "conflict of interest"—that is, that McNamara might personally favor Ford over some other company in placing the multi-billion-dollar defense orders.

But the Senate ratified the appointment January 21, apparently trusting in Mr. McNamara's honesty and virtue. Senate records reveal, however, that Ford will still be paying him \$618,750 in supplemental salary benefits over the next six years. This is more than four times what the U.S. government will pay him.

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It is comforting, in this age of wickedness, to know that a man will disregard the pressure of someone who pays him so much money. And it is still more comforting to know that a round hundred good men and true in the United States Senate are so honest and virtuous that they will not listen to the ugly voice of suspicion from such evil-minded skeptics as we are.

# Attack on Black Muslims Meets Vigorous Opposition

By Ronald Jones

Atlanta, Ga. — Harvard history professor Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., darling of the liberal bourgeoisie, made his first contribution to the Kennedy Administration today. He lumped the Black Muslims in with the Ku Klux Klan and the White Citizens' Councils.

*"Nothing can obstruct American life and the recognition of the brotherhood of the human community," he said, "more than the racist doctrines preached by the White Citizens Councils, the Ku Klux Klan, and the black Muslims."*

He made this statement during an hour-long address at Atlanta University on January 17. Later in the same day, he encountered spirited opposition to his remark from another group at Dean Sage Hall.

The opposition were especially aroused because he had gone out of his way to praise the NAACP, Thurgood Marshall and Roy Wilkins for finding "effective way to equality through the courts," and had singled out Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. as one of the men who have found that "non-violence is the best way to attack prejudice and tap the latent moral feelings of the nation."

The discussion period became very animated when Minister Malcolm X, identifying himself as a Muslim, asked pointedly: "Professor Schlesinger, on what do you base your charge that the black Muslims are 'black supremacists'?"

The Harvard historian replied that he based his remark on an article entitled

"The Angriest Negroes—The American Muslims and Their Messenger of Allah," by William Worthy, appearing in the current issue of Esquire Magazine.

Malcolm X countered: "But sir, should you, a professor in one of the leading universities in this country, base your attack upon our movement on a single article?"

Unable to reply, Professor Schlesinger professorily asked Minister Malcolm: "Have you read the article?"

Mr. X's retort was: "Yes, I have read the article. You are quoted there. But, sir, in that article you did not attack us, but rather turned your fire upon the government and the conditions which are responsible for the existence of our movement. In fact, sir, you were quoted as saying:

*"The mere existence of the Muslims is an indictment of everything we've been as a nation. White Americans have brought this on themselves, and the responsibility can't be evaded by attacking the Muslims."*

Mr. Schlesinger academically reasserted that "the white supremacists and the black Muslims are two sides of the same coin."

Later, Dr. Lonnie Cross, Chairman of the Department of Mathematics at Atlanta University, said: "Professor Schlesinger, your haste to equate the black Muslims to the white supremacists without sufficient analysis is not only unscientific, but injurious to the cause of the oppressed black man in America."

"As a history professor I assume you know that the nationalism of an oppressed people is not the same as that of the oppressor. As defenders of freedom and fighters for the liberation of the oppressed our sympathies should be with the oppressed people, not with their oppressors. In your statement in the Esquire article you seemed to recognize this historic fact. But here today you are attacking the oppressed, not the oppressors."

### It Means Trouble

"To the nation, Kennedy said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.' Whatever else this means, it surely does not mean . . . lower taxes or higher wages. . . ."

—From The New York Times

## Birth of a Salesman

"Our job," says David J. McDonald, President of the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, "is to sell steel."

He said this after a conference with some of the country's top steel corporation executives. The conference was called at McDonald's initiative to discuss ways and means to end the steel depression and provide jobs for steelworkers.

Over 150,000 of the 530,000 union members in basic steel are completely out of work and have been so for months. The rest are working an average of 34 hours a week according to McDonald.

The conference took up the question of "tax relief" for the poor steel corporations—presumably to encourage them to get newer (and more labor-saving) equipment and plants. How this would create more jobs for steelworkers was not made clear!

McDonald promised to "look into" this hoary old company-sponsored "prosperity incentive." And he said he favored "public" as well as private customers under "democratic capitalism."

He did not, however, raise the idea of a 30-hour week at 40-hour pay, and he said with perfect truthfulness in describing the union-company conference:

*"We are not at loggerheads."*

You don't need to be a genius at

### Correction —

In our last issue, we mentioned the good work done by Audley Moore in behalf of E. Labat who has been in the Louisiana death house for several years.

Labat's alleged crime is rape, not murder, as we incorrectly reported.

economics to see that David J. McDonald is not going to get the 150,000 steelworkers back to work in a hurry. "Our job," Brother McDonald, is not to "sell steel." That's the company's job. Our job is to fight for the interests of the members of the Union!

## MAIL BAG

### Gives sneak preview

Dear Editor,

A friend of mine has a 17-year-old son who couldn't find a job, so he joined the Marines. He was sent to Okinawa last summer, and before Christmas his mother got a letter from him saying his outfit was ordered to be ready to go to Laos! He said he would be put under UN command.

How can the U.S. Marines send troops under UN command when the issue hasn't even been brought up in the UN yet? Are they trying to pull another Korea—sending American boys to fight first, and then telling the UN to back them up afterwards?

We read in the papers that the U.S. might have to go to war if the Soviet Union provokes it, but I know from this kid's letter that the U.S. big brass planned it all weeks ago.

E. S., N. Y.

### Afro-American writer Has a point!

Dear Editor:

. . . Cuba's flag is flying at half-mast here—because "Cuba doesn't have freedom for her people."

What a joke!

Why doesn't someone fly the U.S. flag at half-mast for us? My, we let these buzzards get away with murder!

A. H., New Orleans

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# What Hypocritical Defense of the "Public" By Newspapers in Railroad Tugboat Strike!

Vancouver  
Reporter

If you read the New York papers during the railroad tugboat strike last week, you learned that 664 strikers were the callous, irresponsible and utterly vicious enemies of the "public"—that is, the 12 million people or more in the New York area.

The strike of these 664 men, you were told, was working a tremendous hardship on the great majority of the population. People from Bronxville and White Plains just couldn't get to their New York jobs on time because the New York Central workers respected the tugboat crews' picket lines—and there was regular all-around chaos.

All the big papers hammered away at this theme. Some showed cartoons of tough-looking tug workers defying the whole population—in one case, thumbing their noses at the city.

Even the "liberal" *New York Post* showed its progressive teeth in a full front-page editorial saying that the strike should never have been called in the first place.

What was the strike about?

The tugboat workers were simply trying to stop the railroad corporations who employ them from reducing their work crews—so less men would do the

same work.

With over five million now officially unemployed, wouldn't you think the great "responsible" newspapers would show some *sympathy* for the strike instead of calling the workers "irresponsible"? And wouldn't you think they might attack the *railroads* for throwing people out of work?

Of course, the newspapers are worried about the "public" whenever there is a big strike.

But the railroad corporations have milked the U.S. public for over a hundred years. They have robbed the middle class as well as the workers. They have plundered state treasuries, bribed U.S. Congresses, bought up whole city councils and appropriated millions of acres of the public domain. Even today, they are still being subsidized with tens of millions of dollars each year from the public treasury.

The New York Central—main target of the present strike—got the very land it is standing on in New York City from obliging state, city and national governments who misrepresented the public and hurt the public infinitely more than the railroad tugboat workers (who are helping the vast majority of the public

by fighting against unemployment).

The New Haven Railroad Corporation—closely affiliated with the New York Central—is now being named for a special \$55 million subsidy at the expense of the public treasury of four states.

The New York Central is now engaged in a shady and perhaps criminal stock deal to gain control of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to the further detriment of the long-suffering "public."

These facts, however, found no place in the indignant editorials about the tugboat strike.

No paper attacked the bloated railroad corporations' robbery of the public. No paper saw anything wrong with the *railroads'* conduct, either in the strike or in the plunder of the public treasuries. None demanded that the railroads cease and desist from throwing workers on the scrap heap. And of course, none applauded the strikers for fighting against the unemployment of their brothers by striking and sacrificing the wages of all.

The reason is simple: it is *they* who are the "public enemy"—the railroads and all the other big corporations, including the corporations who publish the news for them.

Once again the unemployment situation rouses the worker to action. An Unemployed Council has been formed here.

Your reporter attended the last General Meeting, Jan. 12th, at Pender Auditorium. There were about 350 unemployed and sympathizers who attended. The response just now is a little feeble but the spirit is strong, judging by one particular slogan used—"DIRECT ACTION."

One of the most vicious manifestations of unemployment described there was the plight of unfortunate workers who bought homes in a false sense of security, then got laid off, and now face eviction—in many cases with the homes already half or two-thirds paid for.

I heard these speakers dwell on the new Labor Party which is forming here with the merger of the Canadian Commonwealth Federation (CCF) and the Canadian Labor Congress (CLC), trade union section.

Brother Cedric made a startling revelation (that is, for the petty-bourgeois CCF) when he said that the CCF had decided to merge with Labor, because they—the CCF—had realized that as a political party, they had to have the support of Labor to take over the means of production, if and when they came into power. He further smote the kernel of the nut, when he asserted that the CCF wanted *above all*, to accomplish a "bloodless revolution."

This is the kernel of the aims and objectives of the CCF; always was, still is and always will be. I spent many years with the CCF, and whereas my association with it did not do me any great harm, I did waste a heck of a lot of good valuable time, whipping a dead horse and losing opportunities for correct working-class propaganda.

The bureaucracies of both parties have already set down in pamphlet form the conditions upon which the new party will be formed and it certainly does not give the rank and file members and especially the left wingers, a heck of a lot to say in the policy making of the new party.

The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; the Civic Employees Union Outside Workers; the Fishermen's Union, embodying cannery workers to give it union status; the Teamsters Union; the Seafarers International Union of North America and the Federation of Catholic Workers are automatically *excluded*;—the first five because they are "Red-influenced," whatever that means, and the last because of its religious tag.

If the new party will not recognize and admit the aforementioned trade unions, then let these unions, the left wing section of the CCF and splinter radical groups form a mass political front, as an outlet for immediate demands.

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On January 14, the "Fair Play For Cuba Committee" held a protest rally, against the threatening U.S.A. intervention in Cuba. They marched orderly from Victory Square to the United States Consulate.

It is gratifying to see this interest on the Cuban Front. BUT, I don't think that the full significance of Cuba's revolution to workers in America and Caribbean Islands, has really struck home.

Most of the radicals feel like the benevolent bourgeoisie. They don't like to see an underdog get trodden on by a bigger country. And that's good. But, of course, it's not enough.

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"The decline we are now undergoing has a chance to be brief and mild, with a leveling off between now and June and a resumption of the advance in national well-being in the third quarter that could be apparent to all by Labor Day.

"That is not to say that there are not persistent imbalances that carry the threat of worse future downturns. In fact, it is entirely possible that over-correcting for recession can turn recession into depression.

"We hope that this will not occur." —Like the feller says— "We are in good hands!"

## — "Liberal"

(Continued from page 1)

tions can survive, what happens in Africa is of very large importance indeed."

If we substitute "economic exploitation" for "free institutions" we have an exact meaning of what Rusk is getting at.

On the question of U.S. imperialism's commitment to war, Bowles is much more direct:

"We are going to defend Formosa, whatever the cost, whatever the risk."

Formosa (Taiwan) is a province of China which is now occupied by the counter-revolutionary U.S. puppet, Chiang Kai-shek, and his U.S.-supplied army. His regime is one of the most corrupt and repressive dictatorships in the Far East. The *Times* correspondent reported that Bowles "considered this position 'completely un-negotiable' and said that 'nothing is clearer in our foreign affairs.'"

As proof that Bowles' testimony was not so "liberal," Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Fulbright—a racist and arch-conservative in his own right—stated that Bowles had made "a very favorable impression."

## Here's a Little BOOM In Midst of Depression

By J. Wilson

Youngstown, Ohio—While business is limping along at about 50 per cent of capacity, three activities are thriving in the Youngstown depression area—the same as other spots where unemployment is heavy.

One is the increased business at the Unemployment Compensation Office. The second is at the local relief agencies. And the third is in the *holdup* profession. All three are related.

Of the three, the activities at the Unemployment Compensation Office are the most stable. There, nearly as many workers have exhausted their compensation as there are new applicants and continuing claims.

As the compensation checks run out, those seeking relief increase in number. And as the Department of Welfare bureaucrats refuse to aid the needy people sufficiently and quickly, desperate people resort to other methods of obtaining

food.

They are forced to go into the *holdup* business, commit burglaries, etc. In the city of Youngstown, there has been an increase in home burglaries by amateurs over 500 per cent since the depression began last spring. Juvenile "delinquency" is speedily rising. And the biggest local news every day is in items about robberies of stores, banks, and homes.

Are people suddenly 500 per cent more dishonest? Are children suddenly 500 per cent more "delinquent"?

Of course not!

A social system is just breaking down, that's all. And its victims are not wasting time trying to patch it up with prayers or pious resolutions. Their efforts are misdirected now. But under the right conditions, these rebellious spirits will merge with the coming mass storm against this useless poverty in a land of plenty

investigation into the condition of those workers who have exhausted their compensation. He says those who may have small savings, who may have an employed wife or child in the household should be denied unemployment compensation. Coupled with the loyalty oath, which is now the price of bread in Ohio, would be the *paupers' oath* to further degrade the jobless workers.

While the state legislature leisurely debates their program of starvation and union-busting, the misery of the unemployed grows.

## Ohio Democrats Hand Anti-Labor Whip to Republicans

By Mose Peterson

As the unemployment crisis mounted throughout Ohio in the late summer, the trade union leadership under pressure from the ranks, turned to the state government to convene a special session of the legislature and extend the unemployment compensation benefits.

Governor DiSalle, swept into office on a landslide of workers votes in 1958, refused to call the legislature before the 1960 general elections. His "reason" was that the Democratic administration would be accused of playing politics and a failure would damage Kennedy's chances.

The workers responded to this cowardly appeasement to the Ohio employers by refusing to support DiSalle and the Republicans swept the state.

As a result, the legislature was convened in a special session in December under much more unfavorable conditions and gave the Ohio workers a taste of the whiplash of reaction by refusing to extend the unemployment compensation law either as an emergency or a regular measure.

The new legislature has since convened with a Republican majority in both Houses and Senate and mounted another attack against the industrial

workers. Unemployment compensation, which has always been paid to workers as their right has now been proposed to be changed to a benefit based on "need."

The Bosses' mouthpiece in the Ohio Senate, Roger Cloud, has instituted an

## Right From the Horses Mouth!

At the beginning of every year the Wise Men of Wall Street take stock of the nation's economy and figure out what the new year holds out in the way of prosperity or decline.

At that time, these men, who hold your destiny and mine in the hollow

### Get It?

"'Soaring Sixty' Failed to Soar, but Lag Was Exaggerated—Over-correction for Recession Could Intensify Slump"

New York Times  
Financial Headline, January 9

of their glass ticker-tape covers, carefully assess the future. And on a day early in January (Monday, the 9th, this year) they all pick up the special edition of *The New York Times* with its special supplement entitled "National Economic Review." They read the summaries of each particular branch of business, and then they read the main prediction for the year by John G. Forrest, leading financial analyst.

On the basis of this analysis of Forrest's they will buy and sell stocks, plan mergers, order new machinery, draft big expansions, and incidentally order the lives of 70 million American workers.

Here is what Forrest said on Janu-

# United Group Marches For Puerto Rican Freedom

By V. Grey

Supporters of Workers World and the 21st of March Movement (for liberation of Puerto Rico) marched on December 31 in a demonstration to free the imprisoned Puerto Rican Nationalist leader, Albizu Campos.

The demonstration was in support of a pacifist-led hunger strike in front of the hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where Albizu Campos was being "treated" under 24-hour prison guard.

Albizu Campos has been in prison seven years by order of the U.S. puppet-

governor, Munoz Marin, without trial or sentence. In 1954, Marin "cancelled" a pardon he had granted Albizu five months earlier for his alleged part in the 1950 Puerto Rican independence uprising. Marin did this during the anti-Nationalist hysteria over the Puerto Ricans who fired shots in the U.S. Congress, hoping that this would help bring liberation to their country.

There are 50 other Puerto Rican political prisoners being punished by the United States government for their belief in independence. The demonstration demanded freedom for all of these as well as freedom for Puerto Rico itself.

An interesting sidelight on the New York march was the participation of Rosa Collazo, a Nationalist who served five years in a U.S. imperialist prison, whose husband is still in prison for the same "crime" and whose daughter, Lydia, had joined the hunger strike in Puerto Rico some days before the New York march.

Rosa Collazo resumed her fight the moment she emerged from her oppressor's jail. She has been on a dozen picket lines lately and still holds high the banner of her country's freedom.

## Look-Out Man

January 23—President Kennedy is reported to be considering the appointment of A. Morales Carrion of Puerto Rico to U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs.

This long and imposing title is better translated as: *Latin-American Look-out Man for North American Plunderers.*

## "I Will Never Swallow

# The Idea of a Queen of a Foreign Country Being the Head of Nigeria!"

By Abrahaim James  
(Our Nigerian Reporter)

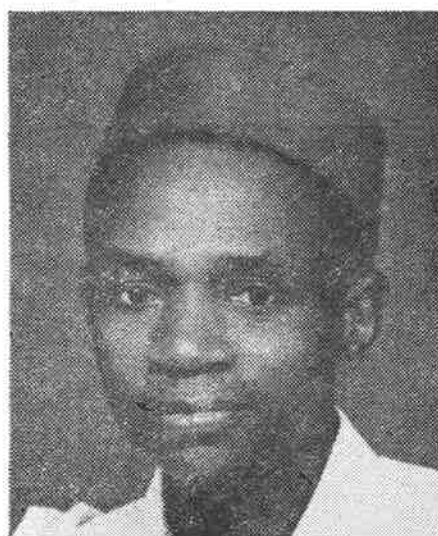
Lagos, Nigeria—Britain has 37 spies in its Embassy in Nigeria.

This revelation was made at a mass rally of the Nigerian Youth Congress here recently by someone who should know. Deputy Chief Whip of the Nigerian Government, Mallam Aminu Kano, made the statement as part of a militant speech against the Anglo-Nigerian Defense Pact.

(Mallam Aminu is the President-General of the Northern Elements Progressive Union, one of the largest political parties of this country.)

In a further statement to the press, Mallam Aminu called on Nigerian leaders to make the African personality felt in international affairs. And he reiterated his demand that Nigeria should be proclaimed a republic.

He declared: "I will never swallow the idea of a queen of a foreign country being head of Nigeria." (Queen Elizabeth of Britain is Queen of Nigeria by virtue of being Queen of the Commonwealth, of which Nigeria is now a member.)



Mallam Aminu Kano

The rally which Mr. Kano addressed was organized to deal with the controversial Anglo-Nigerian Defense Pact, the French atomic bomb tests, and the Congo situation.

Thousands of youths, including many

## Tidal Wave of Layoffs Sweeping State of Ohio

To the industrial workers of the Youngstown district, there is only one issue facing the Kennedy administration—the issue of unemployment.

The wave of layoffs that began last April in the steel mills has now become a tidal wave sweeping the industrial cities in the whole state of Ohio. The number of unemployed in the Youngstown district qualifying for unemployment compensation has been staying near the figure of twenty thousand every week since early December.

These figures tell only part of the story. Several thousand workers who were the first victims of layoff have now been dropped from the official figures because they have drawn the full 26 weeks of unemployment compensation, while those young men and women who have been unable to find any sort of employment since finishing high school do not appear as unemployed in any

official figures. In addition, those workers still working are generally on a four day week and are thus twenty percent unemployed.

For many months, the workers in Youngstown were told that unemployment was strictly a local problem and that the rest of Ohio was prospering. This false story, which was intended to place the blame for unemployment on the Steelworkers Union, has now been shattered by the harsh truth. Unemployment in the whole state is sweeping upwards and has passed the 8 percent mark among those workers covered by the state unemployment compensation law.

The official figures show 225,000 drawing compensation weekly, while an estimated 75,000 have exhausted their compensation and are being forced to the pauperized life of county welfare. All told there are about 500,000 without jobs in Ohio.

# Puerto Rican Actors Touch Off An Explosion of National Feeling

By Pedro Sanchez

The attempts of U.S. imperialism to stamp out a language, a culture, a nationality, in Puerto Rico are *backfiring*. A recent event gives clear testimony that the Puerto Rican people's colonial mentality is not quite like the Yankee propagandists have painted it.

The U.S. sent over an "American Drama Festival" with English-speaking actors to "entertain" in San Juan. It opened January 10 to the accompaniment of a big protest by Puerto Rican actors and technicians. About 200 picketed, demanding to know why native talent was not used.

At first the Puerto Rican Association of actors and technicians had only demanded that U.S. theatrical productions and actors conform to the native union laws and pay a token two per cent of their salaries plus a small initiation fee permitting them to play in Puerto Rico. The colonial puppet regime had already given producer Barry Yellen \$150,000 (supposedly to promote tourism) but neither he nor the U.S. actors would pay the amount due.

Thus rebuffed, the Puerto Rican actors called a picket line which was immediately successful and involved over 200 shouting people with militant, nationalistic signs.

Some signs said: "P. R. Money, Mucho Bueno; P. R. Actors, Mucho Malo." Others said: "American syndicalism and Colonialism the Same Evil."

Of the 200 pickets on January 10, approximately half were arrested, though later released. Two nights later, the demonstration increased more than tenfold.

On January 12, as reported in the *New York Post*, "A screaming crowd of 3,000 swirled around the Tapia Theatre shouting the Cuban slogan: 'Paredon' (to the execution wall!) and singing the Puerto Rican nationalist anthem 'La Borinquena.'"

(Consisting its relative size, this is like a crowd of over 30,000 in New York City.)

This incident reveals, like a curtain raised for a brief moment on a real-life drama, that the Puerto Rican language and culture *lives*—and moreover that the flame of liberation is still burning.

The Kennedy Administration is talking about Puerto Rico becoming the "workshop" of Latin America. By that it means, that docility and subjugation to Wall Street shall begin in Puerto Rico and then pervade all South and Central America.

This may yet prove to be Kennedy's greatest mistake!

Before freeing the students, the Magistrate remarked that the students "acted out of sheer youthful exuberance and zeal too far stretched."

Considering that the demonstrators had repeatedly insisted that Nigeria's Prime Minister Balewa had betrayed Nigeria in signing the "Defense Pact," the Magistrate made quite a concession by issuing this statement.

But the fact is that he *had* to make this concession. The students are only reflecting a deeper, wider—if less articulate—discontent which is beginning to pervade the country. When, for example, the Nigerian government broke off diplomatic relations with so powerful a country as France because of its atomic explosions in Africa—it, too, was making a concession to this discontent.

A series of receptions was held for the students after the case, including a big one organized by the leader of the Nigerian Youth Congress, Dr. Tunji Otegbeye.

## Congo Struggle Making Wall St. Alter Plans for World Conquest

By Eleanor Stephens

The independence victories in the Congo struggle last month were felt everywhere from the heart of Africa to the stock exchanges of Belgium and the glass-walled UN building in New York.

These victories not only brought near-revolution to Belgium itself, but carried dismay to the ruling class of the United States and shook its faith in its whole carefully-built-up "United Nations Organization" as an effective deterrent to world revolution.

As the *New York Times* cynically observed on January 18:

"In the opinion of some high officials, events in the Congo have inverted the adage, 'He who pays the fiddler calls the tune.' The United States is paying a good part of the United Nations bill in the Congo, but forces hostile to the West are having more and more influence on what the UN does and does not do."

... "United Nations operations as they affect the Congo should be subjected to a cold, hard reappraisal." ... "The Kennedy Administration . . . must act quickly to redress a bad situation."

How bad is the situation for U.S. capitalism?

Lumumba is still in jail. But the forces acting in his name have made significant political and military gains. This in itself is a blow against imperialism. But the struggle is deepening and spreading still further. New layers of the Congo-

lese people are involved. They have learned to mistrust the imperialist puppets, Kasavubu and Mobutu.

But that is not all. The stand taken by other African and Asian nations is even more foreboding for the U.S. capitalists, who had hoped to grab for themselves the major share of the spoils Belgium lost last year.

And they had hoped to carry out their plans without much opposition (except from the Soviet Orbit). But opposition grows.

The United Arab Republic sends military supplies to Lumumba's forces. The Sudanese too, may come to their aid. The Indian government is reported to be hostile to the Kasavubu Administration. And U.N. Secretary General Hammarskjöld, a faithful servant of the capitalist class (of which he is himself a banker-member) appears to be "unable or unwilling to correct the situation."

But now that the Secretary-General is "unable or unwilling" to carry out the orders of his imperialist backers,—there must be "a cold, hard reappraisal" of the UN itself, the *Times* says. And the Kennedy Administration must "act quickly."

The shift in world forces is beginning to be reflected in the U.N. If U.S. capitalism still wants to use the UN just as effectively as it used to, it must make some drastic readjustments. Otherwise it must smash the UN altogether.