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Kennedy Plan For Congo 'Peace' IS A FRAUD!

This is Why U.S. Wants to Disarm Lumumba Forces



These are captured Belgian paratroopers being guarded by the troops loyal to Lumumba. The Congo independence forces are gaining ground every day. (Figure standing in civilian clothes on far right is Antoine Gizenga, Lumumba's chief lieutenant.)

Imperialists Can't Win in OPEN Attack on Congo—Now Trying SNEAK Attack in Phony 'Peace' Plan

United States imperialism has finally recognized that the harder it *openly* tries to break the independence-drive in the Congo, the more surely that drive will lead to *genuine* independence instead of the semi-independence of Ghana or the phony independence of Nigeria.

That is why United States imperialism and its newest savior-trouble-shooter, John F. Kennedy, are now preparing a *sneak attack* on the freedom of 15 million Africans in the Congo.

Just when the Lumumba independence forces are *winning*, Kennedy comes up with a new formula to unite all Congo factions in a government coalition and *disarm* all Congolese armies *including Lumumba's* (but *not* including the United Nations!).

Just when Egypt, Indonesia, Morocco and other countries are refusing to join the UN's imperialist suppression of the Congolese, the U.S. "sees a role for Lumumba." (*New York Times*)

Just when Ghanaian troops in the UN are mutinying against their imperialist officers—*black and white*—"the Kennedy Administration recognizes that a coalition government without some post for Lumumba, probably would fail." (U.S. State Department.)

Just when Belgian paratroops are being defeated and driven out of the Congo towns by Lumumba's soldiers, the U.S. capitalists "want to prevent a civil war in the Congo." (Dag Hammarskjöld.)

They're Baiting a Trap!

The Kennedy Administration, the U.S. capitalists and bankers and their international banking colleague, Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General of the UN, are just as determined as ever to crush African independence. But the African struggle is so powerful, they are compelled to *change their tactics*. They are now baiting a trap for the long-suffering Congo people!

The bait is "peace" and "order."

But the trap itself, is the *disarming* of the Lumumba forces. These are the *only* forces now in the Congo which fight for complete independence. If they were disarmed, the imperialists could then stabilize and continue their own exploitation of the Congo.

Will Lumumba, after all his trials and tortures, fall for the new line of U.S.

imperialism?

It might be more simple to ask—*can* Lumumba fall for such a shabby destiny for his country, such a sorry ending to its heroic freedom-struggle?

The new U.S. line (and that means the UN Secretary General's line too) means an "independent" Katanga Province under the Belgian stooge-traitor, Moise Tshombe and an "independent" Leopoldville Province, under Belgian stooge Kasavubu, and probably an "independent" Kasai Province under the Belgian stooge, Kalonji.

And it means that the Lumumba government would be boxed in by all these Belgian puppets.

But above all, it means that the Congo would be disarmed and helpless before imperialism. The fight for freedom would be over and real independence postponed for a long time.

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Kennedy Heads for War

Kennedy pleased the most resolute Cold Warriors with his State of the Union speech—and perhaps quite a few would-be *Hot Warriors* as well!

He waved the flag of war against Cuba, threatened the whole of Latin America against any attempt to ally itself to the Soviet Union, advocated "freedom" for Eastern Europe and promised new capitalist bribes to win Poland in particular, away from socialism.

He promised to step up the Polaris Submarine program and close up the "missile gap." He said he would "see that the integrity of the Secretary-General of the U.N. is maintained"—meaning that he would try to keep that office firmly under the control of the *United States*.

Since then, he has already implemented some of this program—especially by adding 53 huge troop transport planes—"to respond with discrimination and speed to any problem at any spot on the globe at any moment's notice."

This is the man who many liberals and radicals said was the *peace* candidate! Could even the reactionary Nixon have been any more warlike?

\$100-a-Week "Freedom Fighters"

"To oppose Gizenga, tough little Moise Tshombe, President of Katanga Province, is also building up his own private "foreign legion." Tshombe recruiting agents were circulating in bars and night clubs throughout Western Europe. "Do you have a friend who needs money and likes to fight?" one Brussels cabbie was recently asked. When the cabbie and a friend showed up at a hotel-room rendezvous, they were immediately signed up for \$400 a month plus expenses and flown to Elizabethville. In this manner, 300 Belgians, Frenchmen, and Germans are recruited every week. To command them, Tshombe last week signed up 12 French Army officers under paratroop Colonel Roger Trinquier, a veteran guerrilla fighter."

—Newsweek, February 6.

3 Women Advocating Boycott Are Arrested!

Seattle Jimcrow Taxis Aided by the Cops

Seattle, January 20—Mrs. Florestine Ware was set upon and arrested by three cars full of policemen at 3 P.M. today.

Her "crime" was passing out leaflets at 18th and East Union, urging that people not ride in *Farwest* taxicabs until this company stops its racial discrimination in hiring. Mrs. Ware is secretary of the Seattle Negro Independent Association.

Mrs. Ware felt that the real reason for her arrest was disagreement with the ideas of the leaflets that she was distributing. One officer said that "the leaflet was stirring up trouble and unrest." When Mrs. Ware said that he was prejudiced, they had another officer speak with her, and she said that he was prejudiced too.

She was taken to jail and left waiting

while police decided on the charge. After an hour or more, she was called in and treated in the most rude and degrading manner by the officer in charge, *admittedly a former Farwest driver*.

He told her that "It is *niggers* like you who get your people into trouble," and "You should act like the people in the NAACP instead of causing trouble."

A defense committee was hurriedly assembled, and bond was raised for Mrs. Ware's release, so that she could help organize the protest against her unlawful arrest, as well as the struggle against the *Farwest Taxicab Company* and its unfair hiring practices.

Progressive and minority people here feel that the arrest is a slap in the face of the International Community of Seattle and the working class of the

city as a whole.

The ordinance under which she was arrested was designed to minimize street litter; it must not be used to restrict freedom of speech and press.

Seattle, January 27—Two more women were arrested here today for passing out leaflets calling for a boycott of the *Farwest Taxicab Company* which refuses to hire Afro-American drivers.

Mrs. Gloria Warner and Mrs. Anna Louise Crowley were arrested by the same cop who arrested Mrs. Florestine Ware just a week earlier. The Seattle police are openly siding with the *Farwest Company* in its jimcrow policies. All of these arrests are part of a campaign of harassment of the boycotters who are beginning to be successful.

The school guard who called the cops at the time of Mrs. Ware's arrest, *first* read the leaflet, then said that Mrs. Ware "should be ashamed to be passing out such stuff." *Three carloads of cops* answered the school guard's call. An *Afro-American cop* who passed by was waved on by the others—even though subsequent cars of white cops joined the arresting party later.

A defense committee has been set up. Bail was \$100 in both cases. So far, the committee has collected \$10 to cover the cost of mailings, etc. Sympathizers loaned money for bail.

For the time being, checks and money orders can be sent to: Wayman Ware, Chairman, Seattle Negro Independent Association, 1211 King St., Seattle, Washington.



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Unemployment

Kennedy is now "attacking the problem of unemployment." This problem can never be solved by U.S. capitalism—without war.

Kennedy can put men to work making guns and missiles, submarines and war planes. But he cannot make the steel industry call back 180,000 men to make the goods of peace. He cannot revive the airplane industry except by more war orders. He cannot create full employment without putting more boys in uniform.

There is no capitalist program that will end unemployment without stepping up the preparation for war.

But there is a working class program which Kennedy, of course, opposes. That program is the 30-hour week at 40-hours pay.

U.S. Sponsored Segregation

The Civil Rights Commission pointed out the other day that the U.S. federal government is a main and direct contributor to segregated education.

The Commission's report clearly announced that federal funds now provide about 15 per cent of the revenues for state budgets for college education in the Deep South. The state legislatures divert nearly all this money to "white" schools.

It is nearly seven years since the

Supreme Court declared that segregated schools were unconstitutional. That is a longer period than the whole Second World War. It is long enough for a boy or girl, in some cases, to go from freshman year in high school to college graduation. It is long enough to pass from childhood to maturity.

And it is long enough to wake up and get wise to the gigantic fraud the capitalist ruling class has perpetrated upon the Afro-American people.

Steel in U.S. — and U.S.S.R.

Richard Starnes, a smart-alec columnist for the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain and the capitalist class, said on February 2 that Soviet growth is nothing compared to capitalist growth, and Soviet growth figures are very misleading indeed.

"If you figure percentage increases in steel capacity on the basis of an industry almost wholly destroyed by war, you will arrive at an impressive, frightening and completely worthless figure."

By this withering statement, Starnes means that if you start out with 10 and go to 50, you have made an increase of 500 per cent. Whereas, if you start out with 100 and go to 150, you have only increased 50 per cent.

This is very true. But is it true of the relation between Soviet planned production and U.S. capitalist production? Let us look at actual steel production, rather than the "rate of growth," since that is so "frightening" to Mr. Starnes.

If Starnes were a steelworker, he would know that the actual production of steel in the United States has fallen sharply since last spring, and hundreds of thousands of workers are suffering from this. He would know that similar drops have taken place in steel produc-

tion here three other times in the last 12 years.

If Starnes were honest, he would have to admit that no drop at all has occurred in that period in the Soviet Union.

And if Starnes took the trouble to look at actual production of steel, he would find that in the last six months of 1960, the United States produced about 37 million tons.

He would find that the Soviet Union produced the same amount. He would also find that in November, December and January, the Soviet Union surpassed the United States in the actual production of steel.

Outside of periods of strike-shutdown, this has never happened before in history.

Even in the worst of depressions, even in the catastrophic drop of 1932, steel production in the United States always surpassed the Soviet Union's. (In fact, it surpassed it by around 1000 per cent in that year!)

There are things still wrong in the Soviet Union, it is true. But Robert Starnes has put his bourgeois finger on the Soviet Union's mightiest advantage over capitalism: planned production and work for all.

Love at First Sight

When the Senate confirmed Kennedy's appointment of Arthur Goldberg for Secretary of Labor, an interesting thing happened.

Senator Barry Goldwater made the motion to confirm Goldberg's appointment.

Some people think that Goldberg, having been a "labor" lawyer, will be a

great liberal, and even pro-labor, Secretary of Labor.

But on the other hand, Barry Goldwater is considered the leading spirit among the most anti-labor, reactionary, right-wing, McCarthy-type Republicans.

How can we explain such enthusiasm of an anti-labor man for a "pro-labor" man?

—We won't even try!

— Congo 'Peace' Fraud

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No, Lumumba cannot willingly agree to such a settlement. The struggle has gone too far and too deep for such a conclusion. No "coalition" in the Congo can safely combine the pro-imperialists and the anti-imperialists in a single government. The Lumumba-Kasavubu government of last July might as well have been a century ago. And no "federation" can now push the mighty freedom forces aside to starve in a patch of jungle while imperialism fattens on the richest preserves in all Africa.

Who Runs UN?

There are 99 nations represented in the "United Nations."

The United Nations staff has 1,168 professional or non-clerical posts.

Of this number, 361 are citizens of the United States.

This is roughly 30 times as many as the U.S. would be entitled to on the purely democratic basis of its voting strength in the U.N.!

Even if Lumumba and his lieutenant, Gizenga, were unwary enough to fall into this trap, their Belgian-puppet enemies would have already settled the matter for them!

Joseph Mobutu, General of the Congolese Army in Leopoldville, has categorically rejected the idea of his army being disarmed by the United Nations. He thereby reflects the position of the Belgian imperialists who know that such a serious retreat would surely help United States imperialism at the expense of the Belgian robbers!

If the Belgian puppet armies should be disarmed along with the Lumumba army, this would only mean that the UN army would continue to occupy the Congo and dictate the peace. This peace would be dictated in the interests of U.S.—and possibly even Belgian—capitalism, not of the Congo people.

The United Arab Republic (Egypt and Syria) is said to be openly aiding the Lumumba forces with materials of war. Let us hope that this is so and that other countries such as the Soviet Union and China will help too.

Any stop in the flow of arms to the oppressed will only help the oppressor.

Education in the U.S.
Sick, Sick, Sick!

By Frederick Matteger

The U.S. public school system is only about 100 years old. Before this time, education was for the rich or the lucky. General public education came about because businessmen needed literate workers to run and service their machines—and to count and record their profits.

Today U.S. public education is in trouble. It is sick.

The patient does not always show his sickness to the casual observer. The doors of the schools are open. The teachers still teach. Learning still goes on. (Except in New Orleans!)

But the blood-count and the fever-chart show that the sickness is serious. Occasional seizures such as the New York City Teachers' strike reveal to all that something is wrong.

Figures reveal that thousands of classrooms and thousands of teachers are needed by U.S. schools. Figures also show that they are not being supplied.

What is wrong?

Problems of U.S. schools are complex. Millions of workers' kids pour into these schools each day. They come from homes made insecure by unemployment, rising prices, and threats of war. They come rebellious—and rightfully so—against schools that preach rules and laws and prayers, but which offer few answers to satisfy their whys and what-fors. Here they are taught a succession of facts which offer little real explanation of the world they live in and little help in coping with it.

But the most pressing of the public schools' problems is simply that of getting enough money to operate. In the richest country of the world there is not enough money to finance public education.

And what's the reason for this?

The rich rule. And the rich have little need for public schools. There are plenty of trained workers to run their machines and take care of their records. Only a few specialists are in short supply.

Rich kids can go to private schools. So why spend billions of dollars on public education?

Still there is the mass demand for education. And there is the race with the Soviet Union.

So what answers are considered "practical"?

Businessmen, being businessmen, give answers which are understandable. They believe in getting teachers to handle more pupils, thereby cutting the work force: the speed-up. It works in the steel industry, the auto industry and they hope to work it out more on the railroads—so why not the education industry? So, they say, try bigger classes, mass lectures—television, where one teacher can teach thousands.

Teaching-Machines!

But recent news items reveal that even this approach can be improved—as far as businessmen are concerned. Perhaps teachers, the most expensive and troublesome part of the educational process, can be cut out altogether—or almost. News which undoubtedly tickles the businessman-mind tells of teaching machines—and how good they are. Better and faster than teachers!

Time magazine reports enthusiastically that the teaching machines "apply to learning what manufacturers applied long ago to industry in developing the mass-production assembly line."

"And," says Time, "20 companies are at work designing teaching machines and several are on the market in limited quantities." Time's favorite is called "Min-Max." It only costs 20 bucks.

Fortunately, there is another machine around. It is a "learning machine"—sometimes called a brain.

The teachers are using it.

That's why they are organizing "fighting machines"—sometimes called unions.

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Which Side Is He On?

"What's wrong with a millionaire for mayor? We have a good millionaire President, and a good millionaire governor."

The man who made that statement is David Dubinsky, the official leader of the ILGWU, AFL-CIO. Tens of thousands of the workers he represents get less than \$60 a week. Thousands get a mere \$40. Thousands more are out of work altogether. But he doesn't mind having a millionaire mayor, governor, and President.

Dubinsky doesn't know what's wrong with a millionaire. But we know what's wrong with Dubinsky!

Can You Top This?

New Orleans—A little Afro-American theme—"What I Want to be When I Can Boy Wrote an Essay in School on the Grow to be a Man."

He wanted to be President.

—His principal was rebuked by the Board of Education for putting the essay on the bulletin board.

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'Slum Clearance' Just Making More Slums, Charges Mothers Alliance in Buffalo

Buffalo—January 31—Three hundred residents of the Masten District vigorously applauded Mrs. Ruth Stone of the Mothers Alliance as she defended the interests of tenants affected by the Masten General Renewal Plan at the Buffalo Common Council meeting.

"Where will people go?" she asked. "Twenty-two hundred families were driven out of the Ellicott District by 'redevelopment.' The majority of them were forced by discrimination to relocate in the Masten and 'Fruit Belt' areas which are rapidly reproducing the slum and ghetto conditions of the destroyed Ellicott District.

"Landlords quickly took advantage of Afro-American tenants' inability to rent elsewhere. Rents were raised and overcrowding resulted. New slums are being

born! Now you want to create still more slums by redeveloping Masten before a single contract is let for construction in the Ellicott District."

The Buffalo Courier Express quoted Mrs. Stone in a front-page article as stating that the Masten plan would uproot families "who can't find other homes because of discrimination."

Mrs. Stone continued: "The Buffalo Redevelopment Foundation which represents the interests of bankers, realtors and construction companies preaches that redevelopment is the key to Buffalo's growth. But redevelopment should not mean moving slum areas from one part of the city to another and it shouldn't serve the get-rich-quick aims of the real estate sharks and contractors. Redevelopment should mean re-

building torndown areas into attractive communities for working people."

Mr. Ray Ellis Green spoke for the small homeowners in the Masten District in a well-documented attack on development plans. The Rev. Mr. Clarence Hilliard representing the Baptist Ministers Council demanded an open occupancy law for Buffalo.

Labor and Unemployed Groups Hit Work-for-Relief Slave Law

Buffalo—A year-long campaign by big business-dominated "taxpayers" groups and the local press to push through a work for relief law in this city ran up against militant, working class, trade union opposition at the Common Council Legislative Committee held in City Hall on January 17. A militant atmosphere prevailed in the Council Chambers as representatives of big business pressure groups were booed and heckled by trade union delegations and other working class groups.

The first organization of the unemployed in the Buffalo area since the 1930's, the Union of Unemployed Workers Opposed to Forced Labor urged the Council to reject the work for relief program for Buffalo.

Spokesman for the group, Robert McBride, pointed out the anti-labor nature of the work for relief program and described the unsafe and difficult working conditions the men are faced with each day. He said those who work for relief are forced to do skilled labor such as carpentry, driving bulldozers, and painting, thereby providing cheap competition for union labor.

The Mothers Alliance, an organization of colored and white working-class women was represented by their president, Mrs. Vera Spruill. She reviewed the record of the Mothers Alliance in its struggles against the "Slave-for-Relief"

As early as June 1960 the Mothers Alliance warned at a meeting of 150 people that both Ellicott and Masten redevelopments were being financed under the famous Title I of the National Housing Act which is proving to be a billion dollar pork barrel for real estate speculators and banking interests in cities throughout the country, particularly in New York City.

The Citizens Community Interest group collected over 1200 signatures opposed to the demolition plans of the Redevelopment Board but in spite of the aroused opposition of Masten residents, the Legislative Committee of the Buffalo Common Council approved the plan.

Harlem Tenants Fight City Hall — Picket, Shout, Demand Action Now

By Art Ross

New York City, February 3rd — A spirited, angry group of Harlem tenants marched around City Hall today demanding immediate action to get steam heat and hot water for upwards of 50,000 Afro-American workers living in the Harlem ghetto.

The picket line was called by the Lower Harlem Tenants Council as the mercury was plummeting to below freezing and sub-zero temperatures for the 16th consecutive day in what some people are already calling the "worst winter on record."

The picket line was a wonderful example of courage and determination. Mothers marched with children who were bundled up against the 10 degree cold. There were more than a score of old women. There was even a young man who was just recently released from a hospital.

Probably the most dramatic and inspiring sight was the presence on the line of Michael Perry, a thin, hungry boy of 11 years, whose mother that very day was being admitted to a city hospital for a major operation on her spine.

The Perry family, mother and four children, live in one of the worst slum-tenements in New York—a building that has not had steam heat since last October 26th. Mrs. Perry gave her son and an older daughter, Sharlene, permission to stay away from school that day because, she told a demonstrator—"... it was more important for them to learn to fight for their rights and maybe by the time I get out of the hospital there will be steam in the apartment."

Angry Slogans

The slogans that the demonstrators carried showed their militancy and angry mood. One sign read, "Long jail sentences for slum-landlords!" The marchers chanted "No Heat, No Hot Water, — No Rent." Another sign declared "We want steam heat 24 hours a day." Some of the pickets shouted "We want action NOW!"

After braving the severe wintry weather for more than a half hour the pickets went into City Hall to tell their story to the Mayor. They were told that—"Mayor Wagner has a cold"—and wouldn't be at his desk that day. (He later appeared at City Hall for a special news conference at which he announced he was asking De Sapio—who may be slightly more corrupt than Wagner—to step down as party leader in New York.)

The demonstrators next sought out the new Borough President of Manhattan (successor to Hulan Jack). At first they were told he was at a very important conference and couldn't be reached.

"You people must understand that Mr. Dudley has just taken over the office and must 'adjust' to his job,"—they were told.

But as the angry tenants crowded into the Borough President's office, a hasty conference was convened and the tenants told their stories in detail to one of

Dudley's aides.

Then the tenants were informed that their complaints would be given to the appropriate city agencies, the Board of Health and Department of Buildings, for immediate action.

Later, Dudley, sensing the determination of the crowd, appeared and told the delegation what they had been hearing from boss-politicians for a long time—"... my door will always be open to 'the people' so don't hesitate to drop in whenever you have any problems..."

In the corridors of the Municipal Building afterward, and as they are walking back to the subways to make the trip back to their cold, dreary flats, the tenants show that remarkable spirit of struggle that can never be quenched.

They think of their own flats and the thousands of other flats in Harlem in this freezing winter. They know they will be back again—and in greater numbers.

Philippine Islands: Another U.S. Colony Waiting for the Day of Liberation

By Nat Douglass

The African and Latin-American struggle for freedom are now overshadowing the Philippine Islands' struggle for liberation from U.S. imperialism. But after many years of U.S. domination the Filipinos are only waiting for the moment they can take the power and have complete independence.

The Philippine Islands, like Cuba and Puerto Rico, were once part of the Spanish Colonial Empire. The Filipinos fought a courageous struggle and ousted their Spanish rulers. But to no avail. The U.S. moved in with a force of 125,000 troops and waged a three-year war to replace Spanish imperialism with American imperialism.

More than 200,000 Filipinos were killed or died as result of this fight against U.S. domination of their land. The islands remained a complete political and economic colony of the United States for more than 45 years.

During this period, American capitalists rushed in to seize large plantations, mining interests, and to exploit the people in one huge, underpaid labor force. The peasants and workers live in the most wretched conditions, with widespread malnutrition and illiteracy.

At the end of World War II the U.S. gave the Philippines nominal independence, but under the Bell Trade Act the Philippines continued to be, in effect, a U.S. colony as before. Later came the unpopular "parity" agreement which gives the American capitalists the same rights of exploitation as the Filipino capitalists have. But actually the Amer-

ican capitalists have all the rights, because the Filipinos don't have Wall Street's money.

There have been many uprisings and revolts against U.S. imperialism. The largest of these was by the Hukbalahap.

The Hukbalahap was a peasant organization formed in the early part of World War II to resist the Japanese invasion of their country.

After the ouster of the Japanese the Huks continued to fight to bring about an end to foreign domination in their land—that is, U.S. domination. They fought to promote labor organizations, land reforms and moreover to bring an end to the widespread poverty among the workers and peasants. The U.S. capitalists fought viciously to hold onto the wealth they had extorted through many years of exploiting the Philippines.

The U.S. puppet regime headed by Manuel Roxas began a murderous suppression of the Huks and other labor and peasant groups. This was continued by President Elpidio Quirido. But the Huks were strong and well loved by the people. They survived this campaign of suppression and persecution. Even conservative political observers said the Huks had the support of the large majority of the people.

But the Huks were lured into a trap by a treacherous "Amnesty Law" signed by President Quirido in May 1948. The law voided all punishment for Huk "crimes" before that time. The Huks and other revolutionary groups were disarmed. And then the government campaign began anew. The Huks were tor-

tured, murdered and put into prisons.

The Huks' only alternatives were surrender or to confront violence with violence. They hoped to attract sufficient support to replace the government with an administration more representative of the will of the people. But Ramon Magsaysay, Defense Minister under Quirido, drove the Huks further into the hills. Magsaysay, being groomed for the Presidency by the U.S., financed by Wall Street and supplied with U.S. arms, carried on a total war which finally defeated them.

Last fall, Dr. Francisco A. Delgado, Philippine delegate to the United Nations, attempted to counter the Soviet Union's charge that the Philippines still have colonial status under U.S. rule. Delgado said: "The Americans are no saints, but this you can say for them, as imperialists they proved to be more inept than their rivals..."

But Delgado's attempt at humor didn't seem funny to the poverty-stricken Filipino peasants who still remember the many thousand Filipinos the "inept" American imperialists have slaughtered!

The Philippine Islands have been endowed with a tremendous natural wealth. But the people receive a per capita income of less than \$200 per annum. This is not the fault of nature but of the American imperialists.

The cries for liberation are rising over the world. The 25 million Filipinos are listening to those cries and will soon echo them in that big battle that will oust the imperialists from their land.

Lots of Jobs for "Refugees" But Special Qualifications Needed!

By Kitty Fisher

The New York State Employment Service has opened an attractive new office on East 19th Street in New York. Its doors bear the innocent title of the "Latin-American Employment Information Center." According to the New York Times of January 31, this center has been opened "to aid refugees from Latin-American countries."

What does it take to be classified as a "refugee" by Gov. Rockefeller, the originator of this new "service"?

There are over 800,000 Puerto Ricans in New York City, refugees from the poverty and disease created in their homeland by U.S. imperialism. Refugees from Southern jimcrow have boosted the Afro-American population of New York to 1,200,000. Employment agencies that extort two weeks pay are jammed with these desperate refugees. But does this oil-magnate governor care about these refugees?

No. He is worried about the 15,000 Latin Americans in New York who constitute a *special kind* of refugee. Who are these 15,000 who have created an "emergency situation"? Among the fifty people who appeared at the new agency on the first day, *most were Cubans*, that is, counter-revolutionaries the Times calls "persons who had been preparing for or had held positions of responsibility in their own country."

Not Fayette County sharecroppers fleeing from racist repression! Not Puerto Rican sugar-cane cutters trying to escape the yearly boom-bust cycle imposed by Yankee sugar monopolists! But those who "held positions of responsibility"! (Meaning the former servants of the U.S. monopolies, the Cuban traitors who helped U.S. imperialism strangle Cuba before the revolution.)

Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, Brazilians, all those who have tried to escape the imperialist rape of the countries south

of the border, may be naive enough and desperate enough to flood the Latin-American Employment Information Center. But people with callouses on their hands and freedom in their hearts will not qualify.

No U.S. Funds for These Refugees from "Democracy"



Above is the Walker Allen family in front of the tent that is "home" for all of them. Mr. and Mrs. Allen tried to vote last fall. And they were hounded off their tenant farms.

Helps "Refugees" in Miami, But Not in Fayette County, Tenn.!

By Ana Kezman

On January 30, John F. Kennedy sent A. A. Ribicoff, his new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, on an emergency trip to Florida.

On his arrival in Miami, Ribicoff hurried to "cut through all red tape," as

he put it. He went directly to the Dupont Plaza Hotel where he addressed an emergency conference attended by more than 100 leaders of major secular and religious welfare groups from nearly every section of the country.

But Ribicoff was not bringing "health, education and welfare" to the people in Florida who need these things most—the 600,000 oppressed Afro-Americans there. No, he was infinitely more worried about the 60,000 counter-revolutionary Cuban "refugees" in that region.

It was the case of these "refugees" that had moved Kennedy to send him to Miami. Accordingly, Ribicoff told the conference that he was not in Miami "for any political motive, but to help human beings who are in trouble."

Mr. Ribicoff has not visited the "human beings who are in trouble" in Fayette and Haywood Counties, Tennessee. He has held no emergency conference in New Orleans, Louisiana or Atlanta, Georgia. He hasn't looked up the Mayor of New Orleans or the Governor of Georgia. But he hastily conferred with the Mayor of Miami and the Governor of Florida over the plight of the Cuban counter-revolutionaries.

Nor has Ribicoff made a plane trip to Harlem lately, where nearly a million "human beings who are in trouble" suffer the exactions of slum landlords, the segregation of hypocritical real estate covenants, the low wages and tremendous unemployment of *Northern jimcrow*.

Cuts Red Tape!

"Be assured," said Ribicoff to his lily-white audience in Miami, "that we will cut through red tape so that our aid will have meaning and these people . . . our neighbors from Cuba . . . will not know frustration."

Is there more "red tape" perhaps, in Tennessee than in Florida? Couldn't Ribicoff find some way of cutting the "red tape" that puts Afro-Americans in tent villages, fires pistol bullets at them and harasses the NAACP and other agencies for daring to drive supplies in to them?

"Our neighbors from Cuba"—that is, our counter-revolutionary traitors to Cuba, our servants of Wall Street in Cuba, and our potential armed invaders of Cuba—must "*not know frustration*."

But the new Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare will make sure, in collusion with his chief, the President, to bring as much frustration as possible to the Afro-American masses of the United States.

In doing so, of course, he carries out exactly the same basic policy that he does with respect to Cuba:

—The policy of advancing the interests of capitalist white supremacy and Wall Street domination of the earth.

Greetings

To the Youngest Refugee

You chose a cold time to get born, Jamie Mason—and a cold place, too. It was five above zero, and you belted out your first baby-cry in a surplus army tent, heated with a miserable little oil stove.

Your mom didn't have a doctor, and your dad didn't even go looking for a cab to take her to the hospital. You certainly didn't get the attention that John F. Kennedy, Junior, got when he arrived in the world a couple of months ago—in somewhat different circumstances.

You won't grow up with many "advantages," Jamie. You won't have a trust-fund or a governess. You're not likely to get a college education. As a matter of fact, you'll be lucky if you can stay alive.

Because you came into a world of capitalist white-supremacist bosses who made you suffer from the very first moment of your life. Isn't it funny, Jamie?—you learned the real truth about the bosses without being able to read or write or even to talk!

It's a lousy, jimcrow world to wish you a happy birthday in, but it's a world you didn't make, Jamie, and we're going to change it around before you get much older.

Your mom and dad have already begun to change it. And not even the way you had to get born has made them stop trying to change it. They know it can be done. Pretty soon, there will be millions of other people helping them do it.

So even if it seems strange for us to say it—*Happy Birthday!*

\$4 Million for Batista's Orphan's!

Kennedy has just allotted \$4 million for the relief of Cuban counter-revolutionary "refugees" now in Miami.

The plight of the refugees from Kennedy's "democracy" in Tennessee was pointed out to him some weeks ago. He is still conducting an "investigation" into the matter.

When he was questioned about providing federal relief for "Freedom Village" (the tent city where over a hundred refugees from Tennessee "democracy" now live), Kennedy ducked the question. He said:

"I am extremely interested in making sure that every American is given his

right to cast his vote without prejudice to his rights as a citizen . . . and therefore the Administration will pursue the problem . . . with all vigor."

That was two weeks ago. Since then, the thermometer has gone down nearly to zero, the tents are caked with ice, the people continue to suffer. And Kennedy's FBI men are still "pursuing the problem" of whether there was in fact any "prejudice of the rights" of citizenship.

Kennedy raises more dust than his Republican predecessor, makes more speeches, works more hours on the job. *But he is the same capitalist white-supremacist at heart.*

New Baby in Tent City

Tent City, Tenn., January 26—An eight-pound baby boy was born today, to Mr. and Mrs. Jamie L. Mason.

No doctor could be obtained. But a local midwife was in attendance. The five-degrees-above-zero weather was partially sealed out of the Mason's tent by the ice caked on the tent walls by the recent storms. The mother is doing well.

The baby was christened "Jamie" after his father, who lost his job for trying to vote in the USA.

Jamie has seven other brothers and sisters, some of whom are attending school. They all live in Tent City.

There are now 60 children in Tent City. Those who were attending school are still doing so. The county still provides school bus service.

That is about the only thing it *does* provide.

Kennedy Gives \$4 Million to Cuban Renegades

OH, DON'T THANK ME
THIS IS WHAT GOOD
NEIGHBORS ARE FOR!

