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Kennedy Pushes NATO Alliance Closer To War As Crisis Grows

Gets Agreement for War on Colonial Peoples If They Try to Strike off Chains of Imperialism

Let no one be deceived by the sack-cloth and ashes that John F. Kennedy has donned to dramatize the debacle of U.S. Big Business in Cuba. Let no one believe that his temporary "moderate" line on Cuba or even Laos, portends any conversion to pacifism or conviction for peace.

Only two weeks ago, his State Department, on the very heels of its clob-

bering defeat, arrogantly told the government of Cuba that "Communism is not negotiable."

Although this statement was criticized in a few nooks of Wall Street's side alleys, it is nevertheless a remarkable precise and frank summary of just how sharply the decadent capitalist class reacts to the loss of its territories and semi-slaves.

It is not a matter of Kennedy being more impetuous, more headstrong or more pugnacious than other Presidents. It is rather a matter of the rising socialist revolution having reached a point where the most powerful capitalist class (the American) is whipping itself into the necessary fury and whipping its allies into the necessary submission, to prepare for some kind of massive military action which will (it hopes) turn back the tide of revolt and return the world to the previous status quo of unchallenged capitalist supremacy.

At the very moment Kennedy and his fellow demagogues were arranging a conference on peace in Geneva, they were having another conference on war in Oslo (at the NATO confab). And while nothing at all was done in Geneva, there was plenty done in Oslo.

Besides stepping up nuclear armaments, the U.S. got the 15 foreign ministers there to agree that "there were no longer any peripheral issues in the world contest with the Soviet Union and Communist China."

This means that they agreed that Cuba, Laos, Viet Nam, etc., are in effect at the heart of the system of exploitation, and not at its extremities — or periphery. Small as these countries are, they are now considered absolutely vital to the continued existence of capitalism, and capitalism will slaughter millions rather than lose them for good.

The international working class can only make the reverse conclusion: namely, that the interests of all progressive humanity are tied to the interest of the revolution in even the smallest places on the globe.

ACLU Leader Vilifies Afro-Americans

New York—Rowland Watts, the "liberal" general counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union, has launched a violent attack against a group of militant and dedicated representatives of the oppressed Afro-American people.

Watts was one of the principal speakers at a Fair Play for Cuba dinner here, April 28. The group of Afro-Americans he attacked had issued "A Declaration of Conscience for Afro-Americans" which was published as an advertisement in the *New York Post* on April 25 and the *Baltimore Afro-American* dated April 29.

The declaration condemned the U.S. invasion plot against Cuba and cited the plight of 20 million Afro-American people. It said in part:

"Afro-Americans, don't be fooled—the enemies of the Cubans are our enemies, the jim-crow bosses of this land where we are still denied our rights."

Among the prominent signers were Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Dr. Lonnie Cross, Richard Gibson, Conrad Lynn, Daniel H. Watts, Julian Mayfield, Robert Williams, Clarence Seniors, Calvin Hicks, William Worthy and others.

Watts denounced the above-mentioned declaration as "the worst example of racism since Nuremberg." (The Nuremberg Laws were enacted by Hitler in September 1935 and laid the legal basis for Hitler's policy of extermination of the Jews.)

Watts' remark was not reported in the New York daily press. But confirmation of it was obtained from several prominent people who attended the gathering—among them, Corliss Lamont, who was also a speaker at the dinner.

A reporter for *Workers World* reached Watts by telephone and asked him whether he had actually made the above remark. Watts said "Yes," but that he had immediately thereafter, "substantially" modified it. When asked in what way, he gave the following answer:

"I would say that their statement (The Declaration of Conscience for Afro-Americans) was analogous to the intent of the Nuremberg Laws."

When asked to elaborate upon the meaning of this "modification," Watts

declined to explain any further and said, "I will leave it at that."

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Happy Days Are Here Again!



Refuses to Surrender Membership List

'Fair Play' Official Defies Witch-Hunters

By Ana Kezman

While official Washington is "investigating" the CIA to find out why it couldn't pull off its counter-revolution properly in Cuba, the Senate Internal Security subcommittee is ordering the U.S. Fair Play for Cuba Committee to produce lists of members, chapters, and student councils for the witch-hunters to go over.

Richard Gibson, acting national secretary for the FPCC, has refused to comply with this thought-control order and has defied the Senate subcommittee, refusing "to expose a single one" of the

members or groups who support his organization.

The subcommittee is also trying to prove that part of the money for a \$4,000 Fair Play ad in the New York Times really came from the government of Cuba. (At the \$7.50-a-plate Fair Play anniversary dinner the other day, a special collection plus the ticket sale, must have come to over \$4,000.)

The Senate subcommittee knows very well that the support for revolutionary Cuba within the United States extends a great deal further than the donation

of a couple thousand dollars for a newspaper ad. And in fact, that is why they are in such a frenzy.

The failure of Kennedy's Cuban counter-revolution has increased the hysteria of the U.S. capitalists instead of sobering them up—as many liberals had hoped. And having failed to make a blood-bath out of Cuba, they are now sharpening their knives against people who oppose their project.

It is the duty of every worker and workers organization to fight back against this vicious witch-hunt.

Fighting for U.S. in Laos

A new U.S. ally has been discovered in Laos by Marguerite Higgins, syndicated Herald Tribune columnist.

She says this ally is the "Meo tribesmen who fought the Communist Pathet Lao so fiercely both before and after the invasion that the tribe is being hunted down with a ruthlessness that indicates genocide."

In contending that the Meos are fighting for the Western way of life, Miss Higgins has a point. The Meos are fighting to protect their business of opium smuggling.

The Meos have been for many years one of the main producers of opium in southeast Asia, and up until the Pathet Lao liberated their province, worked in close harmony with the "Royal Laotian Army."

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Soviet Economy Steadily Rising While Boom-Bust Still Plagues U.S.

By R. G. Lieder

As soon as Major Yuri Gagarin returned from his historic trip to outer space, the U.S. capitalist propaganda organs immediately sang out with the long familiar refrain that "the Russians have space ships but no shoes."

This propaganda weapon of the ruling class has always consisted more of lies and half-truths than anything else, but today, this refrain is nothing more than a total fabrication.

In reality, the Soviet Union can not only boast of leadership in outer space but can also claim a rapidly rising standard of living for the Soviet people.

A report by the State Economic Committee of the USSR appearing in the February 10, 1961 issue of *Trud*, the Soviet trade union publication, shows how the Soviet people are reaping the benefits of the planned, publicly owned productive forces of the USSR now.

For example, in agricultural production, the Soviet Union has already passed the United States in total and per capita production of butter, wheat, potatoes, wool, and several grain crops. In addition, the USSR has exceeded the United States in total milk production and will pass the U.S.A. in per capita production of milk in a year or two.

Per capita meat production, while currently about half of that of the United States, has increased by 30 percent in

the last 7 years, far outstripping such countries as Italy, Finland, and Norway.

In five years or less, the Soviet Union will exceed the United States in per capita production of all agricultural products.

The successes in Soviet Agriculture are paralleled by a constantly rising rate in industrial output.

The industrial output of the Soviet Union exceeds that of the United States in such items as iron ore, timber and electric and diesel locomotives, and other products. In the next decade, the Soviet Union will surpass the United States in total industrial output.

However, these skyrocketing achievements in Soviet agriculture and industry and their direct material benefit to the Soviet People tell only half the story. In the words of the authors of the *Trud* article:

"Every workingman knows that material and cultural standards are steadily rising in the USSR, that today we are better off than yesterday, and that tomorrow we shall be still better off than today. This is a tremendous source of optimism."

During the past three years, the per capita income of the Soviet People rose by 24 percent (compared to only 4 percent for the United States) and the working day was reduced for all workers by one hour, with no decrease in pay. Taxation has been reduced and will be abolished completely by 1964.

All medical care in the Soviet Union is free and the proportion of doctors serving the population is (except for Israel) the highest in the world (50 percent higher than in the United States). The mortality rate in the USSR is the lowest in the world.

There are also scores of other social services, including university and college education, which are available to the Soviet People without any cost whatsoever.

And as the *Trud* article puts it: "There is no unemployment in the USSR and all doors to science and production are open wide to young people."

Elections — U.S. Style and Cuban

On May 2, the U.S. State Department officially said that the Castro regime was like Hitler's because it did not hold U.S.-style elections.

Hitler's regime was the diametrical opposite of Castro's. It was directed against the workers and peasant poor. It was a capitalist regime like Kennedy's regime, except that it was much more extreme.

Where Kennedy denies the workers any real participation in deciding their own destiny, Hitler denied them even the little superficial freedom to speak and vote once a year, which Kennedy still permits.

Neither Hitler nor Mussolini nor Kennedy would dare to have armed workers and peasants at mass meetings they addressed. Kennedy would not dare to arm the Afro-American masses of the South, for example, as Castro has armed the poor peasants of Cuba.

As for elections—it is true that the

Cubans do not go to the polls once every four years to decide which of two capitalist white-supremacist crooks and liars will misrepresent them. The Cuban workers and peasants represent themselves.

It is true that the Cubans do not vote once in four years or once a year as the U.S. workers do (in some states!).

They vote every day. The Cuban masses vote every day, with their hands, with their feet, with their hearts and with their guns—against imperialist exploitation.

Later on, they may decide to have more formal yearly or half-yearly elections, too—when they get around to it. But if they do so, it will not be to please the reactionary U.S. State Department, or to run any of the State Department's Latin stooges for office in Cuba.

It will only be to decide who is the best anti-imperialist, who is the best defender of the workers' power against the bosses' counter-revolution.

Kennedy's Prisoner in the Congo

All friends of the oppressed will rejoice that Moise Tshombe, secessionist traitor to the Congo and one of the murderers of Lumumba, is now himself in Leopoldville Prison.

But Tshombe, the traitor, was merely the tool of Belgian imperialism in its drive to reduce the Congo to submission and return it to its old colonial status.

Now Tshombe is being made the scapegoat for the Belgian imperialist crimes.

United States imperialism is moving into the Congo in the guise of the "United Nations." And President Kasavubu, in throwing in his lot with the United Nations has definitely lined up with United States imperialism and turned his back on Belgium.

Tshombe is the prisoner of Kasavubu. But Kasavubu is the prisoner of U.S. imperialism.

MOON TALK

Man in the Moon to Space

Traveler: Where are you from?

Space Traveler: New York.

M.i.t.M.: Where's that?

S.T.: In the United States, of course.

M.i.t.M.: Well, where's that?

S.T.: In the Western Hemisphere.

M.i.t.M.: Western Hemisphere of what?

S.T.: Why, of the Earth.

M.i.t.M.: Earth? SAY, you must know Yuri Gagarin!

WHOSE Supreme Court?

On May 1, the international workers holiday — now deliberately misnamed "Law Day" by the U.S. capitalist government — a very special decision was handed down by the Supreme Court. This decision allows railroads to reduce their work forces (i.e., "cut labor costs") when they merge with other railroads.

The May 2 stock market showed multi-point gains as a result of this decision, and a New York *Herald Tribune* stock market analyst reported that the decision of the Court "is seen by many as a real booster for an industry that is constantly complaining about labor costs."

What does this mean? Simply that the handful of multi-millionaires and billionaires who own the railroad industry have found a dirty way to make more money—and their Supreme Court has made it legal.

With unemployment officially at close to 6 million workers, and with Kennedy and Labor Secretary Goldberg vociferously claiming they want to find ways to

decrease unemployment, the Supreme Court has found a way to increase unemployment!

The Court has done this because increasing unemployment in the railroad industry is necessary to maintain and increase the super-profits of the railroad owners.

The Supreme Court, like all other courts in the "democratic" United States, far and above anything else, safeguards, protects and defends the interests of the wealthy.

It is therefore no wonder that the Supreme Court has devised yet another way for the rich to get richer by making the poor poorer.

It is also no wonder that May Day, which symbolizes the international solidarity of workers all over the world, has been renamed "Law Day" by the U.S. capitalist rulers, to symbolize their use of "law" as a means of safeguarding their exploitation and oppression of the working class.

NY May Day Rally Draws 4,000

New York, May 1—This year's joint May Day demonstration drew 4,000 determined workers and youth in the face of police department sabotage (refusing a sound permit until the very last minute) and a chilly all-day drizzle.

An organized reactionary jeering-squad of 50 or more super-patriots (some apparently students from nearby New York University) tried to break up the meeting—especially during the first hour, before many workers had arrived. These hecklers were well handled, however, both by the crowd and by the speakers—and they gradually drifted off.

Louis Weinstock, veteran organizer of May Day demonstrations, opened the meeting. Other speakers were James Jackson, editor of the Worker; John McManus, editor of the National Guardian; Julio Medina, organizational secretary of the revolutionary Cuban 26th of July Movement; Sam Pevzner; Marvin Markham and Morris Schappes.

Miriam Baumel and Mimi Friedlander read greetings from various organizations and resolutions which included one for freedom for Francisco Molina.

Arthur Knight, who was co-chairman of the May Day Committee, presided throughout.

Kennedy a fool?

... I am very happy that the Cuban rebels were driven out of Cuba or captured within three days. The whole lot of Cuban rebels were instructed that they would be met in Cuba with "open arms" by the remaining anti-Castro groups in Cuba, but that was only wishful thinking.

President Kennedy is a damned fool or a traitor to the U.S. if he advocates any more armed expeditions against the Castro government of Cuba.

Sincerely, O. R., Sitka, Alaska
(Kennedy's not such a fool. He's just on the other side of the barricades—the side that's surely going to lose, because the workers are going to win—ed.)

More power to us

... I'd like to see a group that knew what it was doing, is active, and will work with other progressives.

... I feel that Fidel Castro showed a valuable example in making it possible for non-Communist radicals, to make a movement, which in co-operation with other radicals (e.g., the PSP) has brought socialism to his country.

... We haven't made our M-26-7 yet; some day, we must have a broad pro-

gressive movement free from sectarianism and past hates . . . a movement which is socialist—for a government of the workers.

You WW'ers seem to be involved in good struggles. More power to you.

Faternally, J. G., New York
P.S. The fact that WW supported the May Day rally is very encouraging to the cause of working class unity and cooperation on the Left.

(We're for the unity of all progressives, too—especially all progressives who want to abolish the reactionary capitalist system. — ed.)

Apologies to the lily

After having read your paper, *Workers World* (which I find most enlightening) I find myself rebelling against the reference—in two of your articles—to some white people as *lily-white*.

I did not neglect to detect the note of sarcasm, but if I may suggest—would not the expression *dead-white* be more appropriate? Why glamorize such people with so delicate and lovely a flower?

How else can we explain what they are doing to their darker brothers and sisters, if they are not just *dead-white* zombies of imperialism!

Mary A., New York

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CITY.....ZONE.....STATE.....

— Vilifies Afro-Americans

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At the dinner itself, the spectacle of this shining light of liberalism equating the Afro-American liberation struggle with Hitlerism, caused some little stir.

William Worthy answered him. So did Corliss Lamont and James Higgins, Assistant Editor of the York Gazette and Daily, toastmaster of the evening.

But the radical press so far has dealt very gently with Watts—either by keeping silent, or by taking all the poison out of the incident under cover of a "Dispute Over New Negro Mood" as is done in the May 8 *Militant*, in a story under that heading.

The article, which quotes Watts, explains that he took "exception to the advertisement in the strongest terms"—that he said the advertisement was a "serious disservice" and that it was "racist" in reverse. It adds, as though to justify its sacred-cow treatment of Watts, that he has an "impeccable record in advocating civil rights." (But Watts also advocates civil rights for fascists!) And the harshest thing it can find to say about Watts is a reference to "grave misjudgment."

Perhaps it is not so surprising that a bourgeois liberal like Watts should act so effectively as an ideological instrument of Big Business in opposing the resurgence of the Afro-American people.

But it is surprising that the so-called "leftists" should so quickly show a tendency to capitulate before this pernicious ideology.

Food for Thought

There were only about 40,000 members of the Bolshevik Party in June, 1917. This was just four months before the Bolsheviks led the Russian Revolution to victory, liberating 150 million people from hunger, illiteracy and industrial backwardness.

—In proportion to the populations, the Communist Parties of France and Italy have a hundred times as good a chance as the Bolsheviks had in 1917.

It is not a question of Watts' "grave misjudgment" that is involved. It is a question of Watts' fundamental opposition to the Afro-American liberation struggle. His remarks at the dinner can be understood in no other way, and the net effect of the *Militant* article is to cover this up.

Watts' stand on the "Declaration of Conscience" ad must be unequivocally condemned as *real* racism. The racism of the white-supremacist imperialist bourgeoisie. And since Watts is thought to have an "impeccable record" on civil rights, all the more is it necessary to expose him and the social grouping he represents.

Relief Chiselers

Washington, May 5—Secretary of the Treasury, Douglas Dillon told the House Ways and Means Committee today that taxpayers with high incomes would probably be among the chief beneficiaries of a proposed reduction in tax rates.

"I think those in high brackets deserve relief," he said.

Question for Kennedy

—And where were the demonstrations in Latin America favoring the invasion?

Benefit for Rob Williams

Robert F. Williams, editor of *The Crusader* and an outstanding leader of the Afro-American struggle, was honored by a Benefit Performance sponsored by the Crusaders For Freedom at the Jazz Gallery, on 8th Street near First Avenue in New York, on Sunday, May 7th.

Sylvester Leakes, of the Crusaders For Freedom, MC'd a program which featured such outstanding Progressive Jazz artists as, vocalist Abbie Lincoln, Max Roach and Charlie Mingus. Ozzie Davis, well known Broadway actor and

Group in L.A. Fights County Hall For Food — Calls Bigwig "Liar"

An inter-racial delegation of eleven men and women appeared on May 5 before the L.A. County Board of Supervisors demanding that they put in a request to the State for surplus food for the thousands of unemployed workers in the county. The delegation representing the Workers Action Committee, included both employed and unemployed workers and mothers of large families.

Mrs. Louise Merrill, speaking for the Committee, presented the Board with petitions bearing the signatures of over 700 people. The petitions demanded that the food be released NOW; that there be enough for *all* the unemployed; not only now, but whenever they should become unemployed again.

The first response of the Supervisors was to claim that they were much concerned about the unemployed and that they had already taken action on surplus food. Kenneth Hahn, a Supervisor whose territory included much of the area hard-hit by unemployment and who is considered a liberal by many people, made a hypocritical speech about the poor and the needy and the foolishness of having food rot in warehouses when anyone is hungry.

County Manager Holinger told the delegates that the Board had written a letter to the federal government asking it to include Los Angeles in a try-out food stamp plan scheduled to be carried out in six other cities in the country. To date there has been no answer from Washington.

Mrs. Merrill then spoke on the need for surplus food distribution.

"Many are hungry," she said, "and are forced to see their children hungry. Thousands more are struggling to avoid a complete break-down in their living standards. Many are losing their cars, or their furniture, seeing hundreds of hours of labor, that they put in to buy these things go down the drain."

This information obviously bored the \$21,000 a year Supervisors, who swung in their plush chairs and looked at each other. They began splintering up the discussion with questions of the individual delegates, evading the material presented.

Two of the women spoke of their own conditions. One was the mother of five children. She had been disqualified for aid by the State through an alleged infraction of the rules, and had until recently been eking out an existence from small payments from her ex-husband and the charity of private institutions. When both of the sources stopped, she had gone to the County Bureau of Public Assistance. They told her they could not help her.

The other woman told of trying to feed her children and grandchildren on a tiny pension. Hahn, in a lordly fashion told them both, "If you are in need you will be taken care of immediately—to-day! I'll see to it personally."

The Supervisors tried to close their meeting with assertions that no action was needed. An unemployed worker, Michael Margolies, then took the floor and blasted the Supervisors for their feeble excuses about expense.

"The county budget," he said, "is 513,000,000 dollars. I personally heard you two days ago, Mr. Hahn, talk about how each department pads its budget. How can you claim not to be able to find two and a half million dollars for the unemployed? You talk piously about conscience. I think you have no conscience!"

Hahn again evaded the issue and began to cross-question Margolies as to his exact address and other petty details.

"We are not on trial," said Margolies, "You are on trial." He branded as a lie Hahn's assertion that the Board had done everything it could for the unemployed.

Hahn then tried to separate Margolies from the rest of the group with ominous hints about "deliberate troublemakers." "I don't blame the rest of you people," he said, sweeping his hand before the delegation. Blame them or not, the Board refused to let them speak any further.

Before the Supervisors escaped, however, the two women who had stated their cases reminded Hahn of his promise and promptly received interviews and definite promises of aid. Members of the Workers Action Committee declared that the fight for surplus food had just begun in this county, and that anyone interested could call Louise Merrill at RE 1-3423.

Birch-osis

The John Birch Society has said that Eisenhower is a "communist."

By this reasoning, Barry Goldwater is "ultra-left," Joe McCarthy was a "liberal," and Hitler was a "conservative."

Lewin T. Griswold

March 3, 1927 — April 27, 1961

He was only thirty-four years old when he died. And yet for almost a decade of his total life's span, he had been fully absorbed with the most conscientious and unrelenting struggle for the socialist revolution. He was the very symbol of our cause, our hopes and aspirations.

Almost from the very first day that he came to us, he was recognized as a leader . . . and one of enormous potential.

Born in an epoch which enthrones greed and avarice, he was the very incarnation of selflessness.

In contemporary capitalistic society, brutality and corruption, venality and moral savagery are really virtues which are absolutely indispensable in maintaining the unrestrained domination of the possessing class over the mass of the subjugated and dispossessed.

Lewin T. Griswold came to us because he was in open rebellion against this monstrous social order. He was a pacifist before he became an exponent of revolutionary socialism, and he abandoned the former for the latter, not because of an abstract interest in novel ideas, but because he felt it to be an imperative necessity to work for the abolition of this capitalist system as the only road towards



a genuinely peaceful and better world.

It was indeed a joyous day when he came to us—like a ray of sunshine that had broken through the darkened skies. McCarthyism was clearly on the ascent and the successive waves of the witch-hunt seemed to crash on the mass of the people like avalanches which by their force crush not only the weak and submissive, but also many who appear strong and unyield-

ing. It was clearly not a time for timid souls.

But Lewin was brave and strong. He was like a rock. He derived his strength from his deep conviction in the socialist cause and his revolutionary determination to carry on the struggle for the oppressed with all the vigor he had.

He was an indefatigable organizer and exceptionally capable administrator.

In a young revolutionary workers organization these qualities are of inestimable value and frequently indispensable in the prosecution of its daily tasks.

But this is only a small measure of the man. It was the unique manner in which he executed his tasks amidst enormous difficulties, which endeared him to all who knew him. His quiet efficiency, modesty and unobtrusiveness, earned him the love, and respect of all his comrades and fellow workers, and set a beautiful example for all others to follow.

In everything he did his personality radiated gentleness and kindness.

Above everything else he was a revolutionist to the marrow of his bones. All who knew him got a glimpse of the future socialist man.

He Confessed His Perjury!

Witness in Molina Frame-Up Captured During Invasion of Cuba

When Humberto Triana was captured by the Castro forces on a beach in Cuba last month, the murder case against Francisco Molina in New York was blown sky-high.

Triana, the key prosecution witness against Molina, swore that he saw Molina with a pistol. Since his captivity, Triana has confessed to Cuban authorities that he lied at the trial under the instructions of the prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney Alexander Herman.

In addition, Triana admitted to the

fact that he and four others went to the El Prado Restaurant heavily armed with chains, knives and guns with the expressed purpose of stirring up provocation.

Molina, one of many victims of American capitalistic justice (an injustice within itself), was found guilty by an all white North American jury in the killing of a 9-year-old girl from Venezuela at the El Prado last September. Molina's trial, an unmistakable frame up with political undercurrents, was exploited by U.S. capitalists as a means of blackening the name of the Castro government.

Lincoln White, U.S. State Department spokesman, used the authority of his high position to convict Molina long before his trial by slanted statements about the case and the Cuban revolution.

S. L. Neuberger, Molina's lawyer, flew to Cuba to interview Triana with the view of exposing the frame-up engineered by the prosecution against the pro-Castro Molina.

The more publicity the Molina case gets, the clearer it becomes that the quasi-justice of the United States is class justice.

But this particular frame-up is so raw, with more and more people both at home and abroad seeing through it, that the capitalist courts will yet be compelled to set Molina free.

The Committee to Defend Francisco Molina charged that the jury's decision was shaped by the anti-Cuban hysteria promoted by the U.S. government and press.

The committee can be reached at 154 Nassau St., Room 832, N. Y. 38, N. Y., W.O. 2-2264.



A Letter From a Veteran

Dear Editor:

The constantly increasing depression conditions of the past three years are striking most heavily at the men and women in the age group 35 to 50—that is, at the veterans of World War II. These are the men who are denied new jobs because they are "too old," and who are threatened with loss of their homes and with pauperism.

Now it is time to remember—these men have a bunch of back pay coming—that is, payment for their services in World War Two.

The G.I. Bill of Rights, sponsored by the labor movement and enacted by the Roosevelt Administration, was intended to compensate some of the WW 2 veterans and increase their opportunities for a decent income as civilians.

The main feature of the G.I. Bill was government-financed college education, and this was a great thing—for the minority who were able to take advantage of it. However, to the great majority of veterans, a college degree was an impossible dream.

The veterans committees of several Ohio local unions, in the years 1946 and 1947, fought for the proposed legislative rider to the G.I. Bill that was intended to pay those veterans who, because of age, family responsibility, or lack of previous education, could not take the college training offered. This payment was to be in the form of a cash bonus equal to the estimated cost of four years of college at that time. This was estimated to be \$4,200 in 1946.

We veterans are still prepared to settle this back pay claim for \$4,200.

The hard money boys are always raising the alleged "difficult" question to any proposal that carries any substantial benefit to the working class. On this score, we want to point out first of all that the veterans have already paid many times over:

More than 313,000 American boys lost their lives all over the world and some fourteen million gave the best years of

their lives in what was supposed to make the world safe for the "Four Freedoms."

We all know that the world was not made safe for even one Freedom, but large sections of it were made safe for Wall Street—and not only safe, but unbelievably profitable.

Since 1950, billions of dollars in American capital have been invested in West Germany and Japan, and these billions are returning great profits to Wall Street.

Standard Oil of New Jersey alone took over 500 million net in 1960 out of the Middle East oil-fields that were saved for them from the Nazis.

Wall Street is collecting twice as much



Headlines in New York Daily News, April 22: Eichman Will Ask Aid of U.S. Cardinal; Cardona Calls on Pope to Appeal for Cuba Captives.

Watch Your Boss!

By Ray Durem

Adlai Stevenson, whose very name, whose appearance, whose every word suggested respectable integrity — has been double-crossed.

Adlai Stevenson, whose treatment at the hands of the gilt-edged Irishman from Boston, at the Los Angeles Convention, evoked sympathy from half the world—Adlai Stevenson, who, after the nomination had been knocked down to the highest bidder, crawled on his million-dollar knees to kiss the toe of the billion-dollar Nominee, and receive the nomination to the UN—has been betrayed by his patron.

The Spanish proverb says, "The Devil pays badly those who serve him well." Jack made a liar out of Adlai.

Stevenson was forced to stand on his liberal feet and pretend indignation at the charge of murder against Hamarskjold, when the whole world knows Lumumba was lynched by minions of the United States and Belgium, then acting in concert.

That lie of Adlai's, brazen as it was, at least was backed up by his superiors.

But in the case of the Cuban invasion, poor Adlai, after years of carefully cultivating an appearance of honesty, was betrayed by his boss. For days, he vividly denied every allegation of Roa and other UN delegates showing U.S. participation in the attack on Cuba. He denied pictures. He denied social security numbers. He denied house addresses. He denied and denied.

He acted like a lawyer defending a three-time loser with blood on his hands and the victim's watch on his wrist. But, he earned his pay. He lied badly, but he lied consistently.

Then, like Van Doren, he was betrayed by his sponsor!

The billionaire betrayed the millionaire. Kennedy, caught with the meat

interest on their war bonds (9 billion dollars!) as they were ten years ago.

Even the "defeated enemy" — West Germany — is demanding the return of two hundred million dollars seized in this country to its former Nazi war criminals, like Krupp.

In other words, the real "victor" in WW 2 was Wall Street, and it is now reaping the fruits of that "victory." For this reason, let it pay the debt to the veterans.

Veterans — raise the demand now for payment of your service so long overdue. Organize and reactivate the veterans committees in every local union and show the government that we mean business!

The question of where the money is to come from is no problem. Simply take some from those who have too much, and give it to those who have nothing.

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in his mouth, admitted the caper. Kennedy copped a plea—with a juvenile air of bluster, true. But he confessed, even boasted a bit.

Where does this leave the paid liar? What does the future hold for this international perjurer? Will he go to join Van Doren in his cell of humiliation? Will he weep, and confess? Is this the end, the Anthony Eden end of a long career?

Nothing so sad, nothing so tragic.

The rumor on Madison Avenue is that Adlai Stevenson has received eleven offers from cigarette companies to lecture on the theme that lung cancer is caused by shorter hours and higher pay. The butter people are offering fifty thousand dollars a year to say that oleomargarine is poison, and the oleo people offer sixty thousand if he will deliver a slightly different script.

There is a lesson here for our youth. If you love your fellow men, if you don't cheat, don't steal, don't lie; if you work hard, study and tell the truth—you may end up in the electric chair, as did the Rosenbergs.

So lie and steal — but cultivate a righteous air, a pontifical expression—and you, too, may get a big sponsor, a quiz program. You may become a big advertising director, or if you have soulful eyes and a high forehead, you may become a United States Ambassador to the United Nations. But whether you are a brain on quiz programs or Ambassador to the UN, watch your boss.

If it gets too hot for him, he will throw you to the wolves.

Vancouver Reporter

Vancouver, British Columbia — Hearing Robert Williams was a revelation indeed, of the true facts of Cuba and its heroic revolutionaries. A man who was actually there to see and hear with his own eyes makes a big difference with a lot of people from "out yonder."

A very commendable crowd turned out to hear him. I was struck by the unusual number of Chinese who attended and appeared to be very enthused with Williams' discourse on Cuba.

One point Williams brought out which was salient to me and one which made me chuckle inwardly, was the sincere and earnest effort the revolutionary Cuban Government made to buy the big business corporations, such as the electrical power, telephone, sugar factories, oil concerns and the like.

They tried everything from floating bonds, to payment in sugar, to purchasing these corporations "legally and fairly," but no matter what proposals they made, they were refused by the corporation owners.

The culmination was a government act in council to seize them for nationalization. I was particularly interested in this fact because the labor movement here is full of people who consider themselves radical as all-get-out and want to see a change in government—a socialist government—but they want a "fair and square change," where they will pay the capitalists for taking over the means of production. It has always slain me, that people can be so naive.

The CCF here had as their main plank in the last election, taking over the British Columbia Power Corporation and paying them adequately for doing so. One wonders what the CCF will do when and if they actually offer payment and are refused.

There are a lot of shareholders in B.C. Power throughout the world and they wouldn't take kindly to having their personal profits taken away from them — even by "fair" means.

Another matter of interest to me, was the fact that the trade unions of Cuba work hand-in-hand with the Cuban Government, which is as it should be, for real worker's democracy.