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Against Racist Cops and the Klan — Afro-Americans FIGHT BACK!

World Crisis Shifts to Far East

By Ana Kezman

The world crisis shifted to the Far East once again. This was revealed in three significant events which clearly demonstrates the growing weakness of U.S. imperialist influence and the gathering momentum of revolutionary struggle on the part of the Far Eastern masses.

In Japan the working class scored a momentous victory when the reactionary pro-U.S. government of Hayato Ikeda was forced to abandon a so-called Anti-Riot Act aimed at suppression of mass demonstrations and picketing. The victory was gained when hundreds of thousands of students and workers defied steel-helmeted police and demonstrated in front of the Parliament building in Tokyo and other large cities in Japan.

Many hundreds were wounded and an untold number hospitalized. But in the end the Ikeda clique of bankers and big business interests were forced to capitulate to a tremendous mass pressure exerted by the students and workers in the streets of Japan's principal cities.

In South Korea, the rising tide of mass discontent, born out of incredible poverty and unbearable suffering of the masses, has reached such proportions, that only the most naked and brutal military dictatorship can contain it.

The admission in an AP dispatch from Seoul dated June 6th that "a handful of officers today decreed an absolute military dictatorship" and arrogated to itself "ALL judicial, legislative and extensive powers," is the most damaging evidence of the complete inability of Wall Street's Korean puppets to rule over the South Korean masses. Only the military might of the U.S. stands in the way of the popular revolution and the unification of North and South Korea.

In southeast Asia, the measure of imperialist influence was shown in that

even in "quiet" Thailand the puppet government was forced to suspend the parliamentary immunity of the only two progressive representatives in its so-called "parliament" and execute them as a preventive measure against mass revolt.



"And if they had just been patient and WAITED FOR 30 TO 40 YEARS, one of them might even have become PRESIDENT!"

In Los Angeles, Oppressed Call Showdown with Cops Who Have Violated Their Human Rights for Years

(See Page 4 for story of the fighting in Montgomery which racist press and King supporters concealed!)

Los Angeles—A new day is dawning in the liberation struggle. While some are heroically but passively taking the blows of the oppressor, others are taking to the street to challenge the oppressor's savage rule in the only way that works.

In Los Angeles on Memorial Day, the Afro-American people themselves, prevented the barbarous arrest of an Afro-

American child by a white-supremacist cop for the alleged "crime" of riding a merry-go-round without paying the dime—in Griffith Park.

A crowd of black people picnicking, rushed to the boy's defense and helped him escape. The police then raised their clubs against the Afro-American people who, rather than turn the other cheek, bravely fought back and succeeded in routing the 10 cops on the scene.

The police—only after getting the aid of 65 reinforcements—finally got the upper hand and arrested three young people at the scene. They even picked up an additional two men elsewhere—later—for merely admitting they were in the park that day.

Two young men, Willie Jones, 22, and Andrew McLemore, 18, having allegedly "incited" the crowd against the police, are being accused of—lynching!!!

Here is something that defies description, outrages all sense of decency and reason. California has had this lynch law for generations. No living man recalls it being used against anyone. Now it is used against the first people it should protect—the Afro-Americans!

Freedom Riders are being beaten with chains, clubs and blackjacks. Policemen, Sheriffs, Judges, Senators, Governors—and Northern newspapers, too—are openly condoning the violence against

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LOS ANGELES

The Workers Action Committee of Los Angeles, prominent in the campaign for surplus food for the unemployed, is holding a PROTEST MEETING against the framing of Jones and McLemore.

Mrs. Pat Alexander, editor of the *Herald-Dispatch*, is guest speaker.

The meeting is on Saturday, June 10 at the Clark Hotel.

Another Foul Blow at Freedom

The Supreme Court has just hit the 170-year-old Bill of Rights below the belt in the worst civil liberties decision in many years. It has upheld (by a 5-4 decision) the constitutionality of the infamous thought-control Internal Security Act of 1950 and reaffirmed the noxious Smith Gag Act—with particular force against the already persecuted Communist Party.

The full impact of this ruling upon whatever democratic rights are still left in the United States, was summed up by dissenting Justice Black:

The first banning of an opposition party, he said, "marks a fateful moment in the history

of a free country. That moment seems to have arrived in this country."

These are the measured words of one of the more liberal pillars of the capitalist system itself. Restrained and moderate, as befitting the language of a Supreme Court Justice, these words are all the more grim and ominous.

This is indeed a fateful moment. Significantly, it comes at about the same time the President of the United States openly threatens a world war over Berlin at his "peace" talk in Vienna.

The two events are related in politics as well as time. The Big Business interests who dominate the United States can no longer rule in the old

"democratic" way. They are bent on destroying anything that gets in the way of their domination of the earth, be it a political party at home, or the rising African and Latin American revolutions abroad.

They will fail utterly in the long run. But in the meantime, they are doing their best to erect the "legal" and "constitutional" framework for a—police state.

Let us take the opportunity to remind our hysterical bosses that the most famous police states—beside Hitler Germany—were Czarist Russia, Nationalist China, and Batista's Cuba.

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Racist U.S. Troops to South?

For a couple of days last month, it appeared to some that Kennedy might be seriously considering real intervention on the side of the Afro-Americans in the South.

He did actually dispatch some 500 specially deputized "marshals," presumably to protect the Freedom Riders. But the whole thing now stands exposed as a fraud from start to finish, and even as a maneuver against the Afro-American people as revealed by the *Herald-Dispatch* (which we quote in this issue).

What should be the position of the fighters for Black Liberation on the whole question of Federal troops in such cases?

Naturally, where Federal officers are forced to protect black freedom fighters, this protection should be accepted and taken advantage of. But on the basis of the record, including the recent record in Little Rock and Montgomery, one would have to be a fool to depend upon Federal protection.

The oppressed cannot depend upon the good will of the oppressor. And it cannot take more than a tactical advantage of a split in the oppressor's ranks. In the long run, those who want freedom must themselves strike the blow.

Even during the Civil War, itself,

when the whole United States Army was occupied in fighting the army of the reactionary slaveholding Confederacy, the Afro-American people could not depend upon the undivided support of the Northern troops.

How then can the oppressed depend upon such a support now, when the Northern rulers have no need or desire to crush the Southern rulers as they did in 1861-65?

Moreover, the struggle of the oppressed today, though less bloody, is more revolutionary than that of the Civil War. The Afro-American people themselves are taking up the battle for freedom, for full and real freedom against the Southern aristocracy. And this aristocracy is tied more closely to Northern capital than it ever was before the Civil War.

The more surely the fight is for equality (and not just for token integration), then the more surely the Northern liberals will doublecross the fight, and the more certainly the Northern troops will be used as "democratic" window-dressing at best, and as outright butchers of the oppressed at worst.

The first requirement for Black Freedom is therefore, self defense — armed, organized and collective self defense.

Kennedy's Vienna "Peace" Talk

In Paris, Kennedy and de Gaulle agreed they would go to war with the Soviet Union over West Berlin.

In Vienna, Kennedy reminded Khrushchev that the United States imperialists fought two world wars over the fate of Western Europe.

(West Berlin, by the way, is in *East-ern Europe*. It is 110 miles east of West Germany. It is a capitalist island surrounded by the workers republic of East Germany.)

In London, Kennedy assured Mac-Millan that he didn't "give anything"

to Khrushchev. The assurance was hardly necessary.

Khrushchev called the talks with Kennedy a "good beginning." But any optimism he might have about Kennedy is not warranted.

Kennedy's policy is to "contain"—and not only to contain, but to push back, and if possible, to smash—Communism.

It is the armed power of the Soviet Union, its allies, and the revolutionary threat from the colonial countries and the working class of the world which comprise the real deterrent to imperialism—not the good will of Kennedy.

Phony Tears for Nazi Victims

The revelations at the Eichmann trial prove again, if any proof is needed, that the Hitler regime was horrible and barbaric.

It was even worse than the Belgian regime in the Congo—in some respects—and worse than the British regime in India and the U.S. regime in the South in other respects. It slaughtered more innocent people in a shorter time than any of these (Always excepting U.S. capitalist white supremacy's cremation of 100,000 men, women and children in one day at Hiroshima!)

But let us ask the indignant American capitalists why Krupp, the main financial backer of Hitler is not even in jail today, and why the American Occupation authority broke its own rules to allow Krupp to keep his huge indus-

trial empire intact?

Their indignation over Eichmann is about as genuine and about as effective against persecution of minorities—as their indignation over the recent outrages in Alabama and Mississippi.

The truth is that in both cases, they are on the side of the oppressor.

They don't give a damn how many Afro-Americans the racists kill—if only it wouldn't stir up the Africans, Indians, etc. to rebel against the rule of the dollar.

And they never really gave a damn over how many Jews Hitler killed either. They only went to war against Hitler when Hitler went "too far" and tried to take over their African and Indian colonies for the expansion of German capitalism.

Solidarity Against the Witch Hunt!

(Copy of telegram sent on June 7, 1961)

Gus Hall

Secretary-General, Communist Party, USA

23 West 26 Street NY NY

Supreme Court decision against Communist Party is a foul blow against civil liberties and against the working class. Congratulations on your statement to the press and your refusal to be intimidated. We pledge our all out solidarity in the crucial struggle to defeat the combined forces of reaction.

Political Committee

Workers World Party

Sam Marcy, Chairman

Report Imperialist Plot To Use P.R. Mercenaries in Cuba

Are Puerto Ricans being recruited for the next U.S. intervention into Cuba?

That is the news from several usually reliable sources. And considering the brazen tactics of the CIA and Kennedy's other henchmen in the past, it is very probably true.

There are tens of thousands of Puerto Ricans unemployed—both in New York and in Puerto Rico. They are being "conditioned" to join the next invasion.

The Spanish language radio in New York is blaring anti-Cuban propaganda daily. And in Puerto Rico itself, the U.S. propaganda is blanketing the country.

Puerto Rican peasant women who have never heard of Trujillo, Batista, or Machado are suddenly very well informed on what a "monster" and "devil" Fidel Castro is! Puerto Rican youth in New York who are not lucky enough to be the wage-slaves of Wall Street, are being told day and night that the now-independent Cubans are all slaves of Castro.

This kind of Puerto Rican is not real-

ly thinking—yet. But there is another kind of Puerto Rican who is. The Puerto Rican who wants to liberate his country as Cuba was liberated. He does not want the "benefits" of U.S. rule or U.S. second-class citizenship. He wants self-determination and independence.

This kind of Puerto Rican will preach this message to his countrymen. He will tell them what really happened in Cuba and explain why Puerto Rico must also take the Cuban road to freedom.

The voice of this Puerto Rican does not go out on the powerful wave-lengths of expensive radio stations financed by the government of Big Business. But that voice will yet prevail in Puerto Rico.

Any attempt to use Puerto Ricans instead of counter-revolutionary Cubans, even if it is backed up by ten times the U.S. air power than the last invasion was—will fail ignominiously.

—Not only that. It will also provide the starting point for a new stage of the Puerto Rican independence struggle.

MAIL BAG

Answers ACLU aide

May 23, 1961

Dear Editor:

Since your paper covered more extensively than any other the charge of racism by Rowland Watts, Esq. against the signers of the Afro-American Declaration of Conscience on Cuba, it seems appropriate to make the reply to his explanation in your columns. . . .

Rowland Watts has adopted the discredited old thesis of the American Socialist Party in his argument. As you know the Socialists always argued that Afro-Americans did not have a special problem. When the liberation of the workers, generally, occurred the Afro-Americans would be free also. The thousands of lynchings of black people since 'freedom,' the endemic discrimination against them in unions and by employers, current events in Alabama, all reveal the inanity of this position.

Does he seriously ask Afro-Americans to plead guilty for the perpetration of these crimes? Does he not know that the most abject Uncle Toms have suffered on account of their race and class? In a way this supports Governor Patterson's charge that the "Freedom Riders" are being beaten because they are 'provocative.'

Nevertheless, Rowland Watts is consistent if he can make the charge stick that militant Afro-Americans who put the struggle for liberation ahead of loyalty to their own ruling class are fascists.

It is the linking of the fight of the oppressed in other countries with our fight here that infuriates Watts. He thinks it is a stab in the back of the U.S. government for us to give prior allegiance to the cause of the revolutionary peoples throughout the world.

It would be interesting to know his response to the stewardship this gov-

ernment gives to fascist regimes throughout the Western as well as the Eastern hemisphere. South Korea is the latest edifying example.

Unfortunately, for Watts, almost no one outside of this country regards militant Afro-Americans as fascists. Can you imagine the hoots of derision if the learned Watts were to try to peddle this garbage before a university or labor audience in England, Brazil, France or even West Germany?

All I can say to our esteemed civil liberties fighter is that he is performing yeoman service for the reactionaries. If he can only make his charge stick that we Afro-Americans are the real fascists then any repressive measures the American government may take to quell the rising revolutionary upsurge of my people can be justified.

Sincerely,
Conrad Lynn

Criminal should pay

Dear Editor:

In addition to the tractor deal, President Kennedy should give his fortune as reparation for the Cuban lives his self-assumed, undemocratic, dictatorial action killed.

If it were 100 Kennedys, he would certainly value them highly, and I feel that every Cuban life is as valuable as any Kennedy's.

A poor criminal who kills one is not spared and a rich criminal whose personal action causes the death of 100 should pay the price too.

If this man does not show some genuine repentance or remorse in some way, I certainly feel that he will be capable of even greater folly and killing of humans in unprecedented numbers!

This is usually the case of the ordinary criminal not brought to justice—and a war criminal should be just the same.

G. K. M., Miami

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—Afro-Americans Fight Back

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Afro-American people and condemning the passive and peaceful protest of black and white Freedom Riders as a "provocation." No racist in Alabama or Mississippi has been accused of lynching.

But in Los Angeles, center of so-called U.S. civilization, show-place of the Western world, and by no stretch of the imagination any kind of "Southern" city, someone is accused of lynching. And who is accused but the chief victims of the lynchings!

Anyone who believes after this, that the U.S. white supremacist system is capable of reforming itself, is a fool.

Anyone who believes after this, that the decadent capitalist North is going to seriously try to force the super-decadent capitalist South to desegregate is also a fool.

And whoever else is a fool, the Afro-American people are not. The suppressed truth about Montgomery is that the people fought back and where they did not do so, they tried to fight back. Neither in Montgomery nor anywhere else do the oppressed masses lie down at the feet of those who attack them.

And sure enough, the Griffith Park crowd in Los Angeles did not pause to pray, but did what came naturally.

Trujillo's Death Brings Hope of Freedom As Dominican Oppression Gets Worse

New York, May 31—The following is a statement issued by the Dominican Liberation Movement and its affiliated organizations upon the assassination of Rafael Trujillo, dictator of the Dominican Republic:

"As of this date, the death of Trujillo has caused no change in the dictatorial government which oppresses the Dominican people. President Joaquin Balaguer has been a puppet of Trujillo. We expect no more from him than from his late master.

"As a result of Trujillo's death even more terror has befallen our enslaved

nation. Unless this reign of terror ceases, we fear that within a short time a bloody revolt may take place.

"The Dominican Liberation Movement is confident that the Dominican people will increase their efforts to bring freedom to the Dominican Republic and urges them to be on guard in this critical and decisive moment of our history."



Newest Frontier?

today parading in different parts of Africa under the guise of the ICFTU? The ICFTU is an organization dedicated to the destruction of Pan-Africanism!"

Mr. Onyia pointed out that the ICFTU was recently expelled from Singapore for corrupting trade unionists there and steps are now being taken to throw them out of Sierra Leone, Malaya, and even Tunisia—in the same way that Ghana did.

Mr. Onyia revealed that because of a clash of interests in Africa, an inter-imperialist rivalry between Britain and America now exists within the framework of ICFTU.

Mr. Onyia condemned the Nigerian Federal Government for condoning the colonial wage structure, and called on progressive trade unionists in Africa to continue the fight against imperialism, and thus free their continent from exploiters and greedy capitalists.

"The ICFTU is not your friend but an agent of these shameless capitalists," he said.

UAR Aid to Gizenga

Cairo, May 20 — The newspaper Al Ahran today reported that the health ministry of the United Arab Republic had decided to send 13 physicians to the Congo, in answer to a request of the legitimate Congolese government headed by Antoine Gizenga.

The newspaper said that large quantities of medical supplies were donated by pharmacies in the U.A.R. and that "these medicines will be handed over to the Congolese government in Stanleyville."

Nigerian Trade Union Leader Exposes ICFTU As Nothing But Agent of Western Capitalists

Editor's note:—In a dispatch from Nigeria published in the May 13, 1960 issue of W. W., our correspondent warned that the so-called "International Confederation of Free Trade Unions" was nothing more than a tool of Western imperialism, whose sole purpose is to divide and confuse the workers of Nigeria (and indeed of all Africa), and thus keep Africa firmly in the grip of Western monopoly finance capital.

Mr. James described some of the activities of Nigerian Trade Unionists Michael Imodu and Gogo Chu Nzeribe, members of the Nigerian Trades Union Congress, in their struggle against the imperialist dominated ICFTU.

In the following dispatch, our correspondent relates some highlights of this struggle by another trade unionist—Robert Onyia. There appears to be a deepening and sharpening of the anti-imperialist spirit in Nigeria, and the labor movement, although still conservative in words, is rapidly gathering its forces for some very forceful actions.

Ibadan, Nigeria — "What stake does the so-called 'International Confederation of Free Trade Unions' (ICFTU) have in Africa?"

This important question was raised by a prominent Nigerian Trade Unionist, Mr. Robert Onyia, an executive member of the Nigerian Trades Union Con-

By Abraham James
(Special to Workers World)

gress, in an article published in the Nigerian Daily Times.

The simple answer he gave was that the ICFTU is in Africa to protect the imperialist interests of the Western Powers.

Mr. Onyia charged the ICFTU with hypocrisy in stating that they favor the industrialization of Africa. For "how can the ICFTU support the idea of the full industrialization of Africa when the fate of the Western Powers largely depends on their export trade with their traditional market—Africa?"

He also pointed out that the ICFTU has done nothing to free the exploited Congo workers from the clutches of their Belgian, American, and British mining lords in Katanga.

The ICFTU, continued Mr. Onyia, has done nothing to obviate the cruel anomalies that exist in the old colonial system of exploiting workers, but merely tries to keep African workers loyal to the traditional Western colonial exploitation of Africa. To this end, bribery as well as other sinister methods are employed.

Mr. Onyia then made a telling point: "The real function of the ICFTU is to fight the growing tendency towards

the formation of a Pan-African Trades Union Federation. For the avowed aim of such a Federation is the overthrow of the colonial wage structure in Africa."

Mr. Onyia continued: "Pan-Africanism is incompatible with Western alignment as represented by affiliation with ICFTU. Pan-Africanism is the only answer to the numerous obnoxious relics bequeathed by the departing imperialists in Africa. Pan-Africanism is what the ICFTU is fighting against!"

Another question was asked by Mr. Onyia:

"Can the ICFTU champion or actively support an agitation among workers that will ensure that foreign firms in Nigeria pay a fairer share of their fabulous profits in salaries to the workers?"

"Surely they cannot," he said, and added that this was because the French, British, Belgians, and Americans who are the owners of these firms are the same people financing the ICFTU.

He gave, as an example, that the ICFTU is against nationalizing the foreign controlled Nigerian tin mines—even though this step would help not only the impoverished tin miners, but would aid the economic development of the country as a whole.

He further asked: "How many diplomats and spies of the NATO powers are

Molina Supporters Picket In Front of U.S. Court House

By George Fitzpatrick

The Committee to Defend Francisco Molina struck a strong blow for civil liberties and against the war plots of capitalism on Friday May 26th.

For nearly three hours it picketed the Federal Court House in New York, with 170 aiding the action. North Americans, Puerto Ricans, Afro-Americans, Cubans and Dominicans marched outside the Court as Molina's fate was being debated inside. This was the first such picketing in many years.

Francisco Molina, a young Cuban, was framed up as a result of a 9 year old Venezuelan girl dying from a stray bullet fired in El Prado Restaurant in New York at the time of Fidel Castro's visit to the U.N. last September. The restaurant had been invaded by a group of counter-revolutionary thugs, armed with chains, knives and other weapons, who proceeded to provoke a fight with the Fidelistas who frequent the restaurant.

One "witness" against Molina, Humberto Triana, captured during the C.I.A. sponsored invasion of Cuba, has admitted he lied his head off for his Yankee imperialist masters.

The sentencing of Molina, which had been the occasion for the line, was delayed until June 23rd. Some on the line could not help but think back to another June eight years ago and to other picket lines—to Julius and Ethel Rosenberg murdered by Wall Street's government on June 18th, 1953—to Morton Sobell, the brilliant young scientist, who still rots in jail as a result of that blood-thirsty effort to whip up hysterical support for U.S. imperialism's rape of Ko-

rea.

Now it is Molina and Cuba. This time, however, the price shall not be the life of another frame-up victim!

The Committee to Defend Francisco Molina is located at 154 Nassau Street (Room 832), New York 38, N.Y. Phone WO 2-2264.

District 65 Rank and File Committee Unequivocally Condemns Invasion of Cuba

By R. G. Lieder

An encouraging sign of a militant anti-imperialist tendency within the labor movement appeared in the form of a leaflet sponsored by the District 65 Rank and File Committee.

(District 65 is a progressive local of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, AFL-CIO in New York City. The membership is largely Puerto Rican and Afro-American.)

The leaflet was an unconditional condemnation of U.S. imperialism's recent invasion of Cuba. It warned of the possibility of another attack by the frenzied imperialists, and called on the membership of District 65 to "get together and demand that our union publicly, honestly and unequivocally oppose any invasion of Cuba or any other country."

Of particular significance was the Committee's assertion that the supposedly "liberal," "pro-labor" Kennedy is

just as much on the side of U.S. imperialism as is Nixon and the Republicans. The leaflet says:

"Kennedy, whom our union supported as being pro-labor, has involved and is planning to further involve our country in a war against Cuba and other peace-loving countries. The abortive invasion of Cuba by the CIA was fully engineered, supported and carried out by the Kennedy imperialist administration; it is clear, therefore, that there is no separation between the CIA and the administration."

This characterization of Kennedy as a servant of Wall Street imperialism was advanced by Workers World from the very first moment Kennedy declared himself to be a candidate for the Presidency. It is clear that this characterization is gaining acceptance with some of the more class-conscious segments of the labor movement.



Together at Last!

The Shirt on His Back

When you read that Vice President Lyndon Johnson bought 82 silk shirts at Hong Kong's swanky "Dynasty Shop" the other day, you probably figured that Jimerow Johnson was getting on the right side of the Hong Kong businessmen with this magnificent purchase and its neat little profit for somebody.

—Maybe so. But it seems that the biggest stockholder in this oriental "Dynasty Shop" is none other than the 100 per cent American Rockefeller family!

Who Sent Them There?

As of May 31, there have been 18 U.S. civilian and military personnel killed in the civil war in LAOS.

"M. L. King Can't Stop Afro-Americans; They'll Arm for Defense"—Herald Dispatch

Afro-Americans in Alabama are ready to fight back *right now*.

The real reason Kennedy sent his 400 tin-horn deputies down to Montgomery last month was *not* to protect 1,500 supposedly sheep-like Afro-American people saying their prayers in church to the armed thugs of capitalist hate supremacy outside.

The real reason was because the Afro-Americans in Montgomery — in the church itself—had decided to arm and defend themselves against the violence.

The real reason was because Kennedy wanted to protect capitalist white supremacy from its own Pattersons and Barnetts who can destroy that supremacy by their extreme provocative actions.

The real reason was because Kennedy had the evidence that the racist violence in Alabama had already aroused the Afro-American community to fight back.

We are indebted to the May 25 Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch for the follow-

ing report which came direct from Montgomery, Alabama:

"Following the violent beatings the Freedom Riders got from the organized Nazis right under the noses of the Police Department, and attacks by the same group on peaceful Afro-American citizens, Attorney General Kennedy asked Governor Patterson to protect the Freedom Riders.

"However, when Washington was informed that Afro-American citizens had mobilized, armed themselves for defense against the organized and well armed KKK gang, he immediately dispatched more than 400 Federal troops and flew in the Rev. Martin Luther King to pacify the Afro-Americans while the troops prevented them from defending themselves.

"Rev King, although he had not been invited nor was he involved in the meeting which was planned by Rev. Abernathy and Rev. Shuttleworth, took

charge of the meeting under the protection of Federal troops, became the spokesman, with the white press recording his every word, and urged our people to be patient and turn the other cheek, not to fight back.

"Mr. Kennedy has asked the Freedom Riders not to continue their ride, thus giving in to the mob who attacked the peaceful citizens . . . Afro-Americans here are determined, despite King, to defend themselves."

As if to prove the Herald-Dispatch's charges were correct, the Southern Regional Council (one of the leaders of the Council is Martin Luther King himself) issued a special report on May 25 which pleaded with the ruling class to peacefully desegregate before "extremist" groups compelled the rulers to go much further.

"There are those who regard the Freedom Riders as 'extremists.' It would be more intelligent to realize that they

are pointing out to the South what must be done, and done quickly, if we are to forestall the emergence into power of real genuine extremists. . . .

"If white Southerners have any good sense, the Freedom Ride will not have to be a truly extremist group next year—and there are such lurking in the wings."

In the same statement, the Southern Regional Council praised the intervention of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and his 400 phony marshalls—the same intervention which the Herald-Dispatch clearly exposed as a maneuver to throttle Black Liberation rather than to facilitate it.

As for the role of Martin Luther King personally, the Herald-Dispatch comments in a separate editorial as follows:

"Upon learning that the Afro-Americans planned to fight back, the arch-enemy of the Afro-American, Rev. Martin Luther King, was flown into Montgomery to preach non-violence and non-resistance to the beleaguered people. King thus has placed himself squarely on the side of the evil Fascists who are roaming the streets in the South looking for non-whites to attack."

Montgomery DID Fight Back

—Another Paper Reveals

The Pittsburgh Courier of June 3 reports that:

"Montgomery Afro-Americans — some of them—showed that they were tired of turning the other cheek and gave battle to the white hoodlums assaulting them."

The Courier's reporter in Montgomery comments on the racist-inspired gang attacks on Afro-Americans and describes the militant opposition of the oppressed "in contravention of the non-violent doctrine taught by Martin Luther King."

"Groups of Afro-Americans stocked up piles of bricks at the four corners of the streets and from about 3 A.M. until the arrival of several truckloads of deputy marshalls, every white who ventured past was the target of flying bricks hurled into autos and at individuals.

"The whites swiftly fled the area."

This not only proves that the masses of Montgomery are less pacifistically inclined than the King leadership would have us believe. It also proves that Kennedy's phony marshalls were more viciously occupied than just being shepherds of the Lord at Martin Luther King's church!

After 100 Years . . .

On April 18, a measure was introduced in the House of Representatives which would have prevented the Civil War Centennial Commission from using a \$75,000 congressional allotment for programs or activities which were segregated.

The measure was overwhelmingly defeated.

Spectre of Communism in Brazil Haunts Western Capitalist Rulers

By Eleanor Stephens

The capitalist rulers of the Western Hemisphere are haunted by the fear that the Cuban Revolution will spread, and "the Andes become the Sierra Maestra of the Americas." They are particularly haunted by the spectre of Communism in Brazil.

Brazil, half the land mass of South America, with a population of nearly 70 millions, now has all the elements to make the coming revolutionary explosion. Economic crisis, raging inflation, an aroused and organized peasantry, and a young and militant industrial working class — these are the elements of the great powder keg. The Cuban Revolution, over a thousand miles away, is the fuse.

When Janio Quadros became President on January 31, he had to face the accumulated evils of 460 years of slavery and inhuman exploitation. But on top of that, he confronts the insoluble contradictions of Brazil's belated and explosive entrance into the arena of capitalist development—a development which got up steam only five years ago.

Until 1955, coffee was undisputed king in Brazil. The coffee barons garnered 60 per cent of the country's income. They owned vast tracts of the most valuable land. And they always owned the Brazilian governments, too.

Every government has been crippled by the immense subsidies paid annually

to the all-powerful coffee growers. These price supports cost the workers of Brazil approximately \$200 million a year. (At the beginning of this year, the Brazilian government owned, and couldn't sell, 50 million bags of coffee, which is more than twice Brazil's yearly export.) But the power of the coffee kings has been so great that no government dares to cut their subsidies.

So far, Quadros is no exception.

However, new industries have mushroomed up in the last five years, challenging the power of the coffee kings.

Lured by the promise of cheap wages (the per capita income of 20 million people in Brazil is between \$50 and \$100 a year), capital from all over the world (though most of it from the U.S.) comes pouring in. Kubitschek, Quadros' predecessor, engineered this influx of capital, promising "Fifty years of Progress in five years."

This capital has built thousands of miles of modern highways through the jungles, vast power and irrigation projects, and the \$500 million city of Brasilia

in the heart of the jungle. New auto plants now make Brazil the first auto producer in Latin America, and the 9th largest in the world.

But this frenzied activity, grafted onto a semi-feudal economy, and coming too late in history for a rational development, has not meant 50 years of progress. Instead it funneled 50 years of inflation, speculation, and bankruptcy into half a decade.

At the same time, workers and peasants gained fifty years of experience in five years! Peasant Leagues in the northeast states of Pernambuco and Paaiba are not content with the traditional demand for land redistribution. They don't think the way peasants are "supposed to." They call themselves Marxist.

"They advocate a program of land seizure and strong Communist leadership similar to the steps taken by the Castro regime in Cuba." — New York Times, May 28.

The factory workers created by the new capital make Brazil's proletariat 17 million strong. Their militancy won them across-the-board wage increases of 40 per cent in the 1960 strikes. They, too, are Fidelistas!

Small wonder the capitalist rulers are afraid! Small wonder Janio Quadros makes grandiose promises of new hospitals, rural housing and education! Small wonder the U.S. capitalist class is scurrying to get a \$70,000,000 loan to Quadros in double-quick time!

Puerto Rican 'M 21' Fighters Picket Munoz Marin in N. Y.

New York, June 3 — Revolutionary fighters for Puerto Rico's independence picketed the Hotel Commodore for two hours here tonight, demanding immediate independence for Puerto Rico.

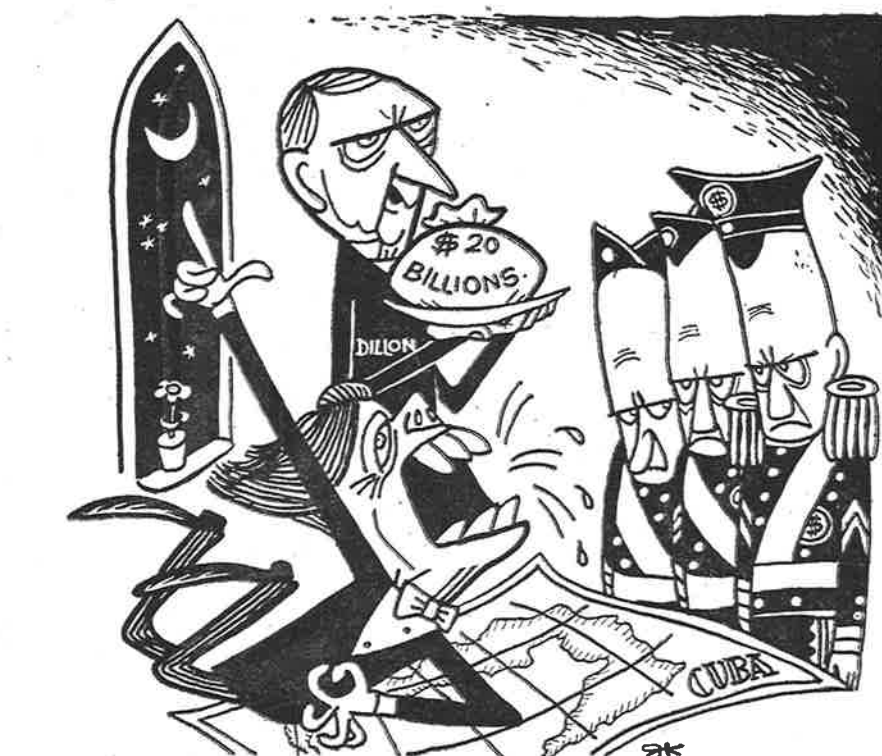
Led by the 21st of March Movement, and called out on less than a day's notice, the group literally stunned thousands of 42nd Street passersby as they marched 'round and 'round like tigers, and roared their defiant slogans to the crowds.

Within the Hotel Commodore was Munoz Marin, U.S. puppet Governor-General of Puerto Rico, principal Puerto Rican champion of colonialism, hav-

ing a banquet with New York's Mayor, Robert F. Wagner, Jr.

Many of the picket signs called Munoz a traitor. Many of the pickets shouted imprecations into the lobby of the swank hotel. Again and again the chant of "We Want Freedom" filled the air. "Get the Marines Out of Puerto Rico!" they yelled. "Down With the Yankee Gestapo! Down With the FBI! Give Us Freedom and We'll Go Home! Liberty or Death!" they shouted, individually and collectively.

The spirit was not "radical." It was revolutionary.



"All right. So you couldn't land on Cuba. But what the hell is stopping you from landing on that goddam moon?"

Molina Defense Meeting

Friday, June 16 8 PM

Cornish Arms Hotel

Hear William Worthy

Foreign Correspondent, Baltimore Afro-American

Air-Conditioned Hall

23rd at 8th Ave.