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## Kennedy Threatens New A-Tests In Move To Step Up War Fever

### What's Behind the Berlin Crisis?

It would be a surprise to most Americans to learn that the U.S. has spent more than a billion dollars over the past three years to keep West Berlin as an outpost of American imperialism. This is more money than they have allotted for the entire federal aid to education program during this period of time.

ver defeats it has suffered on the world the territory of the East German Democratic Republic (GDR), a fact not frequently alluded to in the capitalist press. The truth of the matter is that the GDR is more popular now than at any time in its history. It has gained the confidence of the vast majority of workers and poorer people generally, and is constantly increasing the standard of living of the people as a whole.

The Pentagon and the C.I.A. are not spending hundreds of millions of U.S. taxpayers money in Berlin to safeguard freedom. If they were interested in spending money for freedom they could easily find ways and means of doing it in Mississippi, Alabama, and New York. But the banker-generals who are so tight-fisted when it comes to spending a single dollar on better schools, hospitals, and unemployment benefits are interested in Berlin only for one reason.

It is to utilize it as a propaganda and spy center to disrupt socialist construction in East Germany. They also fear that without this operational base for counter-revolutionary activity the entire group of Eastern European Republics would make considerable gains and accelerate its pace of Socialist development.

This base provides the western imperialist powers with one of its most lethal weapons against the people who are so valiantly struggling for a socialist way of life. This is the real reason why the imperialists get into such a frenzy about the tiny isle whenever the Soviet Union raises the question for negotiation.

The USSR is not even asking that West Berlin become an integral part of the GDR—which should rightly be so.

All that the USSR is asking boils down to this—that ALL foreign troops (including Soviet troops) be removed, and that a peace treaty be signed between East and West Germany, guaranteed by the Allied Powers of the Second World War.

Now what is wrong with that?

The Pentagon brass "rebuked" General Walker for indoctrinating troops with fascist Birch Society ideas.



—G. K.

### Cuban Fiasco and Collapse of Laotian Puppets Impels Pentagon to New Nuclear Threats

The Kennedy administration openly threatened the resumption of nuclear testing, and followed up its threat by immediately recalling the chief U.S. negotiator at the Geneva test-ban conference, Arthur H. Dean.

According to a *Herald Tribune* story of June 22nd, the administration is not discussing so much *whether* to resume

tests, but *how* and *when* to do it. According to this same source, the Atomic Energy Commission is already digging holes in the ground, and making other preparations against the day when the testing will be resumed.

This is an ominous sign that the Pentagon is hell-bent on recouping the se-  
Berlin is over a hundred miles inside arena, by brandishing its nuclear power, and using the manufactured Berlin crisis as an excuse.

The threat to resume nuclear testing came against the background of a rapid deterioration of the U.S. military and diplomatic position all over the world. The fiasco of the Cuban invasion made it all the more necessary for the Pentagon strategists to try to avoid a collapse of their Laotian puppets and mercenaries. But this they were unable to do, as was admitted in the *New York Times* on June 20th, when they said, "pessimism (on Laos) expressed only in private, stems from a belief that almost nothing can be done at the conference in Geneva, to alter the fact that the pro-Communists know they have won the civil war against the pro-right wing government here."

The defeat in Laos endangers the position of U.S. imperialism in the whole of South East Asia, and lends encouragement to the anti-imperialist struggles of the oppressed peoples everywhere.

In an effort to stem this engulfing tide of the revolutionary struggle, the Pentagon strategists are once again resorting to nuclear threats.

But it will not stop the march of the people under imperialist domination to liberation and the onward march of world socialism.

## U.S Fascist Military Group Rears It's Ugly Head!

In the November 11th issue of our paper, we brought to the attention of our readers a highly authoritative but very obscure pamphlet which we said then had received "very, very scant attention in the press." It has since been virtually forgotten. The importance of the book lies in the fact that it posed for the first time the possibility of a coup d'etat by the U.S. military. (See "Community of Fear"—By Real and Brown)

The fact that the study was conducted by the Fund for the Republic, an arm of the multi-billion dollar Ford Foundation, invested the opinions expressed by the authors with a great deal of significance, since these authors can be presumed to have access to much information generally unavailable to the press or general public.

The authors merely confined themselves to pre-

dicting that "if things continue the way they are going the possibility of a coup d'etat by the U.S. military is real."

Since then, a number of developments have taken place which have confirmed the growing tendency towards a polarization of the civilian and military wings of the U.S. imperialist government, and have thus increased the possibility of a military coup d'etat.

Almost overnight, the ultra right-wing John Birch Society has grown up. The public admonition of General Walker by the civilian bureaucracy because of his dissemination of the Birch credo to troops under his command, received wide publicity. But this "admonition" was so mild in character that it actually operated as a white-wash rather than a rejection of the fascist minded General

and the group supporting him.

In an article in the *New York Times*, on June 18, Cabel Phillips points out that a number of other military leaders in the high command of the army, navy, and air force share Walker's views, have been disseminating their views, and are nurturing a growing dissatisfaction with the civilian bureaucracy's "inability to deal with communism."

Phillips states quite frankly that "civilian chiefs in the Pentagon are disturbed by the right wing views displayed by many of these officers."

As the crisis of U.S. imperialism deepens—as the political and diplomatic defeats on the world arena continue to mount and it becomes clearer that U.S. imperialism cannot offset the march towards world socialism by frauds such as "the peace corps" and "foreign aid," the tendency towards a naked military dictatorship will increase.

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## At Youngstown Steel Plant

# Employed and Unemployed Demonstrate Together!

By Jack Wilson

Youngstown, Ohio—It was surely one of the first recent demonstrations by steelworkers anywhere in the country—and pointed up the deepening dissatisfaction of the steelworkers with the problems growing out of the depression.

Over 250 unemployed and employed workers publicly protested at the local plant of the U.S. Steel Corp. on June 8th, the call-back policies of the company. The workers had previously been meeting indoors, and after discussing their problems, decided to demonstrate directly outside the mill gate.

For many months, steel production in the Youngstown area was down to a point that made it a "depression" area. Huge lay-offs took place, and the employed put in a four-day week. Now there has been a slight rise in production. Instead of calling some of the unemployed back to work, the company has increased the work week of the employed workers to five and even six days. This is in direct opposition to the work policies of Local 1330 to share the work before increasing the work week.

The company has numerous anti-labor reasons for pursuing this policy. For one thing, by not recalling the unemployed, the company is attempting to prevent many workers from accumulating a new period of base earnings that would qualify them for a new unemployment claim when production drops again and these same workers are layed-off once more.

Also, the company is trying to eliminate hospitalization and insurance benefits that would be due many workers if they were recalled, as well as vacation pay for hundreds and thousands of workers. Unemployed workers know that

if the Company is not forced to recall them now—when there is a slight rise in production—they may never again get their jobs back.

At the same time, the employed workers realize that the steel companies are using undermanned crews to force a speed-up on the job. In addition, many of the employed are willing to share the work to some degree with their unemployed brothers.

With the 13-week extension of unemployment insurance coming to an end, the wrath of the unemployed is increasing. And it will continue to increase if the company persists in scheduling five-day operations for the present work force rather than hiring back some of the unemployed on the four-day schedule voted by the Union. The large number of unemployed can be gauged by the fact that there are only seven Open Hearths operating out of a normal twelve. Talk is being heard of the need for more effective picketing action if the company continues its "cut costs" policy to the unemployed.

The union leadership shows no desire to do anything whatever to help the workers solve this critical problem. The key question of 30 hours pay for 40 hours work is all but lost on the bureaucratic do-nothing functionaries.

By deciding to demonstrate at the mill gates, even for an hour, the workers employed and unemployed together at the Ohio Works of U. S. Steel, broke through the stagnating policies of inertia of the union bureaucracy. This kind of action is bound to have its repercussions, and will give others inspiration to take the path of action by the rank and file against the bosses.

## Who Should Be Disarmed?

Kennedy sounds off a lot of big talk about peace and disarmament. But does he mean it?

Naturally, the Big Business newspapers focus everybody's attention on whether Khrushchev means it, whether the Soviets are "sincere" and all that.

Maybe we can't speak with authority about Khrushchev's sincerity. But we can say something about Kennedy's insincerity.

Kennedy had his chance to prove he was really for disarmament last month. He could have disarmed the cops and thugs who attacked the Freedom Riders in Alabama. Surely it was within his power to do so. But he did not.

He is telling the Soviet Union about

disarmament, but he does not even hint that the white supremacists in his own country should disarm.

If Kennedy disarmed the white supremacist gangs and racist police, he wouldn't have a single plane or atomic bomb less—to use against the Soviet Union. He certainly cannot plead that "national security" would be affected if he disarmed the racists of the South.

How then, can Kennedy claim to be for disarmament, even in principle? How can anybody believe that Kennedy and U.S. Big Business will willingly give up its colossal weapons of war against a foreign country, when it won't give up even the smallest weapons against its own people?

## Prisoner Exchange

If there is any single political move on the part of the Castro government which will enhance its prestige throughout the entire world, and get the applause of the oppressed everywhere, it is the offer of Premier Castro to exchange the counter-revolutionary mercenary invaders Manuel Artime, San Roman and Oliva for political prisoners of the U.S.—Francisco Molina, Pedro Albizu Campos, and Henry Winston.

Such a move by Castro is in perfect harmony with the interests of the prisoners held captive by the American imperialist government, and will not aid

the cause of the Cuban counter-revolutionaries. These are now so fully exposed, discredited, and disqualified in the eyes of even their own adherents, that their usefulness to the counter-revolution is practically nil.

On the other hand, the freedom which would come to Winston, Campos and Molina, who are innocent of any crime, would operate as a tremendous inspiration to all the oppressed people, and their usefulness in the cause of the liberation movement would be of tremendous value.

## U.S. — Not China — Plans War

The vilification of the Chinese People's Republic as a trigger-happy government itching for a nuclear war continues unabated.

This line of imperialist propaganda is always stepped up whenever the Pentagon and State Department are engaged in some new maneuver calculated to divide China and the USSR. It is especially important for the U.S. to try hard in a case like Laos.

Hence nine out of ten U.S. press dispatches emanating from the Geneva Conference on Laos are slanted in such a way as to paint up China as "war like." This is not to say that the USSR is made to look peace-loving. Not at all.

But an all time low in vulgar imperialist journalism was reached when C. L. Sulzberger in his N. Y. Times column of June 19, flatly stated that "no one

but China wants a nuclear holocaust."

No, China does not want a nuclear holocaust, as Mr. Sulzberger damn well knows.

American workers know, however, that Chinese air space has been invaded by U.S. planes 110 times in the past 13 months and that the U.S. Seventh Fleet has created a virtual permanent naval blockade on South China. Also, that Quemoy and Matsu—just off the coast of China—are in the hands of quisling Chinese Nationalists under the protection of U.S. naval guns and that Taiwan, with its ten million people has been converted by the U.S. into a gigantic military base solely for the purpose of keeping China under a constant threat of war.

Indeed, the shoe is on the other foot, Mr. Sulzberger.

## No Illusions About Imperialism

"Some soft-hearted advocates of peace naively believe that in order to relax tension at all costs the enemy must not be provoked. . . . Some groundlessly conclude that peace can be gained only when there is no armed resistance against the attacks of the imperialists and colonialists. . . ."

—Jen-min jih-poa, Aug. 8, 1960  
(Peoples Daily of China)

## Next Issue

There will be a three-week lapse between this issue of Workers World and the next.

Workers World is a twice-monthly, usually published on alternate Fridays. Every three months, it is necessary to skip a week so as to keep to the above schedule.

The next issue will be dated July 14th.

## Kanza To Be At Rally

Thomas R. Kanza, Minister-Delegate of the Government of the Republic of the Congo to the United Nations, is scheduled to speak at a Congo Independence Celebration, on Thursday, June 29th at 9:00 P.M. at the Renaissance Ballroom, 138th St. & Seventh Avenue. Also, there will be dancing to the music of Sid Joseph and his Calypso Band, a midnight show with Afro-American ballet dancers and surprise guest stars. The celebration is sponsored by the Republic of the Congo Independence Celebration Committee and co-sponsored by the International Committee in Defense of Africa. For reservations, call UN 6-2490 or UN 6-2491 at Hotel Theresa. Admission, \$2.00 in advance or \$2.50 at door, tax included.

## MAIL BAG

### Defends Castro

(The following letter appeared in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Thursday, June 8.)

Dear Editor:

President Kennedy has called on all Americans to contribute to the fund for the purchase of tractors and bulldozers. I favor the sending of machinery, but oppose workers paying for it.

Castro was not calling on American workers to foot the bill for the damage done to Cuba by the invaders. The Wall Street bankers and industrialists who want to resume their \$100 million annual looting of the Cuban people backed the invasion. They are the guilty ones and should therefore pay — not we working people who are being underpaid by the same bunch of bosses who robbed the Cubans.

New attacks have been made on the present Cuban government, saying that Castro is the same as Hitler. There can be no more vicious distortion of the truth.

Hitler was financed and put into power by the big business interests of Germany; Castro was put into power by the armed working people and small peasants.

## Stevenson greets Stroessner, dictator of Paraguay.



One day before, in Brazil, Stevenson said, "We in the Americas don't like dictatorship. We don't like tyranny over the mind and body of man."

The vast private properties of these industrial giants remained intact during the Hitler regime. In Cuba, the properties of the rich were confiscated after they refused to sell them.

Hitler smashed the unions and workers political parties in order to make it easy for the big bosses to "cut costs," increase profits, and drive down the living standards of their employees. The workers and peasants of Cuba have made tremendous improvements in their living and working conditions in just two short years.

The Hitler regime not only murdered millions of Jews, Slavs and other peoples it considered "inferior"—but also was a vicious hater of Afro-Americans, teaching that black people were below the level of human beings.

In Cuba, the country's one-third black population no longer fears any "Alabamas" or "Mississippis" under Castro as they did under the U.S.-dominated segregationist Batista regime.

Ted Dostal, Youngstown, O.

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# The "Cuban Refugees" You DON'T Read About

By George Fitzpatrick

Tons of printed matter, and countless radio and TV reports have bombarded us daily and hourly about how Cubans are supposedly fleeing their homeland to come to the U.S. to find "freedom."

Below is an account given by our reporter, on the basis of interviews with Cubans, on how they are LEAVING this country to find real freedom in Cuba.—Ed.

In the last couple of months, about 1,000 Cubans have left the U.S. to return to Cuba, and many more intend to leave. Ninety-eight per cent of those returning plan to remain there.

All of the Cubans who are going home have lived in the United States for a long time. They came here because their nation was in the grip of the Batista dictatorship. They had no right to work and were constantly hounded. To enter this country, they had to wait six or seven months for interviews with the U. S. Consulate, sign affidavits, undergo clinical examination and prove financial security. Once here, they worked hard, and there were very few complaints about their conduct.

This mode of entry into the U.S. is in sharp contrast to that of the counter-revolutionaries, many of whom were war criminals, dope addicts, pimps, prostitutes and racketeers of various sorts. All they had to do was howl they were "anti-communists" and against Fidel, and the gate to this country was thrown open by the imperialists.

Cubans returning home are frequently asked by the rulers here, "Why are you deserting us?" The answer came direct—"We don't say thank you. Your country owned Cuba. We had to come here, just as the Puerto Ricans do today because you were the slave masters and we the slaves in our own land. We had to come here and work hard for a living."

Now that Cuba is free and it is socialist the witch-hunt against the Cuban people in New York has increased. One member of the 26th of July, a man of great skill, has been fired from 15 different jobs this year alone due to the pressure of the F.B.I. Another was fired

after eight years with one company when his boss asked him, "Are you pro or anti Castro?" and he answered "I am pro Cuban. Castro has done the best for my people, so I support him. I get paid for my work, but you can't buy my mind."

With all of this you might think it easy for Cubans to get out of this den of imperialism, but it is not. More than one family has been faced by the choice of returning to Cuba Libre and never seeing their children again or knuckling under to their enemies. They could go because they were Cuban born, but not their North American born babies of 2 yrs. and younger. Such are the glories of capitalist "freedom."

This barbaric ruling has been fought legally. Some have succeeded in rescuing their children—others are still fighting.

To quote our friend from the 26th of July Movement—"We go back because we want to. Cuba needs us now. We go back to help, or to die if necessary to keep our socialist government in power. We came in a time of terror. Our government is now free. I hope the American working class will win that same freedom in a socialist world."



Stevenson on tour—Brings civilization to Latin America.

## Jails, Machine Guns Can't Stop Bolivian Workers' Revolution

By R. G. Lieder

The government of Bolivia has resorted to the most extreme police brutality and dictatorial methods, in a desperate attempt to crush a revolutionary upsurge of the Bolivian workers and peasants.

The present economic and political crisis in Bolivia has caused the regime of Victor Paz Estenssoro to resort to these methods. A state of siege has been proclaimed and seventy labor leaders have been imprisoned. In addition, all demonstrations were banned. This followed a massive demonstration of workers, students, and peasants protesting both the imprisonment of union leaders, as well as the "good-will visit" of the imperialist stooge, Adlai Stevenson.

The demonstration was broken up by the police with tear gas and machine guns, resulting in the death of five unarmed demonstrators.

The revolution of 1952, which brought the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement

(MNR), party of Estenssoro into power, has proved to be a failure and a fraud. After nine years, the per capita income of Bolivia is less than \$100 a year, and 80 per cent of the population is illiterate.

Like Cuba before the Revolution, Bolivia has a "one crop" economy. The "crop" in the case of Bolivia, is not sugar, but minerals, and particularly tin. Bolivia, nine years after the 1952 revolution, still exports more than 90 per cent of her minerals to the United States and Britain, and is dependent on the United States, Britain and West Germany for more than 60 per cent of her imports.

Bolivia is thus, as it was before 1952, an economic colony of imperialism. The nationalization of the mining industry, which was held out as the hope of re-

leasing Bolivia from the stranglehold of imperialism, has proved to be a sham.

It has proved to be a sham because Estenssoro and his party do not represent the interests of the workers and peasants of Bolivia—but that of the native bourgeoisie and imperialism.

The interests of the oppressed workers and peasants in Bolivia can only be served by sweeping away foreign imperialism and native capitalism (and its lackeys, Estenssoro and the MNR) and the seizure of complete political and economic power by the workers and peasants.

## Africans Hit ICFTU

African labor leaders at the first "Pan-African" union convention, decided to break off all ties with any so-called "international" union organization.

This is a direct blow at the "International Confederation of Free Trade Unions" which acts as an agent of imperialism inside Africa. (See *Workers World* of June 9.)

## Capacity Crowd at Rally Shouts

## Viva Molina

At a rally to defend Francisco Molina held on Friday evening, June 16th, at the Cornish Arms Hotel, an enthusiastic capacity audience of over 400 packed the hall, and many others were turned away for lack of seats.

Molina, a supporter of Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution, is the innocent victim of a trumped-up murder charge in the accidental shooting of a nine-year-old Venezuelan girl. Evidence at the trial showed the conniving of the C.I.A., the N. Y. Police and the government prosecutor in the trial. The blue-ribbon jury was all-white, upper middle-class, all North-American.

The first three speakers — Joanne Grant, Marvin Gettleman, and Rt. Rev. Clarence E. Duffy—all revealed how the conspiracy to frame Molina was deliberately and methodically carried out during the frenzied anti-Cuba campaign, which the capitalist propaganda machine launched at the time of Fidel Castro's visit to the U.N. last year.

The audience reacted with shouts of protest to the vicious frameup, and with cries of solidarity—both with the struggle to free Molina and with Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution.

A particularly moving event was the

appearance of Molina's mother, along with his two sisters.

Mrs. Molina spoke slowly and with clarity in Spanish. She said that her son was framed because he was a Fidelista. Then she added that he would not renounce the defense of his ideals and his fatherland, even if it meant his life.

This stirring passage evoked thunderous applause from the audience and many rose to their feet with shouts of "Viva Molina," and followed with a rhythmic chanting of "Venceremos" (we will win!)

The final and featured speaker, William Worthy (foreign correspondent for the *Baltimore Afro-American*) drew a moving parallel between the Scottsboro frameup of nine Afro-American youths, 30 years ago in Alabama, and the frameup of Molina.

Special entertainment was provided by the talented and widely known singer of folk and labor songs, Pete Seeger, who added to the revolutionary enthusiasm of the audience with a rendition of a stirring song from the American revolution of 1776.

The rally was sponsored by The Committee to Defend Francisco Molina, 154 Nassau St., N.Y.C., WO 2-2264.

## Where Profits Go Up, Up, Up, And Jobs Go Down, Down, Down

We have been listening to the phony propaganda of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers for years.

They have been telling us—with facts, figures, charts and graphs—how wages have risen faster than production, and how much faster the workers are improving their standard of living than the bosses are—and so on, and so on.

—But let's listen to the facts compiled by the International Association of Machinists, from official U.S. statistics:

Over the past four years, industrial production in the United States has increased by 9 per cent. (The Federal Reserve Board index stood at 146 in April 1957. And it stood at 159 in April, 1961.)

Over the same period, the U.S. Labor Department index of factory payrolls declined from 162.1 to 159.2!

It is true that average earnings per person working did increase during this period.

But the total number of production and maintenance workers declined from

12,949,000 to 11,413,000. And the average factory workweek has shrunk from 39.8 hours to 39.2 hours.

This means that fewer U.S. workers are producing more goods. It means that total industrial payrolls are smaller than before, and that—contrary to Big Business propaganda—productivity is rising faster than wages.

It means, furthermore, a permanent enlargement of the permanent army of unemployed. It means the condemning of a section of the youth to poverty and unfulfillment. It particularly means the brutal rejection of a growing number of Afro-Americans against whom unemployment hits twice and three times as hard in American jimcrow society.

With the recession officially "over," and more than 5 million people officially admitted to be still unemployed while the factories are producing more goods than ever—it means that American capitalism is on the skids.

# Nigerian People Demand Struggle Against South African Tyranny

By Abraham James  
(Special to Workers World)

Lagos, Nigeria, June 10—The brutalities which Hendrik Verwoerd's Government of South Africa is committing right on the soil of Africa have been a matter for serious thought to many Nigerians.

The youth, in particular, are pressing the Federal Government of Nigeria to take drastic measures against South Africa—and Portugal as well, for the killings in Angola.

The youth are asking: how long will the Nigerian Government wait before deciding on what to do against these killers in Africa?

On June 31, when South Africa became a "republic," the youth wanted to demonstrate in Lagos, but were prevented from doing so because of a ban on processions, which exists in the Federal territory.

The youth are asking who was responsible for this ban and are wondering which people (undoubtedly the British officials in top civil service posts in Nigeria!) are advising the Government to deprive them of their legitimate rights.

There were demonstrations in England, the United States, and other countries. Why should there not be one in Nigeria? Then is the independence given to Nigeria on October 1 of last year not a phony one??

These are the questions in the minds of many Nigerian youths. And the cries for action continue.

However, the period has not been marked without some incidents. In Ibadan, capital of Western Nigeria, thousands of workers in the British controlled Nigerian Tobacco Company (where the bulk of the country's cigarettes are made) are now on the verge of *downing their tools*.

They are asking the management of the company to remove the South African chief engineer in charge of the factory. The workers voted no confidence in him, and described him as a *hater of*

Africa and the African people. The workers stated in a memorandum that if the management did not comply with their request within a specific period, "there would be trouble."

An official of the management spoke to the workers, imploring them to keep their peace until the company was able to consider their request. Meanwhile, the workers say they are prepared for action anytime and at any moment.

From Jos, Northern Nigeria, the leader of the Nigerian Habe Peoples' Party, Mallam Ibrahim Dimis, wired the Prime Minister of the Federation of Nigeria, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, to deport all white South African personnel from Nigeria. There are a good number of them here.

Mallam Dimis also asked the Federal Prime Minister to ban all South African goods, ships, and planes from Nigeria. He described South African apartheid

policy as not only wicked but a disgrace and mockery of democracy.

Nigerian newspapers are not asleep in this demand for action against South Africa. The *Daily Express* said in an editorial:

"While we are prepared to go to any length to ensure that South Africa does not continue to be a member of the Commonwealth while it continues to oppress Africans, nothing has been said about Nigeria's attitude to South Africa now that it has proclaimed itself a Republic."

The *Express* goes on: "The UAR has broken off diplomatic relations with South Africa, Ghana has followed suit and has stated firmly that it will not recognize the Republic. Little Liberia made the biggest possible move against the Union: she has broken off diplomatic relations, ordered a boycott of South African goods, and banned all South African ships and aircraft."

The paper asked the Prime Minister to make known the stand of Nigeria on this question.

The *Express* continued with a number of suggestions in another editorial. And it concluded:

"But the strongest and most effective answer to Verwoerd today is for Britain to grant independence to places like Kenya, Nyasaland, and Northern Rhodesia."

## Argentine Workers Hurl Nuts, Bolts at U.S. Brass

By Pedro Sanchez

Adlai Stevenson, head confidence-man for U.S. Big Business, got through his South American tour pretty well, at least, compared with Nixon.

But Thomas B. Larkin, head of a four-man committee of US officials was not so lucky.

Larkin and his buddies were down there representing the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. (Better translated as: Billionaires' Bank Exploiting the World With U.S. Government Money.) Right now the bank is apparently engaged in trying to take over Argentina's state-owned railroads.

The Larkin party, instead of just facing the good-natured wrath of the students and general populace on the streets, made the mistake of touring the factories and going inside the maintenance shops of the railroads they were trying to take over.

While they were sizing up the railroad repair shops in Rosario, Argentina, and figuring out how to make an extra buck (i.e. billion) for Wall Street by eliminating jobs and throwing workers out of work, the workers started *throwing nuts and bolts at them*.

The newspapers called this an "attack" against these bosses' men from the United States. But every worker

knows how it feels to be working like hell in greasy, sweaty overalls and see the big shots from the front office come walking through the plant in white shirts and creased pants — and what worker hasn't wanted to let go with a few nuts and bolts at these guys — just on general principles?

—So the Argentine workers of Rosario (who have considerably more than this on their minds) tossed their nuts and bolts at Mr. Larkin and Co.

It was not reported whether the home-made missiles found their mark. But anyway, the railroad laid off 1800 work-

ers as a result of the reception accorded the Larkin party.

However, the story has a happy ending. The next day, the union called a 24-hour general strike in Rosario and got everybody back to work.

—P.S. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development has not taken over the Argentine railroads or reduced the working force there like the railroads in the U.S. have done.

If and when it openly tries to do so, the betting is heavy below the border that the agent's name will not be Thomas B. Larkin.

## Song Honors Lumumba

LAGOS, Nigeria — A Nigerian band-leader, Charles Iwegbue, has composed a new record named "LUMUMBA." The record is now very popular among Nigerians.

"LUMUMBA" starts with a quiet guitar, then a song by Mr. Iwegbue, followed up by the rhythm group with a variation interval, then the voice again.

It is a best seller and is also being played now by bands other than that of Mr. Iwegbue, in appreciation of the great love felt for the murdered leader.

## Committee to Fight Police Brutality Has Been Organized in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Calif.—A group of local Afro-American citizens met at Clark Hotel, Washington and Central last Saturday evening, June 10th, to form a *Committee to Fight Police Brutality*. This Committee outlined three immediate tasks: 1. To raise legal funds to free the victims of the Griffith Park frameup; 2. To clarify the question of

SELF-DEFENSE; 3. To petition for the removal of Chief of Police Parker, whom the Committee believes is responsible for the terrible local police brutality.

Joining the aroused Afro-American citizens are a number of white residents who are bitterly opposed to police brutality as practiced against Afro-Americans. The white residents also believe in the innocence of the jailed Afro-American youths, Willie Jones and Andrew McLemore, who were arrested at Griffith Park, May 30th.

The Workers Action Committee, an inter-racial group, which originally sparked the defense, readily agreed to support the newly-formed Committee's action. Hence, Attorney Louis Berry will handle the legal defense in cooperation with *The Committee to Fight Police Brutality*, of which Warren Davis is Chairman.

The frameup charges against Willie Jones and Andrew McLemore as reported in WW last issue, are being pushed because on Memorial Day, in Griffith Park, when a white-supremacist cop tried to arrest an Afro-American child for the alleged "crime" of riding a merry-go-round without paying a dime, a crowd of black people picnicking, rushed to the boy's defense and helped him escape. They defended themselves against the clubs of the cops, and routed ten cops. Only after the police got 65 reinforcements, were they able to get the upper hand, and take their revenge.

So they arrested Willie Jones and Andrew McLemore.—But this is only the beginning of the struggle. *The Committee to Fight Police Brutality* has organized and pledged itself to fight not only to clear Willie Jones and Andrew McLemore—but to clarify the entire question of SELF-DEFENSE.

"Sorry Reverend, I'm plumb out of cheeks."

