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What Have YOU To Gain By "Firmness" On Berlin?

Slaughter in Tunisia

U.S. Arms French Butchers; DISARMS Their Victims!

France, the United States ally and partner in NATO, now has attacked Tunisia as well as Algeria. *And it is doing both with U.S. arms, money and moral support.*

U.S. Big Business and its obliging government in Washington — which is owned body and soul by Big Business—is just as much to blame as French imperialism for the slaughter in Tunisia two weeks ago.

—And in fact, considerably more to blame than the vicious French paratroopers who are in the last analysis only degenerate tools of Big Business, like the worst white supremacist, racist trash of the American South.

From 1950 to 1960, the U.S. gave France \$4.3 billion in military aid (as revealed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee).

This was more than twice the aid given to any other country. Most of it was and is used by the French in North Africa to suppress the Algerian revolution. Now it is also being used in the butchery of Tunisia.

But you don't read this in the U.S. press. You read, instead, about how the U.S. government loves Tunisia as well as France, how embarrassed the government is to see its two friends fall out, etc., etc.

This is cheap, stinking, propaganda perfume to cover up the odor of North African corpses now lying in the desert sun.

When the Tunisian government called upon the U.S. to provide planes to bring its 3,000-man Tunisian army back from the Congo, the U.S. REFUSED.

Oh, But Then It Was Different!

But when the U.S. Big Business bosses wanted African troops to treacherously shoot other Africans in the Congo under the phony cover of the "UN"—then the U.S. provided the planes for Tunisian soldiers to go to the Congo. And now it refuses planes to transport them back to defend their own wives and children.

Instead, it sends Dag Hammarskjöld to have a little talk with Bourguiba and straighten everything out to the satisfaction of imperialism—which of course, means leaving the French troops in Tunisia and the imperialist French arms base in Bizerte.

Naturally, the U.S. press has not come out in praise of the French butchers. But only because U.S. imperialism is a rival of French imperialism in Africa and hopes to get into a position to do the same thing as France—instead of being compelled to do it under the mask of "The United Nations."

Thus U.S. Big Business is doubly hypocritical. And thus it tries to deceive the Tunisians and the American workers.

But the phony impartiality of the American press is nothing but a super-whitewash of France's imperialism and a smokescreen for advancing the interests of its own.

Kennedy's Speech About W. Berlin's "Freedom" Is Just a Big Business Build-Up for War

Kennedy told the country last Tuesday night that "we" would go to war for Berlin. "We" would not be pushed out of Berlin. "We" would defend our right in Berlin and so on.

He was pretty eloquent about how brave "we" all were, how much money "we" were going to spend and what a

"great testing place" of "our" courage Berlin was going to be.

But *why* should Berlin be a testing place and *what* is it testing beside courage? And why test your courage in Berlin? There are a number of places in the United States where a lot of courage can be used any day of the week. Monroe, North Carolina, and Jacksonville, Mississippi, are a couple of pretty good testing places—among many others.

And what about fighting for better unemployment insurance, better schools, better housing, higher wages for shorter hours? Can we get these things by trading bombs in Berlin—or by taking a few licks at the likes of John F. Kennedy himself?

Kennedy might even test his own courage, if he is really interested, by defending the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that he took an oath to defend last January.

But of course, that wasn't what Kennedy meant by "testing our courage." Not at all. "We've" got to test our courage in Berlin, you see, because that is "a focal point where our solemn commitments and Soviet ambitions now meet in basic confrontation."

Wall Street is Desperate

When you consider that Eisenhower ran for President nine years ago on a program of "liberation" for Eastern Europe, that he proclaimed "Captive Nations Week" three years ago, and John F. Kennedy did likewise just a couple of weeks ago, it certainly looks as though it's the U.S. capitalist class who wants the "confrontation."

U.S. Big Business is not nearly so much interested in the "freedom" of West Berlin as it is interested in restoring capitalist slavery to East Berlin, East Germany and the whole of Eastern Europe.

More than that, every attempt of the oppressed masses anywhere in the world to get their real freedom from imperialist oppression can find answering echoes in the Soviet Union and China—often solid material aid—as in the case of Cuba. Wall Street has lost a lot of money in colonial revolutions and stands to lose a lot more. If it could just destroy the Soviet Union, things would be much nicer for the big bankers.

Those who fight for the "freedom" of West Berlin will thus be fighting in reality for the freedom of U.S. capitalism to exploit the hungry and miserable masses of the earth.

Kennedy's talk about "firmness" and "courage" resembles the talk of the straw boss who tells you how manly it is to dig deeper and shovel faster than the next worker—while he gets a bonus on your work.

—Only Kennedy is a much bigger liar, a much worse hypocrite, and an infinitely more dangerous enemy of the workers.

The Road to War

"If war begins, it will have begun in Moscow, not Berlin," said Kennedy.

But the truth of the matter is that it is not Moscow that wants war, but Wall Street. The Soviet Union needs peace, as does China, Cuba and all the countries of Eastern Europe. The victorious drive of socialist construction has made it amply clear to all who have eyes to see, that war is neither necessary nor desirable for the development of a planned, harmonious, socialist system.

But it is otherwise with the driving forces of Western imperialism. Twice in the last half-century these forces have unleashed world wars which took the lives of more than forty million human beings. This has happened not because of evil men, but because of the irresistible forces of monopoly capitalism in which is inherent the drive to war.

The capitalist class in its period of imperialist decline cannot maintain itself except by a constant search for new markets, for ever-new fields of exploitation. In this search however, it comes up against the ever-growing resistance of millions of colonial and semi-colonial people and the mighty power of the Soviet Union, China and Eastern Europe.

Kennedy's speech comes at a certain historical conjuncture when the dramatic successes of the Soviet Union in the fields of science and technology have heightened the confidence of millions of people in the success of socialist construction and when the defeats suffered by the arrogant master class in Cuba and in Laos have made it difficult for the Kennedy Administration and its banker-general supporters to adjust themselves to the new balance of power on the international arena. This inflexibility is expressed in the present orientation to war.

A young ruling class which feels it has its future ahead of itself is much more prone to make concessions than an old and decadent oligarchy which lives on its past achievements and is unable to release the forces of production from within its stagnant economy except on the basis of military orders. But the U.S. capitalist class is now precisely such a decadent oligarchy.

The constant exhortations of the various imperialist politicians to "stand firm" and to "get tough" are not signs of the inner strength of the capitalist system, but rather a manifestation of its inability to extricate itself from its social contradictions except by forcible means.

The objective fact is that the Kennedy Administration, by its military proposals, has taken the road to war. This signifies historically that the capitalist class is not the master of its fate, but is the tool of the blind forces of production which it cannot control and which are in rebellion against the very capitalist relations to which they gave rise.

The world socialist revolution cannot be stopped. If the imperialists unleash a world war, it will end in the destruction of their system and the rebuilding of human society along socialist lines.

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Fewer Jobs in Steel

Steel production rose 13 per cent in the United States between February and April.

Good news?

Maybe. But steel employment went up only 2 per cent in the same period, while production—and profits were zooming skyward.

These figures are from the U.S. Department of Labor and prove once again that the U.S. capitalist system is built for the bosses, not for the workers.

As the Labor Department puts it in discussing more re-hiring in steel—"The outlook is dim."

The Armed Struggle in Monroe

In Monroe, North Carolina, there is an armed struggle between Black Freedom Fighters and white supremacist cops and mobs.

But this important struggle has not hit the headlines of the big city newspapers, like the Freedom Riders' struggle has.

The reason is simple:

The Freedom Riders are *unarmed* and do not believe in fighting back against the violence of the racists. The Monroe people are armed and they *do* believe in fighting back.

Naturally, the big capitalist newspa-

pers would prefer that *both* the Freedom Riders and the Monroe people would stay at home and forget about oppression and discrimination.

But since they know there is going to be a fight of some kind anyway, they give the publicity to the opponent that is fighting them with *love* instead of bullets.

They hope that as the broad masses take to the field, they will imitate the Freedom Riders rather than the armed pickets of Monroe.

They hope, in this way, to keep the odds stacked in their own favor.

Nasser and British Imperialism

Gamal Abdel Nasser, President of the United Arab Republic, has justifiably denied ships of Israel any access to the Suez Canal for many years.

In relation to Egypt and the Mideast, Israel is a stooge for imperialism, and the sympathy we have for Israel on other grounds is far outweighed by that fact.

But last month, Nasser still kept the stooge out of the canal, and allowed the master in!

He allowed British warships to go through the canal so they could hurry to "protect" Kuwait and keep its oil flowing safely into imperialist freighters.

Nasser, of course, has "reasons" for this betrayal of the anti-imperialist struggle: his rivalry with Iraq which is really the parent-country of tiny Kuwait (whose population is 200,000 and used to be an integral part of Iraq); his alliance with Saudi Arabia, whose rulers are also opposed to Iraq and are abject stooges of the U.S. oil companies, etc., etc.

But the net result of Nasser's helping Britain is not merely to weaken his rival, Kassim of Iraq, but to *strengthen imperialism* and by this token, weaken the United Arab Republic itself.

Newburgh is an Alarm Bell!

When there are 5½ million officially admitted to be unemployed and millions more on reduced part-time wages, the employers suddenly discover that "*these people don't really want to work.*"

That way, the capitalist excuses his own heartless *discharge* of his workers and at the same time justifies the refusal of his city and county governments to give adequate relief to the suffering victims of his own rapacity.

The vicious Newburgh relief law puts all this into legal language and threatens to become the law of many more communities.

It compels people to "work-for-relief" at *less than normal wages*, thus further aggravating the general unemployment and labor situation. And it denies relief

to illegitimate infants, thus penalizing the children for the "sins of the fathers."

(When the Draft call is enlarged this fall, so Big Business can defend its billions in Europe, do you suppose the children of unwed mothers will be declared ineligible?)

In both Buffalo, New York, and the Youngstown area of Ohio, this Newburgh approach was beaten back—by the militant action of the unemployed themselves. They organized, propagandized, publicly petitioned the city council—and struck for higher pay.

In spite of all the tears now being shed for the poor people of Newburgh in the liberal press, this direct action is the only sure method of beating the millionaire racist chiselers of the poor.

Revolutionary Cuban Leader Here Exposes FBI Lies on Hijack 'Plot'

New York, July 25—Jose Sanchez, coordinator of the 26th of July Movement in the New York area, today categorically denied the charges that supporters of Fidel Castro planned to place two gunmen on each of five planes, here or in Tampa, and commandeer the craft for flights to Havana.

(This charge followed closely after the news of the U.S. plane successfully hijacked by a Cuban last week. It was obviously an attempt to create more anti-Cuban hysteria and at the same time retrieve the dignity of the FBI and CIA who looked rather foolish after the hijacking.)

The press quoted "an FBI memorandum" saying that this scheme was hatched at a meeting last Sunday in the Casa Cuba, 691 Columbus Avenue.

Mr. Sanchez called the charge ridiculous. "The FBI's informants seem to be as inaccurate as the CIA's," he said. "The truth of the matter is that no one met at the Casa Cuba since it was closed all day Sunday. The 26th of July Movement was celebrating our national holiday at Central Plaza Hall, more than 85 blocks away on 7th St. and Second Avenue that day."

Even the lying Big Business press has admitted that seven Cuban planes have been hi-jacked and brought to the United States. But that is not all.

Mr. Sanchez continues:

"No mention has been made of the unsuccessful attempts at hijacking which have resulted in injury and death to Cuban civilians. An instance of this occurred at Santa Clara in the early part of this year when a Cubana pilot, refusing to obey the orders of an American agent hijacker, was killed at the controls of his plane. Several passengers were injured severely in the crash-land-

ing of the plane

"At the beginning of this month, a Cuban guard on a DC-4 hijacked by American agents, was beaten and shot in the stomach while resisting their successful attempt to fulfill their mission of delivering the plane into American hands in Florida."

... "These latest slanders voiced by the FBI and the New York City Police Department against sympathizers of Fidel Castro in the United States are nothing but a cowardly attempt by the real aggressors to place the blame for their own provocations on innocent Cuban working men and women to try and crush their undying support for the Revolution of Cuba and Latin America. Patria o muerte! Venceremos!"

BULLETIN

New York, July 26—Peaceful pickets demonstrating for the Cuban Revolution in front of the UN were attacked by police today. With three or four hundred in the line, there were over a hundred armed police present to "keep order."

At least six pickets are known to have been arrested, among them Leroi Jones and Calvin Hicks. The latter is editor of *On Guard*, an Afro-American newspaper.

This is the first time the police have been so aggressive against the pro-Cuban demonstrations before the UN. It significantly follows by less than 24 hours, the sabre rattling war speech of John F. Kennedy.

In a similar development this afternoon, anti-Castro thugs entered the *Siboney Restaurant* here (often frequented by Castro supporters) and tore up the premises before the very eyes of the unconcerned police.

How Sweet and "Understanding" The U.S. Press is About Tunisia!

The U.S. capitalist press now claims that the revolutionary Cuban government has executed 600 people in the last two and a half years.

And regardless of how counter-revolutionary these people were, regardless of the crimes and tortures they committed against the people of Cuba, just think how terrible it was to execute them—sometimes after only a very short trial!

So the U.S. newspapers say, and would have us believe.

But just over a week ago, the French imperialists slaughtered 670 Tunisian men, women and children (by official count) in three days.

Where are the cries of outraged justice now? Where are the weeping editorials, the flaming headlines, the accusations of dictatorship and execution without trial now?

These people were slaughtered—wantonly, savagely slaughtered—for the "crime" of demanding their own country for their own people.

The newspapers say it was a war—and the more "liberal" papers say it was a "stupid war." The good, kind, French imperialists wouldn't slaughter

people—any more than the good, kind Batista would have.

After all—to execute 600 counter-revolutionaries, most of them well-known cutthroats and torturers—that's dictatorship.

But to kill 670 innocent civilians of all ages and both sexes in a three-day "war," that's all in the days' work—at least, when the killers are allies of U.S. imperialism.

Non-Combatant Cops

The Tunisian President gave orders to resist to the end.

The Tunisian men, women and children resisted and were shot, burned and butchered by the imperialist French soldiers.

But Tunisian policemen were merely arrested by the French troops and "released as non-combatants."

—Wonder if the cops were really French tools of imperialism or maybe Tunisian tools of imperialism, —or just cops?



(Yo means "I" in Spanish)

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The "Alliance for Progress" Plan Cannot Buy off Latin-American Revolution

By R. G. Lieder

A few weeks ago, John F. Kennedy announced he was cancelling his plans to attend the "Inter-American Economic Conference," which will start August 5 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Why?

It is widely known that this conference has been called to help U.S. imperialism and its Latin American puppets implement the latest "aid" program for Latin America—the so-called "Alliance for Progress."

Kennedy has made clear a number of times that he considers this aid program to be the most vital of any program before Congress.

But in the face of Kennedy's clamor over the urgency and importance of the "Alliance for Progress," why has he decided not to attend the conference which is to implement it?

At least a partial answer to this question may be obtained from the pages of the July 15 issue of *Business Week*, a pre-eminent publication of the U.S. capitalist class.

In a lengthy article entitled "Keeping Out the Reds by Revolution" (!), the magazine shows, among other things,

that the "Alliance for Progress" can not work.

It cites the following reasons why it cannot work:

(1) The plan will aggravate the already critical balance of payments problem for the U.S.A.

(2) It will undermine the position of U.S. private investment in Latin America.

(3) The aid program to "build the economy of Latin America" will hurt U.S. capitalism, by introducing new foreign competitors.

(4) The European capitalist allies will not support the project.

(5) And finally, the financial requirements for the project can not be met—even if Congress does appropriate the amount Kennedy is asking for. To quote *Business Week*: "On the most optimistic assumptions it appears now that less than half of the minimum public financ-

ing called for by the experts will be available."

In short, the deep-rooted contradictions inherent in the imperialist system lead the authors of the article to the following conclusions:

"The new goal doesn't seem to make sense . . . the U.S. will be pursuing contradictory objectives."

In view of this deep skepticism in the business world towards the "Alliance for Progress," as well as the additional possibility that Congress may not even grant the funds that Kennedy asks for, (while it is falling all over itself to appropriate more billions for war) is it any wonder that Kennedy is not attending the Montevideo Conference?

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Of course *Business Week* (not to be outdone by Kennedy's "liberalism") offers Kennedy an alternative program, which would not damage imperialist in-

terests in Latin America, but which, as it casually points out, "might not save every Latin American nation from Communist-sponsored revolution, nor spare the U.S. the painful task of intervening against such a revolution" (my emphasis, R.G.L.).

This is the crux of the matter, for in the last analysis, U.S. imperialism is confronted with two alternatives in the face of the people's revolution in the colonial countries:

1. To try to buy off the revolution with some temporary, phony "aid" program (such as the "Alliance for Progress") or 2. To ruthlessly suppress the revolution by armed intervention, as *Business Week* advocates.

There should be no doubt that both of these alternatives are clearly in Kennedy's mind as well as in those of the most reactionary spokesmen for U. S. monopoly capital. For as the "liberal" Mr. Kennedy said in a speech on July 10 appealing for congressional approval of the aid program:

"I would much rather have us do it this way than to have to send American boys to have to do it."

But Kennedy obviously will not succeed in doing it "this way" and he will "have to send American boys (North American, that is) to have to do it."

Only he won't succeed in doing it that way, either.

Is Wall Street Preparing a Phony "Pearl Harbor" To Drag U.S. Masses Into Third World War?

With Kennedy calling up more troops and spending additional billions on war, there will inevitably be some kind of war in the not-too-distant future. But the question is: how will it start?

In order to arouse some kind of enthusiasm from the American masses there has to be a much bigger "cause of war" than the alleged "loud talk" of Khrushchev. There has to be some kind of atrocity, some horrible act that revolts the better feelings of mankind.

Naturally, the Soviet Union, and certainly the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) which has only 17 million people, certainly do not want the United States to attack and would be plain crazy to supply the United States with anything like a "Pearl Harbor" to justify the attack.

Nevertheless, if U.S. Big Business decides the time has come to attack in Europe, it will proceed to manufacture its own "Pearl Harbor."

The following account by William Worthy, foreign correspondent of the *Baltimore Afro-American*, was obtained by him from 'a CIA source' and printed in *Fair Play* of July 5:

"Originally, the CIA agents in charge of the invasion planned to dress up several Cuban exiles in the uniform of Fidel Castro's tiny air force, put them in a small bomber, and have them drop one small bomb on both Florida and the Guantanamo Naval Base. (The U. S. base in Cuba—Ed.)

"My source was not certain whether the volunteer Cuban airmen knew that they were marked as candidates for 'suicide.' But the CIA plan called for them to be 'disposed' of after successful completion of their mission. Dead bombardiers tell no tales. . . .

"Premier Castro has repeatedly warned that a Yankee-directed 'Cuban' attack on Guantanamo could be used as a pretext for the dispatch of marines to

'counter-attack' and invade his island. I could not ascertain if the bombing plan has been permanently vetoed, or if it remains in the 'active' file, for reconsideration in the next, more dangerous Caribbean crisis."

The great masses of the United States would have been the victims of a horrible hoax if the above plan had worked out. But the Wall Street imperialists were not yet fully united and prepared for war, so the plan remained on the shelf.

But the same thing can still be done and on a much larger scale. All the current exposés of the CIA notwithstanding, it may yet be called upon to manufacture some horrendous and heart-rending incident in Germany, murdering American boys with American bombs.

And such a phony incident can be used as a battle cry by the billionaires to drive the youth to destruction.

Defending West Berlin



"It will kill you ALL, of course, but it'll save FREEDOM in West Berlin."

Report from Martinique

By Maurice Laurencin-Primus

While the Federation of the British West Indies is achieving independence on May 31 of next year, the French parliament is busy debating on M. Robert Lecourt's proposal of a mild land reform to supplement the inadequate "loi-programme" for the development of France's overseas departments and territories.

The cries for a radical departure from the status quo, and the adoption of a policy of autonomy for the French colonies, are interpreted by Europeans as unreasonable; since, according to the late Premier Lumumba, "the logical end of autonomy is secession."

An effective strike by the sugar cane cutters of Martinique, resulted in deaths, numerous wounds and property damages as well as a four per cent wage increase for the workers.

The native prefect, Jean Parsi, was replaced by a subtle French tyrant on account of the "disorder." Nevertheless, the economic and social conditions continue to deteriorate due to the overpopulation and excessive plunder of the island's meager resources to help finance the Algerian war.

In a drive to depopulate the islands, the French government is encouraging mass emigration to French Guiana and metropolitan France.

Migrating to France is tantamount to joining the ranks of the unemployed Algerians in Paris, or the starved peasants in Brittany. Few West Indians are inclined to try this course. Migrating to French Guiana is a

hazard of another kind, since that colony is very underdeveloped, needs deforestation, electrification, etc.

But the sugar magnates of the colonies are benefitting by this same overpopulation which is the cause of unrest among the inhabitants; and they are opposed to any form of mass emigration. These landlords argue that the docile agricultural day workers would gain an element of power to bargain with management in the event of a significant decrease in the population, and consequently bring about an increase in the cost of producing sugar and other local products.

On the political scene, the Martinicians leaders continue to fight for more and more social reforms. Their peculiar insularism has so diminished that more than 60 per cent of them are staunch advocates of a federation of Martinique, Guadeloupe and French Guiana.

The people voice their grievances against French military conscription in their islands; the tyranny of unfair laws to suppress local industry and to promote the importation of French manufactured goods. (Just like 1776! —Ed.)

The French imperialists consider that the contagious example of African independence, British West Indian nationalism, and the dramatic Cuban revolution contribute in no small measure to the colonies' demand for federation and self-government. And they are right.

Petitioning to Free Molina



Members of the Molina Defense Committee shown above are petitioning Governor Rockefeller of New York to pardon Francisco Molina, now serving a 20-year term in Sing Sing. The delegation presented 3,500 telegrams (most of them shown by Molina's mother in center of picture) protesting Molina's frame-up trial and cruel sentence.

Molina, a pro-Castro Cuban, was convicted for the accidental death of a bystander during a fight provoked by anti-Castro thugs in New York last September. Molina was convicted by anti-Cuban hysteria and by false witnesses who one and all had something to gain by their false testimony.

In Havana, 350 U.S. citizens living in Cuba sent telegrams urging U.S. President Kennedy to pardon Molina.

Contributions for trial appeals and personal needs of Molina while in prison are urgently needed. Send to *Committee to Defend Francisco Molina*, 154 Nassau Street, New York 38, N. Y.

Nigeria Fretting Under the Imperialist Yoke

By Abraham James
Special to Workers World

LAGOS, July 6

Britain has been told off by African members of the British Commonwealth of Nations over an attempt to drag their countries into joining the European Common Market.

Lately, the British Minister of Labor, Mr. John Hare, discussed such a move with Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, Prime Minister of Nigeria. But Hare was bluntly told that Nigeria would never enter into such an economic union.

Mr. Hare held similar consultations with other African leaders, but he got the same answer. The African leaders say they will never allow their countries to be made perpetual raw-material producers for the imperialists. They call the move an attempt to introduce neo-colonialism into their countries.

Nigerian papers did not sleep in attacking the move. The *West African Pilot* stated in an editorial that "Britain is inviting us to commit suicide."

Another Nigerian paper, the *Daily Express*, also said it would be economic suicide if Nigeria ever joined the Euro-

pean Common Market. The paper urged that Nigeria should find alternative markets and argued that this new situation showed why a Union of African States was necessary—to plan a common economic policy for the whole continent.

In Ibadan, capital of Western Nigeria, the Action Group Party of Nigeria (the party which forms the Opposition in the Nigerian Parliament) described the move as an insult to Nigeria's dignity and self-respect.

The Party argued that such an association would cause Nigeria and other African countries to be perpetually sentenced to serve in the role of raw material producers for the imperialist powers.

LAGOS, July 7

Is the United Nations Organization going the way of the crumpled League of Nations?

The answer to this intriguing question has been supplied by a militant nationalist party in Nigeria—the *National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons* (NCNC), now serving as a junior partner in the government with the conservative Northern People's Congress of Sir Abubakar Tafawa, Prime Minister of Nigeria.

The Party was commenting on the mass murders of innocent Africans by the NATO powers, particularly by Portugal in ANGOLA.

The NCNC stated:

"These events that spell the darkest chapters in our annals constitute a mighty and irrefutable indictment of the United Nations. . . . We are constrained to hold the view that the UN, dishonestly and cleverly manipulated upon by an embedded cabal of dedicated empire builders and rapacious buccaneers, is steadily going the way of its predecessor—the League of Nations."

The NCNC said it was shocked at the incredibly callous acts of genocide, and unparalleled brigandry shamelessly carried out by the pigheaded fascist bigots of the Verwoerd-Welensky-Salazar clique against Africans in Angola, South Africa, South West Africa and Rhodesia.

The Party therefore registered its solemn protest on behalf of the struggling millions of Africans who are groaning under the dead weight of imperialism and neo-colonialism, and on behalf of all those gallant martyrs of liberty whose names and ideals will for all time adorn the pages of human history.

It also held that these acts against poor Africans would do nothing but "bring disrepute, contempt, shame and unqualified condemnation to their inglorious perpetrators for those acts which represent a classic negation of the pious professions of those who claim to be civilized."

The NCNC warned America and her allies in NATO that "we will not be scared by familiar imperialist pranks that are as puerile as they are misapplied and misdirected. It is not sufficient to dub every agitation as communist-inspired. Today Africa is on the march and there is no turning back." . . .

In a clarion call on all freedom fighters in Africa to stiffen their resistance to their oppression, remembering that it is darkest before the dawn, the NCNC declared:

"In particular, we call upon Britain to desist from aiding and abetting Portugal in her unholy act of rapine and slaughter of innocent Africans in Angola. . . .

"We call upon all patriots to join with us in bringing to a halt the anti-African, anti-nationalist and anti-democratic crusade of calculated mass extermination in Algeria, and we demand an end to the ruinous and inhuman policy of apartheid in South and South West Africa."

7,172 YEARS!

That's the Penalty These Political Prisoners are Paying
Because They Dared to Fight for
Self-Determination

Vanguardia Betances, a Puerto Rican liberation group, lists 37 Nationalists who fought for the "self-determination" that Kennedy is now telling the Russians about. But they fought for it here in the West. (In Puerto Rico's 1950 revolution against United States occupation.)

As a result, they are now serving prison terms of 10 to 485 years each in prisons in the United States and Puerto Rico. Their total sentences come to 7,172 years.

The other day, Kennedy told the Russians about "the universally recognized principle of self-determination"—but made no move to free these Puerto Rican victims of U.S. violation of self-determination.

Names: Years of Sentence:

Lolita Lebrón	50
Blanca Canales	99
Doris Torresola	10
Carmen María Pérez	10
Isabel Rosado	10
Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos	79
Oscar Collazo	99
Irving Flores	75
Rafael Cancel Miranda	75
Andrés Cordero	75
José Rivera Sotomayor	10
Elio Torresola Roura	99
Ricardo Díaz, hijo	485
Angel Ramón Díaz Díaz	485
Ismael Díaz Matos	485
Bernardo Díaz Díaz	485
Juan Jaca Hernández	485
Rafael Molina Centeno	485

Justo Guzmán Serrano	485
Manuel Méndez Gandía	485
José Serpa Alvarez	485
Tomás López de Victoria	485
Luis Nuñez Ortiz	15
Ramón Pedrosa Rivera	30
Antonio Cruz Colón	180
Ramón Robles Torres	180
Edmido Marín Pagán	180
Carlos Juan Cruz Rivera	180
José Angel Medina Figueroa	180
Juan A. González Marín	180
Elisandro Efraín Rivera	180
Alfredo Pabón Rivera	180
Fernando Luis Rivera S.	50
Miguel Angel Rivera S.	30
Eladio Rivera Alvarrán	30
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These prisoners all fought for the independence of their country, just as Washington, Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, etc. did. They have committed no crime but the crime of patriotism to a country the U.S. will not recognize.

The inhuman length of the prison terms gives some indication as to the true nature of U.S. imperialism and its desperate drive to stamp out all liberation movements.

And it exposes Kennedy's lying hypocrisy about "the universally recognized principle of self-determination"—which he does not recognize himself, and will be the last to recognize in his own country.

Please Help!

The June 26 issue of the *Crusader* says:

"We will have to leave the South unless financial help arrives from our friends in the next 10 days.

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Nigeria's "Friend"

United States investments in Nigeria are suddenly on the increase.

This is especially true in textile manufacturing, brewing, glass production, pharmaceuticals, and construction.

In spite of the accompanying true reports about growing anti-imperialist sentiment in Nigeria, American Big Business unfortunately has good prospects of getting a stranglehold on Nigeria—quite unlike the case in Ghana and several other African countries.

Nkrumah: So-Called 'Common Market' is Just Neo-Colonialism

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President Nkrumah of Ghana has described the proposed European Common Market as a new threat to the cause of African unity.

The Ghana President, in describing his government's attitude toward this neo-colonialist Common Market, declared in Accra:

"We naturally do not oppose any arrangement which the nations of Europe may wish to make among themselves to seek for themselves greater freedom of trade within Europe; but we are most decidedly and strongly opposed to any arrangement which uses the unification of Western Europe as a cloak for perpetuating colonial privileges in Africa."

The operation of the European Common Market, the President said, would not only discriminate against Ghana and other independent African states, but would perpetuate by economic means the many artificial political barriers which were imposed on Africa by the European powers.

Any form of economic union negotiated singly between the industrialized states of Europe and any newly emergent country of Africa is bound to retard the industrial development of these countries, Dr. Nkrumah said.

For, he continued, it would mean that those African states which were inveigled into joining this union would continue to serve as protected overseas markets and sources of cheap raw ma-

terials for their industrialized partners.

"Let me assure my brothers, the leaders of those African states who are exposed to these temptations, that the subsidy they will receive in return for assuming these obligations will be small compared with the losses which they will suffer in perpetuating their colonial status—losses which are to be measured not only in terms of their own retarded economic and cultural development, but in the harm they do the peoples of Africa as a whole."

The President pointed out that by joining the Market they may obtain preference for their cash crops and minerals within the economic union. But the advantages of this so-called preferential treatment are largely illusory,

since most of the commodities which the African nations export can not be bought elsewhere, in any case.

And in addition, in joining the union, African states would deprive themselves of the advantage of buying on the world market, and would be bound to pay considerably more for everything they need.

But above all, and in the long run, Dr. Nkrumah believes, membership in the Common Market would constitute a brake on the internal industrial development of the African states.

Editor's note: Ghana's currency reform, breaking from the British Pound Sterling bloc, was effected after the above story was sent us.