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## Not a Man, Not a Gun, Not a Cent For JFK's Mad Berlin War Plans!



### An Urgent Message To the American People

Speak up! Don't sit silently by while the banker-generals in the Pentagon, the oil magnates and industrial tycoons who run the White House and State Department speak for you.

In one voice, they are saying that *you are willing to die in an atomic holocaust rather than have a peaceful settlement on Berlin.*

You know that is not true! Your real, innermost thoughts on this question have not been heard! You cannot let these ruling-class spokesmen speak for you.

The hirelings who write the get-tough-with-Russia articles are paid to do so by the Big Business press, or else they get fired.

They are willing to stake 70 million lives (that's what *Newsweek* estimates a nuclear war would cost this country) to save "freedom" for West Berlin's 2 million people!

Do you believe that *freedom* is their real motive?

They say that West Berlin is your new frontier. Is that the frontier you had in mind when you voted for Kennedy?

The generals who are so tough on Berlin (most of them retired, by the way) are almost to a man, lined up with the billion-dollar corporations, for whom they must get fat war orders, or else.

Even the biggest name among the militarists, that of MacArthur, is also on the payroll of one of the biggest corporations—with big war profits (Sperry-Rand).

Don't believe the loaded polls shown in the newspapers, how the people are all for holding Berlin at the risk of nuclear war. The bosses' press first carefully manufactures public opinion for you in the papers, radio and TV; and *then* they ask you what you think!

Just imagine—one of the biggest and wealthiest newspaper chains in America, the Hearst press, on August 8 unleashed a subtle but massive campaign to put the idea in the minds of the people that the Soviet's spectacular space achievement with Titov's flight might have been a hoax!

Why do they have to resort to such crude lies?

Answer: To keep up your supposed "morale"—by which they mean your readiness to die for the Rockefellers and the Morgans.

They are hell-bent for war and this propaganda smoke is part of their war preparations.

Just consider the trend in ruling class circles since Kennedy came back from Vienna. Even such an arch-reactionary, racist Senator as Fulbright—the "Little Rock," Taft-Hartley, Landrum-Griffin Bill Fulbright—is now under fire for "liberalism" and "Appeasement of the Reds." And the even more reactionary Senator Thurmond of South Carolina, spokesman for the "preventive war" clique, in attacking Fulbright on the Senate floor, openly speaks of the right of the fascist Birch Society generals to lay down the law to the civilian government on how to run foreign policy!

And only the other day—August 9, a semi-military, semi-fascist organization, the American Security Council, meeting in Los Angeles, in so many words called for open war.

This group is no so-called "crackpot" organization. Oh, no! Just read these names and see for yourself:

Lt. General Edward M. Almond, U.S.A. Ret., former commander at Inchon, Korea; Admiral Ben Moreel, USN, Ret., former board chairman, Jones & Laughlin Steel Co.; Adm. Arthur W. Radford, USN, Ret., former Pacific Commander in Chief and chairman and of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Rear Admiral Chester C. Ward, USN, Ret., former Navy Judge Advocate General and professor of international law; Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, USA, Ret., former Army Chief of Staff, former commandant of the Sixth Army.

This is the hard-core group of the fascist military camarilla of

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### Harlem Residents Protest Vicious Police Brutality

New York—Police violence against oppressed nationalities, especially against Afro-Americans, is notoriously vicious in the North as well as the South.

In the North, it only moderates itself by virtue of a different tone in the newspapers—a different method of capitalist rule—a cop's lingering fear that he might get into trouble if he goes "too far."

In the North, an Afro-American is not usually killed in the station house, he is just beaten up.

But on Friday night, July 28, about 400 Harlem residents decided they had had enough when a woman went to the West 123rd St. station to report a policeman for brutality.

The 400 people gathered outside the station and began shouting for justice.

So the riot calls went out. Hundreds more police charged into the neighborhood. (The newspapers said 150 cops were there But some admitted there "might have been" more than that!)

The cops went to work with their clubs. Some fired shots in the air. They broke heads and drew blood (such as they have never done and never will do on Sutton Place!).

The crowd gave a good accounting of itself, however, and sent a couple of cops to the hospital along with the Afro-Americans the cops beat up.

Now the New York judges and the New York newspapers are getting into the act with a super-get-tough policy that is directed first of all against the Afro-American and Puerto Rican people of New York.

The Hearst Journal American, for instance, says the Police Department should "Take off the Shackles on Cops"—and the other papers, too, are encouraging the cops to start clubbing more often and asking questions less often.

This is the American Way of Life these bully-boy racists are asking the Afro-Americans to defend for them in Berlin!

### Miss (Western) Universe

Miss Germany was elected Miss Universe at a beauty contest held in Universe-minded Miami last month.

Miss Universe, elected during the Berlin crisis, is by the strangest coincidence a "refugee" from East Germany and a citizen and supporter of capitalist West Germany.


—Well, who did you expect to become Miss Universe? Surely not Miss Cuba, Miss Tunisia, Miss People's China, Miss Congo or Miss Soviet Union!

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the USA who, if left unhindered, will not hesitate to plunge the country into a nuclear war.

But the broad mass of the working people, by a mighty intervention on a truly mass scale, can stay the hand of these Big Business war-makers.

Speak up! Let them know what you really think. The destiny of this country cannot be decided by a parasitic military caste in the service of billionaires whose sole motive for existence is the accumulation of profit.

## Secretary of Anti-Labor

The U.S. Secretary of Labor, Arthur J. Goldberg, came to Detroit in early June to put the weight of the government on the side of the auto barons in the present union negotiations for better conditions for the auto workers.

"A strike in the auto industry as the nation is pulling out of a recession," said Goldberg, "would be intolerable."

The forces of government take years on end to make the DuPont Corporation sell its monopoly stock-holdings in General Motors.

But they're up-and-at-em, Johnny-on-the-spot when it comes to sending first-class, double-talking, trouble-shooters like Goldberg to fix things up for the

same DuPonts and Morgans they're supposed to be fighting!

Freedom Riders may be beaten. Black Muslims may be jailed. Nameless individuals may be tortured and lynched. But this is all so "tolerable" that Robert F. Kennedy, the Attorney General, can propose a "cooling-off period" and suggest that things will be fine "in 30 to 40 years."

But just let somebody talk about shutting down General Motors or Ford (but Oh, not the *management*—it's quite all right if *they* shut the plants down when the workers need work!)—just let the workers talk about withholding their work—and that's "intolerable"!

## Soviet Aids North Africa

The Soviet Union has assured Tunisia of help in her battle for independence from French imperialism.

But Kennedy and U.S. Big Business merely wring their hands—while they continue to arm the French.

The United States capitalists have been wooing Tunisia for years, tossing millions at the pro-Western Tunisian government as a romantic lover tosses bouquets at his lady love.

But their motive was not romantic.

U.S. Big Business wants to take over Tunisia (and the rest of Africa) when the French finally get out. If Wall Street had made the slightest move to help the Tunisians while the French were slaughtering them, this might have led to a really free and independent Tunisia, something Wall Street does not want.

So the Tunisians turned to the Soviet Union. Dr. Sadok Mokedem, the Tunisian Foreign Minister, visited Khrush-

chev last week and got a pledge of "all possible help and all forms of aid" in freeing Tunisia of foreign troops.

Why couldn't the United States give such help — or even promise it? The United States is wealthier than the Soviet Union (up to now, anyway), and Tunisia is a tiny country whose whole national army is smaller than Philadelphia's police force and whose national budget (\$130 million) is less than San Francisco's.

With all their talk about helping under-developed countries, with all their talk about "freedom"—the United States capitalists could not (and would not) send the necessary arms for Tunisia to fight for real freedom.

But the Soviet Union is already aiding the revolutionary Algerian Provisional Government against French imperialism and has now promised "all possible help" to Tunisia.

## New Invasion of Cuba?

Under cover of the Berlin crisis, Kennedy and the war-at-any-cost boys are preparing other crises in other parts of the world where "brave men" (that is, U.S. workers) will have to make a stand for Wall Street.

Just to prove that they have not forgotten about Cuba, Hanson Baldwin, chief military affairs analyst for the *New York Times*, explained in full detail the other day, the reasons for the failure of the April invasion of Cuba—and revealed for the first time, the political as well as military plan of the U.S. officials to crush the Cuban revolution.

(Baldwin verified what *Workers World* said at the time—namely that the plan was to establish a beach-head large

enough for the Cardona "government" to set itself up there and the United States would then proceed to recognize it. Having once recognized it, the open intervention with U.S. arms would have a "legal" cover.)

Baldwin is really a semi-official spokesman for the Pentagon—the U.S. Big Brass, itself. And he did not write these latest revelations merely to give the radical intelligentsia something to chew over. He did not do it in order to rationalize past "mistakes."

He did it in order to begin laying some of the propaganda groundwork for a new invasion—this time with open U.S. support.

## Good News for (Some) Taxpayers

Are you having trouble paying your taxes? Are you worrying what you're going to do to meet the bill from the U.S. Treasury for the extra billions for stepped up war-mongering?

Well, if you are a business man—a Big Business man, that is—you can stop worrying.

On July 17, the House Ways and Means Committee approved a tax-reform plan which will give you big credits on your 1961 tax if you spend money for new plant equipment.

Secretary of the Treasury Dillon estimates the plan will cost the Treasury \$1.1 billion. But of course this can easily be made up by those poor working stiff who are not supposed to ask "what your country can do for you—but what you can do for your country."

In fact, that's just how Kennedy has got it figured out.

Three days after the House Committee cut this nice tax melon for Big Business, Kennedy recommended that \$2 billion in additional taxes be raised from

the working stiff.

And he made clear that this \$2 billion rise in taxes was not to endanger the \$1.2 billion cut in taxes for Big Business.



Stocks went up after Kennedy's speech.

## MAIL BAG

### WW is the greatest

Dear Editor:

I have received my copy yesterday. It is the greatest newspaper in the U.S. of America.

I will send a couple of bucks next week. I am unemployed now.

Thanks for omitting all slave names, and using only Afro-American.

M. D. W., Seattle

### Students for Cuba

Dear Editor:

During the ill-fated invasion of Cuba, a group of San Francisco Bay Area students decided they must do more than simply protest the bloody aggression sponsored by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

This group of 62 students decided to make a trip to the Caribbean Island republic, to relay a message to the Cuban people that a great number of North Americans were strongly opposed to the invasion, and to build a school, replacing

one that had been destroyed by Florida bombers. . . .

We had planned to travel to a Latin American country and from there to fly to La Habana. The Cuban government had agreed to pay our expenses and transportation from the Latin American country and to give us complete freedom of travel about the Island. . . .

On June 29th the U.S. State Department issued a bulletin stating that if our group intended to travel to Cuba we would be arrested at the Mexican border. On June 30th it was further announced that if we travelled to Cuba, upon return each of us would receive a five thousand dollar fine and five years in prison.

We still agreed to carry out our original plan. On the evening of the 30th we received a message from the Cuban government stating that in view of the State Department's position, the Cuban government had withdrawn its invitation. The statement said:

"The Cuban Government is more than gratified at the offer of the students to come to Cuba to build a school, but we will not permit anything to cause persecution, and furthermore, the Cuban government cannot be a party to any violation of the laws of the United States."

### Inspiring Offer to Winston From the Cuban Revolution



Henry Winston

A Cuban worker, Carlos Albarado Marin, has offered his EYE to the prison-blinded Henry Winston.

Winston cabled his heartfelt thanks, but explained that since his optic nerve was atrophied (and his eyes themselves still good), such a gift would not help.

This offer was made about the same time some United States Senators were threatening to send Marines to Cuba.

Who among them would give an eye to someone he never had seen—even someone in his own millionaire class?

We feel that if the government of the U.S. permitted armed assassins to go to Cuba, our school-building group should be permitted to make our planned trip; also we feel that our basic right to travel has been violated. . . .

The name of our group will now be known as "Iremos a Cuba" (We will go to Cuba). I.A.C. plans to organize a national group of people who are interested in travelling to Cuba and seeing the truth for themselves.

Those interested in signing up for a future trip should contact I.A.C. We are also in desperate need of financial support.

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And last but not least, don't let the silk hats and the cutaway coats fool you—there's a good buck to be made in American politics. And the richer the politician, the more money he can make. The accompanying article on the Kennedy fortune gives you a little idea.

## Free Rent — "What's So Good About That?"

By V. Grey

"So they're going to have free rents in Russia! What's so good about that? They're only paying 5 per cent of their income for rents now. So that isn't much of an improvement!"

This is one of the really important anti-Soviet arguments you read in the newspapers nowadays.

You see, the fact that the Soviet workers pay only 5 per cent of their income for rent is one of the subtle and insidious forms of slavery in the Soviet Union. It makes the workers feel they have something when they really have nothing. It makes them think they have some money left when they finish paying the rent.

In New York City, where Puerto Rican families, in particular, often pay \$100 a month for rat-infested, overcrowded, cold-water flats—out of an income of \$40 a week—there is no such subtle, insidious slavery, no such dictatorial deception.

No. Here in the Free World, they put it right on the line for you. Everything is available — including lots of things

that are in very short supply in the Soviet Union.

Right outside your tenement door—on 84th Street, for example—you can find cheap liquor, prostitution, and narcotics, all for a price on the free market. Race-hatred, gang fights and sudden death for no price at all.

If the \$100 a month rent is too high a percentage of your \$160 a month wages, and you can't get enough to eat, you are free to buy other pleasures to make up for it.

And your children are free to do so too. If you don't give them enough money, they can find some wide-awake, 100 per cent American method for hustling up a few bucks.

(There are still 5,140,000 unemployed by official count in this prosperous United States. But what do you want—a welfare state? Any kid with a little initiative can find something to do in this free country — especially in New York City.)

Can you imagine how ridiculous it

## —Kennedy Political Fortune

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Libbey-Owens-Ford without investing a cent, when other people were losing their shirts.

This was quite a feat and hard to do. But being a friend of the President of the United States was a help. When Kennedy was "investigating abuses" in the market, he apparently found himself

would be if you only had to pay 5 per cent of that \$160 for rent—\$8.00, that is?

Anyway, the apartments in Moscow are overcrowded. In New York, you can go to Harlem, East Bronx, Upper East Side, Lower East Side, and get a spacious apartment all to yourself any day in the week. (But did you ever try?)

Yes sir, they've got a lot of nerve talking about their pie-in-the-sky plans over there—trying to drug the people with free rent, free food, less work and higher wages.

We don't want any of that stuff over here. We're not slaves. We believe in paying our rent. We love our landlords. And by gosh, if there's a war, we'll go out and die for them, too.

—That's what the papers say, anyhow.

innocent of any wrong-doing.

Kennedy went onward and upward during this period to get many millions out of the government—and the people—for himself and his still richer buddies.

Meanwhile his liberal boss, Roosevelt, was getting a golden halo for paying unemployed WPA workers \$13 a week.

By the end of 1937, he had become Ambassador to Britain. This is a post reserved only for the members of the inner sanctum of the biggest banks in the country, and his appointment to it was a sign that he now had the complete confidence of the real rulers of the United States.

This confidence paid off—for Kennedy, as well as for the top financiers.

Today, the son of the saloon-keeping political boss is reputed to possess \$400 million, and his son is President.

But that isn't all.

When John F. Kennedy sold his stocks and swore not to enrich himself at the country's expense he didn't promise to neglect his old father and his family's banks—or keep war contracts out of the plants these banks own and control.

Judging by the record, the Kennedy fortune should reach a billion pretty soon.

## The Soviet Party Program Reflects New Strength

# USSR's Socialist Foundations Are Indestructible

By Sam Marcy

Even if only a small portion of the glowing and inspiring prospects outlined in the new Soviet draft program were to become realizable in the reasonably near future, this would still constitute a most remarkable achievement for the USSR. Their very publication in the context of the present international situation is an indubitable basis for optimism, based on substantial material factors.

What capitalist government would even dare project free rent and a shorter work week—even in the remote future? On the contrary, a get-tough foreign policy by the richest imperialist democracy, has as its invariable concomitant, an even get-tougher policy on the living standards of the masses, of which Newburgh happens to be only a crass example.

When Kennedy enunciated his famous aphorism, "Do not ask what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country?", he didn't wait long for any answers. Federal aid to education, better housing, retraining of workers unemployed as a result of automation, have been buried deep amidst the hue and cry for more and more "defense" expenditures.

Considering the hysteria that's being raised over Berlin, one can understand how both houses of Congress passed Kennedy's military appropriation requests with supersonic speed, and left decade-old legislation calculated to help the needy, pigeon-holed in the very same Congressional committees. Some of this legislation was initiated years before the cold war began.

### Part II of program

But to get back to the new Soviet program. If one were to read Part II of the document—the part that deals with *The Tasks of Building A Communist Society*, merely as a programmatic pronouncement, without reference to the specific stage of social evolution in which the USSR finds itself today, one could regard it with a great deal of skepticism, and perhaps even dismiss it as another political gesture to placate the masses.

But it is precisely the specific stage of evolution of the USSR which gives the document a certain amount of realism, which if tempered by the exigencies of the international situation, provides room for high hopes and confidence. The USSR today is militarily the strongest power precisely because socialist construction has reached such a high industrial and technological level, as to make this possible.

### Economic process automatic

Indeed, it is abundantly clear that the planned economy, after so many years of rich and varied experiences, has finally reached a level where the economic processes have become automatic.

It is not a question of mere nomenclature. If the economic processes or the forms of socialist planning have become so strong and powerful that they have imparted to the economy as a whole an auto-

matic character, then it can be truly said that this marks a *qualitative change*, economically speaking, from the late 20's and 30's.

Even when economic planning was suspended at the outbreak of the Second World War, it did not mean that economic institutions and certain socialist forms were abandoned, or that conscious direction was absent, or that the free interplay of capitalist economic marketing processes took over. And when in 1946, planning was resumed, it took on an accelerated tempo, not only because of the tremendous effort of the Soviet people, but because during the whole course of the Second World War, certain socialist forms and processes had matured and developed and operated as built-in accelerators for socialist development.

### Effect of Hungarian Uprising

The counter-revolutionary Hungarian insurrection operated as a set-back, and even forced the Soviet Union to scale down the rate of its capital construction. It must be remembered that the economic chaos resulting from the insurrection in Hungary, not only reverberated throughout Eastern Europe, but had its effects in the USSR as well.

But while this very factor certainly proved that the economy could be forced to retreat under the impact of adverse political events, it at the same time, proved that its operating principles were unshakable. October 4th, 1957 proved that beyond a shadow of a doubt.

The chief characteristic of capitalist economy, aside from the private ownership of the means of production is the anarchy inherent in its mode of production. The blind forces of the market operate independently of the will of the producers. In a socialist state, conscious direction and planning supplant this chaos and anarchy.

The planned direction of the Soviet economy on a nationwide scale did not begin until 1928—with the inauguration of the first famous five-year plan. But the effects of the market economy—especially in a land which was overwhelmingly peasant in character—remained a factor to be reckoned with, and limited the scope of the planning.

Not until the productive forces had grown enormously, and mechanization, particularly on the collective farms, took on an accelerated rate, did the effects of the so-called "free" capitalist sector of the economy become so insignificant as to no longer jeopardize the fate of the socialist economy.

This does not mean that socially antagonistic groups do not exist in the Soviet Union, or that significant political decisions, made by the leadership cannot adversely affect the tempo or the rate of growth and development of the Soviet economy. But it does mean that whatever new grouping of leaders from the same social stratum come into

the praesidium, whether they are to the right or to the left of Khrushchev, they cannot reverse the historic direction of the economy.

They may speed it up, or slow it down—they may have a more equitable or a less equitable distribution of the national income, but the automatic socialist character of the economy is firm and indestructible.

It is this new factor which gives force and effect to the program. Also, the tremendous progress made by China and the countries in Eastern Europe, all of whom have been aided by the USSR and have in turn aided the USSR, has made possible the tremendous progress of the Soviet Union in recent years.

The second part of the Soviet program should be greeted by every socialist as a refreshing and encouraging sign of internal developments in the Soviet Union.

### First part of program

Matters are somewhat different with the first part of the program, which deals with the international situation. There, one will not find any new development of appreciable significance.

It is important to note, that the illusion of a peaceful road to Socialism, voluntary disarmament by the imperialist states and peaceful co-existence with them for an indefinite period, is reaffirmed — even if it is with qualifications. Compared to the *Declaration of the 81 Parties* issued in November, it gives the over-all effect of being somewhat milder in tone. Even if that were not so, the fact of the matter is that it does not herald a new message, or a new revolutionary orientation. It seems to restate what has been stated before. Its real meaning can only be assessed in the light of subsequent, living events.

Above all, it must be remembered that the document is written in the midst of one of the most dangerous periods since the inception of the cold war. The imperialist powers, led by the Kennedy administration, have embarked on a new brinkmanship, which goes a long way in outdoing John Foster Dulles. No one can really know how close to the edge the imperialists have leaped in their mad drive to retain their privileged position as exploiters.

### Which side of barricades?

There is no doubt that Part I of the program was written with an eye to the current crisis, and rightly so. Therefore, the document must be read with that in view. Revolutionary socialists must not read it as the bourgeoisie and the Social Democratic lackeys would have them read it, but rather from the view of *defenders* of the socialist achievements of the USSR, China and Eastern Europe, who —no matter what the immediate vicissitudes of the USSR are, or whatever their difficulties—never lose sight of which side of the global class barricade they are on.