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



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!

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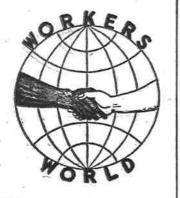
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the USA who, if left unhindered, will not hesitate to plunge the country into a nuclear war.

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-

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-onthe-spot when it comes to sending firstclass, 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 Mokkadem, the Tunisian Foreign Minister, visited Khrushchev 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"

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

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

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Good News for (Some) Taxpayers

Are you having trouble paying your 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

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 stiffs 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 stiffs.

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.

WW is the greatest

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

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

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?

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."

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 sup-

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War is Madness— **But "There's METHOD In It"!**

Kennedy's war preparations closely resemble Adolph Hitler's in at least one important respect.

Hitler started building his war machine in 1933 in order to get capitalist Germany out of a hopeless economic and political crisis.

Kennedy is 'stepping on the gas' of an already existing war machine in order to avoid a similar economic and political crisis.

Of course, the "struggle of two social systems that are diametrically opposed" provides the arena as well as the battle cries for the war Kennedy and his fellow imperialists are now provoking.

But the dead end of the economic blind alley of one of the social systems-world capitalism-is already visible behind the war clouds and the propaganda smoke. And the increased war preparations are motivated by, as much as anything else, the mad effort to get out of this blind alley.

Jacques Rueff, formerly a chief economic adviser to de Gaulle, with a long and intimate experience in the post-World War I inflations of Europe, made a careful analysis of the U.S. and Allied financial systems in the authoritative French newspaper, Le Monde - some weeks before Kennedy's war speech.

He said:

"Every day the situation more and more resembles the one that turned the 1929 recession into a great depression. The instability of our monetary system is such that a minor international incident or a small economic or financial disturbance could set off world-wide disaster."

Mr. Rueff's article so impressed the editors of Fortune Magazine, an adviceto-Big-Business periodical (\$1.25 per copy) that Fortune reprinted it in its

Then the Wall Street Journal picked it up on July 12 (still 15 days before Kennedy's speech) and made it the basis for a long and serious lead editorial.

In spite of the unprecedented "prosperity" of Western Europe and the apparently impregnable position of U.S. Big Business, the Wall Street Journal saw the wisdom of Mr. Rueff's words and added some remarks of its own.

The U.S. dollar, it said, is now one of

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These headlines from the New York Herald-Tribune and other papers give you a pretty good idea who liked Kennedy's speech the most.

the main foundations for the leading currencies of the West (due to the enormous credits given by the U.S. to other countries and due to these countries using "dollar surpluses" in their treasuries instead of the gold the dollar is supposed to be based on).

LONG-TERM CLIMB SEEM

The U.S. financial foundation, which used to be the base of a world credit pyramid now more closely resembles the peak of a pyramid turned upside down.

"Perhaps, as with any credit pyra-mid," the Wall Street Journal philosophically observed, all will be well as long

as everything goes absolutely smoothly. (!) But it is indeed a perfect set-up for a repetition of what happened in 1929, when a world-wide monetary collapse converted what might have been a small recession into a major depression. Today anything-anything at all-that shook this house of cards could turn a passing incident into a catastrophe."

The Wall Street Journal advised that serious restrictive measures be taken even if they hurt. This advice was not taken. And it will not be taken. In fact, more billions are going to be borrowed for war preparations, thus undermining the credit structure still further (but staving off the inevitable collapse by means of expanded dollars and shrunken living standards).

The U.S. capitalists cannot turn around in their blind alley. They are trying to get out by exploding the brick wall at the end of it-an act, which according to their calculations, may kill 70 million of their own countrymen.

This is madness by any definiton.

The desperation-crazed gambler who resorts to robbery and murder to get money to recoup his losses is sane by comparison.

But the leaders of U.S. capitalism are being moved by infinitely more powerful forces of destruction than an individual gambler, however high his stakes.

The lunacy in the heads of these men is only a reflection of the lunacy of an outmoded, anarchic economic system.

This lunacy takes complete possession of them in the same ratio that the crisis of their system deepens. It will only be cured when the system is abolished.

Are They More "Liberal" Than the "Poor" Reactionaries?

Bleeding-Heart (?) Billionaires in Politics

Some smart columnist drew up a list of multi-millionaires in politics the other day. And he surprised his readers, and maybe himself too, with the conclusion that the richer the politicians were, the more liberal their politics were!

Take Kennedy, Harriman, Lehman, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Nelson Rockefeller, he said-all multi-millionaires and all liberals-by his definition, any-

Nixon, Goldwater, Eastland, and Governors Faubus, Patterson and Barnett couldn't play serious poker with any one of these platinum-plated liberals - not even if these reactionaries pooled all their combined wealth together behind one reactionary player!

The columnist thought that this was a very strange and odd phenomenon. And he attributed the "liberalness" of these extremely wealthy politicians to a feeling of "adventurousness"-getting out of the old stick-in-the-mud groove, going among the poor folks, breathing the bracing air of poverty and all that.

It's a nice theory.

Young Kennedy taking the old family fortune and just throwing the gold pieces around in the streets like the good prince in the fairy tales-and old Herbert Lehman, the good guy's grandfather, giving away all his money for a free college, with his cattle ranch thrown in to provide the campus for it-that's about the way this theory goes.

Only it ain't so!

It is of course, quite possible that an individual rich man may decide to go against the interest of his class. (Although it has happened very rarely indeed in the United States.)

But this is emphatically not the case with the above-mentioned liberals nor the political trend they represent.

Every one of the afore-mentioned liberals is a big banker or a member of one of the biggest banking families.

In the era of finance capital, it is not the great mass of mere million-dollar capitalists who run the country. It is the big banks. These banks combine and concentrate the wealth of many great industrial capitals. They control and manipulate many corporations through the power of finance and credit.

Big Business has run the country ever since the Civil War. But the big banks made their political break-through in 1896 when the Rockefellers set up their carefully-groomed and pompously-worded Ohio politician, William McKinley, as their mouthpiece in the White House. William Jennings Bryan, who ran against McKinley, was the famous last stand of the American small businessman and farmer.

Nearly every President after that was a creature of the Rockefeller banks or the Morgan banks. (The exceptions were: Woodrow Wilson's loyalty to Phelps Dodge, Franklin Roosevelt's big balancing act when the banks were in a mess, and Eisenhower's triple-stooging "national unity" behind Rockefeller, DuPont and Morgan, combined. Kennedy, of course, is not a stooge, but in essence a partner of the biggest bank-

Even after 1896, however, the billionaires did not dare to enter politics themselves. They were too vulnerable. The anti-monopoly tradition was too strong. They could be too easily attacked by their rivals and particularly by a host of small businessmen who feared they might be gobbled up by the big banks and had to be reassured by apparently "impartial" stooges of the banks that democracy (for businessmen) still pre-

(Today, the small businessmen have been gobbled up-and are so completely in hock to the banks that they cannot

Today, when there are 70 million workers and there is a global class war, the big banks, long ago interwoven with the National Treasury and the Budget, are now at the heart of an international, as well as a national empire. The international situation requires their constant attention and as much as possible, their physical presence in government.

But the big banks have conflicting policies on how to run the country-and the world. They also have sharp economic rivalries among themeslves, which on occasion express themselves in political form. The banks have their reactionary political spokesmen and their liberal politicians too.

Their reactionary (elected) politicians have to be indirect mouthpieces-stooges rather than actually the bankers, themselves. They would give the show away completely otherwise. Can you imagine a big banker trying to get himself elected President on a program of cutting relief rolls in Newburgh? Only a stooge like Barry Goldwater or Richard Nixon could get away with that!

The banks' liberal representatives can occasion be one of the bankers themselves, because liberalism conceals the basic rapacity of their class politics, makes a banker especially acceptable to the electorate by virtue of his appearing to be a "traitor to his class," and at the same time, permits the big banks to have the direct control they prefer and need.

It also permits them to speed up their plans for global domination through predatory wars to an extent they have so far been unable to do through their more extreme right wing representa-

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.

The Jack That Politics Built

(The Kennedy Fortune: From Saloons to Salons)

Joseph Kennedy, the wealthy Boston politician who got his son into the White House, made most of his millions through

All great American fortunes were greatly increased by politics. But the Kennedy fortune is one which owes its origin and most of its growth to politics, in the most direct sense of the word. Patrck J. Kennedy, father of Joseph

and grandfather of the President, was a political boss who acquired a controlling interest in a coal yard and a couple

This was just the right kind of father to have if you wanted to marry the Mayor's daughter, And Joseph P. Kennedy did.

The Mayor - "Honey" Fitzgerald was somewhat indebted to the political boss, having gotten elected several times with only minor scandals attached to his good name, and having acquired a respectable pile of money through his own otherwise unaided efforts.

Joseph was just finishing a little stint as Massachusetts State Bank Examiner (a job which he got through long years of hard work-at the age of twentythree!) when he married Miss Fitzgerald. He was such a good bank examiner that he was made a bank president-at the age of twenty-five. (His being the Mayor's son-in-law didn't hurt his application for the job-and it didn't hurt the prosperity of the bank either.)

By 1930, through using his political connections judiciously and showing good practical - and piratical - talents

on his own account, he had amassed a fortune of \$5 million. Still, he was only a comparatively minor figure on the lower rungs of the top Wall Street ladder-but with definite connections to the Morgan banks and a nodding acquaintance with the Rockefeller inter-

With "only" \$5 million at this point, the amiable Joseph resolved to do in U.S. national politics what his father had done in local Boston politics and get into the real big-time. So he invested in Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1932, Kennedy publicly gave the Democratic Campaign Fund \$15,000 and privately, it is said, \$100,000. In addition, the Democrats \$50,000.

Accordingly, he was made president of the Securities and Exchange Commission by Roosevelt in 1934.

This innocent-sounding position alone was worth millions to Kennedy (and billions to the Morgans, Rockefellers, etc. with whom and for whom he was really working). This Commission was supposed to regulate the stock market and protect the victims of the big stock manipulators. But giving Kennedy the job was like assigning a wolf to guard the sheen!

He was an especially interesting choice for the job, since on at least one occasion in 1933 ,the first year of Roosevelt's liberal administration, Kennedy and a couple of other financial "wizards" made a neat \$395,238.12 in the stock of

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

"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

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 reason-

ably near future, this would still constitute a most

remarkable achievement for the USSR. Their very

publication in the context of the present interna-

tional situation is an indubitable basis for opti-

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

"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 "de-

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

When Kennedy enunciated his famous aphorism,

mism, based on substantial material factors.

that are in very short supply in the

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. Racehatred, 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

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 official count in this prosperous United States. But what do you wanta welfare state? Any kid with a little initiative can find something to do in this free country - especially in New York

Can you imagine how ridiculous it

—Kennedy Political Fortune

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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

Anyway, the apartments in Moscow

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

innocent of any wrong-doing.

Kennedy went onward and upward during this period to get many millions out of the government-and the peoplefor 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

The Soviet Party Program Reflects New Strength

USSR's Socialist Foundations Are Indestructible

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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 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 inde-

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.

legislation calculated to help the needy, pigeonholed in the very same Congressional committees. Some of this legislation was initiated years before

the cold war began.

fense" expenditures.

crass example.

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

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-

Libbey-Owens-Ford without investing a

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?)

out and die for them, too.

-That's what the papers say, anyhow.