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Police State Decision

By its refusal to grant a rehearing to the Communist Party, the Supreme Court has clearly shown that it is a servile tool of the most rabid and reactionary Big Business and banking interests.

The decision which it has rendered is of course not only directed against the CP. It is aimed to browbeat every person in this country who dissents from the bi-partisan

war-and-reaction policies which are being imposed throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Behind this decision are the big money interests who are propping up the Birch-ites, the General Walkers and the "preventive war" clique in the Pentagon.

Defiance of this thought-control decision is obedience to the cause of freedom.

Once again the plunderbund of U.S. Big Business is getting ready to play the bully with little Cuba. Once again it is preparing the forces of invasion and conquest. And once again it is training Cuban traitors and other Latin American mercenaries on U.S. soil.

On October 9, less than six months after the CIA, with John F. Kennedy's knowledge and consent, organized an invasion last spring, the Cuban government revealed that a new one is on the way.

Cuba's Acting Foreign Minister, Carlos Alvarez, charged before 32 envoys of other countries, that there were no less than 20 training stations for in-

vasion—on the soil of the United States. These included points in Florida, Virginia, North Carolina, Texas and Louisiana.

He also named the countries of Central America and the exact places in those countries, where additional invasion forces are being trained.

Guatemala and Nicaragua, famous as having 99.44 per cent pure U.S.-owned governments, were prominent on the list. And the Panama Canal Zone, Vieques in Puerto Rico, and Guantanamo, the U.S. naval base in Cuba—all directly under U.S. domination, were also mentioned as staging grounds.

The day after these revelations, Dr. Raul Roa repeated the same charges at the U.N.

The lying millionaire "UN statesman" Adlai Stevenson, denied that the bankers and bosses' government bureaucracy is planning or preparing intervention against Cuba.

Only last spring, on April 17, the same Adlai Stevenson made the same false answer to the same Cuban charges of U.S. invasion preparations.

But at the very moment he was speaking, the invasion troops were approaching Cuba in U.S. ships.

Which Side Is He On?

When Arthur Goldberg was appointed Secretary of Labor, it was widely heralded that he would be the first real labor man in a big business cabinet. After all, he had once been general counsel for the C.I.O., and then later for the steelworkers' union.

But Kennedy's big-business advisers knew better. This is revealed in the following quote from the September 25th issue of *U. S. News and World Report*:

"Arthur Goldberg, Secretary of Labor, finds that he is quietly praised by employers in the automobile industry for his attitude on some issues in the negotiations between Walter Reuther and the auto companies. Employers were pictured as agreeably surprised that the Labor Secretary did not press the union viewpoint."



Ford workers on strike for human working conditions

GI's to Die for U.S. Banks in Jungles of Viet Nam

By V. Grey

A civil war is going on in Viet Nam, and American boys are being readied to go there and fight and die to help the Vietnamese landlords and bosses against the Vietnamese people.

Hundreds of U.S. military "advisers" have been there for several years, showing the rapacious Wall Street puppet-rulers of South Viet Nam how to be more efficient in defending their rapacity against the rebellion of their long-suffering people.

And U.S. gunboats, landing boats (with several companies of marines), and an aircraft carrier, have all been waiting offshore, poised for sudden intervention, for nearly a year.

Now additional U.S. ground troops are being groomed for a virtual invasion of this Southeast Asian land. Army units in Okinawa and Hawaii have been officially mentioned as possible choices for such an invasion. And the Fourth Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington is being considered for exclusion from the European (Berlin) build-up, as a reserve for "possible Southeast Asian operations."

Why the sudden interest in Viet Nam when every effort for U.S. Big

Business is supposedly being strained to the utmost in defending "freedom" in West Berlin? Soviet troops are thousands of miles away and the Chinese Red Army hundreds of miles away and China itself is blocked by the 7th fleet from South Viet Nam.

It is the Vietnamese people, themselves, that Wall Street is afraid of.

John F. Kennedy has arrogantly stated on several occasions that he "would not permit" a Communist "takeover" in South Viet Nam. But he was not referring to an attack on Viet Nam by Soviet or Chinese troops. He meant that there must be no uprising of the Vietnamese people, or he would suppress it.

This was spelled out in plain English on October 7 by the U.S. High Command of the Pacific Area (Admiral Harry D. Felt and a staff of Army, Navy and Air Force officers) when it forced the U.S. allies in SEATO to accept a "revised military strategy."

On October 8, *The New York Times*, commenting upon this "revised strategy," said:

"It is now understood that the United States is ready to send troops to

certain countries THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ATTACKED, but where the United States flag might forestall military efforts by so-called 'MOVEMENTS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION' (our emphasis).

The *Times* added that "an obvious place for dispatching regimental combat teams, equipped with helicopters and other support aircraft in the immediate future would be SOUTH VIET NAM."

So the idea is not to wait for any outside attack on Viet Nam, but to walk in there and start blasting the Viet Nameese people.

This is the only way U.S. imperialism can win in South Viet Nam because it does not have the Vietnamese people on its side. And the puppet-rulers of South Viet Nam cannot command any loyalty, nor can they enforce loyalty with their U.S.-made weapons.

So corrupt, rotten and weak is the central power that during the night of September 17, a small group of 570 rebel fighters could seize the town of Phuoc Thanh, provincial capital of Kontum Province and hold it for 24 hours.

On September 30, *The New York Times* correspondent wrote from Saigon that the story given all visitors, "particularly American officials and journalists is that the Reds gain support by intimidation and terror."

"But," the same correspondent emphasized, the real truth is that—"The Viet Cong has the sympathetic support of the large majority of the peasants, who regard the Red guerillas as the people's champions against a hard and grinding government represented by strange and unpopular officials."

This is the classic description of a genuine people's revolutionary movement. The *Times* knows it. Kennedy knows it. But they also know that U.S. Big Business cannot afford to have another serious reverse and allow another nation to be taken over by its own people.

That is why they are organizing the forces of counter-revolutionary intervention. That is why they intend to send in troops even though the puppet-rulers have not even asked for them, and in fact are afraid of them for fear this will lead to a still bigger uprising and revolutionary intervention from the north.

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Time Bomb in Syria

It is too early for a definitive analysis of what happened in Syria, but certain fundamental facts are beyond dispute. The misery, hunger and privation imposed by more than a century of imperialist domination in Syria have made the working class, and especially the peasantry, susceptible to the boldest conclusions of revolutionary thought.

The landlords and native bourgeoisie have very little social support among the masses, and their rule can only be one of naked dictatorship, poised on foreign bayonets.

The coup that was engineered by the Syrian military, was of an obviously right-wing character, and had only the support of the possessing classes. They broke from the United Arab Republic,

not to help the poor, but to further enrich the wealthy. They hope to utilize the vast disappointment and disillusionment with Nasser's regime for their own ends.

It's questionable whether they will be able to accomplish this, in view of the strength of working class parties in Syria, which were throttled first by the Syrian bourgeoisie, and later by Nasser. The Arab people want unity, but not at the cost of enslavement to the national bourgeoisie, which in the long run lines up with western imperialism.

The best thing that could happen in Syria is an independent intervention of the workers and peasants on the political arena, to set up their own republic. If six million Cubans can do it—so can six million Syrians!

Hoffa's Secret Weapon

The newspapers of Big Business and the Nervous Nellies of the labor movement turned their fire once again on James Hoffa, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters last week.

The occasion was the invitation of the AFL-CIO Transport Workers Union for Hoffa to address their convention in New York. There are new stirrings in the labor movement and the expelled Teamsters Union is getting a hearing in many quarters.

Both the big corporation bosses and the fat labor bureaucrats are worried—not only because there is pressure to admit the expelled teamsters back into the AFL-CIO, but because a new wave of militancy may induce the Teamsters to start a new and more dynamic federation of labor outside the AFL-CIO.

The enemies of labor and their apple polishers in the labor movement had plenty of cause to be worried, when

the delegates at the TWU convention applauded Hoffa's appearance and cheered his defiance of the reactionary Congressmen and Senators. The delegates roared approval when he called Senator McClellan a "faker" and Senator Eastland a "traitor," both of whom tried to intimidate him "because I have a strong, militant union."

Hoffa proved how militant his union was, when he reported some of the gains it had won in a new master contract covering 600,000 truck drivers.

One of the provisions of this contract granted pensions of \$200 per month for men who retire at the age of 60 with 20 years of service.

This report got the biggest applause of all from the delegates. And no wonder.

It explains why the Teamsters Union is so powerful—and also explains the real reason the big bosses and their government are attacking it.

U.S. Offers Phoney Concessions

One of the phonier "concessions" that U.S. banker-diplomats are offering the Soviets on Berlin is this one:

They propose to "allay Khrushchev's fears on giving nuclear weapons to West Germany" by agreeing not to let the West Germans control the nuclear weapons already in West Germany, but keep them safely under U.S. control!

Actually, U.S. law already prevents transferring custody and control of nuclear warheads to any other power. So this would be no concession at all.

But more is involved.

Many people fondly imagine that the U.S. bankers and bosses' government is "not so bad" as the ex-Nazi West German government, and not so anti-Soviet—that it can somehow be more "trusted" with nuclear bombs than the German militarists.

This is a delusion.

The main and most powerful enemy of the world working class—including of course, the U.S. working class—is the Wall Street-controlled government of the United States, not its propped-up, ex-Nazi, office-boy government in West Germany.

Parents of Afro-American Child Prefer USSR School to Jimcrow USA

"Well, she couldn't do it in Mississippi!" said the usually-conservative Pittsburgh Courier, in commenting on 14-year-old Huldah Clark's acceptance of a scholarship to a boarding school in the Soviet Union.

(Her father had personally asked Khrushchev for educational aid for her when Khrushchev visited New York last year. And the aid was given.)

Of course all the yapping dogs of the white supremacist ruling class immediately set up a howl against the Clark family.

And even though Huldah "couldn't do it in Mississippi," her whole family were told to leave Newark, New Jersey (where she couldn't do it, either) and

"go to Russia." One such "invitation" came from Central Ward Councilman Irvine I. Turner (a so-called public servant). But you can bet he didn't offer travel expenses as provided by Khrushchev!

—Huldah's family would probably be quite happy to accept Turner's nasty invitation, even without the plane ticket. But they apparently intend to stay in America and fight Turner and all his kind so kids can go to the schools of their choice in the future.

Huldah's father indicated this when he defiantly told reporters:

"They call us niggers; they call us red and pink. Let them call us Communists."

Ford Policy:

Old Poison in New Bottles

In 1941 Henry Ford shouted to the rooftops that before he'd ever sign any agreement with any union, he'd first close down his plant. And everyone knows that Henry Ford is very rich, and consequently very powerful, and many people said that this was one battle the workers could not win.

In the Ford plants at that time—as in all non-union shops—there was no seniority. A man who was hired and worked on the assembly line—had to be young, strong, and fast, to keep his job. When he got a little older, and maybe a little bit slower (just about the time his kids were starting to grow up)—he would be fired, and replaced with a new man, who was young, and strong, and fast. In panic, many a man went to hair dyeing establishments, which flourished in Detroit at that time, for fear that if the boss saw some gray hairs in his head, he'd be considered too old for the job.

Then came 1941—and the workers told old man Ford that unless he signed a contract with the union—they were walking out.

Ford didn't believe they'd do it. But the strike out at Ford in 1941 made history. And Ford was brought to his knees. He not only signed a contract recognizing the union, and granting seniority—but was forced to sign one of the best contracts in the industry at that time.

In 1961 the struggle continues. Twenty years of struggle have brought the eight hour day—vacation and holidays with pay—seniority—sick benefits and various other gains. But the company—under the "young" Henry Ford perpetuates inhuman working conditions and speed-up production.

MAIL BAG

Their morals and ours

Dear Editor:

A New York daily recently reported that a Roman Catholic priest reported that man has a moral right to use violence to keep his unprepared neighbors from entering the family fallout shelter after a nuclear attack.

"Nowhere in traditional Catholic morality," it quoted the Reverend L. C. McHugh, associate Editor of a Jesuit magazine, "does one read that Christ, in counseling nonresistance to evil, rescinded the right of self-defense which is granted by nature and recognized in the legal systems of all nations."

How touching! Here where you'd expect this venerable priest to tell his flock to love his innocent neighbors who are to love their innocent neighbors who are in trouble like themselves—suddenly the barbaric reasons.

But how different it is in Monroe, North Carolina, where the white racists declared war on the Afro-American community, and the Afro-Americans formed defense guards to defend themselves because they think the man (Black man) has a moral right to defend his family in any attack. I am waiting patiently for Father McHugh to come out in favor of Rob Williams and the right of Afro-Americans self-defense against racist attacks.

S. R., New York

Red Army Chorus

Dear Editor:

... I am sending a copy of the good propaganda circular the Red Army

And that's why 120,000 production workers in 88 plants in 26 states have gone out on strike with slogans on the picket line like *UAW Wants Better Working Conditions, A Message To Management, Put Away The Whip, We Only Want To Be Treated Like Human Beings On The Job.*

History gives ample evidence that Ford had better listen.

Wagner and the ADA

A Republican politician last week challenged Democratic Mayor Wagner of New York to state his position on the seating of People's China in the UN.

Previously, the ADA (Americans for Democratic Action) had scandalized the good Republicans and the majority of Democrats by calling for such a recognition of People's China.

The ADA, a comparatively small group of little capitalist "liberals"—is good at giving lessons to the big capitalists and their political servants in how to maneuver more skillfully with the working class—both nationally and internationally.

But Wagner, as a practicing capitalist politician, is 100 per cent opposed to what he considers the slightest "appeasement" of the Chinese revolution.

Naturally, the ADA supports Wagner—and naturally, Wagner says he supports the ADA. And as long as neither one puts the other on the spot, the "liberal" game and the old-time Tammany-type game are both played simultaneously—on different diamonds.

—It really takes a Republican—that is, an open and avowed servant of Big Business, to expose this little byplay—and request the players to get into the same ballpark.

Chorus inserted in the program books for their performance here.

The Chorus was excellent. I never miss a USSR travelling artist and I have always been struck by their healthy look. They look disgustingly healthy. Makes me wonder if the verbose critics of Russia just know what they're talking about.

And they also look like products of the working class.

H. F., Vancouver

No apology necessary

Dear Editor:

Here is my last present dollar for which please send its value of August 11 issues to distribute.

The vital articles therein struck me with force and America must be awakened.

Sorry there isn't enough money to provide each heart's desire, but when I get some, I'll renew my sub.

A. G., Fillmore, Utah

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Dear Editor:

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Death Trap Fall-Out Shelters Are Life Savers for Business!

By Eleanor Stephens

Are you one of the 200,000 Americans who plan to buy a fall-out shelter one of these days?

If you are, even you are not so safe. The House Government Operations Committee recently issued a warning to beware of "fly-by-night operators who peddle inadequate family shelters." If you aren't careful you might suffer the same fate as the family in a New Hamp-

A Place to Hide

Have you heard the latest? In the event of a nuclear holocaust your passbooks and mortgage papers will be safe!

The combined New York savings and loan associations are considering renting a mountain, some miles from the city so that these and other valuable items may be saved from atomic destruction.

shire town, who tried out their brand new shelter last week and found that it had everything needed—except enough air! They ended their one-day vigil in an oxygen tent in the nearest hospital.

You may be shocked to learn that there are so many unscrupulous business men eager to practice such a fraud, even in the face of atomic holocaust. But it shouldn't surprise you. Under capitalism fraud is, and always has been, an integral part of "business as usual."

The original J. P. Morgan, one of America's "greatest" financiers, began his business career at the age of 24 with a gigantic hoax. During the Civil War he bought 5,000 defective rifles dirt cheap from an armory in New York and sold them to the Union Army at a profit of over 700 percent! It is estimated that many more Union than Confederate soldiers were killed when these rifles blew up in their faces. But J. P. Morgan's heartless fraud was considered a piece of shrewd business by his associates.

Many small and large fortunes have been based on fraudulent products—

ranging from snake-oil to cure rheumatism, reducing pills made of the head of a tape-worm, through fake cancer cures, up to troop ships that split in two on their maiden voyage.

But the capitalist system itself is a fraud. Under it the great majority labor a large part of their lives to support a few idlers. They are cheated out of the right to make a living during the depression years, cheated out of their lives during the war years (and now they even face the prospect of being cheated out of a place to hide!)

The biggest fraud of all is that innocent school-children are taught to call this system—"Free enterprise."

He Preaches Pacifism— And Practices Militarism!

By Kitty Fisher

Would you put your life in the hands of an amateur surgeon whose main income came from selling embalming fluid on the side?

Of course not. But John F. Kennedy has just delivered you into a similarly dangerous situation. He has appointed William C. Foster as director of the newly-created United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Foster is described as a "Republican businessman" by the papers. But what the papers don't tell you is that war is his business!

Foster is the executive vice-president of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation and president and director of the United Nuclear Corporation. Both these industries are dependent upon war production for their very existence.

Did Kennedy make some mistake through absent-mindedness, perhaps, when he appointed Foster? Take a look at the other characters present when Kennedy signed the bill creating the new "peace" agency!

Besides Foster, were John J. McCloy, Kennedy's chief disarmament adviser up to now, and Shepard Stone, a disarmament assistant and director of the International Affairs Department of the Ford Foundation.

McCloy's past includes such jobs as: chairman of the board, Chase Manhattan Bank (owner and controller of many

Virgin Islands Leader Breathes Revolutionary Optimism at 70

If you were to visit the town of Charlotte Amalie, in St. Thomas, capital of the Virgin Islands, you are sure to see a statue which was erected to an outstanding labor leader in the struggle for Caribbean liberation. If you look more closely, you will see that the name of the man is Roth Francis.

The statue was erected by the people there in honor of the valiant struggle he put up on behalf of his people against U. S. imperialist domination of the Islands, from which, to this day, they are not yet free.

He was Editor of the *Emancipator*, a fighting labor newspaper, and for his

outspoken opinions against ruling authorities, was convicted of contempt of court. He was the principal leader of the St. Thomas Labor Union, the only workers organization on the Islands, and he was the second member of his people to be elected to the then-existing Colonial Council, where he carried on an uncompromising struggle



Roth Francis

for the Islanders.

In this country, he is chiefly known as an outstanding fighter in the Textile Workers Union. He participated in the famous Gastonia, N. C. textile organizing drive. He rose to high posts in the union; he became Secretary of the Union and often was elected as a Convention Delegate.

Today, retired, and hale and hearty at the age of 70, he breathes a spirit of revolutionary optimism that could well be emulated by people 50 years younger.

With great pride and joy, we join with the friends of Roth Francis to wish him Happy Birthday on his 70th birthday. Here is a man who stands up—and can be counted on.

Income Tax Cut

An AP dispatch from Moscow reports that as a result of the latest income tax cuts, two-thirds of the Soviet Union's industrial workers are getting the equivalent of wage increases ranging up to 26 per cent.

It should only happen here!

No Welfare for Puerto Ricans; Open Arms for Cuban Traitors

By Alejandro Guerrero

Puerto Ricans in New York are being sent back to Puerto Rico for the "crime" of being unemployed, while counter-revolutionary Cubans are being given welfare aid on a mass scale.

The reactionary Spanish language newspaper, *El Diario de Nueva York*, on September 27 carried two important news articles in the same edition, one on the Puerto Ricans, the other on the Cubans.

In the first item, the paper revealed that 2 persons were compelled to go back to Puerto Rico in July and 21 were sent back in August. Actually, relief benefits were denied and the people were asked to go back "voluntarily."

In the second item, it was announced that Jacob K. Javits, Republican congressman for New York, is anxious to help the counter-revolutionary Cuban "refugees" even more than they are now being aided by the government.

He proposed that these reactionary-minded Cubans should not have to go first to another country to straighten out their residence rights as they do now. And he added that since the U.S. is helping these "refugees" economically, it should of course help them in obtaining their residence rights also.

Nobody steps forward to defend the terribly hounded and over-exploited Puerto Ricans. Jose Monserrat, who is

supposed to be our official defender in New York (Director of the Division of Migration), declares that Puerto Ricans don't come to New York to seek welfare. (What an understatement!) But on the other side of his mouth he states that "isolated" cases of persons not entitled to welfare will be treated with justice. (Monserrat-Munoz Marin-John F. Kennedy justice!)

Puerto Ricans in Youngstown Fight Back

The time for the eviction of a Puerto Rican family was set for the morning of October 2, in Campbell, a workers city outside of Youngstown. But when the constable arrived to make the eviction, he was met by 12 to 15 Puerto Ricans, neighbors and some friends of the family.

Confronted by this group of determined workers, the constable and his superiors were convinced that it was best to cancel the eviction for at least a week. At the end of the week, since another home was not yet available, the landlord and the authorities had

to be reconvicted that another week was needed for the family.

The Puerto Rican family of 12, (two parents and ten children) were living in a four room slum house for which it was paying robbery rents. The father was unemployed for many months and was unable to keep up with the payments.

The Union of Unemployed Workers of the Mahoning Valley, which was organized to fight to defend the living standards of the unemployed, was instrumental in leading the fight to stop the eviction.

Dominican Tyrant Greeted With Thunderous Freedom Cry

By George Fitzpatrick

The demand for freedom for the Dominican Republic was heard long and loud at Idlewild Airport last Sunday as over 400 Dominicans demonstrated against the arrival of fascist puppet dictator Balaguer.

Under the leadership of the Dominican Liberation Movement and the Dominican United Front (FUD) the roar for independence and against the imperialist forces thundered throughout Idlewild. It was the greatest display of militancy that this writer has observed since Fidel Castro was greeted by the 26th of July Movement last September upon his arrival.

While the Dominican patriots maintained order and discipline despite numerous provocations nothing could cow their spirit. One woman, Mercedes Mimaya, the mother of a son killed by the

Trujillo despots in the heroic June 14th 1959 Revolution, was savagely clubbed to the ground by the Yankee police. Again and again the police tried to break the spirit of the crowd with their clubs, but each effort was met by shouts—"Libertad! Libertad!" (Freedom! Freedom!), "Abajo Imperialismo Yanqui" (Down With Yankee Imperialism!), "Vive Cuba!", "Vive Union Sovietica!", "Down With American Fascism!", "Paradon, Paradon!" (To the Wall! To the Wall!) The spirit would not be broken, nor can the will of the Dominican people to the right to self-determination and full freedom.

One rejoiced not only in the number of demonstrators, organized on last minute notice, but in the composition as well. The number of young people and in particular of women was most striking. Most of all the depth of conviction and militancy in all.

As a result of the demonstration 2 members of the Dominican Liberation Movement were arrested on phony charges by the police and have since been released on bail pending trial. 2 others, seized and beaten by the Yankee police were released without charge.

We are informed by Alfonse Canto, leader of the Dominican Liberation Movement, that despite the "assurances" of Balaguer in the "United Nations" that "all Dominicans are free to return home" that 25 members of his organization who decided to test this offer have been refused, some directly, and others indirectly, but not one getting by. The Dominicans, however, we are certain will return in the not to distant future, just as their Cuban comrades did before them. "Libertad" shall be a reality.

Whither Ghana?

By Sam Marcy

The long trip by President Nkrumah to the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and China, was bound to have serious repercussions both at home and abroad. The State Department and the British Foreign Office were not standing idly by while the Ghanaian President traversed the long track from Moscow to Peking, gathering on his way commercial credit and contacts.

But when Nkrumah finally arrived in Accra, he moved with firmness and quick decision. The subsequent announcement that he booted out Maj. Gen. H. T. Alexander of Britain as Ghana's Chief of Staff, was of great significance, as was the dismissal of Geoffrey Bing, another Briton, from his post of Attorney-General.

For an American to assess the full meaning of these two ousters, one must imagine that the post now occupied by Attorney-General Robert Kennedy, and that of Joint Chief-of-Staff Chairman Lemnitzer were occupied by appointees under the control of a foreign power.

Both Washington and London were stunned by the dismissals. Plans were immediately set afoot to put on the usual economic squeeze. At this writing, it does not seem to have worked too well. On the contrary, it impelled Nkrumah to carry out some long overdue purges of right-wing elements in his cabinet. He forced the resignations of K. A. Gbedemah, Minister of Health, and Kojo Botsio, Agricultural Minister.

Their elimination from the cabinet was a far reaching move and a challenge to the business elements in Ghana. There is no doubt that this action will give the government another thrust forward in its drive to nationalize industry and give it greater freedom from dependence on the West.

The imperialist press sees this as a dark conspiracy concocted by the Soviet Union and China. The truth of the matter is that these developments stem from the internal situation in Ghana, and are intimately connected with the fact that vast segments of industry,

trade, agriculture, finance, and especially the rural economy, are in the hands of private business interests. These have shown very little inclination to develop the country economically, and even less, to raise the standard of living of the masses. The recent wave of strikes is a symptom of the discontent of the masses with an economic system that is half-way between socialization and private ownership of the means of production.

It is this situation which has induced Nkrumah to get help from the East. In sharp contrast to what has been offered by the Soviet Union and China, is the role of the U.S. Washington last year promised to put 30 million dollars into a power dam on the Volta. And the World Bank (jointly controlled by the U.S., Britain and some others) offered to give another 45 million. The deal was slated to be signed October 5th. But the giant aluminum companies led by Kaiser, Alcoa, and Reynolds Metals, are financial pirates who aim to utilize whatever technical and industrial construction they offer Ghana,

as a means of recolonizing the country—only in a more subtle way than the British—or perhaps in partnership with them.

Ghana is in the throes of a great transition. Its economy is still a mixed one. It is badly hampered by the existence of British and U.S. oriented private industry. From them stems the principal right-wing political opposition to Nkrumah. The recent wave of arrests was an effort to stamp them out. There is wide-spread speculation that the long arm of the C.I.A. has stretched out to this sub-Saharan country.

If Ghana continues to steer in the direction of complete socialization based upon centralized planning, its influence in all of Africa will be truly monumental. It will accomplish for Africa what Cuba is accomplishing for Latin America. If Ghana should achieve a socialist revolution on the Cuban pattern, it would enormously influence the Afro-American liberation movement here—and give it a type of direction and political orientation which is so lacking at the present time.

Muslims Fight For, and Win the Right To Practice Their Religion in Prison

James Pierce, Martin T. Sostra, and William S. Marion, now serving sentence in Clinton Prison at Dannemora, New York, have won the right to believe in and practice the Muslim religion in jail.

Warden J. E. La Vallee had denied them their religious freedom (although supplying a prison chaplain and chapels for other, more "respectable" faiths). He in fact, victimized them because they were Muslims.

Elijah Muhammad, Muslim leader, took the prisoners' case to the federal courts, contending that they had been denied their constitutional rights.

In a two-to-one decision last month, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sec-

ond Circuit upheld the contention of the Muslims and directed Warden La Vallee to recognize the conversion of these men to the religion of Islam.

The State Attorney General's office, by virtue of its failure to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court, permitted the ruling to become, in effect, the law of the land.

Defense attorney Jacko stated to the press that:

"This ruling restrains prison authorities from interfering with the right of religion . . . and it . . . smashes down the barriers to federal judicial review of civil rights which have long been trampled in state prisons."

Newark Students Turn The Tables On Racist Police

Vent Pent-up Anger When Arrogant Cops Push Them Around

Newark, September 27—A couple hundred junior high school students 11 to 15 years old, stood off several score Newark police and firemen (equipped with fire hoses and two engines) for an hour and a half today, in an effort to rescue several of their friends from the clutches of the cops.

It all started when a couple kids at Kinney Junior High had a fight after school and some of the student body stayed around to watch it.

The head teachers called the cops to make the youthful crowd disperse. Four police arrived and started to chase away some of the crowd when a 17-year-old boy (not a student) allegedly grabbed the gun away from one of the bluecoats. But another one clubbed the lad to the ground.

Additional police were arriving by then, and they shoved the unconscious victim into a squad car and took him to the station.

The crowd then stormed to the station (beating the squad cars by taking a short cut). Many took up stations on nearby roofs and started throwing stones.

Then the fire engines came. Forty-five cops charged up to the roofs as the fire hoses were turned on the kids below.

Eight more boys and girls were arrested.

Kinney Junior High's student body is "predominantly" Afro-American (meaning that it's a Northern jimcrow school).

The cops, we might add, were "predominantly" white (white racist bullies, that is).

Newspapers said the kids were "reading too many stories about people beating up cops in New York City."

Actually, they've been seeing too many cases of cops beating up people right in their own home town.

Robert Williams Vows He Will Return

Monroe Defense Committee Mobilizes Wide Support

New York, Oct. 5—In a telephone message from Havana, Robert Williams, militant leader of the Afro-American liberation struggle, vowed that he'll be "back in the States." He said "he will return to the struggle in the same manner as he left it." Implied in his statement was the use of an "underground railroad" by which he successfully got to Havana and evaded a force of 500 FBI agents, who were out on a manhunt for him.

The message was delivered by Richard Gibson, acting Secretary of Fair Play for Cuba, and was delivered to a rally of over 300 people, called by the Monroe Defense Committee at the Hotel Diplomat.

The meeting was called to get aid and material support for the victims of racist oppression in Monroe. Afro-American speakers bitterly accused Mr. Kennedy, his brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, and all the so-called "law-enforcement" agencies, national and local, of a giant conspiracy to keep Black Americans in chains.

As potent evidence of this, speakers at the meeting pointed out that when the Black people of Monroe refused to accept the white-supremacist terror passively, and armed themselves for protection and resistance, the federal government openly moved in an attempt to smash them. As the result of an attack by armed white thugs against a peaceful picket line protesting a segregated swimming pool, an armed battle involving thousands of people was provoked.

One speaker pointed out that the federal government moved fast — against the Afro-Americans. Everything from indictments for phony kidnapping charges against Robert Williams and Mae Mallory—to arrests calling for bail up to \$20,000 was pulled out of the hat, and to no-one's surprise, not a single

individual among the white attackers was held for anything. How could they be, the speaker declared. The white officials and police fought side by side with them to smash the militant resistance of the Black people of Monroe.

Another speaker brought to light the fact that to top off this "progress" of

'Free World' of Monroe, N.C.

Despite the fact that industries are mushrooming up in and around the South—including Monroe, N. C.—no Afro-American from Monroe can get any job whatsoever in them, other than porter or janitor!

Of approximately 3,000 Afro-American people in Monroe—there are 1,000 unemployed, now unable to obtain jobs even as janitors—or maids—or porters.

Maids and porters—when employed—earn a high wage if they get \$15.00 per week for a six day week.

One of the few kinds of work available—is cotton-picking. For this back-breaking work—the wage is \$2.50 for 100 lbs. of picked cotton—and at breakneck speed, it takes a long day—much more than eight hours to pick a hundred and fifty pounds.

To obtain welfare in this community—in some cases, a woman must swear out a warrant against her husband for non-support. If she does this, her husband can then be put on the chain gang, and then she might qualify for welfare assistance.

"law and order"—the great "free press" in this country, typified by the two largest press agencies in the world, Associated Press and United International—when questioned about events in Monroe, both replied that "nothing had happened." They knew, because they had "asked the Chief of Police in Monroe." The speaker showed that the press had obviously conspired to cut off the news, because they feared the contagion of the idea of "fighting back"—most particularly among other Afro-Americans.

The speakers at the Monroe Defense Committee virtually all dedicated themselves to raise material aid for the warriors in the battle for freedom in Monroe. And more than that—they promised to fight to break through the news censorship—and bring to the people of the country and the world—and most importantly, to the Afro-American people, the lessons of Monroe in the struggle for Afro-American liberation.

The Chairman of the meeting was Calvin Hicks, Executive Secretary of the Committee. Other speakers included Richard Gibson, Daniel Watts, Leroi Jones, Paul Deitrich, and Bayard Rustin. Julian Mayfield, who witnessed and reported the Monroe events, sent a moving message which was read by his wife. Dr. Du Bois also sent a message and greetings to the meeting.

A large amount of money must be raised for the defendants quickly. Everyone was urged to send contributions to the Monroe Defense Committee, 53 West 125th St., and for further information to telephone LE 4-8411.