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"Libertad, Libertad—Yankee Go Home"



In Santo Domingo, thousands of revolutionary workers and students demonstrate against Yankee-supported Balaguer regime.

Before December 19th

Wide Support Needed To Save Mae Mallory

The Monroe Defense Committee has issued an urgent appeal to come to the aid of Mae Mallory before December 19. That is the date that Ohio Governor Michael Di Salle has set for Mrs. Mallory's extradition hearing. The Committee is furiously working against time to prevent the surrender of this courageous woman fighter and friend of Rob Williams to the white-supremacist State of North Carolina to face a trumped-up charge of kidnapping.

The appeal came upon the heels of a letter written by Gov. Michael Di Salle to Mrs. Pat Alexander, editor and publisher of the *Herald-Dispatch*, a leading Afro-American weekly, in which he indicated that he might accede to the strong pressures exerted by the North Carolina Governor himself.

The intervention of the North Carolina Chief Executive was regarded as

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Dominican General Strike Defies U.S. Battleships And Demands Independence

December 3—The Dominican people are on the march to liberty. Neither tanks, tear-gas, noise bombs, machine gun bullets nor the U.S. Navy and Marines can stop them.

The workers' general strike, which has been going on for five days is in itself a revolution.

The strike was still "widely effective despite extraordinary efforts by the government and armed forces to break it," admitted the conservative *New York Times*.

After 31 years, the oppressed Dominicans have risen like a mountain river in the spring, rushing over strange territory and into unexpected places.

They not only defy their persecutors but they run again and again into the streets to assert their demand for freedom and self-rule.

After tanks, smoke bombs and tear gas do their work, the crowds regroup and go back to the street. After one vicious attack by the military, according to a dispatch of December 1:

"The people soon regrouped in small clusters and violent dialogues burst forth between the demonstrators and the military.

"Why do you throw bombs at a defenseless people? That is all that Trujillo taught you," yelled a woman.

"Patience, patience," said a captain.

"Patience?" a young man shouted. "Thirty-one years of this and now we're supposed to have patience?"

The above incident happened the day after a crowd of 300 silently demonstrating women had been fired upon and ten of them wounded.

The Dominican masses have thrust themselves on to the stage usually occupied only by politicians, generals and dictators. They are demanding to have a hand in their own destiny.

They have already learned in a few days' time that the source of their misery is not only in the Trujillo-Balaguer dictatorship, but also in the U.S. imperialist "democracy."

On November 18, for example, when the United States fleet steamed up to Santiago harbor, it was welcomed with cheers of "Libertad! Libertad!" But on December 2, the masses cried, "Why did you bring those boats? To defend assassins? Yankees go home!"

In just 14 days, the people had discovered that U.S. diplomacy was behind the sinister Balaguer coalition proposal. They had found out that Balaguer's "democratic" coalition proposals were only a means of white-washing a military dictatorship and making yes-men out of the leaders of the present opposition.

And they discovered that the Trujillos' departure from the island was

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Behind the CP Indictment

By Sam Marcy

In its indictment against the Communist Party, the Kennedy Administration has committed one of the most sinister violations of the right of free association to date. The infamous demand made by the Justice Department that it register its members, is typical of all police dictatorships and is calculated to destroy whatever remains of democratic rights in this country.

When Supreme Court Justice Black, in one of his dissenting opinions, used the phrase, "government by intimidation," he was in the language of a jurist, admitting that this country is in reality a police state.

Indeed, this country has gone a long, long way since the days when what is now called the FBI was a mere subdivision of the Treasury Department and its major activities were in connection with such matters as counterfeiting, tax evasion and narcotics traffic.

Today it has become a vast secret army of political police. It differs in no substantial way from Himmler's Gestapo or the old Czarist Okhrana. What a commentary this is on the fortunes of the mighty U.S., the colossus of world finance capital.

That the indictment against the CP comes almost 15 years after the beginning of the witch hunt, shows that the U.S. ruling class has acquired a

pathological fear of anything and everything which in the slightest way threatens to go beyond the political standards set by the kings of finance and industry.

A ruling class that has to resort to these methods after so many years of repression must feel that its social foundation are shaky indeed. In truth, the entire piratical oligarchy which rules over the destinies of so many millions of people, lives in daily fear of the ever rising tide of revolutionary struggle all over the world.

No wonder then, that in its mad efforts to continue its rule of plunder, exploitation and oppression, it seeks to silence all opposition.

But like other decadent ruling classes which have outlived their usefulness and exhausted their historic mission, they cannot long maintain themselves by intimidation, force and violence.

Today, the so-called Justice Department may order working class organizations to register as "foreign agents." Of course no working class organization will heed any such order!

Tomorrow, before the bar of history, however, it will be the Justice Department which will be "registered" as the infamous agent of a decadent and parasitic ruling class which once upon a time attempted by threats and coercion, force and violence, to dominate all mankind—and failed.

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Chester Bowles

Why was Chester Bowles ousted from his post as second in command in the State Department? It's not an unimportant question.

Was it because he was a "bad organizer" as some papers said? Or was it because he was too much of an "idea man," as others claim? Or is there something of deeper significance involved?

Editorial writers in the leading capitalist dailies took the line that it was merely an organizational reshuffle. Hardest put to the task, was the Kennedy administration itself, which talked out of both sides of its mouth. In explaining the ouster, the White House said in so many words, that it was both a dismissal—and a new job with higher responsibilities.

But the truth of the matter is, that it represented a further shift to the right in foreign policy which the Administration was eager to conceal, and which the liberal apologists for Kennedy were at a loss to explain. The glee with which the ultra-Right Wing greeted the shift of Bowles from the State Department, to one without definite duties or responsibilities, offers

the only real clue as to the meaning of this very important "organizational change"—as the White House saw fit to call it.

It must be borne in mind that just a bare fortnight before Bowles' ouster, Kennedy suddenly took up the gauntlet thrown by the ultra-Right Wing and denounced them in what was considered two "significant" speeches. For this he was loudly applauded by the moderate, conservative bourgeoisie—and the liberals literally went into panegyrics over the President's supposed firmness against the ultra-Rights.

But when it came down to brass tacks, Kennedy proved that while he was trading verbal blows with the extreme Right, in action he was capitulating to them. Bowles' ouster is a characteristic example.

Bowles of course, is no liberal in any sense of the word. But he did oppose the Cuba invasion, not because he favored the Cuban revolution, but merely because he thought the invasion would be a flop.

For this, the extreme Right wanted his scalp—and they got it. This more than anything demonstrates how Kennedy "fights" the ultras.

Adlai's Attack on Peoples China

In his opening remarks in the UN debate on China, Adlai Stevenson reached a new high in the vilification and slander of the People's Republic of China.

Rarely has a liberal politician dropped his mask in so brief an interval. Not even the pro-fascist editorialists of the New York Daily News who on previous occasions attacked him so violently, found anything but praise for his speech. It was truly on a par with the fulminations of his erstwhile Republican opponent—UN delegate Lodge, whom he had pilloried as a "reactionary

in the field of foreign affairs." The stands which Mr. Stevenson took against representation in the UN of almost a quarter of the human race, made Mr. Lodge look almost like a moderate, if that is at all conceivable.

The unbridled fury which seized Mr. Stevenson at the very outset of the UN China debate, is in itself the most telling proof of what a tremendous revolutionary factor on the world scene is the very existence of Peoples' China. In or out of the UN it is bound to play an even larger and more significant role in shaping the destiny of mankind's socialist future.

Invading Cuba via OAS

Having made a fiasco out of last April's invasion of Cuba, the imperialists are planning the next invasion more carefully.

In addition to training their mercenaries at various U.S. and Latin American bases, they are preparing a diplomatic cover for themselves. They are trying to make it appear that the rest of Latin America favors intervention against Cuba. That is the real meaning of the recent Organization of American States (OAS) vote of 14-2 against Cuba.

While the vote looks like a good cover at first glance, it is really less than the proverbial fig leaf.

To begin with, five OAS nations—Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Ecuador—abstained from voting. These abstainers alone comprise about half of

all Latin America's population. With Cuba and Mexico, who voted against the motion, they represent 131 million people, or about 65 per cent of Latin America.

Of the 14 countries who voted the way the Washington political bosses told them to, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama (whose combined populations are only two-thirds of Cuba's) are helpless victims of U.S. finance capital. They used to be called "banana republics" because of the preponderant influence of the United Fruit Company in their governments. Now other U.S. corporations share the plunder, too.

If Wall Street expects every Latin American "to do his duty" in Cuba, it is going to be disappointed. The Latin Americans can easily see the body of U.S. Big Business behind the fig leaf.

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"The fibres of my life"

The writer of the following letter was one of the founding leaders of the Communist Party and one of its outstanding theoreticians.

Editorial Dept.

Workers World

Dear Comrades:

I am most anxious to exchange opinions about the doings and the needs of our world today. The present editorial Policy of the *Workers World* is indeed inspiring. It reminded me of the days of my "conversion," when the socialist press I had access to then—did breath inspiration for struggle and hatred against capitalism. That spirit, and that hatred, still dominate the fibres of my life.

I must burst out to someone about the desperately needed re-kindling of a revolutionary proletarian mass movement in our USA. I must listen to opinions of kindred spirits. I must seek opportunities to help in that direction if I can help.

Let me also thank you for sending me your paper.

With fraternal greetings,

your comrade

Max Bedacht

Soviet tests

Workers World

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is a buck for your paper which you have been sending me. I appreciate your position on the Soviet resumption of the atom tests.

Sincerely,

R. New Haven, Conn.

African in Moscow

Dear Comrade Ballan:

I thank you very much for your paper *Workers World* which I received some days ago. My friends and myself always looked forward to get some publication written by our own kind, especially in America, whereby we can have true, reliable information about your day to day life and activities.

The truth about you has been hidden from us for a long time. While in Africa, I used to read how heavenly you

live in the so called free and democratic country.

The truth about our people has been unveiled. Africans wherever we are, know who are our sincere friends. We know the masked fascists in the "Wall Street." These are the very inhuman beings who are determined to keep our strong and proud nation in the state of "hewers of wood and drawers of water."

We are determined to fight to the last drop of our blood, for this same blood has gotten us our freedom. What then alternative weapon have we but our sacred blood?

Maybe you know Comrade Richard Moore—the writer of a booklet "The Name Negro, Its Origin and Evil Use." Please pass to him our heartfelt greetings and congratulations for his magnificent contribution to our race.

In ending, members of our group and myself assure you of our endless support and help in any way we can, the rightful course to liberate our people.

With very sincere greetings,

K; Lumumba's University of Friendship, Moscow, USSR

Disagrees, but . . .

Workers World

Dear Editor:

Despite my basic disagreements with you, I enclose \$1.50. . . .

What an eloquent article by Sam Marcy on the Congo! Also, Ana Kezman and Pedro Sanchez. . . . I look forward to reading V. Grey.

The Adenauer article is most trenchant. Also, editorial on Black Muslims and Sing Sing Sitdown. . . .

C.W.

Rockport, Mass.

Brazil Jobless Fed a Promise

More than 2,000 unemployed workers stood outside the glittering Presidential Palace in the new capital of Brasilia on November 8th, and chanted: "Hunger is in our homes."

After a demonstration of about an hour, a chief aid to President Joao Goulart invited them into the palace and said the government would do all it could to find work for them.

—Support Needed to Save Mae Mallory

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a highly unusual move calculated to prejudice the ordinary court proceedings on Mrs. Mallory's extradition, which the North Carolina authorities are attempting to evade, in their desperate effort to get Mrs. Mallory.

The Cleveland chapter of the MDC has been organizing picket lines and meetings throughout the state in defense of Mrs. Mallory. She has brought her story personally to audiences in Cleveland and Youngstown, and has pulled no punches in exposing the racist government of North Carolina, even though extradition would mean her delivery into the hands of these very same officials.

The Committee is urging that telegrams opposing extradition be sent to Gov. Di Salle in Columbus, Ohio. A petition being widely circulated throughout the state reads in part:

"Charged with a bogus crime by the same state officials who have themselves so shamefully abandoned their own responsibility for the safety of persons within their borders, she has sought asylum in the State of Ohio.

"Threats upon her life by officials in high places in North Carolina have been made. Her opportunity for a just and fair trial if returned under such conditions is nil.

"Because we feel that the extradition of Mae Mallory will cause certain injustice and perhaps violent injury or death, we petition

you to deny the request for extradition."

Copies of these petitions for circulation, can be obtained in New York City from the Monroe Defense Committee, 53 West 125th St., and in Cleveland, Ohio — from the Monroe Defense Committee, 1289 E. 115 St., Suite 5.



Militant demonstrators to free Mae Mallory—in Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio.

"Test Moratorium"

According to Glenn Seaborg, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, the nuclear weapons of the U.S. were continually being improved during the so-called "test moratorium" from 1958 to 1961.

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—Dominicans

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equally phony. They found out that the Trujillos had sent many millions of dollars to the U.S. for safe keeping and that they were being wined and dined in \$112-a-day suites in Miami hotels.

Now the U.S. imperialists are planning a further intervention into the Dominican Republic—in the name of “democracy” of course.

But in the words of the Dominican Liberation Movement:

“The Dominican people know with certainty that the (U.S.) intervention will be directed toward stopping the course of their struggle for democracy and their irrevocable decision to be free or to die. . . .

“This threat of intervention will not deceive or frighten the Dominican people nor their brothers and sisters of Latin America who know very well that this new maneuver of the State Department has the double motive of creating a precedent which can serve as an excuse for aggression against some other country of our America.”

Chinese Revolution Advances In Spite of Calamity Howlers

For the past few months, Wall Street's willing writers have put on a propaganda campaign to prove that China is starving—and that it is starving because of Communism.

They are writing “first-hand” accounts by the page-full in magazines and newspapers. People are not getting any meat, they say. The Chinese are all getting sick, they are living on less than a “Metreéal” diet, the women go to work for long hours in the fields, men act as beasts of burden, babies are taken from their mothers, and so on and so on.

As part of this campaign, *Time* magazine of December 1, devoted its cover picture to the theme of Chinese starvation.

It was a picture of China's chief economic planner, Li Fu-chun. And behind him in the picture was the good Chinese earth, all parched and cracked from lack of water. And an empty rice bowl was lying half-upside-down on the ground. (The idea being that Communism caused the drought and took away the peasants' rice!)

It is true that the Chinese revolution—like all revolutions—has its ups and downs. And now that it is “down” the imperialists gloat with “sad” phrases in public, while they hatch new plans for counter-revolutionary conquest in private.

Adenauer and West German Nazi Leaders Actually are Stooges of U.S. Big Business!

By Ana Kezman

One of the hardest things for progressives to understand is that the main enemy of the Soviet Union—as well as of the U.S. working class—is United States imperialism itself.

It is very tempting to put all the blame for the war moves on West Germany and soft-pedal the biggest war crimes of all: those of U.S. Big Business and its cynical stooges who run the U.S. government.

It is tempting because it seems to be an easier way to mobilize the U.S. workers against war with the Soviet Union.

“Germany fought the United States and Russia twice in this century,” the argument goes, “Mightn't she do so again?”

This argument is really an appeal to bourgeois patriotism—to the “national unity” of worker and boss. Since the capitalists themselves preach this kind of unity (in a general way) every day in their newspapers, it seems at first to be an effective argument. But

the trouble is that it's a false argument—even from the “patriotic” point of view.

Kennedy proved this last month in his talks with Adenauer. He complained that West Germany was not doing enough in the anti-Soviet war build-up. He insisted that the West Germans pay more money and contribute more men to the NATO war alliance.

For example, half the West German army is made up of one-year draftees. Kennedy objected to this and forced an agreement from Adenauer to extend the German draft.

As James Reston, top political reporter, wrote in the *New York Times* on November 24:

“Chancellor Adenauer made some concessions. . . . He agreed to build up the West German army. . . . He promised to increase the West German military conscription. . . .” (Our emphasis.)

This is not the language to describe a man demanding war. It is the language to describe a man being pushed to war.

Of course, Adenauer wants the things that only war can bring—things like Western control of Berlin and the capitalist unification of East and West Germany. But he expects the United States to accomplish these things.

Why? Because he and his Nazi colleagues could never trust the war-weary German workers to fight a war with the Soviet Union today. And he

knows this very well. In fact, he told it to Kennedy.

As the *New York Times* put it:

“In persuading (our emphasis) the West German leaders to seek an 18-month draft, officials here stressed that the United States' military draft is for two years.

“The Germans countered that they were still trying to overcome a post-World War II psychology that is against military service regardless of the country's militaristic reputation.” (Our emphasis.)

This astounding admission was buried near the end of a long, long, *Times* article on November 24 just after Kennedy's talks with Adenauer. But it just happens to tell the naked class truth; namely that there are still bosses and workers in West Germany, and that the workers are against war—and won't even submit to as long a draft as the U.S. workers have to!

U.S. Big Business, of course, has been grooming the big shot “ex” Nazis for 16 years, in order to “discipline” the German workers and rivet the war machine to their backs again. U.S. Big Business, like the Nazis, regards the West German masses as expendable. But unlike the Nazis, it possesses the great wealth and terrible weapons necessary for modern war.

Big Business is engaged in making West Germany into a gigantic launching pad for American bombs.

John T. McManus

A memorial meeting for John T. McManus, well-known newspaperman and three-times candidate for Governor of New York, will be held Tuesday, December 12, at 8 p.m., at Hotel Diplomat, Grand Ballroom, 108 West 43rd St. It will be presented by the staff of *National Guardian*, the progressive newsweekly, of which McManus was general manager for more than 13 years.

McManus, a former president of the New York Newspaper Guild was the champion of many radical causes, notably the drive to free the framed and later, martyred, Rosenbergs. He died of a heart attack on November 22. He would have been 57 on November 25.

Speakers at the meeting will include Dr. Corliss Lamont, A. J. Muste, C. B. Baldwin, John J. Abt, Karen Morley, Melitta del Villar, R. Alec Jones, William A. Price, James Aronson and Robert E. Light. Admission is \$1.50.

Puerto Rico:

Poverty in Paradise

By Lolita Luz

The Yanquis who come to Puerto Rico are tall to begin with. Seen on Fifth Avenue or in the cocktail lounge of the Waldorf, they could easily be recognized as having been fed a steak diet since infancy. In Puerto Rico, they tower like giants from another world.

Each year more of them flock to the sun-drenched beaches of Puerto Rico. And each year more Puerto Ricans leave this island paradise, some for good, to end up in the gray slums of New York. Today there are one million Puerto Ricans in the U.S.—800,000 of them in New York City. This is almost one-third of the entire Puerto Rican population. Why are they leaving?

Puerto Rico has a perfect climate. Winter and summer the temperature is almost always in the 70's. Under the hottest sun you are fanned by a cool sea breeze. Coconut palms, orange trees and a dozen other tropical fruits grow in profusion. Colorful flowers bloom everywhere, even in the trees, and from the central mountain chain, you can see the ring of bright beaches and the blue sea beyond. Yet Puerto Ricans continue to leave. Why?

Drive out of the hotel section of San Juan. Leave behind you the Miramar, the Caribe Hilton and the pounding of the surf on their “private” beaches. Fifteen minutes away is the lagoon, and the “arrabales”—a section of one-room shacks built on stilts out over the brackish water. Arrabales just means slums—but they are far worse slums than any found in New York. Thrown together with rotting wood from old packing cases and Coca-Cola signs, they have no running water or sanitation facilities.

These huts seldom have either shutters or doors to keep out the rain or the mosquitoes, which rise on the rank marsh air in swarms.

Not all the poor in Puerto Rico live in such unhealthy, squalid surroundings. But the fear is always there that after the harvesting of the sugar cane

From *El Imparcial*

Dr. Fernos is a U.S. puppet who supposedly represents Puerto Rico in Washington, as the Comisionado Residente de Puerto Rico in Washington.

is finished, there won't be enough odd jobs to sustain you for the other eight months of the year, and your family may be forced into the slums.

For unemployment has been one of the great problems in Puerto Rico—ever since U.S. sugar interests began turning the island more and more toward a one-crop economy.

So the exodus continues, and the sleek jets carry men, women and whole families away from their beautiful tropic island, away from the land of their birth, and carry back on the return trip the Yanquis, their suitcases full of Bermuda shorts and golf clubs, and their pockets full of dollars—the modern Conquistadores!

(first of a series)

Behind Gripes of the Soldiers: —A Protest Against War, Itself

The dissatisfaction in U.S. Army camps has reached such proportions that Kennedy himself had to speak about it on November 29. He devoted the major part of his press conference to this subject.

He revealed that the U.S. Army Inspector General is being sent to some of the camps to investigate the many complaints of the reservists and draftees, who have written to their Congressmen or confided in reporters.

One such soldier told the New York *Herald-Tribune*:

"I can't see why I was yanked out of civvies on ten days notice and set down here to look at old training films and get lectured on the dangers of VD (venereal disease). My God, I'm no kid this time. I'm 27 years old and a father."

Kennedy complained that the newspapers were behind the complaints of this young man and others like him and hinted broadly that the Republican press was trying to embarrass his Administration.

It is quite true that some Republicans (the *Herald-Tribune* is a "modern" Republican paper) are taking advantage of a lull in the war crisis by suddenly asking, "What's all the shoot-in' fer?"—and by playing the role of phony pacifist for next year's elections. (Like Eisenhower did during the Korean War in 1952.)

But regardless of all the maneuvering and the demagoguery of the capitalist

politicians, the truth of the matter is that America's young people really don't want to serve in the Army because they don't want to die in another imperialist war. And that will be equally true when the *Herald-Tribune* decides the war crisis is really on, too.

Uneager Beavers

Newly-mobilized reservists, supposedly in for only six months, getting ready to go to Europe in the 920th Transportation Company, were griping to reporters last month. One private said:

"None of us are gung-ho, you can be sure of that."

A sergeant asked, "Don't some of you guys feel you owe something to your country?"

"Yeah. Six months," another private answered.

Captain James Ford, on being queried about these and other statements by the privates said:

"You wonder, when half of these boys were in school, if they ever had to pledge allegiance to the flag."

—They had to pledge allegiance to the flag, all right. But apparently, they didn't figure on having to plant a flagpole in East Berlin!

U.S. Attorney General Kennedy Congratulates Mississippi Racists

"The mob tossed one youth into the air again and again . . . kick-ink him and beating him as he struck the pavement."

—New York Times, Nov. 29

This is what happened when five Afro-American youth—three boys and two girls—tried to use the facilities of the Greyhound station in McComb, Mississippi.

Five minutes after the above incident was over, with the four other youth severely beaten and the racist crowd's blood-lust apparently satisfied—the city police appeared on the scene. They had been stationed at City Hall, just a block from the terminal.

On the following day, the five young people, recovering somewhat from their terrible treatment, tried again, and found a sign on the station warning of gas leaks and serious danger in the building.

City Selectman Charles Gordon, a prominent member of the White Citizens Council, looked at the sign and looked at the Freedom Riders.

"Well, isn't that a coincidence!" he said sarcastically.

Northern reporters and magazine photographers were beaten up. The incident was played up in the press throughout the country. But the U.S. government, as usual, took no direct action.

However, after several days of heroic efforts by the young people themselves, the officials of McComb finally issued

a reluctant order to desegregate the bus station. These officials clearly stated at the time of the order, that they did not intend to "tolerate more publicity"—meaning more attempts at desegregation. (The Freedom Riders moved on to other cities.)

After this barbaric record of "law" enforcement and the final concession by the racists, Washington spoke.

Attorney General Robert Kennedy congratulated McComb authorities for the way they handled "tense and difficult circumstances."

This congratulation of the protectors—no, the inciters—of the brutal mob, comes from the Department of Justice, which Kennedy heads.

It is one more proof that there is no justice for Black people in white supremacist capitalist society.

Yank Colonel Forced To Man Congo Broom

Congolese gendarmes forced U.S. Air Force Col. Benjamin Matlick to sweep the steps of the Patrice Lumumba monument in Stanleyville during a visit to the pro-Lumumbist stronghold.

In the early part of October, Matlick and wife wanted to photograph the monument to the late Premier. Gendarmes—making clear their opinion of U.S. Colonels—seized Matlick and forced him to sweep the steps leading up to the framed color photograph of Patrice Lumumba.

Portuguese Are Burning Africans to Death With Fire-Bombs Supplied by the USA

By V. Grey

"A little African girl was burned all over by a napalm bomb. When asked if she knew where it came from, she replied:

"The bomb came from a company named NATO and the company is owned by the United States."

"She held in her hands at the time, a fragment of the bomb with the marking on it from which she gave her answer."

This story was told in New York last week by Holden Roberto, leader of the Angolan Nationalists, president of the Angolan Peoples Union.

The Portuguese imperialists, who enslave the African land of Angola, are members of NATO and receive American money and arms. The NATO Alliance was set up to attack the Soviet Union. In between—and during—their threats against the Soviet Union, the NATO countries shoot, burn, pillage and massacre the African peoples.

"Portuguese" Angola is a country as big as 12 average-size states of the



Angola—land of great riches, where 250,000 Portuguese hold 5 million Africans in bondage.

United States put together. It is 13 times as big as Portugal. And over 90 per cent of its people are Africans.

It produces coffee, cotton, sugar, palm oil, copper and diamonds—all with the labor of Africans. The Africans live on less than 80 dollars a year per person. Many of them never see any money at all, being subject to forced labor and being paid "in kind."

The so-called "assimilated Africans" in Angola (a favored few who number 30,000 in a population of 5,000,000), are permitted to vote every seven years for a president who has absolutely no power. Freedom of the press is permitted for one month every seven years. Real political parties are prohibited and anyone who participates in such a party is considered an enemy of the State and a criminal.

This is the country that is now being showered with U.S.-made napalm bombs by the Portuguese allies of U.S. imperialism.

Do you think the case of the little girl above is an exception? Then listen to the testimony of Rev. Malcolm McVeigh, a Methodist missionary who was in Angola from May 1958 to June, 1961. He is writing in the September "Africa Today" and describing the

aftermath of the first freedom demonstration at Baixa de Cassanga in February:

"Reports of Africans killed ranged from the high hundreds to ten thousand. . . . Villages were bombed, and the soldiers 'cleaned up' other areas not reached by the bombings. . . . One pastor sent down word that the smell of dead bodies was so bad they could hardly stand it."

And what was the nature of the demonstrations that drew such sickeningly brutal reprisals?

Rev. McVeigh says:

"This revolt was not so much an anti-white attack as it was against the abusive practices in the government-sponsored cotton program run by the Cottonag Company.

"Africans did break windows and upset the stores of white merchants . . . but they did not rob the stores and few if any whites were killed. It was a spontaneous demonstration against practices of the company, and most whites who fled the area agreed that the Africans had a right to complain."

—For this, whole villages were bombed and "the smell of dead bodies was so bad they could hardly stand it."

It was after the Portuguese rain of death that the Angolans attacked some of the Portuguese farming settlements on March 15—an attack which was played up in the European and American press as the ultimate in savage barbarity. (Actually, the Portuguese contributed greatly to the deaths of their own countrymen by pretending that the Baixa de Cassanga reprisals had never happened and that the Africans were never happier. Consequently the rich Portuguese "set- tlers" were off guard!)

"On March 18 the local Chefe de Posto came and asked me to leave immediately because, he said, they were 'going to bomb those villages.' They bombed villages throughout the Dembos and the



Captured rebels of the Angola nationalist guerrilla force.

Congo districts. The majority of the people who escaped the bombings and did not flee were either taken prisoner or killed. . . . These reprisals were not confined only to the rebel area attack.

"In the past three months, thousands have disappeared, carried off by the local militia, government officials, or the troops. . . . The prisons are constantly being filled and emptied, and very few return to their families. . . . Where are they going? The rumor in Malange (I have heard it from whites and Africans) is that they are being killed and buried in mass graves by bulldozers."

The Baltimore Afro-American estimates that 50,000 Africans have now been killed by the U.S.-armed Portuguese. Probably less than a thousand Portuguese civilians have died as a result of the conflict. But the Portuguese army promises to kill 100,000 Africans in reprisal.

But Holden Roberto indicates that these Portuguese threats will not stop the revolution. The Angolans are ready for a long struggle. They are fighting not merely to avenge their 50,000 brothers and sisters, but to end three centuries of mass murder.

As Roberto says:

Their fight is to end "the domain of exploitation, not only barefaced, but without limit, the domain of death along the roads, not by a blow from a sabre or a revolver, but by simple starvation."



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