

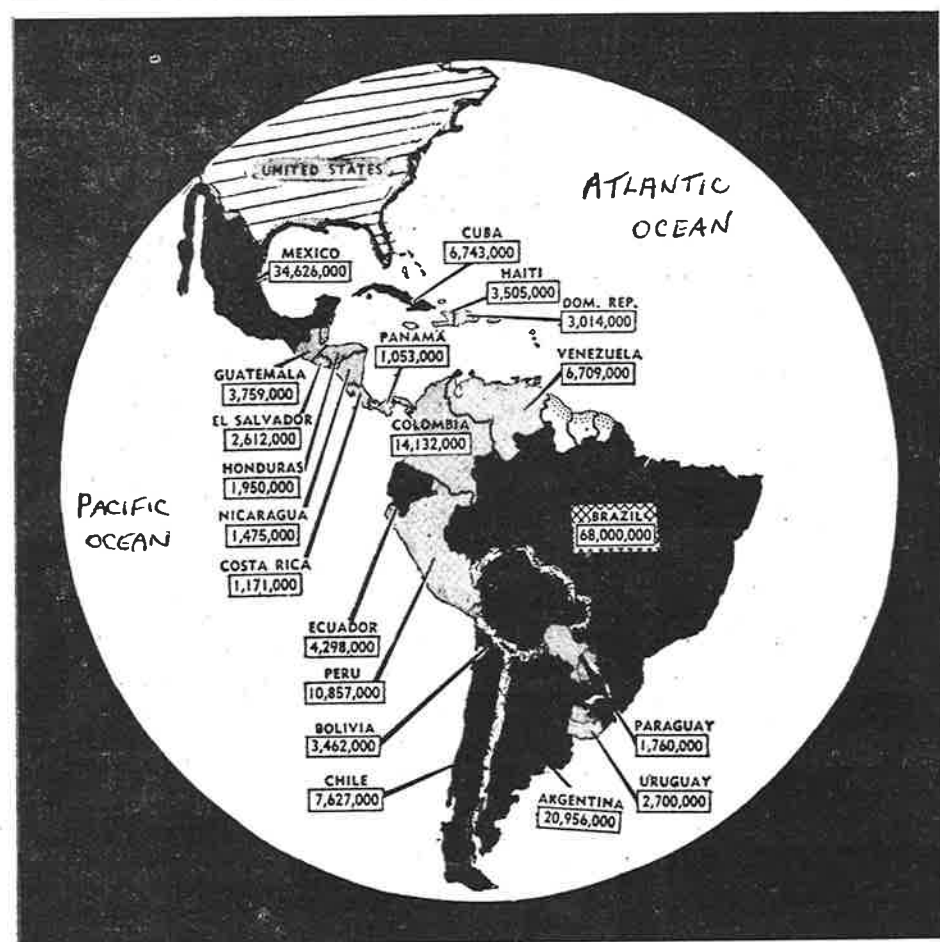
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What U.S. gov't calls a two-thirds majority: 6 Latin American gov'ts, fearing revolution at home, did NOT vote with U.S. at meeting of OAS — 12 did. BUT population of those 6 (black areas on map) is double the entire 12.

Great "Liberal" Shows His True Colors

Gov. DiSalle Bows to Racists Agrees on Mae's Extradition

By A. T. Simpson

The "liberal" Governor of Ohio, Di Salle, showed just how liberal he is. He has decided to extradite Black freedom crusader, Mae Mallory, back to Monroe, N. C. to be tried on a phony kidnap charge.

In answer to the thousands of telegrams, phone calls, petition signers and mounting pressures across the country urging him to refuse to turn her over to be "murdered" by the southern racists, Governor Di Salle reported to the press that he conferred with racist Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina and gained "assurance that she would be given a fair trial."

What kind of assurance can that be? Black oppression, lynchings, harassments, and trumped-up charges against Black men, women, and children in the state of North Carolina alone is very great "assurance."

Mae Mallory's only crime is that she, a Black fighter for freedom from the North, was in Monroe, N. C. during a crucial period of the Black liberation struggle there. The militant Robert Williams and his followers were organizing their people against racist oppression in this country. Robert Williams, Mae Mallory and others were framed on a phony kidnap charge. Williams was forced to seek asylum in Cuba; Mrs. Mallory was forced to flee also.

She went to the northern city of Cleveland in the so-called liberal state of Ohio where she thought she would be safe. She was apprehended by the federal authorities there last October. The decision of whether or not she would be extradited to North Carolina was left up to the Governor of Ohio, Di Salle.

Mounting pressures from all sections of the working class led to a delay in her extradition. But now Di Salle has bowed to the pressures of the southern racists.

But this struggle is not a lost one. The attorneys for the defense have initiated proceedings in the Ohio court to

bar the extradition. The hearing is scheduled to take place on Feb. 26. Help is needed in the form of more money to continue the legal battle that is presently being waged in this case.

Government Electrocutes Children at Rate of 1½ Per Year

Agrón Saved—How About the Others?

By Pedro Sanchez

Salvador Agron, 18 years old, has been sentenced to death for a murder he committed when he was sixteen. At the time of his arrest, so heavy was the propaganda bombardment on his Puerto Rican origin, that the entire Puerto Rican community virtually was convicted of the crime. Puerto Rican people, subjected to discrimination, poverty and humiliation, now had to endure a witch-hunt as well.

Today — suddenly — many previous stone-cold hearts have begun to bleed for Salvador Agron. Newspapers, commentators, editorials—even the prosecuting New York District Attorney Hogan himself has called on Governor Rockefeller to commute his sentence to life imprisonment.

How come? Does this mean that suddenly government authorities have become concerned over maltreatment, poverty and lack of opportunity for children of the poor and oppressed? Does it mean that suddenly the government sees the light and realizes that it is guilty of a terrible crime because it does not provide children with equal opportunity to eat, learn and develop their bodies and minds?

Oh no! On the contrary! Throughout the length and breadth of this country, all fifty states have the power and authority to try children, and give them the same punishment as adults — and very often do exactly that.

Kennedy's Embargo On Cuba Is A Shameless Aggression Against A Free People

Guantanamo Occupation Protested in Cuba

HAVANA—Crowds surged through this city on January 31—a few days before the great meeting that ratified the Declaration of Havana—shouting "Down with Guantanamo!"

Guantanamo is the U.S. naval base on Cuban territory. Dean Rusk, U.S. Secretary of State, told reporters recently that the U.S. and OAS action

in expelling Cuba had no bearing on U.S. naval forces staying in Guantanamo! Thus the North American brass openly continues to prepare part of its assault on Cuba, in a training station on Cuban soil.

The official Cuban radio carried the masses' protests against U.S. occupation of Guantanamo on February 1.

Failing to conquer Cuba by the military attack of U.S.-armed mercenaries, failing to line up Latin America for an economic attack and strangulation of Cuba, Kennedy last week announced a U.S. embargo on all imports from Cuba.

With a straight face, he added that U.S. foods and medicines may still be sold to Cuba.

But how can Cuba pay for U.S. medicines now that Kennedy has deprived Cuba of the dollars she receives for Cuban tobaccos sold in the U.S.? This, Kennedy did not explain.

(Cuba is still dependent upon U.S. medicines since she has not yet had time to build her own pharmaceutical industry, and the use of Soviet medicines requires considerable re-training of Cuban doctors. This fact is well known in Latin America, and that is why Kennedy makes his empty statement about still selling medicines to Cuba.)

Naturally, Kennedy carries out his wolfish operations in the sheep's clothing of a humanitarian, bleating that he has no wish to deprive the Cuban people of

medicines for the sick, but only wants to stop U.S. dollars being used by Cuba to "subvert" other Latin American countries.

An exposé of Kennedy's hypocrisy came from an unexpected direction.

The U.S. was trying to pressure Canada into a similar embargo on the basis of this argument of Cuba's using dollars for "subversion"—and Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker refuted Kennedy on the floor of Parliament.

He proved that total Cuban exports to the U.S. and Canada in the first nine months of 1961 were \$31.4 million and total Cuban imports from the U.S. and Canada for the same period came to \$34.8 million.

Thus the Cubans had to find \$3.4 million in dollars to make up for their unfavorable trade balance before they could use any dollars to help the embattled patriots of Latin America (what Kennedy calls "subvert").

Fidel Castro, reading the Second Declaration of Havana last Monday, correctly and with great restraint, labeled Kennedy "a shameless person."



Salvador Agron

In sixteen states, it is legally possible to execute children as young as seven.

In three states, death can be given children of eight. In three others, youngsters of ten. In nineteen other states having the death penalty, the minimum age ranges from twelve to eighteen.

In the last fifty years—seventy teenagers have been executed — one and a half per year. The youngest was an Afro-American boy of fourteen, George Stiney Jr. He was electrocuted in 1944 in South Carolina.

An Afro-American girl of seventeen, Virginia Christian, was executed in Virginia back in 1912. A fifteen-year-old Afro-American youngster is today in the death house in Georgia's Reidsville Prison,

on, under sentence of death.

Prisons throughout the nation today house teen-agers—or adults who were children when their crime was committed.

Edward Bell was thirteen when sentenced in 1960 for a life term, for rape. James Frank King was twelve when he was sentenced in 1958 to life imprisonment for murder, in Florida—a state that has executed four sixteen year olds (Bell and King are white).

Lee Arthur Vester, a 14-year-old Afro-American, recently began serving a fifty-year prison term. Today in Indiana, a 9-year-old boy, Ronnie Wing, is being held on a charge of first degree murder.

So how come—with this long cruel and barbaric record of legal government murder of children—particularly children of poor and oppressed people—and how come, that with the overpowering silence of our "free press" on this subject—how come there are suddenly many hypocritical bleeding hearts for the fate of lonely Salvador Agron?

The reason is obvious. It is tokenism. To answer the charge of monumental crime against the Afro-American people, the government occasionally offers token integration, and it is duly publicized.

To answer the charge of monumental crime against the Puerto Rican people, the government now gives one young man a reprieve from the electric chair and grants him the right to spend the rest of his miserable life in prison.

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Railroaded Anti-HUAC Fighter Gets Out of Jail to Fight Again

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—Frank Wilkin-son addressed a meeting of nearly 1,000 opponents of the House Un-American Activities Committee last night only hours after being released from prison together with Carl Braden. He and Braden had just served nine months of a year's sentence for defying the thought-control committee, and at the meeting, he pledged to continue fighting it and working for its abolition.

Today he held a press conference just prior to flying to his family on the west coast.

He reiterated his position and said he felt that Walter (chairman of HUAC) had in essence done him a favor by railroading him to prison. He felt that what he had learned in prison, from books and men, would help him to fight the Un-American Committee much more effectively.

He commented that the struggle

against the McCarran Act (which in effect outlaws the Communist Party) is inseparable from the struggle to abolish HUAC. And he pointed out that the McCarran Act was the one law which had actually been written by this reactionary committee. Richard Ahrens, chief legal counsel for HUAC, was the actual author of the law and McCarran only its principal promoter in Congress.

In reference to his continued refusal to say under pressure, that he was "not a Communist," he asserted:

"No American should say 'I am not a Communist' until it is safe for Communists to say 'I am a Communist.'"

He said that for honesty, decency on the race question, and high character in general, the best people he had ever met as a group were his fellow prisoners.

He added that with jobs for all and the end of race discrimination, prisons could and should be abolished altogether.

Free Speech for a Fascist?

George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the self-styled "American Nazi Party" has applied for a permit to hold a rally in Union Square, New York, on April 20—to celebrate Hitler's birthday.

The Supreme Court has ruled that Rockwell has a right to speak (at the same time depriving the Communist opponents of Rockwell of the same right by virtue of its upholding of the McCarran Act). And most of the "liberal" as well as the conservative worshippers of imperialist law and order seem to be comfortably resigned to having a public birthday party for the champion mass murderer of all time.

No doubt the respectable supporters of law and order will stay at home on April 20, secure in the satisfaction that battalions of "democratic" police will protect "free speech" for Rockwell.

But what about Rockwell's intended victims?

Rockwell, like Hitler, wants to cremate

millions of Jews and he says so. He wants to subjugate the Black people far more completely than they are subjugated now—and establish an absolute white supremacy such as even the rulers of Mississippi do not dare to contemplate.

Should Rockwell's intended victims stay away from Union Square on April 20 in the vain hope that such quiet disapproval will discourage him? What a foolish and delusory action this would be!

No, Rockwell must be made to feel that he cannot be another Hitler, that he cannot establish a super-Ku Klux Klan. And his followers must be made to understand that they threaten the lives of working people at the peril of their own.

This would not violate "free speech" at all. On the contrary, it would help to re-establish the genuine free speech that has been taken from us by the Rockwells in Congress and the Rockwells in the Supreme Court.

A Bomb for an Anti-Fascist!

On February 1, the New York Times virtuously editorialized that a fascist must be permitted to speak on Hitler's birthday in Union Square. "How else can speech be free?" was its clinching argument.

But 3 weeks before, some other fascists attempted to stifle the free speech of the working class with a bomb—and the Times made no protest.

The bomb was hurled at the editorial offices of a working class newspaper in Los Angeles, the Peoples World, in a wave of bombings. It was reported that even the police thought the bombings were "probably" done by the ultra-rightists.

If the Times and other big newspapers were really interested in "free speech"—not to mention "freedom of the press"—would they not be positively scandalized by the bombing of a newspaper, no matter how that newspaper's opinion might differ from their own?

They are not scandalized, because they are not interested in free speech or a

free press at all. They are only interested in freedom for capitalism to exploit the workers and the oppressed nations, just as the fascists are, only the fascists are so much more obvious about it.

The differences they have with the fascists are "all in the family" and do not include defending working class newspapers and organizations from fascist attack. That's why they are so pious about "free speech" for the fascists and so nonchalant about such freedom for the anti-fascists.

The Los Angeles police, with its long record of racist brutality, also, like the New York Times, defends the "free speech" of the fascists. But it is not likely to guard the free speech of the Peoples World against future fascist attacks. Only the workers themselves, with their own political and economic organizations can decisively beat the fascists by united action.

Every thinking worker in Los Angeles should offer his support to the Peoples World for such action.

China Sends Medical Aid Abroad

The average American newspaper reader has been told over and over again that Peoples China is having many economic difficulties, that even the army is complaining about its rations, and in some cases there is supposed to be actual starvation.

All this has been widely reported with great publicity and little regard for truth or the "objectivity" the capitalist press is supposed to have. One nationally-syndicated U.S. columnist even claimed that Chinese hospital attendants were eating the after-births from the maternity ward!

The following Associated Press news item, however, just one inch long, did not fare so well with the Lords of the Press. It appeared in just one edition of just one of the great New York City dailies on February 1:

"The Philippine National Red Cross has accepted an offer from the Red Cross Society in Communist China of more than 330,000 doses of anti-cholera vaccine to combat an epidemic in the Philippines."

Now this was big news, was it not? Before the victorious Chinese Revolution of 1949, China could not even manufac-

tur an aspirin. (Literally!) Today, it can give 330,000 doses of anti-cholera vaccine to another country. If the capitalist press were "fair" or honest, it would have headlined the news and congratulated Peoples China.

The Chinese offer shows tremendous progress and achievement under the new social system.

And if it is really true that China is undergoing all the rigors and sacrifices that its enemies claim it is, then the offer also shows tremendous, heroic self-denial, human solidarity and sympathy with the sufferings of the rest of mankind.

No more can be said of any other country.

Figures Don't Lie, but How Liars Figure

February 1—Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg reported today that the national rate of unemployment dropped below six percent for the first time in sixteen months.

But the number of people not working increased.

Ethiopia Today

Every sympathizer of Black Liberation remembers the heroic struggle of Ethiopia against Italian imperialism in 1935. But very few realize that there is now a revolutionary struggle within Ethiopia itself.

Two months ago, the Ethiopian National Front smuggled a manifesto out of the country which was published here in Monthly Review.

The feudal and even slave-type conditions in Ethiopia that are outlined in this manifesto cannot be endured much longer by the suffering populace. The attempt to overthrow Haile Selassie last year (led in part by his own son!) was undoubtedly a move to head off a far more serious revolt. This can be well appreciated by the following excerpts from the manifesto:

"After centuries of independence and twenty years of a so-called modern government, the overwhelming majority of Ethiopians still live under medieval conditions of poverty, disease, ignorance, and recurring famine.

"Especially over the past twenty years, Ethiopia has experienced a new kind of political tyranny and police oppression not hitherto known in our history. In order to pay for the new luxuries of life, the ruling class has introduced for itself a system of corruption and financial gangsterism which is sustained and perpetuated by the police rule of the feudal ancient regime. . . .

"Some of the outstanding leaders of the patriotic movement during the period of enemy occupation have been either hanged in the market places or are still languishing without trial in prisons just because they requested the introduction of modest reforms. It is now known that at least 20,000 people are imprisoned without trial. . . .

"The feudal regime has established a secret police which has terrorized the population and made frequent use of modern weapons to suppress any form of organized political movement in the country. On several occasions our air-force boys have been coerced against their will to bomb their own people. . . .

"When we refer to the government of Ethiopia as feudal, we mean that it is a regime which fundamentally represents the vested interests of a privileged minority who own and control the land, property, and wealth of the greater part of Ethiopia, and that the overwhelming majority of Ethiopians work on the land

as serfs to support and maintain in luxury and corruption the privileged minority.

"The present regime itself is essentially nothing more than a government of landlords by landlords. . . .

"In contrast to the oppressive conditions of our peasantry, the feudal absentee landlords who live in the towns are today busy building luxurious villas, buying expensive cars, not to mention the fact that each and every one keeps a string of mistresses. . . ."

The writers of the manifesto conclude that there must be "institutional changes . . . a radical change in the present system of landholding and the self-appointed feudal aristocracy."

The revolution to accomplish these changes will come as sure as the sun rises. And when that revolution comes, you can be sure that Haile Selassie, like Moise Tshombe, will suddenly acquire a whole cotillion of new friends among the white supremacists in Washington!

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Kennedy's Budget!

Soaks the Poor to Make the Rich Richer

By Dorothy Ballan

The government budget, everyone knows, is raised each year, by taxing the people. The rich pay higher taxes, and the poor pay lower taxes—and therefore that's supposed to make everyone equal.

But an analysis of tax returns filed for 1959 shows something else again. The returns show that as many as 25 million families live on insufficient income for decent living standards.

After all, a fair distribution of the tax burden must be based, not on how much tax is paid, but on how much cash is left to live on after taxes—in other words, the take-home pay.

This group gets about \$60 take-home pay for a family of three—and they paid over 2½ billion dollars in federal income taxes.

In 1959, three million made only \$16 a week. But that's not the worst of it. These same people paid \$40 million dollars in federal income taxes. That means their actual take-home pay was reduced to \$14.50 per week.

On the other hand, people who made over a million dollars each in one year were left with well over a million dollars to spend, even after taxes.

But even this does not spell out the unbelievable inequality of taxation. A new report just published by an economics professor of the University of Wisconsin, points out that 76% of all corporation stocks are owned by less than 1% of the people. And despite this fantastic concentration of corporate wealth—only 28% of the budget was derived from corporation taxes, while the other 72% was levied against individuals. (An estimated 1,659,000 people own 76% of the corporate wealth, but the unemployed in this country number almost 5,000,000.) And this, we are told, is equality.

Yes, less than 1% of the people own 76% of the corporate wealth—but that's only what they own in this country. This doesn't include ownership of colossal holdings of land and equipment throughout the entire capitalist and colonial world.

Corporations, especially rich ones, are allowed the most fantastic deductions.

They deduct as an expense, depreciation, which is an allowance for the aging of machinery. But the same courtesy is not shown to a worker, who cannot get a tax deduction because his body is wearing out.

A corporation that lost money last year, or the year before, can deduct its losses against this year's profits. A worker who was unemployed last year

cannot, however, take an extra exemption for that year to help him pay back his debts, if he is lucky enough to find a job this year.

A corporation can even deduct light, rent, phone, yachts, and other "running expenses," and then pays taxes on what's left. But a worker gets only \$12 per week per exemption plus a 10 percent general allowance, and then he has to pay taxes on the rest.

That's partly how taxes are raised. But, how is the budget spent?

Let's start with a few of the smaller items first. Much has been said about how concerned Kennedy is over the health and welfare of this nation. He has allotted to Health, Labor and Welfare, five billion dollars.

Sounds enormous. When you get down to brass tacks, what does it mean? It means that for the health and welfare of 180 million people, the allotment is only \$28 per person. To give a clearer idea of how these allocations work, you have to know that there are about 17 million people over the age of 65. Housing of course, is very important for them. But a mere 13 million dollars has been set aside for such purposes. What it boils down to is the magnificent sum of one dollar per person.

You would think that with all the talk about "beating the Russians in the field of education," the budget would show some slight indications of this boast. The government allotted one and a half billion dollars for education. But when you divide this among 60 million children,

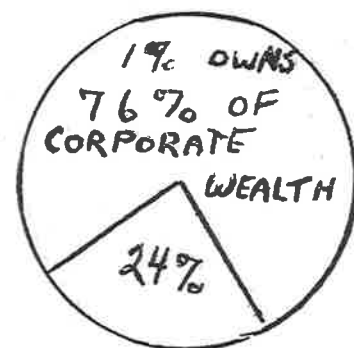
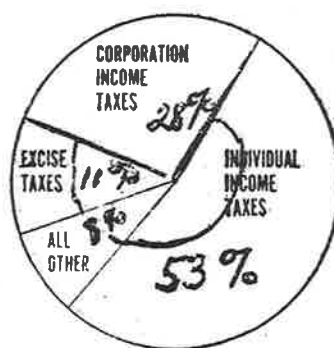
you get the grand total of \$25 per child.

And let's not forget the farmer. He'll be dished-out two and a half billion dollars to keep your grocery bill higher and to plant less. This happens at a time when there are about six and a half million people poor enough to qualify for surplus food, which they obtain only in the amount of \$6.00 per month.

A budget isn't a budget unless the overwhelming part of its expenditures goes for so-called defense. Here is where the richest corporations are generally the ones who get the government contracts. War contracts for guns, missiles, planes, etc., are the juiciest plums of all. For every dollar they give the government in taxes, they take back double in fantastic deals and trade pacts.

Only five billion for Health and Welfare, and less than 1½ billion for education, but there is allotted for so-called defense 52 billion dollars—about two-thirds of the entire budget.

Yes—defense is what they call it. Like



for example, Convair Division of General Dynamics makes B-58 bombers on a cost-plus basis, and it is reported that they received "382,000 in unwarranted fees from the government." Or, another example—the government (to protect us) has purchased from rich corporations, and "stockpiled" more than 7½ billion dollars of various materials—many of them almost useless. One government official said they had enough industrial diamonds "stockpiled" for 100 years. (This was to defend us against the enemy, no doubt.)

These are only small samples of how billions in tax money are turned over to the rich.

If these companies would patriotically forego their swollen profits (which are made on top of huge individual salaries) Kennedy would not need such a large budget.

But then—ideas like that are no doubt subversive.

Wagnerian Horse Opera Plays Reform Motif

Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York was re-elected last election on a reform program with liberal, labor and progressive support.

After election, he proceeded to carry out the "reform" program in three (3) steps:

1. He purged his party of those particular anti-reformers who were of no use to him anymore.

2. He hit the headlines with a condemnation of the Public Service Commission for daring to ask the giant gas and electric corporation to charge higher rates to factories, office buildings and other multi-million dollar users of gas and electricity.

3. He got the City Council to vote him and several other city officials a \$10,000 a year pay increase. (His supporters had expected him to get the City Council to pass a \$1.50 per hour minimum wage law for New York.)

—Well, that's about what you can expect from a capitalist reformer. It's what they call "par for the course."

U.S. Colonialism in Puerto Rico Exposed; —U.S. 'Free' Press Forgets to Mention It

A special commission has been formed in the UN, with representatives from 17 countries. The purpose of this Commission is to investigate colonialism.

Havana Radio reported Juan Mari Bras, leader of the Movement for Puerto Rican Independence (MPI) raised before this special commission of the UN, the question of independence for Puerto Rico. According to Mr. Bras, the President of the General Assembly of the UN, Mongi Slim said that ten countries out of seventeen on the commission

expressed solidarity with the cause of Puerto Rican independence. These were India, Tunisia, Cambodia, Mali, Poland, Soviet Union, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Yugoslavia, and Tanganyika. The other members of Special Commission are Venezuela, Uruguay, Australia, Italy, Syria, Great Britain and, of course, the United States.

The U.S. radio and press carried not a word that the colonialism of the United States in Puerto Rico was raised before the UN Commission.

Afro-Americans Fight City Hall; Protest Jimcrow School in Jersey

By E. Rodriguez

The plush community of Englewood was in an uproar last week. It seems that seven parents of nine young Afro-American children attempted to enroll their children at the Quarles School. Was this in Little Rock—or somewhere in Mississippi—or perhaps Louisiana? No, Englewood is a community that lies directly across the river from New York City—in the state of New Jersey.

The parents merely wished to transfer their children out of the Lincoln School, which is not only a jimcrow institution, but also a 30-year-old firetrap that is a hazard for the children. The Quarles school, however, as befits the fashionable area in which it is located, is a safe and modern school.

But the jimcrow school board, as well as the principal of the Quarles school, refused to enroll the children because of what they called the "neighborhood school concept" which maintains "that children must go to school in the district in which they live." In other words—jimcrow housing will enforce jimcrow education.

This reporter went to Englewood to get a firsthand view of the situation, and found it necessary to dodge cops who apparently disliked strangers talking to



These children were refused enrollment at Quarles school, located in "reserved for white only" section of Englewood, New Jersey.

the Afro-Americans involved.

Almost one third of the population of Englewood is Afro-American. They are forced to live in the bleak jimcrow ghetto of the Fourth Ward and send their children to the jimcrow firetrap Lincoln

North Americans Defend Cuba

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 — During the very climax of the Punta del Este conference, a crowd of 700 North Americans met at Palm Gardens Ballroom here in New York and condemned the attempt of the U.S. government to blackmail the Latin American countries into strangling the Cuban revolution.

The meeting was called by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and chaired by the committee's national chairman, Richard Gibson. Julio Medina, William

School. Their earnings as a rule, are obtained in the servitude of the wealthy white parents who send their children to the Quarles school. The Afro-Americans are the chauffeurs, maids, cooks and porters—with long working hours, and low pay.

And so the white town fathers do not regard with favor the aspirations of the Afro-American people to rise above the level of the ghetto Lincoln school. They fear they may have to wash their own dirty dishes.

More than a hundred people staged a sit-in at City Hall to protest the refusal of the school authorities to admit the nine Afro-American children. Three hundred more crowded into the Council Chamber. Many shouted, "We're for freedom," "Equal education," "Better housing."

Worthy and Corliss Lamont were the featured speakers.

All condemned the U.S. imperialist plot against Cuba and called upon the audience to defy the proposed U.S. ban on medical supplies to the beleaguered Cubans. The audience shouted its approval at this point, in particular.

William Worthy, foreign correspondent for the Baltimore Afro-American, scored those weak liberals who say they are for the rights of the Afro-American people and yet support the U.S. government's attempt to jimcrow the Republic of Cuba.

"I do not think these liberals will be on my side (the side of Afro-American liberation) when the showdown comes tomorrow, if they cannot take a stand in defense of Cuba today," he said.

Corliss Lamont revealed that John A. McCone, new director of the CIA (the government spy agency which planned last year's invasion of Cuba) is a man who made over \$30 million profit out of an investment of \$100,000 — through government contracts. No counterfeiter ever robbed the U.S. Treasury of that much money. And counterfeiters are put in jail for long terms.

Julio Medina made an impassioned defense of his native land—Cuba—and its new emancipation for the toilers. He spoke both in English and Spanish.

China Creates a Simple Dictionary of Class Truth— And Look Who Says "It's All a Lot of Propaganda"!

By D. Rusticano

In December, Life Magazine carried a special report which was entitled *Red China's Tricky Word Game*. This is supposed to expose how the Chinese Communists have invented a vocabulary solely for "propaganda purposes."

The article explains:

"The operative lexicon contains about 150 words. Half of these are 'good' words, applied only to 'good' things like

bania; some Ecuadorian brewery workers struggling against high taxes and devaluation of currency. . . .

"The list of 'bad' words contains some expected favorites: *capitalist, imperialist, reactionary, colonialist, landlord* and the like. —A Western or pro-Western country never has a government. It has a *regime*, run by a *clique* or a *gang* of *politicians* or *brigands* propped up by *mercenaries, lackeys, adventurists, extremists* and *stooges*. —

"The people of Communist or pro-Communist countries, on the other hand are always devoted to *peace, socialist friendship, cultural achievements* and *patriotic safeguarding of the future*. Their leaders display *vigilance, unity* and *friendly solidarity*."

The Chinese should be congratulated for establishing a simple vocabulary that expresses class truth. It's no wonder Life Magazine is so enraged.

The vocabulary preferred no doubt by the millionaire owner of Time, Life, Fortune, etc., is one that uses words to mask truth. In our "free press," the struggle of millions of people in Latin

America to take over their own country and their own resources—and oust companies like United Fruit, and Coca Cola—becomes the movement of *mobs, gangs,*



Finland Clenches Armed Fist! To Threaten Soviet Union? Hardly!

An article by Werner Wiskari in *The New York Times* of February 4, depicted, in glowing terms, some of the winter training maneuvers of the armed forces of Finland.

In the course of the article, he wrote: "Massive guerilla action might defer any Soviet ideas that Finland's subjugation would be easy."

Wiskari skillfully created the illusion that the Soviet Union is a potential military threat to Finland. But there are a few things that Wiskari undoubtedly "overlooked."

First, the arms used in the Finnish maneuvers were *Soviet arms*. Lars Bjoerckenheim, the Finnish Defense Minister,

just returned from the Soviet Union, after negotiating the purchase of large quantities of arms, including jet fighter planes.

Second, Finland and the Soviet Union have peaceful, friendly relations and have concluded a non-aggression treaty as well as numerous agreements for trade and cultural exchange.

Third, among the foreign journalists witnessing the Finnish defense maneuvers were two *Soviet* correspondents.

And lastly, Finland has indeed openly expressed concern about possible aggression against her, but the country named as the potential aggressor was *not* the Soviet Union, but the U.S. military ally, *West Germany*.

and *subversion*. Yankee invasion becomes *liberation*, and Yankee liberation is nothing but *invasion*. The part of the world where U.S. capital and allies enslave millions of people is the *free world*. Where millions of people break the chains of monopoly capital, and take their destiny into their own hands, this is the *slave world*. Nazi Generals are called *freedom-fighters*, Black Freedom fighters are called *kidnappers*. People who are starving and try to get bread for their children are *relief chiselers*, but millionaire oil tycoons, huge farming enterprises, etc., who milk the public treasury of billions get *subsidies*. Workers who fight for a living wage cause *inflation*, but big corporations need exorbitant profits for *incentive*. U.S. colonial exploitation and military oppression becomes *free associated state* (e.g. Puerto Rico).

This represents only a small part of the lexicon of imperialist lies dished out daily and hourly in this country, and contains considerably more than 150 words.

Peace Strikers Hit Stock Exchange

Members of the New York Stock Exchange were alarmed last week when 200 demonstrators disturbed their peaceful money-grubbing with leaflets declaring, "Ticker Tapes Chart the Pulse of Nuclear Sickness."

When 15 of the 200 entered the inner sanctum of the Exchange, and staged a sit-in until closing hour, the august members greeted the intrusion with a cold and hostile rage.

The demonstrators were members of the New York Committee for the General Strike for Peace. They call themselves advocates of "non-violent revolution." During the whole of last week they went on strike against nuclear testing, demonstrating at the UN, Times Square and finally at the Stock Exchange. There they met with a counter-demonstration of super-patriots, who shouted abuse and obscenities. Their signs read, "We Want War Now."

A leading member of the General Strike for Peace, Frances Witlin, told *Workers World* she felt the New York Stock Exchange was the most appropriate place to demonstrate against nuclear war, because it symbolized the profit system, which breeds all wars.

Why Indonesia Must Liberate West Irian from the Dutch

By V. Grey

Last month the Dutch imperialists sank an Indonesian warship. But you didn't see any tears shed on TV and you didn't hear any sobs on the radio, like you would have if the Indonesians had sunk a *Dutch* ship—or like you *did* see and hear when the Congolese finally killed a few of the Europeans who had been butchering them.

The U.S. press was full of lies. It was actually weeping for the *Dutch* and even labeling the Indonesians as *imperialists* for wanting to take the poor land of West Irian from the Dutch, whose own country, the Netherlands, is over 10,000 miles away and whose queen—Juliana—is reputed to be the richest woman in the world.

What is it all about?

As usual, the press, radio and TV are turning things completely upside down. The Indonesians are engaged in an *anti-imperialist* struggle over West Irian.

West Irian is still called "Netherlands New Guinea" in the almanacs and children's schoolbooks, because the Netherlands still "owns" it, controls it, administers it and has military and naval bases there. It is just to the east of Indonesia and it is a Dutch imperialist dagger pointed directly at Indonesian independence.

Is there even a tiny grain of truth in the hypocritical accusation of the imperialists that Indonesia is guilty of an "imperialism" of its own in wanting to take over West Irian?

Not a particle!

The *Dutch* exploit West Irian in a typical imperialist way. The Indonesians could not so exploit West Irian, even if they wanted to.

West Irian produces coconuts, sugar cane, sweet potatoes—and oil. But the

Indonesians couldn't make any money out of the oil. In the words of the once liberal, but now very conservative, Louis Fischer, who spent many weeks in Indonesia, "West Irian would be an economic headache to Indonesia."

It would in truth be an economic headache, because the Dutch are still *investing* in the oil production and have not yet got a good yield for the capital put in so far. The Indonesians are in no position to make investments in West Irian. They are up to their ears in difficulties with mechanization and development in their *own* islands. They have no *surplus capital*, such as imperialist countries have, to invest in West Irian.

In fact, they are still subject to the exploitation of others—not only the Dutch, but the British and the Americans. (Standard Oil and Texaco have made big inroads since Indonesia's "independence.")

If and when the Indonesians take West Irian, they will make an *alliance* with it on an equal footing, precisely because they are not imperialist exploiters and cannot be.

In order to prop up their sagging propaganda, the imperialists have added the argument that the inhabitants of West Irian are not Indonesians, but Papuans, a people who have little connection with the Indonesians by language or custom. Therefore, the argument goes, the Indonesians would be suppressing Papuan self-determination if they took the island over!

What the good, kind, gentle *Dutch* have been doing these many centuries in West Irian can be gathered from the

following carefully restrained 1958 statement of Dr. Van Mook, a former governor of Indonesia when it was the "Netherlands East Indies."

"It might be contended that we (the Dutch) should maintain possession of New Guinea (West Irian) exclusively in the interest of the Papuan population. That would mean, however, a rather fundamental change in the way we have governed the area until now."

—A "rather fundamental change" indeed!

However, the fact that the Dutch have ruthlessly suppressed the Papuans—in fact herded them onto "preserves" and into the "bush" where they live "like people in the stone age" (after 350 years of "enlightened" Dutch rule!)—this fact would not excuse the *Indonesians* repressing or brutally treating the Papuans.

But the fact is that the majority of the West Irian proletariat is not Papuan but *Indonesian*.

The plundering Dutch corporations could not use the Papuans for laborers in their mines, plantations, etc., any more than the early English settlers could use the Indians in North America. So they imported *Indonesians*—from the Moluccas, from Java and from Sumatra—just as the English-Americans imported Black slaves from Africa.

And on January 31, of this year, Dr. Subandrio, as Foreign Minister, formally committed Indonesia to *quitting* its administration of West Irian "after ten or fifteen years"—or in other words, after the Dutch imperialists are sufficiently weakened so both Indonesia and



Foreign Minister Subandrio

West Irian can be free.

The U.S. imperialists, who supplied the Dutch with money to carry on the 1945-49 war against Indonesia, are allied with the Dutch in NATO and blocked with the Dutch in the UN.

They would like Indonesia for themselves, of course. But they support the Dutch because they are certain that an Indonesian attack on West Irian will raise the anti-imperialist spirit within Indonesia, thus hurting U.S. corporations too. In addition, it will help spark the outbreak of new colonial uprisings that will once again raise the possibility of destroying *all* imperialisms, including that of the U.S.

That is why the imperialists will not tell a straight story about Indonesia in their newspapers and why they defend Dutch imperialism against 96 million of the most exploited people in the world.