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Pickets in Ohio protest Governor Di Salle's order to extradite Mae Mallory to North Carolina

Zero Hour Nears for Mae Mallory Save Mae From the KKK!

The danger that Mae Mallory will be sent back to North Carolina lynch justice, is greater than ever. It is even possible that she will be in the hands of the Ku Klux Klan before the end of the month.

The rising tide of mass protest in the Ohio community against her extradition to North Carolina, was shown by a motion introduced to the City Council of Cleveland calling on Governor Di Salle to rescind his extradition order.

Although the Council failed to approve this motion, it is eloquent testimony to the deep sentiment that is felt in the labor movement and among the Black masses in Ohio. This was graphically illustrated by the fact that even a Republican candidate for the Ohio Senate felt obliged to speak out against Di Salle's extradition order.

In a letter to Di Salle he wrote:

"As a candidate for the Ohio Senate, I am disappointed to find the governor of my state taking the word of the governor of North Carolina that Mrs. Willie Mae Mallory will have a fair trial in Monroe, N. C., where the Ku Klux Klan have been parading the streets, firing guns, and racial violence has been frequent.

"Mrs. Mallory is to be tried for kidnapping in helping keep two people for two hours in a house to which they came while an unruly crowd milled about. The very charge makes a joke of the term kidnap.

"If ever there were a case for

exercise of your power to refuse extradition, this is it."

It is the time for labor and Afro-American leaders to come to her defense, as some have already done.

Get your labor and fraternal organizations to support her fight for freedom.

Help stop this legal lynching!
Save Mae from the K K K!

Rally in New York To Defend Mae M.

An enthusiastic rally to defend Mae Mallory was held Sunday, February 18, at the Royal Manor Ballroom in New York City, sponsored by the Monroe Defense Committee.

Mrs. Pat Alexander, fighting editor of the Los Angeles *Herald-Dispatch*, Lugo Tagwaba of Tanganyika, President of the East African Student Union, Mae Williams, cousin of Robert Williams and active participant in N. C. "defense guard" against white supremacists, and Calvin Hicks, Executive-Secretary of the Monroe Defense Committee, were the principal speakers. Ramona Garret was the Chairman.

Abbey Lincoln sang some of her well-known and effective "Songs for Freedom" and the 3-Dimensional Dance Company performed a Jazz Ballet about Harlem.

A stirring message of greeting from Robert Williams, now in exile in Cuba, was read to the audience by the Chairman.

eight. (Today's great action was in response to these murders.) The workers, although unarmed, succeeded in injuring 140 members of the Security Forces, ten seriously—according to the capitalist press.

In this demonstration (on February 8) the participants carried countless banners saying, "Fascism Shall Not Pass." They shouted, "OAS assassins!" and "Salan to the gallows!"

As the crowds surged toward the Place de la Bastille, the Security Forces charged at them in order to beat them back into the narrow side streets in the area.

But the workers picked up paving blocks, hurling them at the cops, to defend themselves. And this was after several of their number had already been

Workers Scrapped at Rate Of 35,000 a Week—And This Is Cold War "Prosperity"!

Five Million Now Unemployed in the Midst of Boom; Wall St. Has Jobs for Them — But Only in Hot War

Have you been laid-off recently? Are your friends and family having similar difficulty? No wonder! You are not alone!

Newspaper reports of increasing unemployment are daily becoming a tragic personal reality in this country to tens of thousands of people.

In a press conference, President Kennedy called the loss of jobs due to automation the "major domestic challenge of the sixties." He said—and it was one statement that was not very widely publicized—that 25,000 new jobs must open up every week for the next ten years, *merely to take care of workers who are displaced by machines.* (And how about the additional workers displaced by enforced speedup of those who are working.)

And even this 25,000 figure was immediately disputed by Kennedy's Under-Secretary of Labor, Willard Wirtz, who said the problem was really much worse—that at least 35,000 new jobs must open up every week just to maintain present levels of employment (and there are at least five million unemployed now).

You get a better idea of what's ahead for you and your family in regard to jobs when you look at what is happening to some of the basic sources of employment in the U.S. In 1947, 655,000 steel workers produced about 85 million tons of steel. Last year about the same number of workers—with a greater use of automated machines, produced over 98 million tons. That is an increase of about 16 percent of steel without any additional workers.

Unemployment "Study"

An Associated Press news dispatch said on December 13:

"A study published today by a Senate-House Economic subcommittee concludes that the reason for current high unemployment rates is that there are not enough jobs."

—No fooling!

Soft coal miners are producing as much coal as they did in 1949—but with only one-third of the work force. Union officials claim that actually more than two-thirds of the work force has been lost since 1949.

In 1940 there were about two million railroad workers, and in 1950 there were a million and a quarter. Today, there are only 780,000—and the companies are preparing, with government help—to cut them back. And if the giant railroad mergers go through, the cut-backs will be even greater.

And all this doesn't take into consideration the fact that the population goes up every year about three million.

Those are the cold facts. They help explain why the bankers and industrialists are constantly trying to turn the cold war into a hot war, as *their* solution to the unemployment problem.

Cry For Freedom Grows Ever Louder In Puerto Rico

The so-called peaceful island of Puerto Rico is not so peaceful as the United States press would have us think. To fraudulently maintain the impression that the people of Puerto Rico are "free" and "satisfied," they just don't print news of events that underline the cry for freedom, in the English-speaking press.

There have been many outbursts recently on the island of Puerto Rico, which bear witness to the protest and struggle of the people against exploitation by the United States. In recent months, a number of sugar cane fields throughout the island have been set afire.

One sugar cane field alone, registered a \$25,000 loss. Another 25 acres of cane, with a raw market value of \$12,500, went up in flames. In Areciabo, \$8,000 worth of bittersweet went up in smoke, and in Guayama, there was \$3,000 worth of smoke.

Some of the fires occurred during the day, but the majority were at night, and in all cases, the flames were first discovered on the edge of a road or highway where motor vehicles could travel.

The police refused to divulge whether they had found more "bombs" of the type used several months ago, when fires exploded in several North American establishments in the metropolitan area, at the time of the birthday of Dr. Albizu Campos.

These incidents have been blamed on the subversive activities of Fidelistas and Nationalistas. The truth is that the cauldron of anger of the masses of poor people in Puerto Rico, is beginning to boil.

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Fascism Can Be Beaten!

French Workers Show It Can Be Done

Paris, Feb. 13 — Workers laid down their tools throughout all France today as one million Parisians marched in mourning for eight working class heroes murdered by the French police in last Thursday's anti-fascist demonstration.

This was the largest such action since the great days of 1934 when the French workers launched what nearly became a successful socialist revolution in the years 1934 to 1937.

Last Thursday, February 8, tens of thousands of workers had been protesting against the fascist terrorists of the "Secret Army" and calling for an immediate end to the repressive Algerian war.

The police and the so-called "Security Forces" opened fire upon the masses, wounding several hundred and killing

wounded!

After the covertly fascist Security Forces had finished their murderous work, the overtly fascist OAS went to work in other parts of the city with plastic bombs—setting them off in Communist and other Left wing bookstores and publishing houses.

The supposedly anti-fascist government then proceeded to blame the *Communists* for all the bloodshed! (And six of the eight killed were Communists!)

However, no amount of red-baiting, even by the government itself, could stop today's magnificent anti-fascist march and its accompanying general strike. The entire French working class, Communist and Socialist alike, shook its fist at the fascists under the nose of de

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Freedom of the Press

The Freedom of the Press Rally at Carnegie Hall in New York this March 2, while appealing to every honest defender of civil liberties in every walk of life, should also be a clarion call to the working class to fight for its freedom.

A hundred and seventy-three years ago, the Bill of Rights was passed and amended to the Constitution guaranteeing among other things, freedom of the press. The Bill of Rights was not given to the people by the Constitution-makers. It was won by the American Revolution itself, and by the subsequent pressure of the masses against

the rather conservative "founding fathers."

Today, the dictatorship of finance capital—still speaking in the name of the Constitution, has all but destroyed it as any real guarantee of freedom.

Every worker conscious of his heritage and loyal to his class should support the rally mentioned above—particularly because this rally is not just for freedom of the press in the abstract, but primarily to protest the vicious and anti-democratic attack by the U.S. government on the existence of a working class newspaper.

Telephone Co. Disconnected

The State of Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil on February 16 expropriated all properties of the U.S.-owned telephone system.

"U.S.-owned" means "owned by the U.S. bankers," of course. The parent company of the Brazilian telephone company is International Telephone and Telegraph which happens to own Bell Telephone, Western Electric, Western Union, etc., etc.

The company has been making money hand over fist for years in Brazil. Recently, it wanted to raise its already high rates and gave as an alibi—the excuse that 25,000 more people wanted phones and the company had to charge higher rates so it could get the money to expand.

(It used to be that the more things you sold, the cheaper you could sell them for. But that was before the days of I.T. & T. and dollar imperialism!)

The Brazilian people, like the people in the rest of Latin America, are fed up to their ears with Yankee colonialism and Latin poverty.

Only last November, hundreds of armed farm workers seized 1,300 acres of Brazilian farm land and defied the

authorities to evict them. Their leader, Mariano Baser, a 23-year-old follower of Fidel Castro, said at the time:

"I can mobilize 5,000 well-armed farm hands in 24 hours."

Practically the whole Brazilian Province of Recife is an armed camp, where the landless poor are engaging in the same type of actions as Baser's and are pushing for the same kind of nationalizations as Rio Grande do Sul's.

Brazil's ill-housed, half-starving, landless millions cannot endure the continued plunder of their land by imperialism very much longer. The action of the governor of Rio Grande do Sul in expropriating the telephone company is just a mild indication of the revolutionary passions of the Brazilian masses, and for that matter, of the whole Latin American peoples.

The best witness to this may be the manager of the expropriated telephone company himself—Antonio Rosado.

He was previously an officer of the I.T. & T. phone company in Cuba, when it was taken over by the Cuban Revolution. Then he traveled to Brazil.

There has been no announcement what country Mr. Rosado will visit next.

Chinese Prescription for Peace

Hong Kong's official Chinese Communist newspaper, the *Evening Post*, said on February 13:

"The only way to ensure world peace is to uproot imperialism. Troops and arms are only tools of war—and imperialism is the cause of it."

This is an absolutely correct prescription for the anti-war struggle. The numerous pacifist groups and anti-bomb protests may slow down the imperialist war drive, but only the great masses' overthrow of their oppressors (such as in the colonial struggle) can stop it.

The Soviet leaders' attempt to avert war by negotiations, disarmament meetings, and summit conferences may also result in slowing down the imperialist war drive—and to that extent, should

be supported.

But neither the appeals to its "humanity" nor even the possibility of its own self-destruction can change the war-mad nature of imperialism in its death agony.

The alternative of our epoch remains as before: either world socialism or a return to barbarism.

The hundreds of millions in the "backward" and still oppressed countries, even those who are incapable of reading these words, have already made the ineluctable choice in favor of socialism. Their struggle has already weakened imperialism's ability to go to war. And their final victory along with the victory of the working masses of the rest of the world, will destroy imperialism and war at the same time.

"Mail" Workers Jolt Bosses; Shake Up "Runaway Shop" Plan

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 — More than 2,000 "direct mail" workers struck a hammer-blow at the New York sweatshop and "runaway shop" this month in a 12-day general strike against the Direct Mail Master Contract Association.

Their union, District 65 of the Retail and Wholesale Department Store Workers, negotiated a "no moving" clause wherein the bosses agreed not to move their shops to any point more than 35 miles from the center of the metropolitan district.

This will stem the tide of "runaway shops" in the industry, who have been constantly seeking lower-paid, non-union labor in rural areas.

Racial and national discrimination by the bosses was dealt an extremely effective blow by another important clause in the new contract.

The union won a 120-hour trial period for any worker the union sends out on a job. Thus, if an Afro-American or

Puerto Rican is sent from the union hiring hall to a "direct mail" shop, the boss is prevented from refusing to employ the worker—and after the three week trial period, the burden of proof is on the boss, if he says he is dissatisfied.

The contract provides 25 cents in regular raises over the three year period of the agreement and adds some fringe benefits such as an extra paid holiday—Columbus Day—bringing the total number of holidays to 10 per year.

In the second year of the contract, the 40 hour work week is reduced to 37½ hours with time and a half pay over that time.

"Direct mail" workers are office workers on a factory production line system of work. They have traditionally had neither the privileges of office workers nor the pay of most factory workers. Today, with militancy, organization and a good union, they have gone a long way toward ending their previous bondage.

Here's a Lecture on Self-Reliance For 11-Year Old Working Girls!

Judith Lindsay, an 11-year-old girl of Cranford, New Jersey, got a free pony just recently as a gift from the New Jersey Pony Breeders and Owners Association. She had written the newspapers asking if there weren't some way around the child labor laws so she could work and earn the money to save up for a pony, and presto change-o she got herself a pony and somebody got a lot of free advertising. The American way, you know.

This would hardly be worth commenting on, it is so like hundreds of other individual cases that the capitalist press picks out to glorify, like the winners of lotteries and the little boys who lose their dogs and get a thousand offers after their pictures are in the papers.

But the New York *Herald Tribune*, stately, conservative, "conscientious" to the core, could not resist making the following pious observation:

"Judith couldn't get around the law, but she did get her pony . . . It's too bad she was denied the extra satisfaction of working for it. But if the law let children learn self-reliance while still young, they might carry the habit into adulthood. It could even become a national characteristic again."

The owner of the *Herald Tribune*, John Hay Whitney, former playboy and ex-Ambassador to Britain, did not learn his self-reliance by going to work at the age of 11, but by inheriting a Standard Oil fortune of close to a hundred million dollars.

He knows all about ponies, however, having been an outstanding polo player, and in the years 1932-1935, when a good many 11-year-old girls were learning self-reliance in the sweatshops, Mr. Whitney incorporated his stable of polo ponies at \$1,325,940.

HARRIET TUBMAN "Moses of Her People"

March 13, 1962 will be the 59th anniversary of the death of Harriet Tubman, hailed as the "Moses of Her People."

She escaped from slavery in Maryland in 1849, and then led many others to freedom. In 19 trips, she is credited with having emancipated over 300 slaves. Tolerating no cowardice, she threatened to kill any slave who turned back.

Why Tanganyika Prime Minister Quit!

The resignation of Prime Minister J. K. Nyerere of Tanganyika last month was played down in the imperialist West as having little importance. But it is of the greatest importance indeed:

The truth is that Nyerere was a "moderate" — a friend of the West. He was in favor of continuing to collaborate with Great Britain and for a policy of restraint on African wage rises.

He was replaced by Rashidi Kiwawa, a former secretary of the Tanganyika Federation of Labor, who is expected to follow a more militant anti-European (in reality, anti-imperialist) policy.

Before his resignation, Mr. Nyerere was forced by his own more militant followers to expel five Europeans from Tanganyika. And a police commissioner recently resigned in protest against orders to disarm all Europeans in the country.

Obviously, the anti-imperialist African masses are on the march in Tanganyika. And they have already forced a leftward shift in their government less than two months after getting their "independence" from Britain.



Harriet Tubman

— French Workers

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Gaulle. And when it laid its eight martyrs in graves near the wall where the Communards of 1871 were shot down by the French Army, it sent a red tremor of revolution through the spines of the French bourgeoisie.

This is crystal clear proof that fascism can be beaten. It is only necessary to know who the fascist enemies are—and that the de Gaulle government will never fight fascism through to the end.

The French working class now feels this in its bones. It has the will and the power to defeat fascism and oust the semi-fascist de Gaulle on its way to establishing a workers government and a socialist country.

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Even 10 Minutes Wash-Up Time Takes a Struggle

SOUTH BEND, Feb. 8—The Studebaker workers have just won a long 40-day strike to hold their hard-won relief and wash-up time rights.

They had previously won a total of 39 minutes a day for these purposes, which is little enough, as any auto worker can tell you.

The company had tried to reduce this time to the level of the rest of the auto industry—which is 24 minutes. The Studebaker workers (members of Local 5, United Auto Workers AFL-CIO) maintain their relief and wash-up time at 34 minutes, or 10 minutes longer than the other companies.

Wage increases, however, were kept one cent under the increases won by the workers at other auto plants—where the general wage level is already higher than Studebakers.

The strike was the longest of any of the strikes against the auto plants since last summer's negotiations began with the Big Three and American Motors. (There were officially-sanctioned strikes at Ford and GM and a wave of tough wildcat strikes in what amounted to a rank-and-file revolt in GM, but none of these were of great duration.)

Studebaker has been crying the blues about losing money, being forced out of business, etc., etc. But its published profits went up from nothing in the first nine months of 1961 to \$2,533,724 in the last three months.

This should buy a lot of relief and wash-up time for *somebody*!

Japanese Labor Fights Back

According to *U.S. News & World Report*:

"U.S. firms, figuring on utilizing Japan's cheap labor, are in for some surprises—

"Wages of highly skilled workers have doubled in two years. New wage demands are being prepared by the labor unions for their annual spring offensive.

"Representative American employers now are being pressed for raises of 80 per cent by their Japanese staffs."

The Presidential Commission on Railroads

The Real Clue to Kennedy's Labor Policy

By Dorothy Ballan

deliriously happy with the deliberations of this "impartial" Presidential Commission.

They reported that "the commissions' five public members"—"who will have the deciding voice—are so pro-management that only the *degree*" (our emphasis) that they favor the railroad owners is to be determined.

The recommendations of this Presi-

dential Commission (meeting the domestic challenge of unemployment in the 60's) is:

1. To eliminate all firemen on diesel locomotives in freight and yard services—which would cut down employment to the tune of \$250 million.

2. They recommend *increasing* the work load of a crew, so that each worker must ride the trains a distance 50% greater than before in order to get a full day's pay.

3. They want to give management the right to move a man from his regular job to different types of jobs—which would force one man to do the job of two or three.

4. In addition, they want to eliminate a present rule requiring railroads to maintain stand-by crews when using automatic switch engines.

These recommendations by the President's Commission, come on top of the fact that last year the major railroads of the country, took in *more money* employing only 780,000 than they did in 1950 when they employed a million and a quarter people.

The special Presidential Commission was appointed 14 months ago by Eisenhower and was continued by Kennedy. To prevent a strike last year by the railroad workers, James P. Mitchell, who was then Secretary of Labor, persuaded both sides to submit the dispute to an "impartial" body—the Presidential Commission. It's recommendations are not binding, but Kennedy will no doubt use it as a hammer over the heads of the workers.

So obviously and arrogantly pro-company is the report of this so-called impartial commission, that even the most conservative union bureaucrats are worried. One of them said, "The way things look now, we're about to get the worst jolt we've ever received—a real teeth rattler."

The railroads estimate that with this proposal, they will get the same amount of work done, and pay out \$500 million a year less to the workers.

Complete details of the plan have not been released, but one source reported that those workers who remain on the job would have to put in *more* hours of work to just maintain the present existing take-home pay.

But Kennedy, dear man, "deplores" unemployment and calls this problem the "challenge of the '60's."

Before Kennedy and his big-business government ever do anything to meet the "challenge" of unemployment in the 60's, the workers—employed and unemployed—will have to challenge Kennedy.

Picket is grabbed by Police Chief Orson E. Harmon during picketing of Studebaker-Packard plant in South Bend, Ind.



He Anointeth Us With Oil — Rockefeller Oil, That Is

New York State Governor Nelson Rockefeller gave a sermon on civil rights in a Harlem church recently. He told the congregation that "the burning issue before America is equal justice and opportunity."

Since Rockefeller inherited \$200 million in a lump sum from his good old father (who was thoughtful enough to leave the other Rockefeller boys \$200 million apiece, too), he is well qualified to talk about equal justice and opportunity.

All men are created equal. But some—like Rockefeller—are a little bit more "equal" than others. And so they become lecturers and preachers on equality.

Rockefeller is just the man to preach about equality for the Black man, too, because his family controls the National Steel Company and partially controls the Bethlehem Steel Company as well as Colorado Fuel and Iron. All these companies hire a great many Afro-

Americans. Oh Lord, yes—a great many Black people, who are being given their equal justice and opportunity every day in the week and 24 hours in the day by Preacher Rockefeller and his partners.

In the coke oven department of Bethlehem Steel in Lackawanna, for example, there are just hundreds of Black workers getting burned by hot coke and gassed by coke oven gas. And they mostly have it all to themselves. Equal as all hell.

In the blast furnace department, Black men are so equal that they have the hottest and heaviest jobs and breathe more sulphur fumes than anybody else.

But in the electrical construction department where the fellows get four dollars an hour and hardly ever get sweated up, Mr. Rockefeller gives all his "equality and justice" to white only.

He assured the 400 Afro-Americans in the congregation, "We Baptists sure are sticking together."

Hallelujah, Brother Rockefeller.

In Viet-Nam

The Undeclared War

By Ana Kezman

There are nearly five thousand American boys fighting an undeclared war in South Vietnam—and more are going there every day.

They are there to "assist" and "advise" the 175,000 South Vietnamese troops in the use of U.S. arms against the 20,000 strong Viet Cong, army of the revolutionary Vietnamese people. (Figures by U.S. sources.)

They, like the South Vietnamese, are armed. They are under orders "not to fire unless fired upon." But it would be strange indeed if they were *not* fired upon—since they are now wearing uniforms and are in battle areas every day.

Kennedy, like Truman before him (in the case of Korea) is brazenly starting what may be a major war without any act of Congress or expression of the will of the American people.

Nor is he merely resorting to one of those irregular and almost nonchalant suppressions of popular rebellion in which his imperialist predecessors have indulged on so many occasions. On February 8, he underlined his intentions to commit many more U.S. lives in the Vietnamese civil war by appointing a *four star general* (Paul D. Harkins, a leading general in the counter-revolutionary Korean War) to the top command of the U.S. "advisory" group in

South Vietnam—thus clearly taking it out of the "advisory" class.

And five days later, General Harkins arrived in Saigon with new orders, new ships, new battle planes—and new *men*.

On February 9, three U.S. Army combat helicopter companies arrived in Saigon with a company of light observation planes. The papers reported that "some units were thrown into action almost immediately"—waiting at the same time, no doubt, "until they were first fired upon" before firing back!

Also on February 9, it was reported—"General Harkins refused to speculate on any increase of United States manpower in Vietnam. He concluded, however, that *support troops were in training in the United States for service with his new command.*"

In other words, Kennedy and his generals are already enlarging the fight to include far more than the present 5,000 U.S. youth already committed to the undeclared war.

By February 11, the *New York Times* was quite justified in worrying that:

"Americans might not be ready to accept the idea of a long, drawn-out struggle." And it worried, too, about "the increase in casualties in a guerilla war

that is being fought 7,000 miles away."

And why is it that 175,000 South Vietnamese soldiers plus nobody knows how many thousands of U.S. boys must fight a "long, drawn-out struggle" against an army of only 20,000? The answer is, the Viet-Cong army has the sympathy of the masses of the Viet-

Did You Know . . .

That the U.S. has spent \$500 million on military equipment for South Vietnam in the last seven years?

That over 600 large units of U.S. earth moving equipment are now arriving in South Vietnam to make landing fields—in violation of the 1954 Geneva Agreement which the U.S. engineered, but did not sign?

That one airfield will be finished in two more months and it will be capable of handling anything that flies, including the biggest jets?—and that jet planes are also forbidden by the Geneva Agreement?

That 5,000 U.S. soldiers are already fighting in South Vietnam with thousands more being trained for Vietnam service in the United States?

namese people themselves. Each soldier in that army is worth ten and more than ten counter-revolutionary soldiers.

The same *New York Times*, back on November 28, gave one reason for this when it said:

"Aloof and rigidly dictatorial, the (South Vietnam) President's personal and family regime has become generally unpopular. It is now so preoccupied with ferreting out and erasing opposition to itself that little energy is left for fighting the Communists. Critics, many of them strong anti-Communists, live in constant fear of arbitrary arrest and imprisonment."

However, on February 15, U.S. fliers were risking their lives (eight had been killed doing the same thing a few days before) dropping leaflets with President Diem's Chinese New Years greeting printed on them, thus building up Diem's "generally unpopular" regime. (They were dropping a message from Kennedy, too, so it may be said they were dying for U.S. imperialism directly as well as for imperialism's Asian dictator.)

Diem is already using U.S. funds on a grand scale to pay a New York public relations firm to polish up his "image."

But the long-suffering South Vietnamese masses are not alone; they are an integral part of the rising Asian masses. And neither the Madison Avenue "image" of their local dictator, nor the colossal weapons of his Wall Street masters, nor the sacrifice of additional American lives is going to stem the tide of the Asian revolution.

13,000 Lose Jobs in Switch Of "Defense" Contracts — Why?

A possible 13,000 men are due to lose their jobs in Republic Aviation, on Long Island, because the U.S. government has cancelled an order for F-105 Thunderchief fighter-bombers and awarded a similar contract to the McDonnell Aircraft Company in St. Louis.

These men are raising families, some buying homes, all probably in debt up to their ears and living many miles away from any other possible job opportunity. They now face a suddenly bleak future.

Why?

Not, you can be sure, because Kennedy and his banker pals have decided to cut back on their international murder machine—misnamed "national defense."

They are spending more than ever for arms and will continue to do so.

And not, you can also be sure, because the McDonnell Aircraft Company will produce better or faster planes, or missiles for that matter.

Several years ago, this same McDonnell Aircraft Company sold defective jet planes—jovially nicknamed "Demons"—to the government.

After half a dozen crashes and at least two fatal injuries to pilots, the planes were finally judged unsafe and unflyable.

Then how come this company that produced unflyable jets can get contracts away from Republic Aviation?

One explanation may be that Senator Stewart Symington, prominent member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and co-incidentally from the same state as McDonnell Aircraft, had something to do with it.

Why blame it on him? Well, Senator Symington was still quietly pushing for McDonnell Aircraft to keep the contract for "demon" jets after the unusual accidents had taken their toll. He must like McDonnell pretty well.

And another explanation is that McDonnell, like every other big "defense" corporation, including Republic, keeps a large stable of pet generals and admirals in the purchasing section of the Defense Department.

Take Rear Admiral Lloyd Harrison,

for example, deputy chief of the U.S. Bureau of Aeronautics. He still openly opposed termination of the "Demon" contract with the McDonnell Company, when the Defense Department was ruling against it. He had a perfect right to do this of course, but—

The day after Admiral Harrison retired, in September, 1954, he became an officer of the McDonnell Aircraft Corporation.

Socialism Brings Gains For Czech Workers

Czechoslovakia statistics now show that 13½ million Czechoslovaks have a higher per capita production than the people of any other country of Europe.

A country with a socialist system of production, Czechoslovakia produces great numbers of machine tools which it exports to many foreign countries.

Ironically enough, the capitalist-imposed embargo on sending "strategic" goods to Czechoslovakia provided the incentive to transform the country into an extremely efficient producer of just these particular goods!

Take the case of precision instruments. Czechoslovakia could not import these instruments because of the embargo. So it built its own factories to produce them. Now it exports precision instruments to Britain and France which compete with the domestic products of those countries.

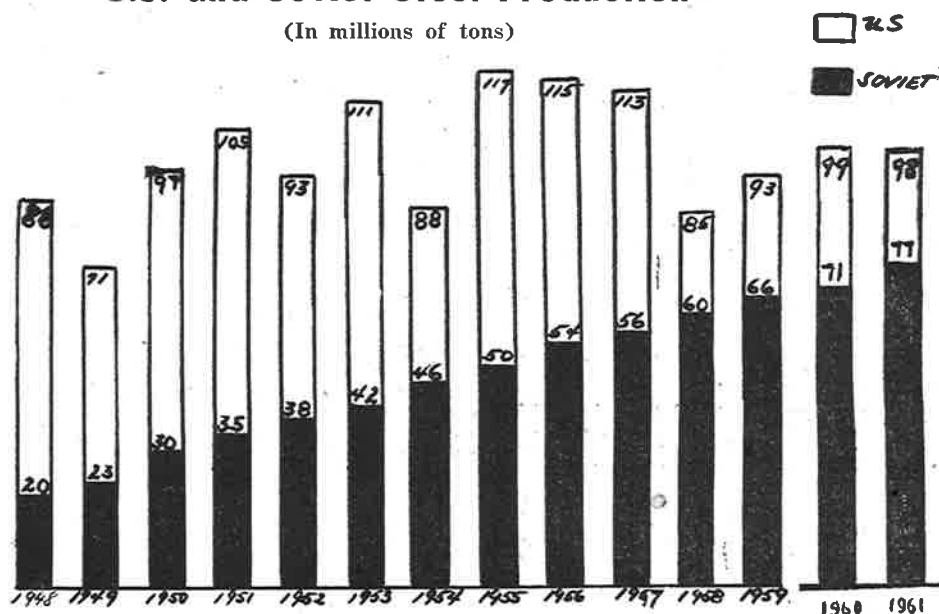
Much the same applies to machinery and machine tools. Today, machine tools and machinery account for 45 per cent of all Czechoslovakia's exports.

There has been no unemployment for years—in city or country. The government is planning a much more extensive use of automation—relatively speaking, much more extensive than in the United States—in order to permit a further expansion of production.

In the United States, workers are

U.S. and Soviet Steel Production

(In millions of tons)



The chart above speaks for itself. It shows graphically, the difference between a social system which obeys the blind laws of the capitalist market and a system which is rationally planned in the interests of people.

Note also, how rapidly the "backward" Soviet Union is catching up to the capitalist colossus. In 1948, the Soviets produced less than a quarter of the steel the U.S. did. But in 1961, they produced 79 per cent of U.S. output.

Soviet Production Always Rising; Soviet Workers Always Employed

The Soviet Union has been consistently increasing its general amount of production by eight to nine per cent each year. The United States has made an average increase of a little over two per cent for many years.

What does this prove?

It proves that the Soviet Union has a superior social system.

But to many workers, the figures are not impressive because the total amount

being thrown on the scrap heap by automation at the rate of 35,000 per week (figures by an aide of J. F. Kennedy, himself). In Czechoslovakia, nobody envisions any unemployment at all resulting from automation.

But of course there is a difference between Czechoslovakia and the United States. The difference is that one country produces for the benefit of the many; the other, for the profit of a few.

of Soviet production is still less than U.S. production—and some workers in the United States have a higher living standard than many workers in the Soviet Union.

But the Soviet social system is constantly improving conditions. And the capitalist system is stagnating. The figures for production of steel in the United States and in the Soviet Union are eloquent proof of this.

Hundreds of thousands of steelworkers in the United States have suffered severe bouts of unemployment in the past twelve years.

In the same period, there has been a constant shortage of steelworkers in the Soviet Union and there has been no time of unemployment there.

The accompanying graph demonstrates the dynamic character of Soviet production and its freedom from the "cyclical" falls and recessions that plague capitalism.

After All Their Sanctimonious Horror About Soviet Nuclear Tests

JFK Prepares to Test for Bigger and Better Nuclear Bombs

Don't be fooled by Kennedy and Macmillan's "pacifist" pose about the coming U.S. and British nuclear tests!

Their invitation to Khrushchev and the Soviet Union for a last minute no-test agreement is a cover-up and a fraud.

And their "rebuff" of Khrushchev's efforts to have a summit conference at this time is a dead giveaway of their determination to test more nuclear bombs regardless of their pretended concern about "humanity."

They now make it appear that Khrushchev is trying to turn the March 14 Geneva Disarmament Conference into a "propaganda circus" by his asking for that conference to be one of heads of governments rather than merely of diplomats.

But in the official joint U.S.-British statement of February 8 on the coming U.S.-British nuclear tests, appear the following words:

"The two governments (U.S. and Britain's) . . . believe that a supreme effort should be made at the 18-nation Disarmament Committee, which will begin meetings on March 14 at Geneva, and that the heads of government of the United States, United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics should assume a direct and personal interest in these negotiations." (Our emphasis.)

Now what would be more "direct and personal" than their own participation as "heads of government"? That is all that Khrushchev proposed after reading their statement. What's all the shouting for—why the virtuous "rebuff" of Khrushchev?

Here's what they're doing:

The "democratic" imperialists have been preparing a new series of nuclear tests. They intend to announce the tests just before they begin them and just after the Soviet Union once more scorns their demand for the kind of a ban on nuclear tests which includes legal spying on Soviet military bases ("inspection").

Before they run their tests, the imperialists say, they will try "one last time" to get the Soviets to agree to a test ban. This is pure hogwash.

If the Soviets refuse the treacherous "inspection" plan, the imperialists will "regretfully" decide to make another series of tests. And this will be more hogwash.

Nuclear tests have to be carefully prepared long in advance, as the imperialists so chidingly pointed out in connection with the Soviet tests last fall.

Of course, they are counting on the short memories of the American people. On last December 23, preparations for the coming U.S. tests had advanced so

far that Marguerite Higgins of the New York Herald Tribune flatly stated:

"In the case of big tests, it takes two to three months for preparations to be completed, so the actual announcement on the resumption of (U.S.) nuclear testing might not come until March or April."

And the White House stated on February 8:

"The existing state of nuclear development, in which the recent massive Soviet tests are an important factor, would justify the West in making such further series of nuclear tests as may be necessary for purely military reasons."

The day after this statement was made, the Administration called upon a specially qualified spokesman to give a still more infallible signal that tests were soon to begin.

The specially qualified spokesman was William C. Foster, Kennedy's chief disarmament (!) adviser. He "advised" the United States to resume nuclear testing as soon as possible.

Kennedy Then—And Now

Kennedy, Nov. 2, 1961:

"The United States does not find it necessary to explode 50-megaton nuclear devices to confirm that we have many times more nuclear power than any nation on earth."

Kennedy-Macmillan, Feb. 8, 1962:

"It is the joint view of the United States and the United Kingdom governments that the existing state of nuclear development . . . would justify the West in making such further series of nuclear tests as may be necessary for purely military reasons."

He said that another Soviet test series before the U.S. tests "might actually give them (the Soviets) a superiority in the anti-missile and other strategic areas."

Some innocent people may think that Mr. Foster, being an expert on disarmament, might not be much of an authority on nuclear arms. But on the contrary. Think how important it must be to have nuclear bombs when even the disarmament chiefs advocate them! — (A valuable man, Mr. Foster.)

The New York Times got the drift from Mr. Foster and observed succinctly:

"Mr. Foster's statement had the effect of confirming reports that the Administration had decided to proceed with its tests."

It is fair to assume from all this that Kennedy's "rebuff" of Khrushchev's request to turn the Geneva Ministers' Conference into a Summit Conference, was a maneuver. Kennedy wants to test his nuclear bombs no matter what, and whatever understanding he may want with Khrushchev, he wants first of all to be in a superior military position.

The imperialists will put on the real "propaganda show" at Geneva, not the Soviets. The imperialists will pull long faces. They will sigh about the "propaganda" position of the Soviet Union. They will despair of overcoming Soviet "suspicion" that their proposed inspection of Soviet testing is in reality spying.

But in the meantime, they are planning to go ahead with their nuclear tests anyway.