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In India—Horror of starvation is commonplace.



Jackie Off To India To Explain About Freedom and Plenty

By Dorothy Ballan

The Kennedy brothers are making headlines around the world—and most especially in this country. They are bringing the message of "freedom" and "plenty" to the everyday people around the world. And why not? After all, the Kennedy's do have freedom and they do have plenty.

And now it's Jackie's turn. She's going to be our new ambassador to India. And from the Kennedy point of view—as well as the monopoly interests he so well and so charmingly represents—who could do it better than Jackie?

After all—everyone knows that Jackie is one of the best dressed women in the world. Her knowledge of what is chic, and just when to wear a Balenciaga or Dior gown—and how to cover her bouffant hair-do (arranged by her personal hairdresser) without messing it up, will give the woman's touch to international relations, and help cement our relations with the women of India.

Since entering the White House, Jacqueline Kennedy has made news, not only by water skiing in Greece, Hyannis Port and Palm Beach, but by riding to hounds through the Virginia hunt country. She even was photographed while being thrown from a horse. There have been many photos showing her in tapered slacks she wears for sailing, golf and ice-skating. And just recently, in a blue and white bathing suit, and black skin-diving jacket, she took off from the Kennedy yacht, *HoneyFitz*, at Palm Beach, Fla.



Indian baby—Belly swollen from hunger.



More money is spent to perfume her, than is spent to feed starving babies from Newburgh to New Orleans

(where the President, the Secretary of Defense and other dignitaries were meeting) and put on a water skiing show. Behind a fast speedboat, she put on a graceful exhibition of expert water skiing. So few people in India have so much talent, they no doubt will be very impressed.

With such a hectic schedule, it's a bit difficult to know exactly how she gets much time to spend with her children. But according to all reports in the press, and published pictures, Jackie is very interested in raising her children herself (well, almost herself). That's also very good for international relations. Because then she can bring her knowledge of child psychology and what is best to feed the little ones, directly to India herself.

But poor Jackie did have an unfortunate experience. It seems that because of a "low grade sinus infection" the first lady will arrive a week later than scheduled in India, and as a result of this she will not be able to visit South India at all. Two South Indian states—Mysore and West Bengal are somewhat upset, because they spent \$500,000 getting ready to make Jackie feel welcome. Maybe they didn't know all about her skill in riding horses, and water skiing, because they repaired 80 miles of highway over which she was supposed to ride if she had come—specially so she wouldn't feel any bumps.

Oh well—Jackie won't worry about that. After all, it's only money, and the most important thing is to get on with the trip to bring the woman's point of view to the rest of India.

Jackie herself is quoted as saying, "I believe that if you can't cope with emergencies by the time you are twenty-five, you'll never be able to adapt yourself to situations."

Nuclear Test Threat By J. F. Kennedy Sparks New War Drive

It is not enough that humanity must suffer the radioactive fallout from nuclear bombs. It must also endure a barrage of hypocrisy, lies and chauvinist arrogance from the mouths of the ruling class.

When Kennedy announced the resumption of U.S. nuclear tests on March 2 ("for some time in April") he dripped with the unction of a man pretending his heart was breaking while he inherited a million dollars from his worst enemy.

And like the virgin who was only a little bit pregnant, he told his listeners that the impending American tests would restrict fallout to "an absolute minimum."

He said this minimum was "roughly equal to 1 per cent" of the natural radioactivity in the air, well within the guides for "general population health and safety."

With a straight face and solemn voice, he recited that:

"The only real security in the nuclear age lies not in armament, but in disarmament."

As if all this weren't enough, he promised that he wouldn't make the tests at all if the Soviets would only agree to the kind of "inspection" program he

knew in advance they would not agree to.

And then he brought God into it all by saying:

"It is our hope and prayer that these grim, unwelcome tests will never have to be made—that these deadly weapons will never have to be fired—and that our preparations for war will bring about the preservation of peace."

For a man who last year added to the arms budget a larger amount than the U.S. government has ever spent on the welfare of working people, Mr. Kennedy deserves a mark of "A" for acting in his dissertation on disarmament.

What horror there was last November 1 when the Soviets exploded the 58-megaton bomb in the atmosphere! How the papers called it the "Monster" bomb and the "Horror" bomb! How the pacifistic and prayerful Mr. Kennedy himself was so shocked by the alleged Soviet pollution of the atmosphere he said:

"The Soviet Union has shown its complete disregard for the welfare of mankind."

But in the United States, you see, the bombs are specially tailored to fit "the general population's health and safety."

Mae Mallory Gets Southern Justice From Northern Judge

On March 1, Common Pleas Judge, Thomas J. Parrino, heard a plea on behalf of Mrs. Mae Mallory, embattled Afro-American liberation fighter, for a writ of habeas corpus to prevent her extradition to the racist North Carolina authorities. Her plea was denied.

According to the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, the judge said that, "Ohio law gives him no way to spare her."

What a mockery of justice! What a classical example of white supremacist rule under the guise of "equality under the law for all"! Is not Ohio bound by the U.S. Constitution and the 14th Amendment? It states "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall . . . deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

Mrs. Mallory's defense was that there can be no fair trial for her in Ku Klux Klan-ridden North Carolina. There, no person with a black skin has ever been given a fair trial. That's a matter of record. Judge Parrino should know that.

The issue that he was supposed to decide fairly and impartially, was whether Mrs. Mallory's rights to a fair trial is "under our law guaranteed" to her in North Carolina in view of all the evidence to the contrary. But he turned a deaf ear to her plea.

And to add insult to injury, he went on with a sermon about approving "non-violent, militant acts." But just to prove that he meant the opposite of what he said, he cancelled Mrs. Mallory's bail and sent her to county jail.

The right to bail, pending an appeal, is granted in almost all cases except those where high crimes, such as murder, have been committed. Here, the defendant has committed no crime whatsoever!

As one of the candidates for the Ohio Senate said last month:

"Mrs. Mallory is to be tried for kidnapping in helping keep two peo-



Mae Mallory

ple 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."

The struggle to save Mae Mallory has aroused wide-spread support on her behalf in the Cleveland community. However, the ruling class and its political stooge, Governor DiSalle, is in sympathy with the North Carolina racists.

To show you how cynical is this liberal-minded governor, all one has to do is remember that he based his order to extradite her on a telephone conversation he had with none other than Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina—darling of the White Citizens Council.

DiSalle told the Ohio people that after he had this private conversation with his white-supremacist buddy, he was "assured that there would be a fair trial for Mrs. Mallory."

Sanford must have told DiSalle something like: "Oh sure she'll get a fair

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Arms and the Woman

Who said Americans are crazy about dying for Big Business in Vietnam, Berlin—or anywhere else for that matter?

On Thursday, March 1, the members of the 197th Artillery Battalion from New Hampshire started a hunger strike in Fort Bragg, N.C. in protest against staying in the army.

They vowed on Saturday, March 3, that they would continue fasting until their officers tell them when they will be discharged.

On the same day, up in Massachusetts, over 40 women who belong to the "Irate Wives," picketed the main gate of the army base at Fort Devens demanding the release of their reservist husbands.

Women from Chicago, New York, New England and the west coast march-

ed in 20 degree weather. They were greeted sympathetically by the majority of soldiers on the post, some of whom gave them coffee and sandwiches.

The women's husbands are reservists who have already done the six months tour of duty they were told about when inducted last summer.

—The big brass of U.S. capitalism think they are going to take over the whole world, put every rebellious people "in its place" and finish up the "American Century" in good order.

But they're going to get the good old fashioned raspberry from a quarter they least expect—their own rebellious troops and the American working class.

The 40 wives and the artillery battalion are only the beginning.

Police War on Peace Pickets

In electric response to Kennedy's March 2 decision to resume nuclear tests, 9,000 people hit Times Square in New York on March 3 with a protest demonstration that stopped traffic and brought out hundreds of cops including the Cossacks of the mounted police.

Over 40 demonstrators were seized, savagely beaten by the cops and a reported 23 were thrown into waiting police wagons and taken to jail. Julian Beck, a well-known anti-war activist and leader of the "General Strike for Peace" movement was so badly beaten

that he was taken to Bellevue Hospital with bruised ribs and an injured lung.

Both the popular protest and the police savagery were big surprises to most of the political observers of the New York scene. They underestimated the tremendous anti-war sentiment of the masses.

And the police, of course, acted as Kennedy's instrument, enforcing Kennedy's decision. They are paid to uphold capitalist law and order—and that includes the law and order of nuclear bombs.

China Warns U.S. on Vietnam

On February 24, Peoples China demanded the immediate withdrawal of all United States military personnel and equipment from South Vietnam.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry sternly declared over the Peking Radio that China's security was involved in the U.S. imperialist attack on a country along her borders.

(You can imagine the reaction in Washington if a foreign country, comparable in size to the United States, were to land 5,000 troops in Mexico along with helicopters, machine guns, light artillery, etc.)

Peoples China in 1950, then infinitely weaker than it is today, after a long, exhausting revolution, civil war and anti-imperialist war—took on the might of U.S. imperialism in Korea and fought it to a standstill. It can surely do the same today.

But the pundits of the Pentagon have it all figured out—and are telling the American people that there is nothing to worry about. It's just a little "brush-fire" war against people with "crude home-made shotguns or iron spears"—as the *Wall Street Journal* put it on March 6.

But the well-informed *Wall Street Journal* went on to say:

"As the arms build-up (by the U.S.) nears completion and large-scale government offensives against the Communist rebels begin, far heavier American casualties can be expected. . . ."

How can that be true since the much

smaller rebel army is so often equipped with only "crude home-made shotguns or iron spears"? Why do they say such illogical things?

For the simple reason that they know damn well they are taking on the whole Asian revolution and they are ready to send the American working class to its death against it.

CP Come-Back in Kerala

According to the Associated Press on February 27:

"The Communists improved their percentage in South India's State of Kerala from 43.2 per cent in a 1959 election to 54.4 per cent of the vote in 15 of the 18 parliamentary races."

(Note: John F. Kennedy got less than 51 per cent in the U.S.A.)

Up to 1959, the Communist Party administered Kerala as the governing party. They were then defeated in an election by a coalition of reactionaries, Nehru-supporters and so-called "Socialists."

During their administration, they introduced reforms, but could not carry out a Communist program, because they only held office, not actual state power.

Now, with new election rules and "constitutional" double-talk provided by the capitalist ruling class, even a 54.4 per cent vote doesn't put them back as the governing party—much less the ruling power.

40% Raise for Labor Sec. & Pals— But 3% Is Enough for the Workers!

The utter scorn, disdain and complete lack of feeling or understanding of President Kennedy for the majority of people in this country who barely make ends meet, and often live at a subsistence level or less—is shown most clearly in a concrete proposal he has offered to Congress concerning wage increases to Federal workers.

This proposal has gotten considerable publicity, and if you read headlines like "Plan for Federal Workers: Three Years of Pay Raises," it sounds like Kennedy is really a pretty good guy. He wants to give the hard working, low-paid workers for the government an increase in pay.

Nothing—but nothing—could be further from the truth. Just look at Kennedy's version of sticking up for the working man. Workers are asked to "hold the line" on wages, and Kennedy's Cabinet Minister of Labor, Arthur Goldberg uses every form of political pressure and squeeze to see that an increase in wages never—but never—exceeds 3 percent.

So what does Kennedy recommend in

his "Plan for Federal Workers"? A fantastic boost in Cabinet member's pay of \$10,000. They now make \$25,000 (plus expenses). If the recommendation is accepted they will make \$35,000—a mere increase of 40 percent to the very people who least need it.

According to *U.S. News and World Report*, about one third of the federal workers earn between \$3,100 and \$3,500 a year. Under Kennedy's recommendation to Congress, these low paid workers are scheduled for NO INCREASE WHATEVER.

The entire proposal—outline of which is given below—shows clearly the hypocrisy and demagoguery that lies behind the so-called earnest expressions of Kennedy that this government seeks to improve the life of the average person. Note the high increases for those who already are well paid; and the low wage increases and lack of wage increases for those who need it most.

This, Kennedy told Congress, is not merely pay increases for Federal workers, but "pay reform."

THE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PAY INCREASES FOR 1.7 MILLION FEDERAL WORKERS

Present Earnings Per Year	Proposed Percentage Increase
\$25,000 (for Cabinet Members)	40%—to \$35,000
\$18,500 (now top-level pay for government workers "generally")	60%—to \$30,000
\$13,700 to \$15,800	25%
\$8,000 to \$11,000	13% to 17%
\$4,500	6% to 7%
\$4,000	2.8% to 3%
\$3,100 to \$3,500 (600,000 workers)	NO INCREASE

Teachers Union Teaches Lesson To Secretary of Labor

New York, March 4 — More than 1,300 teachers who crowded into the Hotel Commodore yesterday to make a show of strength and solidarity against the Board of Education, which has been deliberately stalling their current contract negotiations, found themselves embarrassed, bewildered and downright angry.

In an effort to enlist support for their cause against the corporation-minded Board of Education, the teachers union invited a good "friend of labor" to give them a few words of encouragement and advice on how to break through the iron curtain drawn by the Board of Education against the United Teachers Federation.

The "friend" was Art Goldberg. Instead of words of friendship, solidarity and encouragement to hold the line against the obstinacy of the corrupt City Hall officials who dominate the Board of Education on behalf of Big Business, he roundly abused and denounced the teachers themselves.

No, he didn't do it in so many words. But he did condemn strikes by teachers and urged them to resolve their differences "by means other than strikes."

The teachers union, which after many years of struggle finally won the right to bargain with the city, did so only after—a strike. Without the strike, as Goldberg well knows, the teachers union still wouldn't have any bargaining rights in this city. Nor would there be any talk about negotiations, if there was no strike threat.

Now Goldberg, who not so long ago addressed the reactionary National Association of Manufacturers, didn't attack them for strike-breaking, wage-cutting, mass layoffs, price conspiracies against consumers and general efforts to break down unions. No, he had sweet words of wisdom for them. That's because he is really on their side.

Goldberg, who used to be chief general counsel for the United Steelworkers, AFL-CIO, used to sing a different tune. But when he was appointed Secretary of Labor by the anti-labor John F. Kennedy, he smoothly went over to the side of Big Business.

In the past year, he has openly con-

demned strikes in other unions as well as the teachers union, and has appeared at the AFL-CIO executive meeting in Miami recently with a statement against the shorter work-week (for the same pay) at the very time his own Department of Labor admits there will be well over 5 million unemployed this spring.

The auto workers, the steelworkers and the other unions would do well to make the same reply to Goldberg as Charles Cogan, president of the New York chapter of the Teachers Federation:

"We will take seriously any advice Mr. Goldberg cares to give. However, in case of extreme urgency, we reserve the right to take whatever action we deem necessary."

FDR Presided Over Puerto Rican Massacre

March 21 is not only the anniversary of the 1960 massacre of unarmed Africans by the racist ruling class at Sharpeville, South Africa. It is also the 25th anniversary of the massacre of Puerto Ricans by the U.S. imperialists at Ponce, P. R.

A Puerto Rican independence demonstration was met on that date in 1937 with the butchers' bullets of the mercenaries of U.S. imperialism. This was at the very height of the so-called "liberal" Administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

All Puerto Ricans who love their country and cherish its Spanish-speaking culture and its institutions, pay homage this day to their fallen martyrs.

All North American workers in the United States who are struggling against their own bosses, and understand that the oppressed nations are oppressed by these same bosses, join the Puerto Ricans in commemorating this event.

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Wiseguys Have Steel Contract All Figured— But

"There Is Many a Slip 'Twixt the Cup and the Lip"

There has been rumor after rumor that the contract with the Steelworkers Union has already been wrapped up—if not quite signed, sealed or delivered.

As long ago as February 20, the well-informed, anti-labor, labor columnist, Victor Riesel, said, "It's all over but the pouting."

He revealed that a deal had already been made in the White House late in January in which the Big Eleven steel corporations and the top leaders of the United Steelworkers AFL-CIO had agreed upon a slight wage increase.

The public bargaining may take time, Riesel said, but—

"The final settlement is expected to be made through the good offices of the shrewdest bargainers in history — Art Goldberg (Kennedy's Labor Secretary) and John F. Kennedy."

While all the wiseguys are concentrating on the maneuvers at the top and flexing their knees before Big Business' political representatives in Washington—let's take a look at what's actually going on inside the steel plants.

First—the steelworkers are now subject to a permanent layoff system which is beginning to resemble the situation in the coal mining industry—at least in a number of "company towns." Even the big pickup in steel production of the last three months has done little to improve this. Automation is doing its work.

Second—the speedup has hit the steel industry in a big way.

Here's what John Grayden, mill worker in the Bethlehem plant at Sparrows Point, Baltimore, told the Wall Street Journal:

"On our rolling mill, there used to be four guys to sweep up and help out... Now, there's just one and he paints, sweeps, helps pour oil into the machines and does all the other jobs the big crew did."

But if there are less workers, there is no lack of foremen.

"In one department" of the same plant, says the Wall Street Journal, "there are now five foremen for each shift, up from two before the last strike."

This addition of extra jobs for foremen is not just due to the company's love for its stooges. It is done with the purpose of driving the men at a more murderous pace.

For example, when mill rolls have to be changed, one foreman testifies:

"We used to have to wait for the maintenance crew to arrive and the mill would be down at least 30 minutes. Now

we have an extra foreman seeing to it that the crew is standing by with new rollers and the job gets done inside of 15 minutes."

A lift truck at the Sparrows Point plant is equipped with a special time clock that records just how much work is being done. "I've already been given extra duties," the driver says.

These "electrical stoolpigeons" have been attached to all kinds of equipment, including some that is operated in very hot areas, where men have traditionally taken several much-needed rest periods a day (when possible).

The steel plants are also sharpening their technique of setting one man against another through piece-work and piece-work "pools" (wherein several workers share the incentive bonus on their output).

"Now," says a grey-haired man at the U.S. Steel's Fairless Works, "instead of

the foreman, I'm the guy giving my buddy hell for loafing in the wash room."

Grievances have been increasing as much as 50 and 100 per cent over former years. And arbitrators have been handing down bum decisions at a much greater rate, too.

A half million steelworkers conducted a record four-month strike in 1959 to preserve their work rules and working conditions. But what the steel companies lost in the strike battle they are more than gaining back through company chicanery, accommodating arbitrators and weak union leaders.

A top company official told the Wall Street Journal:

"I don't think the local work rules clause in the contract is as much of a problem as some people thought. With alert and intelligent management... there are ways of getting around it."

Perhaps David J. McDonald can get away with scuttling the 32 hour week proposal (for 40 hours pay)—because the unemployed steelworkers are not now in a position to exert much pressure on him.

But if nothing is done about the conditions inside the plants, Victor Riesel will have to write a new column—telling why the steelworkers left off pouting and took an outing.

When Northern Hypocrisy Is Worse Than Southern Bigotry

By Kitty Fisher

Who's the bigger racist: the Southern bigot who discriminates and segregates, or the Northern liberal who could wipe out 10,000 cases of discrimination with one stroke of the pen and doesn't do it?

Case in point. Way back in the forgotten past when there was an election campaign on, the great "liberal" Kennedy criticized Eisenhower for not having signed an executive order barring discrimination in housing. We've had 14 months of the New Frontier by now, but the presidential pen, which drips ink so copiously when it comes to sending troops to Berlin or nuclear bombs into the atmosphere, seems to run dry whenever the question of signing the order to end housing discrimination comes up. Meanwhile, babies are bitten by rats each night in Harlem; the ghettos in every big city across the nation groan with the weight of their prisoners.

Who's the bigger hypocrite: the foul-mouthed Louisiana racist who openly fought against integrating the New Or-

leans schools, or the "northern liberal" dominated administration that just awarded him a juicy rocket contract?

Case in point. Louisiana businessman Martin Gurtler is known to have written a viciously racist letter to the head of the New Orleans School Board warning him to change his position on integration or he would get a "bloody nose." The letter was soon followed by a White Citizens Council organized boycott against the School Board President. Although Gurtler's letter is on file with the Justice Department, a branch of the Federal Government, he was recently awarded a \$666,471 government contract to produce Saturn rocket engines. Gurtler's firm "mysteriously" won this juicy plum even though other companies had made lower bids for the contract.

(Robert Kennedy heads the Justice Department and John F. Kennedy heads the Federal Government.)

Moral: Southern racist dialect is even more dangerous when spoken with a Boston twang or a cultured Harvard accent.

Two Years After Sharpeville — South Africans Are Taking to Arms

By Ana Kezman

The African National Congress, largest of the Black opposition groups in racist-ruled South Africa, has formally renounced its previous philosophy of "non-violence." Behind this act is the rising fury of the South African masses.

The Congress, led by teachers and professional people for the most part, in the past was generally "moderate" in its demands. Its most famous leader, Chief Albert Luthuli, was recently given the Nobel Peace Prize—an award he would hardly have gained if he had led or thought of leading a real uprising against the British and Dutch master class!

But the Sharpeville massacre of March 21, 1960 proved that non-violence was only a death-trap for the 12-million African majority.

Even at that time, the smaller, newer, but more nationalist group, the Pan Africanist Congress, had left-flanked the ANC by calling for the nation-wide general strike against the hated pass system.

And today, the Black masses are beginning to take things into their own hands with violent individual protest actions.

Last fall, a newly organized group with contacts in London, known as the National Liberation Committee, report-

ed that it had cut the main electric power lines of Johannesburg as a demonstration of anti-government sentiment. Its sabotage is directed against the property of the white supremacists, rather than their persons, the organization asserts.

More recently, the Umkonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation) organization was reported to have damaged official buildings in Witwatersrand. And in December, there was a series of bombings in the cities of South Africa.

Between Saturday night, December 16, and Thursday night, December 21, there were 14 explosions in Johannesburg, 5 in Port Elizabeth and one unexploded bomb found in Durban.

It is reported that at least a section of the formerly non-violent African National Congress was involved in the sabotage. The London Observer says:

"The police, the Mayor of Johannesburg, and the government-supporting newspaper in Cape Town,

Outbreak in Argentina

Buenos Aires, Feb. 22—Police used tear gas and water trucks to break up a political rally by 10,000 followers of Juan Peron, last night.

Mr. W. Alton Jones

He Couldn't Take It With Him

By D. Rusticano

W. Alton Jones (his good friends called him Pete) was one of the unfortunate victims in the recent jet crash in Jamaica Bay.

But as sometimes happens in unprepared-for situations like this, some unusual facts came to light that would no doubt otherwise have gone unnoticed.

W. Alton Jones was chairman of the board of Cities Service, a director of Chrysler Corp., and chairman of the Richfield Oil Corporation's finance committee. Obviously he was a man of enormous wealth, and no doubt had not only enormous checking accounts, but a much envied credit rating. It would be hard to imagine anyone not being only too happy to permit W. Alton Jones to charge just about anything his heart desired.

Yet, strangely enough, it was discovered at the time of the crash that Mr. Jones was carrying with him—in cash—at least \$62,690. It is speculated that he had considerably more that hasn't been found.

Now from time to time, various eccentric people get picked up with large amounts of cash on them, (not usually this large) but they never turn out to be Wall Street tycoons; just poor people who have become distorted with fear of insecurity.

Such was obviously not the case with Mr. W. Alton Jones. The New York Post headlined an article on the subject with "Why Crash Victim Kept His Cash Tied Up in \$\$," but a careful perusal of the article failed to turn up the answer.

However, in passing, it was mentioned that he was on his way to California to join his close friend, former President Eisenhower, for a fishing trip.

For a man who didn't need to carry a nickel in cash to obtain anything he wanted—carrying over \$62,000 for fishing is unusual indeed. Eisenhower, as a former President, certainly retains many useful connections in high government circles. That Mr. Jones was expected by Mr. Eisenhower, is also very clear.

With over \$62,000 in hand, what do you suppose Mr. Jones was fishing for?

Die Burger, all think the saboteurs have a nation-wide organization and that the trouble is only starting."

While these bombings cannot by themselves bring liberation, they are a proof that the unarmed masses are beginning to learn how to make their own arms and defend themselves against future Sharpevilles.

Of course there will be a huge and brutal police round-up before March 21 (the anniversary of Sharpeville). And the racist government is already plotting to give the death penalty to both Black and white agitators for Black Freedom.

But it is now believed highly doubtful whether even this can slow down the liberation movement. Indeed, judging by recent history, it is more likely to speed it up.

—Mae Mallory

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trial. Don't we always give the colored folks a fair trial?"

Mae Mallory's hope rests clearly on arousing mass sentiment from all the people who are genuinely interested in the fight for freedom by the Black people of this country as the only way to assure freedom for all.

The Monroe Defense Committee has a new national headquarters located at 217 W. 125th Street, N.Y.C. In Ohio the headquarters is at 1289 E. 115th Street, Cleveland—Suite 5.

Over 400 Protest Extradition Decision

An aroused audience of more than 400 people gathered at the Oliver Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland to protest the jailing of Mae Mallory.

The militant rally was sponsored by the Monroe Defense Committee, on Sunday afternoon, March 4th.

The meeting voted to send a telegram to Governor Di Salle demanding that he rescind his order of extradition.

A telegram of support and solidarity was also sent to Mae Mallory. The purpose of the freedom rally was to launch a broad campaign to free this embattled Afro-American liberation fighter. Among the speakers were Dr. Roland Wolfe, Ancusto Butler; Wilbur Grattan, autoworker; Ted Dostal, steelworker; Mrs. Ruth Stone of the Mothers Alliance of Buffalo; and Don Sharp, chairman of the Cleveland Monroe Defense Committee.

The militant and determined spirit of the people was apparent in the closing of the meeting with the famous Afro-American song, "O Freedom!"

Among those who contributed to the success of the meeting were: Local 45, Autoworkers Union; Local 1330, Steelworkers Union; NAACP, Antioch College; Club One Thousand; Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch; Local 1045, Autoworkers Union; United Autoworkers Council, and Cleveland Amalgamated Local 735.

Elections in India

Reveal Mass Support For Peoples China

It is not possible to evaluate the recent Indian elections at this early date. But one thing is clear. The U.S. big business press is extremely disappointed.

Krishna Menon, Indian delegate to the U.N., was reelected by an overwhelming majority—and soundly trounced his right-wing opponent. If you have followed the U.S. press on Krishna Menon in the last couple of years, you would have seen that he has been painted up to be all but a card-carrying secret member of the Communist Party.

In reality, he is just slightly to the left of Nehru, and has on occasion, as a result of his official position in the UN, been obliged to expose U.S. imperialist machinations in the UN and elsewhere.

For instance, the State Department has long been pressuring him to take a firm stand against China on the India-China border dispute. But Krishna Menon—and for that matter, even a basic section of the Indian bourgeoisie, is unwilling to go as far as the Pentagon and State Department are trying to push them. (These efforts to push them have always been hush-hush with very little reported in the press.)

When Prime Minister Nehru was in the U.S. last November (before Goa) the press just oozed with friendly reports about him. There were lots of imposing pictures of him and Kennedy, and all the propaganda created the impression that this was just a friendly meeting between two statesmen to preserve the "free world."

At that time, it was only *Workers World* that exposed what was really going on in a lead article that had as a headline, "Aim of JFK Talks With Nehru Is To Lure India Into an Asian War."

This finally became clear only a week ago when, near the end of the ten-day general election in India, Krishna Menon openly charged that "the United States had tried to pull India into a war against Communist China."

The Indian masses obviously believe him. Despite the fact that Catholic, Mos-

We'll Defend Berlin "Like New York or Chicago"—

Did Robert Kennedy Speak for YOU?

By V. Grey

As of February 22, West Berlin, the imperialist enclave deep inside the German Democratic Republic (East Germany), has become the 51st State of the United States—to be defended "as California, Washington or Massachusetts," according to Robert F. Kennedy, emissary of his brother John F. Kennedy, President of the United States.

"West Berlin . . . will not be attacked," he said, "because an attack on Berlin will be the same as an attack on New York, Chicago, London or Paris."

Kennedy spoke in the name of the U.S. government with no repudiation from any section or representative of that government.

No wonder Soviet Premier Khrushchev and Walter Ulbricht, chairman of the German Democratic Republic, had a two-day meeting in Moscow less than a week later!

The East Germans have never once threatened to "attack" West Berlin, even though the capitalists refer to West Berlin as "the West's cheapest nuclear bomb." The East Germans only want recognition and free sovereignty for their country.

The Soviet Union has proposed for over three years to sign a peace treaty with the GDR, giving it the right to regulate traffic into West Berlin.

Through November, December and January, the Soviets showed a keen desire to negotiate the question. But the imperialists insisted "there was nothing to negotiate." The Thompson-Gromyko talks in Moscow have come to a stalemate for this reason.

Now Robert Kennedy, acting as a "democratic" mouthpiece for the ultra-right warmongers, has fanned the cooling ashes of the Berlin crisis nearly into flames again.

But this was to be expected.

lem and other religious groups—as well as numerous industrialists were against Mr. Menon because of his alleged "soft" attitude towards China — nevertheless many hundreds of thousands of the Indian masses of North Bombay voted for him.

The imperialists are utterly intransigent and determined to hold on to West Berlin, not only as a spy post, etc., but as an international symbol of their desire to crush the workers of East Germany and indeed of the whole Soviet bloc.

If any one doubts this, he has only to look to the U.S. treatment of the defeated Nazis and the military fascists of Japan who now hold the highest positions in both governments. The imperialists do not hold West Berlin as a trophy from the war against Hitler, but as a starting point for the war against the Soviet Union.

Robert Kennedy referred at least three times to "our brothers in West Berlin" and boasted that Berlin's air corridor through East Germany (GDR) would be kept open, if necessary, by "the full strength of American power."

The imperialists have reasserted their determination to stay in West Berlin "until realization of the World War II

agreement for re-unification of Germany" (with their interpretation of this agreement).

Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party, leading party of German Big Business, declared officially last summer that the (capitalist) re-unification of Germany would mean the extension of the anti-Soviet NATO alliance to the Oder-Neisse frontier (at the edge of Poland).

"This would mean," says the *Democratic German Report*, "a NATO state under the command of an American general, a state completely subservient to the alien military rule of monopoly capitalism. This would mean a bloody Third World War; it would be re-unification in a mass grave."

Robert Kennedy and his Nazi "brothers" know this well. Their fine words about freedom, democracy and brotherhood (a la Heusinger) are only the "come-on" to lure the Western masses into nuclear war.

How Puerto Rico's Chains Are Forged

By Ed Rodriguez

Puerto Rico is a "freely associated state," the U.S. claims. Colonialism they say, is old-fashioned, and Britain, Belgium, France and others should follow the example of the U.S. and grant their colonies similar freedom.

Puerto Rico provides an excellent example of the kind of "freedom" the U.S. grants. The U.S. government controls and restricts every phase of Puerto Rican life—in Puerto Rico. This applies not only to the Puerto Rican workers, but to the Puerto Rican capitalists as well.

All shipping—passengers or goods—to and from Puerto Rico—can only be transported in ships of U.S. registration. This applies to shipping to and from anywhere in the world—not just the U.S.

Customs and immigration is directed—not by the Puerto Rican government—but by the U.S.

Air transport of goods is also subject to control of the U.S. government.

The Puerto Rican government has even been deprived of the right to regulate capital investment in its own country.

Communications, tariffs, and even postage is fully controlled by the U.S. government.

Not only is all banking—national and international in Puerto Rico controlled by the U.S. government, but U.S. banks with offices in Puerto Rico submit to no Puerto Rican control or inspection.

The ability of the Puerto Rican government to negotiate loans is rigorously limited by U.S. statutes.

Refined or raw sugar, as well as products from it, is controlled by the

U.S. government. The Puerto Rican government cannot even carry out advantageous negotiations with other countries.

Food import—and as a result food prices—are subject to approval of U.S. federal agencies. Puerto Ricans have nothing to say in the matter.

The Puerto Rican government has nothing to say in the appropriation of lands or properties by the U.S.

In this manner, forest land and national parks have been appropriated, depriving the Puerto Rican people of the use of this land for agriculture or other purposes. The U.S. maintains naval, military and air force installations in all of Puerto Rico—without Puerto Rican government consultation. Historical areas which contain monuments of great value, erected centuries before the Spanish-American war, are occupied by the U.S. armed forces.

The U.S. government can impose any penalties upon the Puerto Rican people, including the death penalty, in spite of the fact that the death penalty is non-existent in Puerto Rico.

The English language is imposed upon a people culturally Spanish, regardless of their protest or dislike for the American vernacular.

Puerto Rican legal procedures are subject to revision by U.S. tribunals. Labor laws for Puerto Rican workers, do not come under the jurisdiction of Puerto Rico, but of the U.S.

Marshals, Postal Inspectors, officials of courts, the FBI and others, function fully free of Puerto Rican jurisdiction.

The U.S. armed forces can move, maneuver, and affect the lives of Puerto Rican civilians 24 hours a day without the consent or consultation of the Puerto Rican government. The capital, San Juan, is now a completely surrounded military bastion. Even the laws covering military service in the U.S. affect the citizens of Puerto Rico, and the Puerto Rican government has nothing to say about it.

The Chief Executive of Puerto Rico is not allowed to maintain relations with chiefs of states of any other country, outside of the courtesy "Happy Birthday" situations.

The flag of Puerto Rico stands aside at all times to the real governing flag of the Puerto Rican people.

The people of Puerto Rico cannot even vote for a member of Congress of the U.S., and yet they must give their lives if the U.S. so decrees.

But it is not a struggle for a vote in the U.S. Congress by Puerto Rico that the U.S. government fears. It is the legitimate aspirations of the Puerto Rican people for real freedom and independence—which can only mean the expulsion of the U.S. from the beautiful island of Puerto Rico.

High in the Peruvian Andes

Another Sierra Maestra

The spirit of the Cuban revolution has gripped Peru. That is the meaning of the peasant rising in Cerro de Pasco. It is not known how widespread the rising is, or what the character of the leadership is, but one thing is certain; the vast peasant mass of Peru—landless and hungry—is on the move. And the gaminoles, the large landowners, who have ruled over them with an iron hand have been expecting it for a long time.

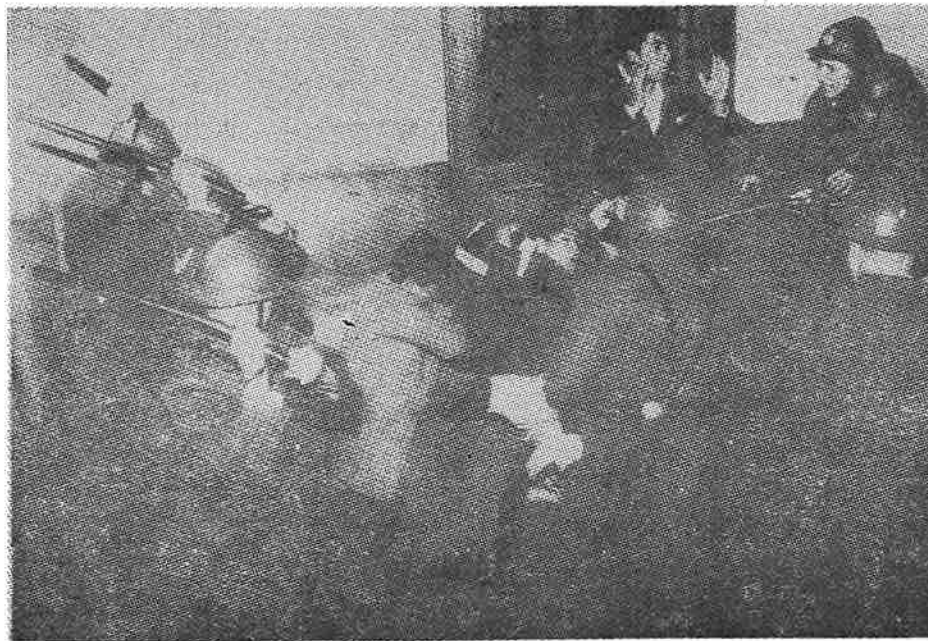
The Cerro de Pasco peasants, numbering many hundreds, if not thousands, have seized the vast ranches and landed estates and proclaimed them to be in the possession of peasant communes. The gaminoles then called upon the government to dispatch troops to suppress the rising. At first, General Humberto Quea of the National Guard, hesitated, but then true to his alliance with the rich feudal landlords, dispatched more than 500 troops. The peasants resisted with all the power at their disposal, using sticks, and stones, and slingshots—while the troops used tear gas and rifle fire. At this writing, more than seven have been killed, and many wounded.

The place of the peasant rising, Cerro de Pasco, is very significant. It is not very far from one of the largest copper mines in the world, operated by a group of U.S. controlled companies. Many of the miners, who have a long history of militancy, could easily form an alliance with the peasants, in a united front against Peru's forty families which control most of the rich land and resources of this very poverty stricken country of ten million inhabitants.

The forty families are not the absolute owners of the vast Peruvian cattle ranches, large landed estates and mineral resources. They are more akin

to the compradores, the native rich, who for a part of the exploitation squeezed out of the vast mass of the Peruvian poor, keep them in chains on behalf of foreign exploiters, mostly U.S. corporations.

Many of the landlords are absentees, living in New York, Miami, the European Riviera, and other fashionable spots in Spain and Italy. Wall Street tycoons who get the lion's share of Peru's wealth, have always made sure that a good section of the army, navy and national guard, are under their control. One of them is General Humberto Quea, whose troops the peasants are now battling.



In Lima, Peru—Students against regime get vicious beating.