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The Meaning of Nuclear Tests — A May Day Message

Imperialism Digs Its Own Grave— Socialist Revolution Will Triumph

The destiny of this planet will not be decided by a handful of Pentagon madmen who have their finger on the H-Bomb button. No! No! No! The human specie has labored too long and arduously over millions and millions of years to come to such a capricious and inglorious end.

Marxism, one of the most brilliant intellectual achievements of all times, shows that it is not a handful of madmen that determine the historic fate of great nations and continents, but the great social classes of contemporary society.

The U.S. nuclear tests that have been unleashed on humanity, are not an accident. They are the inevitable, historical product of a capitalist class in its period of irreversible decline. It can no longer maintain itself.

A young ruling class, which feels it has its future ahead, would have been more prone to make concessions and rely on its inner social strength to beat back the engulfing tide of world revolution. But capitalism long ago exhausted its inner social resources. Whatever was historically progressive in it has become a reactionary obstruction to the further development of the human race.

Once upon a time, in the distant ancient past, princes, lords, kings and generals were the only ones who moved on the stage of history. The great mass of the people slept the sleep of centuries. They didn't truly live, but only existed to labor submissively for the master class. It was the epoch of the ruling class. It was their day.

The capitalist epoch, and particularly its most modern imperialist phase, has irretrievably thrust upon the arena, the billionfold mass of humanity. No force on earth can now dislodge it. With its brawny tenacious hands, that stretch from China to Cuba to the Congo to North Carolina and Atlanta—they will not let go.

Not all the prayers of the bourgeois priests; not all the opium dispensed from the press, pulpit and TV can long hold them in ideological bondage when their lives and the planet they have in their hands is at stake.

Let the pessimists weep and wail. Let those who believe in God stake their hopes on prayer and incantation. Let those who believe in the triumph of reason, address themselves to the master class—not the oppressed and exploited.

For us, the broad course of history points to the inevitable triumph of the popular masses over that tiny segment of society—the decadent possessing class.

Of all the wonders that the bourgeoisie has produced in science and technology—its greatest creation and most permanent contribution to the development of the human race, is the revolutionary working class and oppressed peoples of imperialism. Now is their day.

It is they who will abolish the old order of society and rebuild it along truly rational and human socialist lines.

New Wave of Persecution Behind Arrests in Puerto Rico

Two independence leaders were arrested in Puerto Rico this week on charges of carrying weapons in their car. The two men were members of Accion Patriotica Unitaria (APU), a militant organization dedicated to the liberation of Puerto Rico from United States domination.

Their arrest adds two more names to the long list of martyrs who have been persecuted, framed and jailed in Puerto Rico by pro-U.S. authorities ever since the beautiful Caribbean island first became a colony of the U.S. The sentences of many of these freedom-fighters are for hundreds of years apiece.

The two arrested men, Julio Nazaro Garcia, 31, and Cesar Augusto Diaz Delgado, 20, drove into a police trap. In what was evidently a pre-planned move, agents of the Police Intelligence Service stopped their car on a highway leading to Arecibo, a medium-sized port city in rich sugar-cane country. The police allege that they found a "small arsenal" in the car, and like the obedient puppets that they are, the police immediately called in U.S. officials of the U.S. owned

Ramey Air Base, to examine the so-called evidence.

The two young liberation leaders were imprisoned pending \$6,000 bail each. The bail is highly excessive, and was obviously made so in a further effort to persecute and intimidate Accion Patriotica.

The leader of Accion Patriotica is Juan Antonio Corretjer. He is an outstanding fighter in the liberation struggle, and one of those who was imprisoned for many years by the Yankee imperialists, following the Ponce Massacre of March 21, 1937.

The arrests come against a background of the misuse of the island by the U.S. military—particularly for the training of U. S. troops for counter-revolutionary invasion.

Just the other day, on the tiny island of Vieques, in Puerto Rico, ten thousand U.S. Marines were on the beaches, simulating an amphibious attack. The landing climaxed maneuvers involving 40,000 sailors and marines aboard 84 ships of the Atlantic Fleet.

The arrest of two of the leaders of Accion Patriotica foreshadows a new wave of persecution of Puerto Rican militants in an attempt to stem the tidal wave of Latin American revolutionary struggle. This struggle is slowly but surely engulfing the island of Puerto Rico, where deep hatred by the masses of U.S. domination is rising to the surface.

Where is Antoine Gizenga?

Out of sight, out of mind! A year ago Antoine Gizenga was in the headlines of the world press. He was then the Vice-Premier of the central Congo government. He was considered to be the successor to Patrice Lumumba, who was murdered by the mercenaries of the western imperialists.

Gizenga is still Vice-Premier — legally, that is. In point of fact, however, he is under lock and key, held as a prisoner by the same hirelings who murdered Patrice Lumumba. A conspiracy of silence has kept his name and his case from the view of the world labor movement in the West.

No newspaper correspondents are allowed to see Gizenga. He is guarded by hundreds of UN mercenaries who are paid to do their dirty work on behalf of the colonialist powers. Even members of Gizenga's family are not permitted to see him.

It was only after considerable pressure that Mwatamwadi Louise Gizenga, the mother of the Vice-Premier, finally got permission to see her imprisoned son. "He is just skin and bones," she said after seeing him. "The truth is that my son is no longer what he was." And then she added significantly, "It is possible that he has been poisoned."

Shocking as the allegation of Mrs. Gizenga may be, it runs true to the methods employed by the imperialists. Have they not employed mur-

der, arson, pillage and downright annihilation of the civil population of the Congo? So why not poison Gizenga if they can not break his will? After all, they murdered Lumumba.

If anything stops the imperialists from going through with their plans on Gizenga it is not humanitarianism or magnanimity. Gizenga still has a large following. The vast mass of the Congolese people hate the Mobutu-Adoula-Tshombe combination, and regard them as traitors to their motherland.

None of these leaders would retain any semblance of political power if the UN (that is, the US, French, British, Belgian) support were withdrawn from them. It is otherwise with Gizenga. That is why he is kept under lock and key.

The next time you hear one of those sanctimonious speeches in the UN how its "Congo operation has brought peace," remember this: Gizenga, the only popular leader left alive in the Congo, is slowly dying. And a legal and medical commission seeking to investigate the conditions of his imprisonment has not been permitted to see him; neither has his lawyer nor his doctor.

Only mass protests can save him. In this country protests should be directed to Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, Washington, D.C., U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York, N. Y.

Poverty Amidst Plenty

The annual report of the Community Council of Greater New York, released in March, notes that while personal income (of some people—E.) is highest in history, nearly 57% of those over 65 have \$1,000 or less a year income.

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May Day

The 1962 Union Square May Day Committee for the Defense of the Bill of Rights has called a May Day Rally for this coming Tuesday in New York.

Seventy-six years ago, when May Day began, its main purpose was to rally the American working masses against the inhuman 12-hour day and 6- or 7-day week. Later, it commemorated the socialist leaders whom the U.S. capitalists slaughtered for daring to advocate the 8-hour day, and it marked the international protest of the workers against the bosses.

Today, the capitalists are not only slaughtering a few individuals; they are planning to slaughter humanity itself.

Just as the age-old struggle between capital and labor is beginning to resolve itself in favor of labor on a world scale, just as the toiling masses of the world have come within striking distance of their historic goal, the imperialists have set their mad course toward nuclear war.

Only the abolition of imperialism itself can stop this war drive once and

for all. But this does not mean the workers are going to fold their hands and wait for the future victory of socialism to abolish war. On the contrary, they are going to join the struggle against imperialist war and thereby struggle against imperialism itself.

Workers all over the world will demonstrate this May Day, flex their muscles for the showdown struggle they are facing, and prepare to spike the guns and destroy the bombs of the madmen who still rule the West.

Workers in the United States have the special task of defending the persecuted Communist Party, opposing the McCarran Act, and restoring the Bill of Rights in a brain-washed, witch-hunted society. Their participation in an open May Day celebration will constitute a splendid defiance of the war-makers and the witch-hunters.

In that spirit and for those reasons, we urge everyone within traveling distance to be in Union Square New York, on Tuesday, May 1, from 4 to 8 P.M.

A Forgotten Promise

Whatever happened to Kennedy's \$600 million project to help "depressed areas" where the unemployment is the greatest and the hardship on the unemployed is most severe?

The depressed area law, it should be remembered, passed both houses of Congress last year, and was signed into law. That was a year ago last week.

But what has actually been done to get jobs for the unemployed workers, at least in the very hard pressed industrial towns, some of which really and truly look like ghost towns.

Here is an example. Under the new law, an area Redevelopment Administration (ARA), is supposed to handle the \$600 million to get new jobs, by building new projects in these towns. So

take a look at a State like Pennsylvania, which has half a million workers out of jobs—9.2 per cent of the labor force, one of the highest in the country.

Well, the ARA established an office in Pennsylvania, and a good chunk of the money was allocated to get jobs. Yet, out of the half million unemployed, guess how many will get jobs, if and when the ARA projects are approved and finished.

The answer, according to *Business Week* of April 21, is 964 jobs; this means, approximately one out of each 500 unemployed, will get a job IF and WHEN this program is carried out.

In the mean time the unemployed are nothing more than a statistic under Kennedy's "benevolent" plan.

Huks Rise Again

There is evidence that the courageous anti-imperialist Filipino guerilla movement, the *Hukbalahap*, is active once again. According to an AP dispatch a skirmish between the Huk guerillas and government troops took place near a U.S. air-force base on April 17. Eight deaths were reported.

The *Hukbalahap* was organized in the Philippines in World War II to resist the invasion of the Japanese imperialists. After the ouster of the Japanese, the Huks continued the struggle against the U.S. imperialists, who had been firmly in control of the country since the turn of the century, and whom the Japanese were trying to oust.

Due to massive U.S. aid, the puppet governments of Roxas, Quirido and Magsaysay were able to subdue the *Hukbalahap* movement to a large extent. According to news dispatches and

magazine articles, the movement was "crushed." Furthermore, this was to be a model for the "crushing" of future popular revolutionary movements against imperialism, such as in Laos, Vietnam, and Thailand. From the point of view of imperialism, the Philippines were considered "safe" from Communism.

But the recent skirmish shows that the *Hukbalahap* is far from "crushed."

And Now, the Pay-Off!

Kennedy has just appointed a man to be Justice of the United States Supreme Court. There are many doubts as to the appointee's qualifications. But one sterling proof of his judicial wisdom stands out strong and clear:

He was chairman of "Citizens for Kennedy."

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How China Answered Adlai On Nuclear War

There has been much distortion of Peoples China's position on nuclear war. The imperialists pretend that China advocates such a war. And some of China's friends have been confused by the imperialist propaganda. The following excerpt from last December 15 "Peking Review" sets the record straight.

It is particularly timely in view of Kennedy's announcement that the U.S. is testing A-weapons in the atmosphere.

It is part of a reply to Adlai Stevenson's scurrilous attack on China at the U.N.

U.S. imperialism, while making frantic preparations for a nuclear war, is doing all it can to spread the terror of such a war. It hopes that the people of all countries will tremble from head to foot before the nuclear weapon which it brandishes as a "magic wand" and will kowtow to it, begging for mercy.

The Chinese people's consistent attitude towards the nuclear blackmail of U.S. imperialism has always been this: first, we are against it and second, we are not afraid of it.

We hold that the nuclear bomb has great destructive power and is a weapon of mass slaughter. Should a nuclear war break out, it would be a serious calamity for mankind. That is why we firmly oppose U.S. imperialism's policy of preparing for a nuclear war and advocate a complete ban on all nuclear weapons.

But the Chinese people absolutely refuse to be intimidated by the nuclear blackmail of U.S. imperialism. What is the use of being afraid of a nuclear war? If a nuclear war could be avoided by being afraid of it, we would of

course approve of this wholeheartedly. But is it conceivable that the enemy will turn benevolent because we quake for fear? The very opposite would be the case.

If we take fright, we shall disarm ourselves spiritually, the enemy will become more rabid and the danger of nuclear war will become more serious. And should the imperialist war-maniacs unleash a nuclear war, the people of the world would suffer greater losses for lack of moral preparedness.

We must, therefore, absolutely refuse to be scared by the nuclear blackmail of imperialism but must resolutely expose and oppose its frantic schemes. If imperialism is bent on imposing nuclear war on us, we shall put up a resolute resistance and bury imperialism in the end.

Only in this way can the nuclear blackmail of U.S. imperialism be crushed and U.S. imperialism be forced to think twice before embarking on any adventure. And only this will help the defense of world peace.

What objections can there be to this attitude of ours? Is it conceivable that to refuse to be scared by nuclear blackmail is to be "warlike" while to be scared-out of one's wits by nuclear war and throw up both hands and surrender before the nuclear weapons of the United States is to be "peace-loving"?

It is crystal clear that the very aim of Stevenson in doing his utmost to pour vituperation on this attitude of ours and slander China as being "warlike" is to make the people of the whole world submit to the U.S. imperialist policy of nuclear blackmail and allow themselves to be slaughtered like lambs.

Which Soap Fits Your Budget?

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Can you figure out what is the best buy on the supermarket shelves?

Five college-trained housewives flunked a shopping test on 14 products. On the basis of information listed on the packages of competitive products, they were unable to compute (in their heads) the lowest price per pound or ounce.

The test was made in a project partially sponsored by the State of California last month. The project is asking Congress to require manufacturers to label their products clearly so consumers can see what they are getting.

Senator Philip A. Hart of Michigan, during a Senate subcommittee hearing, questioned Henry W. Purcell, sales merchandising manager of Procter and Gamble about this matter.

First, he suggested that a consumer might have difficulty computing the price per ounce of P & G's 35-cent 12 1/2 ounce package of detergent. Then followed this dialogue:

Purcell: She could figure it out.

Hart: What is it?

Purcell: I don't have any cost sheets before me.

Hart: Neither does she.

Purcell: If she wanted to know, she would either be smart enough to figure it in her head, or she would figure it out with a pencil.

Behind Purcell's ignorance of his own product's price, and behind his contempt for those who are interested in such things, is the campaign of Big Business to deliberately confuse the consumers so as to obtain higher prices without their knowledge. The big companies actually contended in the above investigation that today's consumers are "not primarily interested in price."

However, there are 2 million families living on unemployment compensation, 3.5 million families receiving aid to needy children, over 2 million other persons getting public welfare aid, millions who have run out of unemployment compensation altogether, and an unknown number of adults supported by relatives.

Considering all these millions plus the still greater number working for sweatshop wages—there appear to be more than a few people around who are "primarily interested in price."

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Murder in North Carolina Points Up Racist Terror

Racist attacks against the Afro-American people again blazed out with fire and bullets on Thursday, April 19. This time it was in Norfolk, Virginia. A white grocer there shot six Black youths, killing Clarence Simms 16, and wounding the five others.

The grocer, Ollie F. Sally, claimed the boys had been teasing him, banging on his counter and demanding soft drinks—so he got sore and shot them! (The trigger-happy grocer is a native of Durham, North Carolina, and was a candidate for mayor there in 1948. Durham is about 90 miles from Monroe, where Jay Van Covington was shot in jail last month and where Mae Mallory is accused of having "kidnapped" a white couple for two hours. Mandatory penalty: life imprisonment.)

The news of the attack spread rapidly through the Afro-American community. City police were called twice to break up the anguished throngs which gathered outside the store and in front of the hospital where the still-living boys were sent for treatment.

Before the day was over, the gun-

man's grocery store caught fire and according to the Norfolk Fire Investigator, it was "definitely no accident."

The Afro-Americans were pushed around by the racist cops and threatened with vicious police dogs as they gathered to watch the fire brigade try to save the store. The white supremacist authorities directed all their forces from first to last against the people who had been most wronged.

Here in Norfolk, as in a growing number of places, the Black people are rousing and stirring themselves to action. A racist killing and near mass slaughter such as this, dramatically sums up the persecution of the ages in the tragedy of a moment. The people want to fight back.

As the Rev. Richard B. Martin said: "Feelings are running high. We cannot let this murder go unchallenged, or open season on Afro-Americans will be declared."

The masses feel the sting of this statement far more sharply than the minister who made it. They will be very sure not to "let this murder go unchallenged."

What US Study Reveals On USSR Labor Turnover

The U.S. Labor Department published a study in February showing that 4 out of 10 industrial workers in the Soviet Union quit their jobs in 1960. This was 10 times the turnover in the United States.

The study was supposed to show that the Russians weren't so efficient after all—that the socialist system isn't working out so well, etc., etc.

It stands to reason that when a worker quits one job for another, he is usually quitting because his new job is a better one—with higher pay, requiring more skill, etc.

In the Soviet Union, the rapid automation of industry is producing a great many more of these highly skilled, higher paying jobs. (But workers are not laid-off as a result—the working day is simply made shorter!) Thus, the higher labor turnover is simply a reflection of the increased tendency of workers to quit unskilled or semi-skilled jobs (which are largely being eliminated by automation) and move into jobs requiring more brainpower and less muscle-power.

To this end, free evening classes have been set up throughout the USSR to train workers in new skills while they are still working at their old jobs.

And what about the U.S. propaganda about Soviet regimentation, slave labor and internal passports?

If ten times as many workers over there can just up and quit their jobs because they feel like it, maybe they have ten times as much freedom as workers over here!

Hitler's Victims Reveal Former Prominent Nazis Are W. German Envoys

Next month, the VVN, an organization of many persecuted victims, formerly incarcerated in Hitler's concentration camps, will be brought to trial in West Germany. It is charged with being a secret successor organization to the illegalized Communist Party.

(Of course, it is true that many Communists are in its ranks, since thousands of Communists were put into concentration camps by Hitler. But this organization was a "respectable" enough anti-Nazi group to get the full approval of the American Occupation forces after the war.)

The real reason the West German government is cracking down on this organization and calling it Communist after 17 years is this:

The VVN recently revealed that nearly all the West German ambassadors to foreign countries are former leaders or prominent members of Hitler's Nazi Party.

In New York Hospitals

Workers Need Welfare Aid Because Wages Are So Low

The majority of New York so-called "voluntary" hospitals still pay such low wages that between 1,500 and 2,000 workers are forced to seek supplementary financial aid from the Department of Welfare in New York City.

This startling information, recently released by Leon J. Davis, president of Local 1199 of the Hospital and Pharmacy Workers, gives a slight indication of the gruesome conditions existing in this thankless, half-forgotten industry even now, three years after the heroic organizing strike of 1959. Then, and again last fall when the workers at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital struck, the spotlight of the press was turned for a few brief moments on the fantastically low pay (some workers were getting only \$.65 an hour) and humiliating working conditions of the hospital workers.

A recent estimate made by the Community Council of Greater New York, points out that a family of four people in New York City, needs an annual income of \$5,150 to maintain a "modest

and adequate" standard of living. Yet Local 1199 estimates that the wages of the majority of the employees in "voluntary" hospitals, come to approximately \$44 per week, or \$2,340 a year, which is less than half of what is required for a "modest and adequate" standard of living.

A vast majority of the hospital workers are Afro-American and Puerto Rican. The plight of the hospital workers in New York City, is eloquent testimony to the fact that the wealthiest industrialists and bankers, who by and large control the policies of the Boards of Trustees of these hospitals, do no better than their Dixiecrat brothers in the South.

The latest move of Local 1199 is for a secret ballot at St. Francis Hospital in Manhattan, for union recognition. If the union and the workers win, it will mean that for the first time, perhaps these workers will be able to afford the "luxury" of adequate medical care for themselves.

N. Y. Post's Position on A-Tests

Gone With the Wind

Just to show you how reliable an ally the anti-war forces are blessed with in capitalist liberalism, let us quote the "liberal" New York Post for Monday, March 5:

(There had been an anti-bomb demonstration in Times Square the previous Saturday, the day after Kennedy announced his decision to test nuclear bombs in the atmosphere.)

"At a moment when Russian intransigence looms so large, we cannot see any real purpose in the Times Square demonstration against Mr. Kennedy's decision to resume nuclear testing in the atmosphere. We shared the disappointment that he felt obliged to an-

nounce such a course. But . . .

"The demonstrators must ask themselves whether such protests at this time may not merely encourage the Soviets to take a harder line, and to delude themselves about the state of U.S. opinion."

Aside from the false arguments—aside from the right of one section of the people to demonstrate, regardless of and against the alleged "state of U.S. opinion" in order to change it—aside from this elementary principle of liberalism, what happened to the New York Post's own previous "opposition" to atomic testing?

It appears to be just gone with the wind!

In Vietnam

"Cash and Violence"

Cash and Violence (In Laos and Vietnam)—Anna Louise Strong
Mainstream Publishers, 832 Broadway, N. Y. 3, N.Y. \$1.50 paper cover.

"American intervention will weld North and South Vietnam together. . . . The Vietnamese, united, will call on the people and governments of the world for aid. If they need it, they will get it. Neither Hanoi (capital of North Vietnam) nor Peking will seek to enter the war for they do not wish to spread it. But Washington already threatens to bomb Hanoi, and China cannot permit Vietnam to be destroyed."

This is the way Anna Louise Strong ends her latest and one of her best books.

Having spent many years in the Orient, having interviewed all the Chinese revolutionary leaders, she knows whereof she speaks.

The U.S. military and the State Department are well aware of this, and should understand the message. But they show no signs of letting up in their mad drive to war in Vietnam.

On the contrary, just a few days ago, on April 16, a group of 400 Marines were sent into Vietnam in one of the most provocative U.S. actions yet. They will reinforce the 5,000 or so U.S. troops already there.

Miss Strong shows how last year and in preceding years, long before General Maxwell Taylor and Vice President Lyndon Johnson had their conspiratorial talks with U.S. stooge, Ngo Dinh Diem—the U.S. government was pouring millions upon millions of dollars worth of arms into South Vietnam.

It was intervening in every way possible, with bribes, hidden and open,

with assassinations and every imaginable kind of device for conquering an apparently helpless, ill-equipped, poverty and disease-ridden people.

The CIA connived to get Chiang Kai Shek's soldiers into both Vietnam and Laos (from Burma where they have an outpost to this day).

At the Phui Loi concentration camp near Saigon, a "poison meal" was given to the 6,000 inmates. Over 1,000 died. North Vietnam asked the International Control Commission to investigate. Diem refused to permit it.

The U.S. began the process of deporting the peasants from anti-regime villages long before its present stepped-up war campaign of herding the population into "agrovilles."

"On September 29, 1960, for instance, 7,000 peasants went to a provincial capital south of Saigon to protest the deportations. Sympathizers inside the city joined them until 45,000 people converged on the governor's mansion. He dispersed them with troops and with casualties. On the following day, the entire provincial city staged a market strike in protest."

The apparently "softer" U.S. line on Laos—as opposed to the massive intervention in South Vietnam—is equally cunning and murderous. It is really a political companion-piece to the Vietnam campaign and vitally linked up to it.

"Cash and violence" has been employed here, too, on a colossal scale, amply documented and passionately re-

\$16 Billion Scandal

About \$16 billion is going to be spent on missiles from July 1, 1962 to July 1, 1963. To get an idea how much this really is, compare it with the yearly income of the whole of Cuba—which before the revolution was less than \$3 billion.

How much of the 16 billion do you suppose finds its way into champagne cocktails, mink coats, private steam yachts and orgies in Rome?

A Senate subcommittee was asking the same question last month in an investigation of "pyramiding of profits" in the arms industry.

Senator John L. McClellan revealed that Douglas Aircraft made a profit of 40 per cent on a \$30 million order for missiles. And Douglas hardly turned a wheel to make the money! It farmed out most of the work to other companies and just raked in the dough.

And don't think that the Senate is going to do very much about this, either.

McClellan said that he did not think the companies had "done anything wrong." He just wanted to make the government's purchasing system "more reasonable!"

Millionaires' Night Club

Since the U.S. may yet go to war over West Berlin, you might want to know the kind of "freedom" you'll be protecting in West Germany.

West German workers' wages run less than 60 per cent of those in the U.S. But Munich has just opened a new night spot called "Millionaires' Night Club." The club restricts membership to 99 millionaires and their families.

The "Free World"

An African who was born in a town in South Africa and lived there continuously for 50 years, but then left there to reside elsewhere for any period, even two weeks, is not entitled to return to the town where he was born and to remain there more than 72 hours.

If he does, he is guilty of a criminal offense punishable by a fine of 10 Pounds (about 1 to 3 months salary) or, in default of that amount, imprisonment for two months.

counted by Miss Strong. Most of the book indeed, is concentrated on the little-known record of U.S. imperialism in Laos. It is in that country that the political intrigues have been most complex and most furiously fought out.

Laos is the political key to conquering next-door Vietnam.

But the Southeastern Asia war itself, with the big U.S. commitments and the U.S. casualties, will be fought out not in Laos but in Vietnam. In the end, Miss Strong says:

"The Vietnamese will suffer horribly; they will be massacred by thousands. But the Vietnamese will win."

By V. G.

Prominent Afro-American Describes Mae Mallory Case to African People

This article, by Julian Mayfield, is reprinted from the "Evening News" of Accra, Ghana, issue of March 29

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Julian Mayfield is an Afro-American novelist whose books have been published in the U.S., Great Britain and France. He has written, produced and directed plays in New York; as an actor he has appeared both on Broadway and in motion pictures. He has also worked as an editor and drama critic for the daily "Puerto Rico World Journal." He was the only reporter present at the Monroe, North Carolina race riots last August. He and his family now live in Ghana.

At this moment a black woman, Mrs. Mae Mallory, is fighting for her life in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. A short while ago the Governor of Ohio yielded to the pressure of white supremacists in North Carolina and ordered this mother of two children extradited to that state to stand trial on a fallacious charge of "kidnapping" that grew out of the Monroe race riots last August.

I drove with Mrs. Mallory from New York to Monroe just before the riots erupted, and I personally witnessed the events which have led to her detention. In these articles I shall explain to readers of this newspaper why Mae Mallory, or any other black person, cannot receive a fair trial in Monroe, or indeed in any other southern community in the U.S.; and why Governor DiSalle of Ohio, in ordering Mae Mallory extradited to North Carolina, was knowingly shipping her to certain death.

KU KLUX KLAN

The story of Mae Mallory is really the story of Robert F. Williams, the former Monroe president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Williams and his family are now political exiles in revolutionary Cuba. He also is a fugitive from southern justice sought by the United States on the same charge of "Kidnapping." It is because Mae Mallory is an enthusiastic supporter of Williams and his militant approach to American race relations, that she is now in danger of losing her life. If she is returned to North Carolina, it will really be Williams and his ideas that are being tried in absentia. So the bulk of these articles will be concerned with Robert Williams and the determined black people of Monroe who, since 1957, have fought a magnificent (if unpublicized) no-holds-barred struggle against American white supremacy.

But first, a certain elementary historical background is necessary: The Ku Klux Klan is a semi-secret organization that was formed by southern white men shortly after the American Civil war (or Rebellion of the Slave States, 1861-65).

ORGANIZATION

This organization, terroristic in nature, has the expressed aim of keeping the Afro-American "in his place." Down through the years militant black men and women who had somehow offended the religion of white supremacy were shot, burned and hanged. Black men suspected of sexual relations with white women were often castrated before they were killed, for sexual fear is a special, maniacal obsession of southern white men.

Between 1900 and 1914 more than 1,000 black men were lynched in the United States, usually by Klan-led mobs, while the law enforcement authorities either looked the other way or actively assisted.

BULLETS NEAR FEET

It must not be thought that the Klan represented the majority of white opinion in the U.S. Its terroristic tactics have always been widely condemned by responsible white persons who held more or less the same racialist views on blacks. But the Klan flourished until the nineteen-thirties. After World War II some attempts were made to suppress it, for its violent methods tended to embarrass the United States government in its efforts to woo the black and brown peoples of developing nations. But there was an upsurge of Klan activity after the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation in schools in 1954.

In towns like Monroe (seat of Union County, population 44,000, one-third black) the favorite sport of the Klan was to drive through the Afro-American sections on Saturday nights shooting indiscriminately at houses and peo-

ple. Often the Klansmen would force a black woman to disrobe and dance for them on the sidewalk as they fired bullets near her feet. These Saturday night motorcades, which were advertised on the radio, were usually accompanied by patrol cars of the police department.

DIRECT CONFLICT

In 1957 Robert Williams and a group of young men, mostly veterans of the army, put a decisive end to this Klan sport. After appealing without success to all the responsible officials, including the then Governor of North Carolina B. Hodges (now U.S. Secretary of Commerce) and President Dwight Eisenhower, the black men of Monroe armed themselves and shot up a large Klan motorcade that had driven into their neighborhood to lynch Dr. A. A. Perry, a militant Afro-American physician.

This event put a distinct crimp in the style of the Ku Klux Klan, for they had never been routed by black men before. The Saturday night motorcades ceased altogether, and for the next four years the Klansmen lived with the same fear they had traditionally instilled in the black victims. The following year when Dr. Perry was arrested on the obviously false charge of having performed an abortion on a white woman, the Klan announced it was going to drag the doctor out of the Monroe jail and burn him in the courthouse square. Williams and a group of armed men immediately occupied the town jail and threatened to burn Monroe to the ground if anything happened to Dr. Perry. Within an hour Chief of Police Mauney agreed to release Perry on bail.

While strengthening the morale of the black people of Monroe, their militancy brought them into direct conflict with established, moderate "Negro leaders." Roy Wilkins, the aging National head of the NAACP continued to believe against all the available evidence, that the Afro-American can win his freedom in the courts and by playing back room politics in Washington. The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and others, preached the philosophy of Passive Resistance or non-violent protest, which was designed to demonstrate to the white world the black man's capacity for suffering. This was the movement that was, and is, supported by all the white liberals and most of the white newspapers.

From the night when the Ku Klux

Klan was routed, Monroe became the symbol of the Afro-American's most militant resistance to white oppression.

MONROE A SYMBOL

"Negro leaders" were almost unanimous in their condemnation of Williams as an irresponsible glory-seeker. Among themselves they whispered that he was uneducated—he is a machinist with three years of college; that he was a communist, which is about the worst thing you can call anybody living in the U.S. today; and that he was an agent provocateur for a subversive political party and-or a foreign power.

Williams countered by charging that the "Negro leaders" were more interested in keeping the peace and their well-paid jobs and large houses than in winning freedom for black people. He said that a people who were not willing to fight for freedom did not deserve it.

Monroe "Justice" True to Form; Defendant Shot in Prison Cell

How can Mae Mallory get a fair trial in Monroe, North Carolina, when Jay Van Covington, body guard for her friend Robert F. Williams, was shot by a guard while Covington was being held incommunicado in the Monroe prison?

(The prison is the same one to which Mae Mallory will be sent if the U.S. Courts uphold Ohio Governor Di Salle's order extraditing her from Cleveland.)

On March 28, J. B. Eller, a prison guard, entered Covington's cell, provoked a fight and shot him "while attempting to escape."

Covington was held on a charge of "secret assault." Actually, he appears to have been involved in a gunfight with the Ku Klux Klan. He is no more guilty of "assault" than Mae Mallory is guilty of the phony and ridiculous charge of "kidnapping."

The jimcrow justice of the South has moved fast against Jay Van Covington—almost as fast as it acted against his 15-year-old brother, Richard, who was sent to the reformatory after a five minute conference of an all-white jury.

The brother's "crime": He rescued an English girl from a white mob during last summer's violence against the Afro-American people in Monroe. A po-

PASSIVE RESISTANCE

He and his followers in Monroe rejected the philosophy of Passive Resistance (in the American context) as foolish, undignified and ineffective, asserting that their first responsibility was to protect their families, their homes, and their human rights against all attacks by white racists.

Naturally Williams was not invited to confer with the President at the White House, or to make a tour through Africa and Asia for the U.S. State Department. Unlike most of the "Negro Leaders" Williams dared to express controversial opinions on foreign issues.

In the pages of his newsletter, *The Crusader*, he urged his readers to identify themselves closely with the newly independent African nations, especially Ghana and Guinea. (For example, *The Crusader* was the only periodical in the United States that reprinted the entire text of Dr. Nkrumah's speech to the United Nations on the Congo policy after the murder of Patrice Lumumba.)

24,000 BLACK MOTHERS

Week after week he exhorted his followers to draw strength from liberation movements all over the world and not to be afraid of the word "socialism" because the white bosses hated it.

A pet project of his, which was only partially successful, was to persuade African diplomats and students to visit him in Monroe so that he could show them the actual condition of the American of African descent, not the so-called "progress" they were fed on government-sponsored tours. He wanted to show them thousands of black children growing up without sufficient food, education or opportunity, in the richest nation on earth. He wanted to tell them of the 24,000 black mothers who had been stricken from the welfare rolls in the state of Louisiana for having "illegitimate" children; of the appalling unemployment rate among black workers which in some districts is five times that of the whites.

liceman was wounded during the scuffle, and the blame for it was pinned on Richard.

Monroe is the same town where two Afro-American children, one seven, the other nine, were sent to the reformatory for unlimited terms for the "crime" of kissing—or being kissed by—a little white girl—age eight. (A protest movement of international proportions finally freed them.)

Monroe is the town where a white man was declared innocent by a court of his "peers" after he had kicked a pregnant hotel chambermaid down a flight of stairs because she had disturbed his slumbers. The chambermaid was Afro-American.

Monroe is the town where Afro-American girls have been raped in broad daylight. The identity of the rapists is generally known. The rapists are white.

But the courts who reach all the way from North Carolina to Cleveland for the person of Mae Mallory cannot reach into their own home town for those real criminals whose skin is white.

It is to the tender mercies of white Monroe and its white-supremacist court, and to the tender arms of pistol packing J. B. Eller, that Governor Di Salle is trying to send Mae Mallory.

To get information about and give aid to Mae Mallory, contact the Monroe Defense Committee,

in New York City—217 W. 125 St., Room 120

in Cleveland, Ohio—1289 E. 115 St., Suite 5

HOW ABOUT ONE WAY TICKETS FOR THEM?

Why doesn't the White Citizens Council of New Orleans buy some one-way tickets for the white supremacists to go North, and leave the city in the hands of those who built it—the Afro-American people?