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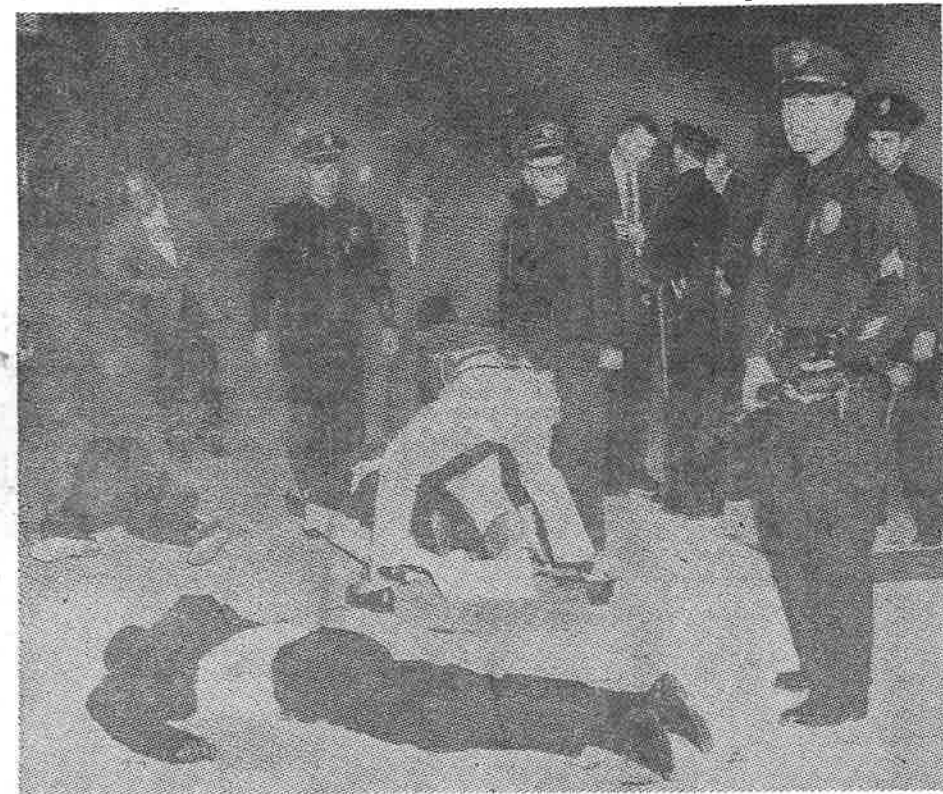
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Unarmed Black Muslims Shot Down By Police



Cops Climax L. A. Terror With Murder of Black Muslim

The Los Angeles cops have now climaxed their long record of persecution of the city's Black population with murder and mass shooting. They shot down a group of unarmed Afro-Americans in cold blood.

They killed a Muslim Brother and wounded 15 other Muslims, 6 of them seriously, in an unprovoked attack. The Muslims, all unarmed, defended themselves from the attack and sent several police to the hospital. Seven police were hurt by the unarmed Muslims as they fought back.

The racist press immediately unleashed a vicious hate-campaign and instead of condemning the outrageous police action, started to whip up a new lynch spirit against the Muslims.

The two racist gutter rags, in Los Angeles, the *Times* and the *Herald-Examiner*, both screamed in double-banked headlines about the "MUSLIMS." And both referred to the Muslims as "super-secret" and "anti-white." The *Times* added for good measure that the Muslims had vowed to "exterminate the white devils."

Both papers created the impression that there had been an uncontrollable mob armed with pistols, violently attacking the innocent and duty-bound cops.

What really happened was this:

It was about 11:15 P.M. Friday night, April 27, and the Muslims' church meeting had just broken up. The cops were questioning a Muslim in a car nearby who was trying to deliver some dry-cleaning to another Muslim. Whatever questions they were asking, they got very tough about it as white cops usually do with Black people. They twisted the man's arm to make him answer. The man defended himself, broke free, and ran toward the Muslim temple for refuge.

A special duty cop came by and immediately fired at the man. Additional police came. They started firing en masse. Some Muslims who were still in the temple ran out to see what the trouble was.

Ronald T. Stokes, a highly respected member of the temple, made a phone call to Muslim leaders, then told his wife to wait for him with their 3-month-old child while he went outside to remonstrate with the police and try to restore peace to the area.

He went up to one of the cops to ask what the trouble was, and hardly got the words out of his mouth when the cop turned his gun on him, too! Stokes quickly grabbed the cop and as another one started to shoot him, held the first cop by the neck as a shield. Unfortunately this cop got free of Stokes. So Stokes immediately raised his hands high above his head expecting to be taken prisoner. But the other cop shot him and came closer to him and shot him repeatedly.

"He was stomped, kicked, and black-jacked after he was shot down," said an eye-witness. "Then he was stacked against the paint store doorway."

As the others came running out of the temple, they were mowed down with the cops' bullets. Other Muslims defended their Brothers in the very jaws of death and disabled several of the uniformed killers. But by this time about 75 reinforcements had appeared with riot guns and enough paraphernalia to murder a thousand unarmed people. They roped off twenty city blocks and treated the whole area like

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Kennedy Cracks Whip Over Labor; Gives Bosses Green Light for Speedup

His Calculated Performance in the Steel Price 'Fight' Was Only the Come-on for Hog-Tying the Workers

How to Glamorize An H-Bomb

"Another giant mushroom blossomed in the Pacific yesterday," said the announcer at WQXR, radio station of the *New York Times*.

He was speaking, of course, about the nuclear bomb—but not, it must be added, about the Soviet nuclear bomb. Soviet bombs are "diabolical." They are "monster bombs." They poison the atmosphere and they put Strontium 90 into your children's milk.

—And they never "blossom." Only American bombs can do that.

The radio announcer's poetic portrait of the nuclear bomb calls to mind a similar lyrical outburst of about 26 years ago.

Mussolini's son-in-law was an aviator engaged in bombing Africans in fascism's war of conquest in Ethiopia. He told reporters how beautiful it was to see the bodies burst into the air when he dropped a bomb (only a "little," non-nuclear bomb!) on a cluster of people.

"It was like the opening of a rose," he said.

(However, when Africans resist their oppressors and fight back, as they did in the Congo last year, the master class loses its sense of beautiful poetry and tells the greatest ugly horror stories its imaginative journalists can dream up.)

The words people use are hardly sufficient reason for hanging them. But they prove something nevertheless. Only a decadent and degenerate ruling class is capable of comparing mass murder to roses and other blossoms—a class destined for the same inglorious end as Mussolini, whose victims finally hung him by his heels.

Kennedy made a big hit with Big Business at the Atlantic City UAW convention last week. He told the auto union delegates that wage increases must be tied to production increases—or in other words: "Work harder and you'll get more money."

This is what every pinch-penny boss has been saying ever since capitalism began.

The wealthiest President the U.S. has ever had (\$400 million in the family) told the auto workers to remember their "responsibility" to the economy and not ask for any benefits that would hurt "the national interest."

Then with all the gall of a demagogue and all the skill of a Madison Avenue publicity man, he told U.S. labor to "Go along with me or get someone else."

The Auto Workers Union has lost 300,000 members since 1957 due to automation, recession and company chiseling and speed-up. But according to Kennedy's program, there can be no 30-hour week at 40 hours' pay to put the unemployed back to work. Such a program would require a 33 per cent wage increase. So it would interfere with "the survival and success of the free enterprise system," as capitalist Kennedy puts it.

Kennedy's wage program went over like a lead balloon with the delegates. But Walter Reuther, their "fighting" leader, seemed to be pleased as punch, and several times led the applause. However, under pressure of the delegates who voiced criticism of Reuther's attitude, he backtracked somewhat the next day.

The real meaning of Kennedy's ominous plans will soon become clear to the broad masses. The steelworkers are already being speeded up by the steel corporations to "make up" for the companies' failure to get a price increase. (Although they are scheduled to get giant tax bonanzas.) And the "productivity" increases Kennedy is asking for in auto will soon result in further unemployment as well as further explosions in the plants.

Algeria — There Is No Peace

of the war by de Gaulle and the official French forces.

This strategy is well known. If de Gaulle were serious about giving any real freedom to the Algerians, he would send the French Army into the field against the ultras and root them out in short order. He would declare martial law in the European quarters of the cities and arm every Algerian citizen.

On May 2, the ultras killed 91 Algerians and wounded 130 others in a single mass bombing in Algiers.

On May 3, the ultras killed at least 13 and wounded 11 in individual assassinations and machinegun fire in the heart of the city.

On May 4, the terrorists tried to engulf hundreds of Algerian families with 4,000 gallons of flaming gasoline. They put an explosive charge in a giant gasoline truck, jammed the steering wheel, loosened the brakes and let the truck roll toward a cliff to tumble

over on the flimsy houses below. A massacre was only prevented by a fortunate accident.

This is the harvest of imperialist "peace."

Of course, de Gaulle is disturbed by the situation. His plan is to turn Algeria into a kind of French Puerto Rico (a "free associated state" with absolutely guaranteed money and property rights for French capitalists, but only paper voting rights for the Algerian masses.) And the ultras are upsetting his plans.

The ultras' plan, that is, the French colonialists' and Secret Army's plan, is to reduce the Algerian population once again to the most abject colonial slavery.

But the Algerian masses still want complete independence. So therefore de Gaulle is hesitant to destroy the ultras whom he may very well ally himself with later on.

That is why there is no peace in Algeria.

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Nehru Threatens China

The India-China border dispute is once more entering an explosive stage as warm weather comes to the Himalayas and encourages the resumption of hostilities by India.

Addressing the lower house of the Indian Parliament, Prime Minister Nehru said on May 2 that while India would "dislike exceedingly" war with Peoples China, it was necessary to "prepare for any contingency."

The supposedly pacifistic Mr. Nehru said that India was rapidly building up its forces along the 2,000-mile border with China and he ominously indicated that India might now be militarily stronger than China on the frontier.

China is in the right in this dispute. Even Chiang Kai-shek, the bitterest and deadliest Asiatic enemy of the Chinese people, admits that this is true. (In a 1959 statement.) But the U.S. capitalists, including the numerous backers of Chiang Kai-shek, of course, support India in this matter and make it appear that India is right.

Without going further into the long

and complex history of this dispute, it is necessary for a workers' paper to say unequivocally where it stands in the event of an armed conflict between the two countries.

We are squarely on the side of China, which is a workers state, and has no interest in conducting a predatory war—as the capitalist countries do,—because of the anti-imperialist character of its socialist-type economy.

Incidentally, we defended India's re-possession of Goa from imperialist Portugal several months ago—as did China. And the noisy U.S. supporters of India's border claims sang a completely different tune on the Goa question.

India, which is semi-colonial and feudal-capitalist in character, can be anti-imperialist in the case of Goa and still be a tool of imperialism in the case of the China border dispute.

As between People's China and capitalist-controlled India, every class-conscious worker is firmly on the side of China.

Terror Plus Frame-up

The racist masters of Los Angeles are out for blood. They are setting the stage for a monstrous legal frame-up. And they are laying the basis for an open lynch campaign as well.

Both these plots are directed first and foremost against the so-called "Black Muslims." But their long-range aim is to discipline and terrorize the whole Black people.

The accompanying story of police violence against the Muslims in Los Angeles tells only one aspect of the racist terror in that city and doesn't explain the carefully built-up background which includes the constant propaganda of the white supremacist press.

Some months ago, the Los Angeles Times ran inflammatory headlines about the Muslims for days over a series of "informative" articles.

In March, 1961, after a series of slimy "studies" in the Scripps Howard and Hearst press, the Los Angeles Mirror ran the following scare headlines: "L.A. Hate Cult Pledges to Dominate Whites — War on White Devils Pledged by Hate Cult — Cult's Goal to Rule U.S."

The Los Angeles Times often refers to the Muslims as "Black Supremacists" and on May 2, just five days after the murder and mass shooting by the police, the Times said:

"Full scale clashes could break out at any moment between the white-hating Muslim sect and police or any other segment of the community, Police Chief Parker warned Tuesday."

It then quoted Parker, who in a statement loaded with half-truths and provocations, insisted that—

"Their teachings (i.e. the Muslims) are of the nature that such clashes as occurred the other night

are bound to re-occur and will become more frequent."

This is an official invitation for racists in or out of uniform to declare open season on the Muslims. The ruling class is deliberately heating up the social climate and trying to create more "incidents." And meantime, on the "legal" front, the grand jury is already conducting preliminary hearings for a witch-hunting "investigation" of the Muslim movement in L.A. Instead of investigating the brutal ferocity of the cops, the top police officials are commending them for "bravery" and murder is being honored as "courage in the line of duty."

This is the classical conduct of an imperialist nation toward a colonial nation.

Progressive workers are well acquainted with anti-labor frame-ups, persecutions of radicals and the imprisonment of "sit-in" students, etc. But the frame-up of the Black Muslims is in certain respects more vicious and virulent than any of these.

It is being carried on by white supremacists against advocates of Black Freedom and Independence. The white supremacists are sure to conduct the frame-up as viciously as if they were suppressing a colonial revolt. Their racist chauvinism must be exposed and their mass frame-up foiled.

All progressive workers, Black and white, must come to the aid of the Muslim Brotherhood as an elementary obligation in the struggle against white supremacy and world imperialism.

Pentagon Automation

Al Hayes of the Machinists Union, in fighting for the shorter work week, pointed out that the Pentagon doesn't lay off its admirals and generals in the constant changeover to missiles.

MAIL BAG

Stable workers respond

The Editors
Workers World
Gentlemen:

Thank you for your very fine article on the stable workers. Your timing of the story with the retirement of millionaire Eddie Arcaro was excellent.

With your permission, we should like to reprint the article (with full credits) for distribution to our members.

Enclosed is one dollar for a six-month subscription to WORKERS WORLD and one dollar for additional copies of the April 13th issue.

Keep up your fine work.

Sincerely yours,

National Brotherhood of Stable Employees
Frank H. Melton,
President

'When justice prevails'—

April 22, 1962

Mr. Vincent Copeland, Editor
Workers World

Dear Mr. Copeland:

We, of the Puerto Rico Pro Independence Movement wish to thank you for your frequent references to the Puerto Rican situation. Your short but juicy editorial of your April 13 issue deserves our special praise.

For years to come oppressed peoples will recall your stand against all forms of slavery.

Let us hope that very soon, your kind of newspaper will not be a need. Since, WHEN JUSTICE PREVAILS THERE IS NO NEED TO PROTEST.

Meanwhile, our sincere thanks.

Yours truly,

J. Gueits, Director
J. Negrón, treasurer
Movimiento Pro Independencia

Picketed for Mae Mallory

Cleveland, Ohio

Editor, Workers World

Sirs:

Enclosed is one dollar for extra copies of Workers World Vol. 4, No. 8—April 27, 1962 issue.

I am a supporter of the Cleveland Monroe Defense Committee and am interested in the article in W.W. of above date by Julian Mayfield.

I walked the picket line for the Monroe Defense Committee picketing Ohio's Governor Di Salle's campaign rallies. Also I visit Mae in the Cuyahoga county jail often.

I as an Ohio voter am deeply grieved because of denial for bail and the treatment Mrs. Mallory has received at the hands of our local courts in this miscarriage of justice.

I sincerely hope that more can be done to free and obliterate the terrible injustice that has befallen this noble character for her devotion and struggle for freedom for all mankind.

Yours for A Worker's World,
CMC
Cleveland, Ohio

Freedom of the Press — ?

The New York Office of Prensa Latina, the Cuban news agency, was attacked by six armed counter-revolutionary gangsters on April 27. The office was torn apart; the employees were bound, gagged and pistol-whipped by the Cuban traitors.

The U.S. press and radio which is so solicitous about "freedom of the press"—in Cuba, was either silent or non-committal about the shameful incident. The "liberal" New York Post thought it was all very funny.

Now just suppose a group of Cubans in Havana got angry about all the lies the U.S. reporters are telling about their country. And suppose they were to take a few lead pipes to the correspondents of the U.S. press who are now in Havana—what do you think the U.S. newspapers would say about that?

Dominican youth's story

Dear Friend,

I am a Dominican worker, sixteen years old. I lived in the Dominican Republic until I was thirteen, under the regime of Trujillo. I saw how the workers used to live in the town—in misery. I know they lived even worse in the country.

I have a cousin and he was working in a sugar central (refinery). When I was eleven years old I remember that he got his arm caught in the machinery. He lost his arm up to the elbow. The refinery agency gave him compensation of \$600. His wages before that were \$16 a week. But now he can't earn anything at all.

After he came out of the hospital, they gave him a job in the tool crib. But after six months, they fired him altogether.

Then he talked against Trujillo. And during the June 14 uprising (1959), he hit a policeman. They took him to jail and they whipped him three times a day.

Even when I was six years old, I could see that our misery was wrong. I asked myself why the rich people don't divide all the money with the poor people. But I forgot this as I grew older. Then I asked another question—why the North Americans could go to the bathing beaches and the Dominicans could not. And I asked why only North Americans used the golf courses. And I found out that North Americans owned the sugar central in my town. But I knew that the workers did all the work without getting anything.

I understand today that Trujillo was only a puppet of Yankee imperialists. But I know the North Americans workers are my friend, not my enemy. Even at that time, I did not think all the North Americans were bad.

We Dominican working people have the same enemy as the North American working people.

We Dominicans are from the same American continent as you.

Hector Ignacio

"Filthy lucre" explains it

May 5, 1962

Workers World,
New York, N. Y.
Editor:

I have always supported Cuba's overthrow of the medieval Batista regime and more so now that they are striving to establish socialism there. So when I read an article called "How G-2 Breaks Down Its Captives" by Alan Judge, a young man who calls himself a socialist, I was astonished at what he calls his true experience while visiting the new Cuba.

Police business or "the advancement of law and order" is not a pleasant business no matter whose regime it is under, and I feel that Alan Judge's article against the Law Enforcement Department of Cuba, not only is unfair in its tenor but I think designed to undermine public sympathy which is very strong in Canada for this little Latin American Isle, struggling to maintain its position of independence after throwing out the thugs who had reduced the nation to a majority population of rags and a handful of nabobs with riches.

And furthermore, just what was this young man doing, that he should have been treated as an enemy agent? He might answer that in more articles with which to line his raggy pockets with more filthy lucre.

H.B.
Vancouver, Canada

Richest City in World

At Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., it is reported that children wait over five hours before they get to see a doctor. Often they must stand because there is not enough room for them all to sit.

Doctors there have been saying, "Children may die unless something is done. We're teetering on the verge of catastrophe." And the gnawing question remains, "How many children already have died—waiting?"

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Corretjer Declares

Latin American Revolt Hastens Puerto Rico Independence

Juan Antonio Corretjer told a Workers World Forum in New York last month that—"The struggle for the independence of Puerto Rico has come into that period of history in which the independence of the colonial world can no longer be delayed."

A crowded hall of English- and Spanish-speaking militants heard him describe the situation in Puerto Rico and outline a program for the liberation of the U.S.-dominated island from its imperialist masters.

He revealed that many thousands of U.S. Marines are now training daily in Puerto Rico, apparently aiming to invade Cuba as well as to intimidate Puerto Rico. In addition to this, U.S. Army planes are constantly making practice flights lower than 800 feet from the ground. (This is a good height for machine-gunning ground troops and helpless civilians.)

Mr. Corretjer is General Secretary of Acción Patriótica Unitaria (APU), whose headquarters are in Guaynabo, P.R. He was a close collaborator of Albizu Campos in the Nationalist Party during the 'Thirties.

He, as Secretary of the Nationalist Party, and Albizu Campos as President, were arrested in 1936 along with

300 local leaders of the party and accused of "conspiracy to overthrow the government." They were advocating independence.

Having boldly ordered all local secretaries to turn over their books to him (rather than to the courts who had subpoenaed the membership records), Corretjer was also convicted of "contempt of court."

Corretjer, like Albizu Campos, was given a six-year sentence on the main charge, and two two-year sentences on other charges.

He spent six years in Atlanta Federal Prison for his "crime" and was compelled to serve four years of parole in New York City rather than in his native Puerto Rico.

He succeeded in getting to Havana in 1945, about a year before his parole was up, and there he ran afoul of the Batista dictatorship. After several months in Cuban jails for his revolutionary activities, he finally got home to Puerto Rico where he has been agitating and propagandizing ever since.

His organization, the APU, has been growing considerably of late and attracting the attention of imperialists as well as revolutionaries. Fulton Lewis

Venezuelan Revolt Crushed

But Betancourt Regime Totters Under Mass Pressure

The revolt in Venezuela last week was crushed, according to official reports. Thousands of "loyal" troops entered the rebellious city of Carúpano and three "loyal" destroyers stood outside the harbor limits, training their guns on the city. After heavy fighting, the 450 marines and 50 national guardsmen who had led the revolt, surrendered. And President Betancourt declared the revolt over.

But the truth is that it is not over. There are hundreds and perhaps even thousands of guerrillas well entrenched in the interior where they have the sym-

Jr. recently attacked the APU in his nation-wide syndicated column.

Mr. Corretjer is a revolutionary nationalist with an international perspective. He ended his speech with the following statement:

"The awakening of Latin American countries to struggle for full independence, leaving behind both colonialism and semi-colonialism, is one of the major events of the second part of the Twentieth Century.

"In the final stage of this struggle, the Puerto Rican people can surely count upon the complete cooperation of the American working class."

pathy of the vast majority of the population. The political situation is red hot. Betancourt has all but declared martial law. The masses are steaming with resentment.

The revolutionary marines and national guard members in Carúpano are said to have passed out weapons to the people and there is no news of how many of these weapons were recovered by the government troops. Several states of the country were reported as areas of guerrilla concentration as recently as last month. That Betancourt knows well how hot the situation is can be judged by the fact that he has not restored even the limited "democracy" that he used to allow.

According to a Venezuelan government statement, Carúpano is a center of Castro sympathizers and Communists. The government statement was calculated to make it appear that Carúpano was the only such center. But it was in Caracas, the nation's capital, that an armed revolt broke out this last January during the Punta del Este Conference where the puppet Venezuelan rulers were helping to hang Castro and strangle Cuba.

At the opening of the Punta del Este Conference, just three and a half months ago, an attempt was made to blow up the U.S. Embassy in Caracas. The next day, tens of thousands of workers took to the streets and traded gunfire with the police. There were similar demonstrations throughout the country.

The crushing of that revolt, too, was supposed to be the "end" of revolutionary activity in Venezuela. But Carúpano proved once again, as future events will prove still more conclusively, that the Latin American revolution will not be downed.

— Black Muslims

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a conquered country.

The wounded Black men were left lying on the street for over three hours—with handcuffs on—before police ambulances finally took them away at 2:30 A.M.

While their blood was oozing out on the sidewalk, the cops went inside the temple with reporters and photographers, literally tore the place to pieces and then went upstairs to the business office. They ransacked everything—confiscated all files and records they could find. They entered apartments on the floors above, got people out of bed, and arrested 26 people, later booking 16 on charges of assault to commit murder. Bail was placed at \$10,500 apiece.

The next day, squad car after squad car cruised through the neighborhood, many with four cops instead of the usual two, some equipped with heavy riot guns. Again, the aspect of a conquered country, but a country seething with bitterness toward its oppressors. On May 1, Police Chief Parker said that the grand jury would investigate—the Muslims!

Minister Malcolm X flew from New York for Stokes' funeral and held a press conference attended by more than 50 reporters. He called the killing "cold blooded, wanton murder" and said:

"Chief Parker is the one who needs to be investigated by a grand jury—he and his police department. They wantonly shot and killed Muslim members who are never known to incite attacks on anyone."

So far, the white supremacist authorities have ignored Minister Malcolm's statement and other requests by the Black press and the NAACP for an investigation of the police force and the murderous action of April 27. But the indignation of the masses is rising as the atmosphere of persecution is intensified and the news of the mass horror has sunk into the consciousness of the stunned Black population.

Another Georgia Outrage

Afro-American Youth Face Death Penalty

Afro-Americans in Georgia are fighting back.

Like the embattled farmers and workers of Monroe, North Carolina, they are defending their neighborhoods against white mobsters and racist hoodlums. They are answering fire with fire in the only way the racists understand.

This is the meaning of the fatal shooting of racist mobster, Jack Luttes, in Augusta, Georgia, last month.

Luttes, and a group of other teen age racists, probably organized—and certainly inspired—by adult racists, were continually driving into the Black community armed with rifles, rocks, lead pipes and other such weapons, looking for trouble. April 20, they found it. Luttes was killed when the black youth fought back.

One of Luttes' companions was hit with 40 shotgun pellets according to police, and still another narrowly escaped death. It will be a long time before the Klan and its imitators make another attempt at terrorization in Augusta.

The Luttes group was only one of several such gangs that had been marauding in the Black neighborhood. There had been a growing frequency of such gang attacks ever since the Black people of Augusta have demanded equal rights in employment and equal attention in the stores, etc.

An hour before the incident, police had arrested seven other white hoodlums armed with baseball bats, large machetes and guns. But the white terror had been going on for weeks before this. It was only in part a result of the campaign for Black equality in supermarket employment. It was also a part of the three centuries' per-

secution of the Black people.

Apparently no serious charges are being leveled at the white racists. But the state attorney general is asking the death penalty for nine 16 to 21 year-old Black youths in retaliation for the death of Luttes. *These youths were not found at the scene of the shooting, but rounded up later.*

Some people may think that this attitude of super-revengefulness on the part of the white supremacist authorities is going to frighten the Black people into submission. But they are wrong.

Afro-American leaders have stated

Can't Get Mae Mallory—Therefore

Monroe Trials Again Delayed

The frame-up trials of the alleged "kidnappers" scheduled for May 7 in Monroe, N. C. are again postponed while the racists try to extradite Mae Mallory from Cleveland to go on trial with the others.

Richard Crowder, 21, and Harold Reape, 17, Afro-American residents of Monroe, and John Lowry, white Freedom Rider from New York, are the three other defendants. The whole four—together with Robert F. Williams, who is now in Cuba—were accused of "kidnapping" a white couple who sought refuge in Williams' home during a white mob attack on the Afro-American people in Monroe last August.

In another trial, which is scheduled to open as *Workers World* goes to press, 19-year-old Jay Van Covington has been charged with "secret assault." (He was really defending himself from the Klan.) Covington was recently shot in jail by a guard.

It was two weeks ago the Court of Appeals in Ohio ruled that Governor Michael DiSalle's extradition order against Mae Mallory was valid and she would have to be taken from the Cleveland prison to Monroe to stand in the hysteria-laden Southern trial.

While Mrs. Mallory's attorney, Walter Haffner, was preparing to appeal the decision to the Ohio State Supreme Court, FBI agents entered her cell and were about to take her away to Monroe.

Fortunately, Haffner was visiting the prison just then and was just in time to prevent the FBI's act of abduction.



Clevelanders Picket For Mae

(It was common knowledge that Haffner was going to appeal the case. But the FBI was trying to "steal a march.")

It is clear that the Monroe racists do not want to proceed with their white-supremacist kidnap-lynch trial (mandatory sentence: life imprisonment) until they extradite Mae Mallory.

Upon the struggle against her extradition, then, hinges to a great extent, the fate of the other defendants, too. The Mallory extradition fight becomes more important with each passing day.

All supporters of the Monroe cause are urged to contribute to the Monroe Defense Committee at 217 W. 125th St. in New York or 1289 E. 115 St. in Cleveland, Ohio.

The American Dream —or Nightmare

Afro-American psychologist, Dr. Kenneth Clark, has a brilliant solution for the frustrations of the oppressed Black people of America.

"We've got to fight against apathy and withdrawal," he says. And one way to do it is "to give the Negro back the dreams that any (his emphasis) American boy can become President."

—Any American boy who is white and his family has \$400 million, that is.

Are They Serious About Disarmament?

The most cynical of all deceptions of the toiling masses, is imperialism's promise to give up its arms. The imperialists have been talking disarmament for seventy years. But they have increased their arms expenditures in almost every one of those seventy years and slaughtered scores of millions of people including many millions in time of "peace."

This year is no exception.

Kennedy has already increased arms expenditures by over \$3 billion. He has increased the Armed Forces by several hundred thousands.

Last month, with the Geneva Disarmament Conference still on, Kennedy ordered resumption of nuclear testing. Just a couple of weeks before that, he publicly threatened that the U.S. might be the first to use the nuclear bomb in a war against the Soviet Union. Just last week, the U.S. gave five Polaris submarines to the NATO forces and promised 36 more. These submarines can fire nuclear missiles hundreds of miles inland from an offshore, underwater position.

On March 15, Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense, testified before the House Armed Services Committee that the U.S. would possess the strength to fight "on two fronts" by the end of this year—that is, the strength to wage "limited wars" in Western Europe and the Far East at the same time.

McNamara further revealed that the Kennedy Administration has begun a five-year program to enormously strengthen the armed forces and increase all major armaments. According to his testimony, the U.S. will triple its "destructive capacity" as compared with last year. He said there will be a

big increase in nuclear submarines, inter-continental ballistic missiles, long-range bombers and other "conventional" armaments.

On May 3, it is true, Kennedy directed the military to cut back its orders for nuclear warheads of a tactical type for the battlefield. But as the *New York Times* observed:

"Presumably, the President's action was taken partly because the nation already possesses more than enough nuclear weapons of certain types."

Kennedy and his advisers also decided that they did not want to dis-

tribute nuclear weapons "down to the battalion and company level" where subordinate and relatively minor officers might have the power to trigger a full scale nuclear war without higher consultation.

This was obviously a military decision, not a pacifistic one, and has absolutely nothing to do with "disarmament" in the sense that opponents of war use the term. And in any event, the existing stockpiles of tactical nuclear weapons will not be altered.

Shortly before Kennedy gave this directive, he ordered the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor to

prepare plans to "develop a state of readiness with respect to all conditions of national emergency, including attack against the United States."

Is this to defend the country against a Soviet Union that some of the biggest U.S. military men have admitted will not attack the United States? No. It is to prepare the country materially and psychologically for an aggressive imperialist war.

The Big Bomb is only one aspect of the war. The truth is that a world conflict of terrible proportions is already on. Imperialism has massacred more people in Asia and Africa in the past year than were lost in many a major war in the past.

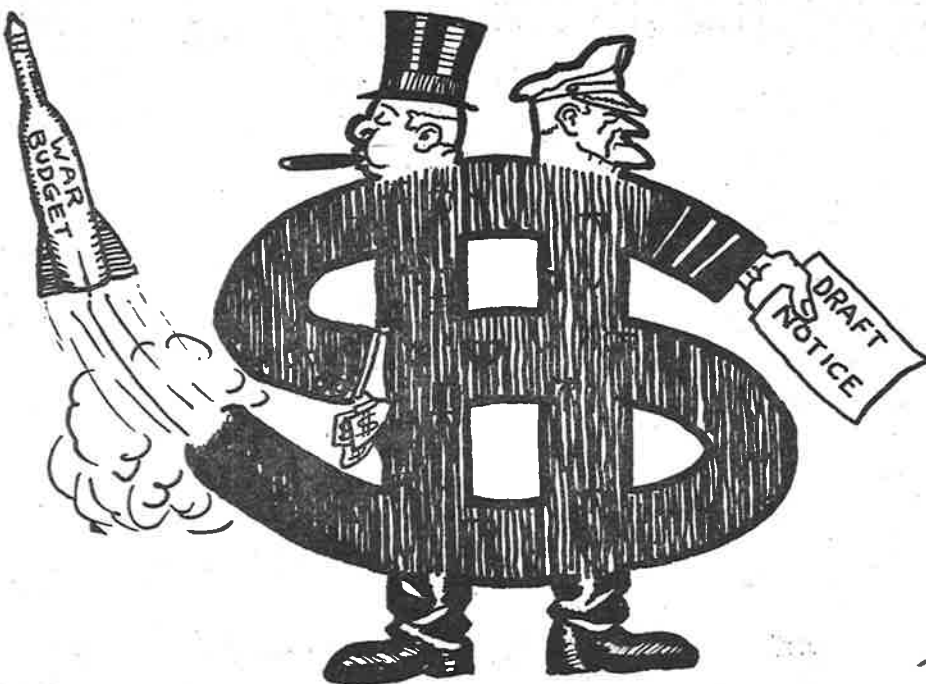
Kennedy and his capitalist friends are openly planning to "improve" this record next year.

The U.S. is increasing its "Special Forces" whose task is to suppress national liberation struggles by using counter-guerilla warfare. The operation in Vietnam comes under this heading and is being enlarged not only in order to conquer Vietnam, but also to provide a dress rehearsal for intervening against other liberation movements in the future.

The increase in "conventional" forces does not drop out of the sky like an innocent sunbeam, nor has it been adopted merely to satisfy the eccentric whims of General Maxwell Taylor, its chief advocate. It has an aim and a purpose.

And it is with that purpose in mind that the U.S. invasion of Southeast Asia, the bullying of Latin America, the penetration of Africa, are all being intensified and sharpened to the point of open conflict.

The problem of disarmament, let us remind ourselves once again, can only be solved by disarming the oppressor and arming the oppressed.



Guevara's Punta del Este Speech Published in English

Che Guevara at Punta del Este
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Last August, banker-diplomat C. Douglas Dillon of the United States and Major "Che" Guevara, ex-guerilla fighter and head of Cuba's industry, met face to face in Punta del Este, Uruguay to carry on in debate the same political struggle waged a few months earlier on the beaches of the Bay of Pigs.

Major Guevara's speech to this conference has just been published in English for the first time, and is a major indictment and exposure of the tactics and aims of U. S. imperialism in its desperate attempt to maintain economic and political control over Latin America.

The conference was called under pressure of the U.S., to ratify the "Alliance for Progress."

Major Guevara answers the text presented for ratification point by point. He covers the question of how to solve Latin America's economic needs ("We understand . . . that the precondition for a genuine economic plan is that the political power be in the hands of the working class.")

He gives an analysis of the Cuban Revolution ("It is an anti-feudal and anti-imperialist agrarian reform which, under the sway of its internal evolution and of external aggressions became transformed into a Socialist Revolution.")

He unmasks U.S. aggressions and manipulations throughout Latin America.

Included in the speech are several pages of quotes from a secret State Department "White Paper" directed to U.S. Ambassador Moscosp in Venezuela.

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U.S. Commits Mass Murder in Vietnam

The U.S. government is planning the violent subjugation of a whole people in Vietnam. Never has an imperialist army—even a hundred times as large as the present six or seven thousand American troops in Vietnam—ever planned more consciously and cold-bloodedly, the reduction of a people to demoralized slavery by the use of terror and torture.

The American generals are now introducing special bombs full of coiled saw-toothed steel bands, which on explosion, wind themselves around the victims, mutilating them.

They are now using "concussion bombs" which kill "only a few people" at a time, but make everyone within hearing permanently deaf by rupturing their eardrums. (Naturally, it's not intended for women and children, but if they happen to be around. . . .)

The U.S. planes that dropped plant poison on the trees and crops are supposed to have stopped for the time being. The poison wasn't working out right.

These are only some of the fiendish devices being cooked up by the masterminds of "civilized" warfare on "backward" peoples.

The U.S. press is so full of admissions and even boasts of imperialist prowess in Vietnam that the ordinary senses are stunned by it. Indignation is disarmed. Satire is helpless before it.

The imperialist butchers and their most sober-minded journalistic spokesmen both speak openly of the most terrible actions and openly admit that they defend a corrupt, overfed, degenerate ruling minority in Vietnam against a huge, poverty-stricken majority.

On May 2, C. L. Sulzberger, foreign editor of the *New York Times*, devoted a column to Vietnam.

Sulzberger was explaining that the revolutionary Viet Cong, having the masses behind them, followed Mao Tse-tung's dictum that "Man is the greatest factor in the universe and can do everything."

Sulzberger considered this hopelessly naive and impossible. This concept of war is now out of date, he said. The quality of weapons is more important than the quantity of men.

"Until recently, Viet Cong guerillas have very often been able to apply numerical superiority in sudden thrusts on chosen battlefronts. We must demonstrate that our own better weapons such as helicopters (and flame-throwers, buzz saw bombs, poisons, concussion bombs, etc.—ed.), when properly used by well-trained men, can reverse

the advantage of modern guerilla warfare. . . .

"The task of proving this now falls to the U.S."

Fortunately for mankind, Mr. Sulzberger, you are as wrong in your science as you are in your morals.

Man is the greatest factor in the universe. And while there was a time when your mass-produced weapons and your mass-produced machinery could defeat the great majority, the time has now arrived when the mass-producers are appearing on the arena of history. Man will conquer the machine as he conquers you and your imperialist masters.

The task of proving this falls to us, the working class. And we will prove it.

Gov't Attack on Mine-Mill Union Is Big Blow Against All Labor

There may still be some people who believe that the McCarran Act is "only" directed against Communists.

If so, they should read the May 4 decision of the Subversive Activities Control Board against the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. The Board declared that Mine-Mill was a "Communist-infiltrated" organization and as such was ineligible to represent workers under the National Labor Relations Act.

(At present, Mine-Mill is appealing the decision to the Supreme Court and it will keep its legal rights for the months or years that the course of the appeal requires. But of course, the decision makes the union much more vulnerable to red-baiting and also raiding by right wing unions.)

If upheld, the decision means that 75,000 to 100,000 workers will be denied representation. It is a green light to the corporations for wage-reduction, speedup and dozens of other kinds of chiseling on the workers.

The big copper bosses, the lead mine owners, the silver interests will rejoice at this decision and sharpen their

knives to cut away whatever union gains they can.

If Big Business gets away with this raw deal their "Subversive Control" agency has just put over on Mine-Mill, there is no doubt at all that the basis will be laid for similar attacks on other industrial unions. Many such unions think they are invulnerable because their leadership is so far to the Right politically. But the big bosses are not primarily interested in "Right" or "Left"—but in "high" and "low"—that is, high profits and low wages. And any union that wants high wages is really Communist in the eyes of the bosses.

It will be relatively easy to prove "Communist infiltration" of any union the big bosses want to bust—if they can get away with pinning the red label on Mine-Mill.

Not just 75 thousand workers, but ultimately 75 million workers will lose their rights and return to super-sweatshop conditions unless the labor movement fights back against the McCarran Act and its scabby-minded Subversive Activities Control Board.