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How Hiring Agents in the North "Care for" Maids From the South

By Eleanor Stephens

"Buy A Negro Maid — Get Plaid Stamps Free," reads the headline of a New York daily paper. These words refer to a Long Island employment agent who gave out the leaflet in the accompanying picture.

The agent said in his own defense, "I pay the care for these girls from the South here. They are not Freedom Riders. I take care of them when they arrive and continue to take care of them until they are placed."

Being curious about this man's tender "care," Workers World interviewed a young woman, Jennie —, who had been brought to New York by one of the many agents trafficking in slave labor. She said:

"I'm from a small town in South Carolina, one of a family of seven. One day I saw a leaflet that said, 'Sing while you work! Listen to the radio while you take care of a modern, air-conditioned home in Long Island. We pay your fare North.' So I came to Long Island, straight to the agent's office.

"There were thirty or forty other Southern girls waiting to get into the office when I arrived. The agent let us sit in a large waiting room behind his office. We were not all hired the first day, and the agent's way of taking care of us was to keep us in his waiting room over night, each sitting in a chair until morning. For breakfast he gave us crackers and orange juice—for lunch the same thing.

"I found a place the second day—others didn't until the third or fourth day. They had to try to sleep in those chairs each night. When I started work the agent told me I had to pay back my bus fare and a thirty dollar fee to him. If I didn't like the job I couldn't go home again until I'd also earned enough for my return fare. He kept my luggage so I couldn't run away.

"I was on call day and night. Sometimes after I'd gone to my room for the night, the woman I worked for would come in and say, 'Now you can mend while you sit,' and handed me a pile of torn clothes. On my 'day off' I couldn't leave until I'd finished the house-work first.

"One of the other girls hated her new job so much she left in a week for an-

other place. The woman who first hired her went and brought her back, and said it was against the law for my friend to quit. My friend believed her and kept on working for her.

"Sometimes we remember that leaflet that said, 'Sing while you work!'—but we don't feel like singing."

Puerto Rican Liberation Leader Missing in FBI-Mexican Roundup

Where is Juan Antonio Corretjer?

The Secretary General of Accion Patriotica Unitaria, the Puerto Rican liberation organization, has been missing in Mexico for nearly two weeks at this writing.

There have been persistent reports that he was imprisoned by Mexico during the sweeping arrests made before Kennedy's visit. (The Mexican government moved heaven and earth to create the false picture of festivity and good cheer to greet the powerful Kennedys.)

Telegrams of protest demanding immediate investigation were sent to the Mexican Consulate in New York and to Lopez Mateos, President of Mexico.

Senor Corretjer left New York on Monday, June 18, arrived in Mexico City Tuesday, June 19, and registered at the Hotel Geneva. On June 22, he phoned Luisa Valez, wife of Carlos Velez, president of the U.S. branch of APU, asking for some funds. He received these funds by telegram and mailed a letter of acknowledgment the next day. He later contacted his wife Senora Consuelo Lee, in Puerto Rico and told her he would arrive in Puerto Rico on Wednesday, June 27 at 7 P.M.

He never got there.

Nine Puerto Rican teachers who were visiting in Mexico reported the following incident: They were arrested along with the thousands of Mexicans "detained" by the police during Kennedy's visit. And they saw someone who looked like Corretjer in the jail. But on trying

USSR Charges U.S. Plots To Attack Peoples China

Khrushchev Vows Defense of Peoples Republic

"Anyone who dares to attack the Peoples Republic of China," said Premier Khrushchev this week, "will meet a crushing rebuff from the great Chinese people, the peoples of the Soviet Union and the whole socialist camp."

To re-inforce the clear implication of this stern warning against any invasion attempt being cooked up by the Pentagon war-makers against China, Khrushchev added, "And let no one have any doubts on this score."

U.S. military leaders have been visiting Taiwan in increasing numbers. The U.S. Navy has stepped up its activity in the Taiwan area by sending more and more ships of the U.S. Seventh Fleet to the island. The very presence of this huge armada in that area is regarded by the Peoples Republic of China as a hostile and aggressive act either calculated to harass, intimidate and blackmail the Chinese government, or designed for an eventual invasion of China—or both.

Thus a new military adventure seems to be shaping up in the Far East. Under cover of false famine and hunger stories, the public relations experts for the Pentagon, have built up an image of China on the verge of rebellion. The Pentagon is dishing out the theme that the time has now come for Chiang to be released.

President Kennedy, in his election campaign, had promised that he would not oppose the Chinese government if it should decide to retake Quemoy and

Matsu, which rightfully belong to China.

But that was during an election campaign when he was interested in putting on a "peace-loving" front in order to win votes. Now he has threatened that the U.S. "would not remain inactive"—a formula calculated for use as a provocation against the Chinese government.

The mad war adventurers are hard at work to find some way to give the U.S. war moves against China a defensive character, but the People's Republic of China is on guard and is prepared.

South Vietnam Tattoos Soldiers Like Cattle

Among the rifles, grenades, cannons, helicopters and other "assistance" the U.S. is sending the south Vietnam government to butcher its own people—are two tattooing machines.

The use to which these machines are going to be put is the point of this little story.

It seems that members of the junk force, a patrol fleet of fighting boats manned by former fishermen, are being tattooed with the slogan "Satcong," which means, "Let's kill the Vietcong (the revolutionary guerrilla army)."

Commander Ho Tan Quyen, Chief of Naval Operations, says:

"Once the fishermen have 'Satcong' tattooed on their bodies, they will never go over to the Vietcong side."

Since tattooing has been found harmful to human beings, the tattooing machines were very difficult to locate in the United States. But the U.S. Navy dug up two which had been designed for use on livestock.

Tattooing is, after all, somewhat more humane than branding with a hot iron, and it can be easily understood why tattooed cattle might be more content than branded cattle. Not so easy to understand—at first glance—is how even the reactionary Vietnamese puppets of U.S. imperialism can regard their human cannon fodder in quite such bovine terms.

But their problem is not merely how to identify their "cattle" soldiers, but principally how to prevent them from asserting their manhood as well as their class independence and joining the revolutionary Vietcong. This new method, so ingenious yet so simple, of course has the approval of the U.S. junk force "adviser"—Lt. Comdr. Bruce A. Bryer, USN.

This tattooing has one defect, however, that we willingly point out to the humane U.S. and south Vietnamese Command for them to think about.

The tattooed Vietnamese is of course expected to be killed rather than taken prisoner because in the latter case, the "enemy" will surely kill him on discovering the tattoo.

—But will not the knowledge of this make him just a little bit angry at those who have forcibly tattooed him?

BULLETIN

July 3—Juan Antonio Corretjer was released from a Mexican prison today after being held incommunicado by Mexican authorities since June 20th. The authorities put him on a plane bound for New York instead of Puerto Rico.

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**Israel and Soblen**

If Israel is really an independent nation, there certainly was a chance to show it in the Soblen flight episode. Why was Soblen expelled from Israel, where he sought refuge under laws protecting Jews? This is an important question. After all, Soblen is a Jew and the country has no extradition law with the U.S. Surely the real reason is not that he entered the country without a valid permit. And he was convicted of a political crime. This provided grounds for granting him asylum in Israel.

It is known that because of an advanced stage of cancer, Soblen has not very long to live. All he wanted was to remain in Israel and die in peace. Simple humanitarianism required this be granted.

But the Israeli government showed by expelling Soblen and handing him over to the U.S. authorities that the truth of

the matter is they are not independent, but merely a tool in the hands of the U.S. imperialists.

The motivation the imperialists had when they set up the country, was not to establish it as a haven for persecuted Jews, but rather to create a thorn in the side of the Arab nations who are seeking independence.

Many Jews fled there, seeking a haven, but the dream they had of independence for Israel, is unfortunately an illusion.

The Soblen case demonstrates all too clearly, the utter subjugation of Israel to U.S. imperialism.

It took only a matter of hours, probably only minutes, for the Israeli government to toss their much heralded, simple humanitarianism, out the window — And carry out for its master, an act of simple barbarism.

No Extradition for Gilbert!

When Edward M. Gilbert took a quick trip to Brazil last month, his company treasury was out \$1.9 million and the U.S. government said he owed \$3.3 million in taxes. But Brazil refuses to give him up to U.S. "justice" and nobody seems to be worrying very much about it.

Max Lerner, the liberal columnist who is so disturbed at Soblen's bringing discredit upon Israel, is even a "little bit sorry" for Gilbert.

Well—and why not? Gilbert was a patriotic citizen—conducting himself in

the best American tradition—enriching himself at someone else's expense. And the only reason he committed the crime of getting caught was that the stock market collapse suddenly revealed his peculiar operations.

You can't blame a fellow for getting out of town at a time like that. And you can hardly blame a capitalist government like the USA for shrugging its shoulders at Brazil rather than demanding that Brazil toe the line like Israel did—

—can you?

Prayer Ban Decision

In 1876, Robert Ingersoll, known far and wide throughout the country as an atheist, was able to be the principal orator at a Republican National Convention. He was the most effective campaigner for the Republican Party, and in the words of his most recent biographer, Orvin Larsen, "his reputation as an atheist made no difference on the stump."

Today, a man could not safely retain a job as a dog catcher if he openly espoused the views of Ingersoll on religion and the church.

Is that because people today are more religious than they were in Ingersoll's time? No! Not even the church would claim that. It merely attests to the sad state of freedom of thought and civil liberties in this country and the monstrous growth of capitalist repression and reaction in all areas of social life.

It is only in this context that one can properly appraise the recent Supreme Court decision.

The paeans of praise which the liberal and Left press have been showering on the Supreme Court for its decision is bad education for the working class. It serves only to embellish and bolster the authority of the capitalist state. It reinforces the illusion that the Supreme Court is the guardian of popular liberties, democratic rights, and the dispenser of political justice.

All the more necessary is it to see the Court's decision in historical perspective.

In order to destroy the power of the feudal lords, the early ideologists of the nascent capitalist system carried on a ruthless war of exposure against the church and the religious institutions of its day.

But that was a time when the church was an obstruction, a brake on capitalist development. That was when the church was an instrument in the hands of the feudal lords and the landed aristocracy.

But now, the Church has become the most servile instrument of the new master class — the finance capitalists. Now, in its period of decline, the ruling class tends more and more to rely on religious bigotry and clerical reaction as the instrument by which it hopes to keep the people in subjection and maintain its domination.

To believe that the Supreme Court meant to reverse this trend, is to delude the people. It was merely an attempt by the majority of the Court to lightly tap on the wrist, the reactionary forces of clericalism, and admonish them that they have gone a little too far.

Of course, even this decision could become the fulcrum for a political struggle, but that depends not on the Supreme Court, but on the social and political struggle waged by the mass of people.

After 11 years of Cold War Terror**Still No Parole for Sobell**

Morton Sobell has just been denied parole.

Thieves, rapists, stock market swindlers and in some cases, murderers, can get out of prison after serving one-third of their terms and although still under the discipline of the prison system, can live normal lives. But not Morton Sobell.

Sobell has been in jail over eleven years—although the authorities cruelly refused to count a 14-month jail period previous to sentencing as part of his time. He received a 30-year sentence because he was supposed to have been helping the Rosenbergs, who in turn were accused of handing atomic "secrets" to the Soviets.

The Soviet Union now has more scientists than the United States and annually turns out nearly three times as many engineers from its universities as this country does. But Morton Sobell, with a very limited background in atomic

physics, was accused — along with the Rosenbergs — of arming the Russians with atomic bombs!

But the vindictive punishment of Morton Sobell has nothing to do with the nature of the alleged "crime." It is part of the Cold War against the Soviet Union and part of the ruling class war against the American working class. It is meant to terrorize the workers against pro-Soviet sympathies and in fact any kind of non-conformity at all.

A representative of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell told this paper that the Committee would not give up the fight for Sobell's freedom and would step up its drive to urge executive clemency (from the President) which may be given irrespective of the Parole Board's decision.

Every class-conscious worker and every friend of freedom should support the Committee and demand an end to the barbarous treatment of Morton Sobell.

U.S. Provides Haven for Scum — But Hell for Soblen

While the witch-hunters and their journalistic bloodhounds are yelping about the "Russian spy" Dr. Robert A. Soblen, escaping to Israel, they have been eloquently silent about mass murderers who find refuge in the United States.

Dr. Soblen is dying of blood cancer, given but a year to live, and under a sentence of life imprisonment for "spying" (a word which is supposed to describe some of his activities 18 years ago—when the U.S. was allied to the Soviet Union.) Israel has handed him

back to U.S. cops, in spite of there being no signed extradition treaty between the two countries.

Andrija Artukovic, on the other hand, at last report was enjoying the best of health near Long Beach, California. Artukovic was a right hand man of Adolph Hitler, an enemy of labor, purger of Jews, supporter of Nazi mass murders and something of a mass murderer himself. But he is untroubled by the courts. No problems of \$100,000 bail beset him. No FBI men watch him. No extradition treaties worry him.

Artukovic was Minister of the Interior—in charge of all police and religious matters—in the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, set up by Hitler during the Second World War. He "liquidated" not only Jews, but Non-Jewish Serbs as well. (Hitler manipulated the legitimate nationalist grievances of the Croats against the Serbs—magnified the grievances—and of course, ruled by dividing. Artukovic was his faithful Croatian agent.)

According to the records of the Yugoslav government Artukovic set up a "Central Office for Jewish Affairs" which opened concentration camps in Laborgrad, Djakovo, Tenje, Jasenovac, Pag, Stara, Gratska, Danica, Jadovono and Kruscica.

The regulations issued by Artukovic were carbon copies of the decrees issued by Himmler and carried out by Eichmann. His murderous decrees are all on record in the war crimes files and they bear his signature. But Artukovic is now doing O.K. in the USA.

—Now a mortally sick old man like Soblen is sought by the grim furies of all-powerful U.S. vengeance in Israel, while a known Nazi murderer suns himself in California.



"But, of course you may say a teensy-weensy one for the Dynasty, the Dauphin, and Baby Caroline!"

Riesel Up to Monkey Business In His Column on "Union Business"

"There's no business like union business," said Victor Riesel in his syndicated anti-labor column recently. And he quoted some impressive figures about the millions of dollars in this union treasury and the five figure salaries of that union big shot, and so on.

But the IAM's *Machinist* of June 28 shows that total combined assets of all labor unions in the country, including local, district, national and "international" treasuries, office machinery, mimeograph machines, etc., come to less than \$1.5 billion.

The assets of just one giant U.S. corporation—The Ford Motor Company—

come to \$5.7 billion.

Standard Oil of New Jersey has a tidy little \$10.5 billion, GM a nice \$8.8 billion, U.S. Steel a mere \$5.1 billion and American Telephone and Telegraph a cozy pile of \$24.6 billion.

These five corporations alone have total combined assets of \$54.7 billion as against the total combined assets of all the unions in the United States—\$1.5 billion.

Riesel's thesis that unionism is big business is simply a lie. From the point of view of business (which is Riesel's point of view), unionism is merely a sardine among the big sharks.

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In Hyannis Port: Two Kinds of Refugees

By R. G. Lieder

The *Boston Herald* carried an article on June 19 describing the arrival of 15 Cuban counter-revolutionary "refugees" in Lowell, Massachusetts. The "refugees" all have jobs and apartments waiting for them. In addition, a committee of Lowell women is planning a "shower" and is supplying most of the furniture for the apartments.

Meanwhile, in another Massachusetts town, Hyannis Port, that beautiful, well-kept, lily-white, ocean-front community, (also known as the Kennedy compound)—busloads of *real* refugees were arriving—Afro-American refugees from the terror and oppression of the White Citizens Council and KKK in racist-controlled New Orleans.

Was there a welcoming committee for them? Were there jobs and apartments waiting for these refugees (who after all are citizens of this country). No! Quite the reverse! Instead of getting much needed jobs and living quarters, they have been placed in virtual concentration camps—far from the sight of the Kennedys and their lily-white neighbors.

The first refugee from New Orleans—Louis Boyd—supposedly obtained a \$100-a-week job in New Jersey. Fine. But what about the others who have come North since?

A recent dispatch from the same newspaper which took such pains to show how anti-Castro Cubans are so well treated in the U.S.A., also revealed that the busloads of Afro-American refugees from New Orleans who have come North are now being placed in *unused* army barracks just outside of Hyannis Port. They are living in virtual concentration camp conditions in an area removed from transportation connections to the larger cities or to even Hyannis Port itself where they might look for jobs.

The plight of these Afro-Americans is such that the NAACP sent a wire to the Governor of Massachusetts "criticizing" the "lack of attention" being given to the refugees. It is apparent from the *Boston Herald* article that the Afro-Americans lack adequate food, housing and medical attention—to say the least.

Open arms to Cuban counter-revolutionaries—concentration camps for citizens with a black skin. Such is the reality of U.S. "democracy."

Anti-Fascist Youth Committee Organizes Pickets Against Schwarz

"Don't Ignore Fascism—It Won't Ignore You," was the challenge flung by hundreds of youthful demonstrators protesting outside Madison Square Garden on June 28th, where the fascist scum, Fred Schwarz, had called a meeting.

The picket line was organized by the Anti-Fascist Youth Committee, the same organization that a short time ago, organized a picket line of 2,000 against Rockwell on the Hunter College campus.

With schools closed for the summer, the job of organizing this picket line against fascist Schwarz must have presented many difficulties. Also, Schwarz is not as well known in this country as Rockwell, and many people are not as alert to the dangerous consequences of his growth, as well as to the huge financial resources pouring into his anti-labor, pro-war campaign.

But this militant, chanting, picket line demonstration succeeded in calling the attention of many thousands of people on this busy thoroughfare, to the fascist menace right here at home, spewing out its filthy hate campaign in Madison Square Garden.

However, sad to say, the picket line demonstration had an unfortunate aspect. Those passing by could not help but see that actually, there were two picket lines, instead of one united line—although both were picketing against the fascist Schwarz. This factional aspect could only serve to discourage many from participating in this most impor-

A Wave of Protest Mounts, As

Ohio Court Rejects Mae's Plea

By A. T. Simpson

The Ohio Courts have shown that if it is left up to them they would throw Mae Mallory right into the hands of the lynch mobs of Monroe, North Carolina. This has set off a wave of protest which is surging in all quarters of the Afro-American communities.

Citizens from Cleveland, Youngstown, and Columbus have already thrown their full support behind the vigorous protest of the Cleveland Monroe Defense Committee in their valiant efforts to keep Mae Mallory from being sent to lynch mobs in Monroe, North Carolina.

Into the stately chambers of the Ohio Supreme Court building on Thursday morning, June 22, came a delegation of Mae Mallory supporters wearing their "SAVE MAE MALLORY" buttons.

Their very presence there symbolized the ever growing concern that black folk have for their fighters who are being mistreated. They came with a State Representative and a Cleveland lawyer to warn the Supreme Court Judges that if Mrs. Mallory is forced to return to North Carolina, she would face the growing danger of being lynched or of being murdered in jail.

The issue before the high court was whether they would consent to review the case.

Walter S. Haffner, Mrs. Mallory's attorney, and State Representative Ralph Rudd also told the high court that the State of Ohio itself would violate the fourteenth amendment to the U.S. Constitution if it forced Mrs. Mallory to

return to North Carolina. Rudd appeared as a friend of the court on behalf of the Civil Liberties Union.

Immediately after the court hearing, Mrs. Ruth Stone, Cleveland Monroe Defense Secretary, organized a picket line carrying placards which emphasized the fact that Mrs. Mallory would be lynched if she is sent to the KKK-ridden North Carolina. They marched for hours around the state capital and the court building.

Despite the fact that the court was shook-up by the protest demonstrations, picket lines, and pleas aimed at them, it now appears that the appeal to them for justice has been ignored and they have abided by the decisions of the lower courts which refused to disturb the Governor's extradition warrant.

The only recourse that Mrs. Mallory has now is to appeal her case to the U.S. Supreme Court. (However, her attorney will file for a rehearing in the Ohio courts before he enters her case in the highest court.)

Thus it now leaves Mae Mallory, the 35-year-old Black freedom fighter (and innocent victim of a framed-up charge of kidnapping a white couple during a racist attack on Afro-Americans in North Carolina), facing a possible two more years of humiliation in a dingy Cleveland jail while awaiting court litigation in her fight against extradition to the lynch mobs of the South.

Mrs. Ruth Stone, Cleveland MDC secretary, said that the decision reached by the Ohio authorities proves their contention that there is no justice for the Black man in the South or in the so-called liberal North. The decision has caused them to step up their activities in their fight to free Mae Mallory. "More picket lines and demonstrations can be expected," she commented.

The "Illustrious Apprenticeship"

It's a sad commentary on the state of the so-called "free enterprise" system that at a time when its scientists, engineers and technicians are making phenomenal advances and penetrating the secrets of the universe, capitalist domestic politics are reverting to the customs of feudalism.

Just witness the absolutely scandalous election contest for the U.S. Senate in Massachusetts. It's a veritable dynastic battle that hasn't even got the virtues that the ancient feudal struggles possessed.

In the Bay State, Kennedy's brother Ted is running on the Democratic ticket. He defeated a smaller dynastic clique by winning in the convention over House Speaker McCormack's nephew, backed by First Boston Corporation, one of the financial giants which dominate New England.

Now Ted is going to run in the fall against George Cabot Lodge, who is endorsed by the Massachusetts Republican Party for a U.S. Senate seat, once held by Lodge's father and before that, by his great grandfather.

Young Lodge, in a truly feudal manner, said in a campaign speech that he was out to "avenge" the loss of the seat formerly held by his father, which was lost to John F. Kennedy in 1952.

In feudal times, when one dynastic heir set out to "avenge" the family name, he fought it out in chivalrous battle with his knightly opponent.

But there was hardly a note of chivalry in Lodge's challenge to Ted Ken-

nedy. Young Lodge wouldn't have the chance of a snowball in hell of winning the Republican nomination if he didn't have the financial backing of significant Mid-West steel corporations in addition to New England shipping interests.

This was all cheerfully summed up by a New England minister who gave the entire campaign a shiny gloss by saying—for publication—that Ted Kennedy and George Cabot Lodge had well earned their nominations, not because of family ties, but because of "the illustrious apprenticeship they served under severe taskmasters."



"Well, first it was the reds, then the pinks, then their sympathizers, then the sympathizers of the sympathizers—and there you are!"

However, this appeal was rejected out-of-hand in a sharp and abrupt manner.

On June 28th, the Anti-Fascist Youth Committee set up its picket line as planned. They started to picket Madison Square Garden—or as close to it as the police permitted—at 5:00 o'clock. About 6:30 a group from Advance turned up. Since they refused to join the picket line already in progress, the Anti-Fascist Youth Committee in an attempt at solidarity, voluntarily offered them half the space they were using. But it was no use.

Of all things, the spokesman of Advance went tearing up to the cops and tried to get them to remove the picket line of the Anti-Fascist Youth Committee and then allot their space to the Advance group. When Advance was unsuccessful at this, they stationed pickets with signs that attempted to direct people away from the first picket line, over to their line.

The Anti-Fascist Youth Committee carried on in the face of this splitting tactic. It rallied representatives of a number of divergent political groups to unite and demonstrate together.

Their appeal to the smaller line to unite with them never ceased. Not only were there chants to stop the fascists, but also the call went forth to "Unite, Unite; Against the Ultra-Right." Unfortunately the call went unheeded by most of those on the Advance line.

This was a sad spectacle indeed. The misguided youngsters in Advance, as well as their elders, spent a great deal of energy in a splitting factionalism that can only do great harm to the struggle against fascism, which surely requires unity in action of all those who seriously want to fight it.

Those who do not understand this elementary fact, do not really understand how grave the threat of fascism really is.

Canada's Devaluation—Symptom of World Economic Crisis

The Meaning of the "Diefendollar"

By Sam Marcy

Nothing so much demonstrates the hollowness, impotence and utter wretchedness of bourgeois parliamentary institutions as does their role in times of extraordinary crises.

Take for instance the events preceding the devaluation of the Canadian dollar. For many weeks before, we now learn, the Canadian bankers, as well as those in Wall St., London, Zurich and Paris, were engaged in massive maneuvers and negotiations, because they knew of the impending financial crisis confronting Canada.

But the people in Canada, as the people elsewhere in the imperialist democracies, were kept completely in the dark.

When Diefenbaker finally decided to cut the value of the Canadian dollar, he did not consult Parliament, nor was he legally required to do so. Nor did any important politician deem it irregular on the part of the Prime Minister that he first cut the dollar and then inform Parliament and the people.

For it is understood that all truly important decisions are made by the inner circle of the ruling class. Then, later there is discussion in Parliament—if it is in session! And that is what Parliament is for—discussion, talk.

Experience and the economic history of capitalism attest, that every currency devaluation inevitably results in a lowering of living standards and proves to be an indirect method of cutting wages and expropriating the savings of large sections of the population in the interest of the ruling economic oligarchy.

Because the ruling class is at all times in possession of the means of production — of industry, transportation, communications, banking and finance, the burden of any fiscal crisis can always be transferred to the broad masses. The economic history of capitalism fully attests to this, too.

The international significance of a

currency devaluation by such an important imperialist country as Canada, is worthy of note—both by the working class in the imperialist centers, as well as in the colonial, semi-colonial and newly emerging nations.

Countries like Brazil, Mexico, Ghana, and others, who are obliged to trade with Canada, are vitally affected by the Canadian currency devaluation. If, let us say, a Mexican firm had a thousand Canadian dollars on the day preceding the devaluation, the day after it certainly had only 920 dollars. This is immediately proved if the Mexican firm wishes to convert its Canadian to U.S. dollars. Here the direct effect of currency devaluation is immediate and devastating.

It is precisely the underdeveloped countries who "get stuck" with currency devaluation, far more than any imperialist country does. By virtue of the reciprocal relations between imperialist countries and the broader contact with each other, they are able to "unload" at the first significant rumor of a devaluation.

The secrecy that prevails in the community of the imperialist robbers also constitutes a veritable conspiracy against the Asian-African-Latin American countries. It would be no exaggeration to state that a huge amount of money was lost by those countries which had Canadian dollar balances.

The decision to reduce the value of the dollar to 92½ cents (in terms of U.S. dollars) was a measure to expropriate the working class and the mass of the people generally of economic gains, and to reduce their standard of living. It is, of course, an oversimplification to state that every Canadian worker who had a dollar bill in his pocket on the day preceding the devaluation, had only 92½ cents the next day.

But if the Canadian dollar were re-

duced to, let us say zero, millions who had money in their pockets one day would on the next have only pieces of paper. However, those who own the mines, mills and factories would still be the owners; the capitalist class would still be in complete control of all the means of production.

In 1918 the German government was, as a result of the first world war, forced to reduce the mark to zero and declare state bankruptcy. All the money and government bonds which the mass of the people had one day, were declared to be mere pieces of paper the next. But the owners—(the capitalist class) of the mines, mills, and factories remained owners nevertheless. They still are today.

Finally, it must be pointed out that it was the pressure of the U.S. Government which was to a considerable extent responsible for inducing the Canadian Government to devalue. This was done in order to strengthen the U.S. dollar, and thereby strengthen the domination of Canadian industry by U.S. capital. The feverish efforts later on to shore up the Canadian economy by U.S. loans was not an act of generosity on the part of Wall Street, but an effort to dam the economic dikes, lest they themselves be engulfed in the onrushing waves.

The New York Herald Tribune of June 24 suggests that the Central Banks of all the imperialist countries are quietly conferring on the possibility of having a "simultaneous devaluation" of their currencies.

This would mean that none of them would presumably stand any loss if the agreement to devalue simultaneously were executed. While it is highly doubtful that such an intricate maneuver could be carried out, in view of the savage inter-imperialist antagonisms, it would—in effect—constitute a transfer of the economic burdens onto the shoulders of the working classes and the underdeveloped countries of Asia, Africa, and Latin America. That is the imperialist solution to their emerging world economic crisis. The Canadian devaluation is merely one symptom of it.

U. S. Control Over the UN — Exposed by an Expert

By V. Grey

After the experience of Korea and the Congo, it should be clear that the UN is an instrument of world imperialism in spite of the membership of the socialist countries in it.

However, the addition of many small nations, particularly the newly—"independent" African states in the last year or so—has fortified the illusion in some quarters that the UN is a bona fide "world body" on the way to becoming a "world government."

We must thank Adlai Stevenson, chief U.S. representative at the UN, for telling the bitter truth in his testimony to Congress last June 27. He was warning Congress of what would happen if it failed to pass a measure "loaning" the UN \$100 million.

"If there were no United Nations," he said, "and as a result, Africa were to move from the old empire of the West into a new empire of Communism, then NATO would be outflanked and the security of the United States and the whole Atlantic community would be drastically undermined."

By an "empire of Communism," Stevenson does not mean the Soviet Union or China robbing the African countries of their gold, copper, diamonds, etc., as the West does. He is referring to the possibility of the African freedom struggle taking up where Lumumba left off—creating an *Africa for the Africans*—and doing this like Cuba, with the co-operation and assistance of the Soviet Union.

By "the security of the United States," he means the security of U.S. big business to continue plundering the oppressed nations of the world.

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Stevenson estimated for the Congressmen that the UN's "peacekeeping" operations in the Congo alone came to about \$10 million per month and said there would be no money on hand for this purpose after next March if Congress did not provide this "loan." These "peace-keeping" operations are of course nothing but a re-colonialization of the Congo under Western imperialism in general and the United States in particular. That is why the Soviet Union refuses to pay the bill for this phony "peace-keeping."

In his anxiety to get this money to the UN, Stevenson went out of his way to be very, very explicit—*The New York Times* reported it:

He told the committee that just as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was intended to defend West-

ern Europe and the Atlantic community against Communist aggression, "we look to the UN, not NATO, to shield small and weak nations in Africa and the Middle East and Asia."

Here is a "liberal" representative of imperialism equating U.S. manipulation of the UN to the openly anti-Soviet military operations of the north Atlantic alliance of Western imperialism! And unlike his lying performance before the TV cameras at the UN during the U.S.-sponsored invasion of Cuba, he told the plain, unvarnished truth.

Anti-Castro Thugs Attack N.Y.C. Meeting

The pimps, gambling czars, sweatshop owners and other assorted Cuban "worms" have failed in their attempt to stage a counter-revolution in Cuba. So they have transferred their attentions to the United States. Not, to be sure, with the idea of overthrowing the government here, which is reactionary enough to befriend and subsidize these foul elements, but to help the counter-revolutionary terror in the United States.

After a vicious attack on a Cuban-American Friendship meeting held in New York on June 30, one so-called "refugee" said to a reporter:

"We Cubans are going to fight until we get the Communist government out of Cuba. If we can't do it by going to Cuba, we will do it by fighting the Castro Communists in the United States."

This statement is a dead giveaway that the speaker is a tool of United States reaction even more than of the Cuban counter-revolution.

Under the protection of the anti-Communist U.S. government, in the atmosphere of a virulent anti-Communist witch-hunt and under the benevolent "neutrality" of the anti-Communist police, two or three hundred of these brave worms (*gusanos*) violently attacked a

meeting whose great majority consisted of North Americans, half of whom were women and many were older people. The meeting—ironically—was called to protest the terrible treatment accorded to pro-Castro Cubans by these gangs as well as by the CIA and the FBI.

The attack was whipped up openly by the Spanish-language newspapers and radios for days before the meeting. According to Richard Gibson, National Secretary of Fair Play for Cuba—

"One Spanish-language broadcaster (not a Cuban) was even seen in front of the hall on the night of the rally, directing the mob."

At first, the *gusanos* tried to break up the meeting by getting about 25 of their number inside as paying members of the audience, apparently planning to start a riot which would be supplemented by a mass gate-crashing of the rest of them. These 25 were spotted, however, and their money refunded. When they refused to leave and started to make trouble, they were ejected by a committee formed on the spot.

During the meeting, two incendiary bombs were thrown into the building and were only put out by a combination of luck and vigilance. A defense guard was formed to patrol the building. Outside, latecomers were harried and three

early departers were beaten up by the gangs. The police saw these individual beatings, but did little or nothing to stop them.

The audience sat with admirable discipline through the incident of the fire bombs—and when a man ran down the aisle with his shoulder apparently bleeding from a dagger wound, only one person cried out.

Meantime, James Higgins, Assistant Editor of the *York, Pa. Gazette and Daily*, who was chairman of the meeting, and Clark Foreman, chairman of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, one of the speakers, complained to the higher echelons of the police and demanded the dispersal of the fascist rowdies.

By the end of the meeting, some sort of order was restored outside and the police made a big show of escorting the audience to the subways—not without muttering imprecations at some of the pro-Castro Cubans they were "protecting." (One thing that made the prejudiced cops a little more "neutral" was that one of the counter-revolutionaries, more hopped-up than the others, had struck a cop with a tire chain he had intended to use on the audience.)

This marks the first time that Cuban counter-revolutionaries have attempted to break up a meeting outside the Cuban community. They have been doing this for many months, of course, further uptown, with no interference by the police. They have attacked Casa Cuba, the Jose Marti Club, and recently ransacked the offices of Prensa Latina, pistol-whipping the occupants.

Transferring their attentions to North Americans, they are bidding to become an important arm of reaction in the domestic class struggle.

It is not merely the Cuban worms who are attacking civil rights. And it is not merely the Cuban revolution that the attack is directed against. The center of reaction is not in the little heap of human garbage from Cuba, but among the bankers of Wall Street and their political henchmen in Washington, who utilize these worms against both revolutionary Cuba and the U.S. working class.

26th of July Demonstration

NEW YORK, June 28—The Fair Play for Cuba Committee today called upon New York City Police Commissioner Michael Murphy to take strong police action to halt the campaign of violence and terrorism unleashed in New York by Cuban counter-revolutionary gangs moving into this city from Florida.

In a letter to Murphy, Gibson said the counter-revolutionary gangs hoped to stifle all U.S. opinion in favor of improved relations between the United States and Cuba.

In his letter to the Police Commissioner, Gibson said that FPCC

was not going to be intimidated and intended to continue its activities, despite numerous threats from Cuban exiles.

Gibson also announced that, despite the threats, the Fair Play for Cuba Committee would hold a demonstration in front of the United Nations on First Avenue between 42nd Street and United Nations Plaza on July 26th between 5:30 and 7 P.M.

This will be the third year that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee has held a demonstration on the 26th of July.

Women — USA and USSR

The Soviet Union has 400,000 women scientists and engineers; the U.S., 12,000. In Russia, 50 per cent of the scientists are women; in the U.S., only 8 per cent. Of Russian engineers, 30 per cent are women; in the U.S. 7/10 of 1 per cent.