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## Workers of the World Hail Soviet Space Marvel

### Magnificent Achievement in Sky Proves Once Again Soviet System is Superior to Outlived Capitalism

The Soviet Union has done it again! When the Soviets put up the first sputnik in 1957, most of the top brass of the U.S. dismissed it as a lucky fluke. One sagacious general was even less generous. He referred to it as "just a hunk of iron up in the sky!"

But the idea that the Soviet Union was ahead in a vital scientific and a very important military endeavor soon penetrated the Pentagon. Within a few days, the papers were speaking openly of the "space race," and later coined the correct descriptive phrase, "race to the moon." The Soviet Union had a little head start, they said, but "we" would soon catch up and far surpass it.

After nearly five years of concentrated effort in the wealthiest country in the world, the gap between Soviet and capitalist space science was supposed to have been practically closed. New agencies were set up, new billions were poured in, the bottom of the scientific barrel was scraped for every last engineer and physics major plus the last few crops of Ph.D.'s. "We" had taken a "great leap forward."

Last week, the Soviet Space Twins shattered that illusion—and widened the space gap by at least a million miles.

The achievement was another incontestable proof of the superiority of the socialist system of production. A coun-

try that the capitalists claim is only half as wealthy as the United States keeps ahead in a race to which the U.S. is devoting its best scientific brains and its many billions of dollars. Why?

*Surely not because it is stealing the U.S. missile secrets!*

No, it is because the Soviet Union organizes its production better, systematizes its space and missile programs better, and although poorer (as yet) than the United States, uses its wealth rationally and more efficiently, with no multi-million dollar handouts to parasitic billionaires. It can do this because the working class overthrew capitalism in 1917, began to reconstruct society, and for the first time began to use machinery for the benefit of man rather than vice versa. Not "dictatorship"—not "bureaucracy"—not "slave labor"—but the revolutionary conquests of the Russian and world proletariat, unlocked the vaults of nature which released the super-energies the Space Twins used.

The Alibi Ikes of capitalism are whining that the Soviet Union is conquering outer space at the expense of shrunken bellies in the Soviet working class. They lie.

It is in the United States that even a fifty billion dollar a year war expenditure has failed to solve the problem of unemployment. But in the Soviet Union, where a great deal less money is spent on arms (and most probably less on space research, too!) there is no mass unemployment at all. On the contrary, there is, as always, a shortage of labor and a nation-wide understanding of the burden of armaments upon the economy.

If there is any special secret the Soviets possess, beyond the general and apparently abstract matter of national social planned production, it is this:

The Soviet Union now has a greater number of engineers and technicians than the U.S. has.

It takes quite a number of years before even the most rational and sensible society can transform all the mud roads and board cottages of the backward past into superhighways and modern homes. But in the meantime, it has already outstripped the capitalist world in creating the most precious product of all—the highly trained human brain.

### Diversion in Berlin

At the very height of the world-wide enthusiasm generated by the magnificent Soviet Space Twins, there was a series of unprecedented anti-Soviet demonstrations in West Berlin.

This was imperialism's crude answer to the Soviet "propaganda victory."

The idea was to take the attention of the peoples of the world off the great Soviet achievement and focus it upon The Wall. The idea was to create a diversion. So the Cold War was heated up for the occasion.

### 'Quality of Mercy' in NYC

By Helen Rogers

Last month, in New York City, a young man went to jail for a \$10 traffic ticket.

It seems that he got the ticket for cutting through a gas station to avoid a red light. He thought that the fine would be \$5, so that's all that he had in his pocket when he went to pay it. But the magistrate fined him \$10, and refused to let him go out to his wife, who was waiting in their car, to get the other \$5.

Instead he was handcuffed to another prisoner and booked. Then he was fingerprinted, stripped, examined for use of dope, and thrown into a cell. It took his wife eight hours to wade through all the red tape of the Police Department before she got him out.

This incident helps to explain why there is no justice here for Robert Soblen, for Morton Sobell, or for the other class war prisoners of imperialism.

The young man with the traffic ticket was not being tried for his political beliefs, but for a simple violation of a minor law. He was not a class enemy of the authorities, but apparently a loyal supporter of the system, at least until his incarceration.

If this is the type of treatment that the courts give to their class friends, what kind of justice do you think they give to their class enemies?

## Mae Mallory's Struggle Again Delays Monroe Trial

### Carry Bail Fight to Wash., D.C.

Washington, D.C.—The importance of the Mae Mallory fight for bail to her extradition fight and its overall significance to the Afro-American liberation struggle was further emphasized today by the arrival here of Mrs. Mallory's attorney, Walter S. Haffner, on a two-day visit to make a personal appeal to the United States Supreme Court for a rehearing of her application of bail.

He and a Monroe Defense Committee aide flew into town expressly to talk with the associate justices on hand to find out why bail is continually refused the "Monroe Freedom Fighter" Mae Mallory. It is reported that Justice Frankfurter is one of the justices Attorney Haffner will call on with a very special visit to confer on this question of bail for her.

Though Mr. Haffner says his visit to Washington is "purely informational," the motivations behind his visit rest on several questions which remain in the minds of many Mae Mallory supporters and sympathizers.

Many of them are wondering why well-known criminals can get bail in the U.S. courts when an innocent black fighter for the rights of her people cannot.

Many have been led to believe that there is an overall conspiracy behind the denial of bail to Mrs. Mallory. It was noted that for five-and-a-half months Mrs. Mallory was out on bail without missing a single court hearing in her legal fight against extradition to the KKK-ridden North Carolina town. Then the prosecutor's office worked to take away that privilege. As a result

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## Chinese People Outraged Over Cruel Treatment Of Mae Mallory

### A Black Woman's Cry for Freedom is Picked Up in The Peoples Republic

The following letter is the text of a letter from a Mae Mallory supporter in Hangchow, China, to the Monroe Defense Committee in Cleveland:

Dear Sir:

I learned that Mrs. Mae Mallory is fighting for her life in Cleveland, Ohio. I have translated the story of Monroe and the facts taken from the Evening News of Ghana telling to all the Monroe Story. We are indignant over the frame-up by the white supremacists on the heroic actions of the Afro-Americans. As people of China who show great sympathy to Mrs. Mae Mallory, we hope you will bring our best regards to all of the Black friends who are living in poor conditions and treated brutally by Klan-led mobs.

I have sent your letter with the Evening News to the Chinese Youth Daily asking them to add to the Voice of Freedom. We protest the decision to harm this Black woman. We call upon human beings all over the world to add to the voice to save this mother of two children.

I am quite sure that there are countless thousands of ordinary people in China and other lands who are standing in your struggle to Save Mae Mallory.

Best Regards,  
Mr. Chao Sze-Yuan  
Hangchow, China

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## Collectivization in Cuba

Revolutionary Cuba has just collectivized all its farming land.

You may be sure that there will be a counter-revolutionary howl about this in the big business press. There will be stories of "slave farms," stories of sabotage by "freedom fighters" and elimination of the family by a regime which is supposed to be against home and mother.

Naturally, the capitalist class will

paint up this communistic step as absolute barbarism.

But all proletarian supporters of Cuba both defend and welcome the step.

They well understand that it will be accompanied by problems, but that it is nevertheless a giant step forward toward communism and away from capitalism. It will help consolidate the revolution and strengthen its resistance against imperialist embargo and sabotage.

## Gov't Racists Hound the Muslims

In Washington, the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) is considering "an intensive investigation" of the Black Muslim movement.

This is the "democratic" government's answer to the Muslim demand for investigation into the persecution of their group — particularly the slaughterous attack upon them by the Los Angeles police this spring. (This led to the unprovoked police shooting of Ronald T. X. Stokes and the unlawful police entry into a Muslim temple—shooting their way in.)

The House Un-American Activities Committee is not threatening the Los Angeles police anymore than it is the Ku Klux Klan. In fact, some of its members are among the best friends of the Ku Klux Klan.

The HUAC is going to investigate the Black Muslims for allegedly advocating "black supremacy" and advocating hatred of white people. What a laugh!

The white capitalist ruling class has chained, lynched, crucified, tortured, sweated and just plain exploited the Af-

ricans and the descendants of Africans on this continent for over 400 years. Does anyone have to advocate hatred of white?

Of course, it is reactionary capitalism that splits the Black and white working people. And of course, the workers should get together (if possible in the face of backward prejudices) and they should together demand higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions from their common enemy, the white capitalist.

But you can bet your bottom dollar that is not what the HUAC is going to tell the Black Muslims!

No, the reactionary HUAC, like the so-called "liberals"—is horrified by the open expression of hatred for the oppressor. And it is still more horrified at the idea of any Black resistance. To the extent that the Muslims are really doing this, they are a threat indeed to the white supremacy that HUAC and the whole capitalist Congress stand for.

That is why every socialist-minded worker of whatever nationality must be the first to defend the Muslims.

## Telling the Truth about China

The anti-China calamity howlers were given the lie by an expert last week.

Felix Greene, the British-born journalist, who is known to have traveled more widely in Communist China than almost any other Westerner, spoke over Station WBAI, New York, on August 19. His subject was, "China's Economic Crisis."

He stated that: There is no starvation in China. That in no other country but the U.S. does the press carry such outrageous exaggerations about China's crisis. That the communes have not been abandoned; on the contrary, it is because of the organizational connection between the communes that starvation has been averted. That per capita food production is 50 per cent higher in China than in India, and that industrial production is three times that of India.

Mr. Greene does not pretend that serious food shortages do not exist, however. British agricultural experts say that weather conditions in China in the past two years have been the worst in a

century. The Chinese, in their eagerness to leap ahead industrially, moved more than half of their agricultural labor force from the fields to the factories. If droughts and floods had not been so severe, this overextension could have been coped with more easily.

However, because of the boundless energy and revolutionary determination of the Chinese masses, the crisis is being resolved. Through the communes, labor is returning to the land, and though industrial expansion cannot move ahead so rapidly for the time being, it will inevitably make a new leap forward in the near future.

Mr. Greene ended his broadcast with quotations from British, Canadian and European observers, who agreed that never in modern Chinese history has there been less starvation than in any year of the last decade, and that never in all history has any revolution reached so deeply into the minds and hearts of the millions as has the Communist Revolution in China.

## Gen. Taylor and U.S. High Strategy

What is behind Kennedy's July appointment of General Maxwell D. Taylor to the supreme military position of chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff?

General Taylor entered upon his retirement two years ago after having served as Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army and having quarreled with President Eisenhower and other Chiefs of Staff about U.S. military policy.

Kennedy has taken the unusual step of putting a retired man into this all-important post for the same reason he appointed him as his personal military adviser after he became President—because of Taylor's views on military policy and high strategy.

General Taylor is best known for his stress on "conventional" warfare—rather than nuclear warfare—and for his advocacy of building up the ground forces to deal with "little" wars. He advocates the crushing of "small" revolts, colonial liberation struggles, etc. with the only military methods which can crush them—knowing very well that nuclear bombs contain political hazards far more dangerous to imperialism than radio-active fallout.

It is no accident that General Taylor was the key general to visit South Viet-

nam last fall, rather than the then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Lyman L. Lemnitzer). It was General Taylor who gave the signal to Kennedy for the stepped-up U.S. war drive in that country. It was General Taylor who has the final responsibility for the vicious new methods of warfare now being applied by the U.S. "Special Forces" in Vietnam.

General Taylor has no beef against nuclear war as such and is just as hot as his bomb-happy colleagues on building more missiles and missile bases. But he is aiming the strategy of the Armed Forces directly against the present and future wars of liberation, feeling that too much emphasis on "nuclear retaliation" will paralyze the counter-revolutionary effectiveness of imperialism in "small" wars.

The colonial and oppressed nations will understand that the new re-shuffling in the imperialist High Command is a new threat to their independence and freedom. Whether it be in Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Algeria, Congo, Cuba or Latin American countries in general, the masses must gird themselves for yet more deadly battles with U.S. imperialism.

## Telephone Company Democracy

No filibuster on anti-lynch laws or civil rights was ever stopped by the august U.S. Senate whose members are traditionally solicitous of one another's parliamentary privileges. (A filibuster is a talkathon by a minority to prevent a vote being held, since they know it would go against them.)

But the filibuster of a few Senators against the giveaway of billions of dollars in satellite research (paid for by the whole U.S. people) to Am. Tel. & Tel.—was stopped in its tracks this month.

And the Senators, after stopping the filibuster, in their haste to hand over the people's money to the already profit-gorged Telephone Corporation, defeated an amendment that would have required the company to stop racial discrimination in employment.

On August 15, *The New York Times* voiced (as usual) the opinion of the bulk of the capitalist class—the opinion of the one hundredth of one per cent of the people, those who really gain by this cynical and disgusting show:

"That is majority rule. That is democracy."

## "Moderate" Race Hatred OK—NLRB

By Fred Langley

While the government in Washington was officially making noises of sympathy for the victims of white supremacy in Albany, Ga., on August 10, the National Labor Relations Board legalized the right of bosses to use race hatred as a weapon against labor unions.

What the companies have been doing, of course, is to call the unions "n-----r lovers" and inflame backward white workers (whom they have made backward) into a racist frenzy so the workers will go against their own interests and reject union organization.

Now the Labor Board has made this legal—just so long as it is done with good English and proper "moderation."

In its ruling the Board stated: "So long, therefore, as a party limits itself to truthfully setting forth another party's position on matters of racial interest and does not deliberately seek to overstress and exacerbate racial feeling by irrelevant and inflammatory appeals, we shall not set aside an election (which the union loses—ed.) . . ."

In other words, under the guise of stopping "irrelevant" and "untruthful" racist arguments, the Board declared legal the right of a boss to use "moderate" racism against the union.

By the phony technique of giving an inch to take a yard, the Labor Board has lined up with the white supremacist bosses in their fight to chain the workers to the system of exploitation.

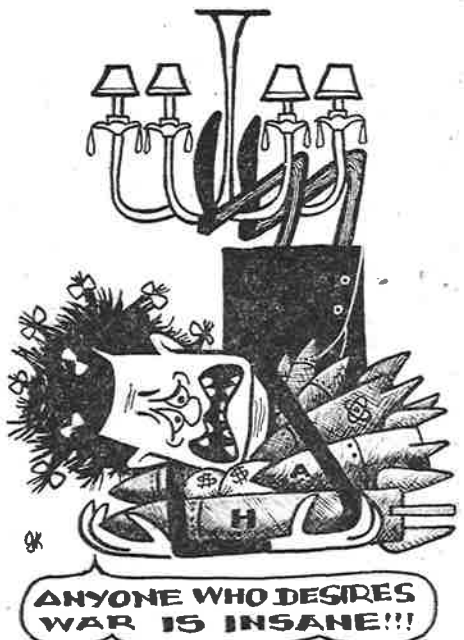
The southern ruling class puts out a

constant stream of race-hate propaganda to set white workers against black workers in order to keep them from organizing against their class enemy. Now the Labor Board has ruled that it is legal for the bosses to appeal to the feelings of hatred which they stir up every day, by "setting forth another party's (the union's) position on matters of racial interest. . . ."

The Board, by this anti-union ruling, is trying to make sure that the bosses will be able to keep finding the cheap labor they need in order to keep their superprofits.

However, class-conscious workers will not be fooled by this deception. They will aim their guns not against their class brothers, but against their real enemies—the racist, exploiting class.

News Item: Kennedy tells Brazilian students: "Only an insane person would want war."



## Next Issue

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## Humphrey or the Senate Committee —

# Who Really Lays Down the Law?

By Dorothy Ballan

In 1956, George M. Humphrey, while Secretary of the Treasury, said that the U.S. budget was too high, and that if it were not cut, it would cause a "depression that will curl your hair."

But then, business is business. If *business* raises the budget — especially Humphrey's business — that's another matter. Patriotism is what is dished out for the masses—not the tycoons. And George M. Humphrey is not one to get confused.

As witness the facts brought out before a Senate sub-Committee hearing last week. In the midst of the Korean War—while young men were being sent to slaughter and be slaughtered for what was called "our freedom," Humphrey was busy accumulating a little freedom for himself.

He managed to free from government coffers (filled with money collected in income taxes withheld from wages) the amount of \$34 million dollars profit for his Hanna Company, on one deal. The company made 457 percent profit on its capital investment—and took no risk whatever. (Company records on much of this, have vanished.)

Considering that this is only one small example of what was going on—it's no wonder the U.S. budget was so high. And this deal was made, by Humphrey, cynically enough, only four days before he took office.

Last year the Hanna Company bought a smelting plant from the government. This is the same plant the government built during the Korean war especially for the Hanna Company to operate. The selling price to Hanna last year was \$1,000,000. The plant is estimated to be worth \$19,700,000.

From time to time, family fights break out among the top financial rulers in this country—and in the course of it they spill a little dirt about each other. Senate investigations are then ordered—not for the purpose of exposing the vast thievery of the billionaire owners, but rather to find an occasional scapegoat and put on a demagogic show of defending the "people's" interests.

But something seems to have misfired with this investigation. The victim was too powerful.

When nominated to be Secretary of the Treasury in 1952, he was chairman of the board of the M.A. Hanna Co., chairman of the board of Pittsburgh Consolidated Coal Co., chairman of the executive committee of National Steel Corp., chairman of the executive committee, Industrial Rayon Corp., president of Iron Ore Co. of Canada and a director of eight additional big companies. Further, his M.A. Hanna Co. held substantial amount of stock in at least nine other companies.

For many years now, thousands of people of modest means have been harassed, hounded, and even jailed for contempt by Senate committees—particularly when they would not let themselves be made part of the witch-hunt in this country,—but—

Senate Committees seldom try to make scapegoats out of authentic members of financial ruling cliques. When they do, they do so at their peril—as was well demonstrated last week.

The U.S. government had its government auditors and lawyers draw up a case—but Humphrey disdainfully turned up with still larger batteries of lawyers and accountants of his own. He said the profit he made was "fair." His manner clearly indicated his contempt for the Senators, as he referred to them throughout the hearings as "you" and "you boys," and called the charges "bunk" and "baloney." He made clear he was talking to servants and putting them in their place.

But even more revealing was the daily press. Big headlines and many columns were devoted to what Humphrey said. He got equal—if not greater—billing—than the entire Senate Committee.

The New York *Herald Tribune*, in a front page story, headlined billionaire Humphrey as "Plain John Jones." If so, it's the first time any plain John Jones ever got his side of the story on the front page of the *Herald Tribune*.

## Raymond H. Johnson

April 14, 1942 — August 9, 1962

One of the staunchest fighters for Afro-American liberation lost his life by drowning at a jimcrow bathing area in South Carolina. He was Raymond Johnson of Monroe, North Carolina, a long-time supporter of Robert F. Williams.

He was a star athlete in track and football, one of the best in North Carolina. He was also an excellent scholar. These abilities very likely could have resulted in economically secure positions and prestige for him. But his experiences in Monroe led him to conclude that his life task should be to participate in the fight of his people for freedom. As Eugene V. Debs expressed it, he preferred to "rise not out of his class, but with it."

Even though still a youth, Ray was a seasoned veteran. He was a leader in the movement of Rob Williams, the movement that organized Afro-American

## There's Always a Catch!

# U.S. Foreign "Aid" Winds Up In Pockets of U.S. Big Business

By R. G. Lieder

People who are not aware of the true nature of rapacious U.S. imperialism because they are misled by the propaganda of the press, radio and TV, generally take it for granted that the U.S.A. "gives aid" to underdeveloped countries.

Thus the *New York Times* mater-of-factly publishes charts showing how the aid increases from year to year and constantly "exceeds" the aid granted by the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries. In a word, the U.S. government is depicted as generous, altruistic about helping underdeveloped countries, etc.

But what is the actual truth behind the aid hoax? Just what does U.S. aid really mean?

Well first of all it means that:

"Eighty per cent of all money appropriated for foreign aid will be spent in the United States on goods and services supplied by American Business." (Our emphasis.)

These are the great words used by Kennedy in his news conference of July 5.

*U.S. News and World Report* emphasizes that without this aid "huge farm surpluses would result and industries in many states would lose orders." In 1961,

for example, 2.3 billion dollars worth of surplus products were purchased by the aid dollars.

Secondly, U.S. aid means, in the words of J.F.K., that:

"About half of the money authorized in the foreign aid bill is for military assistance, or supporting funds, for the defense of countries directly threatened by aggression or subversion" (read: "countries where reactionary U. S. stooges are threatened by powerful national liberation movements.")

Of course "military assistance" means purchasing U.S. made planes, tanks, and weapons with the aid dollars. Thus, in 1961, of the \$1.7 billion appropriated for military assistance, \$1.5 billion managed to find its way back into the pockets of U.S. munitions manufacturers.

In 1961, foreign aid amounted to \$6.1 billion. Note that roughly two-thirds of this money "given" to underdeveloped countries was quickly returned to the U.S.A. as payment for surplus farm products and U.S. military equipment alone!

These aspects of the "aid" program are suspected, if not always understood by the masses of oppressed and colonial nations. They were revealed and documented in a recent issue of *Peking Review*, the informative anti-imperialist weekly printed in English in Communist China.

*Peking Review* quotes *U.S. News and World Report* as saying the following about U.S. foreign aid:

"The true story of foreign aid turns out to be that this program now has become a subsidy built into the U.S. economy—just like subsidies for agriculture."

Or in other words, as the perceptive, revolutionary Chinese say: "U.S. aid really means 'aid U.S.'"

## —Mae Mallory

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of this effort, Mrs. Mallory was ordered back to jail.

On July 17, after six months of incarceration in the Cleveland jail and following the Ohio Supreme Court's ruling to throw her to the North Carolina terrorists, an application of bail was made for her in the United States Supreme Court by her attorney, Mr. Haffner. It was filed in the offices of the Associate Justice Potter Stewart who was on vacation at the time. It was denied before that week was over.

With the Mae Mallory Extradition Fight now before the United States Supreme Court, the trial of the other framed Monroe Kidnap defendants was postponed. Their trial ordinarily would have come up today in North Carolina. It was undoubtedly postponed because Mrs. Mallory was not there. They were all indicted by a North Carolina Grand Jury on a trumped-up kidnap charge during a racist attack on Afro-Americans there.

## E. Germany Conquering Dread TB

By Eleanor Stephens

American visitors to East Berlin recently bewailed the fact that there are "not enough bright lights, night spots or Parisian fashions."

If they had been interested, they might have discovered another fact more vitally affecting the lives of the people they met during their visit. In 1961 only 13 children died of tuberculosis in the whole of East Germany! (And East Germany has a population of 17.5 millions.)

Tuberculosis, known for a century as "the disease of poverty," is an indicator of the general health and living standards of any population. Without knowing the other statistics of any given country, sociologists have always been able to gauge its degree of poverty by its tuberculosis rate—the two being in inverse ratio.

In all the backward and colonial countries of the world "the disease of poverty" takes a tremendous toll. In Asia, Africa and Latin America it kills millions annually. But even in the United States where the standard of living is

presumed to be the highest in the world (and which also boasts of plenty of bright lights, night spots and Parisian fashions)—over 10,000 Americans die of tuberculosis every year. And the National Tuberculosis Association predicts that it will not be wiped out for at least another generation.

That this dread disease is all but wiped out in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) right now is astounding news. In spite of the fact that East Germany has been one of the least favored of the socialist countries; in spite of the suffering and privations of the war years and the heavy burdens of reconstruction, one of the great health problems of modern times is on the road to solution—along with the poverty that causes it.

This is one more proof of the superiority of socialist planning over capitalist anarchy. Unhampered by the demands of private practitioners, who are more businessmen than doctors; free from the "profit principle," only the socialist countries can eventually win the

fight against disease.

Undoubtedly the majority of East Germans are willing to forego the "bright lights and night spots" to achieve such a goal—even though a minority follow their lure to the other side of the Wall.

## W. German Stocks Crash

In West Germany, stocks came down after the Wall Street crash like Jill tumbling after Jack. Only in Germany, they didn't recover even as much as they have in the United States.

In the land of the "economic miracle" (of post-war recovery), Volkswagen has zoomed down from \$1,108 per share to \$483. Thyssen steel was quoted at 181 last month after a two-year decline from 468.

There hasn't even been a partial recovery since the catastrophe at the end of May. But on the surface, the economic picture is still rosy with everybody working and goods still moving from department store shelves.

German big business, however, has no confidence that this prosperity will continue. In fact, it seems quite convinced that the boom is over.

## Left and Right at Helsinki

The U.S. capitalist newspapers made much of the masquerade at the Helsinki Youth Conference wherein a number of anti-Soviet youth started demonstrations, disturbances, etc.

The always impartial press prostitutes devoted yards of space to the phony rightist opposition, but you had to use a microscope to find any news about the genuine leftist opposition.

The Albanian Communists had plenty to say at the Conference. According to the Tirana radio, the chairman of the Albanian delegation contended that the imperialists did not want to negotiate in good faith, that the exclusion of China from the Geneva discussions made any peace settlement impossible, and that the only solution was for the peoples of the world to "impose peace on the imperialists."

## Jim Crow Visits Vietnam

The following is a verbatim excerpt from a news report by the Associated Press from Vietnam. It was published in this country on August 20. The words speak for themselves. No comment of ours is necessary.

"Simmering hostility between American and South Vietnamese forces is imperiling joint efforts against the Viet Cong, the militant Communists who seek to take over Viet Nam. . . .

"Racial tension is part of the problem. . . .

"An Associated Press man was riding in a U.S. Army jeep past a Vietnamese army compound 370 miles north of Saigon several days ago. A rock was thrown from the compound at the American jeep ahead, cracking the windshield. The jeep did not stop.

"In Saigon, a Special Forces officer said:

"Throwing stones is nothing especially unusual. It happens all the time. We've had stones thrown right here in Saigon' . . .

"A high-ranking Vietnamese government official said some of the trouble resulted from Americans 'inadvertently usurping national prerogatives' . . .

"A Vietnamese anti-guerrilla agent operating in jungles near Da Nung used harsher words:

"The Americans there give orders. They don't advise. They command in dictatorial tones, and have managed to offend a lot of people."

## William Worthy Reveals:

# Africans Murdered by Portuguese — With U.S. Help

Below are excerpts from the remarks of William Worthy, foreign correspondent of the Baltimore Afro-American at the annual conference of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, Saturday morning June 23. They throw some important light on the distortion of news about rising Africa. They also throw some light on why Worthy is being framed by the U.S. government.

On Friday, the 22nd, when Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy spoke to the publishers, a large group picketed Kennedy demanding he cease persecuting Worthy for his having entered the U.S. from Cuba without a passport. Pickets also marched at the UN in New York the next day.

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To illustrate my point . . . let me use the current Portuguese war of extermination in Angola as an example. There have been passing references in the press to Portugal's use of U.S. arms and planes to wipe out villages and to slaughter women and children, in a cruel and of course futile effort to crush the Angolese fight for freedom.

The State Department, amidst denials, has nevertheless virtually admitted that such arms, supplied to Portugal through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), are being so used.

But neither our double-talking government spokesmen nor the pious lovers of freedom who write the daily editorials about the "free world" have found the moral courage to place the blame where it belongs: first and foremost on the Kennedy administration and the government of the United States.

After all, the issue is not really very important. It is only black freedom fighters — "semi-savages, you know" — who are dying from these Portuguese-NATO-United States aerial attacks. Tears are shed for freedom fighters only if it is

## Wm. Worthy Gets Dixie Justice

In spite of wide protests at home and abroad, newsman William Worthy was tried this month in the Federal Court—in Miami, the scene of his "crime."

(It was at Miami that Worthy re-entered the land of his birth from Cuba. Many notable civil rights figures pleaded to have his trial removed from this area of race prejudice and anti-Cuban hysteria. But to no avail.)

He was found guilty by the racist judge, but he immediately announced that he would appeal the decision. The case may go to the Supreme Court of the U.S.

Hungarians or East German Nordics who are being shot down. Indeed, usually our mass media refer to the Angolans and the Moslems in Algeria not as freedom fighters but as "terrorists."

Twenty-seven years ago, there was a wave of revulsion around the world when the Italians were slaughtering Ethiopians from the air in that barbarous imperialistic war of conquest. Our press reported that wave of revulsion and our editorial writers weren't tongue-tied then because in 1935 the Italians weren't on our side.

But in 1962, if you read the U.S. press from day to day—from *The New York Times* on down to the Hearst publications—you would never learn or dream that we appear to mankind to be just as barbarous, just as cruel, more cynically and hypocritically imperialistic, for our help to the French in Algeria and Indo-China and our help to the Portuguese in Angola. . . .

One reason that the U.S. mass media

will not, and psychologically cannot, report the hard facts, the bitter truth from Africa, is that the owners of the mass media have too much of a stake in the status quo, emotionally, financially, socially. Tragically, the emotional stake trickles down to their not well paid employees.

For their own good and for the good of the public, white reporters, in Washington and in foreign capitals, are much too close to our officials and to American ambassadors. . . . A famous Washington correspondent told my class of Niemann Fellows at Harvard that the private background dinner has a pervasively pernicious influence, particularly on news of foreign affairs. He told us that the average Washington correspondent will almost sell his soul just to be able to boast: "I dined with the Secretary of State last night."

I suppose that dining en masse with the Attorney General at a public banquet is not necessarily harmful or corrupting, provided the intimacy goes no further than that. But let's keep in mind that if U.S. support of colonialism is to be brought to an end, we must relentlessly keep the news spotlight on the crucial decisions of the policymakers, and that includes the President's brother.

In a poorly reported speech at the Overseas Press Club at the time of Lumumba's death, Edward Kennedy admitted that genuine African leaders regarded Tshombe, Mobutu and Kasavubu as "creatures of the American Central Intelligence Agency." In other words, the same old Uncle Tom diplomacy that the mass media never properly interprets.

On January 12, 1961, on page 8, the respected *Manchester Guardian Weekly* stated that today the world regards not England nor the Soviet Union as the arch imperialist, but rather the United States of America. . . .

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## "Expand or Die" — Is Grim Watchword of Capitalism

By V. Grey

While the Soviet Space Twins were still hurtling through the sky to proclaim the bouncing vitality of the Soviet system, John F. Kennedy was telling the people of the United States—on August 13—that the U.S. economy has slowed down during the past five years.

"The fact of the matter is that there's been a slowdown in our growth, and therefore in our employment, and therefore in our use of our present facilities—really since the beginning of 1957. . . .

"The level of our economy is high . . . but it should be at least \$30 billion a year higher—if we did not have unemployment and if we were using all the productive facilities that we have (there would be) \$30 billion more that we could produce."

Now here is a slowdown in the very same period when the U.S. is supposed to be in the hottest race with the Soviet Union—in the very years that the Wall Street rulers have most prodded their servants to speed up in order to beat the Soviet Union—by peaceful methods if possible or war, if necessary.

What is the cause of this unexpected slowdown? What is the reason for not utilizing all the tremendous capacity of U.S. industry and allowing four to seven million workers to stand idle as plants, mines, furnaces, engines and ships are also idle?

The cause lies in the fact that additional employment, expansion of production, Presidential decisions, Congressional actions, even war and peace themselves, all have to wait until one absolute is considered above all else. This absolute is—profit. Before this god, the unemployed are sacrificed and even "the race with the Russians" has to pause and bow.

The reason for the relatively low production of U.S. capitalism is that a higher production would not have been profitable. Kennedy's \$30 billion worth of unmade products could not have been sold at a profit.

The steel industry of the United

States, for example, has been producing at only about two-thirds of its capacity ever since 1957. Over 250 million tons of steel have gone unproduced in that time and hundreds of thousands of human beings have suffered as a result.

All because U.S. capitalism could not sell that extra steel—at a profit.

In his speech, Kennedy was really asking his fellow capitalists to increase their use of existing factories rather than seek a lush tax cut so they could more easily afford to build new factories. But Kennedy, with all his \$400 million family fortune and the infinitely greater power of the Presidency at his disposal, is not the master of the economic process. He can dispense demagoguery to the workers, but he cannot guarantee profits to the bosses.

But the steel moguls are taking care of their profits in their own way. In doing so, they are still increasing the overcapacity of factories and the underemployment of people.

The country's steel industry spent \$978 million for expansion and basic improvements in 1961. But in 1962, its estimated outlays are going to be \$1.3 billion. This will increase the productive capacity of the steel industry still more than last year. But that is only an incidental point to the steel plant owner. The important thing is that it will increase the amount of profit in each ton of steel sold.

But it won't increase the actual amount of steel produced, while it will certainly decrease the number of steelworkers employed.

You can see this demonstrated in the world's largest steel plant (Bethlehem's) at Sparrows Point, Maryland. There you can see two kinds of open hearth steel-making furnaces side by side—the new furnaces in No. 4 shop which can each melt 425 tons in three or four hours—and the furnaces in old No. 1 shop, which turn out only 165 tons in eight to ten hours. The number of workers on each

kind of furnace is the same.

Needless to say, the furnaces in No. 1 shop are now mostly idle, and the workers who ordinarily operate them are laid off or on part time. A similar shop in Lackawanna, N. Y., has been totally shut down and is slated for the scrap pile. Once the new furnaces have displaced all the old, steel production would have to be increased by 500 per cent to employ the same number of open hearth furnace men as before.

Of course, the rapid replacement of old plants by new, and fast machinery by faster, has been going on for more than a century, especially in the United States. But it has traditionally been followed by an expansion of production. In a sense, it called this expansion into being.

Remembering the halcyon days of U.S. capitalism, many economists advocate multi-billion dollar tax gifts to industry so the capitalists will again build additional factories, etc., and again begin a great new cycle of expansion of production and booming prosperity—they hope.

But Kennedy (who has already given a one-and-one-half billion dollar tax bonanza to big business), mindful of the strains on the U.S. Treasury, the world problems of U.S. capitalism—and noting that expanded capacity has not resulted in much expanded production, said in his August 13 speech:

"We will not find full employment in this country, we will not find our factories going at full blast . . . until we make better use of the work force and the plants we now have."

Kennedy wants the steel industry to produce the whole 156 million tons a year that it has the "capacity" to produce. But what would this enormous extra tonnage be used for if not mostly for new machinery, new factories, new ships—i.e., a tremendous expansion of industry which might require a still greater expansion of production to pay for it?

The factories can only produce "at

full blast" if they are preparing for a fuller blast tomorrow. And the capitalist owners of factories see no such tomorrow.

Kennedy was really saying, with charts, on national TV and radio hook-ups, in thousands of ghost-written words (albeit unconsciously and unwillingly) what Karl Marx summed up in a single sentence:

"Capitalism must expand or die."

## Too Much Money for the Poor!

By R. Normant

The Kennedy Administration, so free with the taxpayers' money when it comes to spending for nuclear testing, giveaways to huge corporations and aid to dictatorial regimes abroad, is now displaying great concern over its expenditures on welfare payments.

This is natural, since the beneficiaries of welfare are such "second-class citizens" as Afro-Americans, Puerto Ricans and members of the working class in general. As far as Kennedy and the ruling class is concerned, money spent on such people, money diverted from the bottomless pockets of the fat capitalists, is so much wasted money.

U.S. government investigators have come up with the following cases in Washington, D.C.:

A mother of four had been receiving \$154 monthly. The man with whom she was living earned \$85 a week.

A mother of six received \$191 monthly. Her husband earned \$65 a week. In both of these cases, the breadwinner's salary made the women ineligible for welfare.

But what do the figures actually show?

In the first instance, the combined income amounted to \$120 a week—for a family of six! The income in the second case came to \$109 a week—for a family of eight!

Every worker knows how miserably insufficient such incomes are for keeping families of that size nourished and clothed — yet the U.S. government says it is too much!