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Afro-Americans FLOGGED

(North of Mason-Dixon)

In Dover, Delaware last week, a Superior Court Judge sentenced Franklin W. Cannon Jr., a 20-year-old youth, to be publicly flogged. The punishment is to be 20 lashes!

Delaware's infamous "lash law," passed in 1717, was at that time a commonplace in the southern states. Every other state has since rescinded such laws, but Delaware's excuse for keeping it is that "it is a deterrent to petty crime."

But it is an open secret that this vicious punishment is not for white men, though white men frequently commit petty crimes in the state of Delaware. So far as is known, every public flogging in Delaware since 1717 has been perpetrated against an Afro-American.

Appropriately, the name of the judge who ordered this inhuman punishment is—Judge Lynch!

United States Votes To Defend South Africa's Jimcrow System

If the UN ever passed a resolution that was more than a pious wish or a deploring of evil, it was on Tuesday, November 6, when 67 nations resoundingly defeated 16 imperialist governments and their stooges with a ringing condemnation of racist-ruled South Africa.

The resolution went a great deal further than just condemning South Africa, however; it called for sanctions. That is, it called upon United Nations members to close their ports to South African ships, prevent their ships from entering South African ports, boycott all South African goods and refrain from exporting goods, including arms and ammunition to the South African government. It also recommended the expulsion of South Africa from the UN.

The Asian, African and socialist bloc of nations voted solidly against the United States and the NATO alliance and Japan.

Delegate Francis T. Plimpton, speaking for the U.S. government, said:

"We think that the expulsion of South Africa from the United Nations would not advance our common objective of ending apartheid (jimcrow on a super-scale), but would make the achievement of that objective more difficult."

J.E. Jantuah, Delegate from Ghana, answered him by asking:

"Whether it was not true that the United States is applying sanctions to Cuba, which unlike South Africa, has not been condemned by the United Nations?"

Mr. Jantuah added that Peoples China, which "is alleged to be not peace-loving" was banned from the United Nations by the same members who opposed getting rid of South Africa, when South Africa was "clearly and constantly violating its charter obligations."

Mr. Jantuah's eloquence—and logic—fell on deaf ears in the U.S. delegation, however. For it is well understood among U.S. diplomats that the big business interests they serve are allied with the white capitalists of South Africa. These diplomats reserve their condemnations, their votes of sanction and their most theatrical speeches for the Cubans who are fighting white supremacy, not for the South Africans, who like Mississippi, are enforcing it.

U.S. Frames Three Cubans In Phony N.Y.C. "Sabotage" Plot

Old Gestapo Technique Put to New Use

The U.S. has dusted off an old weapon borrowed from the Nazis in its continuing war of aggression against Cuba. Just as the Nazis framed the labor and progressive leaders in Hitlerite Germany, so the CIA, in collaboration with State Department and FBI Agents, pulled one of the rawest and most outrageous tricks in the book.

The FBI arrested three Cubans in New York on November 17 on charges of "sabotage and conspiracy for the purpose of injuring and destroying national defense materials in the New York area."

They are Roberto Santiesteban Casa-

nova of the Cuban Mission to the UN, Marino Antonio Esteban Sueiro y Cabrera and Jose Garcia Orelana. Also arrested with them was a North American woman, well-known for her support of progressive and civil liberties causes. She is Ada Marie Dritsas.

Hours after the arrests, the Havana radio exposed the frame-up as a mere retaliatory maneuver to offset the arrest of the CIA intelligence agent in Cuba who tried to blow up a mining installation, but was caught red-handed.

Naturally, this received very little publicity in the U.S. press and none at all in most of the big New York dailies, which carried screaming headlines about alleged "sabotage plots" in New York, when the real saboteur was the one the U.S. had planted in Havana.

The male defendants in New York were badly beaten up before being taken into custody and their bail was set at so excessive an amount (\$250,000) that their release on bail was practically impossible.

These Bombs are for Real!

Havana, Nov. 20—A U.S. plane is reported to have flown over the Cuban merchant ship, *Rio Damuji*, today and dropped 11 bombs, some of which exploded just 50 feet above the vessel.

In Washington, the Pentagon denied any responsibility by the U.S. You can be sure, however, that the bombs were not manufactured in the Soviet Union!

What's All the Shouting For, About the IL 28 "Offensive" Bombers?

Having taken the United States and the rest of the world to the brink over the Cuban missile bases, Kennedy is now apparently getting up steam to do the same thing over Cuba's possession of 30 Ilyushin 28 bombers which are "offensive" to him and to the U.S. banker-general cabal.

Quite aside from the question—where does Kennedy get off telling another nation what kind of weapons are offensive? there is also the question—just what kind of super-weapons are these IL 28's anyway? And just how do these 30 planes militarily threaten the United States?

Drew Pearson said in his syndicated column on November 13:

"They are old, and sitting ducks for any bomber attack from the United States."

The London Times said on October 26:

"The IL 28 tactical bomber is a type normally supplied by the Soviet Union to its allies. . . . It is an old aircraft, virtually superseded in the Soviet Air Force and it is the view of aviation experts in London that although it may be physically capable of carrying a nuclear weapon, its presence in Cuba is not enough on its own to constitute a serious threat."

The Baltimore Sun admitted on November 3:

"Perhaps the principal value of the Ilyushin bombers to both the Soviet Union and Cuba is their possible use as training planes." (!)

The IL 28's maximum speed is about 550 miles an hour, somewhat slower than the cruising speed of the U.S. civilian jet planes regularly hopping from New York to Chicago and Los Angeles. U.S. Air Force fighter-interceptors are about twice as fast as the IL 28.

It is worth noting that the MIG 21 (Continued on Page 3)



"Okay, so you lose 40,000 lives on the first landing. But we put democracy back there!"

Simple Speaks Our Mind

We are indebted to Langston Hughes for the following piece of "Simple's" wisdom in the New York Post of November 16.

Simple said: "I reckon if the Dixiecrats knew Negroes was working on atoms, they would put a stop to it, like they put a stop to Cuba."

"What do you mean, the Dixiecrats put a stop to Cuba?" I asked.

"They put pressure on Kennedy to blockade Cuba," said Simple, "when they heard them Negroes down there had Russian missiles. Black Negroes with white missiles is too much for Talmadge and Eastland. You know Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi do not want no Negroes nowhere—in Cuba or elsewhere—to have nothing that can shoot farther than a small pistol. Suppose one of them Cuban Negroes press a button and landed one of them missiles on Mississippi? I hear tell the head of the Cuban army is a jet Black man. No doubt he has read about Ole Miss. Suppose he were to take a notion to take a pot shot at Oxford? No more segregation at Ole Miss then—Oxford would be gone—stone wiped out."

"You make me laugh," I said. "Do you suppose Mississippi jimcrow has any relation to international relationship?"

"It might to a Black man in Cuba," said Simple.

Who Threatens Whom?

The U.S. Navy has an undisclosed number of Douglas Skyraiders on Cuban soil in Guantanamo.

According to the New York Times, the Skyraider "is capable of delivering conventional or nuclear bombs."

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Racists and Rascals

While the world trembled on the brink of nuclear conflagration this month, the boys back home in Mississippi—and New York—were up to their old tricks.

James H. Meredith still needed an armed guard in order to attend the school of his choice.

And Afro-American youths were still being denied employment opportunities in the "liberal" North—and this with the collusion of so-called "leaders" of labor.

In Mississippi, undeterred by the missiles which Kennedy said Cuba was getting ready to destroy the United States with, red blooded young Americans were still throwing their own homemade missiles at the man whose ancestors had the misfortune to come (unwillingly)

from Africa some centuries ago, instead of from Europe.

Meanwhile, up in New York, the president of the united labor movement of this country, George Meany, threatened to break off relations with the NAACP and cut off whatever financial support he could, because of the NAACP's campaign to break down discrimination in labor unions.

Who is worse? — The degenerate scions of the decadent Southern ruling class, or the corrupt bureaucrat of the "liberal" North?

From the point of view of how things are supposed to be—how oppressors on one side, and leaders of the oppressed on the other, are supposed to act — Meany wins the prize for bestiality by a mile.

The Myth of India's "Independence"

By Eleanor Stephens

Current political mythology presents modern India as a country that is both "free" and "independent."

India has also been described more than once in the last decade as "socialist." But nothing could be further from the truth. And its social system, unlike that of the socialist countries, is sometimes referred to as a "revolution by consent."

Let's look at the facts.

First, how independent is this former British colony since the day in 1947 when it won formal independence from the British Empire? Did the new era usher in a spirit of Indian "free enterprise" and "rugged individualism"? Has India been able, these 15 years, to develop its own industries, amass its own capital, exploit its own mines and natural resources?

Four years after the British supposedly left India, 838 of the 1135 joint stock companies existing there were foreign owned. These 838 companies burrowed into the fields of banking, insurance, manufacture, mining, transport, agriculture and utilities—in fact into every aspect of Indian economic life. But were they perhaps only filling the gap until native entrepreneurs learned to fend for themselves?

Hardly! The next decade proved to be a bonanza for the capitalists of every western nation. A golden stream of capital poured into India with ever-increasing momentum, while the Indian masses continued to starve or at best eke out a wretched existence in the growing number of foreign-owned factories.

The \$512 million of foreign investment in 1948 grew to \$1 billion, 220 million by 1959! In the first years after "independence" Britain owned most of India's corporate wealth, but ten years later U.S. capital had the lion's share.

India's dependence on foreign capitalists is matched by her dependence on foreign governments. Her debt to the British government grew from \$67 million in 1955 to \$273 million in 1960—while her debt to the U.S. government increased in the same period from \$184 million to more than \$1 billion. (These figures are exclusive of the tremendous debt to individuals and corporations in the U.S. and Britain.)

But aside from her relations with the rest of the world, what about social relations within India itself? What kind of "socialism" has this "revolution by consent" produced?

There were 538 Princes in India at the time the British got out. Most of

them were petty princelings who owned tracts of land varying in size from a few square miles to an area as small as a city block. Nehru's "socialist" regime persuaded many of these little princes to accept life-time, tax-free pensions in exchange for their lands (while the teeming millions of poor peasants groan under a heavy burden of taxation, and half of them have never—nor do not now—own any land.)

On the other hand, the dozen or so big princes owned vast territories—and still do. Several of these are greater in area than England and Scotland together. These princes have not accepted pensions in exchange for their lands. After all, they argue, India's was a "revolution by consent"—and "we simply have not consented!"

Nor has the landlord class consented to the Congress Party's faint-hearted reforms. It has learned to circumvent them. The many thousands of villages, holding the great majority of India's population, continue to be ruled by their landlords, who continue to enjoy the privilege of being bankers and political bosses as well. The proof of their continuing power can be seen in the number of evictions of tenant-farmers since "independence." In the province of Hyderabad alone, one half the tenants have been evicted to make room for landlords' relatives in the last ten years.

India is still, despite her parliament and Congress Party, a colony of imperialism, where a few hold vast wealth and power, and the millions upon millions daily face starvation. Their freedom, their independence, their socialism is still in the future.

The Real Warmakers

Only last February the leading news journals in the U.S. gave prominent space to a charge by Krishna Menon, then Defense Minister of India.

"Krishna Menon charged yesterday that the United States had tried to pull India into a war against China," said The Herald Tribune on Feb. 26, 1962. "He said he would not be a party 'to putting Indian troops where they cannot defend themselves . . . Britain and America are behind the attack on me in a big way. They are tied up so much in big business here.'"

Now India has been "pulled into a war against China" and Krishna Menon has been fired as India's Defense Minister. And both these events have met the huge approval of the U.S. press.

Will New Ohio Governor Send Her to Dixie?

Mae Mallory's Fight for Freedom

The importance of Mae Mallory's fight against extradition has been encouragingly emphasized and the case made a significant impact on the recent political arena in the State of Ohio. The question now is: Will the new Governor, along with his aides—those who got a political ride on the back of the Mae Mallory extradition issue—effect the release of Mae Mallory?

Mae Mallory has been waiting nine months in a drafty and barren county prison with none of the meager benefits that state and federal prisons have. Prisoners come and go in Cuyahoga County Jail. They are only there a few days to a month or so, awaiting trial, awaiting sentence, or serving short sentences for petty crimes or misdemeanors.

Mae Mallory has been waiting there so long because she is fighting ex-Governor DiSalle's order extraditing her to face trial on a phony kidnapping charge in Monroe, North Carolina.

The Ohio courts have refused to grant her bail while she is challenging the extradition in the U.S. Supreme Court—although she had been granted bail for a period of five months previous to her present imprisonment and never violated the conditions of her bail.

The new governor, James Rhodes, has the power to cancel DiSalle's ex-

tradition order. Many Afro-Americans must have voted for him in the hope that he would do just that, because the Black communities in Ohio changed their voting patterns for the first time in decades. But Rhodes has not yet said what he would do for Mae, and he has not yet assumed his office.

Mae's tireless supporters in the Monroe Defense Committee also point out that—

"Judge Kingsley Taft, State Supreme Court Judge, who ruled in favor of Mrs. Mallory's case in the Ohio Supreme Court—defeated Justice Weygandt in the race for Chief Justice of Ohio's High Court. Taft and another Justice, it was reported, ruled in favor of hearing Mrs. Mallory's case, while five others, including Chief Justice Weygandt, ruled against." (But the extradition was blocked by other means.)

Nevertheless, the Committee is not banking primarily on the gratitude of politicians; it is still making its primary appeal to the masses, and particularly to the Black masses of Ohio, who have taken Mae Mallory to their hearts.

"Don't let them send Mae to the KKK!" is their battle cry.

But Mae's many supporters need moral and material support.

Please send whatever you can to: Monroe Defense Committee, 10517 Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

MAIL BAG

U.S. consulate picketed

Dear Editor:

The American Consulate building was picketed Monday evening (Oct. 22), Tuesday noon and evening, with 250 attending the last evening, protesting Kennedy's alert for a possible war with Cuba.

The noon and evening demonstration was invaded by a group of half a dozen young people carrying opposition placards, praising J. F. Kennedy. They were trying to provoke a free-for-all but our Fair Play for Cuba Committee demonstrators and sympathizers were well disciplined and would not be provoked into childish scrapping.

One young man had a big "K" on his placard. I told him he had two K's missing. . . .

Sympathy for Cuba is very strong here, generally speaking. A group of professors were interviewed on TV and they all agreed that the United States had taken a very high-handed method when they threatened Cuba with invasion.

It is indeed tragic that the Cuban people should be so harassed. Actually the United States does not give a damn about Cuba but they want a lever to start a war. . . .

We don't want wars to solve the unemployment situation! We don't want Cuba to be used as a pawn to start this war; we don't want wars, period!

H.B., Vancouver, B.C.

WW has courage

Dear Editor:

I am pleased that the "Workers World" has the courage to expose the Catholic Church and its hierarchy on occasion.

Send me extra copies of your last issue September 28 (payment enclosed). I want to give them to some friends.

Kindest regards,

E. L., Los Angeles

Gotta have WW

Dead Editor:

I am a 70-year-old retired worker and only get one quarter as much in Social Security as I used to earn, so really "can't afford" to subscribe . . . but *Workers World* is so doggone good I've gotta have it.

R.F., St. Paul, Minn.

Write to jailed youth

Editor, Workers World:

When Don Martin, 21, anti-nuclear armament demonstrator, attempted, with others, to board a nuclear armed submarine at New London, Conn., they were arrested and sentenced for a charge of entering a restricted area, and also charged with touching government property.

Martin refused to cooperate with the authorities at his trial, which singled him out for special treatment. While most of the others arrested for the same offense received suspended sentences, with only 60 or 90 days in jail, Martin was placed in the custody of the Attorney General for an indeterminate period of up to six years.

I would like the readers of "Workers World" to send some Xmas mail to Don Martin, who is imprisoned in the Federal Penitentiary at Ashland, Ky.

G.J.N., Winnipeg

Sabotage a la CIA

William V. Shannon reported in the New York Post on October 13:

"There is an extraordinary rumor . . . that the CIA has instructed Cuban exiles that no sabotage should be carried out against formerly American-owned property such as oil refineries and power plants."

Since U.S. big business owned so much of Cuba, that leaves mighty little for the counter-revolutionaries to blow up . . . except people.

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Isn't Puerto Rico A "Latin American Territory," Mr. Kennedy?

Among other lies and misrepresentations made by John F. Kennedy in his October 22 speech, was the claim that CUBA was the first "Latin American Territory" where nuclear arms have been stationed.

The Puerto Rican liberation movement immediately took him up on this. The following cablegram was sent to the President of the UN Security Council on October 23:

San Juan, Puerto Rico
October 23, 1962

Valerian Zorin
President of the Security Council,
United Nations:

The Mesa de Lares, united front of the Puerto Rican independentists, wishes to convey to the Security Council the truth that, contrary to what was expressed by President Kennedy yesterday (in the sense that Cuba is the first Latin American territory where nuclear weapons have been stationed), the Puerto Rican territory, which is also a Latin American territory, has been filled with atomic weapons and guided missiles, established in numerous military bases built here by the armed forces of the United States of America without the consent of our people.

This fact, publicly denounced by a group of Puerto Rican professors on September 1961, has become the most pressing source of danger to the civil population of our fatherland which suddenly finds itself in the explosive center of the Caribbean crisis without our being a part to the controversy.

(Signed) Carlos Carrera Benitez
President

What You Have to Do To Get on Relief in St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo.—At 6 a.m. on a recent morning, a knock sounded at the door of Mrs. Shirley Mae Moore and her six children at 963A N. Goodfellow. The next knock turned into a banging, and a voice hollered,

"If you don't let me in right now, your ADC check will be cut off."

Mrs. Moore rushed to the door, not completely dressed, and flung it open to admit one of those persons who is some kind of police officer, detective and welfare investigator all rolled into one—a sort of private eye, ear, nose, throat—and leg.

He rushed into the house, looked under every bed, in every closet, in every drawer and covered every inch of the whole place.

He then eyed Mrs. Moore, who was trying desperately to cover herself. "Hmmm, not bad!" he must have

thought in his evil little mind.

He then demanded that Mrs. Moore accompany him to the dark basement three floors down.

This was too much for Mrs. Moore. She had heard too many stories about how many ADC mothers had been raped by these cats claiming to be welfare investigators. She turned him down. He threatened she would be cut off if she didn't do it. She still refused.

...Mrs. Moore was cut off, and she and her children suffer because she wouldn't do what this thug wanted her to.

All decent citizens please write Governor Dalton in Jefferson City and complain about this. We must not allow Mrs. Moore and her six children to starve to death.

Mrs. Moore hasn't enough beds, food or clothes. Those who wish to help her, call Mrs. Delores Richardson in St. Louis at EV 2-0972.

Southern Justice

In Mississippi, South Carolina and Alabama, women (Black or white) are not allowed to sit on juries.

These are the same states where not a single Afro-American (male or female) is allowed to sit in a "white" school.

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Don't Overdo It

"The long-range missiles in Cuba were pointed at Miami, Washington, and other U.S. mainland targets."

—Report of various "eye-witness" observers.

Come on, fellows, don't you remember all those newsreels of missile tests? The missiles were pointed straight up!

— Il 28 Bombers

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which India is requesting from the Soviet Union is considerably faster and more deadly than the Il 28. But not one daily newspaper in the United States has even mildly suggested that the MIG 21 is too "offensive" for India.

Kennedy's demand for the elimination of the Il 28's is just exactly what the Cubans say it is. It is an attempt to humiliate Cuba and also to disarm it. It has nothing to do with Cuba's ability to attack the United States. But it has plenty to do with Cuba's ability to defend itself.

Now They're Saying Medical Aid to Cuba

Is "Un-American," Too!

While the war-mad U.S. leaders were telling the world that they were only concerned with Cuba as a military threat last month, the House Un-American Activities Committee was attacking the Medical Aid to Cuba Committee.

The Committee's sole activity is soliciting funds to purchase medicines and medical goods for Cuba in the United States. Early in April of this year, the Committee sent approximately \$15,000 worth of medicines to Cuba.

Mellita del Villar and Sidney J. Gluck, officers of the Committee have been served with subpoenas to appear before HUAC. But 50 leading persons in cultural and political circles have indignantly protested this infringement of the Committee's liberties and its humanitarian activity. They have sent a joint telegram to the House Un-American Activities Committee stating their position. All interested parties are urged to do likewise.

Fidel Castro, Speaking for the Cuban People —

"We Will Fight to the Last Man, Woman and Child"

The following letter was sent by Premier Fidel Castro to U Thant, Acting Secretary General of the UN, on November 15.

It is a historic utterance that puts in words the heroic spirit of the beleaguered, blockaded Cuban people. It will be an inspiration to the oppressed in every section of the globe, in every country and city, no matter how small.

It will be a sign to the workers of the whole world that struggle is always possible and that imperialism, no matter how powerful, can still be defied and held at bay against the day when it will be finally overcome and decisively vanquished.

... We have given you—and we have also given it publicly and repeatedly—our refusal to allow unilateral inspection by any body, national or international, on Cuban territory. In doing so we have exercised the inalienable right of every sovereign nation to settle all problems within its own territory in accordance with the will of its government and its people.

The Soviet Government carrying out its promise to Mr. Kennedy, has withdrawn its strategic missiles, an action which was verified by United States officials on the high seas.

"Legitimate Self-Defense"

We should like to repeat once more that the installation of these weapons was nothing other than the act of legitimate self-defense on the part of the Republic of Cuba against the aggressive policy which the United States has been pursuing against our country since the very triumph of the Revolution.

This did not confer any right upon the Government of the United States with respect to Cuba, since all our actions have been effected within the framework of international law and in exercise of the sovereign prerogatives of our state. It was, however, the pretext used to perpetrate acts of force which brought the world to the edge of war. The pretext has now disappeared.

Nevertheless, officials of the United States Government declare that they do not consider themselves bound by any promise, among other reasons because Cuba has not permitted the inspection of its territory.

The United States, resorting to the law of force, is constantly violating our territory through the use of air forces based in various parts of the Caribbean and on aircraft carriers which it is employing against us.

"We Have Given Proof . . ."

We have given proof that we are ready for a worthy peace. We have put forward five points as guarantees, the minimum any sovereign nation can ask for. We have handed over the body of Major Anderson who died while carrying out an illegal flight over Cuban soil.

We have warned the government of the United States that it must stop these acts of violation of our sovereignty and at the same time we have done everything possible to prevent the occurrence of any incidents in connection with these acts.

What have we obtained in exchange? The violations have increased in number; every day the incursions of war planes over our territory become more alarming; military aircraft harass our air bases, make low-level flights over our military defenses and photograph not only the dismantled strategic installations but, in fact, our entire territory foot by foot and inch by inch.

The capture of the leader of a group of spies trained by the CIA and directed by it, here in Cuba, has shown us how the photographs taken by the spying planes serve for guidance in sabotage and has also revealed, among other things, a design to cause chaos by provoking the deaths of 400 workers in one of our industries.

"But They Wish to Humiliate Us"

This impairs in its essence the security of our nation and outrages the dignity of our people. The object has been

not only to secure advantages for military and subversive purposes through information and detailed knowledge of our industrial installations and defense arrangements, but also in addition to humiliate and demoralize the Cuban people.

These are typically Hitlerite methods for softening the resistance of peoples.

Mr. Acting Secretary General, no sovereign state can allow its air space to be violated in this manner without feeling an impairment of its dignity. If in addition this violation is perpetrated by the reconnaissance aircraft of an enemy which openly threatens our country, tolerating it means, more than a lack of dignity, a shameful submission to the enemy. We cannot be asked to accept this by virtue of the discussions which are taking place with respect to the crisis, for the integrity of our physical space and the sovereignty of Cuba will never be negotiable.

We for our part have not failed to give constant warnings to the aggressors.

"Our Right to Resist"

On Oct. 27, in the midst of the crisis, the Cuban Government declared that it would never acknowledge the vandalic and piratical privilege of any warplane to violate our air space since this was essentially a threat to our security and facilitated the conditions for a surprise attack. Cuba's right to resist such violations can never be renounced.

Today again through this communication which we are sending you as Secretary-General of the United Nations, we wish to give warning that to the extent of the fire-power of our anti-aircraft weapons, any war plane which violates the sovereignty of Cuba, by invading our air space, can only do so at the risk of being destroyed.

If the United States sincerely desires—as we ourselves desire—to take steps toward the solution of the present problems, it should begin by respecting these elementary rights of our country.

In the history of our Republic, the United States has more than once interfered in our domestic affairs, with the use of force. It secured this right in the first constitution of our Republic, by virtue of a law adopted by the United States Congress and supported by an army of occupation. The present action of the United States is designed to reinstate, in fact, these militaristic and imperialist privileges.

The long history of struggle in our country, culminating in full sovereignty and national dignity after a century-long fight written in blood and heroism, cannot be reversed.

A powerful military force could annihilate us but it could never make us yield and we should first demand a very high price of the pirates who dared invade the soil of the Cuban fatherland. And even if we should die, our banner would fly victoriously because we are defending something even more sacred than our right as a sovereign nation in the concert of free nations of the earth.

"To the Last Man, Woman and Child!"

We are sounding the necessary alarm for the defense of world peace, we are defending the right of the small countries to be considered on a footing of equality, we are telling all the peoples of the earth that before the imperialist enemy there can be no weakening. The path of calm and stern vigilance, strong in the security of a response commensurate with the magnitude of the aggression, is the only way to the salvation of peace.

Our right to live is something which cannot be discussed by anybody.

But, if our right to live is made conditional upon an obligation to fall to our knees, our reply once again is that we will not accept it.

We believe in the right to defend the liberty, the sovereignty and the dignity of this country, and we shall continue to exercise that right to the last man, woman and child capable of holding a weapon in this territory.

Reflections from Mae Mallory, County Jail, Cleveland, Ohio

Of Men and Dogs

By Mae Mallory

A white woman I used to baby sit for when I was but a teenager once said that having me around was like having a pet.

I wondered about that statement. For it was different. The usual statement of this nature concerning a Black servant goes something like "She's just like one of the family." This time it was like having a pet around the house. The usual American household pet is a dog.

Could this woman have intended to imply that having me around the house was like having a dog around? No doubt she did! For after thinking about it and making a comparison of my life with that of a pooch's, I found out that I could not only compare very well my life with this animal but I could also contrast, with great similarity, the lives of Afro-Americans in general with those of America's most favorite household pets.

Interestingly enough, from the comparison, I found out that it is the dog that leads the best life. Yes, perhaps the lady was right!

About the woman: First of all, this woman lived in a very comfortable upper middleclass apartment house. You know, the apartments with "NO DOGS OR NEGROES ALLOWED." I once overheard conversations of how the landlords or management should allow dogs, but never had I heard a conversation about allowing Negroes.

Houses in the neighborhood that did allow dogs, permitted the dog to come through the front door, whether he was with his master or not. When I was without my little charge, I was instructed to use the "Service Entrance." Since I

did not come to service the building, I paid no heed to such instructions and went brazenly through the front door. And no one raised a fuss! After all, a war was going on—and Afro-Americans were in it "Fighting for Democracy." Come to think of it, so were some dogs.

Many stories were told about the bravery of the K-9 dogs. Very few stories were told about the bravery of the Black men in the service. Yes, even here the dog got a better deal than the Black Soldier in the United States Army.

I have continued to make the comparison of my life with "Fido's" and find out that the dog is still ahead as we plow head-on into World War III—almost twenty years later.

The late Charlie Wilson once made the "dog comparison." He made a statement about preferring hunting dogs to kennel dogs—dogs that feed the master rather than those expected to be fed by the master.

Charles Wilson was once head of General Motors and that company did not hire many Negroes. What's more, those that were hired there had the most menial jobs; and they were always the last hired and the first fired. I gather that Mr. Wilson, like the lady, intended the dog comparison to be applied to Negroes also.

Just as there are dogs for show, there are some Negroes "for show." The master dresses these Negroes up just as he does his dog. These Blacks are put on display as Exhibit-A for the people of Africa, Asia and Latin America to see.

This Black is allowed a living wage and sometimes he is allowed to live in the same neighborhood or building with



his master. Although the master often regards this kind of home as part of his private kennel.

This show dog appears at the United Nations to vote against African independence; he shows up in Africa, Asia, and Latin America as diplomats and ambassadors with portfolio; but with lots of foolish propaganda on how well the Black man is treated in America and the "progress we are making." Dogs are never made to stoop this low. For never have I heard of a dog having to propagandize other dogs as to the benevolence of his master.

Most Negroes do not choose to lead a dog's life—whether it is a lap dog, hunting dog, or one from the kennel. They do not want scraps from the master's table, neither crumbs; neither do we choose to be masters—only masters of our fate.

The thinking Black man in America realizes that he needs liberation. We live in shacks that no self-respecting dog would appreciate. We are unemployed many months of the year, and there is admittedly no relief in sight from this situation. We cannot afford proper medical care; our infant mortality rate is much higher than the White citizens in America. We still fill the jails and hang on trees until we are dead.

Our bodies are still found in bags weighted with concrete at the bottom of rivers. Our arms, heads and legs are still being severed from our bodies. And we are still being found in rivers—no water in our lungs—dead. These deaths are always "accidental, heart attacks, or of natural causes. No investigations needed."

These things shouldn't happen to a dog. But they do happen to Negroes in America.

Just recently, I read of the case of a dog fighting for his life in the courts. This dog is accused of killing six sheep. For this the courts have ordered him to be put to death. The case is now before the Supreme Court. Chances are that this dog will be allowed to remain in his home pending the outcome of litigation.

I, too, have a case before the United States Supreme Court. But look where I have to stay pending the outcome of litigation. For many months, I have been locked up in the Cuyahoga County Jail; denied the companionship of my family and friends. This dog is actually accused of killing six sheep. I killed no one. I am guilty of no crime. But this dog will probably get more consideration from the courts than I will.

Certainly so; for in every court action since March first, the courts have ruled against me, denied me bond, taken away my right to walk the streets and talk with my children. I am treated like the most dangerous felon society can imagine. This shouldn't happen to a dog!

It is also said that Charles Wilson once remarked "What's good for General Motors is good for the Nation." A true spokesman of the American Government could certainly be safe in saying that what is good for our dogs is too good for our Negroes.

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But You Need a Microscope to Find the Story in the Newspapers

They Robbed Us of \$8 Billion for "Strategic" Boondoggling!

By V. Grey

The exposure of one of the very biggest financial scandals in history is proceeding at a leisurely pace with subdued and modest headlines and no harsh words at all for the crooked billionaires responsible. This is the "stockpile" scandal.

It was none other than John F. Kennedy himself, who on January 31 of this year, revealed that the U.S. stockpiling of "strategic" materials was an outright waste of the taxpayers' money.

"The total stockpile now amounts to \$8.7 billion worth of material... It exceeds our present emergency requirements by nearly \$3.4 billion."

(This was interesting news in view of Eisenhower's having invoked the Taft-Hartley Act against striking steelworkers in 1959. A government injunction made them go back to work because the lack of steel was termed a "national emergency." But steel in the government stockpiles was coming out of the nation's collective ears. Where was the "emergency"?)

"In some cases," Kennedy said, "the government has acquired more than seven times the amount that could possibly be used (in the event of war)."

"For example," he added, "the value of the aluminum in this stockpile exceeds the amounts we would need for three years' war by \$347 million. The excess supply of nickel is \$103 million."

Great Progress!

This was on the 31st of January. A big investigation was ordered. But by May, the cost value of the stockpile had increased by \$16,352,304.

Kennedy was of course "sincere" about cutting down on the stockpile expense, if only to have more money available to buy rockets and nuclear bombs. But he was stepping on some very big toes, and he knew it. The fanfare of his first attack, however, was meant to discomfort his Republican opponents who had negotiated these lush contracts more than it was meant to imprison or dis-

grace the big money men who profited most from them.

And Kennedy has since discovered that not just a few billionaires and a few government crooks are involved, but the whole capitalist system itself.

"Set a Thief . . ."

Take for example the case of the man whom he put in charge of the subsequent investigation—Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri.

In the middle of June, right while Symington was in a "fight" to stop the useless stockpiling of lead and zinc, he was also busy pushing a law through the Senate to "stabilize" lead and zinc prices with several millions of dollars worth of subsidies to the big mine owners (some in Symington's home state of Missouri).

Symington said at the time that he could "see no inconsistency" in his investigation of the government buying too much lead and zinc for stockpiling and at the same time his voting for the government to pay out still more money to the mine owners.

One week after Symington's subsidy plans hit the press, a government official (of the Office of Emergency Planning), Mr. William N. Lawrence, revealed that there was a surplus of \$200 million worth of lead and zinc in the government stockpile.

Mr. Lawrence revealed to Symington's committee that the lead and zinc had in reality been bought not in the interest of strategic stockpiling, but with the sole purpose of keeping prices high.

Since Symington himself is also interested in keeping lead and zinc prices high, it is hardly surprising that he has done little about this matter since his investigation. (He resumed his investigation this month.)

They Robbed the Taxpayers

Senator Symington has of course turned up some scandalous robberies of the government in his investigations.

The American Chrome Company made annual profits of 400 per cent on a contract for low grade chromite ore. The Miami Copper Co., the Copper Range Co., Howe Sound Co. and Banner Mining

Co. got unwarranted profits of \$650,000 without investing a dime. American Aluminum, Reynolds Aluminum, U. S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, etc., etc., made hundreds of millions.

Who is to blame?

A whole series of government clerks and minor officials have been indicted for taking a few thousand dollars or for taking jobs in companies that were negotiating with the government. But the really big fish—the sharks behind the above companies—remain uncaught.

Cuba Saved You Money!

The only real saving to the U.S. worker-taxpayers was achieved not by Kennedy, not by Symington, but by revolutionary Cuba.

Yes, Cuba saved the U.S. government from spending \$248 million on unneeded nickel. It did this—unknowingly—when it seized the Cuban-American Nickel Company's mines and plants in 1960. Cuban-American Nickel could not deliver the nickel to the U.S. because it no longer owned its plants. So the government was able to cancel the contract.

John Hay Whitney, chairman of the board of Freeport Sulphur (which happens to be the parent company of Cuban-American Nickel), before he became U.S. Ambassador to Britain, had negotiated a contract to supply the government with nickel at 74 cents a pound—the highest price of nickel in the preceding 28 years.

(The contract provided that if the price of nickel went above 74 cents, the government would pay the higher price. If it went below 74 cents, the government still had to pay 74 cents—some contract!)

And remember that according to Kennedy, there was an excess supply of nickel amounting to \$103 million without any nickel from John Hay Whitney.

But the best laid plans of John Hay Whitney and Freeport Sulphur went astray—due to the Cuban revolution. Unfortunately, that is not true of the plans of the Morgans, Mellons, Duponts, Phelps Dodges, etc., who own the steel, aluminum, chemicals, copper, etc., involved.

What's It All For?

While the U.S. worker-taxpayers have forked over billions of dollars to keep big business making money at jet speed, what about the stockpile itself? Is it fulfilling any function of national "defense" at all—even assuming that imperialist war is meant to defend people rather than slaughter them?

Not according to Harlan P. Bramble, deputy director of the Office of International Resources. He said on July 2 that the stockpiles are not needed.. in a "Korean-type of brush-fire war" and "would be useless in a nuclear-type war!"

Taxpayers' investment in the stockpiles, he said, must be written off. He added that attempts to sell substantial amounts would only wreck world markets.

So between Kennedy's mighty capitalist friends, Symington's not-so-penniless backers, and the whole irrational capitalist system itself, there's going to be about nine billion dollars worth of nickel, iron, steel, copper, cobalt, graphite manganese, industrial diamonds and almost anything else you can think of, rusting, corroding, leaking, decaying and wasting away.

Just like that.

Couldn't YOU Use It?

And think of the schools and hospitals that could be built with \$9 billion. Think of the parks and swimming pools. It's enough to build a brand new home for every sharecropping and tenant farmer in the South and have more left over than the government has spent on education, health and welfare for years.

It's nine times the amount of wealth that all U.S. companies used to "own" in Cuba.

It's over three times the amount of the combined annual income of all the Cuban people.

It's enough to give every single Afro-American family in the U.S. \$2,000 in cash.

But it just sits there. It's no good for war, and it would "wreck the market" in peace.

Couldn't you think of something to do with it?