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**These Angolans are training with wooden guns in liberated areas. Troops of Portuguese imperialism have plenty of real guns supplied by NATO ally, the United States.**

## Angola Revolutionaries Call Upon Socialist Countries for Weapons

The great struggle for Angola's freedom from Portuguese imperialism has now reached what may be a historic turning-point.

Holden Roberto, head of the Angola Government-in-Exile in the Congo, announced on January 3 that the movement had decided to accept the help of Peoples China and "other Communist countries" in the fight against Portuguese imperialism.

"I came to the conclusion that the Western countries are hypocritical," declared Roberto in his statement. "They help our enemies. While paying lip-service to self-determination, the United States supplies its North Atlantic treaty ally, Portugal, with arms that are used to kill us."

Giving another example of American capitalist hypocrisy, Roberto said that G. Mennen Williams, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, tried

to compel the Congo Premier, Cyrille Adoula, not to recognize the Angola Government-in-Exile.

"Only the Communists can give us what we need," Roberto explained. "None of the African countries produce arms; they have to buy them themselves. It would be a betrayal of the suffering Angolan people not to turn to those who can help."

Up to now, Roberto has apparently believed the blandishments of U.S. "liberals" about eventual U.S. support in the armed struggle against Portugal. These "liberals" are of course trying to find an avenue of penetration for U.S. imperialism into Angola as they have already succeeded in doing in several other African countries.

But the contradictions of imperialism are tying the hands of these double-talking salesmen of neo-colonialism.

The U.S. alliance with Portugal in

**Tenants Bring Rats to Court; Landlords Hide in Holes**

## Harlem Rent Strike Frightens Concession Out of City Rulers

By Daniel Myers

What's behind the Harlem rent strike?

"The walls are swiss cheese. There is no heat. There are a dozen people in a room. The pipes leak. The windows are broken. There are 70 violations in four floors."

Are these the words of a Harlem tenant who lives and breathes these conditions day after day?

No. These conditions have been described repeatedly at Harlem community meetings for years—with no results. Only the threat and actuality of the Harlem Rent Strike were powerful enough to prompt a response from Assistant Health Commissioner Jerome Trichter, who is the author of the quote above. Even he admits that conditions are "shocking."

Two days after a 5-year-old East Harlem child had been bitten in the face by a rat, Trichter finally acknowledged the slumlords' direct responsibility for the misery known by the average Harlem slumdweller.

But children have been literally eaten by rats here for years. What is new is the magnificent struggle their parents are putting up in the widely effective rent strike.

"The landlord says, 'To Hell with

you. We're not going to fix it.' When you think of buildings (with landlords) like this, you can understand how frustrated people become, how beaten they are."—So says Mr. Trichter.

But in 1962, instead of being punished as they deserved to be, the Harlem slumlords paid an average of \$22.48 to the courts for each violation of the building code — dangerous violations which affect no less than half a million people — certainly a cheaper price to pay than to make the repairs so desperately needed by the poor families.

In this way, the courts provide a convenient "out" for the landlords while leaving the tenant still behind the 8-ball.

How is it that Trichter, who has been Assistant Commissioner for 17 years, finally became aware of conditions which have existed in Harlem even longer?

The power of the Harlem rent strike is the answer!

Last week, a spreading crescendo of protest came from tenants of an estimated 220 large buildings joining the rent strike after the sensational court hearing on December 30.

At this hearing, tenants brought scores of rats — alive and dead — in paper bags, purses, brief cases, coat pockets in an effort to dramatize the horrible conditions in the tenements.

The fact that the conservative judge at this hearing upheld the tenant rent strike shows that this is the kind of pressure that works. Whatever legalistic compromise the judge made or whatever half-measures the city bureaucrats now take, the masses have won a great victory.

NATO has generally prevented the U.S. Delegate to the United Nations from even voting for pious and ineffective resolutions supporting Angola against Portugal! And the "grand alliance" of the U.S. with Britain is a bigger, although less generally understood obstacle. (Britain is the real overlord of Portugal and siphons off much of Portugal's super-profits from Angola's slavery.)

Roberto was generally understood to

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## More Portuguese Colonies Fighting for Independence

ACCRA, December, 1963 (Hsinhua) —The people of Sao Tome and Principe have decided to liberate themselves from Portuguese colonial tyranny and fight with all means at their disposal until victory is won, declared a communique signed recently by Vergilio Sousa Carvalho, permanent representative in Accra of the Committee for the liberation of Sao Tome and Principe.

Sao Tome and Principe are islands in the Gulf of Guinea 125 miles off of West Africa with a population of more than sixty three thousand.

The communique said that one of the manifestations of this struggle was a call for a general strike at the beginning of August this year which was hailed by ninety per cent of the working population of the islands.

"This strike paralyses the entire economy of the islands." Panic stricken, the colonial administrators were feverishly digging trenches at strategic points around the islands of Sao Tome and Principe, the communique said.

"An explosive situation" the communique said, "has been created." Portuguese troop reinforcements and aeroplanes had been rushed to the islands. The number of police had trebled.

**Court Turns Down Last Plea—Warrant for Arrest Issued**

## Mallory Extradition Imminent

### BULLETIN

Jan. 8—As we go to press, we have just learned that Mae Mallory is in her lawyer's office in Cleveland, momentarily expecting a sheriff's deputy to take her back to Cuyahoga County jail to await extradition to North Carolina.

Cleveland TV and radio are covering the case hourly and the Black community is outraged over the shameful treatment of the Black Freedom Fighter.

A demonstration is now going on outside the county jail protesting her extradition.

Cleveland, January 4—Today a group of local ministers urged the Governor to prevent Mrs. Mallory's return to the lynch state of North Carolina for trial in Monroe where no Afro-American has ever been acquitted of an alleged crime against a white person.

The group included the Methodist Minister's Union, the Baptist Minister's Conference, and the Interdenominational Minister's Alliance. This means virtually every Afro-American minister in Cleveland was represented.

Immediately following the United States Supreme Court's refusal to listen



Mae Mallory

to Black Freedom Fighter Mae Mallory's request for freedom, Governor Rhodes, the sole authority in this extradition matter, made it known to all that he would not intervene in her behalf.

Cleveland CORE and the Monroe Defense Committee, along with others, protested the Governor's actions and threatened political reprisals against him. Noted Afro-American author, James Baldwin, signed a petition urging the Ohio Governor to grant Mae Mallory asylum in Ohio.

On December 3, the day after the High Court's decision, noted civil rights attorney Len W. Holt of Washington, D.C., immediately filed a Motion for leave to File a Petition for Rehearing and asked for an extension of time (50 days) to perfect his appeal.

Attorney Holt was retained earlier in the year by the Monroe Defense Committee.

The Monroe Defense Committee said last week:

"In preparing for the worst, we must, above all, do all that is humanly possible to raise the necessary funds needed for whatever financial problems that may occur. In the event of a forced return, such help will be especially needed for the legal fight in Monroe. Send funds to: MDC, 105-17 Superior Ave., Cleveland 6, Ohio.



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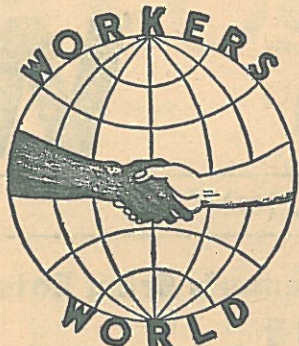
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## Civil Rights in Cuba

On the fifth anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, the New York Times—after making the usual references to “hateful Communism” and “dictatorship”—made the following admission:

“Yet this is not all that has been happening in Cuba. All children are getting some education; the great bulk are being well fed and taken care of, however poor their parents; the Negro and mulatto population—a third to a quarter (of the total population) — is getting genuine equality.” (Our emphasis.)

What an admission!

The leading capitalist newspaper in the United States tells us that Afro-

Cubans are “getting genuine equality” within five years after the Revolution.

Afro-Americans in the United States haven’t been getting any such thing a hundred years after the Civil War between the Northern and Southern ruling classes was supposed to have set the slaves free!

The conclusion is inescapable.

Full equality cannot be achieved in this country without a socialist revolution. And however near or far away the day of that great upheaval may be, it is the bounden duty of every friend of freedom to devote his life to the preparation and successful outcome of that event.

## Civil Rights — LBJ Brand

Wasn’t that wonderful how Lyndon Johnson finally got the Congressmen to pass the Foreign Aid Bill?

He wouldn’t let them adjourn until they did it. He even sent out Army planes (so the Republicans said) to bring back the Democratic Congressmen who had gone home without voting. And—most wonderful thing of all—he made all the Democrats vote together on the same side and (since they are the majority) get the thing passed.

Not that we’re for the Foreign Aid Bill, you understand. It doesn’t “aid” a single class-conscious worker in the world. Every cent of it is spent in order to combat the struggle of the working people for equality and liberation.

But it was sort of breath-taking to see it get passed so handily when Congress had been so opposed to it.

It is puzzling, though. How is it that Johnson could do this with the Foreign Aid Bill and not with the Civil Rights

Bill? After all, he had made promises to U.S. citizens about civil rights and he hadn’t said anything so much about Foreign Aid. Why didn’t he even try to exercise all his “political magic” with the Civil Rights Bill?

Johnson made the loudest noises about civil rights when he first took over the White House. He couldn’t wait to telephone Roy Wilkins and James Farmer. He was all in a sweat to see them right away — in person. Bayard Rustin even thought that Johnson might turn out to be the greatest liberal ever.

But Congress ended its record session and civil rights never even hit the floor.

Could it be that Johnson is like Kennedy in not wanting to rock the political boat of 1964? Could it even be that Johnson is to the right of Kennedy and would settle for an even worse compromise—when and if the Bill is ever passed?

## Anti-McCarran Victory

The U.S. Court of Appeals has thrown out the case against the officers of the Communist Party that was based on the vicious McCarran Act.

This is a victory for civil liberties and helps the cause of labor generally.

However, the victory is still a partial one. And the intention of the capitalist court is very cloudy indeed.

For example, the same court handed down a decision the same day upholding the Subversive Activities Control Board in its ruling that three groups register as “Communist front” organizations.

(The groups are The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, the Jefferson School of Social Science and the United May Day Committee. A decision on the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade was postponed.)

The final victory against the hated McCarran Act is yet to be achieved. But a relentless struggle by all progressives—with the support of the international working class movement — will surely achieve it.

## "Peace Offensive"?

In order to underline U.S. imperialism’s hostility to revolutionary Cuba, Secretary of State Dean Rusk said on January 2:

“It is not true that President Kennedy foresaw any early improvement of our relations with Cuba.”

(Premier Castro had made some such observation in connection with stating his fears that Johnson would move to the right and bring Washington’s anti-Cuba policy “from bad to worse.”)

As a matter of fact, just three days before his death, Kennedy declared from the White House that he would not tolerate “another Cuba” in the Western Hemisphere, and he urged the Cuban people to overthrow Castro.

Kennedy publicly took responsibility for the 1961 Bay of Pigs attack on Cuba. He nearly brought the world to nuclear war over Cuba in October, 1962.

And on New Years Day, 1963, he waved the bloody shirt of counterrevolution at the Orange Bowl in Miami before the assembled mercenaries who had surrendered en masse at the Bay of Pigs and were bought back by imperialism.

Fidel Castro, though all too well aware of these facts, probably had some good reason for believing that Kennedy was thinking of a more moderate approach to Cuban-U.S. relations. And in saying what he did, he in effect held out an olive branch to the Johnson Administration and asked for an honorable peace.

But Dean Rusk, in making his denial of any peaceful intentions on Kennedy’s part—and also reiterating that Communism is “not a negotiable issue”—declared war on Cuba all over again for the new Administration.

## Another “Peace” Move: LBJ Orders 7th Fleet Ships to Indian Ocean!

By Ellen Pierce

Part of the nuclear-armed 7th Fleet will soon be sent into the Indian Ocean.

This aggressive act is aimed at stifling the independence of nations in Southeast Asia, especially those which have dared make anti-imperialist statements or moves.

Only Nehru and the Indian ruling class welcome the Fleet. Following on the heels of joint India-U.S. air exercises, this welcome for the nuclear armada exposes the hoax of Nehru’s “neutrality.”

(Nehru, of course, sees the imperialist fleet as a threat against People’s China. But it’s really a mortal threat to the people of India as well!)

From all the Southeast Asian countries which have any degree of independence have come angry statements against the latest U.S. aggression.

Indonesia has decided to boycott all U.S. films and newsreels in retaliation. On Dec. 24, large demonstrations in Jakarta protested this latest imperialist move against Indonesia.

President Sukarno declared that his country would not be blackmailed into ending its campaign against Malaysia. He advised the U.S. not to forget its defeats in South Vietnam, Laos, Korea and Cambodia. Sukarno has been supported by Indonesian Communist leader D. N. Aidit in his call for a second Afro-Asian conference to oppose the fleet.

Cambodia, which recently expelled U.S. troops and renounced U.S. foreign aid, denounced the imperialists for try-

ing to use India to attack China as well as other Asian countries.

In Ceylon, one newspaper said that despite claims of easing tensions between the big powers, in Asia aggressive imperialist moves by the U.S. are increasing.

Burma joined Ceylon in attacking Nehru for implying that the entry of the 7th Fleet was none of India’s business! He was accused of asking for the fleet to intimidate India’s neighbors.

Pakistani groups have called the U.S. move “an act of provocation” against the Southeast Asian nations. Pakistan, a SEATO member, has angered the imperialists by its dispute with India and its friendliness towards China. One of the reasons the U.S. is sending a nuclear-armed fleet into Pakistan’s waters is to give her the ‘hint’ that she’d better fall in line with India and Malaysia in kowtowing to the U.S.

Some of the strongest protest has come from India itself. The Free Press Journal asked on Dec. 21:

“Does it mean that Indian defense policy is now so inextricably interwoven with American global strategy that New Delhi is not in a position to make even a protest against moves that make a mockery of non-alignment?”

In spite of President Johnson’s words about a “peace offensive,” the people of Asia correctly understand the nuclear-armed fleet in their waters as a war offensive.

## Racist South Switches From Barry to LBJ

Lyndon Johnson has all but stood on his head, politically, to create the impression that he is going to continue the phony liberalism of John F. Kennedy in the field of civil rights.

But the South doesn’t believe him.

The Gallup Poll revealed last month that sentiment in the South had switched from Goldwater to Johnson since the Kennedy assassination. (The racist part of the South does most of the voting, of course.)

The Gallup Poll’s question was:

“If Lyndon Johnson were the Democratic candidate and Barry Goldwater were the Republican candidate for President, which would you like to see win?”

JOHNSON vs. GOLDWATER  
(South/Only)

Johnson .....78%  
Goldwater .....19%

Undecided and other ..... 3

Last June, a similar Gallup Poll revealed that Goldwater would receive 54 per cent of the South’s vote and Kennedy 38 per cent, with 8 per cent undecided.

—The “liberals” have a problem.

"Cigarettes Are Good for You!"  
(H-Bombs, too)

Cigarettes are good for you!

So the New York Daily News tells its readers, at any rate.

On January 2, the New York City Health Commissioner, Dr. George James, announced that over 1,500 New Yorkers had died in 1963 from lung cancer caused or contributed to by cigarettes.

Dr. James “started the New Year wrong,” said the News on January 3. “There is no laboratory proof that cigarettes ever gave a human being lung cancer.”

Besides, the News added, this “irresponsible public official” may kill “the goose that lays many a golden egg for the city government which employs Dr. James. The New York City tax on cigarettes is 4 cents a package.”!!!

(This is the paper whose owners can’t wait to send American boys to invade Cuba, attack China and bomb the Soviet Union. Most experts agree that this would result in 90 million deaths in the United States alone. But as the News would say, “There is no laboratory proof” of this.)

## Dominican Revolution Growing in Spite Of Gov’t Slaughter of Women and Children

HAVANA, December 28 (Hsinhua)—The anti-government guerillas in the Dominican Republic have been reinforced by new peasant recruits who have kept coming to join the fight, says the Number 4 News Communique issued by the Supreme Revolutionary Command which directs the guerrilla operations.

The communique, secretly circulated in the Dominican Republic, was quoted by the Prensa Latina as saying that many peasants have been exasperated and prompted to fight with arms by the recent government bombing of the Men-

aclas town and the area of El Rubio mountain with U.S.-made military airplanes which killed more than twenty persons including women and children.

A government army captain has also crossed over with forty of his men and joined the Enrique Jimenez Moya guerrilla contingent in an act which showed their disgust for the dictatorship. Two government war planes were reported to have crashed owing to sabotage by patriotic technicians, the communique adds.

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## Beating U.S. Mercenaries With Their Own Weapons!

# Viet Liberation Fighters Winning "Dirty War"

By Dorothy Ballan

tionary tide in Vietnam.

On the contrary!

According to W. G. Burchett, reporter for the *National Guardian*, reporting from inside the liberated zone of Vietnam:

"The morale of the puppet government's troops, always low, has dropped still further since the Saigon military coup. The rank and file soldiers hoped that the end of the Diem regime would mean the end of the war. Instead they have been ordered to throw away their lives on a larger scale and faster tempo than before."

Most of the "strategic hamlets" have been smashed by the Liberation fighters, with the help and support of the Vietnamese people. According to statistics, most of such hamlets set up by the U.S. and their puppets since the second half of 1961, have been wiped out. In November alone (which was after the coup), more than 1,000 such hamlets were destroyed.

In addition, the liberated areas, which provide the base for the armed forces of the Liberation Front, have been expanded and consolidated. *They now embrace three-fourths of the land and more than half of the population of South Vietnam.* The number of deserters who have crossed over to the side of the Liberation fighters, has steadily increased.

VIETNAM—The guerrilla fighters of the National Liberation Front (NLF) in South Vietnam are setting a glorious example of skill, daring and heroism.

Despite a stepped-up program of intervention in Vietnam by the U.S. military, the victories of the NLF are multiplying rapidly. Pitting themselves against more helicopters, more napalm bombs, automatic weapons and amphibious equipment, the Liberation fighters are winning militarily and politically.

Last year, the imperialist U.S. increased its own troops to more than 16,000 (a one-third boost over the previous year), increased its combat aircraft from some 300 to more than 600, and poured in gunboats, tanks, and other up-to-date arms.

Yet, in the first nine months of 1963, the armed forces of the South Vietnam Liberation Front killed, wounded or captured a total of 75,730 troops (50 per cent more than in 1962) and including some 600 Americans. They brought down or damaged 350 airplanes (more than double last year's record). And in addition, they captured for their own use, more than 7,600 pieces of modern arms brought to Vietnam by the U.S.

People in all walks of life in the areas under puppet rule, wage vigorous political struggles. The military coup that the U.S. engineered in November in Saigon, replacing Ngo Dinh Diem with another hireling, Duong Van Minh, has apparently accomplished nothing to help the U.S. stem the revolu-

## Peasants Seize Town Peru Workers Strike For Political Demands

LIMA, December 21, 1963 (Hsinhua) — Factory workers, students and employees of commercial firms in Cuzco, Peru, struck yesterday to press for the immediate release of imprisoned peasant leaders and social and political figures.

The detainees are on a hunger strike in prisons in Lima, Arequipa and Cuzco to demand their release.

The strike was organized by the Federations of Workers, peasants and University Students in Cuzco Department.

LIMA, December 23, (Hsinhua) — Six thousand peasants in Peru's Cuzco Province this morning took control of a town thirty kilometers from Cuzco City, capital of the province, and detained eight local police.

This was a new protest against the arrest of peasant leaders and others for whose release strikes were held in Cuzco City in factories, shops and schools on December 20, 1963.

Police in the city and in Lima were rushed to the scene to drive out the peasants who were supported by the workers and peasants' organizations in the province.

## "Play It Cool and Stay in School" (But It'll Still Be Hard to Get That Job!)

By Helen Rogers

"Play it cool and stay in school — You'll get a better job."

This slogan appears all over—on the radio, in the subways and buses and on TV. It's aimed at would-be high school dropouts as part of a campaign to convince young workers (and everyone else as well) that the problem of unemployment, which is growing bigger and bigger, is not due to a lack of jobs, but a

lack of education.

Truman would "raise the age of voting to 24," he says!

Isn't that nice?

He'd probably lower the age of the draft to 17 or 16, too. As the Wall Street Journal (Dec. 27) says, "Muscle tone and agility should not be confused with political maturity."

Of course, it is always possible that the boys who are expected to die for their bosses—but are not trusted to vote for them—may one of these days gain the "political maturity" not to do either one.

That's what Truman's really worried about.

lack of education.

They admit that jobs for unskilled workers are decreasing, but they claim that more and more opportunities are opening up for well educated, highly skilled workers.

The slogan sounds good. But the figures show that it's not even half true.

In 1954 there were 782,000 employees in the aircraft industry, of whom 48,500 were scientists and engineers. By 1960 (the latest year for which figures are available) total employment in aircraft had declined to 673,000, although the number of scientists and engineers had risen to 101,500.

In other words, while it is true that jobs for very highly skilled workers (engineers and scientists) are increasing somewhat, the total number of jobs in aircraft (and in many other major industries as well) is actually decreasing!

So even if you play it cool and stay in school you still may not get a job when you get out. Because there still won't be enough jobs to go around, even if all workers were highly skilled.

## —Arms to Angola

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be committed to the U.S. and the "West." Whether this was ever really true or not, the Angola Government-in-Exile now faces difficulties in the Congo.

U.S. big business, the real force behind the UN in the Congo, will now exert more pressure on Premier Adoula against Roberto's government. Mennen Williams' outrageous "diplomacy" was only the beginning.

But imperialism is up against the whole African revolution—and the world revolution—as well as the Angola liberation movement.

With the bold and—it is to be hoped—bountiful assistance of the socialist countries, Roberto and the Angola liberation movement will yet conquer all their enemies and win the long fought-for prize of freedom.

## Old Enough to Kill, Be Killed But Not Old Enough to Vote, — Says Hiroshima Harry

That great "liberal" humanitarian friend of the oppressed and enthusiastic supporter and confidant of President Johnson, Harry S. Truman, has just sounded off on another issue.

This time, it's the right of 18-year-olds to vote.

Johnson himself — being President and sensitive to the wishes of the masses—and their votes—said:

"Why should a man have an easy path provided for him to go and fight (and die—ed.) but a difficult path for him to go and vote?"

But Truman, not being President any more, who openly shows his anti-labor teeth and racist heart whenever he gets

## Puerto Rican Politician in New York

# Montserrat Forms United Rights Group

By E. Rodriguez

Joseph Monserrat is now aware of the wrath and militancy of the oppressed Puerto Rican of New York City as a direct result of the Solero-Rodriguez killing controversy.

(Solero and Rodriguez were shot by New York police under extremely suspicious circumstances on November 14. Resultant mass protests, sparked by the organization, *Youth Against War and Fascism*, were the biggest in the history of the Puerto Rican community. Joseph Monserrat, an official of the Puerto Rican Department of Labor whose office is in New York City, is well known for his policy of reconciling the imperialists to the presence of the Puerto Ricans in New York—and vice versa—ed.)

Thousands of letters, phone calls, etc., received by the press have made Monserrat realize that this case is not going to be snowed under. So he suddenly emerges as an "organizer" of a "united Puerto Rican civil rights organization," attempting to take in some 300 fraternal and civil rights groups who have made things too hot for him.

This is an outrageous attempt by Monserrat to "moderate" the struggle of Puerto Ricans against the terrible discrimination in New York City.

This is the same Monserrat who not too long ago kept the Commonwealth office doors closed after 6 p.m., turning his back on countless emergency situ-

ations until angry Puerto Ricans forced him to keep at least one open telephone.

It is the same Monserrat who has stood idle while Puerto Ricans collect below standard wages, while many Puerto Ricans cannot cast their votes as residents in New York City, while even though there are 650,000 Puerto Ricans in New York City . . . not one is yet sitting in the Senate in Albany; the same Monserrat who does nothing while North American monopoly takes over the only two Spanish speaking newspapers in the city, stifling the only public pseudo-sympathetic ear the Puerto Rican had.

While Monserrat enjoys a plush life and collects a salary for what he does not do and never misses a social function in utter disregard of the people he is supposed to look after, many of them suffer the lot of scavengers in rat-infested dwellings without heat or hot water, paying comparatively higher rent per square foot than the millionaires of Park Avenue.

But Monserrat, who collects his Wall Street pay via San Juan, Puerto Rico, now knows that his condescending patron-like days are numbered. And he knows that the "jibaros" of New York are getting restless under the chains of prejudice.

That is why he now bestirs himself—too late—to finally form the "first" all-Puerto Rican civil rights organization.

## Cuba Hits Johnson and CIA For Holiday Bomb Attack

HAVANA, Cuba, December 29 (Hsinhua)—Strong condemnation has been expressed in Cuba against the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for blowing up a Cuban torpedo boat.

The paper, *Hoy*, said: "Almost simultaneously with this nefarious attack, President Johnson in a 'Christmas message' hypocritically declared that he stood for peace. But the blowing up of the Cuban boat in the Bay of Sigüenza on Pinos Island is more convincing than his words."

"This aggression has made us realize that it is necessary to heighten vigilance, take serious measures against such aggression and strengthen all aspects of our defenses."

*El Mundo* in an editorial today pointed out that it was impossible for the people to persuade the aggressors by reasoning and it was almost impossible for U.S. imperialism to intimidate the Cuban people or prevent them from advancing.

The executive committee of the National Trade Unions of Leather and Leather Products Workers in a statement demanded immediate punishment of these gangsters brought over by U.S. imperialism. Because they were incapable of obstructing the growth of the Cuban socialist revolution, they resorted to such mean crimes against the revolution, the statement pointed out.

## Figures Show: "Prosperity" Won't Give Jobs to Jobless

In 1964 it will cost \$30,459 to create a new job in the United States.

In 1954, the cost was \$12,303.

This means that when a new plant is built, the machinery—and the automation—is so complicated and expensive that it will take \$30 million to build a plant to employ 1,000 workers at the present 40 hour week, whereas it took \$12 million a decade ago. (It costs a lot of money to put people out of work!)

It means that it will take two and a half times as much economic expansion to create the same number of new jobs as it did ten years ago. (And due to increasing population, about twice as many new jobs are now required each year.)

The rate of economic expansion, however—that is, the reinvestment of the profits the capitalists have gouged out of labor—is only slightly greater than ten years ago.

Nat Goldfinger, economist for the AFL-CIO, is the source for the above figures.

The U.S. Budget Bureau and Labor Department figures are a little more conservative. But a top government official quoted in the October 21 Newsweek conceded:

"If the cost-per-job figures stay as high as they are, it's doubtful that we'll get down to four per cent unemployment—our present goal—by 1966."



# Why Didn't Oswald "Confess"?

What were the real chances of the Dallas police getting a confession from Oswald, once they had him in the station house? An actual estimate of those chances, based not on guess work or mere statistical tabulation, but on experience and authority in the state of Texas, can be of considerable importance.

Fortunately such an estimate became available recently through Percy Foreman of Houston, Texas. He made the estimate during an hour long panel discussion on the Oswald case over CBS-TV, Sunday, December 29. It was one of those rare moments, when at least a fragment of truth regarding the case, was made available to the public.

Percy Foreman is not just an ordinary Texas citizen. He has been a prominent attorney for at least 35 years, and very well known for his conservative views—even for Texas. He is also the president of the Nat'l Assoc. of Defense Attorneys.

Mr. Foreman made this flat statement: "In 35 years and at least 35,000 cases, I have never yet seen a man fail to confess where officers in Texas were determined that he was going to confess."

Mr. Foreman did not later alter or in any way qualify this estimate although he had ample opportunity to do so. Foreman's statement was made in the presence of District Attorney Wade who was charged with the responsibility of handling the Oswald case. Wade was a participant in the panel discussion.

Although Prosecutor Wade also had ample opportunity during the panel discussion to either challenge or contest Mr. Foreman's estimate, he apparently did not choose to do so.

Mr. Foreman's truly astonishing revelation is worthy of careful study. According to Foreman's statement, Oswald had just one chance out of 35,000 to walk out of the police station without confessing. There is only one qualification to this estimate contained in Foreman's statement, and that is that the police be "determined that he was going to confess." In the 35,000 cases preceding

Oswald in the state of Texas, "when the police were determined to get a confession,"—they got it.

The unanswered question in the Oswald case is why the police were unable to get a confession in this of all cases? Were they incapable of getting one or were they unwilling to press for one?

If we go on the theory that the Dallas police were incapable of getting one, then Lee Harvey Oswald should certainly stand out not only as an innocent man, but one of tremendous physical and spiritual qualities. Furthermore, it indicates that the real assassin and his accomplices are still at large and that the conspiracy for the assassination, and the reactionary forces which supported it, is still largely intact, and at the present time sub-merged.

If we go on the theory that the police were unwilling to extort a confession, then the question arising from this is, what motivated the police in failing to press for a confession? Was it a case of being tender hearted or solicitous of Oswald's legal rights?

An affirmative answer to this is patently ridiculous on its face in view of the 35,000 other cases. In Oswald's more than in any other case—the case of the murder of a President, no less—the motivation for obtaining a confession could only be of the strongest possible character. This is particularly so in view of the advance publicity given out by the Dallas authorities that "he was guilty."

The possibility therefore arises that the Dallas police may not have wanted a confession, because the confession, if valid, might be of such a character as to expose accomplices which would unravel the ultra-rightist, neo-fascist conspiracy; or if forced from the lips of an innocent man, would raise new problems of covering evidence again leading to the ultra-right.

The most fantastic concentration of government forces, equipment and unbelievable techniques for detection, have been at work on a local, state and national level. These are the huge resources of one

of the most powerful governments in the world.

Yet large sections of the capitalist press outside this country have expressed not only skepticism, but disbelief in the so-called evidence.

The obvious bungling, if not outright fraud, in collecting the "evidence," is phenomenal. It not only fails to indict Oswald, but clearly indicates that they are covering something. Certainly not the left.

For it is only a conspiracy of the ultra-right that the Dallas police would want to cover up.

And, as we stated in our first issue on the case, "A man is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty by a jury of his peers." And certainly all the evidence produced thus far seems to affirm Oswald's innocence.

But the even more important issue involved is, that either way—whether history ultimately vindicates Oswald or not—a broad conspiracy is still afoot to cover the real ultra-right forces behind the assassination.

The ugly spectre of fascist reaction and the need to mobilize the broad masses of the people against it is the principal issue. It must not be reduced to the level of only a civil liberties case.

The present period of lull is of a purely transitional character. The hysterical phase of the struggle has given way to a well managed, carefully calculated atmosphere of calm—with only a trickle of news coming out now and then.

And there is a reawakening of the mass of the people. As we said on November 25, only three days after the assassination,

"As the heavy fog of the preceding days dissipates, the people are sure to slowly and gradually shake off the effects of psychological terror and political confusion which has been aimed at them."

But the class forces which initiated the plot, the forces of political reaction, virulent racism, and unbridled militarism, are still actively at work. They are temporarily submerged. But they are sure to try to rise to the surface again at the first opportunity.

## India Now Being Ground Up By U.S. War Machine

The penetration of U.S. capital and neo-colonialism into India is nothing next to the penetration of U.S. political influence and imperialist policies and above all, the penetration of the U.S. war machine itself.

The New York Herald Tribune made the startling revelation on December 31 that if the China-India conflict of 1962 "had lasted two more days, the U.S. Air Force, at Mr. Nehru's urgent request, was under orders to step in."

Moreover, the article continues, "U.S. air power" is still scheduled to step in in the event of any recurrence of hostilities. And "U.S. airpower" is just a nice way of saying U.S. imperialist intervention with the slaughter of more Asiatic people and the death of American G.I.'s.

But even without this catastrophic event, the Indian ruling class is becoming more and more dependent on U.S. military aid, bringing the country more and more into the orbit of the mighty U.S. finance capitalists.

Prime Minister Nehru, an extremely urbane and experienced politician, has provided much of the lubricating oil for the wheels of U.S. imperialism to move into his country.

Here's how his program works according to the Herald Tribune:

"First, Washington proposes some form of aid or deterrent, whether it be a Western air umbrella, Voice of America transmitter or Seventh Fleet aircraft carrier for the Indian Ocean. Mr. Nehru privately agrees to give it a try.

"The American Embassy in New Delhi leaks the news to the press. India waits for Pravda and Moscow Radio to condemn or condone.

"If Moscow's response is strongly negative, V. K. Krishna Menon marshals the leftist press into skillful appeals to ingrained Indian fears of Western domination.

"An outcry is then raised in Parliament and Mr. Nehru publicly denies any such move is contemplated.

"But in the excitement U.S. Air Force Super Sabres test India's radar ground

## Mexican Police Burn Whole Village As Hungry Masses March on Land

MEXICO CITY (By Special correspondent) — *Politica*, a Mexican magazine, reports that on November 27, armed police destroyed the village of Cuauhtemoc, leaving 68 families without shelter, arresting the agricultural leaders, and deporting various others out of the state.

The act was a result of the villagers making legal petition for the deeds of the land which they and their families had occupied for the past half century. A spokesman for the Governor, Carlos Madrazo, offered the explanation in defense of the aggression saying, "the area does not exist in the state census."

Before burning the ruins, the police, armed with U.S.-manufactured M1 rifles, arrested 14 leaders.

Two complete families, including their children are missing, and it is feared that while attempting to reconstruct their huts they were murdered by the police and their bodies immediately disposed of by the authorities. The remaining villagers were deported across the state line and have taken refuge in Veracruz.

In mid-September, in the State of Oaxaca, police using tractors leveled off the rural village of Macedonia Alcala, knocking over the corn husk huts of the campesinos and burning the remains along with the humble possessions of the villagers.

This act was the sharp response to official and legal solicitations made by the starving peasants for land in accordance with the agrarian reform of the 1910 Revolution. It is reported that the plantation owners who directed the demolition are involved with a group of rich Cuban counter-revolutionaries.

At Huauchinango, Puebla, on December 22, it is reported that a group of

equipment for use in an emergency. An American aircraft carrier laden with several dozen missile-equipped Navy Skyhawk fighters quietly cruises off India's shores. And India's defenses are a little stronger, without arousing Moscow's hard-liners to write off Nehru as "a running dog of imperialism."

armed campesinos, often called parachutists because they seem to come out of the sky, invaded a plantation and occupied a small portion of land, posting guards in preparation of Federal intervention.

This type of parachutist invasion is not uncommon but often receives no coverage in the imperialist dominated press. Another such invasion recently took place in the State of Sonora with the participation of some 3,000 campesinos and in January of 1963 a wave of invasions in the same state by some 20,000 parachutists under the leadership of Jacinto Lopez occupied various plantations, among them many Yankee-owned latifundias.

(On November 10 the New York Times first wrote about "what may be-

come a series of land invasions"—this after the campesinos had been taking over the land for at least a year—ed.)

In June of 1962, the parachutist leader of Southern Mexico, Ruben Jaramillo, was murdered by Federal troops along with his pregnant wife and three children in the State of Morelos.

Jaramillo, who was the leader of some 100,000 campesinos, had risen to arms on three occasions and with his followers had taken to the Sierra in defense against the Federal troops of that area. Jaramillo's brother was also murdered at an earlier date in the State of Puebla by the Yankee land-baron William Jenkins who has often been called 'the owner of Mexico.'

Mexico shakes with revolution and revolts and has a moving admiration for the sister Republic of Cuba, the first Socialist State of the Americas. Mexico's independence is not too far from realization, and Yankee imperialist domination is on the run.

—Juan Perez  
December 25, 1963

## Johnson Appoints True-Blue Reactionary As Watch-Dog Over Latin American "Aid"

On December 27, Johnson appointed Thomas C. Mann to the post of Coordinator for the so-called "Alliance for Progress." The news of this appointment was somewhat subdued, if not actually muffled, under the blanket of "liberal" statements issuing from the LBJ Ranch over the holidays.

Teodoro Moscoso, a reliable Puerto Rican servant of U.S. imperialism held the post for two years. But Johnson, with the words about keeping on all the Kennedy appointees hardly out of his mouth, proceeded to kick Moscoso upstairs and give the real authority to Mann.

Why?—And who is Mann?

Powerful reactionary and right-wing forces in the U.S. are disturbed because the Alliance for Progress funds may be diverted into the kind of social reforms which might imperil the colossal holdings of U.S. big business in Latin America. Moreover, they wish to use these funds—insofar as they are in favor of spending them at all—as a blackmailing

instrument to stop the present trend to expropriate and nationalize the holdings of U.S. corporations.

Thomas C. Mann is their boy.

Mann, in the cautious words of the New York Times, "is known to entertain very strong feelings about the excellence of the United States system of democracy and free enterprise . . . (even though) these feelings are not shared in the same form and to the same degree in Latin America."

Mann is also reputed to be one of those who were most anxious to drop bombs on Cuba during the 1962 crisis. Even the wealthier Latin Americans were against such a course—for obvious reasons.

There are those—even in the working class movement—who actually believe the syrupy propaganda that Johnson is for "peace," "liberalism" and an "end to the Cold War" and so on and so forth.

But everybody who knows Thomas C. Mann thinks otherwise.