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Liberation Fighters—The People, Themselves!



Pictured above is a group of "Vietcong" guerillas with U.S. arms captured from demoralized official S. Vietnam troops whom the U.S. is paying to fight their own people.

GET U.S. OUT OF VIETNAM!

The danger of greater U.S. involvement in Vietnam is growing by the day.

Beneath the facade of Lyndon Johnson's "business as usual" procedure in Washington, the forces of all-out war are straining at the leash of the coming election's "peace" demogogy and plotting to send tens of thousands more U.S. troops to the Dirty War in Vietnam—perhaps before the election.

The victories of the people's liberation forces there, instead of convincing U.S. big business that it should get out of Vietnam, are apparently leading to a still bigger U.S. assault upon the people's liberty.

The mad militarists and bloated bankers who are really running the U.S. have already killed thousands and made other thousands motherless, fatherless and homeless in Vietnam. They haven't the slightest compunction against torturing, starving, murdering and cremating alive hundreds of thousands more. And they have utterly no more concern about the thousands of United States youth they may soon "call to the colors" to die in capitalism's jungle war against the oppressed.

Before the very eyes of the American people and before the eyes of the world, they are even now debating whether to just enlarge the U.S. "commitment" in South Vietnam or to attack North Vietnam as well—which would obviously mean a new and more bloody Korea-type war.

Let every workers' organization, every youth group, every resolute individual opponent of imperialist war sound the alarm. Demonstrate — Organize — Mobilize against the war in Vietnam.

Geneva Agreement! Vietnam for the Vietnamese! Down with the Dirty War against the long-suffering victims of imperialism!

On the Scene Report From Ohio Freedom Fighters

8-Day Battle in Cleveland Brings a Victory

CLEVELAND—The Afro-American struggle for equality reached its highest point in this city and state a few weeks ago. For eight days there raged a battle of the oppressed Black people to smash segregation in the Cleveland schools.

The fight was spearheaded by three organizations: the United Freedom Movement (consisting of many civil rights groups), CORE, and the Hazel-dell Parents Association. The last two were in the forefront of the sit-ins and on the picket lines.

On Wednesday, January 28, the combined civil rights movement picketed the Memorial and Brett Schools, protesting

the separation of the pupils by race.

During the demonstrations, some of the white mothers carried on a counter campaign by sitting-in at the two schools, demanding continued segregation of the students. A very tense situation developed during the day, with heckling, intimidations, and provocations of all sorts against the Afro-American demonstrators.

However, the demonstrations by the civil righters resulted in a meeting with the Board of Education, set for the next day. At the same time, another demonstration was planned at the third school, the Murray Hill School, located in the

'Peace-Keeping' Force For Cyprus—To Keep Imperialism in Power!

All Plans for US, UN or 'Commonwealth' Intervention Are Just Different Plots of Different Imperialisms

The bleeding and all-but-dismembered island of Cyprus is not nearly so much a victim of its past history of Greek and Turkish conflict as it is the victim of imperialism and of imperialist intrigue and maneuver.

Behind the Greek-Turkish communal

fighting, which is very real and very serious, of course, is the pressure of British and particularly of U.S. imperialism.

Imperialist Britain, which openly ruled Cyprus until 1958, still wishes to control it. But now the power-drunk and at the same time desperate dollar kings of the United States also wish to control it. They in fact, must control it if they are to control the Mediterranean and be successful in pushing back the world-wide revolution of the oppressed.

Cyprus is part of that world-wide revolution, even though its own internal problems remain unsolved. The Greek and Turkish Cypriotes could readily solve those problems — if imperialism were removed from the situation.

A workers' government on Cyprus would no doubt agree to a separate Turkish state on the basis of self-determination as advocated by all Marxist-Leninists. But any "solution" that is imposed by imperialist bayonets, no matter how "democratic" or "fair" it may seem, will only intensify and perpetuate the cleavage of the oppressed — and strengthen the power of the foreign oppressor.

The most important duty of the international working class with respect to Cyprus at this time is to oppose all imperialist intervention—in whatever form.

The argument about NATO troops versus UN troops for Cyprus is only another example of maneuver between the imperialists.

Both Greece and Turkey, although oppressed countries themselves, are also involved in the maneuvering of the imperialist bandits.

Only the people of Cyprus can be allowed to decide the fate of Cyprus. And only the independent forces of the world working class can be reliable allies for Cyprus. All else is an imperialist trap.

—Against the occupation of Cyprus by a single imperialist soldier, no matter under what disguise!

541 Vietnam Children Suffering From U.S. Chemical Warfare

Democratic Republic Of Vietnam Protests

The information below comes from an official special release of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam sent to us by the Vietnam News Agency in London.

HANOI, January 27—According to Xuan-Thuy, Foreign Minister of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, in a note to the co-chairmen of the Geneva conference:

From Dec. 24 to Dec. 26, 1963, the U.S. aggressors in South Vietnam and their S. Vietnamese agents spread toxic chemicals by air over an area in An-Xuyen province. First reports said that in five hamlets alone in that area, 948 persons including over 544 children were seriously affected.

The note said:

"In a number of raids launched in early Dec. 1963 in Ben-Tre and Go-Cong provinces, the U.S.-Vietnam armed forces used toxic gas shells and bombs against a number of densely populated villages affecting many people and a large number of animals."

Ever since the coup of Nov. 1, 1963, the U.S. imperialists, in a plan to resume the large scale use of noxious chemicals in S. Vietnam, have brought thousands of tons of highly toxic chemicals such as arsenic and arsenical derivatives, DNP, DNC, etc. into S. Vietnam, including over 400 tons sent to the port of Da-Nang, in Quang-Nam province.

—But even in the face of such vicious and illegal warfare, the Vietnamese people, armed mainly with captured guns, have in the first two months of this year scored bigger and bigger victories against the U.S. mercenaries!

Monroe Trial Opens With Biased Ruling

Defendants Crowder and Reape Repudiate CAMD;

Ask MDC to Defend Them

Monroe, N.C., Feb. 18—The trial of the Monroe defendants opened here today in an atmosphere charged with racial bias. This was vividly illustrated when Walter S. Haffner, attorney for three of the defendants (Mae Mallory, Harold Reape, and Richard Crowder) asked for a postponement in order to give him time to prepare his case.

Such motions are usually granted as a routine matter. But Judge Walter Brock who is trying the case, denied the motion. Attorney Haffner had extraordinarily good grounds for requesting the postponement. Two of the defendants, Richard Crowder and Harold Reape, in a dramatic move today issued a statement repudiating CAMD, and appealed to the Monroe Defense Committee to take over their defense. Walater S. Haffner of Cleveland, Ohio, is an attorney for the

heart of a highly prejudiced community.

The following day, white racists, with the active support of the States Rights Party and the National Association for the Advancement of White People, mobilized a mob of 1500, whose aim was to smash the announced civil rights demonstration.

About 150 Afro-Americans and their supporters were assembled six blocks away from the school, awaiting word from their leaders who were downtown conferring with the Board of Education.

Three or four Afro-American parents came to the Murray Hill School for their children and were immediately set upon

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CIA and Its Brass Hat Empire

The militaristic, counterrevolutionary CIA has been getting so powerful that many progressives and anti-imperialists have begun to describe it as a "dual government."

On February 3, a devoted servant of imperialism, in fact the ex-Ambassador to Panama, Joseph S. Farland, made almost the same characterization.

Farland, a man who should be in a position to know, said in an interview with the Scripps Howard press on February 3:

"The CIA was underzealous in knowing what was happening in Panama and overzealous in building a CIA empire in the Zone."

"Building a CIA empire!"

—And these are not the words of a "liberal" bureaucrat, chafing under the heavy hand of authoritarianism.

Farland is a hard-boiled right winger himself—an ex-FBI agent and "counter-

intelligence expert." If he thought the CIA was "building an empire," it is a fair conclusion that he did not exaggerate.

The CIA is supposed to be a subordinate of the Executive and not an independent arm of military authority. The building of its own "empire"—even allowing for some exaggeration in the use of that particular word—means that militarism is less and less under the control of the "civilian" authority and that the right wing of the capitalist class is more and more overshadowing the "left" wing.

Farland resigned his post immediately after the big Panama events of January 9 and 10. He was obviously even more disturbed than his unusual statement reveals. He could—and probably does—say even more about the CIA in Panama among the insiders of capitalism than he has said for public consumption.

Zanzibar — Not Yet

Last month's revolution in Zanzibar was a most significant event which opened up a new stage in the ever-deepening African revolution. Erupting in the tiniest of countries, it struck imperialism with one of the mightiest of blows.

However, this very fact resulted in exaggerated reports on the revolutionary developments.

In our issue of January 23, we gave

the impression that Zanzibar had cut all ties with imperialism, established the state power of the working class and become a socialist country. Unfortunately, our assertions appear to be premature.

In common with all genuine friends of African freedom, we hope that it will not be too long before Zanzibar does indeed become socialist.

— Cleveland School Boycott Battle

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by the mob and brutally beaten by them. Newspaper reporters were pushed around and the cameras of photographers were smashed.

The racist mob, seeking further action, roamed the streets in the vicinity and stopped cars in which Afro-Americans were riding, smashing them and beating up the occupants. During all the rioting, the police merely looked on and made no arrests.

The outpouring of racist vengeance shook the whole city of Cleveland:

CORE organized a sit-in at the Board of Education that lasted three days. About fifty white ministers pledged support to the pickets and publicly defended, in a newspaper ad, their own right to support the Afro-Americans. The mayor announced that he was preparing to call for an ordinance to outlaw picketing at school sites, and he denounced the stand of the white ministers, stating that they had no business on picket lines and that they were only "stirring up trouble."

Over the weekend, CORE and the Hazeldell Parents Association sat-in at the Board of Education offices without incident. However, on Monday, the Board of Education promised to start integration next fall instead of now at the beginning of the spring term. So a second sit-in was launched, and this time, police forcibly threw out many of the

sin-inners, dragging them down flights of steps by the arms and feet. Twenty of them were arrested.

But the determination of the demonstrators forced the Board of Education to reverse its decision. And on Tuesday night, February 4th, it announced that the transported classes would be integrated "forthwith."

CORE immediately decided to protest the police brutality and arrests by picketing the headquarters of the police department. As was to be expected, the racists tried to rebait the pickets, but to no avail.

These eight eventful days will long be remembered by Clevelanders. The civic leaders bemoaned the fact that the "image" of this great "liberal" city had been besmirched. Actually, the true picture of the city was revealed and unmasked.

But because of the great determination of the oppressed Afro-American masses, Cleveland—image and all—will never be quite the same.

Political Relocation

The February issue of Electronic Design says, "The U.S. will relocate its manned space flight tracking station from Zanzibar to an as-yet unannounced location."

This is because of "political unrest," says the magazine.

— Monroe Trial

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Monroe Defense Committee and has handled the extradition case of Mae Mallory. But he has not previously been the lawyer for Harold Reape and Richard Crowder. Obviously he needed time to familiarize himself with aspects of the case particularly pertaining to them.

Failure of the judge to grant the postponement requested by the defense counsel was clearly prejudicial to the defendants. This was particularly flagrant in view of the fact that the prosecution had been able to obtain numerous delays over a period of the past two and a half years, of the trial of three of the defendants. This was the first postponement asked by the defense.

All the defendants are being tried on a trumped-up kidnap charge arising out of an attempted race riot by white-supremacists in August 1961. Robert Williams, the acknowledged leader of the Monroe black community and Mae Mallory, were forced to flee for their lives.

Williams was given refuge by the Cuban government where he has since resided. He edits in exile his newspaper "The Crusader," a militant, fighting organ for Black liberation.

Mae Mallory fled to Ohio where she

was picked up by the authorities. The Monroe Defense Committee conducted a 26 month struggle to stop her extradition. It was this fight which brought world attention to the Monroe case.

Robert Williams, from the beginning of his exile in Cuba, has written and spoken on behalf of Mae Mallory and the other defendants, and has succeeded in focussing the attention of Latin Americans on the case. His trip to China made it news in all of Asia.

Also being tried on the same frameup charge with the black defendants, is the white freedom rider Richard Lowry, who is being defended by Atty Scupia.

After denying defense counsel Haffner's motion for a postponement, Judge Brock ordered that selection of a jury for the trial proceed.

Union County, which is the county that covers the city of Monroe, North Carolina, has a history of lily-white juries. Monroe has been described as a place "where a black man has never been acquitted when accused of a crime against a white man, and a white man has never been convicted when accused of a crime against a black man."

More than ever—the defendants need support—moral and above all—financial.

Send funds to the Monroe Defense Committee, 605 Brown St., Monroe, N.C.

Mississippi Police Shoot 3 Black Students, Use Dogs and Tear Gas on Demonstrators

By Henry Stone

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 4—Police fired on a Black demonstration with shotguns at Jackson State College last night, hitting three.

Hundreds of Afro-American students threw rocks, bricks, and bottles and shouted at the cops.

The cops also used tear gas and dogs. Over 150 cops, half the Jackson force, were on hand.

The cops had sent in an armored truck and sealed off the campus, in a demonstration hours earlier, called when a white motorist ran down an Afro-American coed. At that time, several demonstrators had been beaten with clubs, and two Afro-American reporters had been pistol-whipped.

One Black student was arrested for distributing leaflets urging demonstrations. In reaction to Medger Evers' murder, Black demonstrations had been banned here by local injunction.

Behind the demonstrations was a long Black student struggle over the lack of a traffic light on Lynch Street, which cuts through the Jackson State College campus.

Yesterday, the city's negligence led to an Afro-American coed's being run down by a white motorist while crossing

the street, and suffering a broken leg. The cops let the motorist off with a ticket. The students responded with the demonstrations.

Today, the campus was cordoned off by 50 motorcycle cops and 30 riot police armed with shotguns. An armored car and six paddy wagons were held ready at the County Courthouse.

A few years ago, the Mississippi Legislature voted to congratulate the South African police for firing on African demonstrators at Sharpeville in 1960.

The rulers of the city of Jackson are carrying on in the same noble spirit.

Vancouver Letter

I don't think anyone was ever so disgusted and so disappointed than this individual when the august body of all working people, the honorable and esteemed organized labor of Canada, the trade unions, allowed the government trusteeship to be slapped on the maritime unions and become legal.

To be a man or a mouse, when so vital an issue as the civil rights of the rank and file trade unionist was involved was so very important. And to see the mouse emerge instead of a man was a bitter pill to take, believe me!

This is not to say that the left wing section of both the trade unions and the NDP hung back and did nothing. Indeed not! The left wing section of the trade unions worked like draft horses and on one occasion distributed 3000 leaflets of protest among the trade unionists who were directly involved and held mass meetings calling for trade unionists and interested socialists to rally to the support of the victimized maritime unions.

BUT when you have the "political arm" of the trade unions, the New Democratic Party Brass, openly support the government trusteeship, what the hell can you expect with that kind of leadership but confusion and indecision among the rank and file trade unionists? . . .

Regardless of whether the trade unions of Canada let me and thousands of other socialists down when they allowed government trusteeship over the maritime unions to become legal and effective, I still feel that we must keep on working with the only organized section of the working people, the trade unions.

And one of the most essential housecleaning jobs the trade unions can do is throw out the government stooges, their officials and utilize a more democratic representation with their shop stewards; cut down the exorbitant salaries they are paying their officials and utilize their surplus funds for special services to their own trade union people.

And "Bravo" to the left wing section and let them grow and grow!

—Helen Baylor

Walk Free!

A free man that's what I am, a free man locked within the ghetto of Black slaved souls!

I am caught in the middle of a basic contradiction, free! Yet enslaved because my brothers and sisters refuse to see the truth of their illusions.

I am free because my soul is mine and no man dictates to my soul.

I am free in mind yet enslaved physically because my brothers and sisters will not free their minds.

The key to freedom is free thinking people. The mind must first become a reservoir of uncluttered thought.

Then and only then can we free the body. There never can be equality as long as this present system remains.

* * *

Kin Folks! See that you are your own slave-masters, busy enslaving self.

(Oppressors, playing the fictitious slave-master role is your biggest illusion.)

Through illusion you allow the oppressors to talk you into being your own slave-masters, performing the worst kind of cruelties minds can conceive of to self and kind.

Wake up oppressed people of this poverty-ridden world! And walk free

Men and women with me.

Jomo L.M.X.—

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LBJ's "War on Poverty" Turns Out to Be a War On the Poverty-Stricken!

While Johnson talks about a "war on poverty," his Administration nails a lid on the wages of some of the most poverty-stricken workers in the country.

Last July 15, the Labor Department issued an order that in effect made the minimum wage of Florida farm workers 95 cents an hour—which is higher than most of these workers were then getting.

Senator Smathers of Florida (whose own minimum wage is \$25,000 a year) protested to the then-President Kennedy on behalf of the "poor" millionaire fruit growers.

So on October 3, the ruling was withdrawn "temporarily."

It was supposed to have gone into effect again on February 8 of this year. But a Labor Department spokesman said then that it will not be enforced until April 15 (at which time there will be a seasonal layoff of about 20,000 of the Florida farm workers, by the way).

Thomas J. Lloyd and Patrick Gorman, president and secretary of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers, who also represent some of the farm workers, made a statement that:

"The continued suspension of the 95-cent minimum wage is a political deal by the Administration which runs contrary to its publicly pledged war against poverty."

The "political deal" is of course between Johnson and Smathers at the expense of the inhumanly exploited agricultural workers. The deal arises, not merely from Johnson's individual cynicism, but from the barbarism of a social system that lavishly rewards the "free enterprise" of the wealthy Florida fruit growers, and skins over the ulcers of the poverty they create with the "democratic" platitudes of capitalist office-holders.

Picket for Panama

NEW YORK, February 9—Over 60 people demonstrated in front of the United Nations today to protest U.S. military aggression in Panama.

The militant picket line was organized by several Panamanian groups in New York City, including Alianza Civica Panamania. There were other supporters from Cuban, Puerto Rican, and other Latin American organizations, and also from Youth Against War and Fascism, who held a similar demonstration immediately after the events of Jan. 9 and 10.

The demonstrators shouted strong slogans and carried picket signs such as: "U.S. Troops Out of Panama"—"Hands Off Panama" and "Panama For the Panamanians."

The militancy of the picket line impressed many people who looked on and some of whom sympathized with the Panamanians in their struggle against U.S. domination.

Why Imperialist Mass Murderers Weep Over Alleged Killing of African by African

The conflict between the Bahutus and the Watusis in the African country of Rwanda has aroused the most perfumed expressions of regret from the imperialist press.

The first paragraph of a front-page New York Times dispatch, for example, said on February 9:

"The savageness that has swept through this mountainous African land numbs the mind."

(The atomic bomb that certain savages dropped on Hiroshima, killing 100 thousand people somehow failed to numb the Times' now suddenly sensitive mind, however.)

The report adds:

"Some are said to have been beheaded, and others burned alive. Bodies appear to have been thrown by the hundreds into Rwanda's rivers, which are thick with crocodiles."

—And so on and so on—climaxed by

"I'm So Afraid the Baby Might Be Next"

\$85 a Month — For Rat Bites and Pneumonia



Mrs. Roberta Allen and five of her seven children. They are subject to rat-bites and pneumonia in a New York tenement.

By Kitty Fisher

NEW YORK—"It was broad daylight when my seven-year-old son was bitten by a rat in the bathroom of our home last week," said Mrs. Roberta Allen, when I interviewed her at 28 W. 128th Street, where she, her husband and her seven children live.

"I'm so afraid the baby might be next. She's only seven weeks old. When she has her bottle I'm afraid a rat might smell the milk and attack her."

Rats aren't the only hazard for the

families who live in the dingy brown-stone on 128th Street. An elevator that hasn't operated for two years, doors that can't be locked, uncollected garbage in the halls, leaking radiators and falling ceilings were some of the outrages I saw that day.

"Sometimes there is no steam all day long, and we have to heat water on the stove. We pay \$85 a month for these four miserable rooms," Mrs. Allen told me.

"The night I brought my newest baby

home from the hospital I sat up with her all night long burning the oven, because it was too cold to lay her down."

"I took her to the hospital with pneumonia when she was a month old."

Three times this mother wrote to the mayor and asked him to intervene on behalf of her family and find them a decent place to live. Following is a letter the New York City Housing Authority wrote her:

"Mayor Wagner has referred your letter to us and asked that we do our utmost to help solve your housing problem.

"We reviewed your situation and regret that we cannot assist you at this time. Unfortunately the demand for apartments still so exceeds the supply, it is not possible to determine when we may be able to help with your housing problem. Please be assured that we will get in touch with you if we can be of service.

Very truly yours, etc."

After receiving this letter, Mrs. Allen saw the futility of begging the city for help. She went to a meeting of the Community Council on Housing and told her story to a group of rent strikers. Most of the audience had had experiences very like her own, and like her were ready for militant action against the slumlords who reap golden profits from their tenants' misery.

Rusk Calls It "Aggression"—Then Changes Story

36 Cuban Fishermen Attacking the United States?

By Ellen Pierce

The Administration and the ultra-right crossed each other up over Cuba again this month.

Florida authorities jailed 36 Cuban fishermen who had been picked up off the Florida Keys and were about to be released by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The U.S. government did not act first. The state of Florida was making U.S. international policy! Behind this was of course the national ultra-right forces who confronted Washington with a fait accompli.

Premier Fidel Castro quickly came to the defense of the fishermen. He warned that unless the men were released, water to the United States' Guantanamo naval base in Cuba would be cut off.

At this point, Johnson and the State Department were afraid the ultra-right would say they were submitting to Cuban "blackmail." They took a tough line and went the ultra-right one better by proclaiming that there was an international conspiracy behind the innocent appearance of the fishing boats.

Dean Rusk issued a statement to "prove" this theory. He quoted a conversation in which the captain of one boat told a Havana control station that they were in U.S. national waters. The station replied (said Rusk), "I under-

stand."

But the next day, State Department officials admitted that "laughter had accompanied this exchange and that they did not really know how to interpret it." (New York Times, Feb. 9.)

It also came out that the U.S. was notified by Cuba two months ago that fishermen would be in the area near the Florida Keys.

It is interesting that both these admissions were revealed in the "liberal" New York Times on February 9. Yet in the same paper on the same day, two stories were published asserting that the boats were purposely sent into U.S. waters by Havana and Moscow to provoke an incident that would focus world attention on Guantanamo. (These latter stories were obviously written several hours earlier!)

Meanwhile, other imperialist spokesmen had been sounding off in all directions.

The White House called upon the Organization of American States and NATO to witness Castro's "aggression." The Pentagon started to fire Cubans working at Guantanamo. Pension payments to retired Cubans who had been U.S. Civil Servants were stopped.

Barry Goldwater ranted about sending in the Marines to turn the water back on. (Castro asked if Goldwater was volunteering to be in the front lines.)

The Navy designated Guantanamo a "hardship base" and made plans to withdraw all dependents within two years.

(One of the hardships that the militarists will have to endure is the sight of a red flag raised by Cubans just outside the base to show "that the steel fist of the working class is raised before the

enemy.")

Scandal sheet hacks and so-called prominent journalists in the U.S. both denounced Premier Castro for linking the issue of Guantanamo to the Panama Canal situation. They said such a connection is "artificial."

Actually, no two things could be more alike. The treaties both give the United States "rights" over parts of other countries with no time limit set. Both agreements were forced on Panama and Cuba in 1903, when U.S. gunboat diplomacy was at its peak.

Rally for Hurricane Relief

A rally to protest the inhumanitarian anti-relief policy of the U.S. Government is being held in New York next Wednesday, auspices of Emergency Committee for Hurricane Relief to Cuba.

Just before Christmas, the Government refused to allow a shipment of powdered milk to go to Cuba for hurricane relief. Later it denied a license for shipment of bundles from the working class "Casa Cuba" club.

The meeting will be at Riverside Plaza, 73 St. and Broadway, February 26 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1.00.

Speakers will be Rev. Stephen Fritshman, First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles; Mark Lane, civil rights attorney now prominent in the Oswald case; Bayard Rustin, civil rights leader; Phillip A. Luce, spokesman for students' recent trip to Cuba and others.

But Not Its Dagger!

Recent newspaper headline: "CIA to Give Up Its Cloak"

check its reports rather carefully before making allegations so terrible that they "numb the mind."

Miss Charlotte Kahler, press representative for the Rwanda nation at the UN told *Workers World* on February 15 that the number of dead was not 10,000, nor 35,000, but 750—and nearly half the dead were Buhutus.

She also said the Times man spent exactly one day in Rwanda in order to get his mind numbed. (She had just returned after a month's stay there and witnessed nothing at all approaching the horrors he described.)

The papers here reported 90 casualties in the little town of Shangugu. Miss Kahler visited the town the day after

the carnage was supposed to have taken place. No other Western reporter was there at all. (Their reports of Shangugu were all by hearsay.) And she could find evidence of only three casualties.

There is no doubt a great deal behind the Watusi-Bahutu conflict that is still to be explained.

But one thing it is definitely not: —It is not a bloody tribal war that the "good" imperialists have to come in and straighten out for the good of "civilization" and the prevention of "genocide."

For any really civilizing task, we have infinitely more confidence in either the Bahutus or the Watusis than in the nuclear-mad imperialists and their servants of sword and pen.

Warren Commission Hearings — Operation Cover-Up

What have the Warren Commission hearings amounted to since they began almost three months ago?—A gigantic operation that should properly be called "Cover-Up"!

It is in truth not an investigation or a trial aimed at establishing the truth about the assassination of Kennedy and the forces behind it, but an attempt to conceal it.

First of all, why is it necessary for the Commission to conduct the hearings in secret? What is there in the hearings that must be hidden from the view of the people? The kept big business press boasts day-in and day-out about the merits of the "open society," about "free" discussion and "free" judicial processes under the "democratic system." Yet why is it necessary for them to conduct this most important investigation in secret?

Chief Justice Warren has let it be known that the reason for the secrecy lies in guarding "national security." What national security? Atomic secrets? Missile data?—Nonsense!

Not even the most vociferous supporters of the Warren Commission have even so much as hinted that such are the matters with which the Commission is occupied.

However, viewed in a different light, the Warren Commission is concerned with "national security." For, translated into the language of Marxism, "national security" means guarding the national, that is the basic, vital class interests of big business. It is not in the "national interest" that the mass

of the people should know exactly what conspiratorial groups and factions within the ruling class engineered the assassination, or aided and abetted it.

It is in the "national interest" of big business that the masses be deceived and duped.

What the Warren Commission is really trying to do is to hide as much of the facts as it possibly can, bearing in mind that its purpose is to maintain "national unity"—meaning thereby the unity of all the warring factions within the ruling class.

It is in the interest of the working class, and of the masses of the people generally, that a demand

Mrs. Oswald, Mark Lane Spoke, But "Town Hall" Demanded \$25,000!

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 — Marguerite Oswald almost did not speak here last night, because "Town Hall," owned by New York University, at the last minute demanded and finally got) \$25,000 security from the National Guardian, sponsor of the mass meeting.

The deposit was supposedly to guarantee against the destruction that hostile mobs would cause on account of Mrs. Oswald's appearance. There were no mobs, no violence.

Mark Lane, retained by Mrs. Oswald without pay to prove her son's innocence, flayed the FBI, Dallas police and Secret Service — and showed how they were involved in a gigantic cover-up. He also scored the Warren Commission for proceeding as though Oswald's guilt were already proven.

be made for open hearings at the Warren Commission.

The right of the people to know is the most elementary democratic right. And the right of labor, civil liberties and progressive organizations not only to be heard but to be represented by counsel at the hearings is vital. Even more so is the right to cross-examine and investigate at least some of the investigators, including former CIA Chief Allen Dulles, banker McCloy, and all other representatives of the various sections of the capitalist class.

FBI Chief Edgar Hoover, the new CIA director McCone and others should be put in the position of witnesses to be examined and cross-examined, and not as investigators who have presented final "evidence."

The assertion by the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald that her son was a CIA agent, and that he was "set up to take the blame" for the assassination, confirms the view we have expounded in earlier editions of our paper, that the assassination was part of an ultra-right plot—a fascist-type conspiracy, which at least for now failed of its objective. The social and class forces pushing in that direction are temporarily underground, but as alive as ever.

The efforts of the ruling class to sweep the assassination under the rug is calculated to hide the deep and irreconcilable antagonisms which periodically rend the ruling class apart in times of great world crises. Deep-seated frustrations arising out of serious defeats for U.S. imperialism on the world arena lie at the very heart of these antagonisms.

To soften and moderate these internal ruptures and give the bourgeoisie a facade of unity, so as to better exploit and oppress the peoples at home and abroad—that in truth is really one of the most important functions of the Warren Commission.

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Premier Chou En-lai on U.S. TV, Refutes China's Critics

.....An imperialist-forged iron curtain has kept the voice of revolutionary China from reaching the U.S. masses for many years. But recently the curtain was raised a few inches when Channel 13, an independent TV station in New York City, ran the tapes of an interview with China's Premier Chou En-lai.

Premier Chou granted the interview to the British writer, Felix Greene, who has made several lengthy trips to the Peoples Republic and written the excellent book, "Awakened China."

The excerpts printed below, giving the substance of the interview, are from the verbatim text just supplied to *Workers World* by the Ssinhua News Service.

Felix Greene: What disturbs many people in the world today is China's attitude to war and peace. We read in our papers that the Chinese leaders are quite ready to lose half their population in a war; that China rejects peaceful co-existence and believes war with the West to be "inevitable" and China—as if to confirm these fears—refused to sign the test ban treaty.

What are we to make of these reports? Is it true that China doesn't fully grasp the immensity of destruction that would be caused by a nuclear war?

Premier Chou: China's attitude on the question of war and peace has always been clear cut. We love peace and we firmly oppose war and aggression. There is nothing in our attitude that should disturb anyone. What really disturbs many people in the world today is the policy of aggression and war pursued by the imperialists, and particularly by United States imperialism.

The Chinese people want a peaceful international environment, one that is good for the reconstruction of their motherland. China wants peaceful co-existence with every country in the world, including the United States of America, on the basis of the five principles.

The five principles are: mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful co-existence.

But U.S. imperialism maintains a position of hostility to the Chinese people.

It continues to occupy China's territory of Taiwan. It has many military bases in the areas surrounding China. It keeps on intruding into China's territorial sea and air. It is U.S. imperialism which rejects peaceful co-existence with China.

We are perfectly clear that a nuclear world war would cause enormous havoc to mankind. That is why China stands unswervingly for the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons.

Today, the United States threatens China and all other peace-loving countries with her nuclear weapons. The three-power treaty for a partial ban on nuclear tests does not remove this U.S. threat; on the contrary, it demands that the countries that are threatened should assume obligations which would hamstring their self-defense. Of course, China can not accept this.

Felix Greene: The American press has said many times that the root cause of the dispute between China and the Soviet Union is a conflict of national interests, rather than an ideological conflict. Is this true?

Premier Chou: There are differences in principle between us and the Soviet leadership on a number of major problems of Marxism-Leninism. They constitute a dispute inside the international Communist movement. In the end, these differences will surely be resolved on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, and the unity of the international Communist movement is bound to become stronger and firmer as a result.

Imperialism, and reaction in all countries, are doing their utmost to drive a wedge between the socialist countries, and particularly between China and the Soviet Union. They are carrying on these despicable activities in a most unrestrained manner right now. But as I see it, they had better not rejoice too soon.

Both China and the Soviet Union are socialist countries, and the fundamental interests of our two peoples are the same. That is an objective fact, and no one can change it. Whatever happens, the fraternal Chinese and Soviet peoples will stand together in any storm that breaks out in the world arena. . . . Imperialism and reaction in all countries are doomed to fail in their attempt to take advantage of the differences between us and the Soviet leadership.

Felix Greene: In August, Chairman

Mao Tse-tung spoke strongly on behalf of the Negroes' struggle against racial discrimination. This was interpreted in many American newspapers as an example of China's "racism." China, they say, is raising this issue of race and color so as to strengthen her position among the former colonial territories in Africa and Asia. What do you say about this?

Premier Chou: It is ridiculous to cite Chairman Mao Tse-tung's statement to support the false charge that China is racist. Chairman Mao Tse-tung called upon people throughout the world regardless of color — upon the workers, peasants, revolutionary intellectuals, enlightened members of the bourgeoisie and other enlightened people everywhere — to unite against the racial discrimination practiced by U.S. imperialism and to support the American Negroes in their just struggle. This is a notable example of a firm stand against racism.

The Chinese people are watching the heroic struggle of the American Negroes with close concern. We salute our American Negro brothers who are undaunted by tyranny and violence. Their just struggle is a powerful indictment of the alleged freedom and democracy in the United States and a great inspiration to all the people in the world who are resisting U.S. imperialist aggression and oppression. . . .

Felix Greene: May I now ask some questions on domestic issues? The Great Leap Forward is considered by nearly all Western writers and experts to have been a huge error with very damaging consequences to China's economic progress. Looking back from today's perspective, what is your assessment of the Great Leap Forward? What lessons have been learned from it?

Premier Chou: I don't agree with the comments of these Western writers and experts.

China's general line for socialist construction is that the people of the whole country should go all out, aim high and achieve more, faster, better and more economical results in building socialism.

Guided by this general line, we are striving to build China into a strong socialist power with a modern agriculture, modern industry, modern national defense and modern science and technology within a relatively short period of history. . . .

The facts show that our efforts have been fruitful. . . . The Chinese people

have mustered their energies, worked hard with zeal and determination and scored tremendous achievements in the last few years and have thus laid the preliminary foundations for an independent, comprehensive and modern national economy.

It is of course, a difficult task to build socialism in a country as large and economically backward as China. There have been some shortcomings and mistakes in our practical work, and this was something that cannot be avoided entirely. Some tuition fee must be paid for learning how to build socialism. . . .

Felix Greene: The communes, too, are considered to have been an almost total failure. . . . It is generally thought that the communes have been abandoned, or altered so much that in actual fact, they exist in name only. Would you care to say something about these points?

Premier Chou: The rural peoples communes are a kind of cooperative which is larger in scale than the advanced agricultural producers' cooperatives and which bring out the advantages of collective economy better than the latter used to.

Shortly after the peoples communes came into being, they were put to the test by three consecutive years of serious natural disasters. It was precisely the rural peoples communes, as the record of those three years proves, that enabled us successfully to overcome the effects of bad weather and to start an all-round turn for the better in our national economy in such a short time. . . .

The people's communes were and remain a form of socialist collective ownership. In the process of developing and consolidating this collective economy, we have readjusted and developed some specific measures as circumstances required. This has put the peoples communes on a more solid footing. There are no grounds for saying that they are a "failure" or exist in name only.

Felix Greene: . . . I wonder if you as Premier of China have any special message you would like me to give to the listeners in the United States?

Premier Chou: The Chinese people are friendly towards the American people. I believe that the U.S. Government's policy of hostility towards the Chinese people does not accord with the wishes of the American people, and that the day will come when the traditional friendship of the Chinese and American peoples will flourish on a new basis.