

## 2nd School Boycott Big Success In Spite of Calculated Sabotage

### Second N.Y. Try Shows New Forces in Struggle

NEW YORK, March 15—Notwithstanding the purposefully dire predictions of the capitalist class, the attempts at intimidation by the Police Commissioner and the desertion by conservative civil rights leaders, the second New York school boycott was a great success.

Admittedly, the number of school children who stayed out was smaller than the first time. However, what was lost in numbers was made up in en-

thusiasm and renewed militancy which far exceeded the hopes of any of the leaders.

More significant than the loss from the conservative NAACP and Urban League leaderships was the support given by Malcolm X and several other militant leaders. Also support from out-of-town leaders such as Gloria Richardson of Cambridge, Maryland, comedian Dick Gregory, etc.

Competent observers felt that the loss of the conservatives was in reality a gain, because these individuals had been a break on the movement.

The boycott brought out into the open a sharp line of division in the struggle between those who really want to hold back the liberation struggle and those who want to advance it.

The aim of the capitalist class has always been to capture and tame the leaders of the Afro-American liberation movement. While they have succeeded in their objective with the old established leaders, it is not likely that they can succeed with the new ones that have sprung up, particularly in view of the strong pressures that they are under from the militancy of the masses.

### Mae Mallory and Other Monroe Defendants Now Out on Bail

MONROE, North Carolina, March 16—The Monroe Defense Committee announced today that Mae Mallory, Richard Crowder and Harold Reape were just released from Union County Jail on bonds totaling \$32,500.

The three were victims of Monroe's widely known "kidnap" frame-up in which John Lowry, a white freedom rider, was also involved, and from which Robert F. Williams, the principal defendant and intended lynch victim, escaped by going to Cuba.

Clarence Seniors, chairman of the Monroe Defense Committee, declared that the "savagely sentences meted out to the defendants, coming on top of a trial that was nothing more than a hollow

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### North Vietnam Asks U.S. To Honor the Geneva Agreement of 1954

(From Vietnam News Agency—Delayed)

HANOI, Feb. 12—The Foreign Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam today issued a statement saying that, "The only correct way to settle the S. Vietnam issue is the thorough implementation of the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Vietnam."

It demanded that the American government respect these agreements and withdraw all its troops, military personnel and war material from S. Vietnam, and let the S. Vietnamese people settle their own affairs.

The statement says in part: "The Johnson administration is stubbornly continuing the unjust 'undeclared war' unleashed by the Kennedy administration in order to turn S. Vietnam into a U.S. new type colony and military base. As for the U.S. henchmen, both old and new, they are traitors who are trying their best to carry out the U.S. policy against the people of S. Vietnam."

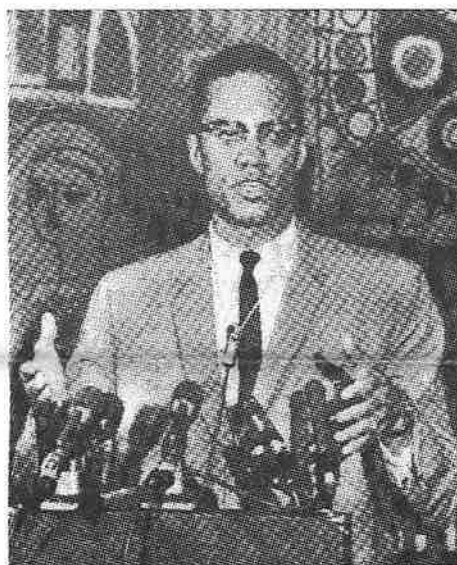
"The military coup d'etat organized by the U.S. to overthrow the Ngo-dinh-Diem family three months ago has testified to the powerlessness of their lackeys in the face of the victories of the people of S. Vietnam in their just patriotic movement. At the same time, it has testified to the failure of the U.S. policy of intervention and aggression in S. Vietnam."

"The coup d'etat farce recently staged in Saigon to change horses once again has all the more shown that the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys are sunk ever deeper into an embarrassed position and impasse. The people of S. Vietnam under the leadership of the National Liberation Front, will no doubt have increased confidence in their united strength and will fight with still greater determination till final victory."

"The Vietnamese people and the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam once again emphatically denounce to world opinion the U.S. government schemes and acts to step up its aggressive war in S. Vietnam. This is a gross violation of the basic principles of the Geneva Agreements on Vietnam, namely the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Vietnam. It is also an extremely serious threat to the peace and security of the peoples of Indochina and Southeast Asia."

"The people and the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam hold that if the U.S. imperialists fail to draw lessons from their past defeats, and persist in their present policy of war and aggression, they will certainly be confronted with ever stronger opposition from the people of the world, and will sustain still more bitter defeats in

## Wide Interest in Malcolm X's Call for Action



Malcolm X

NEW YORK, March 15—Malcolm X's break from the Muslim organization and his call for a Black nationalist organization advocating armed self-defense has aroused great interest in all quarters here.

Rank-and-file Black militants showed enthusiasm and felt that Malcolm's new orientation would give a big lift to the struggle.

Progressive whites were impressed and looked for the class struggle implications in the briefly-sketched program outlined to the press.

Black civil rights leaders at first seemed to react somewhat scornfully. However, later press reports indicate that they have toned down their opposition (possibly in response to pressure from their ranks) and find some good

things to say about the projected organization, although deploring its leader's alleged "extremism."

The reporters and editorialists of the capitalist press launched a vituperative barrage of invective against Malcolm X that bordered on hysteria—comparing him with the "White Citizens' Councils"—the "Ku Klux Klan" and so on. The New York Times made an especially vicious attack.

What he had actually said on March 8, was this:

"We should be peaceful, law-abiding. But the time has come for the American Negro to fight back in self-defense whenever and wherever he is being unjustly and unlawfully attacked."

And he further specified on March 12 that Afro-Americans should form defensive rifle clubs.

Robert F. Williams raised the idea of self-defense in 1959 when he made his now-famous generalization that "Negroes should meet violence with violence."

Later, on seeing that the ruling class twisted his words, Williams emphasized that he was speaking of *organized self-defense*.

He had actually formed an armed defense guard as early as 1957 to guard the home of the Monroe, N.C., president of the NAACP, Dr. Perry, against racists who had threatened—and tried—to bomb it. (The whole story was printed in Jet Magazine that year.)

Today, from his exile in Cuba, Williams continues to edit his militant periodical, The Crusader.

In last month's (March) issue, Williams said:

"We must defend ourselves. We must fight back. We must reject the unwritten commitment that so-called Negro leaders have made guaranteeing our brutal oppressors immunity from retribu-



Robert F. Williams

tion for their heinous acts of violence against our defenseless people."

Significantly, Williams strongly supported the civil rights struggles of 1960 and '61. He is in fact still under indictment for "sitting" on a luncheon stool in his own home state!

Malcolm X said in his March 8 statement:

"I am prepared to cooperate in local civil rights actions in the South and elsewhere (because this) can only heighten the political consciousness of the Negroes. . . ."

### U.S. Plane Over E. Germany Just 'Happen' to Be There?

The East Germans are considered very unreasonable for having shot down an American RB-66 last week.

Even though the plane is a "reconnaissance" type (spy plane), it was not actually doing any reconnaissance at the time, says the U.S. military.

In the same week, however, the authoritative New York Times reported (on March 10) that high altitude RB-57F's have been flying spy missions over Peoples China—manned by "both Nationalist and American pilots."

The RB-57F is "generally superior to the U-2."

The "hair-trigger" East Germans, as some have referred to them, probably are not well enough informed to know the difference between the U-2, which the U.S. promised would not be used again in the Soviet Union—the RB-57F, which is used against mean old China—and the RB-66 which the U.S. high brass would never be so ungentlemanly as to use against the German Democratic Republic!

### That's Why No Vote On Unity in Vietnam!

"I have never talked or corresponded with a person knowledgeable in Indochinese [in this case, Vietnamese] affairs, who did not agree that had elections been held as of the time of the fighting, possibly 80 per cent of the population would have voted for the Communist Ho Chi Minh as their leader rather than Chief of State Bao Dai."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

the forthcoming period.

"The only correct way to bring about a peaceful settlement of the S. Vietnam issue is to insure the complete implementation of the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Vietnam; the people of S. Vietnam must decide themselves their own affairs."

### Monroe Defense Guard



Some of the men who volunteered for Rob Williams' first armed defense guard. This was in 1957.

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**Malcolm X**

Malcolm X's recently announced program is progressive and appears to have profound implications for the fate of the Afro-American movement.

The very enthusiasm of many of the militant Black people has already given a renewed impetus to the struggle. (The second New York school boycott was undoubtedly injected with renewed vigor by Malcolm X's support—after most of the middle class leaders — Black and

white—had bailed out.)

The vicious attacks of the white supremacist enemies—from the New York Commissioner of Police to the "liberal" New York Post—are in themselves a good sign.

Naturally, every Afro-American and progressive white can only hope this development will accelerate and enliven the liberation struggle and bring the day of real emancipation closer.

**The Ruby Verdict**

"Ruby got what he deserved," is a sentiment most likely to be expressed by many people who had seen on TV the gasty lynching of Oswald in the Dallas Police Station. The *New York Times* of March 15th, which hails the jury's verdict in the Ruby case, remarks in passing that he "had appointed himself executioner" of Oswald.

Did Ruby "appoint himself" or was he "appointed" to carry out the murder of Oswald and do away with him quickly by a ruling class faction of the Ultra Right? That is the real issue. On this point the *New York Times* and the rest of the capitalist press is as silent as a tombstone. The facts of the matter clearly show that Ruby had been practically all of his adult life an underworld character, a gangster dealing in shady matters of one sort or another, long before he became the operator of a strip-tease joint, and a friend of the Dallas police.

There is absolutely nothing in his life that would indicate the slightest interest in broad political issues or that he had ever done anything in his checkered career as a mobster out of sentiment or political motivation.

**The Hoffa Frame-Up**

If any one thing stands out clearly in the convicting and sentencing of Jimmy Hoffa, militant leader of the Teamsters Union, it is this:

It has absolutely nothing to do with "corruption in the labor movement" or "tampering with the soul of this nation," as the sentencing judge theatrically characterized Hoffa's alleged "jury-tampering."

It is merely the continuation of a long-term plan of the ruling class to break up the largest and in some respects the

most important labor union in the country, which has become a giant thorn in the side of big business.

Hoffa was tried in the headlines of the billion-dollar newspaper chains, convicted by an artificially-inflamed "public opinion" and sentenced by a judge whose "soul" was not only tampered with, but owned outright by the bosses who were out to "get Hoffa."

Every class-conscious worker and in fact every union-conscious worker is on the side of Hoffa and against his attackers.

**A Soldier to Remember**

In last January's U.S. aggression in Panama, at least one U.S. soldier refused to do the dirty work of imperialism and was killed by other U.S. troops for his heroism.

According to a UPI dispatch of February 19, Sergeant Luiz Cruz Jimenez was "killed by his own men because he refused to shoot at the Panamanians. (He had thrown) his rifle on the ground and ran toward the Panamanian side."

Sergeant Cruz was a Puerto Rican. And even though he was a "career soldier," a fellow feeling for the oppressed and solidarity with other Latin Ameri-

cans overcame his loyalty to Wall Street's war machine.

Sergeant Cruz was only one man. But there are hundreds of thousands of other oppressed Puerto Ricans who may be soon thinking his thoughts. And there are millions of North American workers who have not yet been exposed to the blood and iron tactics of the arrogant Yankee ruling class.

They will surely imitate the action of Sergeant Cruz in great numbers when and if the U.S. big brass attempts new and larger Panama repressions.

**"Equality Before the Law"****What's the Difference Between Rich and Poor? — Money!**

Rich and poor are supposed to be equal before the law. But everybody knows that they really are not.

"Both rich and poor are equally punished for stealing a loaf of bread," says the law. (But why would the rich want to steal a loaf of bread in the first place?)

The law's discrimination against the poor goes much, much deeper than this smooth hypocrisy, however.

The rich do get in trouble with the law. And so do the not-so-rich. Their lot on these occasions is infinitely better than that of the poor.

A recent survey showed that of defendants charged with simple assault, only 22 per cent of those free on bail were found guilty, while 71 per cent of those who couldn't raise bail were convicted.

In unlawful entry cases, the proportions were about the same: 23 per cent guilty for those on bail, 75 per cent "guilty" for those in jail.

Those without bail money are three times more "guilty" than those with it—because of course they are also without money for lawyers.

Thus the poor are doubly punished; first with jail before sentencing; then with sentences when they are innocent.

(There are also the defendants who cannot put up bail, spend from one to two years in jail—and then are found not guilty. And they have no case against the state for false imprisonment, after

being proved innocent!)

Beyond all this, of course, is the brutal treatment the police and prison guards mete out to the prisoners—before and after sentencing. The rich never have to endure this.

We are not original in pointing out these facts of class justice. On March 9, the columnist, Marquis Childs, made almost the same observations.

The liberals are often "concerned" about these "aberrations" of justice in this otherwise "democratic" country.

But the question is, what are they doing about it?

How is it, for instance, that Mae Mallory, Harold Reape and Richard Crowder, who have already filed appeals to a higher court after a railroading by an all-white judge and jury in a Dixie lynch-trial, cannot get their bail reduced?

Moreover, a crowning irony not generally understood is this: bail costs more for the poor.

The rich don't even have to spend any money at all for bail. They just put it up on loan, so to speak, and get it back when their cases are over.

But in the case of the Monroe defendants, the total amount is so high that their (poor) friends can't raise the whole amount and have to pay 10 per cent of the total to a bonding company which keeps this money for good!

Such is "equal justice before the law."

**Racist Justice, USA**

The two racist teen-agers who unprovokedly shot and killed 13-year-old Black Virgil Ware while he was riding his bicycle in Birmingham last fall, have now been sentenced.

Sixteen-year-old Michael Lee Farley and 17-year-old Larry Joe Sims received sentences of seven months. Sims, however, was placed on two years' probation in lieu of jail. A probation hearing for Farley is scheduled for April 3.

Seven months for a boy's life!

But no word was heard from all those indignant voices of reaction who are so opposed to "coddling" of juvenile delinquents and recommend long jail terms for kids who are caught shop-lifting in the five and ten cent store.

No word was heard from those who gave Black Mae Mallory a sentence of 16 to 20 years for the alleged "kidnapping" of a white couple who voluntarily entered the home of Robert Williams to escape the wrath of an aroused Black population. (And who stayed there just two and a half hours!)

No word was heard from that host of shocked newspaper editors who were so aroused over Malcolm X's call for Black self-defense.

The whole thing, in fact, was buried or else completely ignored in the Northern capitalist press.

—All a fair measure of just how serious the ruling class is about "equality" and "civil rights" and the phony promises it has made to the Black masses.

**Anthony Bimba Hounded by HUAC**

Anthony Bimba, the distinguished author of "The History of the American Working Class" (first published in 1927), now in his 70th year, faces deportation to Lithuania and the loss of his U.S. citizenship after 50 years in the United States.

Why?

Because, according to the "Justice" Department, Bimba "concealed material facts" bearing on "his good moral character, attachment to the principles of the Constitution of the United States" and so on.

Real reason:

He wrote articles opposing the reactionary Korean War in the foreign language press and the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) labeled him an "active Communist editor," guilty of "treason."

The American Committee for the Pro-

**Automation Now Hits Highly Skilled Jobs Too**

Since unemployment became so glaring that the bosses had to give an "explanation" for it, Labor Secretary Wirtz has been telling us that the trouble is that so many youths drop out of high school and "prematurely enter the labor market."

The need for unskilled and uneducated workers has been lowered by rapid technological advances. But according to Wirtz, this has raised the need for the scarce highly educated workers.

Is Wirtz right?

Sperry Rand Gyroscope division recently laid off 100 engineers, the first such layoff in the division's 54-year history.

Republican Aviation has laid off 240 since January 1.

RCA has laid off 500 engineers in the past year.

Boeing won't talk about its layoffs publicly, but private sources report that 1,500 engineers have been laid off since August.

Most significant, the demand for engineers and other highly trained technicians is only 65 per cent of the 1961 average.

Edward Keonjian, 54, is not just an experienced engineer. He has written a leading book on electronics. Yet he was one of 804 engineers laid off by American Bosch Arma Corporation in the past year.

He recently told the Wall Street Journal:

"I never would have believed I'd be out hunting for a job." . . . "It's just plain nonsense to talk about a shortage of engineers."

No matter how educated and professional you become, as long as you are a worker in the profit economy, the axe of unemployment still hangs over your head.

**Correction**

In our issue of February 20, we mistakenly said that ex-Ambassador to Panama, Joseph S. Farland, had been in office at the time of the January repression of Panamanians by U.S. troops.

Actually, Mr. Farland resigned his post last August and returned to private life at that time.

tection of the Foreign Born is leading the fight for Bimba's rights. Its address is 49 E. 21st St., Room 405, N.Y. 10, N.Y.

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## First Slavery and Terror—Now Mass Extermination!

# Program for Genocide in South West Africa

By Henry Stone

(Special to Workers World)

"It is the smoothest way to exterminate us, to force us all onto land that will not support life."

The speaker was the Reverend Markus Kooper, African leader of the Nama people from Hoachanas, South West Africa.

He confirmed that the South African government has begun to curtail the use of South West Africans as slaves by the whites—and instead, to virtually kill them all off altogether.

The ruling European settlers of South Africa hope to ensure that South West Africa (a different country) will always be theirs, by exterminating the Africans and making "South West" an all-white country.

Workers World interviewed Pastor Kooper here in New York where he is currently petitioning the UN to intervene against the foreign overlords of his country.

South West Africa is supposed to be an "international territory" inherited from the old League of Nations after Germany "lost" it in the First World War. But it is actually under the dictatorship of the slaveholders of South Africa.

"The Africans did not want South Africa to have the (League of Nations)

Mandate over them," the pastor emphasized.

Since South Africa has acted contrary to the terms of the Mandate anyway—for one thing, establishing military bases on the Mandated Territory—its control of South West is not even legal under international law, he said.

We asked Pastor Kooper about South Africa's Odendaal Report of this January, which claims that the population of South West is actually increasing.

He answered, "If the population is increasing, it is the whites, who are immigrating in large numbers from Kenya and such places."

One might think that the white rulers of South West would have to have the Africans for cheap labor, that the white economy could not do without the Africans. But a drastic new South African bill of February 18, 1964, provides that the Africans' "privilege" of contracting into slavery for white businessmen and farmers, in mines and on farms outside the "native reserves," will be curtailed.

And the Odendaal Report recommends that all the Africans in South West be removed to small "homelands" (Bantustans). The Bantustans are virtually uninhabitable wastes.

In the past, the whites in South West Africa have made great use of the Africans as slaves. U.N. reports state that the Africans, some only 11 years old,

were kept naked and without shelter, worked 19 hours and fed three mealies (portions of gruel) and salt a day, and beaten.

If an African worked slowly, the "baas" could have him arrested. An African who missed a day's work without permission because he was sick was beaten by the police and then jailed. The white rulers' attitude toward workers who were sick was that "no medicine can be wasted on the kaffirs as they are happy to be dead instead of working." (UN Report.)

The Africans have been petitioning the UN to end the Mandate ever since 1946. During this time, the UN has intervened violently on a moment's notice in Korea, the Gaza Strip, in 1960 in the Congo, and now in Cyprus.

But as for South West Africa, the UN recently granted South African Foreign Minister Louw's request for a chance to implement the Odendaal recommendations.

As Pastor Kooper puts it: "Back home, the people say, 'Ah, man, that UN will never do anything for us...'"

When the South African government tries to remove the South West Africans to the new locations, "There will definitely be resistance. The Africans will resist in any manner they can," said Pastor Kooper.

In fact, since 1955, the government

has been trying to move the Nama people from their ancestral home of Hoachanas to an arid waste, even killing the Nama's cattle to pressure them.

But the Nama are still at Hoachanas. When the white police took Pastor Kooper from Hoachanas, the people resisted even though they were of course unarmed. According to Pastor Kooper: "The Africans say, 'The whites will have to carry our dead bodies in trucks and dump them in the new places.'"

"The U.S. (which has a decisive role in the UN) makes a few statements against apartheid because of the pressure of world opinion. But the U.S.'s real attitude is determined by its big investments in the economy based on white enslavement of Africans. The U.S. would not want to risk the loss of white rule."

Pastor Kooper emphasized repeatedly: "We aren't interested in being reported on, or being moved, . . . by the South African government. We just want the whites to get out! go away! Leave us to decide for ourselves!"

### They Fight Back

The latest word from South West is that over 100 Africans dodged the South African police patrols and escaped to Bechuanaland on March 6.

They will not disclose their plans, but are rumored to be preparing to go "farther north" for political and military training. Truly it is not so easy to slaughter the masses today, when international conditions are more favorable to revolution than ever before!

## Imitating Hitler in Vietnam

Who is supplying arms to South Vietnam in order to torture, bomb and burn the people there?

Defense Secretary McNamara is talking darkly about weapons of "Chinese make" or "Chinese models of European weapons." (But so far, the Vietnam puppet army seems able to capture only homemade shotguns, homemade howitzers and American weapons that were previously captured by the Liberation Forces from the U.S.-backed government forces.)

But who spent \$3 billion since 1954 and \$2 billion before 1954 and is now spending over \$1.5 million per day to arm, train and supply the whole South Vietnam government army against its own people?

—The United States, of course. But such is the arrogance of imperialism that neither McNamara nor Johnson nor Kennedy before him has been the slightest bit embarrassed about this.

The U.S.-supplied weapons range from troop-carrying helicopters and amphibious armored personnel carriers to the M-14 automatic rifle (now being replaced by the AR-15, which is really a hand machinegun with rifle sights). The 75mm pack howitzer and other new "conventional" weapons are being used along with such niceties as poison chemicals for plants and burning gasoline for people of all ages and both sexes. A large number of T-28 propeller-driven combat training planes are in use. (Jet planes are too fast for warring on little villages.)

Not only do the U.S. imperialists have enormous and virtually unlimited weapon supplies in Vietnam, but they are using them as Hitler and Mussolini did in Spain—to rehearse for bigger wars.

The authoritative magazine, Business Week, verifies this in black and white and without a blush in its issue of November 16, 1963:

"The U.S.-backed battle against Communist guerillas in the rice paddies of South Vietnam serves as a laboratory for testing all kinds of military equipment for the U.S.—not merely against theoretical specifications, but against live foes."

And what about the American officers who are "advising" the counterrevolutionary puppets in Vietnam? How do they conduct the experiments in the Vietnam "laboratory"? And what is their attitude to the "guinea pigs"?

You can get an idea from a little story that was told in the New York Times of last May 19:

"The armored vehicles, moving northward from the Mekong River to link up with two helicopter-borne battalions, first flushed 25 guerillas into the open. Twenty-two of these died in waist-high reeds under the steel tracks of the carriers and from machinegun fire. Two were captured. . . ."

"A mile farther on, another peasant froze until the last group of helicopters came overhead. Then he reached into the reeds, pulled out a rifle and started firing."

"Three helicopters swept down on him, firing with 12 machineguns. His body spun into the reeds."

"United States officers of the 57th Helicopter Transport Company . . . called the operation 'The best we've had so far.'"

Thus the fight for "democracy." But the Liberation Front, without helicopters or airplanes or tanks or "amphibious armored personnel carriers," is now winning battle after battle against the "operators" described above.

If the Liberation Front really could get modern arms from abroad, there is no doubt that it would soon demolish the government forces—armed to the teeth though these are.

## "Stop the Dirty War!" Say NY Youth



NEW YORK, March 14 — Youth Against War and Fascism held the first major demonstration of the year against the U.S. aggression in South Vietnam this afternoon—and found the general public considerably more aroused against the Dirty War than ever before.

The youth picketed the Army and Air Force Exchange at Fifth Avenue and 14th Street. They were joined by people from the street to total about 150 pickets.

"No more Koreans! Bring the troops home!" the youth chanted. Signs read, "Stop the slaughter in South Vietnam!"

Thousands of workers, doing their Saturday shopping on 14th Street, saw the demonstration.

In a sidewalk interview over ABC-TV, Key Martin, chairman of YAWF, said:

"The U.S. is supporting a fascist dictatorship in South Vietnam. For 80 years, the French conducted a policy of colonialist exploitation of Indochina, a policy of brutal suppression of every striving for independence on the part of the Indochinese people. The U.S. is continuing this neo-colonial policy in South Vietnam."

This statement was featured along

with impressive displays of the pickets, every hour of the evening during newscasts that hundreds of thousands of workers viewed.

The line was also covered by CBS and other news media.

### 21st of March Memorial

A meeting to render homage to the fallen heroes of Puerto Rico's infamous "21st of March" (1937) massacre by U.S. imperialism will be held Sunday, March 22, at 1 p.m.

Called by the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party, it will be at Hunts Point Palace, 953 Southern Blvd., Bronx, N.Y.

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## Indonesians in New Battles Against Imperialism

By Michael Black

The Indonesian people are now answering the threats of war and reprisal by British and U.S. Imperialism over the issue of Malaysia. A showdown appears close in the Indian Ocean.

At the present time, the anti-imperialist North Kalimantan and Indonesian guerillas are struggling within Malaysia. The British are carrying out military actions and provocations with troops and planes. The U.S. has used the maneuvers of the Seventh Fleet in an attempt to intimidate Indonesia.

(Robert Kennedy has hinted at the use of U.S. troops if the war enlarges.)

According to the Hsinhua News Agency, British mercenary troops frequently opened fire on Indonesian security forces in the midst of a recent cease-fire. The cease-fire was called to allow talks between Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. The talks collapsed.

Why the conflict?

Malaysia is an artificial state of various peoples with one thing in common—domination by British imperialism. It was set up by the British to divide Southeast Asia from People's China,

strengthen their existing control in the area and become the neo-colonialist rulers of Indonesia. (The U.S. imperialists would like to rule it themselves!)

Against the background of huge demonstrations and factory take-overs by the Indonesian masses, President Sukarno told a Polish parliamentary delegation early in March that:

"Malaysia is a creation of the imperialists, the Indonesians must oppose it and they are resolved to crush it."

Throughout January and February, tens and hundreds of thousands of Indonesians demonstrated against threats of

British and U.S. intervention.

Meanwhile, Indonesian seamen have seized several British ships including the 4,500-ton freighter Troon Breeze.

Indonesian workers have seized many British-owned plantations and plants. Among them are rubber, tea, coffee, and cocoa plantations; an insurance company; a hotel; a soft drink bottler; the Anglo-Dutch Unilever Corporation, which makes soap and margarine; British-American Tobacco; Dunlop Rubber Company; and installations of Shell Oil Company.

On February 11, Antara News Agency said that workers had seized six plantations covering 8.5 million acres in East Java.

# From Semi-Illiterate to Skilled Technician

By See Soong

## Exclusive to Workers World From China Features, Peking

Woman spinner Ho Chen-hsiu, known in China for her working method that cuts production costs greatly, now is a technician at the Tsingtao No. 6 State Cotton Mill.

She was semi-illiterate in 1953, when she was sent by the management of the mill to study at the Workers' and Peasants' Short-Course Middle School run by the People's University in Peking. Five years later she was enrolled at the East China Textile Engineering Institute in Shanghai and graduated in 1962 as a technician.

Ho Chien-hsiu received full pay during the nine years she was studying.

At the Institute she passed the graduation examinations with flying colors. Her thesis was a design for the spinning-room of a 30,000-spindle textile mill, capable of producing 18 million metres of high-grade broadcloth annually.

At her own request, she was sent back to work in the mill in which she worked formerly.

"As soon as I stepped into the gate," Ho Chien-hsiu said, "I was surrounded by workers who shouted and told each other 'our university graduate has come

back!'"

As a technician, Ho Chien-hsiu continues to live and work among the workers. Apart from her job of solving technical questions in the mill, she listens to the views of the workers and regards them as her instructors.

Two years before she left for school, Ho Chien-hsiu evolved the 'Ho Chien-hsiu Working Method,' which has been popularised throughout the country.

This method reduces waste, caused mainly by yarn breaks, to one-sixth the average. The result is achieved through cleaning the machines and floor systematically and working out a regular route that would cut down unnecessary steps by the spinner as she tends the spindles. By this method, the spinner is able to inspect every spindle every two and a half minutes.

While demonstrating her work system, Ho Chien-hsiu found it difficult to express herself, and the hunger for schooling denied her during her childhood grew stronger than ever.

Ho Chien-hsiu, who did not realize that two-fourths was the same as one-half when she entered school, had a mountain of difficulties to surmount. She worked unusually hard. She exerted great efforts to memorize algebraic equa-

tions and geometry theorems. She found principles easier to grasp when she related them directly to the machines she knew so well. Gradually she caught up with the rest of the class.

Enthusiastic help from her teachers and classmates played an important part in her success. She has been elected a deputy to the National People's Congress since 1954 and often had to be away for meetings. The teachers would help her bridge the gaps. In 1962, when she was away a short time before her graduation exams for the Congress session, her department worked out a schedule of review for her to undertake as soon as she returned.

One summer, the best student in the class gave up his vacation to help Ho Chien-hsiu with her studies.

Ho Chien-hsiu, who is now 29, was born of a poverty-stricken family in Tsingtao. Daughter of a cart-driver with 11 persons to feed, she used to rummage through garbage heaps for bits of half-burnt coal and remnants of food to help her family in her childhood.

"Once I went past a school," Ho Chien-hsiu recalled, "and heard the children reading out loud. I was so envious that, back home with tears in my eyes, I complained to my mother for not sending me to school. But how could poor people who could not keep body and soul together send their children to



Ho Chien-hsiu at the designing board

school?"

Time and again she tried but failed to get a job at the private cotton mills because her parents could not afford to bribe the gang masters who controlled hiring.

In 1949, the year New China was founded, she went to work at the Tsingtao No. 6 State Cotton Mill.

## - Monroe Defendants Out on Bail

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mockery of justice, served to arouse widespread support for the victims."

This materially helped the Committee to raise the funds for the bail bonds, he said.

Mr. Seniors called attention to the difficulty encountered by the Committee in obtaining bondsmen who were willing to sell bonds for the defendants. And the bonds which were finally obtained had to be secured by heavy collateral.

"The issue in this case," said the Committee to the press, "is not the obviously phony 'kidnap' charge. Actually, the white couple which claims to have been kidnapped, was given protection, at

their own request, in the home of Robert Williams and freely left two hours later."

"The real issue is whether we, as Black Americans, have the right to defend our families, our homes and our community against racist mob violence."

The Committee said that the Monroe Enquirer, which is a spearhead of white-supremacy, felt compelled after long attacks on the defendants, to make the following admission:

"We must express surprise and disappointment in what we consider the severity of the sentence. In view of the fact that the victims were released unharmed; in view of the civil disorders which preceded the seizure of the white couple and which were triggered not by the Negroes, but by certain white elements, . . . the penalties handed down by Judge Walter Brock appear to us excessive." (Emphasis by the MDC.)

Now that all the defendants are free on bail, the Committee has to ask for additional large sums of money for the appeal.

"Lawyers must be paid," said Mr. Seniors. "Appeal bonds alone cost \$1,500 each. Many thousands of dollars must be raised to fight to free these defendants whose only crime is a profound determination to fight for Black Freedom." Please send funds to:

Monroe Defense Committee  
605 Brown St., Monroe, N.C.

## They Exploited Children — Will THEY Get 16-20 Yrs?

NEW YORK, March 12—Officers of a clothing company at 102 Clinton Street, of this city, were convicted today of abusing child labor.

The company had hired Puerto Rican children as young as ten years to make bow ties and cummerbunds for 25¢ an hour (to wear with tuxedos!)

Thirty-six adult workers were also paid less than the \$1.15 minimum, and did not get time-and-a-half for overtime.

Company officials said that they were not abusing the children, but were keeping them off the streets and out of trouble.

## With the Boss at the Crying Towel He Pays It All Back in Taxes! — Almost All, Anyway

When a worker in a big plant goes to his boss and mentions how he read in the papers that the company made so many millions in profit, what does the boss say?

"That's right," he says. "The company made millions. But it doesn't do them any good. They have to pay it all back in taxes."

And then the worker is told that the corporation tax on a million dollar income is 52 per cent—and that the tax on an individual income of a million dollars is 91 per cent, and so on.

Well now the "poor" millionaire has his tax reduced to 77 per cent and the corporation to 48 per cent (under the new tax law). So the worker can dry his tears somewhat.

There is, however, a nice (and legal) way for the big bosses to get away without paying any taxes at all.

They can buy tax-free municipal or tax-free state bonds up to any amount they choose.

These bonds pay anywhere from 1.5 to 4 per cent interest. A 2 per cent municipal is considered practically guiltless and much more risk-proof than most corporate stock.

Now a man with \$100 million (like any of the Rockefellers, Duponts, Morgans, etc.) could buy tax-free municipals with his money at 2 per cent and get \$2 million yearly income without paying any tax.

These tax-free municipals and similar tax-free state bonds are of course sold very fast. Five weeks ago, a \$100 million issue of California water project bonds was sold out in 24 hours.

The question a worker might ask his big corporate boss is this:

"If taxes are so terrible, why don't you take all your money out of this factory where I work to produce profits for you—and put it all into tax-free municipal or state bonds?"

—Why, indeed?



Ho Chien-hsiu (in print tunic) offering expert advice to her former work mates.

## Why Taxi Drivers Don't Get Rich

By Rita—a Cabbie's Wife

You really have to hustle and work long hours to get anywhere, if you're a cab driver in New York.

The pay is "from hunger"—approximately 45 per cent of the meter plus tips.

According to the law you may work "only" 12 hours, but many owners have you work for 16-20 hours. Even 12 hours leaves you pretty tired after fighting traffic, putting up with crabby passengers and a lot of other petty annoyances all day.

Benefits such as hospitalization, paid vacations, sick pay, and pensions which are common-place in many industries are almost nonexistent in the taxi industry.

Cabbies work on a shape-up system so that if you want to get out quickly you slip the dispatcher a few bucks regularly. On good nights such as holidays, weekends, etc., the payoff is even higher.

After the bosses are through with you the cops take over. The Hack Bureau is run by the Police Department and you can be sure that they have no sympathy for the driver. Besides harassing the driver on the road the regulations harass the driver in a number of other ways.

Regulations make the driver (not the boss) responsible for the safe condition of the cab.

Some regulations are designed to degrade the driver. As a driver you must wear a certain type of cap if you wear one at all. You cannot sit in the back of the cab while on a break. You cannot smoke or listen to the radio if a passenger objects, etc. And you are subject to license suspension if you disobey these regulations.

In the last 28 years there have been numerous attempts to unionize the cabbies and almost all the fleet drivers want a union. The Transport Workers, the Teamsters, and the Mine Workers have all tried and failed. The drivers put up

many hard-fought militant battles but the bosses brought out all the goons that they could find. They planted stool pigeons in the garages and "took care" of those who were the most militant.

There is at least one cab driver who can take his cap off and show you a scar for each organizing drive. This one from a lead pipe, that one from brass knuckles and so on.

The fleet owners weren't kidding around. They had a lot to lose. While the cab industry doesn't give out figures on its worth, an official of the Hack Bureau estimated that it is worth about \$500 million. There are 12,000 cabs, each with a medallion (a metal shield placed on the right front fender showing that the city allows the cab to operate) worth about \$25,000 on the black market plus about \$3,000 for the cab itself.

Where could an individual driver get that kind of money? So the fleets keep buying up the medallions, of which there are a limited number, and the driver is oppressed more and more.

The only thing that will end it is a strong militant union that can represent the cabbie and get that \$500 million for the drivers and the hell with the fleet owners.

### Ain't They Nice?

NEW YORK—The big cab companies are backing a bill now before the city council here to authorize a flat 10 cents increase in cab fares.

They promise to devote the whole of the 10 cents to employee benefits—wages, health insurance, etc.

Wonderful.

This might take the heat out of the drive to unionize the cabbies, while it won't cost the taxi profiteers a single cent!