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## Brazilian "Strong Man"



## Tractor Death Arouses Mass Anger in Cleveland

### Black People Fight With Cops After Picket Is Killed

CLEVELAND, April 7—Afro-Americans of this city are boiling with indignation at the racist Cleveland authorities for the tractor-bulldozer killing of white minister, Bruce William Klunder, 26, vice chairman of the local chapter of Cleveland CORE.

Rev. Kunder had thrown himself down before a huge bulldozer in a civil rights demonstration to protest the construction of a school that would help perpetuate jimcrow education in the city. The tractor's treads passed completely over him and he died moments afterward.

The driver of the tractor, John White, claimed that he did not see Rev. Klunder and backed up (over him) to avoid hitting three demonstrators who were lying

in front of his machine.

Onlookers thought otherwise and pummeled him vigorously until police came to his rescue.

Nearly a thousand demonstrators and spectators then battled with police and shortly after this, the construction site was belatedly shut down.

Whether or not White was personally to blame, it was obvious, especially to the Black people, that the whole construction operation should have been closed down—if not by the city administration, then by the workers themselves, when they saw the picket line.

But the Black masses instinctively vented the greater part of their anger against the traditional hirelings of their racist enemies, the police, many scores of whom were sent to the spot immediately after the tragedy.

Many teen-agers threw rocks and bottles at the police and this was repeated to some extent throughout the whole community. (One cop was taken to the

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### People's Choice?

One indication of just how spontaneous all that "grass roots" support for Henry Cabot Lodge for President really is:

Unsolicited financial contributions for Lodge's Presidential campaign "total just \$22—one \$10 bill, two \$5's and two \$1's."

(Reported in April 13 News-week).

## Ohio Rifle Club — For Civil Rights Defense

CLEVELAND, April 4—A rifle club for the self-defense of the civil rights movement is being formed here, Lewis G. Robinson, former president of the Freedom Fighters, said today.

He revealed that the club already had a cadre of 50 instructors and that it will not exclude white participants.

The 35-year-old World War 2 veteran also said:

"Negroes must become prepared to protect themselves against any person who violates their civil liberties when the police department fails to do this."

He explained that the police had failed to protect Afro-Americans in the January 30 racial conflict in the Murray Hill section of the city.

Cleveland papers gave the news screaming headlines across the front pages. Police said Robinson is "now under investigation." And Ohio Senator (D) Frank Lausche took the floor of the lily-white Senate to thunder against the rifle club—adding that he was a "friend to the Negro."

The racists are starting a campaign to get Robinson fired from his city job as a housing inspector.

## Brazil's Coup d'Etat Was Engineered by U.S.

About a year ago, the Wall Street Journal observed prophetically that "A revolution in Brazil is inevitable. The only question is whether that revolution will be made by the Left or the Right."

The answer to that question was supplied last week in the counter-revolution of the Right under the leadership of Brazil's generals and admirals.

But this counter-revolution was not something in the nature of an elementary upheaval like the Alaska earthquake. It was not as though the Wall Street Journal had knocked on a door of nature and a voice within had obligingly given the "correct" reactionary answer.

Oh, no!  
The Wall Street bankers, their Government, their politicians and their generals all worked day and night to make the answer come out the way they wanted it.

And Johnson, the Wall Street President, within hours after the coup d'etat, sent his "warmest wishes" to the hangmen-conquerors whom Wall Street sponsored and paid to supply Wall Street's "answer."

It was Wall Street—that is, U.S. imperialism—who fathered the Brazilian counter-revolution. It was U.S. imperialism that gave it material and moral support.

When Johnson appointed the reactionary Thomas Mann as Coordinator of Latin American Affairs, he took the first open political step in this direction. But the CIA, the U.S. military missions, the State Department diplomats, the private agents of the billionaire corporations, were all at work in Brazil for many months under Kennedy before him.

When Mann announced on March 18 that the U.S. would recognize and co-operate with dictatorial regimes in Latin America who might overthrow more democratic regimes, it was not so much a signal to the counter-revolution—the signal had been given long before—he was trying to prepare public sentiment in the United States for the anti-popular seizure of power.

The Washington Daily News said flat-

ly on the day after the coup that it had been in preparation over a year. (In Washington, they should know!) And the usurpers themselves frankly bragged that their take-over had been planned "some time ago" by the reactionary state governors and the clique of admirals and generals.

Everybody in Latin America knows or suspects this. And everybody in Latin America knows that Goulart, although not beloved by the masses, was many times more popular than the clique of generals and stooges who replaced him. Only four months ago Goulart was given executive powers similar to the U.S. President in a plebiscite by a six to one majority.

He had been unconstitutionally deprived of these powers in a semi-coup d'etat by the army. This was when he, as Vice President, assumed the presidency, when Quadros resigned in 1961.

On March 13, when Goulart signed the

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## Strong Protest Movement Emerging on and off Campus

### HUAC Is Forced to Postpone Buffalo Witch-Hunt

BUFFALO, April 12—A spirited display of opposition to the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), particularly by students at the State University of New York at Buffalo, forced HUAC to postpone the witch-hunt hearings scheduled here for April 14-15 until April 29-30.

A number of those subpoenaed are from Buffalo University and most of the activity centered around the campus.

The Buffalo Committee to Oppose HUAC issued a number of press releases calling for all groups to demonstrate and sponsored a meeting at the Humboldt Parkway Baptist Church with Anne Braden, field representative of the Southern Conference Educational Fund speaking on "The Unamerican Activities Committee, Bulwark of Segregation."

Clark Foreman of the Emergency

Civil Liberties Committee was sponsored by the Civil Rights Committee of the Student Senate and Joan Baez, renowned woman folk singer, was sponsored by the Liberal Religious Fellowship. Both addressed overflow meetings of students on campus and called for the abolition of HUAC.

The spirit of protest against HUAC was so strong that university administration pressure barred the press from the huge Baez gathering for fear it would be reported in the Buffalo community and arouse more support for the proposed demonstrations.

Later, on Friday evening, Miss Baez sang in concert at Kleinhan's Music Hall and urged the youthful audience of 3,000 to take an interest in the planned student demonstration against HUAC.

Youth Opposed to HUAC distributed

a leaflet to the concert-goers which had been distributed by the thousands on the Buffalo University campus and State Teachers campus, calling for student demonstrations.

The leaflet stated: "Demonstrations of this nature have been successful in keeping the HUAC inquisition out of town elsewhere."

The statement proved to be partly prophetic in that HUAC, apparently fearing another San Francisco, arranged for a two-week "cooling-off" period and re-scheduled the hearings a week before final exams.

Concerned students resent the cynicism of the move and feel the depth of resentment and opposition to the Gestapo-like methods of HUAC will not wain—nor will their determination to express this opposition whenever the Committee appears in Buffalo.

### Illiterates Would Vote The Wrong Way!

One of the most horrendous and "undemocratic" crimes charged against the nationalist Goulart by the fascist Lacerda and his U.S. backers is that Goulart wanted to give the vote to illiterates.

Who are the "illiterates"?

First, they are over 51 per cent of Brazil's population. Second, they are the poor. Third, they have utterly no representation in "their" government.

"Illiterate," of course, means not educated.

The illiterates are not educated enough to understand why they should vote for U.S.-stooge-politicians and support dictator-generals who shoot and imprison those who even occasionally befriend the poor.

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## Fulbright

Was the Senator from Arkansas really serious last month when he called for a re-examination of U.S. foreign policy and for dealing with socialist Cuba as a "nuisance" instead of a "threat to the hemisphere"?

If so, it is strange indeed that Senator Fulbright missed the opportunity to condemn the U.S.-engineered fascist-military coup in Brazil.

It is well known that Brazil, under Goulart, was the biggest obstacle to Latin American cooperation with the U.S. campaign to strangle Cuba. Under the new militarist regime, it will reverse its former stand and seriously sharpen the crisis in the Caribbean.

Actually, Fulbright had advised pushing the Cuban "problem" under the rug—only in order to take up "more important tasks in the hemisphere."

The counter-revolution in Brazil, judging by the Senator's silence, was one of these tasks.

Moreover, it must be added that Fulbright's talk about recognizing the Peoples Republic of China is not the straightforward proposition it is purported to be. In return for establishing "relatively normal relations with mainland China," Fulbright wants China to give up its claim to Taiwan. The Peking

Peoples Daily has adequately answered him on that.

The Arkansas Senator also supports the U.S. Government's policies in Vietnam and wants imperialism to "fulfill its commitments there."

But the war against Vietnam threatens at any moment to become a war against China. Thus Fulbright talks peace and covers up for war.

Fulbright supports racism and segregation in his home state of Arkansas. This, says the "moderate" Walter Lippman, keeps him in the Senate, and therefore is a good thing!

But how can Fulbright be a racist at home and a liberator abroad?

Marxists have always maintained that foreign policy is the extension of domestic policy. And this case is no exception.

Fulbright's reactionary domestic line on civil rights, Taft-Hartley and the labor movement is clear as crystal. It's supported by deeds.

Fulbright's "liberal" foreign policy is not so clear. That is because it is merely a mass of verbiage which reflects uncertainty in the camp of the class enemy in the face of world-wide rebellion against U.S. domination.

Let no one have a cent's worth of confidence in the peaceful intentions of Fulbright or his imperialist masters.

## MacArthur

Before the echoes of the 18-gun salute had died away, and while the funeral ceremonies were still in progress, the sensational MacArthur revelations were published in the Hearst and Scripps-Howard press.

These 10-year-old interviews made clear that MacArthur had advocated dropping 30 to 50 atomic bombs on China and laying down a five-mile-wide belt of cobalt radiation, 400 miles long, that would kill everybody in the area for a period of 60 to 120 years.

It would be pleasant to report that the interviews were published in order to discredit MacArthur for this savagery and dry up the newspaper-inspired tears that were shed for him at his death.

But the truth is almost exactly the opposite.

The publication of the interviews so quickly after his death was in order to take advantage of the great honors heaped upon the "national hero" and use the appropriate moment to refurbish and re-invigorate militarism in general and atomic blackmail in particular.

The revelations were also a proof that the ambitions of U.S. imperialism which MacArthur so well represented are still very much alive. MacArthur is dead. But his militarist spirit, unfortunately, lives on.

It will continue to live—as long as the workers permit monopolist imperialism to exist.

## First Dogs, Prods, Tear Gas—Now Tanks!

JACKSON, MISS.—Last summer, the Black people of this city carried out a big program of demonstrations for the most elementary rights that are denied them, such as the right to vote.

Now Allen Thompson, the mayor of Jackson, is telling everybody that last summer's demonstrations were enough.

While the summer is still months off, Thompson is building up his Nazi-like riot-trained police force from 390 to 450, plus two horses and six dogs, to smash this summer's expected demonstrations.

The police force is twice as big as in any other city Jackson's size, and it will be backed by a reserve of deputies, state troopers, civilian city employees, and even neighborhood "citizen patrols." (Naturally Black non-voters aren't citizens!)

With \$2.2 million to spend, the police department recently bought 200 new

shotguns, stockpiled tear gas, and issued gas masks to every man.

Its motor fleet includes three canvas-canopied troop lorries, two half-ton searchlight trucks, and three giant trailer trucks to haul demonstration POW's off to two big detention compounds.

"I think we can take care of 25,000," the mayor said.

But the pride of the mayor's army is "Thompson's Tank"—a 13,000-pound armored battlewagon built to the mayor's specifications at \$1 a pound. The twelve-man tank bristles with shotguns, tear-gas guns, and a submachine gun.

"There will be no marching or peaceful picketing," Mayor Thompson said. "We are not going to let them come into the downtown area."

Thompson boasts, "The Black people won't have a chance."

## Monroe, N. C., Woman Runs for Bd. of Ed.

### Challenging the Lily-White Election System

The following is from a press release by the Citizens Adult Education Program of Monroe, North Carolina. It was sent by Mrs. E. A. Johnson.

Tuesday, April 7, 1964, history was made in Union County, North Carolina. An event of such magnitude that if carried to a successful conclusion, Union County would be the first county in the state (and perhaps the entire South) to have a Black woman as a member of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Mildred Oxner filed for candidacy in the forthcoming Democratic Primary.

Following in the glorious tradition of Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, Mrs. Oxner took a giant step by making a dramatic entry in the race for a seat on one of the most important policy making bodies of any county—The Board of Education. Steadfastly maintaining

that it is high time Black women stand up and assert themselves as leaders and see to it that their children receive all the benefits materially, morally and spiritually, of a fair and equal education, Mrs. Oxner is well qualified for a seat on the Board. . . .

She works actively with the Morning-Grove Community Development Association, the dynamic progressive group which recently won the PADA award for the 3rd year in a row, for its work in raising living standards into a championship community development.

She is a woman on the go—an active community leader, a fighter for the rights of all people—she knows what is needed for her children (and the children of her community); and well aware of the problems facing her community—has set out to do something about them.

## Killer Cops Exonerated; Protest at Station House

NEW YORK, April 12—A new mass protest in defense of police-persecuted Puerto Ricans in this city is scheduled this Wednesday.

Last November 15, two cops picked up Maximino Solero and Victor Rodriguez and shot them to death in the back of a patrol car.

The brutal killing of the two Puerto Ricans provoked a wave of public protest beginning with the huge November 21 street demonstration organized by Youth Against War and Fascism. But on April 8, the Manhattan Grand Jury refused to indict the two killers, Patrolmen Edmundson and Wilson, claiming a "lack of evidence."

An Action Committee Against Police Brutality has been formed to protest this whitewash. It is calling a protest demonstration Wednesday, April 15, at 6:00 PM, in front of the West 100th Street police station, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues.

## Vietnam War Protest On May 2nd by United Student, Youth Groups

On May 2, at 110th St. and 8th Ave., the May Second Committee will hold a demonstration against the war in Vietnam.

The demonstration comes at a time when the big business gov't is openly planning for the appropriate moment for an intensification of the war against the South Vietnam people and for the extension of the war into North Vietnam.

An outgrowth of the Yale Socialist conference, the May Second Committee is composed of several different tendencies. Its chairman is Russell Stetler who is from a Haverford College group which is raising medical aid for the National Liberation Front.

(News of this was announced last week on the Hanoi radio.)

Represented on the committee is Youth Against War and Fascism, which supports this action as it has supported all actions against the U.S. aggression in Vietnam, initiating many of them.

## Oppressed Children And Tortured Teachers

Dear Editor:

Lately there has been a lot of talk about the way the children of working-class parents have been terrorizing the teachers in New York with knifings and beatings. There has also been some discussion as to how to deal with this.

The "Daily News" has been advocating corporal punishment, arming the teachers with the long ruler—the teachers who have all the benefit of paid vacations, pay raises, thirty-hour work-week ten months a year and can never be wrong in his approach to a child of the working class!

Have any of our educational experts as well as newspapermen explored the bullying situation confronted by private school teachers? And what about the status of the private school teacher—the tool of the profit-seeking school owner or so-called "principal"?

What about the teacher's relationship with the "principal," over-demanding upper class parents, and children who are taught to disrespect the teacher by their parents?

The children of working-class parents can be punished physically by their teachers and this can go unnoticed by the principal. (He simply turns his back on

it.) The private school boss or "principal" checks up on the teacher constantly, obeying the demands of his upper-class parent-customers, and goes out of his way to see that these demands are carried out to the letter.

Because the children bring the capitalist-principal a profit, everything the child says or does to the teacher or another child must never be verbally reprimanded! (Or else the teacher is browbeaten and eventually fired if the children become too aggressive.)

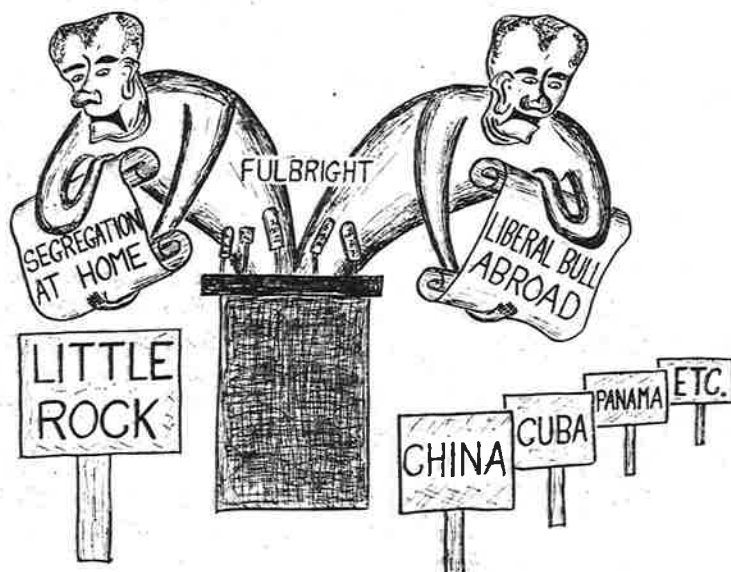
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## Won't Honor MacArthur

PANAMA CITY, April 8—Students demonstrated here yesterday against hoisting the Panamanian flag at half-mast to honor U.S. General Douglas MacArthur. U.S. authorities had ordered the U.S. flag to be flown at half-mast together with the Panamanian.

The students shouted that the Panamanian flag must not be at half-mast in tribute to a U.S. Army officer. (U.S. troops have been stationed in Panama for over half a century, enforcing U.S. colonialism.)

U.S. authorities finally rescinded the order and the Panamanian flag was flown at full mast.



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**"If Washington Is Serious About Helping Miners,  
Why Does It Send FBI to Break up Their Strike?"**

## Students', Miners' Conference in Hazard, Ky

By a Participant

HAZARD, KY. — Johnson and Congress say they have declared a "War on Poverty." But in Eastern Kentucky, which is part of one of the so-called "pockets of poverty" (it stretches from Northern Alabama to Pennsylvania), the war is not on poverty, but on striking and unemployed miners.

And the same war is being waged on workers and oppressed people in all these "pockets of poverty," which cover altogether probably half of the country.

Perry County, of which Hazard is the county seat, has 16,000 out of 36,000 residents on relief. The seven-county area in Eastern Kentucky has 50 per cent unemployment.

This reporter went down to Hazard, over the Easter weekend and joined 200 students from all over the country in a miners' and students' conference to find out from the miners just how this "war" is being waged.

The many students, who came from as far as Texas, California, Wisconsin, New York, Boston and Philadelphia, came to Hazard to express their solidarity for the oppressed miners in Kentucky.

When they arrived in Hazard, they learned that a Federal program to aid the unemployed is administered by means of food stamps, which are distributed and completely controlled by local officials who are in cahoots with the coal operators. This means that miners who need this food are forced by the officials to work for the coal operators for \$3, 4, or \$5 a day, whereas the union wage is \$26.25 a day.

One of the miners in the Appalachian Committee for Full Employment, which is led by Berman Gibson, said at a meeting:

"We made a March on Washington. We saw our officials and got a lot of promises, and that's all we did get. Whatever money has been appropriated to this area has been put in the hands of

## "Striking" Doctors Treat Prince, Let Workers Die

By Ellen Pierce

A "strike" by Belgian doctors has so far caused the deaths of six people, including a four-year girl and a baby boy.

A strike, of course, is not always automatically a progressive thing. On some rare occasions, it can actually be against the interests of the working people.

The Belgian doctors—most of whose education is paid for by the Belgian people—are protesting a national health insurance law. Under the new law, fees are standardized and the patient gets a receipt for the fee paid. This means there is a record kept of the doctors' incomes.

They are objecting that they will have to declare increased income for tax purposes.

Unions in Belgium strongly support the national insurance program. Workers have staged several mass demonstrations against the criminal refusal of doctors to care for the sick. Workers in Falkenberg (a city in the Netherlands where many Belgian doctors are now staying) set up a huge banner telling the runaway physicians to go home.

While workers and their children suffer from the "strike," the rich are either

## Mine Wildcat Spreads

APRIL 7—The widespread wildcat strike in the eastern and mid-western soft-coal fields protesting the recent contract negotiated by the national UMW leadership now involves 10,000 miners. This includes 900 Perry County, Ky. miners who walked out when Peabody Coal Co. and Ayrshire Collieries Corp. refused to sign the national agreement.

The new contract provides for a \$2 a day increase in wages. But the men are much more concerned about a strict seniority clause, job protection and the creation of new jobs.

the state politicians. And they are determined that this group—this committee—will not get the money."

Congressional committeemen made several speeches trying to make the students swallow their phony "War on Poverty" programs of which there are no less than 42.

Several students and miners denounced these officials for their empty promises and programs and for Washington's support of the local authorities, such as the Sheriff of the county, who, like all officials sides with the coal operators, and is a coal operator himself.

One student said from the floor, "If the Washington politicians are really serious in helping the miners, why do they send down the FBI to break up Berman Gibson's striking miners' movement by helping the local and state police to frame up Gibson for conspiracy to dynamite a bridge?"

"Why don't they enforce safety regulations in the mines and enforce the minimum wage law. And why don't they hand over funds immediately to the miners who need help desperately?"

able to obtain medical help or can afford to travel out of the country to find doctors.

The royal family of Belgium had no trouble getting a physician to come to the palace when Prince Laurent ran a fever.

## "Civil Rights"—Terror in Mississippi; Talkathon in U.S. Senate

By Henry Stone

GREENWOOD, Miss.—While the U.S. Senate leisurely discusses "states' rights" in the so-called civil rights debate, and prepares to stall for another hundred years, this city provides a real test of Federal, as well as state intentions toward the oppressed.

The drive to register Afro-American voters in Greenwood (Leflore County), carried on by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, has met with continual violent harassment and intimidation by the county government. And the Federal Government has done nothing to stop the harassment, even though it violates Federal law.

On March 31, 14 SNCC workers picketing the County Courthouse with signs urging Afro-Americans to register and

## A LETTER FROM LABOR

## North Vietnam Unions Appeal to Us To Fight Against the Dirty War

The following letter was sent to us directly from the headquarters of the Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions in Hanoi. It was mailed on March 2, but only reached us on April 9.

The urgent appeal contained in it should have the widest possible dissemination. The danger of a U.S. attack on North Vietnam is very great. The labor movement of the United States has every interest in opposing such an attack, as the labor movement of Vietnam suggests.

Hanoi, March 2nd, 1964

Dear Comrades,

It is with extreme indignation that we bring to your knowledge the following facts:

In recent days, on many occasions, the U.S. Government has openly revealed its extremely dangerous scheme of further stepping up the aggressive war against our workers and compatriots in South Vietnam.

After the recent coups d'etat in Saigon (November 1, 1963, January 30, 1964), the U.S. President L. Johnson has repeatedly declared "to continue U.S. support" and "full assistance" to the new henchman of the U.S. in South Vietnam with a view to further intensifying the war against the people of South Vietnam.

And on last February 21, L. Johnson has blatantly slandered the Democratic Republic of Vietnam which he accused of being engaged in "direction and supply" for the guerrillas in South Vietnam and said this was "a deeply dangerous game."

Following the U.S. President's statement, U.S. information and propaganda services have clamored for an expansion of the war, going to the length of advocating such military measures as the dispatch of additional U.S. combat troops to South Vietnam to carry out attacks against North Vietnam, or the bombing and blockade of North Vietnam, etc.—In the meantime the U.S. paid South Vietnam authorities make an appeal on forwarding to the North, on abolishing the temporary military demarcation line (the 17th Parallel) with the help of

their masters.

Recently, the U.S. Government has set up the so-called "Interministerial Committee" which assumes direct command of the intensification of the war waged by the U.S. in South Vietnam.

According to the latest news, the U.S. Minister of Defense McNamara will go to South Vietnam in order to study the situation, to work out new U.S. imperialist strategy for their aggressive war in South Vietnam.

Once more, the above mentioned statements and acts of the U.S. Government show that the U.S. imperialists are inveterate aggressors, that they have committed repeated serious violations of the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Vietnam, and threatened the security of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and peace in South-East Asia and the world.

On behalf of all the workers and trade unions in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, we request you to condemn the above-mentioned U.S. imperialists' aggressive actions and extremely dangerous bellicose provocations and to take up appropriate measures in order to support the just struggle of our workers and compatriots in South Vietnam and of our whole people against them.

On our part, all workers and trade unions in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, together with our whole people, we hold ourselves ready to defeat all U.S. imperialists' and their lackeys' provocative and aggressive maneuvers. We firmly demand the U.S. Government and the South Vietnam authorities to respect the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Indochina. We resolutely support the struggle of our workers and compatriots in South Vietnam to liberate South Vietnam and to realize the peaceful reunification of our country.

We sincerely thank you for the support to our just struggle and convey to you our fraternal greetings.

The Secretariat,  
The Vietnam Federation of  
Trade Unions  
(signed)  
Tran Danh Tuyen  
General Secretary

## Press Blacks Out Celebrity Support of Assassination Inquiry

The Warren Commission's cover-up "investigation" of the Kennedy assassination is being helped by the blackout in the press of stories about the assassination and surrounding events.

For example, celebrities like Sterling Hayden, the actor, or Jessica Mitford, author of the controversial "American Way of Death," can usually get headlines by simply taking a trip somewhere or saying a few words about some event.

But when these celebrities, along with several others, became sponsors of Mark Lane's Citizens Committee of Inquiry, not one New York daily paper saw fit to print a word about it. (This Committee is doing an independent investigation of the assassination to uncover what really

happened.)

The following are the main points of a press release issued by the Committee:

"Among those who are serving as initiating members of the Citizens' Committee are actor and author Sterling Hayden, Jessica Mitford, author of "The American Way of Death," Arthur Groce, constitutional attorney and Chairman of the Northern California chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, Theodore Mann, producer and attorney, and many history, philosophy and law professors at leading American universities. . . .

"Mr. Lane has made several trips to Dallas, each time turning up more eyewitness testimony and documentary evi-

dence refuting the charges against Oswald. . . . Since beginning his investigations, he has become convinced that Lee Harvey Oswald is innocent of the crimes charged against him, and he has announced that he will remain with the case until the real facts about the Kennedy assassination are known."

In spite of the news blackout, the Citizens Committee says, a growing number of individuals, groups, colleges, etc., have expressed interest and asked Mr. Lane to address them. He will resume a busy speaking tour next week when he returns from several important meetings held in European countries on the assassination.

Afro-Americans were arrested.

In June and July, cops arrested 32 Afro-Americans at the courthouse for the "crime" of trying to register.

On February 27, 1964, Byron Beckwith, a native of Greenwood, who was on trial for the assassination of Medgar Evers, was not convicted after police-men testified he couldn't have done it.

On March 25, over 200 Black people tried to register in the courthouse. Local people and ministers from the National Conference of Churches picketed the courthouse. That afternoon a "chemical" substance was placed on courthouse radiators, extruding an odor which caused nausea and made eyes water. Fewer than 60 took the test.

The Federal Justice Department filed suit in Federal Court in June of 1963 to restrain the county officials from using the arrest powers to interfere with voter registration. The suit is still pending, and it didn't prevent the above cases of intimidation.

On top of all this harassment, the Mississippi state government is preparing to enact some police state (or slave state) laws, violating the equal-protection clause of the Constitution, to crush the rights struggle.

One bill will grant cities the right to restrict the movements of Black people when there is "imminent danger to the public safety" because of freedom of movement. It recalls the post-Civil War "Black Codes" that bound into serfdom freed slaves who could not find jobs.

When the Government, County, State and Federal, prevents Afro-Americans from voting at all, and prepares to arbitrarily restrict their freedom of movement, this means Afro-Americans are living under fascism—U.S. style.

## "The Reactionary Classes Never Give up Power Voluntarily"

# China on "Peaceful Transition" to Socialism

The most recent statement of the Chinese Communist Party deals with Khrushchev's revisionism on the question of "peaceful transition" to socialism. The statement was in the form of an editorial in the Peking Peoples Daily and also in Red Flag. It was entitled, "The Proletarian Revolution and Khrushchev's Revisionism."

The article is 30,000 words long with appropriate quotations from Lenin, Mao, Khrushchev, Kautsky, etc. We give below some important excerpts from the beginning of the document which indicate its revolutionary spirit. It was supplied to us by the Hsinhua News Service.

The present article will discuss the familiar question of "peaceful transition." It has become familiar and has attracted everybody's attention because Khrushchev raised it at the 20th Congress of the CPSU and rounded it into a complete system in the form of a program at the 22nd Congress, where he pitted his revisionist views against the Marxist-Leninist views. The open letter of the Central Committee of the CPSU of July 14, 1963 once again struck up this old tune.

In the history of the international communist movement the betrayal of Marxism and of the proletariat by the revisionists has always manifested itself most sharply in their opposition to violent revolution and to the dictatorship of the proletariat and in their advocacy of peaceful transition from capitalism to socialism. This is likewise the case with Khrushchev's revisionism. . . .

Khrushchev's revisionism, which has emerged and gained ascendancy in the leadership of the CPSU, constitutes a major question of overall significance for the international communist move-

ment with a vital bearing on the success or failure of the entire revolutionary cause of the international proletariat.

For this reason, in the present article we are replying to the revisionists in more explicit terms than before.

### A Disciple of Bernstein and Kautsky

Beginning with the 20th Congress of the CPSU, Khrushchev put forward the road of "peaceful transition," i.e., "transition to socialism by the parliamentary road" ("Report to the 20th Party Congress," 1956), which is diametrically opposed to the road of the October Revolution.

Let us examine the "parliamentary road" peddled by Khrushchev and his like.

Khrushchev holds that the proletariat can win a stable majority in parliament under the bourgeois dictatorship and under bourgeois electoral laws. He says that in the capitalist countries, "... the working class, by rallying around itself the toiling peasantry, the intelligentsia, all patriotic forces, and resolutely repulsing the opportunist elements who are incapable of giving up the policy of compromise with the capitalists and landlords, is in a position to defeat the reactionary forces opposed to the popular interest, to capture a stable majority in parliament. . . ." ("Report to the 20th Party Congress," 1956.)

Khrushchev maintains that if the proletariat can win a majority in parliament, this in itself will amount to the seizure of state power and the smashing of the bourgeois state machinery. He says that, for the working class, "... to win a majority in parliament and transform it into an organ of the people's power, given a powerful revolutionary movement in the country, means smashing the military bureaucratic machine

of the bourgeoisie and setting up a new, proletarian people's state in parliamentary form." ("For New Victories for the World Communist Movement" 1961)....

### Violent Revolution Is a Universal Law of Proletarian Revolution

The entire history of the working-class movement tells us that the acknowledgement or non-acknowledgement of violent revolution as a universal law of proletarian revolution, of the necessity of smashing the old state machine, and of the necessity of replacing the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie by the dictatorship of the proletariat has always been the watershed between Marxism and all brands of opportunism and revisionism, between proletarian revolutionaries and all renegades from the proletariat.

According to the basic teachings of Marxism-Leninism, the key question in every revolution is that of state power. The key question in the proletarian revolution is that of the seizure of state power and the smashing of the bourgeois state machine by violence, the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the replacement of the bourgeois state by the proletarian state.

Marxism has always openly proclaimed the inevitability of violent revolution. It points out that violent revolution is the midwife to socialist society, the only road to the replacement of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie by the dictatorship of the proletariat, and a universal law of proletarian revolution.

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Marxism teaches us that the state itself is a form of violence. The main components of the state machine are the army and the police. History shows that all ruling classes depend upon violence

to maintain their rule.

The proletariat would, of course, prefer to gain power by peaceful means. But abundant historical evidence indicates that the reactionary classes never give up power voluntarily and that they are always the first to use violence to repress the revolutionary mass movement and to provoke civil war, thus placing armed struggle on the agenda.

Lenin has spoken of "civil war, without which not a single great revolution in history has yet been able to get along, and without which not a single serious Marxist has conceived of the transition from capitalism to socialism." ("Prophetic Words.")

The great revolutions in history referred to by Lenin include the bourgeois revolution. The bourgeois revolution is one in which one exploiting class overthrows another, and yet it cannot be made without a civil war. Still more is this the case with the proletarian revolution, which is a revolution to abolish all exploiting classes and systems.

Regarding the fact that violent revolution is a universal law of proletarian revolution, Lenin repeatedly pointed out that "between capitalism and socialism there lies a long period of 'birth pains'—that violence is always the midwife of the old society" ("Those Who Are Terrified by the Collapse of the Old and Those Who Fight for the New") that the bourgeois state "cannot be superseded by the proletarian state (the dictatorship of the proletariat) through the process of 'withering away,' but, as a general rule, only through a violent revolution," and that "the necessity of systematically imbuing the masses with this and precisely this view of violent revolution lies at the root of all the teachings of Marx and Engels." ("The State and Revolution")....

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Basing himself on the Marxist-Leninist theory of violent revolution and the new experiences of the proletarian revolution and the people's democratic revolution led by the proletariat, Comrade Mao Tse-Tung said: "... revolutions and revolutionary wars are inevitable in class society and ... in their absence no leap in social development can be accomplished, the reactionary ruling classes cannot be overthrown and the people cannot win political power." ("On Contradiction")

"... The seizure of power by armed force, the settlement of the issue by war, is the central task and the highest form of revolution. This Marxist-Leninist principle of revolution holds good universally, for China and for all other countries." ("Problems of War and Strategy")

He stated further: "... experience in the class struggle in the era of imperialism teaches us that it is only by the power of the gun that the working class and the laboring masses can defeat the armed bourgeoisie and landlords; in this sense we may say that only with guns can the whole world be transformed." (Same source as above.)

To sum up, violent revolution is a universal law of proletarian revolution. This is a fundamental tenet of Marxism-Leninism. It is on this most important question that Khrushchev betrays Marxism-Leninism.

## Tito Scored in Cuba For Pro-Imperialist Move

The newspaper, Hoy, organ of the United Party of the Cuban Socialist Revolution, has correctly branded Tito's invitation to Venezuela to attend a conference of "unaligned countries" as "unfriendly, disloyal and offensive" to Cuba.

The Venezuelan government was inspired by the U.S. to lead the campaign against Cuba in the Organization of American States (OAS) and to make the CIA-manufactured charges of an attempted Cuban invasion, arms caches, etc. Venezuela is virtually organizing the anti-Cuba campaign in Latin America.

Venezuelan President Leoni, like Betancourt before him, is given the name of "democrat" by his imperialist bosses in the U.S., but he runs a real dictatorship against the working class and all other opponents of his regime. He rules entirely on the sufferance of the U.S. oil companies.

Tito knows this. And his gesture to Venezuela is not only a further snuggling up to imperialism, but also a conscious and deliberate blow at the independence of socialist Cuba.

## A Roadblock on the "Peaceful Road" in Chile

The bourgeoisie sings hymns of praise to the beloved ideal of "democratic elections"—until workers start to use elections as a weapon against the ruling class. Then the bourgeoisie has to give a special twist to those "democratic elections" to make sure they don't lose a bit of their power.

Take the case of Chile, where a coalition of Socialists and Communists hopes to elect Dr. Salvador Allende as Chile's President next September.

The big landowners, backed up by U.S. copper monopolies (which control 90 per cent of Chile's copper industry) have no intention of keeping the "democratic elections" really democratic.

The right-wing candidate, who withdrew from the race early in April, has been persuaded to run again. Three men are now campaigning for the Presidency—a right-winger, a Liberal, and the Socialist Dr. Allende.

Here's where the "twist" comes in—Under Chile's Constitution, if no candidate gets 51 per cent of the votes, the Congress, which has an anti-Communist majority, then chooses one of the two leading candidates.

Suppose the Socialist-Communist candidate gets 50 per cent of the votes, the Liberal gets 35 per cent, and the right-winger 15. The choice is then up to the Congress. And the Congress can promptly hold a "democratic election" in which it gives the Presidency to the Liberal who got only 35 per cent of the popular votes.

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hospital, but his injuries proved to be only minor.)

Hysterical news commentators first accused the Black community of riot and "looting." The latter charge was dropped, after a time.

Before the minister's death, demonstrators had fought cops who were arresting five persons, including another minister, for trying to prevent a cement mixer from coming onto the construction site. The five were led by Ruth Turner, local chairman of CORE.

## —Brazil Coup d'Etat Stage-Managed by U.S.

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decree that was to affect vast stretches of land and distribute millions of acres to the poor, a mass meeting of 150,000 people in Rio cheered him and many millions of the rural poor outside Rio were even more enthusiastic.

Much of the land involved was unused land and few great estates were seriously affected. But the big barons feared the precedent, nevertheless.

Moreover, something else happened:

On the same day Goulart signed the land decrees, he also announced the expropriation of seven U.S. oil companies. This followed the expropriation of the International (U.S.) Telephone Company a year and a half ago, and other U.S. interests after that.

But even so, large industry in Brazil is still more than 50 per cent owned by U.S. capital. Thus the following measure was an even greater spur to the U.S.-sponsored counter-revolution:

Goulart had dared to sponsor a law limiting U.S. capital remittances to 10 per cent on investment.

### Alliance for Reaction

It was a way of compelling imperialism to disgorge some of its blood-money, re-invest in Brazilian industry, develop the country and actually carry out some of the lying promises of the "Alliance for Progress."

It is not the mythical "Alliance for Progress" that rules over Brazil today, but the very real Alliance for Reaction—the alliance of Brazilian bosses and U.S. bankers.

This alliance had been growing stronger politically, while Goulart had been attacking it economically. It finally became only a question of who had the most armed power and when was the most favorable time to strike.

(Carleton Beals says that the revolt had actually been planned for last November, but had to be postponed because of the Kennedy assassination. It apparently took Johnson that long to acquaint himself with the situation and give the final word to proceed to lynch what remained of Brazilian independence.)

Now, the counter-revolution that Johnson so "warmly" welcomed is becoming daily more furious. With fascist-like ferocity, it is attacking not only Communists, not only the revolutionary peas-

ants and workers, but even liberal middle class and bourgeois elements. Middle-of-the-road, ex-President Kubitchek is under attack for his mild support of Goulart and he, too, may yet have to flee the country.

The 125 legally-elected Congressmen who are members of Goulart's "Workers Party"—many of them small landlords or petty businessmen—are facing the possible expropriation of their property and expulsion from the country. (Forty of them were purged after this was written—ed.)

It may be imagined from this how terrible are the reprisals against the less powerful opponents of the new regime—especially worker-militants.

### Arrests and Tortures

Thousands of people have been arrested as "Communists." Many hundreds of these are undoubtedly being tortured in prison.

And now, of course, a few capitalist "liberals" like the editors of the New York Times, hold up their hands and hypocritically cry that things are going "too far" in Brazil. This is only an attempt to answer the outcry of the masses in the rest of the world and reassure them that U.S. imperialism is their best friend.

The frenzy of the counter-revolution is in full swing. The Right Wing chief of staff of the Brazilian Army is slated to take over the Presidency from the Social Democrat who obligingly accepted the honor from the bayoneted Congress last week.

Even the conservative Arthur Krock pointed out that this was specifically prohibited in the Brazilian Constitution. But Lacerda and his cronies, with plenty of support from the U.S., say things are going too slowly. "Democracy" must be still further re-inforced!

Now the imperialists are calculating on Brazil to lead the way to a series of similar repressions throughout Latin America.

But their fondest hopes will be disappointed.

The whip of the North American counter-revolution will spur the South American revolution along forward. And in spite of the present anti-working class terror, this will eventually prove to be true in Brazil itself.