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White Workers:

Don't Fall For Hysteria Of Racist Ruling Class!

Hue and Cry Over Black Teen Gangs Is Police Trick To Deny Civil Rights and Divide the Working Class

The "long hot summer" of civil rights protests has already begun.

But it has been transformed—in the columns of Northern newspapers—into a series of hot headlines about incidents involving Afro-Americans in such a way as to try to turn white liberals into raving racists.

In New York City, the boss press advocates adding hundreds more police to the already swollen repressive force that is now being maintained there.

(The same newspapers which are screaming for anti-Black action by the cops, are wondering if there will be enough votes in the U.S. Senate to close discussion on the Civil Rights Bill next week—so a vote can be taken on whether a Black Man has the right to get a cup of coffee in this country.)

The call for more police is not designed to "protect" poor working people—Black or white—but to crack down more viciously on the Afro-American and Puerto Rican minorities.

Three Puerto Ricans have been known to have been shot and killed by New York police in the last six months alone. How many additional Afro-Americans and Puerto Ricans have been beaten to death in police stations and city prisons is a secret of the police and their bosses.

Scores of heads have been cracked by N.Y. police clubs in the civil rights

struggle of the last few months. And during the same period, hundreds more have been bloodied for the "crime" of being unemployed or of "loitering" or

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White Teen Gang Nearly Kills Black Youth

NEW YORK, May 30—While buckets of ink are being spilled about the "Blood Brothers," hardly a square inch of all the acres of newsprint has been occupied by the story of the "Saints."

Who are the "Saints"?

They are a South Ozone Park, Long Island, youth gang (white), who last week attacked three Afro-American youths and sent them to the hospital, where one lies with a fractured skull, another paralyzed with a broken back, in danger of death.

About 50 white teen-agers are reported to have joined in the attack. Four of the attackers are being held without bail.

With the newspapers lamenting about "police protection against muggings" and devoting whole pages to discussions of Afro-American defense groups, an honest man might be forgiven for wondering why the Ozone Park event was passed over with such nonchalance.

But the explanation is the same as it has always been. All the "bleeding heart" concern about civil rights by the rich is simply for the deception of the poor.

If the roles of Black and white, of privileged and non-privileged, had been reversed and this incident had occurred in Harlem instead of middle class Ozone Park, you may be sure that new squads of police, "tactical police," special student police and whole battalions of "youth workers" and social service "experts" would have invaded the area to the blare of headlines, photos and cries of rape and murder.

In South Ozone Park, however, it is just "juvenile delinquency"—deplorable, to be sure. But no cause for hysteria.

Warren Commission

Why Are Hearings Held in Secret?

What is the real reason for the Warren Commission hearings being held in secret?

In less than a month, the newspapers tell us, the testimony taken in closed chamber sessions is going to be printed up in the greatest detail and made available to the public. Yet the testimony taken so far has been classified by the Commission as "top secret."

Even after the sensation stirred up last week by the publication of a picture that might prove Oswald's innocence, it was not clear how much—or even whether—the Commission had studied this picture and its implications.

More important—if it took six months to really publicize a single picture that was already somewhat in the news, how long would it take to publicize the much more convincing proof of Oswald's innocence which Attorney Mark Lane has presented to a limited audience in the U.S. (although he has aroused wide in-

Protesting Against Hoodlums in Blue Uniforms



Citizens of Chester, demanding justice at State capital in Harrisburg, Pa. Last month, state police violently attacked peaceful demonstration, indiscriminately clubbed Black people, savagely beat pregnant woman.

Puerto Ricans Picket B'klyn Police Station To Protest Bullying and Violence of the Cops

BROOKLYN, N.Y., May 31—In the face of police frame-ups, arrests and threats of more violence, at least a hundred Puerto Ricans and their North American friends picketed a police sta-

tion here yesterday protesting police brutality.

The Action Committee Against Police Brutality, a Puerto Rican group, organized the demonstrations and passed out leaflets which outlined past offenses of the police and explained the latest outrage.

The leaflet said:

"On Saturday, May 25, around 3:00 o'clock in the morning, a policeman entered the home of Johnny Ruiz on the excuse that the record player was too loud.

"Without any provocation, the cop brutally beat Johnny Ruiz on the head while he was seated in the kitchen with his wife and a friend. His wife was also handled brutally."

As far back as Feb. 24, 1958, the leaflet said, Collito Reyes, "a working man well respected by his neighbors," was killed by a policeman known to the community as a drunkard.

The dead man's family is still vainly fighting in the courts for punishment of the killer-cop.

As if to prove the Committee's allegations, the cops arrested four Puerto Rican youths who were passing out the leaflets a few blocks from the picket line. They were first provoked by police stooges in the community into a fight and then charged with assault. They are now out on bail awaiting trial.

Welfare Worker Learns About NY Police Methods

Last month, the daily El Diario of New York reported that a welfare trainee, John Gotsch, on January 30, witnessed three policemen beating up Juan Benitez, who had escaped from a police station after being booked for an alleged crime.

Gotsch filed a complaint charging police brutality.

Fifteen minutes after presenting himself at the precinct house, Gotsch was told he was under arrest for inciting a riot, a felony that carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

Gotsch finally got off. But the formal complaint against police brutality was never successfully filed.

How many times Benitez' beating was repeated since then — on himself and others—El Diario didn't say.

Japan Cabbies Hit Murders in Vietnam

PEKING, May 18 (Hsinhua)—Japanese taxi drivers are being called upon to rise up in protest against the murder of three Vietnam taxi drivers in Saigon by U.S. soldiers, according to a Tokyo report. The call was made after a decision adopted by the National Federation of Automobile Transport Workers Unions of Japan at a central executive committee meeting on May 14.

This action is expected to be launched in concert with the protest action against the recent slaughter of two Japanese taxi drivers by U.S. soldiers in Atsuki City of Kanagawa prefecture. U.S. soldiers have committed murder and robberies against Japanese taxi drivers.

The executive committee on the same day sent a cable of protest to the U.S. Embassy in Japan and another of support to the South Vietnamese workers.

World's WORST Fair In Harlem Tenement Area

NEW YORK, May 30—The glittering, phony-fimflam image of America projected by the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows has been countered by the World's Worst Fair—in Harlem, which was opened this afternoon by the Community Council on Housing. Joe Louis, Ossie Davis and Dick Gregory were there for the ceremonies.

The "United States Pavilion" is a slum tenement, where there has been no heat or hot water for a year—but plenty of rats for much longer.

The "New York City Pavilion" is a slum tenement. A sign in front says, "Two months no hot water."

The "Alabama Pavilion" is a slum tenement.

A crowd of several hundred Afro-American workers attended the opening ceremonies.

Rubber rats were sold as "souvenirs from the ghetto."

Neither LBJ nor Mayor Wagner showed up to open the U.S. and N.Y.C. Pavilions (although they were invited).

But the cops showed up, and interrupted the ceremonies for no good reason. The crowd booed.

In his speech, Jesse Gray, Director of the Community Council on Housing, assailed the cops — their shakedowns, their work for the slumlords, the fact that they are in Harlem, but not to protect the people. (A sign showed cops as rats.) Gray pointed out that most judges are landlords. He also pointed out that LBJ is a landlord. He said, "The only good landlord is a dead landlord."

Two other speakers pointedly rejected the program of non-violence in favor of the program of self-defense. Mr. Valentine of New Haven said, "I am not afraid of a blood test. If we are not given our rights, we must take them."

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Goldwater: Labor Must Fight Him

The victory of Barry Goldwater in the California primaries is a dangerous sign that there is more pro-fascist, racist, anti-labor influence in the country than at any previous time.

This is not confined to California alone. Goldwater also won the important Illinois delegation and the "Goldbircher" wing in the Democratic Party, led by Alabama Governor Wallace has made significant gains in other Northern states.

The Goldwater forces are a coalition of unbridled militants, virulent racists and political reactionaries, generally. Goldwater's California victory is a big boost to these elements. It emboldens them and encourages them in the most vicious political gangsterism against the masses, while it frightens many of the capitalist "moderates" into their camp.

Goldwater-Birchism is an outgrowth of the decay of a parasitic monopoly capitalism which can only survive on the basis of aggravated militarism abroad and political reaction at home. It must be fought tooth and nail by the working class and defeated before it defeats the working class.

Naturally, there are those who, understanding Goldwater's role and the

significance of his California victory, will utilize it to embellish the Johnson Administration and mobilize the masses to re-elect it in November.

But Johnson, like his predecessors, Kennedy, Eisenhower and Truman, has carefully tended the very soil that now nourishes Goldwater.

Many are justifiably horrified that a million people could vote for a man who speaks openly about dropping atomic bombs, abolishing social security and supporting racism.

But it must be borne in mind that Goldwater is merely reaping the poisonous harvest that Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson have sown during the nearly twenty years of witch-hunt and cold war.

Whatever attitudes the working class and its allies may have toward the capitalist opponents of Goldwater, they must not include the concept of playing up the "anti-fascism" of politicians like Johnson.

In preparation for the great struggles ahead, what is needed before all else is the clarification of the issues in all labor, civil rights and socialist groupings. We will discuss the question further in subsequent issues of this paper.

Two Cities: a Tale for Labor

If the U.S. labor movement had any doubt that its own vital interests were involved in Cambridge, Maryland, on May 11, it should have been convinced by the events in Hillsdale, Michigan, on May 28.

On that day, Governor George Romney sent 230 National Guard troops into the small town of Hillsdale (pop. 7600) after the Mayor and Council declared that labor had "replaced law and order by mob rule." The troops proceeded to take over the town and suppress the masses—just as they did in Cambridge.

The town police had arrested three pickets in a strike against the Essex Wire Company—after the company had been starving out the workers for three long months and operating the plant with scabs.

The arrests were so raw and outrageous—on top of a whole series of other police provocations—that over 300 townspeople (there are only 180 in the striking local) stormed the prison with stones and demanded the release of their imprisoned brothers.

Then the National Guard came—just as it did in Cambridge. It forced the strikers off the streets. It banned picket-

ing, demonstrations and public assemblies. True, it also temporarily closed down the struck plant. But this was only a cover for a viciously anti-labor action by the governor and the state. The plant can easily be reopened on some pretext—when "law and order" are restored again.

Whenever the laboring masses—Black or white—ask insistently for those rights that are supposed to be inherent in this "democratic" country, the ruling class resorts to the most violent repressions.

In recent times, the weight of repression has fallen most often on the civil rights and Black Freedom movement, while labor—as such—has been more favored. But this is a purely temporary phenomenon. National and international crises are already altering it.

Those in the labor movement who believe capital will end its war against labor because capital is now in a campaign against Black Freedom, are only living on borrowed time.

If white labor does not speedily come to the aid of Black labor, it will itself become branded with the iron of fascist subjugation and police supervision.

As in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Black masses who want complete equality.

So, to stem the tide of Black revolt, the oppressors are trying the same old game—of which the rules are as follows:

Divide the working class. Fan up the prejudice and hate of one section for the other. Talk about the "backlash" of white opposition to equality. Build it up. Make it bigger. Steam up the whites with screaming headlines about the Blacks. Write new recipes for race riots. But keep quiet about the increased oppression of the already super-oppressed.

Progressive white workers must oppose and expose the "new" tactic of the racists for the benefit of other white workers. They must show that it is the same old garbage—in new pails.

Down with the lies of the capitalist press! Down with white chauvinism and racist hysteria!

Beckwith Acquitted, Then Chauffered by Cops

Red Carpet for Evers Killer

While the North is all agog over Black defense groups and alleged defense groups, it might be useful to take a look at an old acquaintance: Byron De La Beckwith.

He managed to "clear himself" twice for the killing of Medgar Evers—at least to the all-white Mississippi juries he faced. So all believers in Mississippi justice can believe he is innocent, if they want to.

Interesting point, though, is his extreme friendliness with the police. His only witnesses at both trials (who swore he was in Greenwood, not Jackson at the time of the shooting) were two cops. And since he has come back to Greenwood, he is seen daily riding around with the cops in their squad cars, sometimes in the front seat.

This takes place in the Afro-American section of town. Black residents are quick to get the point.

Readers of *Workers World* will recall that Greenwood is the town where SNCC worker James Travis was shot in the back over a year ago for trying to register Black voters, and other SNCC workers were shot at in their car after

dark.

Since then there have been innumerable arrests and incidents of police harassment in Greenwood. And it is still going on. Burning of homes, Black businesses, SNCC offices, assaults on Black militants, insults, bullying—you name it.

But Byron De La Beckwith returned to Greenwood from his courtroom triumph at Jackson to be treated by the leading citizens to a royal dinner at the best restaurant in town.

Beckwith is currently living it up at the plush Hotel Le Flora where his White Citizens Council friends put him up to show their gratitude for his civic virtue.

Beckwith rides around with the cops on their prison guard duty—guarding the Black Prison—the neighborhood of the Afro-American people in Greenwood.

Beckwith is an honored citizen. A respected member of the White Citizens Council. A "police buff." A man to take off your hat to.

—Red carpet for Beckwith and 16-20 years for Mae Mallory. That's the way it is in this "democratic" USA.

Now Prepare to Defend Gibson Again

Hazard Miners Beat One Frame-Up

Berman Gibson and six other striking miners won acquittal last month on charges that they had flogged a group of scabs at a Kentucky mountaintop trap in October, 1962.

Their defense lawyers, provided by the Committee for Miners (1165 Broadway, N.Y. 1, N.Y.) were Harry M. Caudill, author of "Night Comes to the Cumberlands — Biography of a Depressed Area," and Dan Jack Combs of Pikesville, Ky.

The frame-up grew out of the long mine strike centered in Hazard, Ky., where a sharp class line now divides the town and county right down the middle.

The scabs who preferred the charges had been heavily armed. They claimed

to have been pistol-whipped, beaten with fists and relieved of their weapons.

Five of the defendants proved they were in another county at the time the incident took place.

Caudill and Combs are said to have made an unusually painstaking and brilliant defense of Gibson and his friends. They traced the history of the strike for the jury and exposed the ugly machinations of the Southeast Coal Company.

The acquittal is expected to set a favorable stage for Gibson's forthcoming trial on "conspiracy to dynamite a railroad bridge." But the Committee for Miners, not resting on the laurels of last month's victory, is now preparing grimly to fight the bigger frame-up and establish Gibson's complete innocence.

19,000 Kids Stay Home In School Boycott Success

Dear Editor:

Last month's school boycott in Buffalo was a success. Over 19,000 children stayed home.

Mayor Kowal and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Manch had said it was against the law to encourage children to skip school. This threat did not change the plans of the NAACP leaders of the boycott, nor the feelings of the Afro-American people.

A woman teacher at the freedom school seemed to express the feelings of everyone when she said that it was the Board of Education and the school officials who perpetuate segregation who were the lawbreakers.

We attended one of the three freedom schools in the city at Faith Baptist Church. The large basement room was crowded when we arrived. Everyone joined hands and sang "We Shall Overcome." This became the song of the day.

There were cookies and milk and more singing and movies. There were no school lessons taught that day but we received a wealth of knowledge as to why we were there and what we were fighting for.

J. R., Buffalo, N.Y.

Maud Russell in Buffalo, Speaks on China's Growth

BUFFALO—An enthusiastic audience welcomed Miss Maud Russell's presentation of People's China at a public meeting here last week. Miss Russell was a YWCA worker in China for 26 years.

China's foreign trade is thriving, her international credit is excellent and the internal economy is healthy and moving forward.

These truths were documented by Miss Russell from American sources, exposing the version imposed upon the American people by the popular press—that the Chinese economy is deteriorating and the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party is contrary to the will of the people. Hundreds of colored slides were visual proof of China's economic growth and her people's rising standard of living. "The U.S. China policy is a sham," said Miss Russell. She showed how the efforts of the U.S. to boycott and isolate China are failing.

During the question period Miss Russell pointed out that the growth of China's communes and other forms of social and economic organization developed naturally in harmony with the needs, potentialities, and traditions of the Chinese people and is deep-rooted in the people themselves.

—Down With Racist Hysteria!

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being where the police say they shouldn't have been.

But the newspaper indignation has been well controlled in these many incidents of racist police brutality! In fact, the public has been practically unaware that any such things exist.

Why are the papers shouting so loudly and whipping up such a racist hysteria about incidents and alleged incidents where Afro-Americans are supposed to have imitated white hoodlums?

Because they are tryin to slow down, sabotage, confuse and destroy the civil rights movement.

The ruling class—or rather, part of it—had intended to give a little token equality to the Afro-American people in order to hold them in line. But now it is alarmed by the stirring of the great

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How Washington Provoked the War in Laos

By Henry Stone

The barrage of lies in the U.S. press about the "recent Pathet Lao, North Vietnamese, and Chinese aggression in Laos," has so beclouded the facts that progressive American workers will have to make a special effort, to understand the real situation in the Southeast Asian countries.

In 1962, the U.S., Britain, France, the Soviet Union, China, and nine other nations agreed at Geneva that Laos would be governed by a "neutralist" coalition of three parties: a right-wing party of more or less open U.S. agents, a "neutralist" party led by Prince Souvanna Phouma, and the popular Neo Lao Haksat (whose military arm is called the Pathet Lao in the U.S. press), led by Souphanouvong. The Geneva agreement stipulated that matters of government had to be agreed on by each of the three parties in the coalition, and that there was to be no foreign military intervention in Laos.

WHY U.S. HAD TO AGREE

As the World Telegram of April 27, 1964 concedes, the U.S. agreed to this "neutralization" of Laos because the U.S.-supported rightist party was so unpopular that it could not stand in a civil war with the other forces. *The U.S. had to agree to a coalition government to stay in Laos at all.*

However, from the moment the Geneva accord was reached, the U.S. began to sabotage it in an attempt to deprive the Neo Lao Haksat and even the neutralists of real power.

A year ago, a sincere neutralist minister in the Laos government, Quinim Pholsena, was assassinated, obviously by the CIA or its friends. By that time, there was a condition of rightist-U.S. terror and complete control in Vientiane and Luang Prabang, the capitals of Laos. The neutralist and Neo Lao Haksat officials in the tripartite government could not really function there. The U.S. press has referred to this as "Pathet Lao refusal to participate fully in the government."

On April 17 of this year, representatives of the three parties were meeting in the Plain of Jars, to consider the question of neutralizing Luang Prabang enough so that the neutralist and Neo Lao Haksat officials could go there safely and participate in the government they were supposed to be part of.

Souvanna Phouma agreed to Souphanouvong's proposal, but the U.S. apparently ordered the rightists to reject the proposal and break off the talks.

RIGHTIST COUP D'ETAT

It was the next day, after the talks were broken off, that the rightist coup d'etat of April 19 took place in Vientiane. The rightist generals arrested Souvanna Phouma, the neutralist ministers and troops, and drove remaining neutralist and Neo Lao Haksat government officials out of Vientiane.

The U.S. said it was against the coup. *But the U.S. is the sole military and economic supplier of those who made the coup.*

The real initial plot of the U.S. in making the coup became apparent on April 24. After being under arrest by the rightists, Souvanna Phouma was released. He announced that he accepted the rightist proposal to reconstitute the government, in which the neutralists would merge with the rightists and the Neo Lao Haksat would be virtually excluded.

Souvanna Phouma would be the nominal leader of the "new" government. But who would be the real power was shown by the fact that the junta refused to "yield control" until Souvanna Phouma

not only accepted its proposal, but completed forming the government the junta wanted.

VIOLATES GENEVA PACT

The truth is that in the face of its losses in South Vietnam, the U.S. carried out a plot to get more control of Laos by replacing the coalition government with a rightist government into which the neutralists were merged. All this was in the most flagrant violation of the Geneva agreement of 1962.

By May 2, the first stage of the plot was completed. The neutralist party merged into the rightist one, and they were setting up a government excluding the Neo Lao Haksat (and of course completely violating the Geneva agreements).

On May 15, Souphanouvong correctly stated that Souvanna Phouma can no longer be Premier, if he heads a rightist merger party, since the Premier must be a neutralist. He stated that Souvanna Phouma's forming of the new government violated the agreement that no minister can be replaced without the consent of each of three parties.

THE BIG LIE

It was on May 18 that the U.S. press broke the big lie of the Pathet Lao offensive against Kong Le's neutralists on the Plain of Jars.

But the truth was that some of the neutralist troops under Kong Le on the Plain of Jars rose up in protest against being placed under the control of the rightist coup government's army. The 4th and 6th Paratroop Battalions were among those who rose up, on May 17. Lieutenant-Colonel Cheng, commander of the Fourth Paratroop Battalion, and Iom Vang, commander of the Sixth Battalion, issued statements to this effect.

Laotians Appeal to Soviet to Repudiate Souvanna Phouma's Appeal for Support and Arms

PEKING, May 28 (Hsinhua)—The radio of the Pathet Lao fighting units, in a statement today, said that Prince Souvanna Phouma had no right to seek foreign aid in weapons and other war material.

The radio was commenting on the letter from Prince Souvanna Phouma to the Soviet Foreign Minister on May 25 asking for arms aid.

"Prince Souvanna Phouma has become the leader of the pro-U.S. rebel group and takes orders from the U.S. to undermine the National Union Government formed by the three factions on June 23, 1962. He has transformed the Government into a pro-U.S. tool. Therefore, Prince Souvanna Phouma has lost his right to anything in the capacity of Premier of the National

A careful reading shows that the New York Times admitted much of this in the fine print. The Times of May 18 said:

"Six battalions of General Kong Le's neutralist forces were reported to have rebelled and some were believed to have defected to the pro-Communist forces."

That is the truth, and all the screaming headlines about the Communist offensive, the North Vietnamese "hordes," and the Chinese advisers are utter lies, originating with the illegal U.S.-controlled International Control Commission (ICC) at the Plain of Jars.

BESIEGED POLISH DELEGATION

The hysteria mounted. The Times printed maps of the "Communist offensive." But in the same paper, on May 20, was the story that the Polish delegation to the ICC, in Vientiane, was completely sealed off. Rightist junta gendarmes with machine guns surrounded the Polish residence, and cut off the electricity, water, and telephone.

By May 22, U.S. officials said that there is now no possibility of the Neo Lao Haksat being brought back into the Souvanna Phouma government. (Which means, according to the Geneva Agreement, that his government *does not exist!*)

THE SPY FLIGHTS

On May 21, the U.S. disclosed that U.S. jets have been flying spy missions over the Plain of Jars. The U.S. said this spying does not violate the Geneva agreement. The U.S. said it had to spy because the Pathet Lao wouldn't let the ICC inspect the Plain of Jars adequately.

But the Geneva Accord provides the Neo Lao Haksat with the right to veto ICC actions.

Union Government," the statement declared.

It said that the request for foreign arms aid made by Prince Souvanna Phouma without prior tripartite consultations ran counter to the agreements reached by the three factions.

The statement said that the Laotian people strongly opposed Prince Souvanna Phouma's carrying out U.S. orders and seeking foreign arms aid to wreck the Geneva agreements and to rekindle the war in Laos.

The Laotian people hope that the Soviet Union, as one of the two co-chairmen of the Geneva Conference, "will refute and denounce the illegal action of Prince Souvanna Phouma in carrying out instructions from the U.S.," it said.



This Cambodian baby was scarred for life by U.S.-made napalm bombs. Thousands of other babies were not so lucky. They were burned to death.

The U.S. said that the spy flights were not introducing foreign military personnel into Laos, because the flights start and end outside the country. (!) Actually, the U.S. has also been airlifting rightist troops into the Plain of Jars, which utterly gives the lie to these cynical sophistries.

The next day, the U.S. announced that the number of big navy attack carriers near Laos has been increased to three.

On May 27, the U.S. announced that it has sent several T-28 machine-gun and bomber planes to the Souvanna Phouma "government" for use against the popular neutralist and Neo Lao Haksat forces, increasing the rightists' number of T-28's to ten. Also, the U.S. had sent the "government" bomb-fuses on May 20 so it could use U.S. bombs against the popular forces.

Finally, there has been a lot of talk that President Johnson will "have" to send U.S. troops across South Vietnam to occupy Laos.

The diplomatic maneuvers and big-power intrigues still continue, and there may yet be a "peaceful" solution. But, given the predatory nature of U.S. big business, the threat of a bigger war is looming ever larger.

Geneva Accord Gave Leftists (Like Others) Veto in Laos Gov't

Pathet Lao Leader Hits Phouma's Illegal Actions

The U.S. press has almost buried the true facts about the Tri-Partite Government of Laos which is supposed to be made up of Right, Left and Center forces and of which "neutralist" Souvanna Phouma is Premier and spokesman, but not the whole government.

Washington is now using Souvanna's request for arms as an excuse for further incursions into Laos. But it knows perfectly well that Souvanna is acting autocratically and contrary to the 1962 Geneva Agreement (which the U.S. signed) by which he holds his office.

Souphanouvong's statement below is a protest against Souvanna Phouma's arbitrary removal of Leftist representatives from the government.

PEKING, May 20 (Hsinhua)—Prince Souphanouvong yesterday sent an urgent message to Prince Souvanna Phouma expressing opposition to the appointments to replace Khamsouk Keooa, Minister of Health, and Huon Mongkhunvilay, Secretary of State for veterans.

The message of the chairman of the Neo Lao Haksat and Vice Premier of the National Union Government was a broadcast by the voice of Laos today.

"If the decision on the replacement was true," Prince Souphanouvong told Prince Phouma, "then you have violated the principle of tripartite unanimity of the National Union Government." Such an action coincided with the U.S. impe-

rialists' scheme to undermine the National Union Government and to sabotage the 1962 Geneva agreements and the agreements concluded by the three (Laotian) factions. It is also an impediment to a peaceful settlement of the Laotian question.

"I have on many occasions opposed a reshuffling of the National Union Government in such a matter. On May 4, 1964 when you met me in Khang Khay, I gave you my opinion regarding this problem in concrete terms. You agreed to my stand and promised me that you would not allow anybody to reshuffle the National Union Government.

"When I heard the report (about the replacements), I regarded it as a step taken by the Kouprasit-Siho group, lackeys of the U.S. imperialists in accordance with the plan of the U.S. masters. Otherwise, they must have compelled you to act according to their plan. I do not believe that you could have agreed to such a vicious scheme of theirs, because it would destroy the National Union Government, sabotage the Geneva agreement and the agreements concluded by the three (Laotian) parties and undermine your own prestige and position.

"I advise you to firmly defend the interests of the nation and the people, to defend your neutralist position, and not to submit yourself to their coercion or enticement to serve their bellicose

scheme." Prince Souphanouvong reiterated his stand that no one was allowed to make any change in the National Union Government short of negotiations and a unanimous decision made to this effect by the leaders of the three Laotian parties.

He urged once again that Prince Souvanna Phouma severely punish the rebellious coup group and restore the capital Vientiane to the status quo ante September 9, 1963, so as to create favorable conditions for a peaceful settlement of the Laotian question.

"If you act on my proposals mentioned above, then I myself, the Neo Lao Haksat and other patriotic forces will support you, and help you to settle the Laotian question in a peaceful way.

"If you submit or yield to the rebel group, lackeys of U.S. imperialism, or act on your own in undermining the National Union Government in accordance with their bellicose scheme, this would mean that you are obstructing a peaceful settlement of the Laotian question, destroying the National Union Government, sabotaging the Geneva Agreements and the agreements concluded by the three factions, subverting the neutralist forces, and spoiling your own name, position and prestige.

"History and the Laotian people will hold you fully responsible for all this," the message stressed.

The Neutralist

In July, 1962, Souvanna Phouma had just taken over as Premier of Laos, under the Geneva Agreement.

In Washington, D. C., during that month, he told Marguerite Higgins of the New York Herald Tribune:

"I am sure that the Communists will need peace for the next 10 or 15 years. After that, who knows? But let us take advantage of this time." (Our emphasis.)

Mae Mallory Writes to a Southern Paper

"How Do You Expect Us to Feel?"

Following is a letter from Mae Mallory to the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer, published May 19.

Mae Mallory, along with four others was framed on a kidnap charge in Monroe, North Carolina during a week of leashed racist terror against the Black community there in 1961.

The Monroe Defense Committee, 605 Brown St., Monroe, North Carolina, is now preparing to appeal the verdict. The appeal is expected to be heard in the fall.

In reference to the editorial May 14, "It's Wrong To Place Brand Of Injustice On All Whites"—William F. Buckley, like so many whites, finds it hard to reap the harvest sown by his ancestors for endless generations.

The whites are agitated when they are merely told of our plight and how we feel about it. They have found that it is a lie that their foreparents have been telling, that we were happy in our misery. How do you suppose we feel, we who live daily in a situation that is every bit as bad as Auschwitz in many cases?

The little girl you referred to, who found it so hard to sing "My Country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty," is no rare case in black communities. We are forced to learn early that this country does not mean sweet land of liberty to us. Remember, this little girl's case has been in the courts for three years. It started when she was only four years old.

By no means should Buckley and his ilk forget the four little girls who were savagely murdered in church in Bir-

mingham and the other little girl left blind for life. That same Sunday some little nit-sized bigots murdered a little Black boy who was riding by on his bicycle. No one has been convicted for murdering the little girls, and the penalty for murdering the little Black boy was seven months in jail, five of those months to be spent on probation.

Right here, in your so-called liberal State of North Carolina, five people were accused of kidnapping a white couple who were obviously saved from a justifiably angry Black community. For our act of benevolence, what happened to us? Robert F. Williams, leader of the accused, was forced into exile. The four of us who were tried were given most severe sentences. The single white defendant got the lightest sentence of all, 3 to 5 years. Harold Reape, who was only 17 at the time of the incident, was given 5 to 7 years. Richard Crowder, who lived closest to Williams, was sentenced to from 7 to 10 years, and yours truly, Mae Mallory, hit the jackpot with a 16 to 20 year sentence.

How do you expect us to feel, Mr. Buckley—brimming over with love?

It is quite telling about the sincerity of whites such as Buckley when he states "... my blood began to boil; not in outrage against the outrageous behavior of so many white people against so many Negroes, but against the sickly defamation upon our society, the lurid dis-

tortions of Mr. McKissick whose invitation to his audience amounted, in effect to an invitation to hate America."

Buckley should admit that what he really means is that he would hate a country that would treat him and his people in so cruel a manner.

We Black People are often told about the large sums of money spent investigating our misery, in spite of the fact that you can't point to concrete evidence to prove that definite efforts have been made to eliminate our lowly plight.

Yet, meticulous care is taken not to mention the centuries that we worked as slaves to make this country as rich as it is today. We planted and picked the product known as "King Cotton," the product that held up the economies of America and some European countries.

Since our so-called liberation we have been denied equal education and job opportunities, not to mention the restriction to ghettos we are forced to live in.

Now, 101 years after our so-called liberation, we are still trying to become part of the mainstream of American society. This dream will never be realized because of the attitude of whites such as Buckley, whites who are fast leading this country into a fascist state for other whites. This country has always been a fascist state for Blacks.

The question now is how long before those concentration and extermination camps, such as the one that Leander Perez brags about, will be put into use to solve the race question the way all fascists solve it.

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Racist Rulers of N. Carolina Frame Dr. A. E. Perry Again

Dr. A. E. Perry, long active in the civil rights struggle and for many years an officer of the Monroe, North Carolina, NAACP, has once again been framed on an abortion charge by the white supremacist authorities of that state.

Charlotte, N.C. police have so charged him and are bringing him to trial on June 5. He was railroaded first in 1958 and later served 11 months of a two-to-three year sentence.

Dr. Perry was associated with Rob Williams and helped raise funds for Williams' movement in the equal rights struggle in Monroe, which included the setting up of self-defense guards.

He was active in the famous "Kissing Case" (wherein two Afro-American lads aged 7 and 9 had been kissed by a little white girl and were railroaded to reform school!). And he courageously supported the defense of the victims so prominently.

The racist rulers of North Carolina have not forgiven Dr. Perry for his efforts on behalf of the oppressed and are out to get him by one means or another. This particular kind of frame-up makes things very difficult for him, and it is all the more necessary for every friend of Black Freedom to come to his aid in whatever way possible.

—Warren Cover-Up

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backers, have indicated what they fear politically in their current and massive campaign to mold bourgeois public opinion. In key articles "leaked" to U.S. News and World Report and the N.Y. Times, the Commission has told all those who are looking for their political cue that there is to be no departure from the "Oswald-and-Ruby-were-lone-and-crazed-individuals" theory of the assassination.

The Commission's function is to cover up the complicity of the FBI, the Secret Service and the Dallas police force in a right-wing conspiracy. It greatly fears that sections of the bourgeoisie who were outside of that conspiracy may violate their self-imposed secrecy.

And it also fears that, given the great factional pressures generated by the coming Presidential election and the venomous charges and counter-charges being flung about, it may yet prove to be impossible to keep the assassination out of the 1964 campaign.

The Commission must be assured first and foremost of bourgeois class solidarity on this issue before it officially presents its findings. And so it is feeling out its ground with a few trial-balloon articles planted in those publications that circulate among businessmen, financiers and retired generals.

Should these balloons prove to be easily shot down, the Commission's use of secrecy will prove invaluable to the ruling class. The Warren Commission's report can then be altered to make it more palatable without the mass of people knowing of the change. At least this is its hope.

Already indications are that the Commission is trying to do just this. Not being able to explain many of the technical contradictions in the original story of the assassination, it is now claiming that Kennedy and Connally were wounded with the same bullet. The secrecy surrounding the autopsy report made at Bethesda Naval Hospital had made it possible for them to change the original story.

But no matter what doctoring there may be of the evidence, one fact remains: most of the people of the world already believe that a right-wing conspiracy lies behind the assassination. The pressure of their opinion (and this includes many millions in the U.S.) is making it more and more difficult for the Commission to come up with an acceptable formula for its whitewash.

Behind the big boom in the construction industry are some grim facts for the workers.

Cement manufacturers have been making record profits. But they have laid off thousands of workers. And without a much bigger boom, they will lay off thousands more.

Ideal Cement Co.—biggest in the country—has taken a larger and larger share of the market each year.

But did it employ more and more workers?

On the contrary. There are now 3,538 employees on its payroll. And this is 380 less than there were in 1959.

And yet last year alone, Ideal added over 500,000 tons of cement-making capacity!

The cement industry has been growing by tremendous leaps ever since 1955. But productive capacity has risen 52 per cent, while actual shipments have risen by only 16.6 per cent.

With a large amount of capacity unused, many cement companies are going ahead to build still more productive fac-

tories (so they can lay off more workers and save more money).

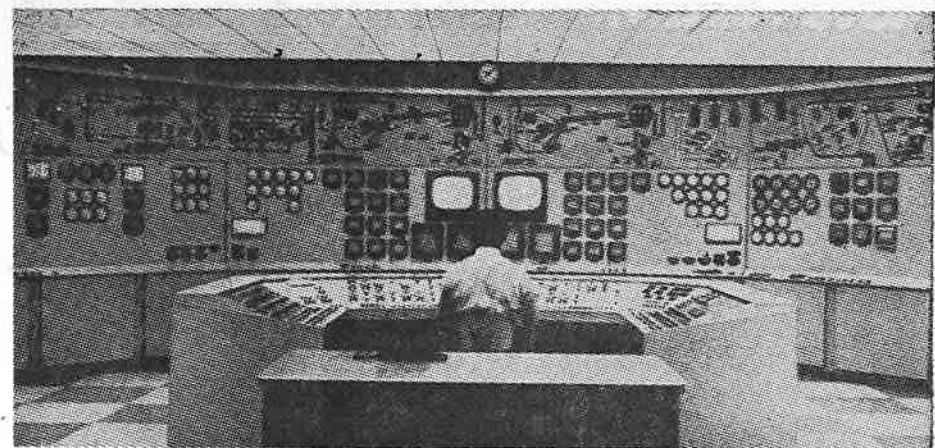
There is also a wave of mergers which tend to streamline production and eliminate workers, even when new plants are not built.

Ten years ago, about 75 companies

owned 157 cement mills. Now there are 180 cement plants—but only 59 companies.

The superfluous vice presidents all found a home in the merged front offices.

The workers did not.



At Ideal Cement Co.'s Castle Hayne plant near Wilmington, N. C. All operations—from limestone crushing to cement storing—are controlled from this push-button panel by one technician. Note TV screens.

Revolutionary S. Korean Masses in New Struggles

Besides South Vietnam and Laos, another important Asian country suffering under U.S. imperialism is South Korea. Recent reports from Seoul indicate a new surge of struggle in that oppressed nation.

According to Hsinhua News, more than 2,000 South Korean workers held a meeting in Seoul on May 24 to protest the reactionary "Labor Act." Speakers at the meeting condemned the Pak Jung Heui regime. A resolution adopted at the meeting said:

"We will launch a country-wide general strike if the Labor Act is not revised to guarantee at least a minimum livelihood to the working people."

On May 25, 9,000 college students demonstrated in four South Korean cities, in the second week of demonstrations against the Pak Jung Heui regime.

After the rally, students in Seoul marched in the streets chanting such slogans as "We are starving," "Release arrested students!" and "Guarantee campus freedom!" The police arrested more than 200 demonstrators in Seoul and Chuncheon.

A resolution adopted at the Seoul rallies called for confiscation of properties of big businessmen to "ease the lot of hungry people."

Thousands of Africans Arrested in Nkomo Protest

DAR ES SALAAM, May 13 (Hsinhua)—The Southern Rhodesia colonial police have arrested two thousand to three thousand African nationalists following a number of demonstrations against the detention of Joshua Nkomo, president of the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU), and some of its top officials. This was announced here yesterday by George Nyandoro, secretary General of the party.

He pointed out that mass arrests and detention of African nationalists were continuing in Southern Rhodesia. More than nine hundred women had been detained at the Marandellas Camp, one hundred forty seven miles east of Salisbury. He disclosed that Nkomo was detained in Theuevemote Gonarezhou Game Reserve which was "completely isolated and infested with wild animals."

They're PRO-Poverty!

Harry Van Arsdale, president of the New York Labor Council, said the other day at a Local 1199 affair in New York:

"The only trouble with the mayor's Anti-Poverty Committee is that most of the people he put on it are the ones who cause poverty."

The General Prefers Silk For His Bathroom Wallpaper

When you go into the Army, you have to give up those little luxuries of life you had as a civilian—if you were lucky enough to afford small things—and take on some of the austerity of the ancient Spartans.

You get up at sunrise—or considerably before the sun rises for nearly half the year. And you live in a tent during the summer, barracks during the winter, a foxhole during wartime.

YOU do, that is.

But not Major General Alden Sibley. A Congressional committee just revealed he spent \$2,200 to improve his already shabby bathroom with silk wallpaper and things. He spent \$13,000 for a paneled staircase. And his total expenditure for remodeling the office was \$94,500.

The general said his headquarters was "economical, even austere."

The Soldiers Die in Training

BLYTHE, Calif., May 27—Twelve soldiers have died in military maneuvers near here this week. The operation is called Desert Strike. There are 100,000 troops involved.

Six were killed in aviation accidents, two men were run over by a tank while sleeping, one committed suicide, etc.