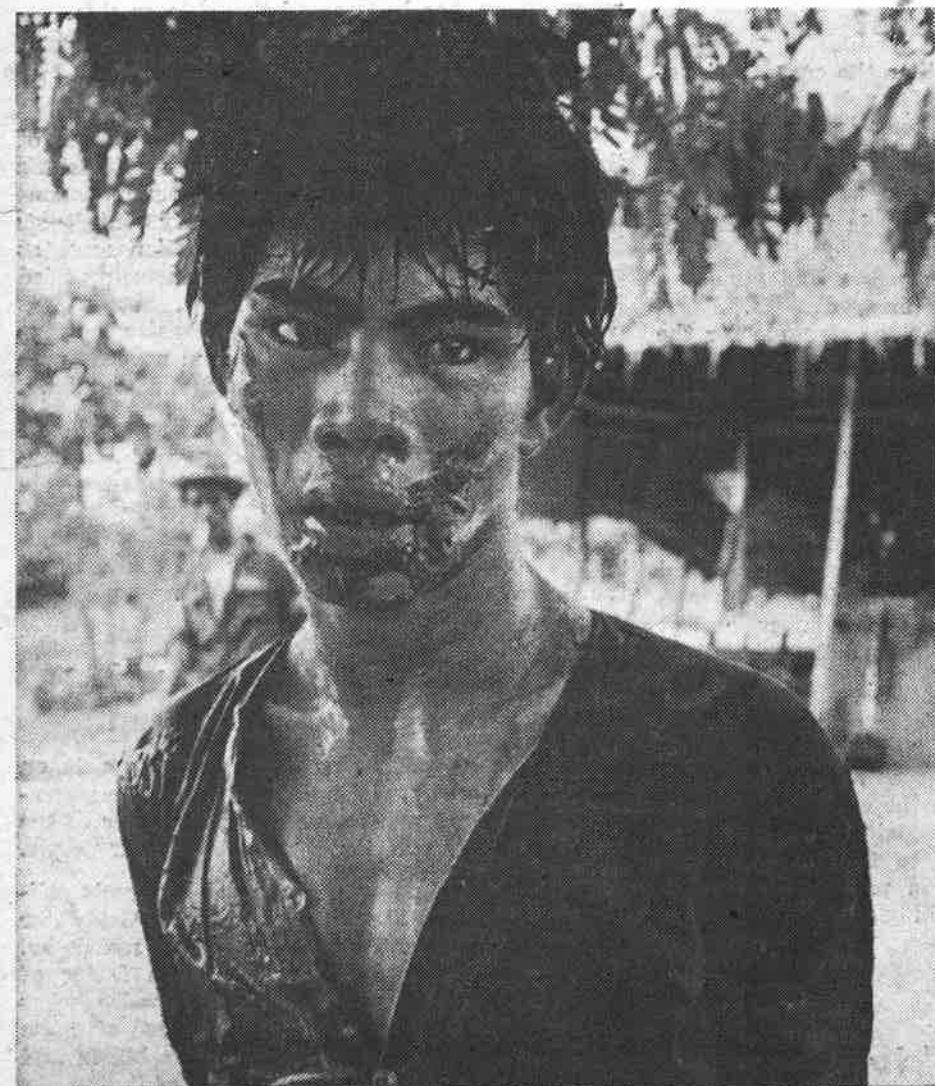


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He Refused to Betray His People



U.S.-paid troops in Vietnam tortured him by filling his lungs with water, but he wouldn't betray his comrades. Perhaps he is dead by now.

— And They Call Them "WAR GAMES"!

In the face of defeat after defeat, setback after setback, U.S. imperialism is launching a massive attack against the people of the world who are involved in the struggle for national liberation and who are defending and advancing the construction of socialism.

In order to appreciate the character of the struggle to come, it is instructive to know what happened out in California's Mojave Desert. Having increased the frequency and the intensity of training maneuvers, the U.S. military staged a "mock" war in the Mojave Desert.

Reported Time Magazine of June 4: "Hordes of 52-ton tanks churned up choking waves of orange dust over California's Mojave Desert. Oil-drum devices released mushroom clouds to simulate atomic attacks. In the 105 degree heat, smoke generators threw up acrid screens. Fighter-bombers singed the sand with the blast of their after-burners. The normally green Colorado River turned brown with machine-swirled mud, black with slicks of oil. Helicopters chattered, machine guns clattered and men swore."

When this "game" was over and the smoke cleared, 33 men were left dead.

Six were killed in airplane crashes, five drowned, and five died in truck accidents. Two weary soldiers had collapsed and were run over by a tank. Of course, these were only a few of the casualties, not including those who were seriously wounded but not killed in this war "game," which is only the preparation for the real thing.

It cost these casualties plus \$60 million and involved 100,000 men, 780 aircraft, 7,000 wheeled vehicles, 1,000 tanks deployed over 13 million acres of real estate.

As if to add insult to injury, the head of the operation, General Paul Adams,

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Florida Terror Now Official; Sheriff Takes Klan on the Force!

The chief law-enforcement officer of St. Augustine, Florida has collaborated with the Ku Klux Klan, it was charged in Federal Court on June 3.

A. L. Davis, the sheriff of St. Johns County, not only gave Klansmen free rein to commit violence but also allowed them to infiltrate his force, the SCLC lawyer told the judge.

The sheriff owned that he had admitted "anyone" who asked to be a special deputy during racial violence in the nation's oldest city. ("Anyone" sure didn't mean Black people.)

An Afroamerican witness testified he was beaten by hooded Klansmen at a meeting where a special deputy was present.

One of the special deputies is John Brock, president of the Monson Motor Lodge. He arrested Martin Luther King

when King tried to eat there.

The night before the arrest, Brock had been seen on a downtown street carrying a shotgun, a billy stick, a pistol and a flashlight, while a white mob, screaming oaths and hurling bricks, attacked equal rights demonstrators.

(Even the state troopers were capable of throwing a white demonstrator to the mob, which beat him on the ground.)

As boss and deputy Brock arrested King the next day, he turned to the TV cameras, smiled and said:

"I would like to invite my many friends throughout the country to come to Monson's. We expect to remain segregated."

When Sheriff Davis admits brutes like this to the force, he is recognizing that it's the St. Johns County force's official business to terrorize Black people.

Workers Protest Wallace; The Governors Are Silent

CLEVELAND, June 12 — Over 100 Black and white pickets turned out here to picket the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel, when Governor George Wallace of Alabama spoke last night after the just-concluded Governors' Conference.

The national spotlight having been on Goldwater and the "Stop Goldwater" coalition, there was less attention paid to Wallace than this darling of the Birch-ites usually elicits.

But nevertheless, the NAACP and the United Freedom Movement (comprising 30 civil rights organizations in this city) organized the protest demonstration. And even the Interracial Council of the Catholic Church urged all Catholics to stay away from the meeting.

The so-called "National Association

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Stop the War Against S. E. Asia!

LBJ's Order for Daily Bombings of the Pathet Lao Calculated to Start Bigger, Still More Deadly War

JUNE 14—For the past three days, U.S. planes have poured a steady stream of rockets, bombs and machine gun bullets into Laos.

For the past three weeks, spy planes, fighter escorts—all U.S.-manned—have violated the territory of Laos, sometimes under the thin cover of dubious "requests" by Souvanna Phouma, the captive neutralist, and sometimes against Phouma's weak protests.

Why this murderous violence against a country which the Sunday supplements used to tell us was the "Land of the (peaceful) Lotus-Eaters?"

Because U.S. big business and its Administration in Washington is not only trying to suppress the independence and freedom of the Laotian people. It is also trying to whip up a big Southeast Asia War.

When Johnson ordered the bombing attack on Laos, he took a calculated step toward the bigger conflict that only the Chinese and Pathet Lao insistence on a 14-Nation Conference has so far prevented.

Johnson is obviously trying to provoke the North Vietnamese or Chinese

to make a war move of some kind that will "justify" the U.S. openly breaking all previous agreements on Laos and coming in with massive forces.

The U.S. bombing of Pathet Lao headquarters at Khang Khay on June 11, like the bombing of the Pathet Lao gun position on June 9 was coldly calculated to intensify the war and bring more Americans into the conflict. The Pathet Lao would be compelled to fight harder, perhaps to call upon North Vietnam for aid, etc. Then the U.S. would "have" to come in with troops, and so on.

These bombings had been secretly planned at a White House meeting on Saturday, June 6, this fact being first "leaked" to the public through the war-mongering columnist, Joseph Alsop, on June 10.

It was this meeting, which according to Alsop, "produced the order to provide fighter escort for the unarmed U.S. transports carrying supplies to Laotian Government forces (an illegal action according to the Geneva Agreement—ed.) in the Plain of Jars."

Thus, not some trigger-happy general, but the Commander-in-Chief, the President of the United States, himself, has been mounting these provocations of war!

The State Department had disclosed as early as May 27 that a number of bombing planes had been sent to Laos "for use against the pro-Communist forces" (N. Y. Times).

"Not very long ago," said Alsop, "this order (for sending U.S. fighter-bombers over Laos) would have seemed a radical new departure. It does not seem so now, however, because the new departures that are still being reviewed are so much more radical." (Our emphasis.)

What are these "much more radical departures"?

To drop still more bombs, to destroy still more homes, kill more people. They want to attack North Vietnam and perhaps China itself.

The working class of the world will foil and defeat these war makers. But our first elementary duty in opposing the plot for a larger war is to oppose the one that is going on right now and to demand that the U.S. get out of both Vietnam and Laos immediately.

"De-Filibustered"—But Not De-Fanged

Here's a little example of how the watering-down of the civil rights bill is passed off in the press as a mere good-natured courtesy to the "defeated" racists and nothing for Black Freedom fighters to worry about:

Under the deceptive headline, "De-filibustered Senate Throws South a Bone," a New York newspaper casually glossed over one more substantial concession to the racists.

The Senate "added a specific ban on double jeopardy," said the item and this was a "slight weakening" of the new magna carta.

What was this "slight weakening"? The amendment said that a person tried for criminal contempt under the rights bill could not later be indicted for violation of a Federal law because of the same crime.

A previous amendment, however, had

already fixed it so a racist ordered by a Federal judge to comply with the law could not be cited for contempt and sent to jail—except by a jury trial in his own town, with a jury whose chances of being all racist were about a hundred to one.

The latest amendment makes sure that:

Once freed by the racist jury for the contempt charge, the racist could not then be indicted for his racist act and hauled up to court in a criminal action as for most ordinary crimes. Racists who break the Federal law would thus be cushioned from punishment by Federal authorities, and left basically to the "justice" of the local racists.

Add this "slight weakening" to a dozen similar ones and you get a general idea how effective the bill is going to be when it becomes the "law of the land."

The Rise Of Goldwater — —

By Sam Marcy

Is the Goldwater phenomenon the rear of an old movement or the face of a new one? Is it once again the familiar phenomenon so often seen during periods before national elections where so-called western "conservatives" challenge the eastern "liberals" and are soundly trounced at the climactic moment? Or does it signify a resurgence of a new and menacing challenge under cover of old slogans, banners and appeals?

History is replete with examples where new social trends and class groupings cannot make a bid for political power except by the use of old forms.

To many observers, the surge of the Goldwater forces seems to be out of accord with the temper of the times and out of tune with the current wishes and desires of the reigning financial oligarchies, the titans of high finance and large industry which have governed the destinies of the U.S.

Why the alarm?

Why then the surge of the Goldwater cause, which is an obdurate fact regardless of what happens in San Francisco? Why the alarm in many capitals at the prospect of his nomination?

Perhaps this alarm was best expressed by U Thant, the General Secretary of the United Nations, who remarked just a couple of days before the California primary, that anyone who thought of solving the southeast Asia crisis with atomic weapons, was *out of his mind*. His remarks were obviously aimed at Goldwater, who had recommended just such a course the previous day.

U Thant is not a revolutionary, not a leftist—not even a powerful statesman—but a diplomat holding a nominal post which requires not only skill and dexterity, but delicacy in the choice of his words. It was therefore most extraordinary for him to depart from the norms of conventional diplomatic prohibitions and comment in such intemperate language on what is normally regarded as a purely domestic affair which foreign diplomats take great pains to avoid. Yet U Thant on this special occasion gave voice to the opinion of the overwhelming portion of mankind.

Neither Goldwater's remarks nor U Thant's rejoinder, made separately and independently, can be regarded as impulsive or accidental. But it is incontestable that they reflect the gravity of the situation in the U.S. and in the world.

The two Parties of U.S. Big Business

The Republican Party is the traditional party of Big-Business in the U.S. It is flesh of the flesh and bone of the bone of the U.S. ruling class. The Democratic Party too is the party of big business. Both parties, as is well known, have served the interest of monopoly capital equally well, but each in its own way, and with its own methods. That, however, is beside the point. When the big industrialists speak privately about the two parties, they refer to the Republican Party as "us" and the Democratic as "them." And the fact that many multi-millionaires are Democrats does not in any way negate this.

Taft-Eisenhower struggle

The Taft-Eisenhower struggle for the 1952 convention, showed by and large that while the Taft political machine was strong and powerful and had the confidence of many bankers and industrialists, east and west, in its day-to-day struggle against labor and many progressive causes, in the final showdown for the 1952 nomination, the Taft forces could only count on the vaguely defined grouping which goes under the name of the "midwest industrialists," and their allies.

It must be fully borne in mind that 1952 was the second year of the Korean war when the witch-hunt had reached frightful proportions and McCarthyism was clearly in the ascendant. McCarthy himself, however, was not a contender for the nomination. That point is of singular importance in relation to Goldwater.

Old time factionalism —Or a new departure?

The question still is whether the current struggle for the Republican nomination is a continuation of the traditional clique struggles between the various factions in the Republican Party, or whether it marks a new departure.

Let us assume that the struggle for the Republican nomination today is a mere continuation of the same thing that has characterized struggles in the Republican Party for many decades.

Let us assume further that the struggle for the nomination is a mere naked power struggle between different factions in the ruling class, devoid of any meaningful issue for the mass of the people.

Nevertheless, it's noteworthy that the division in the Republican Party in recent decades, has assumed a more acrimonious character with each national convention. This has been especially so since 1940 when the so-called moderates prevailed and succeeded in nominating Wilkie, Dewey and finally Eisenhower over Taft—the latter contest having been the most ferocious and acrimonious of all.

The designation of Goldwater as a Presidential nominee of the Republican Party therefore, *if it should happen*, must be regarded as a most serious expression of a new turn in the evolution of inner group relations within the exploiting class. And its impact on the relationship to the exploited—the workers, the Black people in particular, and the mass of people generally—will be great indeed. How else can it be regarded?

The oil men go From "moderation" to hysteria

Illuminating in the highest degree, is the fact that in 1952, only six from the Texas State delegation went to the "conservative" Taft, and all the rest to the "moderate" Eisenhower.

The political meaning of it in the light of Marxism is that the larger, more powerful and well-entrenched section of the ruling class triumphs over the smaller one. It would however be the most naive sort of Marxism which assumed that the larger, more substantial section of the ruling class can always triumph politically over the smaller. Nor is it an easy matter, especially in the contemporary imperialist epoch, to identify at any given moment, the huge moneyed interests behind a particular political faction.

Finally, the network of financial oligarchies and dynastic groupings, habitually working in secret, make and break alliances which are difficult to detect before they actually break out into the open.

Today, all 56 delegates are hysterically for Goldwater. Texas oil, in the space of 14 years, has undergone an hysterical evolution to the ultra-right.

Is Goldwater just another Taft?

Are the social forces and class groupings that supported Taft the same ones and of the same magnitude that are now supporting Goldwater? Is Goldwater just a reactionary politician, essentially of the same character and ilk as Taft?

The exponents of the theory that says he is, point out that the extremism of Goldwater is strictly calculated for demagogic purposes only, and that he is playing to the galleries of the ultra-rightist mob only until such time as he secures his nomination.

Even in the remote event of his actual election to the Presidency, say the proponents of this theory, he would not act any differently than Johnson or Rockefeller or Scranton or Eisenhower.

Among the early adherents to this theory in the camp of the bourgeoisie, is the well known columnist Walter Lippmann. "The special genius of the American two party system is that it draws serious contenders for the presidential nomination away from extremist positions, and toward the center," Lippmann claimed, and ventured to predict that that would be the course of Goldwater.

Significantly enough, Mr. Lippmann, along with many others, has had second thoughts on this.

The Bomb: He really meant it!

Two events operated to jolt the proponents of this theory. The first one of course was Goldwater's barbarous advocacy of the use of atomic weapons on the eve of the most crucial primary contest for him, when the chances for his election were at best, marginal. It is true that he subsequently tried to modify his statement somewhat, but it was done in such a way as to really emphasize the fundamental point in the first place, and nowhere was it regarded as a retraction or a misunderstanding.

The second event was equally telling, and will be fully understood during the course of the campaign if Goldwater is nominated. This was the vote on cloture, a matter which could easily be dismissed as of little consequence. In reality its importance as a tool for measuring the character of the Goldwater movement is enormous.

Vote against cloture was vote For white counter-revolution!

The vote on cloture was not simply a vote on expediting the civil rights bill. It was a demonstration of solidarity with the racist proponents of the white counter-revolution against the Black people.

In the eyes of many professional bourgeois politicians, it seemed the correct thing for Goldwater to vote for cloture. That Goldwater did not do so, and instead chose another course, is a factor of incalculable importance. His vote revealed what was really at stake in the congressional struggle over the civil rights bill. It is not the bill in and of itself, nor any emasculated version of it.

The block of Southern Senators, plus a few Republicans—29 in all—who voted to continue the filibuster, stood up not merely against the civil rights bill, a weak thing in and of itself, to be sure, but stood up representing a reactionary conspiracy, whose purpose is to suppress the Black liberation struggle. It was a demonstration of solidarity with the racist proponents of the white counter-revolution against the Black people.

The temptation to equate Goldwater with Taft disregards not only time and circumstance, but the evolution of class forces and social movements. In 1952, civil rights was nothing like the issue it is today and the Black liberation movement at no time gained the momentum it has today. Taft, as a reactionary bourgeois politician, shared the white-supremacist prejudices of his contemporay colleagues, but he did not become the proponent of a racist alliance in a bid for national leadership.

Mobilizes dregs of society

The difference is vital in evaluating the course of Goldwater, for Goldwater mobilizes the dregs of society by the very nature of his racist position. Even if Goldwater should, in a left demagogic maneuver, vote for whatever civil rights bill ultimately comes out, it would merely serve as camouflage for his real position.

The press is the organized mechanism, with some significant exceptions, by which the ruling class articulates its class interest, and secures its ideological domination. At this writing, the bulk of the bourgeois press seems to be solidly arrayed against Goldwater. This alone, more than anything else demonstrates that the ruling class itself is fearful of his political leadership. If he were a mere conservative, old-line reactionary of the Taft type, there would not be apprehension of and widespread opposition to him in the camp of the bourgeoisie.

There is more to Goldwater than the old line-reactionary. The emergence of the fascist Birch Society as a formidable political factor, and the solid support that it is garnering on behalf of Goldwater, is a facet of his movement, which distinguishes it from any of the other previous conservative political movements which have vied for the Republican nomination in the past.

And The Kennedy Assassination

The Christian Fronters, the Bund, Father Coughlin and the like, never had the formidable financial support, or the strong links to substantial capitalist circles as the Birch Society does. Its support of Goldwater is not in the character of a fringe organization, but as an integral part of the movement.

New concentrations of wealth Creating new faction line-ups?

The rise of Goldwater and the spread of his movement is evidence that inner group relations within the exploiting class are nearing a turning point.

Since the beginning of the Second World War, vast technological changes have taken place, which have resulted in the concentration of fabulous amounts of wealth and social power in the upper strata of capitalist society. To what extent the titanic growth of the productive forces, embracing many new industries, has disturbed the previous pattern of relationships between the established financial and industrial oligarchies, is unknown.

Secrets of the "open society"

In the space of more than fifty years, the "open society" could permit only two investigations into its intricate financial affairs that had any merit from the point of view of revealing the actual financial and industrial ownership and the sources of the concentration of wealth. One took place in 1910 (the Pujo Commission) and the other one during the Roosevelt administration in the thirties.

Since then no public investigation by a congressional commission has taken place. The entire period beginning with the mid-thirties to the present day, which covers the most explosive growth and development in the United States so far as the actual distribution of the wealth among the various dynastic and plutocratic groupings, remains uninvestigated.

The traditional pattern of political power which prevailed during the Eisenhower-Taft struggle may have been upset by the emergence of a new alliance based on newly accumulated wealth in the hands of hitherto weaker industrial and financial groupings.

New coalition: poisonous racism —And reckless militarism

The vast, fabulous industrial complex built up, as we noted, in the recent decades, is founded on militarism as a way of life. It is everywhere coalesced with, and finds its natural ally in the reactionary spirit of racism. Goldwater is a fitting expression of its hopes and aspirations. His ravings against "peaceful coexistence," which are ideological preparations for predatory wars of aggression, have their material basis in the explosive growth of the vast productive forces of the U.S. and the inability of the ruling class to harness them except on the basis of militarism.

For example, Texas is the great center for oil monopolists, and also of the manned space center. It is an area of the development of vast new wealth. But this vast new wealth cannot find an outlet in the shrinking world, where markets for the U.S. are becoming increasingly circumscribed, even in the event that relations with the Soviet Union, eastern Europe and China are normalized.

In addition, the rehabilitation of Western capitalism not only offers the U.S. considerable competition, it still further constricts outlets for U.S. products. Furthermore, revolutionary upheavals throughout all of Asia, Africa and Latin America, makes investment by U.S. monopolies a dim prospect.

Militarism as a way of life

The vast and absolutely unprecedented accumulation of economic and military power in the hands of the U.S. master class, at a time when its political and diplomatic power is shrinking on the world arena, is its great frustration. The discrepancy between the enormous military and economic power of the U.S. monopolists and the simultaneous contraction of its political and diplomatic power on the world arena, is the principal axis for the fundamental cleavages in ruling class society.

The militarist adventurism that is characteristic of the Goldwater movement has its origin in this contradiction of U.S. monopoly capitalism, and its

growth is based on the quickening pace of this development.

The militarist adventurism of Goldwater must be seen in the light of preceding history, and not as an isolated phenomenon. It is especially significant that the MacArthur revelations show an identity of viewpoint in the very same political and military circles which are friendly to the Goldwater cause. The publication of MacArthur's political testament, in which he blames Eisenhower and Dulles for the rejection of his plans for atomic warfare is especially pertinent in the light of Goldwater's call for the use of atomic weapons in southeast Asia and proves that it is not a mental aberration, but part of the military rationale, itself.

It is important to recall that the frantic ravings of MacArthur took place at a time when there was unity in the socialist camp. The existence of the split, by its very nature, cannot but operate as a temptation to the exponent of U.S. military aggression. To assume it to be otherwise is scarcely conceivable, given the military mentality.

Economic & military power grows; Political power declines

The rise and development of the Goldwater movement is not only a sign of social decay. It is a symptom of maturing social crisis. The crisis has its roots deep in the inherent antagonism between the explosive development of the productive forces in the U.S. which are over-ripe for socialist organization, but are constricted and constantly driven into blind alleys because they are privately owned and operated for extortionate profits and not for the useful purposes to which they can be harnessed.

The acutest expression of this antagonism between socialized production and individual appropriation, is expressed by the enormous power which the U.S. wields economically and militarily, but finds itself constricted and its influence as a world power eroding politically and diplomatically.

His roots are in the same soil As Kennedy's Assassination

The Goldwater movement is a product of this contradiction. The challenge of Goldwater and the tendency of his movement toward neo-fascism is a sequel to the Kennedy assassination. If the two are not organically tied together, their social roots are deep in the same soil.

Suffice it to say that the Government's case and the forthcoming apologia which the Warren Commission is due to issue, is so full of incredible inconsistencies, flagrant contradictions and riddled with so many gaps in its alleged evidence, that there are already three expositions in English alone which expose in detail the failure of the government's case, and makes it impossible for the Warren verdict to stand up in broad daylight.

(Mark Lane's brief, the first legal and technical exposition of the fallacies in the Government's case, has been followed by two more comprehensive studies—Buchanan's "Who Killed Kennedy?" and Joesten's "Oswald: Assassin or Fall Guy?")

There is, moreover, one aspect of the assassination which clearly points in the direction of a broad ultra-rightist, neo-fascist conspiracy with substantial backing from strong and powerful forces. This aspect is the capitulation of Robert Kennedy in the days immediately following the assassination. As Attorney-General, he had the right and the power of Federal intervention. If the assassination of a President does not involve a Federal matter, then nothing does.

Capitulation of Robert Kennedy

How significant that in the charge drawn up by the Dallas police, the name of John F. Kennedy was written without the description of his office—"President of the United States"—to avoid Federal intervention. All Robert Kennedy needed was a Federal court order enjoining the Dallas police from proceeding with the case in any way until the Federal Government and the head of the Justice Department in particular investigated the circumstances surrounding the assassination.

The failure of the Attorney-General to intervene, but rather to sink into oblivion for the next several weeks, is exceptionally revealing. It cannot be attributed to a mere lack of personal courage. It was the preponderant array of hostile, political forces with which he could not cope. Had he challenged them, he would have set the stage for a political explosion in the U.S.

The long labors of the Warren Commission are intimately tied to the political situation in the country. By no means is the rise of Goldwater and his challenge for the Republican nomination a factor excluded from the deliberations of the Warren Commission.

The theory of the assassination which the Warren Commission is seeking to present to the world as the act of an erratic individual unconnected with a conspiracy either of the ultra-right or the left (which of course it is not) has nothing whatever to do with the evidence, but is based strictly on political calculation. Its task is to attempt to maintain the status quo in the clash of antagonistic class factions. More than anything else, Warren himself seeks the role of moderator. By casting a verdict that the assassination was a result of either a rightist or leftist conspiracy, he could throw the country into deep political crisis, and the very existence of the remnants of bourgeois democracy would hang in the balance.

Warren Commission: mediator Between ruling class factions

In the final analysis, the Warren Commission's role as mediator between the factions, is an attempt to paper over the violent struggle, to keep it from the view of the mass of people, who—in the long run—are the only forces that can defeat an ultra-rightist, neo-fascist threat.

Keeping the truth from the people facilitates their deception, and class deception always and everywhere aids class oppression.

It is no wonder then, that the Warren Commission is continually prolonging its investigation in an attempt to cover up inconsistencies and contradictions.

The Kennedy assassination was no more an accident than was the Dallas attack on Stevenson, or MacArthur's testament, or Goldwater's "shooting from the hip."

Kennedy's assassination marks the first great break from bourgeois parliamentarism in the U.S. and its deepest and most dangerous significance lies in the fact that it goes unpunished and unexposed and the Warren Commission is at its wits end in attempts to cover it up.

Rise of Goldwater also Reaction to world revolution

Regardless of the historical antecedents of the various forms of fascism or the conditions that brought it about in Europe, no one can deny today that the characteristics of reckless militarism and poisonous racism are two basic characteristics indispensable to any neo-fascist movement in the U.S. Goldwater and his movement represent both. Of that there can be no doubt whatever. Therein lies the great danger and the imperative necessity to recognize it.

The fortune and forces of the Goldwater movement depend not only on the relationship of class forces at home, but even more so at the present time, abroad.

Goldwater's vote against cloture was very revealing on the nature of his politics. But it was no more impulsive than his bloodthirsty cry for atom bombs in southeast Asia. It signifies a coalescing of the most rabid militarism with the most virulent racism.

It goes without saying, that another characteristic is Goldwater's blatantly anti-union and anti-labor position.

So-called "moderate" leadership has pushed and continues to conduct counter-revolution all over the world—not only the barbaric wars in Vietnam, Laos, the various attempts to strangle Cuba, coup d'etats in Brazil and Argentina, dismemberment of the Congo—to name but a few.

But for the hell-bent-for-war sections of the ruling class, all this is entirely insufficient. They want to resolve the crises with fascist methods.

The voice of the Goldwater movement is a reaction to world revolution.

But prospects of the world socialist revolution, in spite of inevitable setbacks here and there, grow brighter with each passing day. More and more sections of the world's oppressed are drawn in as revolutionary battalions in the onslaught against the crumbling walls of world imperialism, whose main bastion is in the USA.

The Congo Rises up Against U.S. and U.N. Puppet Forces

By Henry Stone

A fight for the Congo is developing between the armed patriots of the Congo National Liberation Committee, and forces which are ultimately those of the United States.

When the Congolese people were struggling for independence from Belgium under Patrice Lumumba in 1960, the U.S. moved in on the independence struggle. Acting through the CIA, the UN, and Congolese lackeys, the U.S. had Lumumba murdered and his successor Gizenga imprisoned, virtually wrested control of the Congo (including mineral-rich Katanga Province) from the Belgian and British monopolies, and backed a lackey government headed by Adoula and Kasavubu.

In January of this year, the Congolese started an armed fight for genuine liberation in Kwilu Province, in the western Congo.

On March 2, puppet official Kasavubu arbitrarily dissolved the Parliament. At least 15 Parliament members joined the insurgent National Liberation Committee.

In April, the armed struggle spread to Kivu Province in the east. The Adoula army, whose Chief of Staff is General Mobutu, was sent against the patriots.

On May 22, the patriots shot down a UN spy plane over Kivu Province with automatic fire. The plane carried an American colonel from the U.S. Military "Aid" Mission in the Congo.

Revolt in the South

Some of the patriots moved south, and on May 27 they captured the airfield at Albertville in Katanga Province. By emptying the airport control tower and blocking the runway with barrels, they were able to turn back a U.S. Air Force plane and two commercial flights.

On May 31, in Kivu Province, about 100 armed patriots ambushed two companies of Adoula commandos who were carrying out a "clean-up" in the area.

The patriots hid themselves near a village. When the Adoula companies entered the village, the patriots attacked them suddenly with spears, machetes, and automatic weapons captured from the Adoula troops. Sixty Adoula troops were killed, including the field commander. The patriots were warmly welcomed by the people of the village.

In all, 400 of the Adoula troops have been reported killed, wounded, or missing in the fighting with the patriots in Kivu. The patriots hold the entire 90-

mile Ruzizi Valley in the province.

The U.S. Army has been flying spy missions daily over Kivu in a twin-engine Beechcraft. Recently it sent in several rocket-equipped T-28 fighters, the same model it has been using in Laos.

On June 11, two of the American planes made a rocket and strafing attack against the rebels in Kivu. One of the patriotic leaders said to an American reporter:

"We are a people who fight for liberty with spears and clubs. You, the powerful Americans, are crushing us with bombs and planes."

One of the most significant aspects of the struggle is the extent to which Adoula's troops refuse to fight, and go over to the armed patriots.

The Kwilu command of the Adoula army collapsed. The commander deserted, saying he was "tired." An officer ordered to replace him refused to do so.

Puppets Mutiny

When the patriots captured the Albertville airfield, the Adoula garrison in the city mutinied.

When the patriots ambushed the Adoula commandos in Kivu, Adoula troops in the area fell back in complete confusion, lacking any will to fight. Hundreds of soldiers defected to the patriotic forces, taking their weapons with them.

The government reinforcements that were flown into Kivu were paralyzed with fear. The New York Times said that the troops would only back their jeeps toward the patriot-held Ruzizi Valley, so they could be ready for a quick forward getaway!

Special Slanders for Africans

The U.S. ruling class speaks in its press of the Congolese struggle in a special manner—the manner of racist contempt it reserves for Africa, to "justify" its seizure of millions of Africans to be slaves right here in America.

From May 31 to about June 8, the press was full of tales that the patriots' leaders were giving them incantations and pills supposed to make bullets aimed at them turn to water, and thus were leading them into mass slaughter when the magic failed. There were also tales of witch doctors, and of how the "rebels" were heavily drugged from smoking hemp. These are the obvious lies, told to touch up the Hollywood picture of the "superstitious jungle savages."

But the June 15 Newsweek went even further. One would think that the News-

week senior editor would consider the Adoula troops to be "his" side, since they are U.S.-supplied puppets, and would speak of them with a little respect. But, along with speaking of the "rape and pillage" by the rebels, he spoke with sneering contempt of the rape, pillage, and cowardice of the Adoula troops.

The implication: Africans in general are too savage to be allowed to rule the Congo. Only the European or U.S. mon-

opolies are "civilized" enough to have the right to rape and pillage the Congo.

The U.S. ruling class is probably getting ready for a new round of U.S. maneuvers on the Congo, and, if these fail, even more openly colonialist actions by its own troops.

The great masses of the Congo, however, unlike Adoula and Kasavubu, will follow the example of their lost leader, Lumumba, and sell their lives dearly, their country never.

8 African Patriots Imprisoned for Life

A Goad to Greater Revolt

The 33 African countries represented in the UN have unanimously condemned the action of the South African Supreme Court in sentencing the eight defendants including Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu to life imprisonment.

These countries made a joint statement which said in part:

"The sentences are a provocation and a challenge flung by the racist rulers of South Africa against all the peoples of Africa, who pledged at the historic Ad-dis Ababa Conference last year that the cause of the oppressed peoples of South Africa is the vital concern of all Africa."

This statement, strong as it is, is only a distant parliamentary echo of the angry drums that are sounding throughout the revolutionary continent today.

Wherever the news of the "trial" (there was no jury at all) has spread in Africa, the reaction is surely one of extreme indignation and increased will to struggle. The African governments, some of them quite conservative and imperialist-influenced, are also listening to the popular murmur that is growing into a roar.

It is possible that the racist ruling class has calculated correctly for the moment insofar as the cruel sentences may have the effect of temporarily paralyzing the organizations involved: the African National Congress of which

Mandela is deputy president and Sisulu the Secretary General, and the Pan Africanist Congress.

But the sentences will also have the effect of a lash on the raw flesh of the great Black mass who have already been goaded and stricken beyond endurance.

A successful uprising of the Black majority in South Africa may seem remote because the racist minority is so well and so efficiently armed and so much larger than the other white minorities on the continent. And no one is more keenly aware of the relationship of forces, militarily, than the waiting and watching Black African.

But the oppressed have won in cases where the odds were worse. It is the knowledge of this fact that drives the racists to such extremes of terror against the masses while they ever more intensively train their own "home guard."

The statement of the 33 countries is a sure sign that the revolution the racists fear is already rumbling along the outposts.

Revolutions, of course—like charity—begin at home. And the new South African revolution will probably be no exception. But "home" in this case, as the dictators have apparently forgotten, includes not only a country, but a continent.

Nigeria General Strike Marks New High In Freedom Fight; Great Solidarity Shown

LAGOS, Nigeria, June 13—Nigeria had long ago left the spinning wheel for the modern factory, but only now, after 13 days of general strike, can it truly be said that the masses have leaped from the age of village rivalries and loyalties to the epoch of the class struggle against the big foreign and domestic bosses.

Before the strike, there were at best only 150,000 dues-paying union members in Nigeria, out of a population of 50 million. Yet at least 1,500,000 went on strike.

In a true demonstration of class solidarity, the great bulk of white-collar workers joined with laborers and skilled-tradesmen in the unprecedented stoppage.

Labor leaders called off the strike today, pending the outcome of negotiations with the government over wages. The government has agreed not to penalize the strikers and to pay the government workers for the time they were on strike. The leaders' move was influenced by the return to work of a portion of the established unionists.

The strike was originally called because a government-appointed commission had recommended that the wages of manual labor be doubled, and the government refused to act.

In the past, Nigerian workers lucky enough to have a job have had a marginal existence. (And for the uncouth thousands of unemployed, there has been little hope.)

The strike started in the state-owned railways, ports, electric power, airways and post and telegraph. It quickly spread to private industries. (Nigeria's economy is dominated by Unilever, the British monopoly.)

The action was so powerful that it turned Lagos, the capital, into a veritable ghost town and almost paralyzed the nation's economy.

Of course, the pro-British government fought back. On June 10, the "riot" police fired tear gas and charged into nearly 10,000 strikers who were attending a mass meeting of labor's Joint Action Committee.

Observers have already concluded that the whole political situation in Nigeria will now be qualitatively changed. Nigerian politics, traditionally dominated by tribal loyalties, will now be adjusted to—and responsive to—the power of organized labor.

—"War Games"

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"who bears a striking resemblance to . . . German Field Marshall Erwin Rommel," remarked that he thought that the results were worth the price. He added in a tone of triumph that this is the first time that "we've been able to get a proper training area for the armored divisions. . . . We want to do all the things you're supposed to do in combat. . . . We're trying out techniques of conventional and nuclear warfare."

Legalizing the Rape of Puerto Rico?

The drive for Puerto Rican Independence has picked up some strength in the United States recently. At the same time, however, the Johnson Administration increased its activity to consolidate absolute control over the island.

In Washington, D.C., Johnson met with the Status Commission on Puerto

Rico. Its supposed purpose is to recommend to Congress whether Puerto Rico should be maintained at its present status, become a state, or be granted independence.

Its real purpose is to act as a cover for the ever more rapid U.S. colonization of Puerto Rico. Of its thirteen members, only seven are Puerto Rican. The only one who supposedly speaks for independence is actually an appointee of the colonial regime.

This almost secretly convoked meeting was challenged by pickets including leaders of Movimiento Pro-Independencia; Accion Patriotica Unitaria; FUPI, the university students organization; and Cruzada Patriotica Cristiana, a Roman Catholic nationalist group.

Juan Mari Bras, M.P.I. leader who had led pickets in Washington, told reporters at a New York City press conference later that week that the Puerto Rican Independence groups were organizing an electoral strike, a boycott of this fall's fraudulent colonial elections.

At Governors' Confab—

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for the Advancement of White People" came out with a racist blast against the Council for its action.

Wallace of course attacked civil rights during the Governors' Conference and claimed that only eight per cent of Afro-Americans in the South were unemployed and implied that Black people were "contented" in Dixie.

Of all the governors, many of them Democratic "liberals," only the would-be President, Republican billionaire Rockefeller, bothered to answer him.

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