

Three More Victims in the Fight for Civil Rights



Like the three civil rights fighters who were lynched in Mississippi, these South Vietnamese youths were slaughtered by U.S. white supremacy while fighting for their people's freedom.

After Three Murders, One More—And Two Mutilated Corpses

Lynch Terror Rages — Cops, FBI Fold Hands

By Henry Stone

Call it "backlash" or call it by its proper name, "white supremacist counter-revolution"—either way, it is nothing new to the Afro-American people. After a hundred years of lynching and after the hundred-and-first year's civil rights law, the fascist thugs are still at it.

Here are some of their latest atrocities:

July 4, Atlanta, Ga. States Rights Party thugs beat Black youths with chairs.

July 7, Jackson, Miss. A 19-year-old Black woman standing near a window at a voter registration rally is shot from a passing car by whites.

July 8, McComb, Miss. Three explosions blast a SNCC "Freedom House" and automobile parked in front.

July 5, Texarkana, Texas. A white racist shoots three Black demonstrators at a wade-in. (But this time the Afro-

Americans defend themselves: a Black demonstrator shoots a racist.)

July 5, Selma, Ala. A shot is fired at Black demonstrators. (And again the Afro-Americans defend themselves: 300 demonstrate because of the shot, and when the cops move in to break up the demonstration, they throw rocks and bottles, injuring several cops.)

This was climaxed on July 11 with the savage shotgun killing of Afro-American educator Lemuel A. Penn in Georgia. (During the same week, two recently mutilated bodies were found in the Mississippi—apparently not the bodies of any of the three who were known to be lynched last month.)

More ominous for the future than the incidents themselves, though, is news of the growing organization of the white counter-revolutionaries into virtual extra-legal armies, and the friendliness of

To Racist, War-Mad Goldwater — The Only Answer Is Independent Mass Action!

Program of LBJ, Like That of Scranton, Is One of Slow Surrender to Forces of Ultra-Right

JULY 14—It is now abundantly clear that the neo-fascist Barry Goldwater and the racist banker-generals behind him have whipped up enough racist, pro-war, anti-labor elements in the Republican Party to take over the party itself, get the nomination for President and begin what promises to be the vilest election campaign in American history.

The pro-fascist ultra-rightists dominated the Convention from the beginning. The weak and wishy-washy Scrantonites (representing the mighty Eastern bankers and bosses!) are almost ready to throw in the towel. Compelled by circumstances to put on a show of fighting far beyond their first intentions, they are splitting and crumbling because

in the short run, most of them want to "save the Republican Party"—and in the long run, they prefer fascism to Black Freedom and the international socialist revolution.

But the masses outside the Convention showed a determination to stop Goldwater that far surpassed the faint finger-punches of his alleged enemies inside. Nearly 50,000 marched in protest against his reactionary racism.

The leaders of the march, unfortunately, permitted Javits, Keating, Rockefeller and Scranton to address the huge throng and thus robbed the demonstration of some of its fighting character.

However, the ranks booed these speakers from time to time (especially when Keating spoke of their great "record" on civil rights).

Under the whiplash of the fascist-type campaign Goldwater will carry on this summer and fall, the masses will undoubtedly repeat the San Francisco march on many occasions and in doing so, will increase their class consciousness inculcably.

The progressives should understand at the outset, however, that Goldwater's neo-fascist militarism-racism will never be destroyed by the "democratic" imperialist, Johnson. That can only be done by the class action of the masses themselves.

the legal authorities, up to and including the F.B.I., towards them.

In Mississippi, until recently white counter-revolutionary activities have been carried out through the White Citizens' Councils, which claimed that they

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Fights Back Against Backlash

A Steel Local Condemns the Terror

Youngstown, O., July 2—Few Labor unions have as yet taken a vigorous stand against the renewed outbreaks of racist terror. There are signs, however, that under the whiplash of the anti-Black counter-revolution, labor will close ranks to defend its own.

The following resolution from a U.S. Steel local may be an important straw in the wind:

WHEREAS: The racists all over this country are trying to build up a lynch spirit against anyone who fights for equality for the oppressed, AND WHEREAS: The recent events in Mississippi show very clearly how savage and brutal the racists can be,

AND WHEREAS: The struggle of the Negro people is one of the most important issues before the people in the United States,

AND WHEREAS: The labor movement has traditionally supported the civil rights of the Negroes,

AND WHEREAS: The future growth of organized labor is dependent upon labor's action in this and other social struggles,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Local 1330 of the United Steelworkers of America AFL-CIO, make a financial contribution to the Committee of Federated Organizations so that the workers can carry on their campaign of voter registration and can defend themselves against the violence of the racists.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: That we, Local 1330, release this news to the press, radio, and television so that the community and civil rights supporters will know that some among labor are not afraid to speak up.

S. Vietnam Puppets in Commando Raids

U.S. Already Attacking N. Vietnam

JULY 12—Just as it has been threatening for months, the U.S. is now organizing raids on North Vietnam. So far, the raiders have been completely wiped out by the People's Forces.

The latest reported raid was in the night of June 30. A group of commandos organized by the U.S. generals and their Vietnamese puppets in South Vietnam sneaked into the coastal area of Quang Binh Province. Their boats were spotted by the local people when they were still far from shore, and they were completely encircled and wiped out as soon as they landed. A large quantity of weapons and equipment for sabotage, bearing U.S. markings, was seized.

This is the fifteenth commando group introduced into North Vietnam by the U.S. and their puppets in South Vietnam since June of last year.

(The facts were given in a well documented July 3 Hsinhua News Agency story, as well as a July 4 front-page story of the conservative New York Times.)

These provocations, which Washington has been talking about for months, are calculated steps by U.S. big business and its government to whip up a big

Southeast Asia war and reconquer North Vietnam for the imperialist slavery that the people of the country threw off in 1954.

And now, on July 12, puppet dictator Khanh, speaking for his U.S. masters, has threatened bombing of a North Vietnamese hamlet for "every hamlet attacked by the Viet Cong."

Since it is well known that the highest U.S. government circles have been planning a whole program of attacks on North Vietnam for months, there is no doubt that the recent raids have been passed on by President Johnson himself.

Johnson and Co. clearly want to create a situation which will "justify" bringing a mass of American soldiers into a war against all of Vietnam.

At the same time, Washington has been trying to play down the fact that its moves risk war with People's China, alleging that the Chinese have weakened on their promise to aid North Vietnam if it is attacked.

But the Chinese have forcefully answered the allegation with a July 6 statement signed by Foreign Minister Chen Yi, and a July 9 editorial in Ren-

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Mark Lane Challenges Chief Justice Warren

Switched Rifles to Frame Oswald?

NEW YORK, July 6—The Citizens' Committee of Inquiry has found that the rifle which the Dallas District Attorney and the Warren Commission claim killed President Kennedy is not the rifle found on the sixth floor of the Book Depository Building less than an hour after the shooting.

When Mark Lane, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, testified before the Warren Commission on July 2, he was allowed to examine the rifle allegedly used by Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy. He saw that the rifle was indelibly marked in large letters, "Made Italy" and "CAL. 6.5."

But Lane possesses a photostatic copy of the affidavit of a Dallas cop who found a rifle on the sixth floor of the Book Depository Building less than one hour after the assassination. The cop swore that the rifle was a German Mauser, Caliber 7.65.

The only possible conclusion is that Dallas authorities switched rifles in an attempt to frame Oswald. Lane called the information about the rifle "the most important and dramatic evidence break in the case thus far."

On that same day that Lane saw the rifle, Chief Justice Warren went so far

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**Grisly Flirtation**

One of the ugliest aspects of the Goldwater campaign is the grisly flirtation between the Arizona racist and his Alabama "kissing cousin" Governor George C. Wallace.

Like true Hollywood lovers, these two would-be fascist dictators begin with a mutual coldness or indifference before the plot begins to warm up and when one does tentatively approach the other, he gets a sharp rebuff.

The story is given out that Wallace will take away votes from Goldwater, but that Wallace cannot be persuaded to give up his arch-segregationist Presidential campaign.

"If you think George is going to make the slightest concession to Barry Goldwater," says one Southern politician about Wallace, "you just don't know George."

And on July 14, Wallace rebuffed a public overture of Goldwater's by saying that the GOP platform was not reactionary enough for his "principles" and his hat was staying in the ring.

However, before this, the columnists,

Rowland Evans and Robert Novak revealed in the July 7 New York Herald Tribune that "Confidential but inconclusive talks between Goldwaterites and Wallaceites have begun."

Thus, the stage-managers were hard at work well before the actors addressed each other.

A sinister alliance between the two neo-fascists is thus very much a possibility. At this juncture of history, such an alliance depends least of all upon the caprices of Goldwater or the personal vanity of Wallace. It depends far more upon the social forces of militarism and decaying capitalism, which will make extremely well calculated efforts to arrange for some kind of coalition or election agreement, possibly even at the last moment.

This alliance of Republican fascism with Democratic fascism is something the working class must begin to prepare against now. The best preparation would be to build and cement its own alliances, particularly the alliance of Black and white labor against the coming war on the oppressed at home and abroad.

"Deeds, Not Words"

U.S. recognition and trade with Cuba depends on "deeds not words," Lyndon Johnson told Fidel Castro on July 10.

What deeds?

Just a matter of Cuba's breaking fraternal ties with the Soviet Union and giving up its solidarity with the Latin American revolution!

Castro answered this arrogance as follows:

"By coincidence, we Cubans think the same way. We are waiting deeds rather than words from the United States.

"(The U.S. should) suspend all support of the warfare of the Cuban counter-revolutionaries and abandon the aggressive maneuvers of the Organization of American States."

And, the Cuban Prime Minister might have added, "Repudiate the CIA invasion of 1961, get out of Guantanamo and give up your plans to destroy Cuba."

These are deeds, however, that Johnson, as representative of a dying, but still desperately aggressive imperialism, is not likely to perform.

180 Per Cent Raise

While Lyndon Johnson is continuing John F. Kennedy's "guidelines" for raises in the wages of the workers (about 3 per cent) he hasn't mentioned any guidelines for the raises in the already fat salaries of the big bosses.

For example, Chrysler's president, George H. Love, went from \$110,883 in salary and bonus in 1962 to \$301,500 in 1963.

But Johnson, strangely enough, hasn't had a word to say about Love's 180 per cent wage increase.

Now if the Chrysler workers were to ask for a 180 per cent raise when they go into negotiations this summer (and the actual amount in dollars would be peanuts compared to their bosses' raise) what would Johnson say?

Ford's Defense (!) of Strikes

Suddenly we hear from Henry Ford II that "willingness on the part of the public, government and management to accept a strike, if necessary, is the price we must pay for the preservation of free and responsible collective bargaining—whether or not that willingness is ever put to the test."

Why did this billionaire make a remark like that?

He appeared to be encouraging the working class to engage in strikes which challenge the power of big businessmen like himself and demand a larger part of the value they create!

Could it be that Ford is actually encouraging labor militancy? Could it be he actually wants workers to go on strike for big wage increases? Is it

possible he would like to see a new wave of sit-down strikes where the workers take over the plants?

Not for a minute!

The truth is that Ford is going into negotiations with the union—and he wants to frighten the union leaders and the workers! The only raises that Ford wants to see won are the ones like those which he just gave himself: a raise of \$35,000 to bring his salary and bonus (not counting his profits) from \$340,000 to \$375,000 per year.

But Ford may well find that instead of frightening the workers by holding up the prospect of a bitter strike, he may educate them in a way he didn't intend. And they may decide to give Ford something he's not looking for.

The "Civilized" Conservative

Back in March, Senator Fulbright of Arkansas (a "civilized conservative," according to Walter Reuther) made a speech containing some "unthinkably liberal" thoughts on foreign policy. The Senator's position was hailed by some

people as deserving the support of all peace-seeking Americans. Workers World replied: How can Fulbright be a racist at home and a liberator abroad?

Last month, the "civilized" Senator voted on the civil rights bill—against it.

Monroe Defense Committee Takes New Cases**A Fight-Back Program in N. C.**

MONROE, N.C., July 4—In addition to appealing the cases of Mae Mallory, Richard Crowder, and Harold Reape, the Monroe Defense Committee is giving assistance to two other Afro-American victims of police outrage in Monroe.

Troy Crowder, 23 years old (no relation to Richard Crowder), was mugged last month by two white cops after he had parked along the side of the highway at 4 a.m. to take a nap before continuing his trip home.

Without asking questions, the cops dragged him from his car, worked him over—breaking his nose—and then hustled him to the other side of town to confront him with a white woman who "had complained of a Negro intruder."

The arresting cop told Mr. Crowder that the woman said she wasn't positive he was the intruder. The cop told Crowder that if he would keep quiet about the whole thing and pay a fee, everything would be taken care of.

But Mr. Crowder went straight to the Monroe Defense Committee and told his story to Mr. Clarence H. Seniors, the Chairman. In the interest of Mr. Crowder and the struggle against the everyday police outrages against the Black people of Monroe, the Committee intends to help him and publicize his case.

The Monroe Defense Committee is also investigating the case of Mr. Hubert Barrett, 24-year-old Afro-American father of two children who is being held incommunicado, without bond, in the Monroe jail on an alleged "Peeping Tom" charge.

Mr. Seniors reports that the Committee has strong reasons to believe that the defendant is innocent, and that the local authorities are trying to frame him.

In addition to this assistance, mem-

bers of the Monroe Defense Committee, along with other youth in the city, have been organizing and participating in demonstrations not only aimed at protesting segregation in numerous places of public accommodation, but in demanding jobs for Black men and women—especially for youth just coming out of high school.

More boycotts and demonstrations are being planned for the Center Theater, the Soda Shop and The Oasis, as well as the Welfare Offices and the Employment Offices.

Meanwhile, Mae Mallory, sentenced to 16-20 years in the famous Monroe "kidnap" frameup, has been busy speaking about the monstrous frameup since her release on bail.

She has spoken before a wide variety of audiences in and around New York, and has traveled from Buffalo to Baltimore, from Charlotte to Washington, D.C., and across a good deal of Ohio. In many cases Mrs. Mallory has received standing ovations for the courageous and militant struggle that she and her co-defendants Reape and Crowder are waging.

The Monroe Defense Committee is now making plans to send Mrs. Mallory on a country-wide speaking tour in the fall. Anyone who would like to invite her to speak at that time should write the Monroe Defense Committee now.

All these activities make the Monroe Defense Committee a vital center of militant struggle for Black liberation. For the legal fees of the "kidnap" appeal especially, which run into many thousands of dollars, the Committee needs your regular help.

Contributions should be sent to the Monroe Defense Committee, 605 Brown Street, Monroe, North Carolina.

MAIL BAG**Pay Raise for Congress**

To the Editor:

The House of Representatives have just voted themselves a pay raise of \$7,500, bringing their yearly income to \$30,000. I suppose this is the opening gun in the War on Poverty, and "charity begins at home."

Like a great many people, my yearly income (gross) is less than half of their salary increase, and three people live on this. Not only must I pay taxes to support a government whose policies I disagree with, but I pay taxes to support them in a style to which I, myself, and most people in this country are unaccustomed.

This pay raise for Congress sure makes me wonder how a pack of parasites can legislate a War on Poverty. They are so far removed personally, as well as by the interests they represent, from identifying with, or even feeling sympathy for, the poor that they must be incapable of even approaching the problem.

N.G., New York City

Fun—for the Bosses

Dear Editor:

We have all heard how the Caesars of ancient Rome enjoyed the gory spectacle of the captive slaves of Roman conquests, fighting each other to the kill in the circus arenas. These were events which the Roman hierarchy enjoyed, and looked forward to with pleasure.

In a way, such is the case today with some bosses and workers.

An example of such gladiator tactics is an incident which occurred at my previous job at a child-care center in Brooklyn where workers and parents of the children witnessed a water fight between one child-care worker who was the boss's favorite and paid informer

and my co-worker, the boss's scapegoat. The boss's favorite and informer, turned the waterhose on my co-worker (used to cool off the children on hot summer days), spraying her from head to foot for making the fatal mistake of leading our group of children to the part of the playyard her tormenter's group was using.

Thus, when the boss's "model worker's" abusive language failed to stir my co-worker from remaining, she received an uncalled for shower. The two workers nearly came to blows until another worker and I managed to remove the hose from the hands of my co-worker's tormenter.

(When my co-worker reported this incident to our boss, instead of receiving sympathy from her, her two-week's vacation was canceled.)

One can see the similarity of capitalist tactics to divide the workers, fostering mistrust and hate by recruiting informers among their favorites and encouraging spying—to that of the methods of the Roman overlords or—in another way, Hitler's Gestapo.

Yet some of us wage slaves are awakened today to this working-class fact of life and preparing for the day when we will crush the conniving, double-cross tactics of our capitalist overlords, and build a society of cooperation, peace and brotherhood!

L. G., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Great Work by FBI

J. Edgar Hoover told the press in Mississippi that the Jackson FBI with its 50 new men "will not give protection to civil rights workers." Two more churches were burned after this statement.

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On Tenth Anniversary of Geneva Peace Treaty—

People of Vietnam Cry Out in Torment: "Stop U. S. War!"

Vietnam Workers Call on Their Brothers
Throughout the World

Below are excerpts from a letter received by Workers World from the Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions in Hanoi, a letter of great importance to all who want an end to the U.S. war in Southeast Asia. Only considerations of space prevent us from publishing the full text.

Dear Comrades:

... The U.S. warlords have been intensifying their aggressive war in South Vietnam. In May last, they have illegally introduced there about 4,000 U.S. officers and men, 100 fighter-bombers of the type "Skyraider" and some hundred modern helicopters.

They have been trumpeting about carrying war into North Vietnam and stepping up their spying and sabotaging activities vis-à-vis the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. They are making all-out efforts in order to drag their allies within and outside the SEATO and NATO aggressive blocs into their aggressive war in South Vietnam. The recent meeting in Honolulu in which participated 43 high personalities of Washington has worked out new plans of aggression and hatched new plots to be effected in South Vietnam, Laos and in South East Asia.

The above mentioned new evil-doings of the USA and their henchmen are in flagrant violation of the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Indochina and constitute a direct menace to the security of the countries of Indochina, and to peace in South East Asia and the world over.

Over the past years, you have been doing your utmost to encourage and support the just struggle of our workers and people in South Vietnam against U.S. imperialism for national independence and peaceful reunification of the country as stipulated in the 1954 Geneva Agreements.

We may rightly hope and we are convinced that the Day of July 20th this year, the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Geneva Agreements shall undoubtedly enjoy a warm response on your part and from the workers and trade union organizations the world over which constitutes for our workers and people in South Vietnam an effective support and great encouragement.

Accordingly, on this occasion, the 27th session of the W.F.T.U. Executive Committee and the International Trade Union Committee for solidarity with the workers and people of South Vietnam have appealed to the world workers and

trade unions to organize huge demonstrations and massive rallies as a sign of solidarity with the South Vietnamese people, to set up national Committees for Solidarity with the fighting South Vietnam in their respective countries, to voice their strong condemnation against U.S. aggression and the actual fascist regime of the clique Nguyen-Khanh in South Vietnam, and to demand the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops, war material from South Vietnam, the respect for and the effective and complete implementation of the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Indochina.

For our part, may we ask you to take measures which you think fit for you to bring an active support for the just struggle of our compatriots in South Vietnam.

On behalf of all workers and trade union organizations of our country, we highly value the support which the world trade union movement has accorded us and we take this opportunity to warmly thank you for all that has been done and will be done in our favor.

Believe us, dear Comrades,

Yours respectfully and devotedly,

For the Secretariat of the

Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions
TRAN DANH TUYEN
General Secretary



Life Magazine published this picture on Feb. 14 saying, "Relatives weep over body of a villager who was riddled with bullets when he tried to help the Communists."

A Letter From a Hospital Bed:
"Let Us Join Hands!"

Tran Thi Ly, who wrote the letter from which we give excerpts below, is a young Vietnamese woman who was three times arrested and savagely tortured by South Vietnamese authorities.

Her open letter was forwarded to us by the Vietnam Youth Federation in Hanoi. The Federation expressed "the hope that you will give wide popularization to this letter which is Tran Thi Ly's contribution to the Vietnamese and American youth and people's common struggle for the end of the U.S. war in South Vietnam."

Dear friends,

... I am writing this to you from a hospital bed, for the hospital has been my "home" for the last few years on account of the tortures I suffered in Southern [Vietnam] prisons. . . .

Allow me . . . to send you my friendly greetings and sincere thanks for all you have done and are doing in support of the just struggle of the South Vietnamese people for independence. . . .

Many of you have courageously raised your voices to demand an immediate end to the dirty war in South Vietnam and the withdrawal of U.S. troops. . . .

For all of us South Vietnamese youths who have been suffering so much grief and misery [your deeds] constitute a precious support. . . .



TRAN THI LY

Arrested and Tortured 3 Times

This so-called "special war," covered up by signboards of "anti-communism" and "protection of freedom" and slanderous allegations about "intervention and subversion by the North," is in fact a large-scale aggressive war waged with the participation of 25,000 U.S. officers and men and a 500,000-strong mercenary army.

In this war, over 160,000 of our South Vietnamese compatriots have been killed, 680,000 disabled as a result of tortures and 370,000 thrown into jail. . . .

July 20—the tenth anniversary of the signing of the 1954 Geneva agreements which restored peace in Indochina—is drawing near. The U.S. government is getting ready to "commemorate" this anniversary by stepping up the aggressive war in South Vietnam, and at the same time threatening to carry it into the North. . . .

To conquer their independence and freedom, our South Vietnam compatriots had no choice but to rise up in arms for self-defense, and they have been winning ever more important victories. We have not the slightest doubt about our final victory; it was this unshakable faith which had made it possible for me to live through the darkest days in the jails of the aggressors and the traitors. . . .

The day draws nearer when . . . American youths shall cease being sent to far-away South Vietnam to die for a hopeless and unjust cause. . . .

Let us join hands in struggle to demand that the U.S. government . . . withdraw all its troops, military personnel and war equipment from South Vietnam, and leave the South Vietnam people to settle their own internal affairs. . . .

Tran Thi Ly

—Switching Rifles on Oswald

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as to say that he had "every reason to doubt the truthfulness" of Lane's statement under oath. Lane replied by inviting Warren to submit his testimony to the United States Attorney's office for prosecution for perjury, so that he might be afforded the opportunity to prove by documents and recordings the absolute accuracy of his testimony.

Lane had stated to the Commission that he had had a conversation with the woman who claims to be the sole witness to the slaying of the Dallas cop killed 35 minutes after the assassination. The woman's description of the killer did

not fit Oswald.

Lane has a tape-recording of his conversation with the woman. The Warren Commission has tried to suppress the recording, but Lane will play the recording at a public meeting during this month. Lane said, "Perhaps at that time Mr. Warren will tell us some of those 'every reasons' he has had to doubt my testimony."

The matter of the rifle, and the intemperate public statement of the Chief Justice, are further proof that the Commission wants to cover up the real evidence concerning the Kennedy assassination.

But the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry continues to win increasing support for uncovering the true facts of the case. Recently, supporting Committees of Inquiry have been set up in England, France, and Denmark. The Chairman of the British Committee is Earl Bertrand Russell.

This support of the independent investigation of the assassination arises from the conviction of the people of Europe that the assassination must have been a rightist plot, and that the U.S. bourgeoisie has rallied to conceal the truth.

—Attacks on North Vietnam

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min Ribao. The editorial, purposely played down in the U.S. press, said:

"The Chinese people have always maintained that it is an unshirkable proletarian internationalist duty of all Socialist countries to safeguard the peace and security of the entire socialist camp, to protect all its members from any imperialist invasion and to defend the Socialist camp.

"The Democratic Republic of Vietnam is China's fraternal neighbor and they are closely related to each other. Should United States imperialism launch an attack on the D.R.V., thereby posing a threat to China's peace and security, the Chinese people naturally cannot be expected to look on with folded arms. They will never allow United States imperialism to play with fire by their side."

Of course, whatever attacks the bank-ers-unleash against North Vietnam will be met first of all by the heroic resistance of the North Vietnamese people themselves, who have no intention of

giving up their workers' industry, full employment, and new-founded educational system to go back to being feudal serfs for the billionaires of Wall Street.

And the Chinese will support their Vietnamese brothers as they have stated. Let there be no uncertainty about it: by its provocations Washington risks war with the 700,000,000 people-strong China.

But we American workers too must help our Vietnamese brothers, by demanding of the U.S. government:

Stop the raids on North Vietnam; Get out of both North and South Vietnam at once!

Jailing the Real Crooks

Three London cops got long jail terms for framing eight of the people who demonstrated against King Paul and Queen Frederika of Greece last year.

They had planted pieces of brick on the persons of the demonstrators.

—Of course, in the good old U.S. of America, such things never happen. That is, the convictions of the cops don't happen—just the convictions of the demonstrators.

Club Gets Smaller

The billionaires' club lost a member last year.

In 1962, there were 60 companies with sales of over a billion dollars. In 1963, there were only 59.

At the same time, however, total sales of these companies went UP from \$146 billion to 156 billion.

One company alone, General Motors, accounted for more than ten per cent of the total sales of the group.

Venezuela Rebels on "Peaceful Co-Existence"

Nature of the Colonial Revolution

[The following excerpts are from *Pabellon*, a new Puerto Rican magazine, representing the views of the Liga Socialista Puertorriquena. In this article, *Pabellon* presents the resolutions adopted last January in a secret conference of the Venezuelan Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR)—translator.]

In January of this year, somewhere in Venezuela, the National Secretariat of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left held a secret meeting. The conclusions of this Secretariat should have far-reaching influence on the immediate development of the Venezuelan national liberation struggle . . .

The essence of these conclusions is that the national liberation of Venezuela can not be reached by a peaceful road, and consequently the revolutionary movement must put its fundamental political accent on the development, dominance and elevation of non-peaceful forms of struggle. . . . In the present stage, this takes the form of a civil war, but its content is that of a war of national liberation against imperialism, and it will have the character of a prolonged war. . . .

Why the National Liberation of Venezuela Can Not Be Reached Peacefully

—Because Venezuela is among the countries most important for imperialism in the Latin American colonial world; 50 per cent of the North American investments in Latin America are in Venezuela. . . .

—Because Venezuela has been chosen as the model country for the neo-colonialist experiments in the continent: special attention has been given Venezuela in the programs of the Alliance for Progress. . . .

—Because Venezuela has a geographical position of great military-strategical value for imperialism. . . .

—Since the upsurge of the Cuban Revolution and its transformation into a Socialist Revolution, the United States has declared, emphatically and repeatedly, that it will not allow a similar event to happen again in Latin America.

—The conduct of imperialism in the five years of repressive "democracy" of Betancourt has sufficiently clarified its intentions: reinforcement of its military, police and technical assistance; anti-guerrilla training for Venezuelan officials in the Jungle Mining School of the Canal Zone and training in repressive techniques for urban combat in California and in the base at Fort Gulick in the Canal Zone. . . .

—Because the contradictions in the heart of North American imperialism (the neocolonialist current of certain leaders on the one hand and the fascism of the Pentagon and other political leaders on the other) become simply differences of form in so far as the preservation of their Latin American colonial rearguard is concerned, and not of content. Both tend to hold back the process of national liberation, relying on violence in the last analysis.

—Because the Soviet-North American agreements are today limited to maintaining the global balance, avoiding the outbreak of a nuclear war, and suspending nuclear tests in the atmosphere. None of these treaties directs itself to the movements of national liberation in the colonial countries.

On the contrary, in spite of these treaties, imperialist determination to liquidate by force the movements of this type in the world has become greater, especially in Asia and Latin America. South Vietnam and Cuba are eloquent examples. . . .

Pabellon may be obtained by writing to Juan Antonio Corretjer, Aptdo. 283, Guaynabo, P.R.

Interview With an MPI Leader

Puerto Rican Independence

"We are more a colony today than we used to be," said the serious, self-possessed young man.

"In 1929, approximately 27 per cent of all capital investments in Puerto Rico were by U.S. interests. But today, nearly 80 per cent are Yankee-owned. We are more a colony than we used to be, even if Munoz Marin tries to give the opposite impression."

Black Americans in Havana Hit U. S. Imperialism

HAVANA, June 26 (Hsinhua)—The Afro-Americans would join the Chinese people and all the oppressed and exploited "in opposing all reactionaries and the paper tiger," said nine Black American students in a statement here yesterday evening.

The students, members of a visiting U.S. students delegation, made the statement at a reception given in its honor by the Chinese students studying in Havana. The visiting Chinese basketballers were also present.

The statement said that "we extend our support wholly, thoroughly and resolutely to the Chinese people at this moment of truth . . . for your moment of truth is our moment of truth."

It denounced U.S. imperialism as "a filthy beast" which threatened the Chinese people with bombs and bullets and the Black people in the United States with racist hands.

All on the same day, the statement said, U.S. imperialism bombed Laos, spread disease and dropped napalm in Vietnam, shot children down in cold blood in Venezuela and bombed villages in the Congo.

The speaker was Juan Angel Silen, youthful representative of the Movimiento Pro Independencia (MPI), here in New York for a few days last month to help arrange demonstrations and other activities in behalf of his country's freedom. He was responding to questions asked him by *Workers World*.

The young leader is past president of FUPI (Federacion Universitaria Pro Independencia), the student organization centered at the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan. He is also past president of MPI's youth organization and an associate editor of *Claridad*.

"We hope to gain allies for our freedom struggle among the progressive-minded people of North America," he said. "And we are attempting to educate at least part of the U.S. public about the colonial conditions in Puerto Rico." "Did you know," he continued, "that fully 90 per cent of all commodities imported by Puerto Rico come from the United States—and we have to pay approximately 20 per cent more for them than you pay in New York?"

Wages of Puerto Rican workers, of course, are low enough in New York, but on the Island, they are even lower!

"That," he said, "is why so many Yankee runaway sweatshops come to Puerto Rico—that, and the tax giveaways they get from Munoz Marin's 'Operation Bootstrap.' (Munoz Marin is the Island's puppet governor, head of the Popular Party and apostle of the line that Puerto Rico is a 'Free Associated State' of the United States.)

"Is it any wonder that 600,000 of us (out of a population of 2.7 million) are living on the U.S. surplus food program?" he asked.

"We don't want U.S. charity," he concluded. "We want Puerto Rican independence."

—Lynch Terror Still Raging

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were "capable of preventing desegregation," and made the Klan "unnecessary." But lately there has been a resurgence of the Klan. After the recent lynching of the three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, the city was flooded with Klan recruiting posters.

Another group, Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, is forming terrorist units which have already started to carry out acts of violence against the Black people. The Minutemen, a rightist terror organization, has, by affiliating with the National Rifle Association, been able to get U.S. Army ammunition free.

The SNCC rights workers hurt by the McComb bombings say that in two southeast Mississippi counties in the past six months, there have been five murders of Afro-Americans, four bombings last month, floggings every weekend, knifings, and shootings, and that there has not been one arrest of Klan or other terrorist group members who have done these things.

The Pike County sheriff told SNCC there would be no protection of civil rights workers.

The details on one of the Mississippi Klan leaders give you an idea who really runs the Klan. J. Emmett Thornhill, 55, the spokesman in Mississippi for the United Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is a multi-millionaire who made millions from oil and gas leases bought up during the war years.

An article in the N.Y. Herald Tribune said that the Klan has infiltrated the Mississippi police up through the state level, and suggested that the sheriff of Philadelphia, Miss., is a Klansman. A COFO June 27 memo from Bob Moses, Program Director, emphasized that FBI agents in Mississippi are always white and usually from Mississippi, and are often as unhelpful (or worse!) as the local authorities.

On July 11, J. Edgar Hoover himself stated in Mississippi that:

"We most certainly do not and will not give protection to civil rights workers. The FBI will not participate in any such protection."

Other newspaper stories state that the Klan is highly organized and has large stores of arms.

In Louisiana, there has been a Klan revival dating from a cross-burning in Red River Parish on February 15. Robert Wagner, WDSU-TV newsmen from New Orleans, who was flogged by the Klan for investigating them, says that the Klan is spreading like wildfire. In recent months, and weeks, there have been Klan rallies throughout northern Louisiana.

Emphasis on arms and ammunition is a characteristic of the Louisiana Klan, according to Wagner. Many Klan units are armed to the teeth every time they hold a meeting. It is also the Klan's strategy to infiltrate the Sheriff's Department and Police Force.

The fact that many of the cops deputized during the recent racial clashes in St. Augustine, Florida, were Klansmen has been reported in several publications, including *Workers World*. At one Klan meeting a deputy loaned his portable microphone to the Klan speaker. One deputy is Halsted R. Manucy, moonshiner and local "Cyclops" in the Klan. Estimates of the number of Klansmen in north Florida range from 500 to 3,000.

There has also been a Klan revival in North Carolina. Grand Dragon Robert Jones has 36 Klaverns with an estimated 7,000 members. In Halifax County there have been recent cross burnings, as well as an armed Klan motorcade into the Black communities. As usual, the Klan operates with the sanction of the cops and the FBI.

At the moment the Klan is fighting to deny Afro-Americans the vote, that is, to keep the Black people in a political slavery unknown in other bourgeois "democracies." But the Klan's leering phrases about shipping the Black people back to Africa, about shipping the Jews to Madagascar, and about President Johnson's being a Communist reveal that what it really wants is the virtual extermination of the oppressed nationalities in the U.S.

Started during Reconstruction, the Klan experienced previous revivals during the 1920's and after World War II. But in the period of the Kennedy assassination (which Southern racists openly approve of); and the rise of Goldwater, the formation of extra-legal armies in the South which are on friendly terms

The \$7,500 Raise

Little Johnny's Notebook

(By Himself)

I was sitting by the TV doing my homework and watching a good movie from 1956 and not listening too hard to the words so I could study better and mom was putting crooked things straight and straight things crooked and pop was reading his newspaper and pretending not to notice the pretty girls in the movie.

Then all of a sudden, pop lets out a yell.

"Seven thousand five hundred dollars a year!" he says. "That's too much!"

"Too much?" says mom. "I think it would be a nice tidy income. We could put away a couple thousand, save for a few years, get a house big enough for the kids. And anyway, according to the almanac, the average annual income in this country is supposed to be \$2,500 for every man, woman and child in it. According to that, we should have an income of \$12,500, because we've got five in the family."

"Meaning that I'm below average? Is that what you mean?" said pop. I got to thinking maybe I better do my homework somewhere else, but the movie was good even if it was old, so I listened to mom and pop some more while I answered my algebra questions and looked at the movie.

Well, mom, she just moved around more furious and then went limp like she does when she wants to make up and said "Oh, don't you be silly" and then stopped and hugged pop and said, "If you didn't have a job at all, you'd still be my guy"—mushy kid stuff, like

with the legal police of all levels, is a grave matter. It recalls Hitler's storm troopers; and the fact that as soon as Hitler took Austria, the Austrian police, which the liberals had trusted to save them from fascism, took out their swastikas.

When the extra-legal, ultra-right armies begin to march, the history of this century shows that more than ever, there is only one answer for the oppressed: the answer of Robert F. Williams and militants like him.

Organize armed self-defense against the racist terror!

in the love movies.

After some back and forth of this, pop says, "What I meant about that damn \$7,500 is that all them Congressmen and Senators are getting that for a raise. And they're getting \$22,500 a year already. Here we are paying taxes for them to make laws and they turn around and make a law to give themselves a raise of \$7,500. They never made a law to give the working man a raise of 7,500 cents. When we were on strike last year, I heard a Congressman say we were in danger of causing inflation. What's he causing, I'd like to know?"

Mom was getting sort of mad, too—at the Congressmen, not at pop. And she said, "It's not right. You have to work on that assembly line till you drop. And they tell you're not worth any more money. What do the Congressmen ever do for us anyway?"

"It says in my history book," I says, "that Congress is very important in the life of the nation. Congress declares wars, too."

"Remember when we were in Washington and went in to look at Congress?" said pop. "There were only about 50 Representatives there out of 435 and only 6 Senators in the Senate."

"I bet they were all on hand to vote themselves that \$7,500-raise," says mom, sort of bitter-like.

"Well, I don't know," says pop, "but they sure don't have to get somebody to take their place on the line before they can go to the men's room."

I kept watching the TV and doing my homework and thinking when I grow up I don't want to ask the foreman's permission to go to the men's room and I don't want to be a phony Congressman taking all that money away from my mom and pop and other people either.

Wouldn't it be fun if every family of five could have that \$12,500 a year that mom said was the average?

I think that would be pretty good because then kids could watch the TV in peace and their parents wouldn't bother them with arguments about how much money it costs to do this and that and how much money other people make.