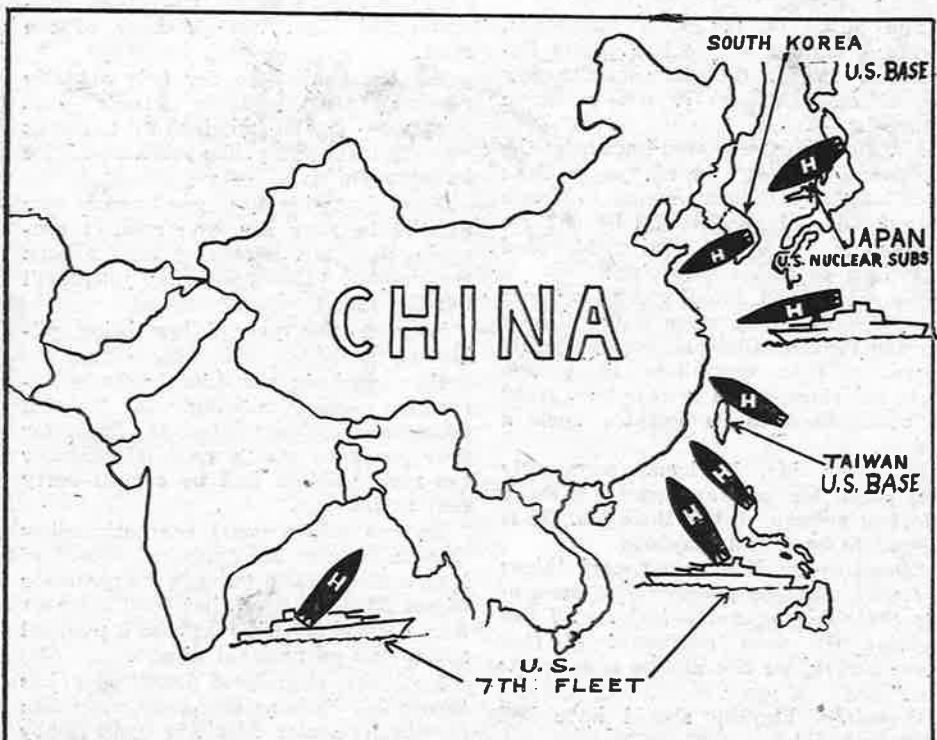


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**Why China Needs the Nuclear Bomb**



**U.S. officials are now making dire predictions about China exploding the H-Bomb and endangering world "Peace"!**

**"Easy to Provoke Incident," Say U.S. Officials  
How to Start a Bigger War!**

By Henry Stone

It's been common gossip for months at cocktail parties in Washington, but columnist James Reston finally said it in print on October 2:

*Officials of the U.S. Government are "talking casually about how easy it would be to provoke an incident in the Gulf of Tonkin that would justify an attack on North Vietnam."*

Over this revelation stood the headline, "Provoking an Incident?"

The puppet government in South Vietnam has caved in. The officials who are reviewing Administration policy on Vietnam for Johnson figure that an attack on North Vietnam is the only way the U.S. can stay in Vietnam.

Reston's admission is a new confirmation of *Workers World's* stand on the previous "Gulf of Tonkin" incidents. To provoke an incident in the future won't be anything new to the imperialist gangsters in Washington.

When U.S. planes bombed North Vietnam in August, this paper revealed how the attack had been in the works for

months, and said that "the 'PT Boat Attack' was a phony."

The September 17 *Workers World* told how Johnson realizes the U.S. can't stay in Vietnam on the present basis, and is planning a ground troop invasion of Vietnam.

And after the September 18 "Tonkin Gulf incident," *Workers World* nailed the incident as a provocative hoax carried out by the U.S. Navy in North Vietnamese waters, a provocation which foreshadowed a bigger war there.

When the U.S. does provoke an incident to justify one of its attacks on a people fighting imperialism, high officials go on radio and TV in the most staged, script-written programs the admen ever produce, to whip up maximum patriotic hysteria against "the enemy."

From admissions like Reston's, American workers and progressives can acquire some immunity to this hysteria. And the next time Johnson goes on the air to justify an invasion of North Vietnam, they can more easily see the fraud in the super-patriotism.

**U.S. Gov't and FBI Play Tag With the Terror  
The Lynchers Laugh in Mississippi**

"It's just a big joke," said the smiles and laughs of the Mississippi cops about their arrests by the FBI for beating Afro-American citizens.

And they were right! It was a joke. An ugly joke.

The arrest was a fake. It was a pretense of action against Mississippi's Nazi-like reign of terror.

The laughing cops were not even held though at least two of them were involved in the cold-blooded, vicious killing of three civil rights workers. They were released on bonds of \$1,000 and \$2,000 each and returned to their police jobs of keeping the "law and order" of the racist ruling class—in their usual manner.

Sheriff Rainey, Deputy Sheriff Price and three other cops were arrested by their FBI friends on October 3. They were charged with depriving Afro-Americans of their civil rights by detaining and beating them. Several cases

were cited where these cops had stripped and beaten prisoners with leather straps.

The arrest of the five police followed pressure for action by the FBI after the most recent Mississippi murders. The arrests were made under the Civil Rights Law with a maximum penalty for their most serious offense of five years and a \$10,000 fine.

That was a laugh too, because the cops know that even these charges are just so many words they don't have to worry about.

The fake arrest of these obviously guilty police is the FBI's answer to demands for action. It is a device figured out by the Johnson administration to give some cover to its claims that it stands for civil rights—and at the same time it makes apparent to the racists that nothing will really be done to curb them.

No wonder they're laughing!

**Racist Boycotters  
Play "Mother" Act;  
Court, Press Weep**

By Ellen Pierce

Have you ever seen a picture of a black child crying over the murder of Medgar Evers, or over the three civil rights workers lynched in Mississippi? No you haven't. Not in the daily racist press of U.S. big business.

But a pathetic little white boy looked out at you last week from page one of all the big New York newspapers, crying for his racist mother, who had been ever so gently taken away by the cops because she was raising hell about the token integration going on in New York schools.

Have you ever seen a picture of a Puerto Rican or Afro-American mother

changing a baby's diapers in court? No you haven't.

But this touching scene was dramatically depicted on the front pages, too, and you were told that the racist white woman was just like any other mother. She changed her baby's diapers, just like other women do.

It all happened when the racist Parents and Taxpayers (PAT) held a demonstration against "busing" their precious children so they could keep them in lily-white schools.

It was one of the ugliest manifestations of race-hatred yet—if you leave out actual lynching and murder. And what made it still uglier was the way the news stories and pictures were all calculated to break your heart with sentiment and folksiness.

Take the pictures of the woman changing her baby's diapers in court.

Only last month, my friends who were brutally arrested (there were mounted police, etc.) for trying to get free speech in Times Square, saw a judge order a young Puerto Rican mother out of court because her baby was crying and "disturbing" the court.

Every day in court, especially in night court, there are a hundred really heart-breaking cases of people who never get the slightest flicker of sympathy from police, judge, D.A. or reporters either.

But suddenly the courtroom benches were transformed into dressing tables when the good mothers of PAT wanted to diaper their babies. And the reporters (Continued on Page 4)

**Mae Mallory Wins Warm  
Support From Youth**

CLINTON, N.Y., October 9—Mae Mallory gave a tremendously successful talk here at Hamilton College this afternoon.

One fourth of the entire student body of this upstate New York college turned out to hear Mrs. Mallory, and received her talk with warm enthusiasm.

Mrs. Mallory's visit to Hamilton College was one stop on her speaking tour for the Monroe Defense Committee. The tour has already taken her to Columbia University and the City College of New York.

By the time this paper goes to press, Mae Mallory will have spoken in Buffalo, and she will also have spoken at Antioch and Oberlin Colleges, and other colleges.

The many invitations the Monroe Defense Committee has received for Mrs. Mallory to speak, as well as the response she has received so far, show a renewed interest in the principle of self-defense as held by Mae Mallory, as well as in the events in Monroe.

(Anyone interested in inviting Mrs. Mallory to speak at a college or before a group should write the Monroe Defense Committee, 605 Brown Street, Monroe, North Carolina.)

**Somehow, in This Case  
Everybody Was "Guilty"!  
(The Times Square Trial)**

NEW YORK, Oct. 3—Today ended the three-day trial of 17 participants in the August 8 Times Square demonstration against the war in Vietnam. It was typical ruling class "justice"—an automatic verdict: *guilty*.

(Workers World's story on the demonstration was in our August 13 issue.)

The notoriously reactionary Judge Impellitteri convicted all the defendants, who included Vincent Copeland, Editor of *Workers World*, Key Martin, Chairman of *Youth Against War and Fascism*, also Pierre Meisner of *Youth Against War and Fascism*, Levi Laub of the *May 2nd Committee*, Fred Jerome, Editor of *Challenge*, and Albert Maher.

The demonstrators had been arrested on the basis of a police ban on political demonstrations in Times Square. The cops only use the ban against the Left, and the ban is of course completely unconstitutional.

The American Civil Liberties Union represented the defendants because of its interest in the protection of civil liberties. But the ACLU conducted the defense in a manner highly prejudicial to the defendants' real interest.

No doubt the ACLU considered their conduct of the case as a good abstract defense of civil liberties, and it was in part such a defense. But the defendants had expected at the very least a ringing defiance and clear condemnation of the fascist-like police ban. And most of them would have been glad to carry on (Continued on Page 4)



Deputy Sheriff Price  
He had good reason to laugh!



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## USSR—47 Years After

The Soviet Union has put three men in orbit on a "space bus" and again outstripped the billionaires of the United States with another new stepping stone to the moon.

Forty-seven years ago it was the most backward of all the "great" nations when it was the Russia of the Tsars. Today, on the basis of the conquests of the working class, it shows once again, the colossal possibilities inherent in the unchained genius of humanity.

The October Revolution of 1917, still the greatest event in human history, lives on in the scientific and economic triumphs in the Soviet Union as well as in the revolutionary struggles of the earth's billions.

It is hardly possible, however, to hail such an awe-inspiring achievement in space or even the revolution which made it feasible without also reminding ourselves that that revolution is now politically confined in the straitjacket of a conservative and revisionist leadership.

But even though that leadership is hurting the cause of the world revolution, the Soviet Union *itself* is a different matter. It remains a fortress of the oppressed against their oppressors.

We proudly defend the conquests of October, 1917, and rejoice with the Soviet people and with all class-conscious workers of the world in the latest achievement which is so obviously a victory over imperialism.

## Shadow Boxing With the Nazis

New York Republican Senator Kenneth Keating was indignantly criticized by the liberal capitalists—and not only the liberal ones—for his allegation that Attorney General Robert Kennedy (his opponent for the Senate in this year's election had helped serve the interests of a "huge Nazi cartel."

The "liberals" point out that Keating had known about this matter for 18 months and never had a word of criticism until Kennedy became a contender for Keating's seat in the Senate.

But this only proves that Keating is a scoundrel as well as Kennedy!

The truth is that Kennedy, with the connivance of many U.S. billionaires and the tacit agreement of Keating, had restored over a hundred million dollars worth of property in the U.S. (namely, the General Aniline Company) to a subsidiary of I. G. Farben, its former Nazi owner.

Of course the U.S. ruling class, both "liberal" and conservative, have nothing more than slight tactical disagreements with Kennedy over this action—if they disagree at all.

Didn't Standard Oil, General Electric, Dupont and numerous Morgan companies have scores of cartel agreements with this same Farben Corporation? And didn't they materially retard the U.S. war machine in World War 2 by the terms of some of these agreements? And didn't the U.S. government drop its charges against these companies at the very height of World War 2 so as not to antagonize these companies and "hurt the war effort"?

Keating knows all this of course, but at the moment, he is primarily concerned with votes and thought he might glean a few hundred thousand anti-Nazi votes with his revelation about Kennedy. But the big boys said no.

Obviously Keating in his desperation to get elected overstepped the bounds of capitalist political propriety in his little exposé. His reactionary bosses as well as his more "liberal" masters must have rapped him on the knuckles for this, because he practically withdrew his charges within 24 hours after he made them.

Keating made a big hit with the big shots when in 1962 he "exposed" the fact that little Cuba intended to defend itself and had built a few bases for missiles almost as big as some of the U.S. missiles.

But to start exposing deals with big "enemy" countries which both Republican and Democrat billionaires were engaged in, just to get a few votes—that was "dirty pool" as the pundits say.

Hundreds of thousands of American youth died in World War 2 while the billionaires were sharing dividends with (or saving them for) the German and Japanese monopolists. And the workers might not quite understand all this if it were exposed to them. They might begin to think that patriotism itself was a plot to keep the workers chained by their bosses.

So Kennedy had to be exonerated on that one.

—Keating will have to get himself another issue.

## The \$100,000 Misunderstanding

(Or the Sad Plight of a Promising Politician)

American politics is almost always good for a nice juicy scandal. But not usually at election time.

During that solemn farce, each capitalist faction often restrains itself from financial exposures of the other on the theory that the other side may have even more explosive ammunition and it is wiser to discuss the "issues."

The plight of L. Judson Morhouse, former chairman of the N.Y. State Republican Party, therefore merits our special consideration—if not excessive sympathy.

Mr. Morhouse, who was known by the nickname, "Breezy" in his youth back at Middlebury College, seems to be in deep trouble. And what did he do? No more than any other good red-blooded American capitalist politician!

He only asked for \$100,000—or was it \$200,000?—to fix up a liquor license for the Playboy Club, an innocent little operation that specializes in bunny-girls, but since it is a private "key club" isn't supposed to be granted such a license.

Moreover, Mr. Morhouse apparently was doing his best and exerting every effort to accomplish this little job. He is alleged to have told Playboy:

"Don't worry, if you can't work things out with Epstein (former chairman of the State Liquor Authority) . . . I can appoint the next chairman. If that doesn't work, we can always change the law."

Certainly, Playboy should have had no complaint!

True, Mr. Morhouse didn't exactly need the money to feed his kids. He had a part-time job with the New York State Thruway Commission at \$17,000 a year.

(Of course, if an unemployed youth steals 20 dollars in Harlem, that is a very bad thing and a good reason to enlarge the police force. And if a 14-year old Puerto Rican lad runs off with a

couple of dollars worth of groceries, he ought to be shot in the back by a cop. But when you get up to the higher class of people, you have to look at the whole thing in a different way—don't you?)

Mr. Morhouse always meant well and was highly concerned about virtue in public office. He used to attack "corruption, graft and scandal" when the Democratic Harriman was governor of the state.

Besides, he had so far only actually received \$18,000 from Playboy—not \$100,000—and he explained that amount was for legal and public relations advice he gave the club.

Now just because you never saw \$18,000 in your life, you mustn't conclude that Mr. Morhouse didn't earn that money. (That's what the judge will tell the jury.)

Why is this poor fellow being pilloried?

He served six years in the State Assembly, working untiringly for the real estate and business interests. Then, for four years he was a paid lobbyist for the road builders and he earned every cent of his pay.

He was such a smart, energetic fellow that he became the "political tutor" of Nelson Rockefeller (who is the possessor of not \$200 thousand, but \$200 million.) And he was often Rockefeller's political spokesman on national affairs.

Now the ungrateful Rockefeller has turned his back as decisively upon him as wheeler-dealer LBJ has upon Bobby Baker.

What is the deeper political meaning of all this? Why does this handsome, extraverted, well-educated man, who showed so much promise in his youth find himself in such an embarrassing predicament now?

Lyman Judson "Breezy" Morhouse just went too far, that's all.

He got caught.

## In Vietnam—

### Another Disappointment for Wall Street

The U.S. banker-generals thought they had at last found a section of the South Vietnamese people who were pro-U.S. and anti-Communist.

But they were wrong.

United States Special Forces experts have been training the mountain tribesmen of Darlac province for many months and news dispatches have emphasized the "anti-Communism" of these mountaineers (montagnards).

On September 20, however, the Rhade tribe of mountaineers rebelled, seized the town of Banmethout, capital of the province, took over the government radio station and broadcast demands for their freedom.

They also imprisoned their American trainers.

Now it comes out that the real reason for the montagnards' hostility to the "Communists" is not pro-imperialism but "their traditional antagonism to the ethnically different lowland Vietnamese"—in the words of the New York Herald Tribune.

Or in plain English, the imperialists have been fanning up national and racial differences among the Vietnamese in order to destroy the liberation movement.

The Rhade tribesmen who took over Banmethout on the 20th may still not fully understand the U.S. designs against their independence nor fully realize the significance of their own audacious heroism. (On giving up the town, many of them went back to the U.S. training camps.)

But they are still pressing their demands on the U.S. stooge government in Saigon and they have compelled their U.S. officers to act as "intermediaries" in the discussion of these demands.

The montagnards are unschooled hill-dwellers considerably behind the Liberation Army in literacy and general understanding, to say nothing of political consciousness. But now that they are negotiating their own destiny with imperialist American officers and opportunist Saigon stooges, their understanding is sure to grow very rapidly indeed.

## How They 'Got Hoffa'

James Hoffa is the leader of the biggest and most powerful union in the country. Big Business wanted to weaken this union. The forming of a special Justice Department contingent to "get Hoffa," led by Bobby Kennedy, was one step in the weakening process.

Drew Pearson has recently revealed some of Kennedy's methods.

There is evidence that Kennedy "deliberately planted a story with Life magazine regarding Hoffa," so that it would break just before his trial. Thus Kennedy inflamed the already anti-Teamster atmosphere.

However, even lusher methods were used: the jury was fed liquor and surrounded by a group of marshalls who "were rowdy, indulged in heavy drinking and made the floor of the hotel where they were locked up a virtual nightclub."

Then there was the matter of tapping Hoffa's phone and those of his friends. A girl who happened to be in on the marshalls' parties was taken to a room and introduced to "the bug," a man who had on earphones and was surrounded by electronic equipment.

Phone tapping, jury pressuring, and slanderous articles . . . these and other illegal methods are just a part of the big business attack through government on a workers' organization.

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## Keeps Goldwater in Reserve

# Why Big Business Backs Johnson

By Sam Marcy

The mutilation of unpleasant facts in the interest of supporting a popular myth is especially severe in periods of protracted crisis.

Marxism, as a social science, is a generalization of facts. Its use becomes sterile, a dogma, and a brake upon the development of class consciousness when its presumed exponents distort facts in order to bolster a bourgeois myth—such as the “lesser evil” theory in Presidential elections.

When someone like Gus Hall invokes Marxism to rally progressive people to the Johnson bandwagon because of the danger of the Ultra-Right, he is distorting facts to bolster a reactionary and false myth, under cover of Marxist phraseology.

The existence of the Ultra-Right, of which Goldwater is the current representative, is an incontestable fact. Its existence, which Gus Hall modestly claims to have discovered in 1961, really antedates 1961, and is the logical outgrowth of the general political reaction which has ravaged this country for too long a time.

Actually, the Ultra-Right grew out of the very same social soil from which sprouted the witch-hunt that has flourished for so many years.

## Ultra-right's class roots

The very same bankers, industrial magnates, oil barons, mining kings and the princes of high finance and big industry who are today supporting Johnson with such evident enthusiasm; these are the same ones who cultivated the soil for the Ultra-Right. The Ultra-Right did not develop from below. It did not spring forth as a political current, independent of the big bourgeoisie. On the contrary, it is a product of careful cultivation by the very same financial and industrial oligarchies who are now steering the wheel of the Johnson bandwagon.

To divorce the social and political roots (i.e., the class roots) of the Ultra-Right from the dominant influence of the big bourgeoisie, is to obliterate the most significant fact regarding the growth of the Ultra-Right.

Yes—the Ultra-Right is clearly the child of the big capitalists.

## Where big monopolies stand

Then how is it, one might ask, that since the Republican Convention the really large, dominant, financial and industrial monopolies of the country have embraced Johnson? It is not a matter of just Henry Ford, Kapell of A. T. & T., or Lamont from the House of Morgan. All the decisive sections of the bourgeoisie have thrown in their lot with Johnson. This is made very evident by the overwhelming support given Johnson by TV, radio, and especially the press.

The publication in the Wall Street Journal of a group of some 500 companies supporting Goldwater, might, to the uninitiated reader, convey the impres-

sion that big capital is behind Goldwater. And of course, there is heavy financial backing behind Goldwater.

But an analysis of the companies that were listed, with the exception of the Bank of America, proves the opposite of what the Goldwater backers hoped to prove. The vast array of financial support represented by these companies is very large by general standards—nevertheless, an analysis of this list serves to illustrate the isolation of the Goldwater movement from the large and dominant groups of finance capital. This is generally true despite some exceptions here and there.

The question arises then, why is the largest and most powerful section of the bourgeoisie, which cultivated the soil and nurtured the development of the Ultra-Right—why is it throwing its support to Johnson?

## They don't need Barry—now

The answer to this question can only be understood in the light of the present circumstances, and the current domestic, and especially the world, situation. The big bourgeoisie has apparently decided to repudiate and disassociate itself from the Ultra-Right *for the time being*.

It has not forever renounced the exponents of neo-fascism, nor has it abandoned the Goldwater movement. It has merely decided that it is premature, unnecessary and even risky to employ the Ultra-Right in its service as its “executive committee to manage its common affairs,” *under the present circumstances*.

In a word, the bourgeoisie has said, “We don't need Goldwater *now*—we'll hold him in reserve.”

It is therefore a rude distortion of fact, calculated to fit into a bourgeois myth, to call Johnson “the lesser evil.” Gus Hall, George Meany, Roy Wilkins, Martin Luther King and a host of liberals in and out of the civil-rights struggle, are shouting themselves hoarse, urging all to chain themselves to the Johnson bandwagon. Otherwise, they say, Doomsday will come on November 3. It is the same old trick, with a new camouflage, to tie the mass of the progressive people to the Johnson Administration.

But it must also be noted, that it is equally a distortion of fact to say that there is *no difference* between Goldwaterism and Johnson. There is a difference, unquestionably—the difference between the Right and the Ultra-Right groups in the camp of the bourgeoisie. But these differences, great and serious as they are, are not urgent enough to abandon independent class action.

## The biggest risk

Granted, no one can with absolute accuracy determine in advance the outcome of the national election. We can only view the broad outline and general trends, which indicate that the Johnson ticket will win in November because the major section of finance capital has chosen him over Goldwater at

this time. This assumption may involve a calculated risk for the mass of the people.

But a far greater risk that has been taken for practically one hundred years of national elections, has been the perversion, crushing and stifling of the independent class action of workers and progressive people generally against the two parties of big business. A step in the direction of reviving and reasserting independent mass action of the people in struggle against neo-fascism is far more preferable.

## Hoax of the “lesser evil”

The experience in over a hundred years of national election campaigns in this country, shows that the pressure on the Left to capitulate to the bourgeoisie, is especially strong during Presidential election campaigns. The Socialist and Communist movements have generally been weak and have surrendered to the “lesser evil.”

The “lesser evil” theory has for the most part, been a gigantic hoax, despite the fact that there have been some periods in the past when the theory may have had some substance.

But careful examination of the current situation shows that it doesn't merit surrender to the very forces who for the most part, are ready to take Goldwater out of reserve when the time appears opportune to them. Furthermore, the risk is even greater when one considers what Johnson may do once he is in office.

## For independent class action!

The foregoing in no way lessens the danger by one iota of the further development of neo-fascism in this country. But the road to fascism has never been blocked by parliamentary means and it is highly unlikely that the fascist menace, once it is fully supported by a truly substantial section of the bourgeoisie, would be stopped by parliamentary elections.

In our issues of June 18 and July 2, 1964 we delineated the dangerous growth and development of Goldwater in relation to the Kennedy assassination. In a subsequent issue, we made it clear that the abandonment of independent class action would be wrong and injurious to the healthy development of a united front in the struggle against fascism, based upon mass action. The weeks and months that followed, fortified us in the correctness of our view.

During election campaigns, old truths are forgotten and ready-made fictions are drummed into the ears of the millions. Johnson, the esteemed colleague of Richard Russell, Eastland and Co., has not changed one iota since he was a Senator.

In foreign policy, he has become decidedly more reactionary and aggressive, as witness Vietnam, Brazil, the Congo, and Venezuela—just to name a few instances.

Who can tell what Johnson will do on the morrow of the election!

## Question of Conspiracy

# Real Issue in the Kennedy Assassination

What is the critical issue in the Kennedy assassination? Is it the negligence of the Secret Service? Of the FBI? Or the failure to take adequate precautionary measures for the safety of the President? Or the lack of coordination between the Federal and State agencies in the matter of so-called security?

These and other issues involving the assassination, have their relative importance. But certainly, these are not the questions which stir the imagination and arouse suspicions throughout the world. An examination of a variety of comments in other countries, as well as in the U.S., clearly reveals that the foregoing questions are not what is agitating the minds of millions.

Is the guilt or innocence of Oswald the principal issue at stake? Surely, the lynching of Oswald, after a 48-hour period of unsuccessful interrogation by the combined forces of the FBI and the Dallas police, should raise the question of his innocence in the mind of anyone

not conditioned by the hysteria which raged throughout the country immediately after the assassination. Yet, important as the guilt or innocence of Oswald is, that is not what is at the bottom of the abiding suspicion.

The critical issue in the assassination is whether or not President Kennedy was murdered as a result of a **conspiracy**. The issue of the guilt or innocence of Oswald—or whether he was the lone assassin—only has significance in relation to the question of a conspiracy.

When a lone individual in 1934 took it upon himself to attempt the assassination of Roosevelt, and thereby killed Mayor Cermak of Chicago, the world took little interest. There was no speculation throughout the world on the existence of a conspiracy.

More or less the same situation existed after the assassination of James Garfield. No Presidential Commissions were necessary; no secret trial; no belabored efforts to persuade world opinion

that no conspiracy took place.

It is obviously otherwise in the Kennedy assassination. The Commission was set up precisely because of the deep suspicion embedded in the minds of millions that the murder of Kennedy could not possibly be the result of a psychological aberration in the mind of a single individual. Nor could the lynching of the latter be another psychological aberration of another individual.

What is the essence of the Warren Report except a crude and clumsy effort to tell the world that no conspiracy existed? The most interesting phenomenon in connection with the Warren Report, is that everywhere throughout the world, the belief persists in the existence of a conspiracy—and only in the U.S. is the Warren Report given credibility.

Small wonder! The reactionary atmosphere that pervades all layers of society in this country, an atmosphere which has been generated by the ruling class, has made a free discussion of the issue all but

verboden. No capitalist newspaper dares challenge the main contention of the Warren Commission.

For our part, we have from the very beginning, pointed out that the assassination could only have been carried out by a reactionary conspiracy of the ultra-rightist elements, engineered by ruling class factions of the U.S.

One may argue which particular section of the ruling class was involved. But there could scarcely be any doubt that strong and powerful sections of the ruling class were involved. Who else would get away with it?

## Story of Whitewash Zooms Our Paper Sales

Because of the special interest of the last issue of Workers World on the Warren Commission Report, volunteers went out on the streets in Manhattan and sold the paper for a week after it came out, for one hour a day.

Over 1,100 copies of the issue were sold in this manner (in addition to Workers World's regular New York sales).



"We Want a Union! Down with the Hack Bureau!"

# Thousands of Taxi Drivers Unite to Fight

By John Moore

NEW YORK, Oct. 1—At 7:30 I could already see there was something happening when I got to 8th Avenue and 34th Street because there were guys with big signs standing in the street on both sides hollering at the cab drivers going by that there was a mass meeting being held at the Manhattan center at eight.

The men with the signs had on big straw hats and when they finished hollering at the cab drivers they marched up 34th Street to the hall carrying their signs. There was a big cheer from the men in front of the place.

Inside, the hall was filling up fast and over the stage there was a sign with huge letters.

"Your 1964 Resolution

Organize the Unorganized

BUILD A STRONG UNION

DEMAND A BETTER LIFE"

The hall was suddenly full. They looked like steelworkers or auto workers—big, fast talking, dressed in jackets, open sport shirts, bareheaded. But these were cab drivers.

Up front a band started to play loud

and fast. They played a string of popular songs so loud that it drowned out all the loud talk. But some men still went on talking—shouting into each others' ears.

As we waited, cheers repeatedly went up. Cameramen were taking pictures. There would be a roar and you'd look around to see what it was all about. Excitement was in the air.

When the band finally ran out of gas I asked a man near me what the main grievance of the taxi driver was.

He and several others started talking all at once: "We're 30 years behind. . . No, we don't have hospitalization. . . You break down and you wait six hours. . . Average pay? I've gone home with a dollar. . . you never know. . . 10-12 hours a day, six days a week. . . It's illegal but some guys work seven days. . . You should see our place. . . You wouldn't believe it. . . a pig pen. . . and you can't do anything about it. . . No security. . . and the hack bureau. . . You don't have any rights. . . Everybody's your boss."

I tried to write some of it down. The program was starting.

In the speeches, union officials brought up those grievances and pictured the power that the union would give with the million AFL-CIO unionists in the city backing them. There was the wonderful feeling of the power that we workers have when we're together. The guys rose to their feet in thunderous cheers for the militant parts of the speeches. They waved their arms.

They shook their fists. They wanted to go, move, act, organize, fight. You felt the surge of the potential power. It lifted you out of your seat.

But then . . . then you saw the row of fat, old, grey union porkchoppers sitting facing you on the stage, those well fed fakers who like their good cigars and their friendly talks with bosses and politicians and you saw them slow down the militant talk and shift to the idea of working with the mayor and the other political bosses' buddies.

Said Van Arsdale, the president of the New York AFL-CIO Council: "Our policy is to avoid strikes and, if there is a strike, to work tirelessly to bring it to a conclusion."

You saw him carefully dampen the

militant fires that correctly demand strong action if real gains are to be made.

That part made you sad and disgusted.

But the power was still there, and outside you felt it again as a crowd of drivers shouted, "We want a union" and "Down with the hack bureau!"

As I walked down the street I saw a crowd of people gathered around a car near the corner of 34th and 7th. At first I thought there had been an accident but as I got closer I saw that a cop was giving a red parking ticket to an Afro-American cab driver who was angrily complaining. The crowd was made up of cab drivers from the meeting, and they were hollering at the cop in defense of the driver. They were yelling their protests at the other cops who had ignored a big chauffeur-driven Cadillac parked in front of the cab.

Cab drivers are nobody's angels, I thought. Usually they fight each other more than anybody else. But a fight against the bosses can sure change a lot of things.

Not only were they ready to fight for the other guy but they had the power to do it. More than they knew.

The day is coming, when they'll find real leaders and they'll learn of the power they have in their own clenched fists.

## —Racist Boycotters in "Mother" Act

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and editors thought it was just too touching (if indeed they didn't engineer the whole performance in the first place!)

When the racist demonstrators were arrested, it was the same story.

The police politely helped PAT members into the paddy wagons. The kids went along with the mothers to court, and PAT even demanded a refrigerator for the baby bottles!

Not one of these middle class mothers had to pay a penny for bail either. The judge considered them all "ladies" and released them in their own custody.

Later, when a gang from PAT actually tried to storm a school building, the police made no arrests at all.

"No pushing, ladies," admonished Sgt. Howard Wallace of the 106th Precinct. "Please be nice."

At one point the PAT lawyer reminded the crowd that "these wonderful policemen have been on our side all along."

The police certainly are on PAT's side—the side of racism.

Would the cops have been such gentlemen if a group of Afro-American women tried to force themselves into an all-white school?

The racist press gave PAT a little

### Quick Change Artist



editorial slap on the wrist for being "disorderly." But the big front page stories were all hearts and flowers. This crusade under the phony banner of "neighborhood schools" was written up to present screaming bigots as heroines and to make racism into a homey family affair, babies, diapers and all.

greatly improved in their summation. But even the final plea was marred by reference to the "rights" of fascist Rockwell. (The ACLU is traditionally "impartial" about the "democratic rights" of those who champion the oppressed peoples and those who want to exterminate them!)

In spite of the atmosphere in the courtroom, Key Martin, Chairman of Youth Against War and Fascism, did state clearly in his testimony that he was in the demonstration to fight for an end to the war in Vietnam and for free speech in Times Square.

Workers World editor Vincent Copeland said of the ACLU: "They took our case, we presume, because they were friendly to our fight for civil liberties. But as the saying goes—'With friends like these, who needs enemies?'"

Sentencing is scheduled for November 18. The convictions will be appealed.

### But Cops Were Ahead Of Time on August 8!

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—A gang of 20 or more leaving a dance hall in the early hours of the morning, tore down a 12-foot high steel barrier in front of a jewelry store in Times Square and removed every item of jewelry displayed there.

No arrests were made at the time. Police did not arrive on the scene until the thieves were gone.

## Shedding Tears for Crooked Cops

In the early morning of February 17, 1964, 17-year-old Afro-American Timothy Davis was brutally beaten by the cops at the 42nd Precinct in the Bronx. The cops alleged that he had earlier participated in a \$2.50 robbery of a store.

On April 24, 14-year-old Puerto Rican Abraham Ortega was shot in the back by cop Maurice Mulligan of the 24th Precinct in New York. Mulligan accused the boy of snatching a purse with \$11 in it and running away.

Around October 6, 1964, it came out that over one-sixth of the whole police force of Bristol, Connecticut—including Lieutenant Thomas Winters, member of the force for 23 years and leading candidate for promotion to police chief—has been stealing hundreds of dollars in cash and merchandise from Bristol stores during the midnight to 8 A.M. patrol.

The cops have been suspended. So far, nothing else has been done to them. There have been no arrests.

A door-to-door check of stores revealed that the merchants had blamed shoplifters for the cops' thefts.

A milkman is thought to have seen the cops operating and denounced them. A patrolman would enter a store, then call the lieutenant. The lieutenant would come in his car, and the cops would carry the loot away in the car and divide it.

The attitude of the Bristol merchants to the scandal is reported to be one of "sorrow." One said that he had lost \$500

in cash and a lot of merchandise, but he pitied the cops.

## Top NY Cop Calls For More Clubs

Have you "heard everything"? Have you seen all the movies worth seeing? Did you think vaudeville was dead?

That could only be because you missed the command performance of New York's Police Commissioner Michael J. Murphy last week.

Addressing the annual conference of United Press International Editors and Publishers, Murphy said that "mobs" had no regard for "civil rights, equal rights or anybody's rights."

"They riot out of sheer cussedness or for criminal reasons."

"They bedevil the police, strip stores, shout and yell . . . and if the police try to stop it, just yell 'brutality.'"

All this talk about "police brutality" is interfering with a cop doing an honest job, he said. A "campaign of vilification has been directed at the police."

After calling for more newspaper support for police crackdowns (we thought the newspapers were supporting this already!), he assured everybody that:

"The right to peacefully assemble and petition shall always be maintained."

—And if you spread all that on the ground, it will make your flowers grow.

## —Times Square Trial

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the trial this way in collaboration with the lawyers. But that proved to be impossible.

When the District Attorney wanted to introduce a police tape-recording of a defendant's speech at the demonstration, the ACLU objected. The objection was legally valid, because the issue was supposed to be the right to speak—not what kind of words were spoken. But the prejudiced judge overruled the objection and had the tape played with its forthright condemnation of U.S. imperialism in Vietnam.

When the tape was finally played, the ACLU lawyer turned half to the audience and made a face as though to disassociate herself from the "terrible" anti-war sentiments expressed on the recording.

This set the general tone of the trial.

There was great emphasis on the defendants' orderliness and not enough emphasis on the police brutality. The idea that anyone may have shouted "fascist" at the cops (if they didn't, they should have!) was pooh-poohed.

And from the general conduct of the defense, one would have thought the 17 defendants were criminals trying to "beat a rap" rather than idealistic defenders of the right of millions of youth not to be slaughtered by imperialism.

The tone of the ACLU lawyers was

## India Starves; Masses Protest

The hundreds of millions of Indian people, still oppressed by imperialism in spite of the political independence of their country, are paying a tragic price for the tardiness of the social revolution.

The dispatch below conveys only the barest outline of the horrors now endured by India. But it also shows the indomitable spirit of even a starving people. The socialist, anti-imperialist revolution WILL come to India and the people will be free.

PEKING, October 2 (Hsinhua)—Some 10,000 people demonstrated in front of the Indian parliament yesterday protesting against the Government's indifference to their trying living conditions, according to reports received here.

This followed other popular demonstrations which shook the country recently, as the people gave vent to their feelings of resentment and indignation at the ever increasing cost of living and food shortage.

Food shortage was reported to have reached a critical stage in several states of India. Food riots have occurred one after another in the states of Andhra,

West Bengal and Punjab.

Police in many cities attacked the demonstrators with tear gas and arrested large numbers of people. According to official reports some 4,500 people were arrested in Uttar Pradesh (the northern state) alone.

On September 22, some 25,000 employees of the Calcutta Corporation ceased work demanding higher pay to meet the high cost of living, reported the Hindustan Standard on September 23.

The Times of India reported on September 21 that about 4,000 persons went on a 24-hour hunger strike in Jammu on September 20 in protest against the Indian Government's failure to check the rise in food prices.

In Srinagar, about 100 persons, mostly peasants from various parts of the Kashmir Valley, went on a 24-hour hunger strike on September 20 to focus attention on the rising prices for essential commodities, unemployment and corruption.

More than 3,000 workers, mostly scavengers of the Patna Municipal Corporation started a strike for an indefinite period on September 14 to press for subsidized foodgrains and a pay increase.