

Malcolm Was Killed By the Racist Masters of the USA

"Act of Terror Against Black People"

Statement on Assassination
of Malcolm X

By the Federation for Independent
Political Action

Minister Malcolm X has been assassinated by the reactionary enemies of the Afro-American struggle for human rights. The entire black community is profoundly bereaved, angered and aroused over the killing of our beloved leader.

The killing of Minister Malcolm X comes as one more violent act of terror, brutality and intimidation against militant and uncompromising black leaders in the forefront of the struggle for black liberation.

The fascist brutalization of black people in the South, rampant police brutality in the ghettos of the North, the recent frame-up of George Whitmore, Jr. and the Harlem Six in New York City and the deepening crisis of mass unemployment among black workers, coupled with spreading slum tenements and inferior education have all combined to produce an atmosphere of violence and unrestrained terror against Afro-Americans, for whom Malcolm gave his life.

Without question, the brazen bombing of North Vietnam by the U.S. Government, the militaristic support of the lackey Tshombe and the white mercenaries in the Congo, the denial of the right of the Cuban people to self-determination, and the general role of the U.S. government is playing in obstructing the national liberation movements of colored peoples throughout the world, set the stage for the vicious killing of Brother Malcolm X.

The agents provocateurs of the reactionary, right wing power structure are hard and fast at work to destroy the outspoken leaders of the black free-

dom struggle as it did Patrice Lumumba. These reactionary agents are seeking to divide and confuse people of color advancing the cause of black liberation.

Since Minister Malcolm failed to receive any police protection prior to his assassination, and since all uncompromising black leaders have failed to receive police protection when their lives have become openly threatened, it therefore becomes necessary for the Afro-

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They Are Same Ones Who Assassinated Lumumba And Same Ones Whom Malcolm Fought All His Life

The bullet that stilled the voice of Brother Malcolm X came from the arsenal of imperialist white supremacy. No matter whose was the hand that pulled the trigger, the missile was guided by the same sinister forces who assassinated Patrice Lumumba and his heroic lieutenants in the Congo.

The vicious perpetrators of the most sadistic violence against the Black People have struck again—and this time at a most vital spot. They have struck again, while their class brothers of press and radio hold up their hands and moralize about "violence"—not the violence of the assassins, but the alleged violence of their victim!

The ruling class that boasts of the greatest array of violence in the history of mankind, the class that has not hesitated to use that violence on the disarmed and the helpless throughout the earth, has struck again—and at one of its most important individual targets.

Malcolm was a leader of the oppressed, one who called for self-defense against the violence of the oppressor and organized the masses with a view to standing up against this violence and ultimately beating it.

Like Lumumba, he had to be removed. The imperialists will let nothing stand in the way of their drive to rule whatever portion of the earth they can. And the time they could do this peacefully or "democratically"—if it ever did exist—is now long past.

The government has failed to quench the fires of the black freedom movement with the tepid milk-and-water "civil rights law." It has failed to bribe the movement's real leaders. It has failed to beat the movement into submission—either in Alabama or in Brooklyn or Harlem. So it has taken the path of provocation, conspiracy, frame-up—and assassination.

It cannot dispose of the ideas of the most militant leaders of the oppressed, so it must try to eliminate their persons.

The depraved, sadistic stooges of the
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"Get the U.S. Troops Out of Vietnam!"



PHOTO BY RAY MARSHALL

Part of crowd gathered in Union Square, N.Y.C., by Youth Against War and Fascism Feb. 20, to protest reactionary U.S. war in Vietnam.

Adults Join Youth in Rally Against Dirty War

1,000 in Union Square Cry: "Stop the War in Vietnam!"

By John Moore

"They tell us that we should go over to Vietnam to fight for freedom. That's not freedom over there; no one wants to die for what the U.S. is doing over there," shouted Key Martin, Chairman of Youth Against War and Fascism, to the crowd of over 1000 which packed the north side of Union Square.

He continued, "Youth wants to fight. But we want to fight for real freedom. We want to fight for freedom right here!"

At this point the crowd interrupted him with an overwhelming burst of approval. It was a mainly young crowd with a sprinkling of old veterans of the class struggle and the call not merely to end the war in Vietnam but to fight injustice at home obviously expressed their deepest feelings.

Small groups who had come to heckle the meeting were rebuffed by a defense guard composed of members of YAWF. As the meeting broke up, a wave of anti-fascist feeling swept the crowd and large numbers of people rushed up to the police barricades to shout down the

pro-fascist group. But mounted police gave the counter pickets an escort away from the square.

Speaking at the rally held under the auspices of Youth Against War and Fascism on Saturday, February 21 were:

Mark Lane, former state assemblyman and Chairman of the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry into the Kennedy Assassination; M. S. Arnoni, Editor of *Minority of One*; Mae Mallory, Black Liberation fighter; Joseph Ben-David, President of the New York Chapter of the American Humanist Society; and Mr. Martin.

A message by James Higgins, Assistant Editor of *The York Gazette and Daily*, who could not attend, was read by the chairman of the rally, Dierdre Griswold.

The meeting opened with the blare of oldtime union and radical songs and civil rights songs from a sound truck parked on the north side of the square, topped with banners saying:

"Stop the War Against Vietnam
Youth Against War and Fascism"

Across the street a handful of the

fascist U.S. Nationalist Party picketed and chanted under protection of police, as the hundreds gathered and M. S. Arnoni, the first speaker of the rally began, teeth clenched in anger:

"I speak as a former inmate of Nazi concentration camps" — opposing the threat of fascism and the war in Vietnam and repeatedly pounding home the point. "This is no time to be silent!"

He was followed by Mr. Ben-David who demanded that the U.S. live up to its proclamations of being for freedom.

When Mae Mallory was introduced, there was a sustained burst of applause for this great woman leader of the Afro-American struggle who, though sentenced to 16 to 20 years in jail by a racist court frame-up (the sentence was recently thrown out), continued the struggle—even to organizing prisoners in the jail where she was held.

Mrs. Mallory pointed to the struggle that Afro-Americans have right here at home for their freedom and she said if necessary they would die fighting for it, here—not in Vietnam where Asians

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The Statue of Liberty And the Plot Against Black Freedom

NEW YORK, Feb. 17—Key Martin, national chairman of Youth Against War & Fascism, today denounced the police allegations of a "bomb plot" to blow up the Statue of Liberty and other monuments as "a diversionary tactic designed to draw attention away from the bombings in Mississippi, Alabama, and especially in North Vietnam."

Mr. Martin, who was himself arrested last Saturday in an attempt to lead his organization in a demonstration before the U.S. Mission to the UN, is now at liberty on \$1,000 bail.

"This is an attempt by the government to discredit and break up every militant organization, black or white, which has advocated resistance to the racist policies of this government at home or abroad.

"It should be obvious," he said, "that the government and the police authorities have many agent provocateurs inside the ranks of the freedom movement. They try desperately, and according to J. Edgar Hoover, successfully, to infiltrate every organization of a progressive character. They have in most cases encouraged, where they haven't actually executed, actions calculated to break up these organizations or make them more vulnerable to government persecution.

"The burning resentment of millions of black people as well as whites against the countless bombings, killings and
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Sneak Attack

No politically literate person can give the slightest credence to the charge that the south Vietnam National Liberation Front made a "sneak attack" on U.S. military installations at Pleiku, February 6.

A full-scale war has been going on in south Vietnam for many years. The U.S. has been in that war for over three years of the 24 years the war of independence has been going on (first against the Japanese, then against the French).

Every military operation during a war is conducted with the maximum secrecy. And where the secrecy is most effective, the operation is usually the most successful.

American school children are taught that Washington's most daring exploit in the American Revolution was to cross the Delaware on Christmas Eve and surprise the Hessians who were singing Christmas carols in their Trenton barracks, killing a large number of these mercenary troops.

The term "sneak attack" more correctly applies to an assault upon a person or country who has no reason to expect an attack—a country or person with whom one is at peace. For example, the U.S. air attacks on Cambodia, Laos and the Congo in recent months.

The term "sneak attack" would be much more appropriate when applied to the February 7 bombing of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) under the thin cover of "retaliation" for seven U.S. soldiers killed

by a handful of south Vietnam liberation fighters.

But the worst sneak attack was the U.S. rulers' attack on the American people—the people most propagandized against their own interests.

It was a sneak attack on the American youth who will be dragooned by this bombing attack—or its successors—into a bloody war for somebody else's profit.

It was a sneak attack above all, on the U.S. working class, whose sons and brothers will provide most of the corpses in the war. And the workers themselves will be called upon to "sacrifice" while their little bosses become millionaires and their big bosses, billionaires. The workers will be subject to wage freeze, rationing—and be throttled by a no-strike straitjacket.

Most people in the United States simply do not know what is happening in Vietnam. They have no suspicion that U.S. troops are being used to stifle independence and perpetuate a dictatorship.

Behind the backs of the U.S. people, the U.S. military, with the connivance of the President of the United States himself, are purposely creating a situation where the "prestige" of the United States is involved. They are already committing the lives of millions to the unwitting defense of an outlived system.

If ever there was a sneak attack against an unsuspecting people, it was the February 7 attack of the U. S. banker-general-imperialists on the masses of America.

The Mind of a President

A writer of the New York Times said on February 15 that there was a "struggle" going on in Washington "over the mind of the President" on the question of stepping up the U.S. war in Vietnam. This has created some misunderstanding.

There is indeed a "struggle" between the factions of the U.S. ruling class over how to conduct the war against the world working class. But it would be a mistake for progressives to assume that Johnson is neutral in this struggle or that he is a mere figure-head who will front for either faction.

The fact is that Johnson's mind has been made up for a long time on the question of pursuing the war in Vietnam. His first important conference after the death of John F. Kennedy was over the question of Vietnam—on November 25, 1963. And at that time he

justified further involvement in the beleaguered country.

It was stated then by prominent columnists supposedly in Johnson's confidence that he was stronger than Kennedy for the Vietnam operation. And Kennedy was the one who initiated the large scale U.S. intervention.

Six months later, in May, 1964, Johnson asked—and got—from Congress an additional \$125 million for the Vietnam war. The following month he ordered bombing attacks on Laos, which have continued ever since. (This was at a White House planning meeting on June 6 — "leaked" to the public by Joseph Alsop on June 10.) Furthermore, Johnson ordered or took immediate responsibility for the August 5 bombing attack on North Vietnam.

The great masses who voted for Johnson in the hope that he was for peace were cruelly deceived. They may go through a process of being still further deceived—by the fact that this man of "peace" now is made to appear reluctant in heading for war.

But they will awaken to the truth. And when they do, they will not waste much time "struggling over the mind" of the President. They will struggle to stop him; struggle to disarm him and his class; struggle to kick him out, abolish his system and all it stands for.

While They "Investigate" Police Beating of Cruz Puerto Rican Beaten to Death by Cops

By Peter Storch

NEW YORK, Feb. 18—Just before Police Commissioner Murphy and his cops began the whitewashing "trial" of trigger-happy Detective Devlin for the shooting of young Gregorio Cruz last September, Murphy's butchers in the Bronx were murdering a Puerto Rican taxi driver, inside the 41st Precinct Police Station, at 1086 Simpson Street.

The Police Department "trial" held by Murphy's henchmen was a mockery of justice. After Gregorio Cruz testified to the brutal attack he received by Devlin, the 200-pound detective made a circus of it by weeping copious tears and claiming that he had to shoot to protect himself from the 132-pound Puerto Rican youth.

Now who will be judge and jury? Murphy, no less!

And, to avoid further pressure from the Puerto Rican community, which is demanding that Devlin be brought to an open and public trial on criminal charges, Murphy will probably take more than a month to come to a "decision."

Last Saturday at 11:00 in the morning, the cops announced that a Puerto Rican taxi driver, Jaime Gonzalez, had committed suicide in his cell by hanging himself. But the embalmer later

told Jaime's brother that there were no marks on Jaime's neck.

The embalmer did find lacerations, contusions and other marks across his shoulders and chest which convinced Jaime's brother that he was beaten to death. A second autopsy by a Puerto Rican doctor confirmed the description of the embalmer.

Murphy and his cops once again thought they could get away with a brutal murder of another Puerto Rican by keeping this case out of the newspapers. But the Puerto Rican community is demanding that the cops who beat Jaime Gonzalez to death be given the justice they deserve.

Protest at Police Station

NEW YORK, Feb. 22—Over 100 pickets, most of them Puerto Ricans, held a powerful and militant demonstration in front of the Simpson Street Police Station, protesting the murder, by cops inside the jail, of Jaime Gonzalez, a Puerto Rican taxi driver.

At least 200 people in the community were chanting and watching the picket line from across the street, denouncing the butcher cops, and later 30 to 40 of them joined the picket line despite police threats to break up the crowds.

No Enthusiasm in S. Vietnam for Fighting The U.S.'s Dirty War

Nearly a whole company (about 130) of South Vietnamese "home guardsmen" deserted from United States military "advisers" during an attack by the liberation forces on February 10, U.S. military informants told the Associated Press. (This was the same day the U.S. barracks at Quinhon was blown up.)

An AP report of Feb. 13 said: "Three Americans and five tribesmen were killed and the other American is believed to be a prisoner."

"The informants gave this account: 'The home guards—described as Vietnamese and mountain tribesmen inexperienced in fighting—threw down their weapons and left a hill fortification as the Communist guerrillas approached in

the dark with loudspeakers, calling:

"We only want to kill the Americans. All the rest can go free if they leave their weapons."

"The next morning the three Americans were found dead on the hilltop at Duchong...."

"There was no comment from South Vietnamese officials."

—Does this look like the Vietnamese people want to be "saved from Communism" by the U.S.?

The Old Bankers Must Be Jealous of the New Ones!

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13—Authoritative government sources said today that federal grand juries are investigating reports that a few banks have been taken over by crooks.

—Only a few?

Youth Demand Removal of Judge For Flag-Waving Performance in Court

NEW YORK, Feb. 17—An "invitation" by Judge E. D. Caiazzo to courtroom spectators to pledge allegiance to the American flag led to a demand for his removal today.

Youth Against War & Fascism, whose top leaders were arrested Saturday during a protest against the war in Vietnam, called for the judge's ouster as an act that would "help cleanse the judicial process in New York and help defend everyone's civil liberties."

Accordingly, the chairman of the civil liberties committee of the organization, today called upon the Mayor and the New York State Bar Association to take steps to remove Judge Caiazzo from the Bench. A formal complaint was filed with the Judicial Conference of the State of New York.

The committee chairman, referring to the judge's conduct in night court last Saturday, observed:

"Judge Caiazzo 'invited' our members to pledge allegiance to the flag. But under the circumstances, it was only an invitation in form. Actually, it was an order."

"He gave his 'invitation' to the crowded courtroom just after he entered. Our supporters, who were a large part of the crowd, are opposed to the war in Vietnam, as are millions of other citizens of the United States. The judge was obviously administering a loyalty oath. Since it was precisely our refusal to endorse the U.S. war aims that led to our being in court, the 'invitation' to pledge allegiance was a prejudgment of

our case and an act of undemocratic political pressure calculated to proscribe our views on the war.

"No citizen should be compelled to pledge allegiance to the flag on the whim of a judge. And no judge who uses his office to exact this pledge from the citizenry is fit to hold office. An action such as Judge Caiazzo's lies entirely outside the realm of judicial authority and operates as an intimidation of spectators and witnesses, regardless of their feelings about the pledge."

The courtroom at 100 Centre Street was filled Saturday night with many members, friends and supporters of Youth Against War & Fascism, who came to see the arraignments of those who had been arrested in a demonstration held in the afternoon.

When the judge made his "invitation" to the spectators, it was clear to most observers that the youth unanimously declined to accept it. Most of the young people were wearing lapel signs which called for an end to the war in Vietnam and prominently displayed the name of the group.

Earlier in the day, 200 people had marched under the youth's banner from the Army-Air Force Information Center on 14th Street to the U.S. Mission to the UN at 45th Street and First Avenue. The police prevented them from approaching the Mission, blocking their path at least two blocks south of the building. The youth leaders insisted that they had a right to appear before the U.S. Mission and display their anti-war signs there.

The Company He Keeps

Noi That, leading Buddhist newspaper in Saigon, said on December 14, in discussing the South Vietnamese government:

"Anyone supported by the United States stands accused as a dictator and the Vietnamese people are against him."

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Trades Punches With Lincoln Rockwell

Girl Socks Nazi After He Preaches Genocide

BROCKPORT, N.Y., Feb. 4, 1965—George Lincoln Rockwell, self-styled fuehrer of the American Nazi Party, came to Brockport today “to present . . . some shocking facts,” but got a shock himself when a teen-age girl threw a punch at him.

The girl, 18-year old Ann Sterling, is secretary of the Buffalo Chapter of Youth Against War and Fascism. The group had brought two carloads of young people to picket the appearance of the Nazi leader at Brockport State University.

Youth Against War and Fascism, which organized the demonstration with just a day’s notice, explained that Rockwell’s only purpose in speaking was to build a base in the area by rallying fascist and racist scum. Pickets distributed a leaflet picturing a man split in half; one side, entitled “Illusion” showed a man in a business suit. The other half, entitled “Reality,” showed Rock-

well as a death head in a Nazi uniform. As he walked into the auditorium the group chanted “Down with Rockwell.” The University administration told the students not to do anything “that would cause violence or disturbance.” In other words, they should listen to Rockwell as if he were presenting a treatise in theoretical physics. But some survivors of Nazi concentration camps heckled Rockwell and later joined the

Heaven's New Angels

FEB. 16—Erwin Schuele, West Germany’s chief prosecutor of Nazi war criminals has been exposed as a former card-carrying Nazi himself.

—Something like Lydon Johnson going down South like he did and preaching so nice about civil rights when he used to vote against anti-lynch laws. Shows you there’s such a thing as redemption from sin!

demonstration. The only way the students expressed their opposition was by laughter, so as they came out the Buffalo group chanted, “They thought Hitler was a joke—twenty million lives.” One woman marched with a young girl member of YAWF, their hands holding the same picket sign. “I felt it was a speech right from Hitler,” she said. “I felt the breath of Hitler all over again and the smell of concentration camps as Rockwell spoke. The only difference was that he included the Negroes.”

After the talk, Rockwell tried to leave quietly. It was then that Miss Sterling spotted and slugged him. “Rockwell punched her in the stomach . . . she fell to the ground,” reported the Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester’s largest paper, in a featured article headlined: “Girl Attacks Rockwell at Brockport!” At this point, others from the picket line converged on Rockwell and his goons. The police protected him, but he still had to leave quickly. As he got into his car the Brockport students joined the demonstrators in chanting “Nazi pig! Nazi pig!” Many students and some concentration camp survivors also picketed. Even in a small college town like Brockport, there is a genuine anti-Nazi feeling.

U.S. Won't Allow Real Demonstration At U.S. Mission; Arrests Five Youths

NEW YORK, Feb. 15—Three leaders and two other members of Youth Against War and Fascism were arrested and held in high bail Saturday during a demonstration demanding complete and immediate withdrawal of the United States from Vietnam.

Key Martin, national chairman, Deirdre Griswold, editor of the organization’s magazine “The Partisan” and Maryann Weissman, national coordinator, were arrested when they tried to lead 200 people through a police barricade which was put across the sidewalk to obstruct the march to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. Also arrested were Lucille Greenfield and Lawrence Elam.

All five were arraigned in night court on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Mr. Elam was also charged with assault. They were released on \$1,000 bail each.

High Bail Set In an interview outside the courtroom, they said:

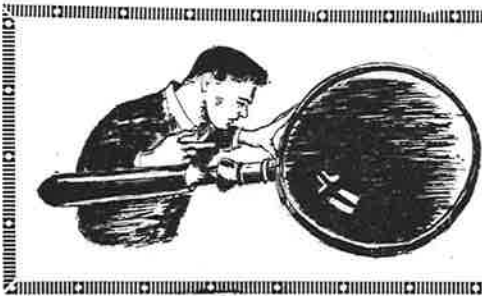
“False criminal charges have been brought in this case in order to cloud the basic issue of our constitutional right to demonstrate our opinion in public. Judge Caiazzo, by setting the outrageously high bail, totalling \$5,000, on a case which clearly involves civil liberties and not a criminal violation, has already imposed a harsh penalty on our organization.”

The Arrests “These arrests have a particular significance. They are part of a syste-

matic campaign by the New York City Police Department to impose an illegal, de facto ban on large demonstrations in key areas throughout the city. Our organization has been continually subject to arrests or other harrassment by the police for trying to hold demonstrations in areas which are of political importance or are centrally located. The practice of allowing only 5 to 10 people to picket in these areas is merely a cover up for this ban on mass demonstrations.

“The arrests were a deliberate, illegal violation of our basic democratic rights of free speech and free assembly. We wanted to demonstrate at the U.S. Mission. The police, through the threat of violence and arrest, tried to confine the bulk of our demonstration in front of the U.N. The U.S. Government is the aggressor in North and South Vietnam. The U.S. Government is threatening the people of Asia and of the whole world with a nuclear holocaust. We want and have the constitutional right to bring these facts before the general public.

“By trying to keep us from demonstrating at the U.S. Mission, and forcing us to remain in front of the U.N., the police are trying to protect the reputation of the aggressor at home. This police ban, which has absolutely no legal justification, was a crude attempt to change the political message behind our demonstration and thereby confuse the issues before the public. This was most significant at a time of great international crisis when it is necessary to point a finger directly at the aggressor.”



Through the Magnifying Glass

By John Moore

A Night in Night Court

Night court in New York City is held on the second floor of a marble plated and pillored fortress in the city hall section. It is in an area of many government buildings. On my first trip there I asked a man selling newspapers as I got out of the subway: “Where’s the courthouse?”

“Which one you want, buddy?” he countered, “This place is lousy with courthouses.”

And “lousy” may be the right word.

In one of them here, night after night seven night a week, the ruling class hands out the first dose of “justice” to workers who are accused of disobeying some of the master’s rules.

At the front of the room sits the judge on a high bench that looks down, on the spectators seats and on the defendants. Robed in black, the judge enters after various comings and goings of lesser beings. Uniformed police caution visitors about talking or standing or otherwise disturbing the solemn proceedings-to-be.

Below the judge, around the high bench, are several large men in sport shirts. They move about, occasionally ushering in prisoners with a commanding air. Each has a badge pinned to his shirt. More cops.

Groups of prisoners are brought in and are lined up in front of the judge. The judge, high above them, looks down at them—like God.

And in a way each judge here is transformed from the political hack or grafting crook that he is into a temporary god over poor people grabbed by the cops.

Each judge, given the power by the ruling class for services rendered, holds in his hands much of the immediate fate of each man or woman brought before him—whether to release them or to set a high bail which working people can’t afford and so confine them in jail for days or weeks.

This particular day last week, militant leaders of Youth Against War and Fascism were arrested for challenging the U.S. ruling class and demanding that they get out of Vietnam.

They were arrested, jailed, and hauled into night court. We were there with others to support them in this bosses’ court.

When the judge entered, obviously tipped off that the young protesters against the war were to be arraigned, he asked the spectators to give the pledge to the flag—a flag that has become the world over the symbol of U.S. big business’ warlike policies.

He then began dealing out ruling class justice to the workers before him: a Puerto Rican youth accused of going through a subway turnstile without paying (a charge he denied) was sent back to the lock-up with a \$1000 bail for his 15c alleged “crime”; a man who was caught sleeping in the subway—\$500 bail; a worker who was on his way home with a pair of shoes he had bought under his arm was returned to jail for some alleged misdoing. There were many others.

We were reminded of the statement of the great socialist fighter, Gene Debs, when they were about to sentence him to jail for opposing World War I: “. . . While there is a lower class, I am in it, while there is a criminal element I am of it, and while there is a soul in prison, I am not free.”

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Slavery Wasn't a Blessing

In the last issue we quoted a passage from a widely used school textbook which pictured slavery as almost a blessing—most slaves it told our kids were, “well fed” . . . and “were kindly treated” and “always had jobs.”

In reviewing many school textbooks on the subject we have never found one which gave the slaves’ viewpoint of slavery. We offer an excerpt from a slave’s description of plantation life:

“The children unable to work in the field had neither shoes, stockings, jackets, nor trousers given to them: their clothing consisted of two coarse linen shirts per year. When these failed them, they went naked until the next allowance-day.” [held once a year]

“I suffered much from hunger, but much more from cold . . . I was kept almost naked— . . . nothing but a coarse tow linen shirt, reaching only to my knees. I had no bed. I must have perished with cold, but that, the coldest nights, I used to steal a bag which was used for carrying corn to the mill. I would crawl into this bag, and there sleep on the cold, damp, clay floor, with my head in and feet out. My feet have been so cracked with frost, that the pen with which I am writing might be laid in the gashes.”

From the Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Yet, though this is a description of U.S. life over a hundred years ago, the truth of it is not told in U.S. schools any more than the truth about the real causes of discrimination is taught.

That truth would indict the U.S. capitalist system.



PHOTO BY RAY MARSHALL
Police stopping the demonstrators between 42nd and 43rd St.

Vancouver Youth Picket U.S. Consulate on Vietnam War

VANCOUVER, Feb. 8 — Yesterday, just hours after the U.S. bombing attack was launched on the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, a group of pickets marched for an hour in front of the U.S. Consulate on West Georgia Street.

Two groups, Youth Against War and Fascism, and the Ad Hoc Committee Against U.S. Aggression in Vietnam, sponsored the demonstration. It was called on a couple of hours’ notice, by telephone.

Canadians generally are very skept-

tical about the U.S. action and greeted the picket line with great interest. The Vancouver Sun today reported the line in some detail and in another article said there were “too many holes” in the U.S. story about the situation “to be accepted completely.”

The story showed the difficult situation Washington had gotten itself into and concluded that “retaliation” had nothing at all to do with the bombing attack, which was in reality an attempt to get into a position to “bargain from strength.”

Racist Masters of U.S. Killed Malcolm — Statue of Liberty

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ruling class have been murdering the lesser-known, unsung heroes of the oppressed for centuries. But now the U.S. racist masters have gone in for murdering the leaders.

The ruling class has even launched upon a program of government by assassination because its own ranks are torn by the upward thrust of the oppressed peoples.

In the case of John F. Kennedy and Dag Hammarskjöld, the assassinations were directed at a so-called "moderate" wing of the oppressor class. In Malcolm's case, it was directed at a militant wing of the oppressed class.

In both cases, the racist, militarist rulers of the United States have the same aim—to divide and rule the masses and to set the country more firmly on the road to war.

The Kennedy assassination revealed the extreme instability of the ruling class and its tendency to resort to the

most violent solutions in its internal faction fights. Even before this, the mysterious death of Dag Hammarskjöld in a plane accident while he was apparently pursuing a too "mild" line in the Congo, raised strong suspicions in Europe and Africa that the CIA had really arranged his demise.

But the assassination of Malcolm reveals, like the phony "Statue of Liberty bomb plot," that far more is now afoot within the country than just a faction fight of the big bosses. The intrigues, frame-ups, wire-taps and conspiracies against the oppressed that have become so commonplace, have given way to bursts of police violence, clubbings, shootings — and assassinations.

We live under such a system and are ruled by such brigands that it is inevitable that, frustrated by failure with other methods, they unleash the kind of violence Malcolm often exposed before he fell victim to.

The papers as usual, turn everything upside down. Malcolm was fond of saying that they invariably make the criminal look like the victim and the victim appear to be the criminal. So it is with Malcolm's own death.

Every single editorial writer for the imperialist racists has managed to say in one way or another that Malcolm "died as he had lived—by violence" or that he "lived by the sword and he died by the sword," etc. It might almost be thought that it was Malcolm who had assassinated someone rather than the other way around. So persuasively do these highly-paid agents of the racist ruling class write their obituaries.

One might almost think that these meek and gentle newspapers were not absolutely foaming at the mouth over a few youngsters in Harlem last summer. One might almost think that they all stood up in unison to condemn Officer Gilligan and ask his removal from the Force for his act of murderous violence against a fifteen year old boy!

The hypocrisy and the lies are hard to expose. Malcolm's murder is being covered up by the very same forces that murdered him—the racist rulers and their penmen, policemen and politicians. But murder will out. The real murderers will be brought to justice.

And Malcolm's struggle for the line of militant self-defense of the Black People against the violence of imperialism will be vindicated, not least of all, by his own martyrdom.

lynchings in the South made it absolutely inevitable that the government would seek through agent provocateurs to throw the onus for all the bombing on the victims rather than on the real criminals."

Mr. Martin declared that "the defendants in this particular case have already been the subject of such mass hysteria generated by TV, radio and 6-inch headlines in the newspapers that a fair trial for them is literally impossible. The names of Fidel Castro, Che Guevara and the issue of 'Communist China' are dragged into the case precisely to whip the hysteria to a higher pitch and 'prove' that the defendants are guilty before a trial.

"But it is no accident," continued Mr. Martin, "that this incident hits the headlines just at this time. It is to be noted that for every important military adventure abroad, there has to be a corresponding incident at home to kindle a war spirit in the population.

"The oppressed of all the world will not fail to note the hypocrisy of the U.S. press over the alleged danger to a statue and its indifference to the bombing of live people—at home and abroad."

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American community to assume responsibility for its own self-protection.

A mass unity meeting is being called to pay tribute to our fallen leader, Malcolm X. This meeting will call for the closing of all stores on 125th Street out of respect and observance of what Minister Malcolm meant to our community and the oppressed people the world over. The meeting will also outline plans for a march to the U.N., which will dramatize internationally the profound sense of loss and indignation of the Afro-American and all all peoples struggling for human rights.

Demonstrations will be called for throughout the country to fully venerate our beloved national and international leader, Brother Malcolm X.

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U. S. Press Plays Down World Protests on Vietnam

The U.S. bombing of North Vietnam has aroused world-wide protest, much of it hidden by the U.S. press. Compiled from Hsinhua (the Chinese news service) we list the following places:

Throughout Africa, in Uganda, Algeria, the Republic of the Congo, Southwest Africa, Ghana, Egypt, and Tanzania, governments, newspapers, unions, parties, and resistance movements have protested against U.S. aggression against North Vietnam.

In Europe there have been street demonstrations in Italy, France, England, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Denmark. Students in eastern Europe

and in Moscow have assailed U.S. embassies.

In Latin America, protests have come from Mexican papers; demonstrations have occurred in Argentina, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Chile, and Panama. Cuba has protested and collected clothing for Vietnamese victims.

In Asia, mass outbreaks of protest have occurred in Indonesia, Japan, North Korea, the Philippines, Laos, and Pakistan. Protests have come from Cambodia, Ceylon. And in China, city after city has held mass protests involving millions.

Picket lines have marched in Australia and New Zealand.

In the U.S. and Canada, demonstrations have taken place in New York, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Montreal, Cleveland, Vancouver, Buffalo, and New Brunswick and Washington, D.C., the nation's capital. Yale and other universities have staged protests.

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are struggling for theirs.

The U.S., Mark Lane said, should not only get out of Vietnam and leave them to work out their own destiny but it should help them materially. It should, he said, "build two bridges for every one . . . destroyed."

The rally closed with mass approval of a resolution that the war "is against the interest of the broad masses of people everywhere" and calling upon the President "to immediately withdraw all American troops and . . . instruments of war from the country of Vietnam."

This mass turnout of militant youth protesting the U.S. ruling class war in Vietnam in the face of frigid weather (the night before it had hovered around 15 degrees and the square had warmed up only slightly in the winter sunshine) was a truly significant event in the building of a people's resistance movement.

Self-Defense Guard Formed in Louisiana

FEB. 19—Afro-Americans of a Louisiana town have formed an armed self defense group.

When white racists threatened to bring a mob to a newly established CORE headquarters in Jonesboro, Louisiana last summer, local black citizens assembled with guns. There was no trouble.

Following this, a permanent organization call the Deacons for Defense and Justice was formed.

There has been no trouble since.

On several occasions the Deacons' defense group has let the word be heard that they were interested in the treatment of Afro-Americans arrested on minor charges. Authorities handled these cases "carefully." Once the Deacons took an accused black youth into protective custody, The false charges against him were later dropped.

The local sheriff has declined to comment on the situation.

Buffalo Youth March in City Square To Condemn the War Against Vietnam

BUFFALO, Feb. 14 — Downtown shoppers in this city felt the wind of worldwide protest against the U.S. war in Vietnam, yesterday. Over 50 people picketed with the Buffalo chapter of Youth Against War & Fascism demanding an end to the war by the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam and protesting the bombings of North Vietnam. The demonstration, in the heart of downtown Buffalo, was an answer to the decision made in Washington and the Pentagon the same week to expand the war.

Two high school students and two students in junior high, who were just walking by, joined the line. One of the junior high school students, when asked why he participated, said "the United States has no business in Vietnam." A high school girl later joined the line because she was afraid her brother would be sent to Vietnam.

One picket was confronted by another young man who asked: "What good will this do? I've just come back from there." When asked if he wanted to go back and how other army guys felt he said, "We have no choice. I've got to go back. If I had any choice, I wouldn't go back. The people over there don't want us. EVERYBODY should get together and get to Johnson and tell him to stop the war." After talking for several minutes, his parting words were "Good luck to you."

The press is trying a new tactic. The UPI and the Courier Express did not show up at all, but someone from the picket line went to their offices with a leaflet and press release. The Buffalo Evening News, which did show up for the demonstration, did not print a word



Protesting Vietnam war, Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York

about it.

In spite of this, two TV channels carried news of it and the Courier Express quoted the group as "protesting against the expansion of the war by the bombings of North Vietnam and urging the withdrawal of American forces."

Since last summer the Buffalo Youth Against War and Fascism has carried on a campaign in this city to end the war and to warn of the danger of expansion. This demonstration was the third in the series.

The new tactic of the press to isolate the Youth Against War and Fascism from the Buffalo community by a news blackout is sure to fail. Thousands of leaflets were distributed on both campuses, and downtown during the demonstration. The demonstration was seen by thousands of working people, and was well received.

New Yorkers Sign Anti-War Petitions

By Ellen Pierce

Buttonholing passers-by at subway stops and street corners, women in New York City last week gathered signatures for petitions demanding United States withdrawal from Vietnam.

At least two women's groups, the Prospect Heights Women's Association and the Chelsea Women's Association, were on the streets, within 48 hours after the Feb. 7 bombing of North Vietnam.

Workers, mothers, men and women of all ages and occupations signed the petitions.

Many young men, knowing they are the ones who would have to do the fighting, were eager to sign. Girls whose boyfriends face being drafted or are already in the army, added their names.

Even readers of the reactionary Daily News—which calls for bombing of China as well as North Vietnam—tucked the "lively newspaper" under their arms while they signed anti-war petitions!

There was some red-baiting too. But one teen-age heckler saw a glimmer of truth for the first time when a petitioner pointed out to him that the Vietnamese are not invading the United States. Americans are being sent there to suppress and kill the Vietnamese.

"I never thought about that before," said the boy. And he seemed deeply impressed by this simple, truthful explanation.

Despite the enormous amount of war propaganda that chokes the airwaves and pollutes the not-so-pure press, the masses in this country don't want war in Southeast Asia!