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LBJ BOMBS HANOI AND MIG AIRFIELDS

Strategy Is to Force MIGs to Bases in China,
Leading to Long-Planned All-Out War on Asia

APRIL 26 — Today the U.S. bombed areas less than four miles from the center of Hanoi. Yesterday, and the day before, it bombed Mig airfields — in order to make the bombing of "prime targets" such as Hanoi and Haiphong (also bombed) easier.

But this was not the only reason. Bombing the Mig airfields, as some U.S. Senators were quick to point out, also raises the question of removing those fields into People's China. If such a thing is done and U.S. planes pursue the Migs across the border, the war will not just be escalated; it will be multiplied.

A sinister aspect of it all, and at the same time a proof of the long-range planning of the Administration (not just the Pentagon) for this event, was the appearance of four-star South Carolina-born General Westmoreland in the United States at the very moment when the biggest widening of the war was taking place.

Westmoreland tried to open a big propaganda campaign against the anti-war forces, calling them "unpatriotic"

and responsible for the death of U.S. soldiers (whom he himself sends to their death in battle). He lectured the newspaper editors assembled in the Waldorf-Astoria (see page 3) on their duty to step up the brainwashing and give all-out support to the murderous aggression he is leading in the military field.

And this Friday he is scheduled to address a joint session of Congress in an obvious try at a big "national unity" drive to legitimize hysteria for the war.

But the hysteria is not forthcoming. Westmoreland's speech has already set off a big debate in Congress, with Senators McGovern, Kennedy, Church and Fulbright sounding off against him. Worried about the increasing danger of arousing the billion-fold masses of Asia against U.S. imperialism, and fearful of the passivity and downright antagonism of the anti-war masses at home, Senator McGovern of South Dakota said:

"I do not intend to remain silent in the face of what I regard as a policy of madness, which sooner or later will

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Johnson Out to Bust Railroad Strike Scheduled for May 3

APRIL 25 — As Washington whips up the war in Vietnam, about 137,000 AFL-CIO railroad workers, represented by six shopcraft unions, are under a heavy attack by the railroad industry to capitulate to company demands as the strike deadline of May 3, nears.

Assured by Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz that President Johnson "will not tolerate" a nationwide strike

at a time when the U.S. Government has accelerated the aggression in Vietnam, the railroad management has mounted an arrogant offensive against the union.

On April 24, Senators Edward Kennedy and Jacob Javits, members of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, opened a hearing in Washington and warned that if there was no settlement, Congress would proceed to outlaw a nationwide strike.

The railroad workers are fighting a war against extinction that has seen their jobs eliminated under the impact of railroad mergers, automation and railroad "efficiency" plans.

The gang up by the bosses and the government is ominous, and threatens the very existence of the union, its bargaining rights and power, as well as what's left of the job security of the railroad workers themselves.

"The country is on the verge of a nationwide railroad strike," said Mr. Wirtz last weekend. "It is a shame for democracy to be put on trial over so small a disagreement."

Wirtz has no serious word of criticism, however, for the railroad barons, who refused to grant the piddling concession recommended by the Government's own Mediation Board.

"Let's Club the Blacks!" Says Ohio Lawmaker

City officials in Cleveland, Ohio, like U.S. officials in Saigon, have decided that their "pacification" of freedom fighters must be stepped up. In the Cleveland city council a "search and destroy" foray against militant Black youth is being drummed up (pictured as an attack against "vandals, arsonists and looters").

Councilman Jack A. Banko suggests openly that police "break the skulls" of Black youths. Mayor Ralph S. Locher has ordered police to "fill every jail

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Champ Says, 'I Won't Go!'

Will Fight for Justice But Not for Enemies
Of the Black People, He Tells the Press

LOUISVILLE, April 20—The world's heavyweight boxing champion, Muhammad Ali, said again today, "I Won't Go!"

Refusing to wear the uniform of imperialism even for non-combat duties, the 25-year old athlete told reporters in a news conference:

"No, I am not going 10,000 miles to help murder and kill and burn other people simply to help continue the domination of white slave masters over the dark people the world over. This is the day and age when such evil injustice must come to an end."

He defended the struggle for equality at home and referred to the angry Black protests that have been raging over the discriminatory housing laws of this city.

"Why should they ask me and other so-called Negroes to put on a uniform and go 10,000 miles from home and drop bombs and bullets on brown people in Vietnam while so-called Negro people in Louisville are treated like dogs and denied simple human rights?" he asked.

With the vast majority of fighters, football players and other athletes being given deferments or assigned to special "exhibition" duty in the armed services, Muhammad Ali is an exceptional figure. While the ruling class makes pets of its champions and encourages the working class to idolize them, Ali reflects the needs and aspirations of the mass of the Black People and the white working class youth as well.

He is being hounded and pilloried

for this. He is constantly baited by a racist press and held up to scorn by sports writers who complain because he doesn't make his fights bloody enough. He faces a five-year prison

term and the loss of one, or even possibly two, million dollars in prize money.

"But," he declared, "if I remain silent and put on the uniform and went along, this would be an ugly sellout to my people and no matter what it cost me, whether jail or my life, I will not disgrace my religion, my people or myself."



MUHAMMAD ALI

More Persecution In Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — In this racist city where government officials are trying to force Muhammad Ali into the U.S. Army, hundreds of Afro-American demonstrators have been protesting the denial of their right to live in any part of the city. The protest marches have continued in the face of attacks by white racist mobs, court action banning night marches, and mass arrests by police.

On April 11, the Louisville Board of Aldermen rejected a proposed open housing law which would have provided some legal rights to Afro-Americans seeking housing. The Black community of Louisville responded with night marches of protest into white neighborhoods. When hysterical racist crowds attacked the demonstrators, the Louisville city action was to ban the marches. A court restraining order was obtained by the city, banning all night marches.

The Afro-Americans continued them in the face of the order and mass arrests by police.

On April 22, a group of 300 Afro-American marchers and some white allies marched through downtown Louisville demanding a boycott of white-owned stores until the city approves the fair housing law. That night a hundred people began a march to the jail to protest the former arrests. The march was stopped by 150 police and all the marchers were arrested. One of the marchers' leaders, Rev. Charles B. Tachau, was charged with "criminal syndicalism"—a charge that carries a maximum penalty of 21 years in jail and a fine of \$10,000.

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May Day: It Started in U.S. Now an Inspiration to World

May Day is traditionally a holiday of the international working class. It was established to commemorate the anniversary of the 1886 Haymarket martyrs in the demonstrations for the eight hour day.

If, in recent years, there has been lack of emphasis on the ceremonial aspect of May Day in the capitalist countries, nevertheless it is still regarded by class-conscious workers as belonging to them a thousand times more than all the birthdays of the heroes of the bourgeoisie and all the days of dedication appointed by the exploiters for celebration of their victories and their martyrs.

On this May Day all revolutionaries, particularly those right here in the heartland of Imperialism, have no less cause to take encouragement from measuring the progress and ever-expanding scope of the global struggle which is now raging against world capitalism.

Indeed, in spite of the arrogant blustering of Washington's general staff the revolutionary tide is rising in the East even as Wall Street is fanning out in the Pacific on an unprecedented scale to fight for its very life.

All threats of nuclear attack and land invasion notwithstanding, revolutionary China, with its 700 millions, has held firmly to the line of proletarian internationalism. The heroic Vietnamese have dealt blow for blow with the military might of the Pentagon and have driven the U.S. monopolies to the stage of desperation.

Undaunted by U.S. terror in Vietnam, the revolution in Thailand is fully under way. The Pathet Lao control northern Laos, there is no rest for imperialism in Malaya and all revolutionaries have been heartened to hear of the regeneration of the Huk movement which is now severely harrasing the U.S. puppets in Manila.

The oil reserve of world capitalism i.e. the Middle East, is a tinderbox. The Syrian masses are straining at the brink of proletarian revolution; U.S. puppets in Jordan and Saudi Arabia are on the defensive and feverishly arming themselves to bolster up their tottering regimes; the imperialist control-points in the strategic Red Sea are in peril in the face of the dynamic liberation movements of South Arabia, Yemen and Somali.

Bombing Hanoi

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envelop my son and American youth by the millions for years to come."

However, in spite of this kind of opposition within the ruling class, the war gets ever bigger. The central

How They Built Up to It

APRIL 20 — Less than 24 hours after offering another fraudulent "peace" proposal, Washington severely escalated the war in Vietnam by bombing the downtown area of the vital port city of Haiphong. Forty-four civilians were killed in the air raids and 110 wounded.

Assuring the American people that they were "merely" bombing a power plant (which presumably has no civilians working in it and is a purely "mili-

Despite the year of the CIA generals in Africa, the Lumumbist movement is undergoing a rebirth in the Congo in the face of a drastic military regime.

Portugal, with a hundred thousand troops in Africa, loaded with NATO weapons, has been unable to extinguish the liberation movements in Mozambique, Angola and Portuguese Guinea -- after five years of attempted genocide. The white supremacists in Rhodesia and South Africa are barricading themselves and stockpiling U.S. weapons for the inevitable flood tide staring them in the face.

The revolutionary government of Cuba is firmly entrenched among the Cuban people and its leader Fidel Castro, carries more weight with the 230 million oppressed people of Latin America than all the U.S. puppets put together. With Cuba as an inspiration, viable guerrilla movements have taken up the struggle in Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Guatemala, Venezuela among others. The struggle for national independence in Puerto Rico is reaching new heights as the U.S. has increasingly demanded that the tiny nation merge its destiny with the fate of imperialism.

committee of imperialism in the White House and the Pentagon continually intensifies the war — always in the name of "peace" — as they atom-bombed Hiroshima in the name of "peace." Westmoreland has reportedly asked for 100,000 more boys for Vietnam and has openly predicted that the casualty list is going to get longer.

tary" objective!), the U.S. Air Force was actually in a frenzy to hit something — anything — and hoped to terrorize the civilian population, just as the North Vietnamese said it did.

Dr. Pham Ngoc Thach, North Vietnamese Minister of Public Health revealed at a news conference in Hanoi on April 22 that the United States

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As this May Day approaches, no problem (with the exception of Vietnam!) haunts the ruling class more than that of how to contain the growing struggle for liberation right here at home among 22 million oppressed Afro-Americans. Every ghetto is a potential focal point for a new uprising and all the racist poison and all the police measures has not been able to quiet the Black masses. On the contrary the resistance to racist oppression takes on new and more militant forms each week.

And with the objective which Wall Street has set for itself -- world domination -- the plight of the domestic working class, white as well as Black, will grow increasingly more difficult and eat away at the already tenuous national unity behind the capitalist government.

Signs of working class opposition to the war in Vietnam are growing. Chronic inflation and constant colonial wars are eroding the system and threaten to snap the bonds of loyalty of the great masses to their billionaire masters.

It becomes clearer than ever that the great slogan of the Cuban Revolution is a realistic one for all oppressed humanity: "We Will Win"

Greek Fascists, With All the Power of U.S. Behind Them, Can't Really Conquer the Masses

A fascist military cabal has usurped political power in Greece and threatens a bloodbath against the working class and all who insist on any degree of democracy.

Two outstanding facts are already clear:

1. That the coup was accomplished with the complicity of the U.S. Government.

2. That it was carried out in order to circumvent a national election scheduled for May that would have put the Center Union Party in power to begin a "popular front" type of government.

This was a classic example of the ruling class preventing (sometimes it overturns) an election favorable to the masses. The U.S. did the same thing in aborting the elections scheduled for 1956 in Vietnam, when Ho Chi Minh's victory was assured (as even Eisenhower later admitted). The imperialist ruling class only gives people the right to vote just so long as the people vote "right."

Neither fascism nor any other political instrument of capitalism could last for a day in Greece without the support of the United States. The U.S. openly took over the real rule of Greece from the British — who had dominated Greece for the previous century — in March, 1947, when the infamous "Truman Doctrine" was promulgated. At that time, the U.S. intervened in the Greek revolution at the invitation of the British, and finally crushed it.

In addition to direct participation of U.S. troops under General James

Van Fleet, the U.S. government gave the pro-Nazi Greek Government \$797 million in military aid in 1947-49 to subjugate the Greek people.

From 1950 to 1962, an additional \$995 million worth of arms was given, and more since. The fascist tanks that rumbled down the streets of Salonika last week were paid for by — and probably manufactured in — the United States.

The U.S. interest in Greece stems from its global class strategy, but also to a large extent from the Rockefellers' interest in oil.

C. L. Sulzberger said in the New York Times on March 5, 1947:

"The United States interest in Greece is not mere sentiment. Greece controls eastern Mediterranean strategy. Should Greece turn Communist, Turkey would be politically outflanked and could no longer resist a pressure that already is onerous. Without Turkey, Iran would go under.

"The United States has a powerful concern in the Middle East because in that area is Saudi Arabia and in Saudi Arabia there probably is more oil than in the United States' proved reserves."

Washington pretended "surprise" at the fascist overthrow of the Athens "democracy." But the same well informed C. L. Sulzberger said last week, on April 23:

"The United States has a special interest in Greece and a commitment that transcends even the close bonds of the NATO alliance."

The "commitment" is not one to the welfare of the workers or even to that pale parliamentary democracy the capitalists so adore when everything is going good for them. The commitment is to the subjugation of the Greek masses and to the imperialist iron curtain against Communism.

The Times added on April 25:

"So precarious is the political situation in Greece, State Department officials feel that any overt step, such as cutting off arm shipments, might precipitate a civil war."

The civil war, of course, is already on. But the side that Washington supports has all the arms and the side Washington opposes is disarmed.

The new Government of Greece has already been compared to the dictatorship of the fascist Metaxas, who laid the political basis for the Nazi occupation. It officially announced the day after it took power (but kept silent about it later) that 8,500 progressives and leftists had been arrested. The real figure may be three times as high. Killings were not publicly reported.

The very barbarity of the repression has compelled the Nazi-sympathizing royal family to pretend an impartiality or even opposition it does not feel (probably at the advice of U.S. officials).

Thousands of revolutionaries, most of whom had fought against the Nazis during the Occupation, were held two decades in island prisons. Most were freed in recent years after bitter suffering.

The semi-democracy the U.S. has recently permitted has now been snuffed out in the name of "avoiding bloodshed"



Several hundred picketed the Greek Mission to the United Nations last Sunday, demanding removal of fascists and end of the monarchy.

(1) — just as the Vietnamese are being butchered in the name of "saving lives."

But the Greek masses, under the direct rule of tanks and guns though they are, have not been politically defeated. They are not demoralized. Although victims of a double-crossing ruling class, they have no illusions or confusion about what happened. They are supremely aware of the nature of their enemy — and who is behind him.

Obviously, they cannot mount a massive resistance at this moment. But their time will come much sooner than the fascist generals and their play-acting king now imagine.

Rubber Workers Biggest Strike Heralds Summer of Class Battles

By MILT SEAMAN

APRIL 20 — Rank and file members of the United Rubber Workers today simultaneously struck all plants of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, the B.F. Goodrich Company and Uni-Royal, three of the Big Four of the rubber industry.

While the union leaders agreed to negotiate on a "day to day" basis with the fourth—the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.—workers inside the huge Goodyear plants are anxious to join their brothers and make the shutdown complete.

This is already the most massive strike in the 32-year history of the Rubber Workers Union, the organization which was the first to introduce the technique of the sit-down strike in this country—a little while before the auto workers carried it to further lengths and greater victories for the working people.

The present solidarity among the 40,000 rubber workers at the thirty-nine plants concentrated in Ohio, but covering fifteen states, is a forceful answer to the stand of the Big Four, who

have refused to bargain in good faith over a range of fifty crucial issues for a month before the expiration of the contract.

Instead, the companies have carefully prepared for the strike. They have built up and transported to warehouses a three-month supply of tires. With the warehouses strategically located in areas away from the struck plants and close to their customers and distribu-

tors, the rubber companies are ready to do business as usual while they try to bend the will of the rank and file to their terms.

They have conspired among themselves to pay some of the losses of the companies hardest hit by the strike. And they have sought and received from the government the word that it would not use the strike-breaking Taft-Hartley—at least not now while the companies



Through the Magnifying Glass

By John Moore

The Bankers' Big Spellbinder Flops at LIU

We sat in a crowded gym auditorium at Long Island University in Brooklyn on April 11 with several thousand students and watched a chapter in their struggle to exercise a little of the democracy they hear so much about in some of their classes.

The students had struck. In an amazing display of unanimous anger and unity they had struck to protest the firing of an administrator whom they felt represented them against the hostile board of the university which had arrogantly walked over them many times and now planned, among other things, to raise tuition costs.

At the highest points of the meeting the students rose to their feet shouting their demand that the fired administrator be brought back by the university board of trustees—a group of big businessmen headed by a successful Billy Sol Estes type of financial wonder-boy named William Zeckendorf.

The issue before the students was whether to continue the strike or not. After being out of classes for some eight days, many students were anxious. The trustees had acted as if it didn't really hurt. They had even talked of closing down the school. Many of the students looking for degrees and a "future" felt jeopardized, fearful. Yet there was a mood of anger over the previous night's rejection by the board of all student demands. A considerable group were ready to continue the strike which had begun to worry the board and the militants seemed capable of swinging the majority behind a continuation of the strike, supported by the faculty.

The meeting turned out to be a program, a contrived performance staged by the bossmen and their stooges among the professors and students to break the strike—with sweet words and "concern" and a frequent mention of the consequences otherwise. And though bosses' strategy was finally successful in its aim, the partial exposure of businessman Zeckendorf offered some consolation.

The meeting was chaired by a "student leader" who opposed continuing the strike. Professors advising students "for their own good" to return spoke in fatherly tones and at length. Still some students shouted, "Vote! Vote!" (for the strike).

Why GI's Buy U.S. Government War Bonds

Government bond selling ads in New York subways these days have a picture of some soldiers by a helicopter in Vietnam. The ad proclaims: "Buy bonds where you work—they do."

Recent news tells why "they do." It's simple: they're forced to. Complaints have poured into at least one U.S. senator's office (Ervin of North Carolina) from both GI's in Vietnam and their families telling of the Army

Then a big pre-planned surprise: chairman of the board of trustees Zeckendorf enters amid much excitement. His presence indicates that the strike is having a serious effect on the board, but no one points this out. The "student leader" introduces Zeckendorf in a friendly way that paves the way for his propaganda—students are told "to show respect"—never mind that he and the board he represents have shown no respect for the students.

Zeckendorf is a walking caricature of Mr. Big Business, though he is actually a Johnny-come-lately and only knee high to the Wall Street rulers. Huge, sleek, with his grand presence oozing charm, this con-man extraordinary who has cunningly pyramided his way up to the multimillionaire bracket, winning over bank presidents to back his schemes, is currently being sued by some of his banker-buddies for fraud and misrepresentation.

He greets the students with a confidence developed by these conquests. His line is at first disarming: he extends a hand and a smile of friendship and he says he admires their great strike action. It was a great thing, a truly great action. But it is no longer necessary. He understands now. The board understands. These problems won't happen again. It's all changed. And as a matter of fact, steps have already been taken to set up a procedure to solve all their problems.

The students, for the most part, are attentive and, it seems, at least partially accepting this version of how things stand.

Then as the great man expands his version the charm line slips.

In telling the students how everything is going to be sunshine and roses, the board president announces that from now on their complaints will all be handled promptly and with great care and they will be given no end of "SYMPATHY!"

The students break into derisive laughter at the word, as they immediately catch the stall that this really means. Zeckendorf tries to cover the slip. He doesn't succeed. Angry questions now burst forth in a flood.

The great businessman fooled the bankers. But fooling striking students is something else again.

brass methods of forcing GI's to buy bonds.

First the news is circulated that all soldiers must buy bonds or, as one soldier put it, it will "go hard" on them. "Pep rallies" are held by officers pushing the bond sales. And if some GI's hold out, they are threatened individually with loss of privileges and extra work.

plot to starve the workers into submission.

The Johnson Administration will not declare a national emergency. There will be no interference from Secretary of Labor Wirtz or the Federal Mediation Service and there will be no injunction from the courts against the union—unless the rubber workers are winning.

Government intervention will develop only after the men withstand the attack of the Big Four—and their 90-day inventory of tires goes down. It is then that the struggle may be called by Johnson "a national emergency" and all the power of the government could be set at the disposal of the rubber companies.

And well this may come to pass!

For the rank and file are solid and strong. Their grievances have been accumulating since 1959, the last time there was a prolonged company-wide strike. Automation, speedups and periodic layoffs have plagued the workers in the industry since then and although the Big Four are crying poverty and declining profits, the men are determined to fight for job security and decent wage increases.

Big Battle Over Viet War At Columbia U

NEW YORK, April 23 — For two days anti-war students here have demonstrated fierce opposition to an administration-approved and right wing student-assisted invasion of the Columbia University campus by a Marine recruiting team. A further protest is planned when the military recruiters return to the campus on Monday.

Though the students' University Dormitory Council had refused to approve the presence of a Marine table for the day at the student union center (Carman Hall), the Columbia administration gave its approval for the Marine brass to set up their war shop in John Jay Hall where the Council has no jurisdiction, on Thursday, April 21. This deliberate provocation on the part of the university officials was met by a demonstration of angry students organized by SDS. Some 200 of them marched into John Jay Hall to shout their disapproval of the Marines' presence.

In the building live many of the ROTC (pronounced "Rotsy" by anti-war students) military student supporters and school athletes (called "jocks") who at Columbia have traditionally supported the war. These pro-war students poured out of their living quarters and attacked the demonstration. The demonstrators fought back and, though a number including several Barnard College girls were roughed up, they continued their protest. The fighting and shouting lasted for an hour. When the hecklers sang "The Marine Hymn," demonstrators hung up a cloth sign over the Marine desk saying, "Sign up here for War Crimes." The sign was torn down by William E. Kahn, proctor of the university. Things finally calmed down when it was announced that recruiting would be ended for the day.

The following day (Friday) a thousand demonstrators from Columbia and other nearby colleges were there to greet the Marines and the right wing students with shouts of "Hell, no, we won't go!" They brandished signs against the war and against the war-recruiting support of Columbia President Kirk (who is also an officer in the Naval reserve and a director of several big business corporations—like Con Edison).

University officials, however, had been forced to move the Marine team to another building where the ROTC has a recreation area and the Marine recruiters were protected by campus guards. No one was allowed to enter except people approved by the university administration.

Demonstrators were in an angry mood and some had to be restrained from attacking hecklers from a considerable group of pro-war students—again mainly ROTC members and athletes.

Youths to General: "We Won't Go!"

NEW YORK, April 24 — Close to a hundred young people gathered in front of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel at noon hour here today, braving a heavy down-pour of rain to tell General Westmoreland to "Go to hell."

"Hell, no, we won't go," they chanted. "We'll fight here, not there," and "Westmoreland, war criminal!"

The General had come to address an Associated Press luncheon and tell the molders of "public opinion" that "unpatriotic" (his word) peace demonstrations in the U.S. "only prolong the war and help kill more GI's."

The demonstrators told him to "Bring the GI's home now!" and thus stop killing them altogether.

Youth Against War and Fascism, the organization which sponsored the line, said in a leaflet:

"When the war is over, and tens of thousands of families mourn their missing sons and hundreds of thousands of previously healthy youth waste their lives away in wheel chairs or in a V.A. hospital, Gen. Westmoreland will join the ranks of the banker-generals and will be seated on the boards of directors of several of the billionaire corporations he is now doing business with."

While the picket line was going on, YAWF members gathered dozens of signatures from the demonstrators pledging to defy the draft and never to fight in the U.S. war of aggression in Vietnam.

Several office workers came out of nearby buildings to join the picket line and a woman passerby did the same.

Future Banker



Half-Million Said — "Bring Troops Back NOW!"

Nobody But Handful of Conservative Leaders Thought About Phony "Negotiations" Slogan!

Four hundred thousand active opponents of the Vietnam war marched through the streets of New York on April 15 and thereby served notice on the U.S. ruling class that the war in Asia has two fronts—Vietnam and right here at home.

The largest anti-war demonstration during any war in U.S. history was matched in San Francisco by a similar showing of one hundred thousand who protested U.S. aggression on the same day.

Massive as the New York demonstration was, many millions more were unable to get there and were represented by delegations which travelled long distances to attend.

Through the day, beginning as early as 9 o'clock in the morning, buses, trains, and cars were arriving from Ohio, Michigan, Connecticut, Upstate New York, etc. In fact, virtually the entire northeastern United States was represented in New York City on April 15.

By mid-day, Central Park's sprawling Sheep's Meadow was virtually invisible, entirely blanketed by the massive throng awaiting the march in a spirit of militant enthusiasm. The spirit of the crowd grew steadily as additional thousands poured into the meadow continuously up until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

In the late morning, 75 young men electrified the crowd by burning their draft cards in public defiance of the previous attack on "draft card burners" carried on for several days in the capitalist press. The enthusiastic reception of this militant act of defiance was characteristic of the spirit of the marchers.

The demonstrators brought with them a huge variety of "unofficial" signs—i.e., signs not printed up by the conservative leadership of the Spring Mobilization Committee.

The majority of these "unofficial" placards expressed, in a host of ways, one basic sentiment. They said:

"U.S. Get Out Now," "Immediate and Unconditional Withdrawal of U.S. Troops from Vietnam," "Yankee Come Home," "Support Our Boys, Bring Them Home Now," "U.S. Out of Vietnam," etc.

At one table set up alongside the gathering point for the march, signs read "Unconditional Withdrawal, Bring the GI's Home Now," and "Big Firms Get Rich, GI's Die." Marchers were literally scrambling to get them and thousands were given out long before the march began.

During the march, particularly in the youth sections, slogans were shouted all the way from 59th Street to the UN. The ringing sound of "Spellman Lies, GI's Die" echoed against the walls of St. Patrick's Cathedral as the march strode down Fifth Avenue. "The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Killed" caught on among thousands as they paraded through the luxurious silk stocking district. The marchers constantly returned to the chant of "Bring the GI's Home Now!" which seemed to sum up their feelings most of all.

At every entrance to the Sheep's Meadow and throughout the milling crowd, distributors of Workers World shouted "No Negotiations with the Aggressor" and "Demand Immediate and Unconditional Withdrawal."

Many thousands of copies of WW were eagerly received by the people streaming in from far and wide, obviously agreeing with the banner headline, "For Immediate and Unconditional U.S. Withdrawal from Vietnam."

Big Parade Scares Ruling Class Into Trying to Launch a Red Scare

By FRED GOLDSTEIN

The mass outpouring of hundreds of thousands of people on April 15 protesting the war in Vietnam has frightened the U.S. ruling class into a



Pedro Juan Rua

This slogan had first been raised in the Spring Mobilization Committee by Workers World and Youth Against War and Fascism weeks before the march and was opposed by the compromisers on the spurious grounds that the march needed to get the broadest support!

vicious red-baiting campaign against the anti-war movement.

President Johnson, Dean Rusk and Richard Nixon have spear-headed the red-scare, clearly indicating that the highest echelons of big business have grasped the fact that the New York and San Francisco demonstrations, although unprecedentedly large, are only a bare reflection of the growing mass opposition to U.S. aggression in Asia.

Johnson himself formally laid the foundation for a witch-hunt on the very day of the demonstrations, when he had the White House release a threatening statement to the effect that the FBI was "keeping an eye on the anti-war movement." Side by side with reports of the demonstrations the capitalist press ran front-page articles describing the release of a "special report" by J. Edgar Hoover to Johnson.

If the White House gave the official go-ahead signal with any restraint, Dean Rusk followed up the next day in McCarthyite tones on NBC-TV's nation-wide Meet the Press.

"I have no doubt at all," said Rusk as he expanded on Johnson's abbreviated red-baiting, "that the Communist apparatus is very busy indeed in these operations (demonstrations against the U.S. in Vietnam) all over the world and in our own country... the world wide Communist movement is working very hard at this."

When asked for his evidence Rusk replied, "I am giving you my responsible personal view that the Communist apparatus is working very hard on it."

In addition to open red-baiting, Rusk also threatened that "the net effect of these demonstrations will be to prolong the war and not shorten it," thus admitting that regardless of mass opposition to the war, Washington intends to plunge ahead with the bloodshed anyway.

While Rusk was giving the official, government sponsored, anti-communist attack on the anti-war move-

P.R. Speaker Tells It Like It Is

The huge Mobilization heard many anti-war speeches, but one speaker stood out by focusing his attention on the central demand of the war-weary masses — the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. troops and personnel from Vietnam.

Pedro Juan Rua, organizational secretary of the Pro-Independence Movement of Puerto Rico (MPI) in New York, giving the most militant speech of the afternoon, said to the hundreds of thousands of listeners:

"...The Vietnamese people will not agree to any so-called peace while there remains one sole U.S. soldier in their national territory. And the GI's fighting the war do not want to remain as cannon fodder. You will not bring sanity and economic welfare to this society as long as the instruments of greed and violence retain their capability. And, so very important, the rulers of this country will not be even scratched by anything less than a determined posture on the part of its citizens."

"That is why we must all join forces to resolutely demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. troops, weaponry, and military installations from the national territory of Vietnam."

In San Juan, P.R., the day after the Mobilization, over 15,000 Puerto Ricans marched and rallied to denounce 68 years of U.S. colonial rule in Puerto Rico as well as the imperialist aggression against the Vietnamese people. Speakers there attacked the colonial "plebiscite" to be held this summer, and called for complete independence and the national liberation for both Puerto Rico and Vietnam.

The young Puerto Rican militant at the New York Mobilization showed his organization's solidarity with and confidence in the struggle of the Vietnamese people saying:

"The Vietnamese people, led by the heroic National Front of Liberation and the Workers' and Peasants' Party of the North of Vietnam, have the unrestrained support of the Puerto Rican independence fighters and all anti-imperialist forces of the world. In my country that support had its most concrete evidence, among other, in the nearly one thousand young Puerto Ricans who recently publicly refused to be drafted..."

"The Vietnamese people, in their determination to keep their country free from U.S. domination, are proving to the whole world that U.S. imperialism can be effectively resisted and defeated with the power of sheer guts and the strength of the masses!"

ment, Richard Nixon was spouting the same poison as a "non-government" spokesman during a press conference in Saigon on the same day.

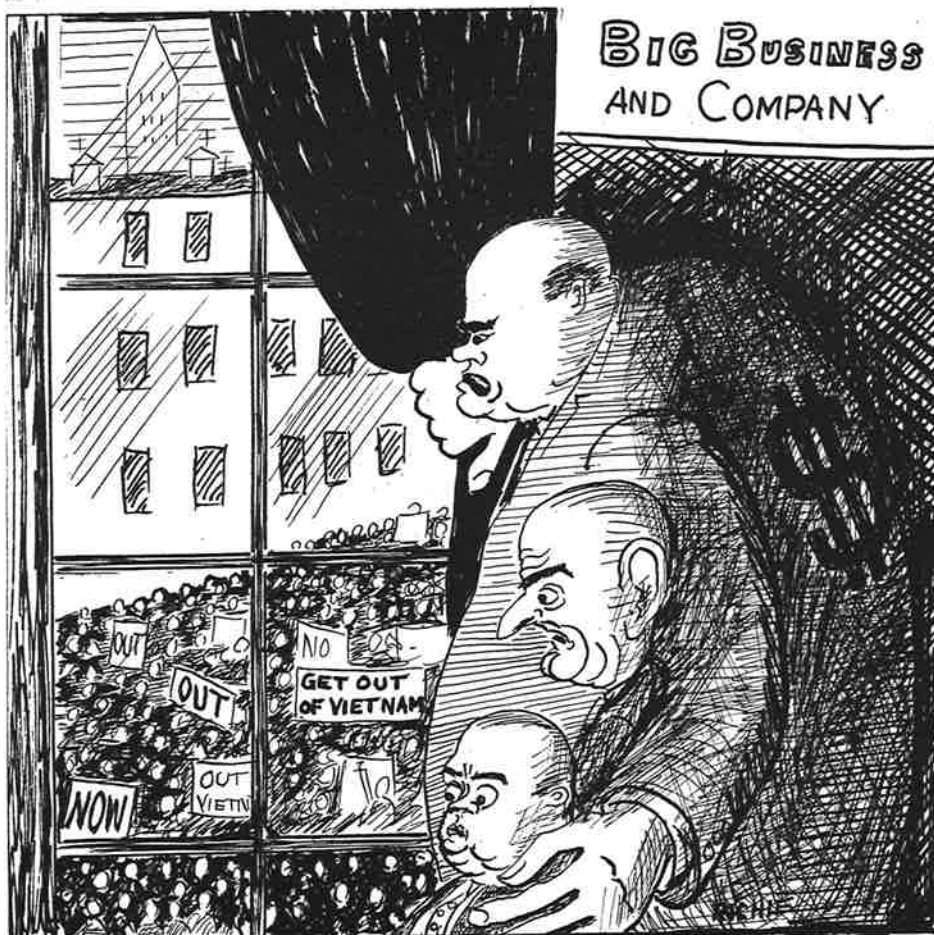
The former Vice President and Presidential candidate was speaking for powerful sections of the capitalist class as he echoed Rusk and declared that: "The irony is that marches for peace prolong the war."

Nixon went Rusk one better and declared that the masses who were protesting against their youth being killed to make the world safe for the monopolies were giving "aid and comfort to the enemy."

The campaign to accuse the anti-war masses of treason continued as Nixon repeated his remarks on April 17. And Rusk on April 18 used a world press conference at the Paris meeting of SEATO to again shift the blame for the prolongation of the war from the aggressors in Washington to the people in the anti-war movement.

Immediately following the inauguration of a red-scare by the highest political representatives of the bourgeoisie, the monopolies had their congressmen and local politicians launch a hysteria against flag

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DID ONE OF THOSE SIGNS SAY TO GET OUT OF AMERICA?

Tribunal Now to Meet in Stockholm

De Gaulle Bows to U.S., Bars War Crimes Body

But Hearings on U.S. War Crimes Begin April 29

APRIL 25 — After a scandalous series of denials of elementary democracy (freedom of assembly) the French Government, in the person of the allegedly "anti-American" de Gaulle, has definitively barred the Bertrand Russell-initiated War Crimes Tribunal from meeting on French soil.

After many difficulties, the Tribunal had just recently engaged an auditorium in Issy-les-Moulineaux, a working class suburb of Paris, with a Communist Party Mayor. But de Gaulle stepped in and made it clear that no meetings, private or public, would be allowed the Tribunal anywhere in France.

The body, under the chairmanship of the world-renowned Jean Paul Sartre, had previously booked the Continental Hotel in central Paris, and before that the Palais de Mutualite, a left bank public auditorium. Both places cancelled out after enormous pressure, which doubtless included that of the CIA as well as the French Government, had been applied.

As part of the harassment of the Tribunal, the French authorities have refused a visa to Vladimir Dedijer, famous Yugoslav author, university

professor and leading member of the Tribunal. Only last week they stopped Russell Stetler at the airport and declared him persona non grata. (Stetler is executive secretary of the U.S. branch of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation and deputy general secretary of the Tribunal.) They have given similar treatment to Ralph Schoenman, who is Bertrand Russell's personal secretary and general secretary of the Tribunal.

HEARINGS TO BE IN STOCKHOLM
The Tribunal has now engaged a meeting place in Stockholm, Sweden and fully expects to begin its executive work on the 26th and start open hearings on the 29th.

Already under pressure from the U.S. Government, Premier Tage Erlander said in a broadcast today that the War Crimes Tribunal would be allowed to hold its hearings but that he, personally, was opposed to permitting it.

The Swedish Social Democratic Party which is in the Government, is split over the question. And two weeks ago over 70 delegates at its convention voted to support the Tribunal.

The relatively large Swedish Communist Party is particularly enthusiastic, more so, apparently, than

CP's in some other parts of Europe.

There is a broad base of sympathy for the Tribunal's work in Stockholm and actually more hostility to the U.S. aggression in Vietnam than even in Paris.

Black Americans Go to Hanoi, Investigate U.S. War Crimes

The fourth investigation delegation of the War Crimes Tribunal completed its work in North Vietnam earlier this month and some of its members will testify at the Stockholm hearings of the Tribunal.

The well-known New York civil liberties attorney, Conrad Lynn, was a prominent member of the delegation, which included: Mrs. Gisele Halini, lawyer of the Paris Court and member of the law committee of the Tribunal; Charles Cobb, member of the national committee of SNCC; Julius Lester, writer, cameraman and compositor, in charge of SNCC's photographic service; Dr. Martin Bernstingle, prominent British professor of surgery at London University; Marcello Cini, professor of physics at Rome University; and Francis Kaln, well-known French doctor.

Conrad Lynn reported on his trip at several meetings in New York in the

Washington, of course, is now expected to apply a great deal more pressure in Sweden, since the testimony at the Tribunal is sure to be devastating proof of the terrible crimes committed by the U.S. in Vietnam.

last two weeks, notably at Brooklyn College, under the auspices of Youth Against War and Fascism, and also at the Free University of New York.

He reported on the deadly accuracy of the anti-aircraft defenders of the North Vietnamese cities and the increasingly sophisticated weaponry the Vietnamese are now getting. He predicted that any all-out U.S. attack would be exceedingly costly in deaths for the U.S. side and substantiated Hanoi's claims that far more U.S. planes have already been shot down than the Pentagon will admit.

He also reported that the Quaker ship, "Phoenix," carrying medical supplies, was attacked by a U.S. dive-bombing plane just out of Haiphong harbor. But the plane was shot down by shore batteries.

This was announced many times on the Hanoi radio, but never mentioned in any U.S. broadcast or news report, not even as a "claim of the enemy."

Up to now, the Quakers themselves have apparently made no complaint. But the news of it was all over Hanoi, when Lynn was there.

Considering that only a small proportion of the U.S. forces are engaged in front-line battle, this is an enormous percentage of men lost. A generation is scheduled by Johnson for slaughter. A whole nation is subjected to inhuman war involving torture and experimental weapons.

All of you know this. I appeal to you to move beyond decrying war in the abstract. Support the victims of this aggression. Support the Tribunal in its effort to present the evidence overwhelmingly. Fix the responsibility where it belongs. Do not always permit the argument to centre on the assumptions of the aggressor. Remember that the Vietnamese are being asked to countenance mass murder on their soil by a foreign invader. They are denied the right to retaliate.

Not one city in the U.S. is under threat from Vietnam. Even the Seventh Fleet and the air bases in the very south of their own country are immune from Vietnamese attack. Why? What permits the U.S. to massacre at will and declare their own bases and fleets immune from reprisal. There is a clear necessity for all of us. We must forget vague formulas which enable us to avoid supporting the victims of aggression. We must stop looking for others to take responsibility.

The United Nations is not the arena. South Vietnam and the United States are the arenas of struggle.

It is in Vietnam and in America that this aggression must be defeated. Demand an end to the U.S. aggression NOW. The troops should come home NOW. The crimes should be exposed and denounced NOW. The Vietnamese should have our solidarity and unflinching support NOW. The American people should be told their Government is waging an aggressive and imperialist war NOW.

This is the task of the American movement as it is the challenge to our War Crimes Tribunal. This Spring the people of America should be mobilized to stop the destruction of Vietnam. Let us join in a clear struggle to the end NOW.

Bertrand Russell, 15 April, 1967

—Try Red Scare

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burning and draft card burning. The capitalist propaganda machine is busy whipping up support for legislation to make the "desecration" of the symbol of world imperialism punishable by heavy fines and jail sentences.

The ugly mood of the ruling class could be sensed in an April 17 editorial of the World Journal Tribune entitled, "There is a Price." This authoritative organ, which is an amalgam of the Scripps Howard Press, the Hearst Press and the Hay Whitney millions, made a thinly veiled threat to intensify the anti-communist hysteria:

"The mobilization on both coasts was well protected, not only by the police, but by the organs of public opinion.

"Neither law, nor those incendiary tools of martial spirit, the inflammatory speech, the calculated effort to arouse mob action, have been employed to any important extent against the dissenters... But there is a price."

The price which the Tribune was referring to was the price paid by the U.S. capitalist class for allowing the anti-war movement to flourish and thus giving renewed encouragement to the Vietnamese liberation struggle.

What was clearly implied was that the ruling class might no longer care to pay that price and may now be preparing to unleash the "martial spirit," to make a "calculated effort to arouse mob action" and to give the go-ahead for the "inflammatory speech" — in a word to whip up a fascist, witch-hunting, anti-communist hysteria against the anti-war movement if it doesn't respond to Johnson's call for national unity behind U.S. aggression.

But in the long run, the witch-hunt won't work either.

The bourgeoisie has mocked and scorned North Vietnam's analysis of the demonstrations as the opening up of a second front against imperialism. But the hysterical red-baiting and slander opened up against the anti-war movement by the President and the Secretary of State are motivated one hundred per cent by fear — and as such are living proof that there is indeed a second front right here at home.

The witch-hunt reveals that the poll-takers and statisticians of the ruling class clearly understood the significance of the outpouring of half a million people against the war on April 15.

What Bertrand Russell Wanted To Tell U.S. Anti-War Marchers

Bertrand Russell, unable to attend the huge anti-war rally in New York on April 15, airmailed a tape recording of a speech to be played at the meeting. The organizers of the affair did not play the recording. We print the full text of Russell's speech below:

It is clear to all who have the will to see that the United States Government is committing genocide in Vietnam. The Secretary of Defence informed the Senate that approximately 4,000,000 pounds of bombs fall daily on Vietnam. The tonnage exceeds all the bombing in the Pacific theatre during the entirety of World War Two. It exceeds the bombing in Western Europe during the same period.

This concentration of explosives is taking place in a relatively tiny area — in a country the size of New York and Pennsylvania. The Washington Post of March 17 reported that in the month previous, the United States Air Force dropped 68,000 tons thus raising the daily total of bombardment to 4 and a half million pounds daily. This is four times the Korean total.

Four and a half million pounds daily of bombardment in a small peasant country is terror bombing aimed at the population. Reports from North Vietnam brought by our investigators make clear that roads, bridges and railways are rarely hit. Villages, towns, hospitals, schools, churches, pagodas, tuberculosis sanatoria and leprosia — these are destroyed and specially targeted.

Fragmentation bombs, steel pellet bombs, napalm, white phosphorous and magnesium bombs are used to terrorize and massacre the peasants of North Vietnam. That is their sole purpose.

For any person capable of human impulse, for any man with a shred of intellectual probity, for any with the faintest murmur of moral feeling — this supreme atrocity is hateful. The cynical men who discourse in the newspapers about the extent of civilian damage as opposed to military targets are men who lack honour. They compare with Germans who argued as to the extent to which Jews polluted the Aryan race when these Germans discussed the Gas Chambers.

What is our proper response to this criminal barbarism? It is simple and compelling. We must call for an end to the aggression and for the victory of the Vietnamese people in their struggle for national independence. We must document the full record of the U.S. War of annihilation and expose the motive nestling behind the power.

This is the task of the War Crimes Tribunal. The evidence from the U.S. Government's own acknowledged deeds is overwhelming — every bit as overwhelming as the evidence of Nazi atrocity. We will demonstrate this and with procedures unassailable by the most shameless dissembler of American aggression.

In the South of Vietnam the United States by its own proud admission wages a scorched earth war of burning and killing all in the path of foraging army units. Must the American people be cannon fodder for the directors of U.S. capitalism and the Pentagon? Must the American people allow the crimes against the people of Vietnam to be their responsibility? This is the consequence of allowing Johnson and his gang of cut throats to be identified with the people of the United States. That is the real anti-Americanism. I say it is intolerable to allow this filthy Government to be identified with the American people. Johnson is not the United States. You who resist his barbarism are the only honourable representatives of America and the anti-Americans are those who insist that we identify Johnson and his policy with you, the American people.

The cost to the American people of this cruel war of aggression is very high. The country is being brutalised. The U.S. soldier fights for conquest on behalf of high finance. The Vietnamese fight for survival, for national independence, for land reform, for social justice. The whole people are against the U.S. war and even the Pentagon must acknowledge that American casualties exceed 1,000 a week, killed and wounded. This figure is lower than the truth for the U.S. Government always lies about this war to the American people. Yet it is high, very high.

Viet Mothers Hail Women's DC Demonstration; Tell Story of Struggle Against U.S. Aggressors

A Letter From Hanoi

(This was written some time before the massive anti-war march in New York and received here after that demonstration had already taken place.)

Dear friends,

We are deeply moved by the news that in the past few days American women and people from all walks of life and from almost all states have staged uninterrupted and vigorous demonstrations demanding that the American government should end its aggressive war in Vietnam.

Although separated from you by thousands of miles, we feel as though we had seen with our own eyes the protest demonstration staged by nearly ten thousand American women in Washington on February 15: rushing into the Defence Department building, they held high enlarged photographs of children killed by American bombs, and signs reading: "End the War!" "Stop the bombing!" "Dismiss Rusk and McNamara!" "Stop sending our sons to kill and be killed!"

These condemnations and demands are evidence that American women and mothers love justice and peace, that they are extremely angry at the barbarous crimes perpetrated by the American government, and that they are valiantly fighting for the cause of justice. We warmly hail you and extend to you the sincere thanks of all Vietnamese women, of all Vietnamese mothers.

Dear friends,

You and we are mothers and wives, who long for peace and the happiness of our families and children. We understand that you never want those extremely barbarous destructions and killings to ravage our country; for our part, we never want your husbands and sons, who have been forcibly sent to Vietnam, and who left the United States as healthy and cheerful men, to return home as dead bodies lying in coffins, as crippled men, or as men bent under the weight of crimes.

You and we are deeply grieved by the continuation of such mourning and suffering. Wherefrom does it spring?

Everybody knows that our country, Vietnam, stretches uninterrupted from North to South. The Vietnamese people are one; they share a history many thousand years' old.

Our people live only on their land; their only desire is to achieve independence, freedom, national unity and territorial integrity, as provided by the 1954 Geneva agreements on Vietnam. They have never done anything harmful to the security of the United States.

On the contrary, it is the United States government which has intervened in South Vietnam, invaded it with

ground, air and naval forces, and is bent on dividing our country permanently.

To defend their nation's right to live, patriotic people of all walks of life in South Vietnam have risen up, united closely in the National Front for Liberation, and fought resolutely over the past few years against the American policy of aggression.

It is under the banner of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, the talented and resourceful organiser and leader of the resistance against American aggression, for national salvation in South Vietnam, the only genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people, that the people and armed forces of South Vietnam have won victory after victory, and caused American aggressive forces to get

To soothe the anger of international and American opinion and cover up its aggressive designs, the Johnson administration has put forward proposals for "peace and unconditional negotiations," while striving to distort the truth, slander the North as having committed aggression in the South, deny the resistance waged by the South Vietnamese people against American aggression, for national salvation, and deny the role played by the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation.

On the other hand, it has engaged in war escalation, intensified and expanded the war in the hope of intimidating our people and forcing them to surrender.

In the South, although McNamara has sent in over 400,000 G.I.'s and

1954 Geneva conference on Vietnam: that is why it has received ever-growing support from progressive people the world over.

Let the Americans put a definite and unconditional end to the bombing of North Vietnam, withdraw their troops and those of their satellites from South Vietnam, recognise the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation as the only genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people, leave the Vietnamese people free to settle their own affairs, and peace will immediately be restored in Vietnam.

In a recent interview granted to the journalist W. Burchett, replying to a question about American declared readiness to talk with the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, DRV Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh said explicitly:

"If the Americans really want talks, they must first of all put an unconditional end to the bombing and all other war acts against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Only after the Americans have put an unconditional end to the bombing and all other war acts against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam can talks be held between the D.R.V. and the United States."

It is clear that the American government is obstinately clinging to its aggressive designs. But the Vietnamese people will not bow to violence. They will fight on resolutely until victory.

You friends have a glorious tradition of resistance against foreign aggression. In face of the present situation, you certainly understand that only one course is open to our people: to fight determinedly to defend the North, liberate the South, progress towards national reunification, and contribute to the defence of peace in Asia and the world.

We firmly believe that, given the present trend of victory of our people in both zones and the ever-growing support of progressive people all over the world, among them broad masses of justice and freedom-loving American people, men and women, we shall win final victory.

Dear friends,

As you have seen, the only obstacle preventing the return of peace in Vietnam is the American government's refusal to renounce its aggressive designs on South Vietnam and its schemes aimed at dividing our country permanently.

To put an early end to this dirty war condemned by all progressive mankind, we earnestly call on you to struggle by every means and in every form, without respite and in an ever more efficient way, to demand that the American government should end its aggressive war in Vietnam, put a definite and unconditional end to the bombing of North Vietnam, withdraw all American and satellite troops from South Vietnam, recognise the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation as the only genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people, and let the Vietnamese people settle their own affairs.

You will not struggle alone. Standing by your side are the immense forces of peace and justice-loving people, men and women, on the five continents....

With firm confidence in victory for our just cause, we extend to you our best greetings and express to you our solidarity and affection. We wish your children and families close union and happiness.

Yours sincerely,

HA GIANG

Standing Committee Member of the Vietnam Women's Union



Nguyen Thi Kim Dung (right) a home guard fighter in Nam Dinh city, firmly resolved to avenge her husband killed by U. S. bombs.

bogged down and suffer setback after setback on the battlefields of South Vietnam.

In the hope of extricating itself from this impasse, the American government has rashly ordered the bombing and shelling of North Vietnam. This is an act of extremely blatant aggression against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, an independent and sovereign country. This gross violation of international law has been vigorously denounced by the American and world people, who demand that the American government should put a definite and unconditional end to the bombing of North Vietnam.

aware of the means to break the bonds of their oppression, and they are inspired by an opposite ideal — that of the liberation fighters of Vietnam.

Though the city has closed down JFK (Jomo Freedom Kenyatta) house, a center where militant Black youth gathered, other less publicized gatherings go on.

"What Cleveland is doing," said Rev. Charles W. Rawlings, a Presbyterian minister who helped raise money for JFK house, "is preparing itself with the first rationalization of a really brutal suppression of many Negroes, not just the gangs. If the city pursues this plan, they will need stockades to hold all the people by this summer."

But even stockades will not deter the Black people from fighting for freedom.

mobilised 700,000 satellite and puppet troops, all American military plans have been smashed by the South Vietnamese people and armed forces, after a two-year test of strength. Over 120,000 American troops, 270,000 puppet troops and 10,000 satellite troops have been put out of action.

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation has been ever more consolidated and developed and its prestige has ceaselessly increased.

In the North, over 1,700 American aircraft, equivalent to one half of the total number of American planes used in Vietnam and Laos, have been shot down; a large number of American airmen have been captured. The American aim in bombing the North is to strike at its economy and defense and shake the morale of its people. But the economy and defense of the North have on the contrary greatly developed.

The revolutionary spirit of the people is higher than ever. The longer the Vietnamese people fight, the more victories they reap, and the stronger they grow. This has been clearly seen by our American friends who have visited the North.

Our people deeply love peace. But peace must go together with genuine independence. The four-point stand of the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, as stated on March 8, 1965, is a stand for independence and peace. It is a concentrated expression of our people's fundamental rights and the basic principles of the

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in Cleveland if necessary." Another Councilman threatens that his racist constituents "are ready to take action themselves."

It appears that, as Bertrand Russell predicted in a widely read statement, "fascism is coming to America because America has brought fascism to the world," and that Cleveland city officials, undoubtedly among those that cheer on the killing in Vietnam, also see it as the method by which they can suppress the liberation movement at home.

But the Black youth of Cleveland has increasingly become organized and

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HHH, War Salesman, Selling Maddox to Voters

By ELLEN PIERCE

In the last month, Hubert Humphrey has given an unforgettable lesson on the subject of the liberal.

The smiling ex-head of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) first did a stint as travelling salesman for American foreign policy and then returned to the welcoming arms of Gov. Lester Maddox, most infamous racist of Georgia.

In Paris, Humphrey was reported to have impressed General De Gaulle in their discussions. But demonstrators who shouted "U.S. Assassin," threw eggs and paint, and suffered 160 arrests at the hands of Paris police were not impressed by his fine words or amiable personality.

In Brussels the chant was "Humphrey Assassin!" And an anti-U.S. banner was raised during a workers' protest march for better pensions.

In Rome and Florence youths protested angrily against Humphrey and the Vietnam war. U.S. Secret Service men beat up an Italian demonstrator, showing the arrogance of the "international policeman." (French police, under orders from their government, were also extremely rough in handling the anti-war protests.)

Even in West Berlin, usually considered safe territory for U.S. officials, there were demonstrations and police arrested eight students in an alleged plot to bomb the Vice President.

While European leaders were assur-

ing Humphrey of their support on Vietnam, they "explained that they could not express their support because of domestic political pressure" (New York Times, April 10). In other words the people oppose the war.

Asked on his return to the U.S. if the demonstrations reflected the sentiments of Europeans towards the war, Humphrey said, "I should say they did not," and added that he doubted whether most of the demonstrators even knew his name (New York Times, April 13). Humphrey is too modest — millions of people know his name along with those of Johnson, Rusk, McNamara, etc., as the war criminals of the nineteen-sixties.

But after all the hostility in Europe, Humphrey received a warm welcome in Georgia.

He strolled arm in arm with Gov. Maddox (famed for driving Black customers away from his restaurant with axe handles) and said, "The Governor of Georgia is a good Democrat. The Democratic party is like a big house. It has lots of room for all of us." And Hubert flashed his big, liberal smile.

But tears came to Humphrey's eyes during an Atlanta speech when he spoke of European news coverage of the U.S. and Vietnam. "Every day bombs dropping, riots..." Pope Paul had told him, "America's moral power is being eroded" by this image. "I've been wanting to get this off my chest. I want

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Ax Handle Maddox and New Pal



Humphrey strolls with Maddox and assures him there's room for him under "Democratic" roof.

Johnson Wrote Peace Note to Ho Fully Intending to Continue War

By GEN. HUGH B. HESTER (RET.)

Contrary to official propaganda and that of the traditionally conservative U.S. mass information media, Mr. Johnson failed, in his recent letter to Ho Chi Minh, to offer suitable terms for peace negotiations.

For example, the President did not propose a cease-fire for all of Vietnam, he did not offer to stop U.S. military aid and that of his foreign satellites to the Saigon quislings, or promise to remove U.S. and foreign satellite bases and forces from southeast Asia. Instead, he merely promised to stop bombing North Vietnam if and when he felt assured that the North Vietnamese had ceased all aid to the National Liberation Front ("Viet Cong").

Naturally, Ho Chi Minh and his colleagues could not accept these terms. To have done so, would have meant the unconditional surrender of the Vietnamese struggle for freedom and independence from foreign rule which has been going for more than 100 years: First, against Colonial France, then against Imperial Japan, Colonial France again and now Imperial Washington.

Furthermore, acceptance of Mr. Johnson's terms would have meant the betrayal of the millions of Vietnamese, living and dead, who have fought for freedom and independence over the past century.

Mr. Johnson knew of course, that the "terms" of his letter were not acceptable and would of necessity have to be turned down. While it is true the letter was addressed to Ho Chi Minh, it was really intended for domestic consumption. This was just another of the President's neat little political tricks designed to further confuse the already brain-washed American people.

In refusing to report the above deficiencies in the Johnson letter, the mass information media again signally failed the American people. Accurate and adequate reporting of vital information in a free society is, I believe, the first responsibility of the mass information media.

Another example of mass information media failure to properly inform the

people of the U.S. was and is its refusal to identify those responsible for the war in Vietnam.

Incredible as it may seem to the brainwashed, the Johnson Administration, not the North Vietnamese government, is the aggressor in Vietnam. According to Senators Gruening and Morse and many other distinguished statesmen and scholars, the Eisenhower administration, under the direction of the late John Foster Dulles and through its appointed puppet, Ngo Dinh Diem, invited itself to intervene in Vietnam. Even before this, however, the Truman administration had involved the U.S. Government in Vietnam by financing 80% of the cost of the French colonial war against the French Indo-Chinese people, 1945-54. And this clearly makes a mockery of Mr. Johnson's claim that his administration is fighting for the freedom and independence of the Vietnamese people.

No group representative of the Vietnamese people, north or south, has ever asked any U.S. administration to intervene in Vietnam despite the massive propaganda to the contrary. Robert Scheer and Walter Hinckle make this quite clear in a scholarly and thoroughly documented article, "The Vietnam Lobby", July, 1965, issue of Ramparts Magazine. And the Johnson claim that the Eisenhower administration made a bona fide military commitment to the Saigon quislings is also false.

According to the New York Times, of August 18, 1965, the General denied he was even talking about military aid. Arthur Larson, former Chief of U.S. Information Services under Eisenhower and now head of the World Law Institute at Duke University, Durham, N.C., and his brother Dan Larson, prove conclusively in a booklet, "Vietnam and Beyond," that Eisenhower made no military commitment to Ngo Dinh Diem whatever.

Even the Johnson Administration no longer maintains this "commitment" in its propaganda barrage. It has substituted for this the equally false charge that Ho Chi Minh is the aggressor. Again this Administration relies upon the success of its brain-washing program to

conceal from the American people the fact that the Geneva Conference of 1954 clearly called for elections throughout Vietnam under international supervision not later than 1956 for the selection of a government for all of Vietnam. General Eisenhower, in his book, "Mandate for Change," stated that he had never met an informed person on the Vietnam situation who did not believe Ho Chi Minh would have won handsomely in the election, had it been held in 1956

Nevertheless and most unfortunately, successive U.S. administrations since W.W. II, through manipulation, intrigue and deception, have succeeded in involving the United States in a bitter, cruel and disastrous war against the Vietnamese people (see Senator J.W. Fulbright's recent book, "Arrogance of Power," a Random House Publication). The net results of these machinations, deliberately concealed, I believe, from the American people, is that the Johnson administration must, if it really wants to make peace, repudiate the Hitler-loving General Ky and Co. — really a fig-leaf to hide its own nakedness. It must agree to a cease fire for all of Vietnam; it must arrange, preferably through an international conference, to withdraw its military forces, those of its foreign satellites; and abandon all foreign bases in the area. And it must do these things soon, or fight China and probably the other socialist states, including the Soviet Union....

Information from China and other reliable sources, convinces me that the Chinese Cultural Revolution is not even remotely related to civil wars typical of the West. There has been little physical violence and Mao Tse-tung's popularity and prestige have increased.

The Chinese Cultural Revolution, according to my research, has two immediate and primary purposes. The first is to remove from positions of power and influence all known or suspected quislings. The second is to raise to the highest possible pitch the revolutionary spirit of the masses in order to withstand the staggering personnel and material losses if and when the war es-

calates into China. There is in addition, of course, the widely announced long term purpose of preventing a return to capitalism.

The Cultural Revolution in China, according to this analysis, is not a weakening process, as U.S. propaganda claims, but a cleansing, revitalizing and strengthening process. The above are, I am convinced, the real purposes of the cultural revolution. And my studies indicate that these purposes are already being achieved. China's 700 million people will therefore fight, as Walter Lippmann has repeatedly pointed out, before they will permit North Vietnam, a core interest of China, to be destroyed. They fought when much weaker, to defend China's core interest in North Korea, 1950-53. And they will, I believe, fight even harder to defend North Vietnam....

The Johnson aggression in Vietnam is merely the latest, the most cruel and cowardly manifestation of the global grab for power. It is therefore at least as important, it seems to me, that the Johnson aggression in Vietnam fail as it was that the Hitler aggression in Europe fail.

For a successful fascist America — and certainly a series of successful aggressions such as the recent one in the Dominican Republic will make her a fascist state — will have the power to destroy the world and therefore pose a greater threat to man's survival than a successful Nazi Germany, which did not possess this dreadful power, would have proved.

This is why I believe it is imperative that the people of the United States stop the Johnson war of aggression in Vietnam now, before a military victory in Vietnam can become fixed Johnson policy.

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Laying Down the (U.S) Law at Punta del Este

Johnson Delivers U.S. Bankers' Message: Get Set For New Round of Latin Exploitation by Wall St.

By PETER STORCH

While the big business press of the U.S. was spreading Johnson's "good will" in Punta del Este, the anti-imperialist masses throughout the world, and especially the oppressed of Latin America, knew in their bones that it was really Wall Street who had staged this planning conference on how to maintain and deepen the exploitation of the Latin American people.

Johnson and Rusk came to Punta del Este to sing the latest Wall Street tune called, "The Latin American Common Market," subtitled "Latin American Integration," to an audience of 17 puppet presidents, whose regimes would not live through the day the U.S. withdraws its economic and military control from those countries.

"COMMON MARKET"—FOR WHOM?

In spite of all the platitudes in the Yankee imperialist press of the new "economic progress" destined for Latin America, it was evident that the new "Common Market" would be a market for more U.S. products as well as for more cheap labor and raw materials for U.S. monopolies.

The N.Y. Times correspondent, Paul L. Montgomery, explained Wall Street's plans in more technical language in this way:

"Investors in Latin America are coming to realize that there is no profit in building factories less modern than those in the United States. However, such modern factories are usually highly specialized, and thus require a large market for their limited line of goods.

"Since current tariff barriers are hard to break, such a multi-national market for a specialized line is difficult to achieve in Latin America. But with a common market there would be no barriers and thus advanced technology could be used."

The Latin American Common Market will suit, not the needs of the hungry Latin American masses, but the interests of the giant U.S. banking and industrial corporations in their search for greater markets for their capital.

BONANZA FOR U.S. BANKS

Chase Manhattan, the Rockefeller bank and third largest in the U.S., is already expanding operations in Colombia. Last year it bought Honduras' Banco Atlantida, biggest in Central America, and still has controlling interests in national banks in Peru, Brazil, and Venezuela.

The Chase also has major interests in the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Panama, Trinidad, and the Bahamas.

Other large banks such as Morgan Guaranty, and First National City are also expanding their operations in Latin America. The Bank of America, the largest private bank in the world, has announced new banking operations in Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia, and Paraguay. It already has controlling interests in banks in Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, and several Central American countries.

GIANT BOSSES MOVE IN

North American industrial giants are moving into Latin America for super-profits with huge sums of capital, such as \$200 million to be invested in petrochemical plants in Brazil and Venezuela by Union Carbide, Allied Chemical, and Phillips Petroleum. Favorable agreements for the U.S. copper companies, Anaconda and Kennecott, resulted in an additional \$400 million investment in Chile's copper.

In Venezuela, where Standard Oil of New Jersey (Rockefeller) and other U.S. oil companies already control most of the country's oil, new drilling contracts have been recently given to the U.S. monopolies. In Mexico alone, for-

eign investments are coming at a rate of \$200 million a year.

WHAT U.S. HAS DONE

And what have the Latin American countries gained from U.S. economic domination? The seventeen puppets at Punta del Este know the answer all too well—nothing but greater debts to U.S. banks, while their economies continue to deteriorate.

Official U.S. statistics admit that export prices from the imperialist countries have jumped 10 per cent in the past decade while Latin American exports rose only 4 per cent (which has been all eaten up by the debt to U.S. banks!)

Even at a meeting of puppets and master, there was opposition to Johnson's economic straitjacket for Latin America.

Ecuador attacked the U.S. for maintaining high prices for U.S. products (which have to be bought from U.S. corporations according to "Alliance for Progress" rules), while lower prices exist for similar products in Europe and elsewhere.

BIG, BIG DEAL!

Then, Johnson offered what seemed to be a concession, allowing U.S. aid money to be spent not only in the U.S. but anywhere in Latin America. The smiles on the puppets' faces were dutifully bright—but the prospects were not so bright.

The real situation was exposed in the small type of the N.Y. Times by a Washington Latin American "expert," who said:

"There are many things that the U.S. makes that Latin American nations cannot buy anywhere in Latin America. So a big chunk of the aid money is still going to go for American-made goods. Those countries that do buy from each other will soon find that their growth results in the need for more purchases of U.S. products."

"NO STRINGS"—JUST SHACKLES!

Washington further stated that this

"concession" would untie the strings behind the "aid" money. But the aid money as the Times explains, never leaves the United States. The Latin American government is given a credit for the amount of the loan in a U.S. bank and thus pays for its imports from within the United States! (This, apparently, is what the State Department means by "no strings.")

The one issue which Johnson and Rusk carefully omitted from the agenda is the creation of the permanent military force to intervene anywhere in Latin America where a U.S. puppet regime may be tottering. Washington and Wall Street wanted to give the Punta del Este meeting an image of "economic advance," not of political and military suppression of revolutionary movements.

In fact, the U.S. proposed that many of the regimes reduce their military expenditures to just "necessary" armaments. Of course, Washington means by "necessary" only the armaments needed to crush the liberation movements of Latin America. That is why so much emphasis was placed by the U.S. on communications construction, i.e., to hunt down guerrillas.

BANKERS CALL THEIR GENERALS'

Wall Street is well aware that economic subjugation of Latin America must go hand in hand with military control, and James Reston, top journalist of the N.Y. Times, well understood Johnson's mission to Punta del Este, saying:

"President Johnson talked about the weakness and division of Latin America as a threat, not only to the civil order of the Latin States, but as a threat to the security of the U.S."

The fact is that U.S. imperialism has its hands full in Latin America in trying to make permanent the super-exploitation of the people of Latin America. To do this, it must crush the liberation and socialist movement of a quarter of a billion people—something even U.S. imperialism can't do.

— Planning Bigger War

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had attacked a cement mill and an enamelware in the heavily populated districts of the city.

In answer to U.S. lies about "surgically removing power plants" Dr. Thach said:

"I can tell you that there is no shortage of electricity in Haiphong." The North Vietnamese Minister also revealed that seven workers were killed in the enamel tableware factory in the eastern Ngonguyen district and 25 injured. Fourteen people were killed

and 44 houses destroyed in the western district of Hongbang where the cement factory was bombed. Thirteen people were killed and 35 injured in the village of Lamdong in a northern suburb of Haiphong.

Washington public relations charlatans at first denied that the bombings took place in the city at all. But aboard the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk, from which the raids were conducted, the story was different.

The Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, Admiral Roy L. Johnson,

who was aboard to preside over the new step up in U.S. aggression, stated flatly: "We hit in downtown Haiphong, which we had not done before."

Admiral Johnson was joined by Rear Admiral David C. Richardson (from Meridian, Tennessee!) in the celebration over the attack on Haiphong. According to New York Times reporter aboard the carrier:

"An air of jubilation filled the low-ceilinged briefing room where Admiral Richardson and the pilots met reporters. Commander Billy Phillips of Cleveland, Tenn.(!) one of the pilots said he and his colleagues 'like this kind of activity.'"

Characteristically the Johnson

Administration's latest escalation was immediately preceded by a phoney "peace offer."

On April 20, the day before the raids were carried out, Washington shoved at Hanoi another of its endless demands for negotiated surrender by calling for both sides — i.e. the imperialist aggressors and the besieged North Vietnamese forces, who are defending their own country — to withdraw 10 miles from the demilitarized zone as a step towards a cease fire, negotiations, etc. etc. This smoke screen was highly touted in the capitalist press as a U.S. "peace move."

But the North Vietnamese had firmly rejected an identical fraud put forward by the Canadian Foreign Ministry on behalf of the U.S. the week before.

"The so-called proposal" replied the North Vietnamese newspaper Nhan Dan, "that the armed forces of the two sides be stationed far from each other, that the present military situation be maintained and that all military activities cease is in essence a crafty scheme of the United States imperialists on 'mutual de-escalation' or 'reciprocity' that does not make a clear-cut distinction between the aggressor and those who oppose aggression."

"One senior American official" wrote the New York Times reporter from the Kitty Hawk, "who was unwilling to permit the use of his name, described the strike on Haiphong as a 'tremendously important intensification-escalation, if you will—of the air war.'"

"He said," continued the Times "it was part of a series of steps ordered by the White House to penalize North Vietnam for refusing to agree to negotiations."

War Salesman

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to appeal to the women of America to tell the story of this blessed nation be told." (New York Times, April 15)

The nearly 10,000 women who have lost their sons in Vietnam are not likely to answer his "appeal."

It is interesting to note that the last time he was in Georgia, during the election campaign in 1964, Goldwater supporters had heckled Humphrey. This time the only dissidents were youths protesting the war in Vietnam.

But the change in demonstrators does not really mean Humphrey has changed. Although his ADA connections made him a target of the extreme right wing, Humphrey has always been a loyal servant of the ruling class. And his work as travelling salesman for the war proves it.



Belgian cops slugging one of many citizens who hooted Humphrey.