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Anti-War Parley in D.C. Ducks a Big Issue

Fails to Censure 16 Senate "Doves"
For Their Capitulation and Betrayal

WASHINGTON, May 21 — The Spring Mobilization for Peace refused at its week-end conference concluded here today, to condemn or repudiate the 16 "dove" Senators who capitulated to the hawks last week.

Considering that the Senators categorically opposed U.S. troop withdrawal and in essence supported U.S. aggression and condemned the peace movement, many observers were stunned and surprised at the Committee's failure to act.

But the body's failure was not the fault of the rank and file and certainly not that of the hundreds of thousands of anti-war protesters who paraded under the Mobilization's banner in New York and San Francisco on April 15. It was the fault of the leaders, who maneuvered to prevent a militant resolution from being acted upon by the conference.

Nearly a third of the people present had signed a petition "urging the National Conference of the Spring Mobilization Committee to condemn the 16 Senators." And they endorsed the sentiment that the anti-war coalition "must differentiate itself from these 'doves' who have made what amounts to an ultimatum to the people of Vietnam to stop fighting and negotiate with the aggressor."

The organization, Youth Against War and Fascism, which sponsored the petition, presented a position paper (which we reprint here) explaining the betrayal of the 16 Senators and condemning their action. In spite of significant support for it, the paper, which was presented as a resolution, was buried by parliamentary maneuvers before it could be taken to the plenary body for a vote.

Representatives of YAWF brought the question up in the Political Action Committee workshop during the conference.

The resolution was then to be brought to a vote by the workshop's chairman, but only last minute sabotage by Harry Ring, a leader of the Socialist Workers Party, prevented the vote from taking place. Ring called for tabling the motion and was immediately seconded by several other members of the SWP.

"Such a view should not be imposed upon this body," he declaimed.

A motion to table in this case was just a motion to kill the resolution and bury the issue.

Ring and other leaders of the SWP took their now-familiar stance of "not breaking up the united front," which for them consists of letting the right-

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Giant Oil Monopolies Are the Root Cause Of Mid-East Crisis

Imperialist Powers Use Israel Govt.
To Fight Arab Masses in Proxy War

The most important fact which has driven Washington to its latest aggres-

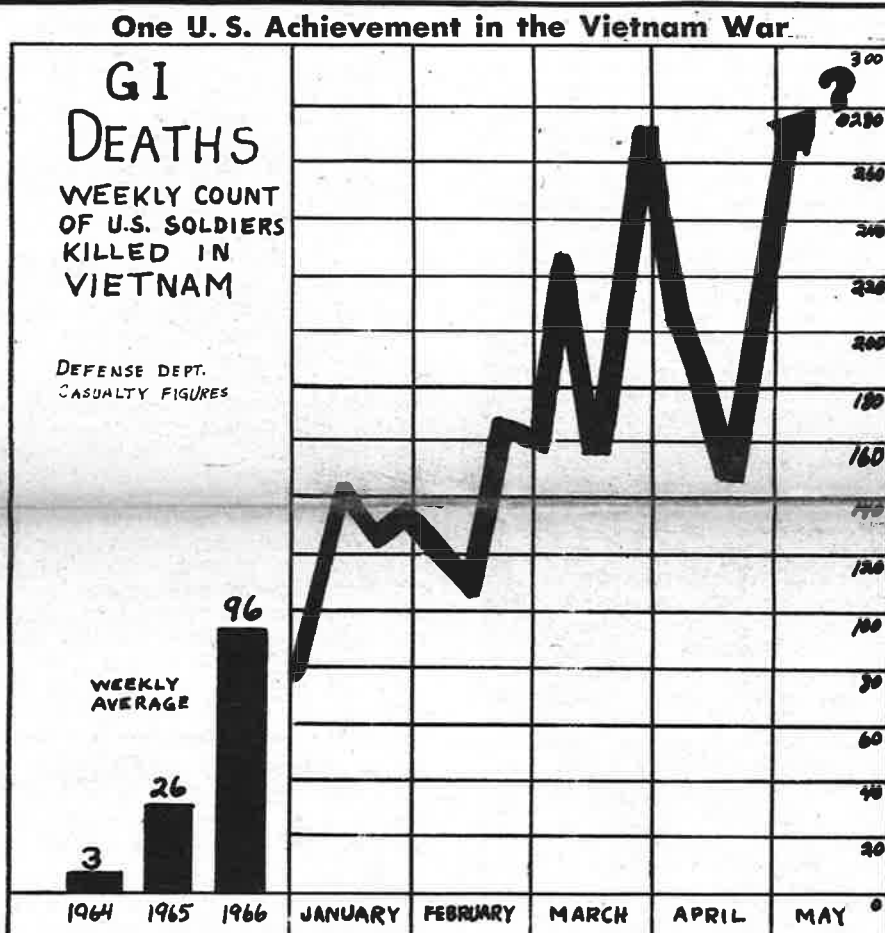
sion in the Middle East is the fabulous wealth in oil in that area owned by U.S. monopolies — the most warlike and aggressive in the world.

Among the corporate predators in the Mid-East are Standard Oil of California, Standard Oil of New Jersey, Gulf Oil, Texaco and Mobil Oil. These giants, controlled by the Rockefellers, the Morgans, the Mellons, in turn control the large mid-east companies like Aramco (Saudi Arabia), producing two and a half million barrels and \$1 million profit a day; Kuwait Oil Co., 2.3 million barrel-a-day production netting \$500 to \$750 thousand a day in profits; the Iran Consortium, 2 million barrel-a-day production, raking in \$800,000 a day profits.

All in all, ten million barrels a day, 3.5 billion barrels a year, of this highly strategic black gold flows from the oil fields of the Mid-East to feed the industrial metropolis of western capitalism. What is more, 250 billion barrels are still untapped and being held in reserve by the monopolies for future exploitation. Small wonder that the U.S. and its imperialist allies regard the Mid-East as their sovereign domain and live in desperate fear of the Arab liberation struggle which is seeking to wrest it from them and return it to the Arab people.

The U.S. is not alone in the Mid-East.

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The chart above is not a record of the stock market, although profits have gone up considerably in the period covered. It is a death chart. The deaths are those of U.S. youths in Vietnam, according to official U.S. statistics.

There will be a further increase of U.S. deaths on the basis of present known military plans. A full invasion of

North Vietnam or an attack on China would of course make the line go up and off the page.

Those who were so anxious to bomb the North, then bomb Haiphong and Hanoi, can see from this graph just what the results of those jingoistic actions have been for the U.S. soldiers they pretend to "support."

WHAT'S BREWING IN NEW ORLEANS?

Garrison Names CIA in Kennedy Assassination!

For the past several months, New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison has insisted he knew who killed Kennedy and made big headlines, particularly at the time that he subpoenaed David Ferrie, an aviator, and the dramatic suicide of the latter.

Then, May 12, Garrison made the flat statement that the real criminals were known to the CIA and even nailed them as "former employees of the CIA."

This story however, was buried in the inside pages and many papers that run big headlines about "Jackie" every time she sheds another tear, suddenly lost their tongues altogether.

The CIA, said Garrison, "knows the name of every man involved and the names of the individuals who pulled

the triggers from the grassy knoll and the stone wall area."

He charged the CIA with "actually paying lawyers to block the completion" of his own investigation into the Kennedy assassination.

"No, Lee Harvey Oswald did not, did not even shoot President Kennedy," Garrison declared. "He did not fire a shot from the Book Depository Building...he did not touch a gun that day." "He was a decoy at first. And then he was a patsy and then he was a victim," said Garrison.

The D.A. stated there were five in the actual shooting, three of whom were behind the stone wall and two behind the grassy knoll.

They were anti-Castro Cubans, he said.

It may be recalled that Workers World, immediately after the assassination, raised the question of a right-wing attempt to take power in the U.S. and charged that Kennedy had been the victim of a rightist conspiracy. This paper further contended that Oswald had been condemned without trial and that even if he were the assassin, he could not have been alone.

Garrison explained that Oswald had been working for the CIA in New Orleans and that the CIA concealed its connection with Oswald in addition to trying to block his (Garrison's) investigation.

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Arab Masses in Political Strike

PEKING, May 2 (Hsinhua) — A general strike was held in Aden, occupied South Yemen, yesterday in protest against the British outrage of killing innocent Arabs, according to reports from Aden.

This is the fifth massive anti-imperialist movement which has erupted in the British "Colony of Aden" this year.

It was reported that Aden was completely paralyzed by the general strike, with shops, public transport, all schools, the airport and the port closed.

The strike was launched in protest against the killing of eight Arab children and an Arab driver, and the wounding of thirteen others in Sheikh Othman, a suburb of Aden, when their bus ran over a British-made anti-tank mine.

Both the F.L.O.S.Y. (Front for the Liberation of Occupied South Yemen) and the N.L.F. (National Liberation Front) condemned Britain for planting the mine and called for a general strike to protest against the outrage of the British colonial authorities.

On the same day, South Yemeni nationalists fired at British troops and tossed grenades at them in the Arab townships of Sheikh Othman and Crater. At least three British soldiers were wounded. The nationalists also completely destroyed a British armored car with a mine.

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Capitulation of 16 "Doves"

The sixteen "dove" senators who capitulated to the hawks last week, betrayed millions of people who had faith in the genuineness of their "peace" positions.

When the masses say peace, they mean peace. When the capitalist politicians say peace, they mean war. This is rarely understood and hard to prove, because of the colossal conspiracy of the ruling class to deprive the masses of real information on how they are ruled. But in this case, Robert Kennedy, Wayne Morse, J.W. Fulbright and Co. made crystal clear that they had no real interest in halting the aggression or stopping the killing.

They said categorically they were not for "the repudiation of American commitments already made to South Vietnam, or the unilateral withdrawal of American forces."

This means they want to keep the GI's in Vietnam until there is some kind of victory for imperialism, or "an honorable settlement," as they call it. This, at a time when U.S. soldiers are getting killed at a steadily rising rate, according to U.S. official statistics.

"We hope the statement will come to the attention of the Government of North Vietnam," said Senator Frank Church, the sponsor of the statement. And of course it was meant as an attempt to intimidate and demoralize the embattled Vietnamese, just as it was meant to demoralize and intimidate the anti-war forces in the U.S.A.

They informed the Vietnamese (falsely) that "There are many more (that is, a big majority of Americans) who either give their full endorsement to our Government's policy in Vietnam, or who press for even greater military action there."

Undoubtedly, their statement will have its intended effect on large numbers of people in the United States for the simple reason that so many people still trust these senators and

think they are honest "leaders." And that is why it is a huge betrayal, even though it is also a logical par-for-the-course performance for capitalist politicians.

But at the same time, it also has the advantage of drawing a clear line between the genuine anti-war fighters and the spurious peace-mongers of the bourgeoisie. From now on it will be much harder for these senators to tell a GI they tried to get him out of the dirty war or to tell his widow that they're "sorry about that."

All of them have now publicly explained that their differences with Johnson are only tactical ones—that they are for "negotiations" almost the same as he is—and that in the absence of such negotiations, they are for continuing the war.

Finally it should be noted that such a definitive betrayal is a sign of more than just the weak backbones of a handful of "peace" demagogues.

It was significant that their statement was immediately followed by the U.S. invasion of the Demilitarized Zone and a few hours later, the bombing of downtown Hanoi. Knowing that the war was going into higher gear, they wanted to help the Administration put the brakes on the peace movement, while they themselves jumped up into a higher seat on the war chariot!

The stepped-up attacks on Vietnam, the U.S. air flights over China, the war crisis in the Middle East along with the U.S. provocations in Yemen, the on-off relations with the Soviet Union, all point to bigger crises in the near future.

And when even the pro-fascist New York Daily News compliments Senators Fulbright, R. Kennedy, Morse, etc. for "twittering a different tune," it is time to take a new look. It is time not only to expose the now obviously tarnished "doves," but to gird for much bigger battles with the war-mad ruling class, and be prepared for still madder adventures on their part.

Left & Right Against Draft???

Political circles in Washington raised their eyebrows ever so slightly last week at a new alliance of right and "left" on the question of opposing the draft.

Sanford Gottlieb of SANE, Norman Thomas, the "socialist," and others like them have united with Prof. Milton Friedman, economic adviser to Barry Goldwater, Karl Hess, Goldwater's speech writer, etc., etc. to form a "Council for a Volunteer Military."

And that's the catch.

The "left" and the right are both "against the draft." But the bourgeois "leftists" see nothing wrong about the U.S. having a professional army, hired, trained and perhaps as highly paid — as city policemen are. They see nothing wrong with such an army "policing" the peoples of the world, just so long as it is properly paid to do the job and satisfied with its working conditions.

Of course they would thus be telling the poorest section of society to do all the fighting for the rich, even more

so than now, but they carefully cover up this point with sanctimonious words about "personal freedom and voluntary choice."

Actually, it is not conscription itself that is a crime. When the U.S. fought the slaveowners of the South a hundred years ago, it conscripted hundreds of thousands of young fighters, and this was necessary and right. Conscription in and of itself, although always unpleasant, is not a crime.

The idea of a "voluntary" U.S. army, composed of the most deprived and segregated youths, risking their lives for money, to carry out the designs of billionaire banks, is a monstrous idea. It should be condemned as at least as bad as conscription. And insofar as it conceals its forced character with the cover of higher wages, it is even worse.

The United States Army is the instrument of reactionary monopoly capital and a machine for imperialist aggrandizement whether the soldiers are volunteers or draftees, and whether

Students Tear Franco Picture And Call for His Downfall!

By FRED GOLDSTEIN

The portrait of Francisco Franco was ripped from the walls of Madrid University last week by angry university students. The hated image was torn up, trampled, and then spat upon in reprisal for police repressions against anti-fascist student leaders.

In addition to destroying the symbol of fascist tyranny, one thousand supporters of the illegal Democratic Students Syndicate smashed windows and furniture in the office of the Dean of the School of Sciences after a seven-hour sit-in at the University, and wound up fighting a pitched battle with the police.

The assault on the fascist academic authorities was the students' revenge for a previous police attack on a meeting of the illegal, but almost universally popular student syndicate, and the arrest of the three student leaders in a dawn police raid. The students demonstrated despite threats by Franco to put them before military courts or to impress them into the fascist army.

Demanding the release of their leaders and an apology from the university for the attack, the enraged students left the Dean's office in ruins and then marched on the Chancellor's quarters, where they were blocked by mounted police. A three-hour battle followed.

The students erected barricades made out of old tree-trunks and repeatedly stoned the police. To block a police charge, the students lit a huge bonfire between themselves and the main contingent of riot forces, who were concentrated in the residential area adjacent to the university. Throughout the demonstration, the students raised the cry of "Down with 1936!"

After a heroic battle, the students retreated undaunted, and promised to hold another protest. The following day, hundreds of Franco's helmeted riot police occupied the entire university. Jeeps and police cavalry units patrolled the campus.

But the struggle of the Spanish students is not likely to be quashed by

the Civil Guards. The university movement has evolved in response to the tribulations and battles of the oppressed proletariat of Spain, whose fight against Franco irresistibly gains momentum from day to day and week to week.

Like the underground workers' councils, the student organizations began with a program of asking Franco for the most elementary democratic freedoms. But in a few short years the Spanish student youth have learned what the working class has known all along—that to obtain even the smallest democratic concessions from the tyranny in Madrid, it is necessary to abolish fascism from Iberian soil, completely and forever.

They Plot a 20-Year Occupation of Vietnam!

The U.S. big brass has utterly no intention of withdrawing all U.S. troops from Vietnam, even if it could beat the NLF and the North Vietnamese.

This is clear from various inspired reports, mostly from Vietnamese sources. The latest of these was the statement of Lieut. Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu, so-called chief of state of South Vietnam, on May 14.

He said that 50,000 U.S. or allied troops will be needed in South Vietnam for ten to sixteen years after a "victory" for imperialism.

"It will be necessary to have at least three American, Australian or South Korean divisions here for ten to twenty years, even if there is no fighting," he declared.

If Johnson, Rusk, McNamara and Co. were opposed to what Van Thieu said, they would have repudiated it at once. But it was they who told him to say it in the first place!

Their object is to condition the people of the U.S. for a longer war and to accept the increasingly colonialist character of the Army that drafts their sons.

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Another "Democratic" Decision: On 4 Who Refused to Inform

The U.S. Supreme Court on May 4 upheld a decision by the New York State Court that convicted four people of refusing to cooperate with a New York Grand Jury. What the Supreme Court really did was to cooperate with the racist repression that took place in Harlem in July, 1964, and validate the police terror that swept the New York ghetto at that time, when the people rose up after the police killed a 14-year-old boy.

William McAdoo, Vivian Anderson,

they personally are progressive or backward. That is the context in which we should fight the draft.

Naturally, the forms of popular opposition have to be adapted to the understanding of the masses, as in all anti-war struggles and in fact, all progressive actions of any kind. But it should be made clear immediately that the proletarian left has absolutely nothing in common with this bourgeois "left" proposal.

David Douglas and Nat Barnett had rightly refused to legitimize a racist "investigation" by the New York Grand Jury by answering provocative and irrelevant questions. They were harassed and victimized during this period and in fact their own constitutional rights were trampled upon by the New York authorities.

(Vivian Anderson, a school teacher, was further victimized by dismissal from her city job. Now the four will have to serve several months in the state penitentiary.)

The aim of the racist authorities was to get information from the now-convicted individuals that would enable them to carry further the prosecution of the Progressive Labor Party and William Epton, one of its leaders. Epton had been prominent in the 1964 uprising and was being framed for his part in it.

The reactionary decision by the Supreme Court should be denounced by all progressive organizations and individuals.

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Mob of Frenzied Cops Attacks Black Students In Texas College Dorms, But One is Killed

By FRED GOLDSTEIN

Three hundred Houston police armed with carbines and rifles carried out a pogrom against Afro-American students at Texas State University last week following a campus night rally protesting racism at nearby Norwood Junior High School.

Four hundred and eighty-eight students were arrested, many were beaten, at least one was wounded and a dormi-

tory was ransacked by police. Despite the overwhelming superiority in firepower, the police suffered one killed and two wounded.

The full scale offensive against the growing Black Power movement on the university campus was carried out by the police after they deliberately provoked the students to the breaking point.

Student anger at TSU has been building up for months in the face of a com-

bined campaign by the racist authorities in Houston, the local police and courts and quisling university officials to break the back of the growing Black Power movement on campus.

In the past months TSU has refused to stop armed police from patrolling the campus; the state-supported university has refused to grant Afro-Americans at TSU the same privileges given the all-white Houston State University; and the school authorities have repeatedly tried to block the formation of militant student groups on campus.

When the students protested, their leaders were framed up and jailed by the police in collaboration with the TSU officials.

So with the students' nerves already frayed, the cops arrested 19 demonstrators at Norwood School while they were protesting the suspension of three Afro-American junior high school students. As if this were not enough of an outrage, the police then harassed a night rally protesting the arrests and arrested one of the students at the rally.

The students disbanded the meeting in anger. The police called for reinforcements and concentrated their forces about a block from Lanier Hall dormitory. The students refused to be intimidated by this show of force and set up barricades.

Upon orders from Houston Mayor

Welch and Police Chief Herman Short to "clean up this damned mess," the police and sheriff's deputies poured bullets into the dormitory.

The police fired for a full 40 minutes (one observer estimated that they fired over 2,000 rounds of ammunition) before getting up the courage to advance on the hall.

The racist storm troopers then smashed their way into the dorm, breaking doors with axes and gun shots. They broke television sets, radios, watches, guitars, ripped clothing and beat students unmercifully.

"They carried out five or six as bloody as beef," said Lanier house mother, Mrs. Mettie Harbert. The third floor hallway nearest the police firing line was smeared with blood.

Mrs. Harbert also told of how the Houston lynchers finally crashed into the dorm and "They made me lie on the floor and two or three of them walked on me."

One of the racist scum bragged to reporters that night that he "hit one of them in the head with a fire ax.... My sergeant said he liked that and asked me to lend him the ax."

Observers noted that the terrible racist terror inflicted on the TSU students was indicative of the racist authorities' growing fear of the militancy of the Afro-American freedom struggle. It was particularly noted that this was the first time during three years of rebellions and repressions in the ghettos and on the campuses that a cop was killed.



Police terrorize students after pouring hail of bullets into TSU dorm.

Mississippi Cops Murder Black Youth in Jackson

By NAOMI WERNER

JACKSON, Miss. — Benjamin Brown, a 22-year-old Afro-American was shot to death by police in this city on May 11, two blocks from Jackson State College, the scene of recent student demonstrations against the police.

In fear of the fury and retaliation of Afro-Americans over the murder of the Black youth, the racist Mississippi National Guard immediately mobilized its forces and sent 375 guardsmen, menacingly armed with carbines and fixed bayonets, to seize control of Jackson State College, while 1,200 more imposed martial law in the downtown section of the city.

The rebellion by Black students at the college began on May 10 when police invaded the campus and arrested a student on a speeding charge. Students poured out of their dorms to protest the arrest and demonstrations continued throughout the night. The students were further infuriated the next day when a carload of white racists sped through the campus.

The shooting occurred after about 100 Afro-Americans rushed a police barricade, forcing the cops to retreat. However, they returned in 15 minutes with reinforcements, armed with riot guns, tear gas and gas masks, and fired on the unarmed crowd. The militant youths chanted "Hell no! We ain't going!" as they attempted to force the cops back.

This slogan, defiantly opposing the draft and the war in Vietnam, has quickly caught on among Black people who don't want to fight against Vietnamese freedom but want to fight for liberation here.

Mr. Brown was a victim of the mounting ruling class violence against this rising protest. He was shot in the back and neck by a racist cop and was left bleeding for over 10 minutes while about 50 police stood by and watched him dying.

He was finally carried to an ambulance by Black youths, but died several hours later.

General Strike of 10 Million

All Power to De Gaulle? French Workers Say No!

By PETER STORCH

PARIS, May 18 — A nationwide general strike, the largest since the 30's, of more than 12 million workers literally shut the French nation down yesterday for 24 hours. It was the first general strike of a political character here in years, as French workers of the four largest trade union Federations denounced and warned the Gaullist government against trying to take dictatorial control of the French economy.

Pleading that increased Common Market competition, as a result of lower tariffs, necessitates "emergency powers" over the French economy for the next six months, de Gaulle could not fool the French working class with demagoguery about profit-sharing plans for workers or the merging of major industrial monopolies as being "progressive" economic measures.

Class-conscious workers saw the handwriting on the wall. De Gaulle's "emergency powers" would mean wage

freezes and the loss of thousands of jobs, as the monopolies merge and "retrench."

Already, growing unemployment and waves of strikes in major industries have inclined French big business to push the de Gaulle panic button. And since de Gaulle's government has a bare majority in Parliament and is in danger of losing control of that body, there is all the more likelihood of his assuming still more totalitarian and dictatorial powers.

Workers in Paris marched 150,000 strong from the traditional Bastille to the Place de la Republique. Many gigantic banners could be seen, most of them against the Gaullist regime.

Some banners bore militant slogans of solidarity with the struggling Spanish workers. Similar marches took place throughout France as the French economy was completely paralyzed.

It was an historic day for the French working class. And it may have marked the rebirth of class struggle politics in France, spelling doom for the capitalist tyranny that rules there today.

Oil Co.'s to Steal Your \$5 Trillion

Five thousand billion dollars worth of oil, which legally belongs to the American people, is about to be stolen by a handful of oil companies.

On May 5 the United States Department of Interior, chief accomplice in what is undoubtedly the largest single theft of property in world history, announced that it would begin leasing 11 million acres of the public domain containing 2,000 billion barrels of oil to the oil monopolies for "research and development."

The object of this one hundred per cent illegal land grab, which will put the Teapot Dome Scandal in the shade as far as loot is concerned, is 16,000 square miles of territory in Utah,

Colorado and Wyoming containing deposits of oil shale estimated at 70 times the total reserves of the U.S. and five times the amount of known oil reserves in the entire world.

Over 80 per cent of this oil rich land, including the richest parts in Colorado's Piceance Creek Basin, belongs to the public domain. Since 1920 the government has been forbidden by law to turn public lands over to private enterprise. The purpose of the law was to keep the monopolies from pillaging the country's natural resources.

Legal or not, Interior Secretary Stewart Udall just announced "regula-

Youth Group Protests Racist Terror in Houston

NEW YORK, May 18 — Aroused by the brutal police attack on students at Texas Southern University in Houston yesterday, a youth group here called for a mass protest demonstration.

Scheduling the protest for Tuesday, May 23 at 5:00 p.m. in Herald Square, Youth Against War & Fascism told the press: "This was no riot in Houston—this was self defense!"

"In Vietnam, Black youth are given a gun and told to shoot everything in sight," said the youths' leaflet. "Yet when they defend themselves against attack in Texas, it is called a crime. The real crime is the occupation of Black communities by the National Guard, the daily attacks by vigilante elements. The real crime is the oppression of the Black people by the racist system of the U.S."

tions" governing the leasing of the first 30,000 acres to private companies. One of the most interesting of these "regulations" is the annual rental of 50 cents for land which will have an average yield of \$150,000 per acre.

So Washington, which is ever vigilant in strike-breaking to protect the "public interest" is now serving as the middle-man in fleecing its well guarded "public" (i.e. well guarded against railroad, dock strikes, etc.) out of wealth which totals up to \$25,000 apiece for every man, woman and child in the country!

The capitalist propaganda machine, at the crack of a store window, screams to high heaven about "looting" by Afro-Americans trying to recover a few pennies of the labor stolen from them by the exploiters. But the sensationalist headline makers of the bosses are too much preoccupied with whipping up war hysteria and racism to sound the public alarm about the plundering of five trillion dollars by a tiny clique of oil monopolists.

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wing prevail over the left.

(The SWP had no trouble turning on the militancy when it suited their purposes, however. Refusing to condemn the main ruling class instigators of the "negotiations," surrender fraud, they later thundered against the "negotiations" program of Martin Luther King and Dr. Spock, who got it from the Senators in the first place! Many delegates were highly amused at this, because the political clearly understood that this condemnation was really motivated by the fear that the Spring Mobilization would support King and Spock on a "Peace and Freedom" ticket in the next election campaign. And that would interfere with the SWP's own election plans!)

Later, the resolution was handed to the presidium of the whole conference to report out, but that body suppressed it by failing to provide for it on the agenda in any way.

Finally an effort was made to bring the matter up on the floor at the closing plenary session today. Key Martin demanded a place on the agenda to discuss the Youth's resolution, but this was denied by the chairman.

Milton Neidenberg, member of the National Committee of Workers World

Rubber Workers Face Long Strike

The 40,000 rubber workers that hit the bricks on April 20 have been out over a month now, with two companies of the Big Five still working. There are tremendous inventories of tires still on hand in auto plants. But look for Government to holler "emergency" as soon as the companies feel the pinch and the workers start winning!



- Garrison, CIA

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It has been known in Washington circles for some time that Kennedy had been in a faction fight with the CIA, or at least a large part of it, ever since his Bay of Pigs flop. And there was no love lost between its leadership and himself.

Garrison, however, is not actually accusing the agency of doing away with Kennedy. But he does say it knows who did.

Eighteen people closely associated with the Kennedy assassination have now experienced sudden deaths including Garrison's witness, Ferrie. Another Garrison witness was shot at three days ago.

What is going on?

The CIA, it appears, knows the answer.

But still bigger fish know it, too. And it is very interesting that even after some big newspapers and magazines asked for a new inquiry to check up on the Warren Report several months ago, absolutely nothing has come of it.

Party, roundly condemned the decision of the chair, but to no avail.

The revisionist CP played a role similar to that of the left-phrase-mongering SWP, but with a different twist. Coming out with its own statement on the 16 "dove" Senators the day after the Youth Statement, the CP somewhat criticized the Senators and said they didn't really represent their anti-war constituents, etc., but ended with the following sentence:

"It is our organizational strength, militantly demonstrated, and not paper brick-bats that will bring peace to Vietnam."

It is an old trick to talk about how militant and practical one is at the same moment one is opposing some militant action — in this case, going on record against the 16 "dove" Senators. That, implied the CP, was only a "paper brick-bat" (but one it was apparently afraid of touching).

The Spring Mobilization itself is a coalition of many organizations. The revisionist CP is in the coalition along with the Socialist Workers Party and

YAWF Statement

On Doves' Capitulation to the Hawks

(Below is a reprint of the YAWF position paper presented to the Spring Mobilization Conference in Washington last week.)

Sixteen so-called "doves" in the U.S. Senate, led by Senators Frank Church, Robert Kennedy, J.W. Fulbright and Wayne Morse, on May 17 revealed their true hawkish character and, covering themselves with the undeserved authority of the U.S. anti-war movement, virtually gave an ultimatum to Ho Chi Minh and the National Liberation Forces of Vietnam.

The ultimatum was in the form of a call upon North Vietnam to "negotiate" its own surrender and the surrender of the overwhelming majority of its Southern compatriots. A "negotiated peace," these hypocritical "peace-seekers" declared, "is the last and only remaining alternative to a prolonged and intensified war."

Indicating that the war will indeed be intensified and proving that they themselves will support this intensification, they said that they "remain steadfastly opposed to any unilateral withdrawal of American troops from South Vietnam." (They of course must have known in advance that the Marines were going to invade the Demilitarized Zone two days later!)

The half million U.S. soldiers in Vietnam have now been told that they can stay there forever as far as these "anti-war" Senators are concerned. Ten thousand dead GI's are

not enough for these "peace" Senators. Tens of thousands more can die (not to mention the Vietnamese who defend their country) and that will be all right! The soldiers are to be pawns in the "prolonged and intensified war" these advocates of "peace" are helping Johnson and the Pentagon to put over on the American people.

Since Johnson could not sell the war to the hostile or indifferent U.S. masses these so-called "doves" are now doing so. "We did our best for peace," these frauds are really saying, "but since there is going to be a prolonged and intensified war, we will support it, and it's all Hanoi's fault, because the Vietnamese will not surrender to imperialism and U.S. occupation."

Doing Johnson's grisly work for him, these Senators said, "We hope the statement will come to the attention of the Government of North Vietnam." They calculate, of course, that their words will carry more weight than Johnson's, since they are supposed to represent the "opposition" to the war.

But the Vietnamese have been double-crossed by imperialism before. They will not be surprised by the hawk-talk of the "doves." And they will not surrender to them any more willingly than to Johnson, McNamara and Rusk.

It is the American people themselves who are most betrayed by the

both of their leaderships have shown a tendency to conciliate with the right wing and go along with it inside the coalition, while of course concealing this from their own memberships.

The "left" phrasemongers of the SWP have a virtual united front with the CP revisionists, at least within the Spring Mobilization. Both these parties oppose all efforts in the coalition to give the masses a more militant leadership and to seriously oppose the war.

The fact that one runs its own Presidential candidates and the other has faith in the Reform Democrats is only a superficial difference. What binds them together is their common position against China and their common opposition to real revolutionary struggle, which includes in the final analysis the people's fight against the war in Vietnam.

16 Senators and who will suffer most from their duplicity, because it is they who had the most faith in them.

But the statement has one grim advantage. It has brought clarity to a confusing situation. The 16 Senators have drawn a line of blood between themselves and the suffering anti-war masses, including the wounded and dying GI's.

The statement proves that its authors are really for the war, just like the Johnson forces they have criticized. They are demagogues with at best only tactical differences with their hawk colleagues. They have given notice that even these small differences will disappear in a "prolonged and intensified war." They have also proved that "negotiations" would not be a stage on the way to withdrawal as many had hoped, but the diametrical opposite of withdrawal. Thus they have repudiated the whole U.S. anti-war movement.

It is now up to the anti-war movement to repudiate them and brand them as supporters of the war against Vietnam. It is necessary to condemn them as agents of Johnson, helping to advance his campaign for Vietnamese surrender and a big business victory at the expense of the Vietnamese nation and the American working people.

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Nazi Says "Guilty - Just Like You!"

WHAT'S WRONG WITH WAR CRIMES?

By ELLEN PIERCE

Is the U.S. committing Nazi-like war crimes in Vietnam?

The International War Crimes Tribunal set up to study evidence of such crimes gave an unequivocal "yes" to that question in its decision at Stockholm two weeks ago.

And an unusual story from Germany in the New York Times of May 13 reveals how an unidentified Nazi gives another "yes" when he tells an American that he murdered 24 Jews during World War II....

The reporter's account follows:

"You an American?" the heavy-set German asked... "Then answer one question: What are you doing in Vietnam? Aren't you committing war crimes there?"

"I don't know," the American replied, "I am not a judge."

"You are committing war crimes in Vietnam," the German went on, "I saw it on television...."

"I will tell you something if you promise not to give me away... I will tell you because you are an American and because your people are committing war crimes in Vietnam. Promise not to sacrifice me?"

The American promised.

"I am called a war criminal. The courts say so. I have been accused of murdering two dozen Jews. But they cannot prove it. I just left the hearing. I didn't admit anything to them. But I am telling you, I did it. I killed them...."

"Why did you...?" the American asked.

"What would you have done? In Vietnam you are doing what I did. I see it on television every night...."

"Were you a Nazi party member?" the American asked.

"Yes, of course. One hundred per cent. But you accuse us? You hate us? The whole world condemns you for what you are doing in Vietnam."

Berkeley, Calif. — "Nuclear weapons are now being shipped to the Far East from the back door of the East Bay. Eye witnesses attest to this fact."

"The weapons are moving through Port Chicago."

"For the past week, huge trucks delicately labelled 'radioactive materials' have been spotted entering a high security area nearby in the naval weapons station. This is a storage (area) for nuclear weapons."

—From the Berkeley Barb

Don't you think those are war crimes too? Yes, they are. But you won't betray me, will you?"

"No," said the American.

—The only thing wrong with the story is that it identifies all "Americans" with the U.S. imperialist rulers, just as Nazis are often identified with the German working class. But the U.S. imperialists are indeed kindred spirits to the Nazis, and not only in Vietnam.

The U.S. Government has put tremendous pressure on the West German Government to re-militarize, and to a certain degree, re-Nazify the country.

Alfred Krupp, the biggest industrial backer of Adolf Hitler and a slave-labor employing war criminal, was freed from prison after a token year and a half of a 12-year term for his crimes. (Rockefeller-employed John J. McCloy got him out.) And Hitler's bankers, who never went to jail at all, are doing business at the old stand — with more money.

Moreover, the U.S. is now reported to be putting secret pressure on the Kiesinger Government to help U.S. aggression in Vietnam. Hitler's heirs, however, are less enthusiastic than the U.S. conquerors about exposing the German workers to another attack on a revolutionary people.

The Political Groups' Position on the Draft

Chicago Student Confab on War

By DAVE AXEL

A heated verbal battle over whether or not to "support and encourage those groups and individuals resisting the draft" broke out on the floor of the Sunday plenary session of the Student Mobilization Committee's national conference held May 13 and 14 in Chicago.

In the anti-draft workshop on Saturday, Youth Against War & Fascism proposed adding draft resistance organizing to the Committee's aims, with the Young Socialist Alliance and Socialist Workers Party leading the opposition.

Since most of the people at this workshop were anti-draft activists and independents who were in favor of anti-draft work, the YSA did not oppose the idea absolutely and openly, but confined itself to saying that the SMC coalition would be endangered if this proposal were adopted.

The workshop, however, voted to pass the addition to the aims after YAWF spokesman Dave Axel argued that a struggle crucial to the anti-war movement is developing around the draft and that the youth and students would be shirking their responsibility as the most militant wing of the movement if they separated themselves from the growing numbers of draft-age men who are looking for a way to resist.

Somehow, the resolution passed by the anti-draft workshop never got on the agenda of the plenary session as it was supposed to. But it was successfully raised from the floor where it was opposed by the YSA, the SWP and the revisionist CP. Although many independents voted with YAWF along with some DuBois Club members and nearly all the Black youth present, the resolution was defeated 173 to 123.

The YSA and SWP opposed draft resistance on the basis that it was an "individual act" and they claimed

to be for "mass action."

They also advocated that young men allow themselves to be drafted and then invoke their "Constitutional right of free speech" to speak against the war.

YAWF explained that anyone who wanted to put up a fight in the Army should be supported, but that the movement should not tell the masses of draft-age men to go in when they are looking for a way to stay out.

"This would be capitulating to the forces of reaction," said Key Martin, National Chairman of the militant youth organization. "You can't be for mass

draft resistance without being willing to actively support and help organize those who are now setting an example to the millions by saying 'We Won't Go.'"

The CP also opposed the resolution on the grounds that it would break up the coalition. The DuBois Clubs, who at first were strong supporters of anti-draft organizing then became divided on the question of the resolution.

Among the strongest supporters of anti-draft activity at the conference were the Black youth, who had formed themselves into a caucus. Incensed at the moderate tone of the conference, the Black caucus demanded the floor

and read a militant statement calling upon the SMC to recognize that the Black people in this country and the Vietnamese people are struggling for liberation and self-determination against the same enemy, asserting the right of the Afro-American people to armed self-defense, and calling for the SMC to support Black anti-draft unions and to organize white anti-draft unions.

In spite of the former attitude on draft resistance, under the pressure of the militant Black caucus, the conference voted to approve the statement.

Not a word of this significant statement was printed in the Militant, organ of the Socialist Workers Party, or the Worker, organ of the Communist Party. Nor was there any mention of it in their stories on the conference.

BLACK STUDENT STATEMENT

SAY WHITE OPPONENTS OF WAR SHOULD SUPPORT BLACK FREEDOM

People have been talking about a "coalition" between the peace movement and the civil rights movement. They have been saying that Black people have joined the peace movement. Glory Hallelujah. We think that it is time to define exactly what this means.

The Black students seeing a direct relationship between the struggle of the Vietnamese people to achieve self-determination and the Black man's struggle to attain equality in America, feel that a vigorous support and participation in all of those activities which lead to the cessation of the American military aggression in Vietnam are not only compatible but coincident with the aspirations of Black people in America.

To end one aspect of the racist and genocidal tendencies of this country is not enough. The peace movement has as its primary aim to end the war in Vietnam. As a secondary aim it should support and defend Black people in the U.S. in the struggle for liberation.

On the other hand, we, as Black people, because of the structure of this country's system, have as our primary

interest, our people's liberation. This means organizing Black people in the ghetto.

For instance, we assert and uphold the right of Black people to armed self defense. We take this position knowing that Black people have been continuously oppressed through armed aggression ranging from racist attacks by mobs to the use of National Guardsmen and police departments throughout the country.

In particular, recent events that we cite include (1) the statement by the National Rifle Assn. that their armed membership could serve to combat "Urban Disorders", (2) the existence of armed neo-fascist Minutemen and older organizations like it, (3) the use of arms by the National Guard that recently killed a Jackson, Miss. Afro-American student.

We unequivocally support the demonstration by armed members of the Black Panther that took place in Sacramento, California. We feel that the right of Black people to armed self defense is not only guaranteed by the Constitution, but morally right and absolutely neces-

sary.

In our actions to encourage and assist Black youth in refusing the draft, we contend that our struggle is here in the U.S....

We feel that it is hypocritical for the peace movement to concern itself about the liberation and self-determination of the Vietnamese people and not be concerned simultaneously with the liberation and self-determination of Black people in America....

If the civil rights movement is expected to spend time and energy developing creative alternatives to the racist war in Vietnam, the peace movement must be expected to spend equal time seeking creative alternatives to racist wars here at home....

We would rather not see the troops brought home if it means 400,000 trained white killers returning to an America which still gives mandate to white folks killing Black people....

We expect that the peace movement will address itself not only to the war in Vietnam but also the war which is being fought in America between white imperialists and Black militants.

Johnson Sends Poor to Die in Vietnam But... Nugent Stays to Mind LBJ \$ Millions

By MILT SEAMAN

On May 8, Citizens National Bank of Austin, one of LBJ's many holdings in Texas, announced that Patrick J. Nugent, son-in-law of the President, had been "elected" to its board of directors.

While J. W. Munson, President of the Citizens National described Nugent following his first meeting with the board as "quite a capable young man," it was understood by all that his main qualification was the shares of bank stock which were transferred to him from the big man himself.

Patrick, who is quickly becoming a trusted figure in the expanding Johnson empire, is described publicly as a hard working, conscientious, and responsible young man. Not only is he now a bank director, but he is being trained to take over the Johnson family radio and TV stations ... his "qualifications" being that Luci owns a large block of stock in this operation.

Serious about his new role as banker and TV and radio executive, Nugent is hastily taking some graduate courses in management at the University of Texas.

Observers in Texas feel that the boy-genius will get good marks, but he is not expected to lose his new empire, even if he doesn't pass.

It is instructive to compare the busy, industrious schedule of this young banker, TV and radio executive and student being prepared to oversee the family fortune, with one of the hundreds of thousands of GI's lying flat on their bellies in a burning sun, face down in mud up to their ears, waiting to kill or be killed ten thousand miles from home on a hill that is only known to them by a number!

Home to Patrick Nugent is a house in one of the choicest residential sections of Austin. It is a "simple home," reported to have three bedrooms, three baths, a large living room and an inner courtyard, estimated to be worth \$70,000.

Luci is expecting her first child in June and unlike the pregnant Vietnam-

ese mother who was awaiting the decision of U.S. officials as to whether her expected baby would be given the status of prisoner of war as herself, Luci will prepare her baby's future under different circumstances.

It is estimated that the LBJ family holdings are worth somewhere around \$14 million and the fortune is still ris-

Youth Defies Induction Tells Draftees "Don't Go!"

FT. HAMILTON ARMY BASE, N.Y., May 4 — Armed with anti-war leaflets and accompanied by several fellow members of Youth Against War and Fascism, Joel Meyers reported for induction into the Armed Forces early this morning.

Joel, an anti-draft activist and member of YAWF, had no intention of being inducted. The leaflets he handed out to the other inductees said, in part, that the Vietnam war "is an imperialist war of aggression, and as soldiers in that war we will be ordered to commit atrocities as hideous as those of the NAZIS and to use genocidal weapons such as anti-personnel bombs, poison gas, and napalm. We will be ordered to burn peasants' crops, poison their water, and herd them into concentration camps."

"According to the Nuremberg agreements we are personally responsible to refuse to carry out such orders.... NO!! I will not take up arms against my brothers!! Bring all the GI's home now!!"

When the officer in charge noticed what Joel was doing, he snatched a leaflet and barked at him to stop handing them out. Joel protested that he still had freedom of speech and kept giving the statement to inductees as they entered the room.

A second officer came in and asked for the leaflets. Joel refused to hand them over. The officer threatened to call the MP's.

"You don't want us to think!" shouted Joel. "And no wonder you don't. American youth have nothing to gain from this war. The government just uses us as cannon fodder to shoot down an oppressed people fighting for their independence."

Joel continued to explain the war and whose war it really is, in the hall and in the room, as MP's chased him in and out of chairs and around the room in an effort to get him out of there and away from the other draftees.

"I was ordered to report to this room for induction and I refuse to

ing. The President and his aides are buying up more and more choice land that now covers 15,000 acres in over four Texas counties. The Johnson holdings include stock in every bank in Austin and banks like American National and Capital National of Austin show sharply increased earnings. Citizens National, to which Nugent was just "elected," was only formed in 1961, but now reports deposits of over \$11 million.

Patrick Nugent may or may not have all the "described assets" that differentiate him from the 23 year olds dying in Vietnam.

But he can best express his main "asset" by saying "Thanks - Thanks a lot, Dad."

Thus, at the same time that President Johnson pledged to General Westmoreland more military manpower for Vietnam, the President was certain that out of the tens of thousands of young men going, one 23-year old would not be among them.

violate that order by leaving," he protested.

Finally, four soldiers burst in, handcuffed Joel and literally carried him (none too gently) to an MP car. He was thrown in the back seat and driven to the Provost Marshal of the base. There his induction papers were taken and his belongings searched.

After making several phone calls, the Provost Marshal ordered Joel, "Get out of here and don't you ever come back!" That was the only order Joel obeyed.

The courage of this young man and his unwavering opposition to the war will be remembered by the other inductees as they go through bitter experiences in boot camp and in Vietnam.

Greek King Couldn't Stop Revolution; Greek Fascists Pushed Him Aside

U.S. Bankers Jittery; Some Think the King Could Do It Better, But They Leave Junta Alone

By VINCENT COPELAND

A great many in the U.S. suspect that the U.S. had something to do with the Greek military coup of April 21. (In Greece, everybody takes it for granted!) But the ambiguous attitude of the U.S. capitalist press has begun to raise doubts among the less informed in this country.

The difficulty in understanding the reality arises from the nature of the capitalist state and to a certain extent of fascism itself.

Fascism is the naked, totalitarian rule of monopoly capitalism through the medium of a usually "plebian" and purportedly "anti-capitalist" dictatorship that (at first!) appeals to the masses as their own representative, even while it destroys their organizations and arrests their genuine representatives. It always tries mightily to conceal its real bourgeois loyalties. And in the process it antagonizes some sections of the bourgeoisie itself.

The new regime in Greece is a military dictatorship with fascist overtones. But the dictators have not convinced the masses with their demagoguery. They have no roots among the people.

The U.S. is indeed one hundred per cent behind the Greek military regime insofar as that regime is necessary to stop the proletarian revolution. But to the extent that Washington fears the new regime will actually bring on the proletarian revolution by its provocative actions — to that extent, Washington hesitates and even expresses doubt in its best "anti-fascist" manner.

Obviously, of course, U.S. forces did help arrange the coup.

Just four days before the overturn of the Greek Parliamentary government and the Constitution the New York Times had said:

"Despite the evident reluctance of the King to depart from constitutional methods, a campaign by the Papan-dreou against the monarchy is likely to strengthen the argument of those who tell the King that with the monarchy at stake, any methods are justified to keep the Center Union (the Papandreou-led coalition of left and center forces) out of power."

Thus, if the CIA were not already helping to plan the coup, they could have read about its "justification" in the New York Times in time to get in on it.

Clayton Fritchey said in his syndicated column just one week after the military had seized power:

"For 20 years the Greek army has almost been a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces

"It's hard to believe therefore, that our military advisors in Greece (and therefore our Government) did not have some information of what was afoot or at least of what appeared to many others as a clear and imminent danger."

But why do such things come out in the U.S. capitalist press? Why are there cartoons showing the Greek military in a bad light, when the military are trying to be the best friends the capitalists ever had?

There are factions in the U.S. ruling class, just as there are factions in the U.S.-dominated Greek ruling class. And



"Fine, great! But a little more team-work, and you can still call it democracy!"

in both countries they have their differences about the necessity for fascism, just as they differ on the degree of concessions they should give to labor or the amount of tokenism they yield to Black Freedom. Their biggest beef against a fascist-type dictatorship is that in holding down the lid too tight over the boiling pot of social protest, the cauldron will explode and the fascists will bring on the very revolution they are supposed to prevent.

Even the Wall Street Journal, for example, after more than a week to think the matter over, said in a headline on May 1:

"Rightist Regime May Drive Moderates to Extreme Left"

And then it quoted a conservative Greek economist as saying: "Greeks don't accept a dictatorship this easily. Everyone is shocked now, but wait three or four months. Then the left will start re-organizing and there will be serious trouble."

By "serious trouble" the economist means a working class takeover instead of a military takeover for the capitalist ruling class.

In addition to the possibility of an early civil war, some factions of U.S. and British capital also fear that a purely military control might unleash adventuristic trends that could result in a war between Greece and Turkey over Cyprus. And this too could give rise to proletarian revolution, maybe in Turkey as well as Greece! At the very least, such a war would put the finishing touches on the NATO alliance.

But the U.S. "limitation" of arms aid to the Greek Government, finally announced on May 16, is by no means a direct result of these fears and is not seriously intended to weaken the hold of the fascist government. The "limitation" is mainly propagandistic and ceremonial, a concession to the liberals and to mass protest.

The military cabal has more than enough arms now. What it lacks is popular support.

The U.S. has given \$1.3 billion worth of arms to the Greek military just since 1950 (that is, since the workers' revolution was defeated) and over \$150 million in just the last two years when the coup was being prepared. No additional arms are needed!

But even now, only some shipments of military equipment are going to be held up and a "selective embargo" is being put into effect supposedly to "nudge" the fascists toward "restoration of constitutional government," in the words of a Pentagon spokesman. Moreover, the partial suspension of shipments was not even made official for fear that this might be interpreted as a "provocative

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PAPANDREOUS ONLY CENTRISTS, BUT DANGEROUS TO U.S. IN REVOLUTIONARY CRISIS

After years of intense fighting in Greece between the Papandreou and the King, the former Prime Minister and his son are in prison and the King, we are told, is the political prisoner of his own generals.

Is the latter really true?

The Center Union Party, a coalition of center and leftist parties, including those Communists who could operate legally, had the majority of the Greek electorate and the vast majority of the Greek masses behind it. The party was led by George Papandreou, the former Prime Minister and his son Andreas. These men were not Communists; they were left bourgeois liberals.

Knowing that this party would have won the elections that were to be held later this month, the military forestalled the election by taking over the government on April 21, disbanding Parliament and in effect tearing up the constitution. This fit in perfectly with the King's attitude to the Center Union, but allegedly antagonized the King's sense of constitutional fitness.

The King had (constitutionally!) dismissed Papandreou in 1965, when the latter had the majority of the people with him, and had arbitrarily

advanced the fortunes of much less popular politicians.

The Papandreou, understanding well that the pro-U.S. King was trying to prevent their expected victory this year, tried to checkmate him by eliminating right wing officers from the army. And thus they were challenging not only the political regime in office and the King's "constitutional" rights, but the actual capitalist state power, itself.

They did this, of course, in a conspiratorial way and showed no sign of calling upon the masses. It is true that they threatened armed revolution on one occasion last winter. But in the absence of trying to make good on the threat, they only goaded their much more serious military opponents into action.

The military must have understood that the Papandreou were not serious about workers' revolution. But they feared the effect of such demagoguery on the masses. They felt the Papandreou would open the road for the masses to take actions to match some of the Center Union's words.

Furthermore, the Papandreou were said to be planning to take Greece out of NATO and make it "non-aligned."

Andreas Papandreou, considered to be to the left of his father, is actually a left liberal, an associate of the U.S. economist John Galbraith, former Ambassador to India. And George Papandreou actually helped put down the Communist-led revolution of 1945-49. But the two men are "new deal" liberals in a country where the "old deal" is the only alternative to Communism.

When Franco made his infamous revolt in the Spain of 1936, the Spanish Capitalist Government was composed of figures very like the Papandreous.

The Papandreou not only wanted more than the Greek (and the U.S.) ruling class was willing to give, they threatened to become a vestibule through which the revolutionary proletariat might enter the arena and take it once and for all!

That is why the military usurpers proceeded immediately to imprison working class leaders by the thousands, when they took power.

The King, a so-called "constitutional monarch" had been compelled to play a role more like that of an absolute monarch in order to maintain the capitalist system in power.

Generally speaking, the "constitu-

tional monarch" is supposed to be a figure-head inspiring awe in the masses while the ruling class factions fight out their differences in Parliament. But this particular King had "constitutional" power greater than the classical constitutional monarchs as it was, and because of the crisis, he had abused even these. He was almost universally hated.

The King's alleged "opposition" to the military camarilla therefore is believed by no one. But ironically, there may be some modicum of truth to it. If so, it is due to the last-minute doubts of Wall Street and to the hopes of the Greek ruling class that it can continue to rule in the old way without fear of the proletarian revolution. It has utterly nothing to do with any remote concern for democracy on the King's part.

Democracy will never come to Greece on the "constitutional" sceptre of Constantine, in any event, but only on the iron broom that sweeps him, along with his fascist friends, into the same historical dustpan that received Louis XVI, Tsar Nicholas and Chiang Kai-shek.

U.S. Prepares for British Retreat from Singapore

Thailand Rivals South Vietnam As Base for U.S. Attacks on Asia

Washington is putting pressure on London to keep British troops in Aden and Singapore to help guard the new American empire as well as the old and dying British one.

But knowing that Britain will eventually be pushed out by the revolutionary masses, the Rockefeller-Ford-Johnson imperialists are taking measures to create new permanent military bases on a tremendous scale. This, in addition to, and outside of,

Vietnam.

The big new U.S. base at Sattahip in Thailand, now nearly complete and already partially in operation, was designed consciously with the decline of the British bases in mind as well as the war against Vietnam.

Sattahip is "only" half the size of the colossal Cam Ranh Bay in South Vietnam. "But," says the May 13 *Business Week*, "the U.S. has drawn up blueprints for expansion, and

military planners foresee a day when Sattahip may succeed Singapore as the major Western stronghold in Southeast Asia."

As "Britain gradually withdraws its defense commitments from 'east of Suez,'" continues the authoritative *Wall Street* magazine, "the base (Sattahip) will serve as a substitute Southeast Asian foothold when the U.S. makes good on its promise to give up bases in Vietnam."

Whether or not the U.S. will ever "make good on its promises" in Vietnam is a highly moot question, especially if it is not defeated in Vietnam and the war ends in a compromise peace.

But it was already clear from the build-up in Thailand that the U.S. big brass intended to make war on Vietnam and to dominate all Southeast Asia from its bases in the former country, if it possibly could do so. *Business Week* merely explains openly what the State and Defense Departments have quietly been doing all along.

For a long time U.S. policy-makers have claimed that the puppet-dictators of Thailand wanted the U.S. build-up kept secret to protect their "independence." But *Look* magazine of May 30 quotes Thai Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman as saying, "It is not true; it is false. They prefer to pass the buck to us."

Obviously the U.S. high command was afraid of the U.S. people finding out the truth even more than it was of the Thai people.

The giant B-52's attacking Vietnam have already begun operating from Sattahip's new 11,500 foot runway, which is reportedly the longest in Southeast Asia. This saves a 4,500 mile round trip from Guam. And it also saves the U.S. from the political

repercussions which would surely come in Japan if Okinawa were used very long as such a base.

Apparently the harbor facilities at Sattahip are not yet completed. But when they are, they are expected to largely replace the harbor of the capital, Bangkok, and accommodate the whole U.S. Seventh Fleet as well!

There are already seven U.S. air bases in Thailand. Nam Phong, another huge depot, is to be the eighth. They accommodate F-4 and F-105 fighter-bombers, EC-121 electronic warfare aircraft (pilotless planes), RF-101 and RF-40 reconnaissance planes (spy planes), and B-26K light bombers.

These aircraft fly out of Khorat, Takhli, Ubon, Udon, Nakon Phanom and even Bangkok's municipal airport!

At Khorat, the Army's Ninth Logistical Command is amassing huge supplies of war materiel and laying down pipelines to feed fuel for a corps of about 100,000 men (three times the number of U.S. military personnel now in Thailand).

There are now supposed to be 36,000 U.S. troops in the country. This is considerably more than there were in Vietnam just before Johnson began the steady bombing of North Vietnam on February 7, 1965. It is more than seven times the number President Kennedy first sent to Thailand in 1962, and about twice the number that were there a year ago.

The U.S. has made some very conditional offers to withdraw troops from Vietnam in the event of a "peace" settlement. But it has said nothing whatever about removing any troops from Thailand in the immediate or remote future.

Nor have any of the imperialist "doves" in the Senate or in the "liberal" press made any special reference to Thailand or expressed any concern about the build-up there. This alone should alert all genuine opponents of the war to the fraudulent character of the capitalist "opposition."

Name a City Park After Famous Leader



Cops arrested 30 in Chicago last Sunday, when the Afro-American Students' Association put up a sign renaming a city park (shown above). The police had attacked their meeting during an internal dispute, clubbed heads and wounded ten.

Latin Puppets Exploit, Murder Masses While...

Cuba Educates the Millions

Among 30 or 40 other items in a week's day-by-day calendar of events listed in the Cuban English language newspaper *Granma*, appears the following short announcement:

Guerrillas Sing of "Che," Fight U.S. Puppets

The following song (translated from the Spanish by *Granma*, the English language paper of the Cuban Communist Party) is now being sung in the mountains of Bolivia and perhaps other Latin American countries, too:

Ernesto Guevara is coming
From the mountains to the city.
The people acclaim him;
They have rifles and courage;
Now the guerrillas have a chief
whom they can follow.
He will be seen at every frontier
Bringing people together
In the fight for liberty.
You can even see him in the jungles.
For Ernesto Guevara
Lives to fight this battle
Everywhere.

Yesterday it was Simon Bolivar.
He and San Martin liberated
our peoples.

But they could not return to us.
Today we see Che Guevara
Fighting against the Yankees;
He's followed by an oppressed
people
Who will fight
To victory or death.

Che is not just a legend, however. There is powerful evidence that he is very much alive. In addition to the militant call to arms issued under his name last month, there have been persistent reports from both Uruguay and Bolivia that he has been in those countries recently.

"Thursday May 4 — More than a hundred thousand adults were promoted or received their 6th-grade diplomas in the nation-wide Worker-Farmer Education Plan to raise the scholastic level of workers throughout the country."

How many client countries of Wall Street, where Washington pours in millions of dollars worth of tanks, bazookas and tear gas can say the same as this?

From the very beginning of the revolution, the Cuban leaders have endeavored to lift the level of literacy and general education of the poorest and most deprived of the masses. Tens of thousands of young people have volunteered to go into most inaccessible places and make the greatest economic and physical sacrifices to teach the untaught.

For one whole year, the regime campaigned so energetically that it was called "The Year of Education." And the literacy level was lifted definitively, as it has been every year since then.

It is something to rejoice at that now it is an almost routine thing to rescue 100,000 people from the depths of ignorance and open their eyes to the literary windows of the world.

It is also worth commenting that there are still people who question the loss of Cuban "freedom" — that is, the freedom to exploit children and illiterate semi-slaves on U.S.-owned sugar plantations — as not worth the compensating benefits of the revolution.

Where were all those reactionary lovers of the "rights of the individual" when 100,000 individuals in Cuba received their first glimpse at the literary treasures of mankind?

Generally, they were too busy cheering the bombing of Hanoi, to notice that another hundred thousand of their former slaves in Cuba had just learned to read for themselves the details of the U.S. imperialist murders in Vietnam.

NLF Comments on a Puppet's New "Election" Costume

It looks as though the U.S. occupation authorities in "independent" South Vietnam have finally got their wish and are pushing through the "election" of Nguyen Cao Ky, the puppet military dictator, as "president."

There is probably some factional difference among the U.S. generals, since another puppet general, Van Thieu is also running. But it is a foregone conclusion that a military man will get the post.

Ky has already promised not to abide by the election of any "Communist or neutralist" and answer it with bullets. (This is in effect what he is already doing by fighting the NLF forces, who represent the vast majority of the people.) But it is clear that no civilian bourgeois figure dares to run for the office.

The reason is generally because such a figure would be bound to be either a neutral or under the influence or pressure of neutrals, who abound, particularly among the majority Buddhist section of the bourgeoisie.

The Central Committee of the NLF made a statement on this election farce, which said in part:

"This is a further anti-national and anti-popular act on their part, a political maneuver aimed at putting a 'legal' and 'democratic' appearance on the puppet administration, which is being increasingly isolated, detested and cursed within and without the country, creating an impression of stability to deceive public opinion, serving the step-up of their rural 'pacification' program, the stabilization of their

rear, the tightening of their grip on the population, the intensification of plunder, exploitation, regroupment of the people and troop press-ganging, and at the same time reconciling the contradictions within the ranks of the U.S. lackeys.

"In order to achieve genuine independence, democracy and genuine peace, our people as a whole have risen up, resolved to drive the U.S. aggressors out of the country, overthrow the traitorous puppet regime and establish a broad national and democratic coalition government.

"Our people deeply realize that so long as the U.S. imperialists carry on their war of aggression against South Vietnam, so long as the puppet administration — lackeys of the U.S. — still exercises a harsh control over our compatriots, there can only be fascism and dictatorship and not democracy, only repression and terrorism and not freedom.

"Thus the 'hamlet and village people's council election' and the 'presidential parliamentary election' farce would be nothing but a 'democracy' trick aimed at consolidating the power of the reactionaries and serving the war of aggression of the U.S. imperialists."

In conclusion, the statement said: "No schemes, no acts, however perfidious and cruel, can save the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen from complete failure. The South Vietnamese people will certainly win final victory."

Greek King Paved Way for Fascism

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threat," the unnamed spokesman said.

Some of the columnists of the liberal bourgeoisie have dared to recall that Johnson did not treat an attempted coup (really a mass uprising) in the Dominican Republic in quite the same way! And one even hinted that U.S. troops should perhaps be sent to Greece to fight against the military dictatorship. But these liberals forget to explain a couple of points which they understand quite well.

First, the Dominicans had tried to overthrow a military-fascist pro-U.S. government that was almost exactly the same as that which rules today in Greece. The junta which the Dominicans were overthrowing had itself overthrown the legally-elected liberal government of Juan Bosch. And Johnson sent 40,000 marines in 48 hours to protect the military junta. The rebellious Dominicans were themselves "constitutionalists" who didn't wish to pay so high a tribute to U.S. monopolies as the military clique in power were doing.

What the Dominican example really proves is that U.S. intervention in Greece would come when the masses try to overthrow the present wholly illegal government!

Second, the liberal capitalists never mention that Greece, like the Dominican

Republic, is the recipient of large amounts of U.S. foreign investment. In fact, the U.S. long ago "nudged" aside the British imperialists who used to have the overlordship of Greece, and is now the principal foreign investor there.

U.S. newspapers have made much of the fact that beards are now stopped at the border. But U.S. capital can enter in any costume it pleases. It is not even checked for its credentials. It flows in over the border just as relentlessly as the profits of Greek exploitation flow back to Wall Street banks and millionaire coupon-clippers.

Col. Maharezos, Minister of Coordination in the junta, said on May 5 that the government planned to maintain "all existing guarantees" for the "free movement of investment capital" in and out of Greece. Furthermore, the Colonel declared, his government would still further simplify the procedures to facilitate more such investments.

Most important of all, however, is the strategic character of Greece itself as the portal and key to the oil-rich Middle East. The Standard Oil, Gulf and Texaco empires have made sure to keep the U.S. 6th Fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean to see that Greece stays capitalist, and would train their guns on the country the moment that it showed signs of trying to get its freedom.

Only a revolt which endangered U.S. investment and raised the question of

Western control of Greece would seriously alarm U.S. capital. And the Greek

military are determined to defend big business as they would defend their own hearts.

The only question in Washington is: Are they able to do so?



Through the Magnifying Glass

By John Moore

What Ever Happened to "Junction City"?

Remember "Operation Junction City"? It was the biggest U.S. drive of the war. Last February it started with a blare of headlines. It was going to "root out the enemy" from "War Zone C," long-time stronghold of the Viet Cong and where it was believed that they had their headquarters. The U.S. brass hats were optimistic. Their optimism indicated their feelings: this might be "the final solution" to the Vietnam Problem.

On February 22 the operation began. More than 25,000 U.S. and Saigon draftees were involved. Vietnamese sources estimated 45,000 troops. A great vise was going to be clamped on the area. One side of the great pincer was a helicopter force of several thousand which was dropped on the west of the area so that, it was said, "the enemy couldn't flee into Cambodia." From the east came an armored force which would form the other clamp of the pincer, which was going to flush out the enemy like "natives" beating out game for the "sahib" to kill.

Between these two pincer arms the Viet Cong would be crushed and someplace in the tangled forest the U.S. forces would find and destroy the center of the Viet Cong's diabolical activities.

The Vietnamese farmers and fighters who lived in this area of Tay Ninh Province didn't think of it as "War Zone C"; they thought of it as home — just as in 1775 the farmers of Lexington and Concord thought of Massachusetts when they fought back against the "search and destroy" mission of the British redcoats.

The U.S. designation of the target area as "War Zone C" helped disguise the fact that this was simply a countryside of small farming villages where, if you were a Vietnamese, you lived with your family next door to your brothers and cousins, and which, since the Liberation Front had control here, you and they ran your own town, and it was better than it ever had been before because you no longer were a slave of a landlord. Furthermore, you were going to fight with the whole well-disciplined Liberation Forces to keep it that way.

Unfortunately for the U.S. brass (and fortunately for all progressive mankind) the Vietnamese farmers, both guerrillas and full time main forces, did not flee into the pincer trap. Instead, these embattled farmers, like those at Lexington and Concord, (only here facing a foe with at least a thousand times more fire power) fought like Indians, fought like the heroic Vietnamese revolutionaries that they are. They fought with the resolution that has made Vietnam a symbol for bravery all over the world. But it wasn't just bravery alone; they also fought with a highly developed skill that enabled them to strike, disappear and strike again whenever they saw an opportunity.

While many of their homes and the community properties they had built were bombed and burned and civilian losses were sometimes painfully severe, the basic structure of Tay Ninh, was not damaged. It had long ago learned to go underground, learned how to plant booby traps that made every step of an invading enemy a hazard, learned how to hold up a column of troops, harass it, blast it with sudden attacks and then disappear.

Sometimes individual snipers, one man or woman of these embattled farmers, with well placed shots, held up the army, and took their toll. At other times organized forces laid mortar shells into the enemy camp. Recoiless-rifle men blasted tanks. Daring anti-tank crews climbed aboard other tanks and destroyed them with explosives. The Tay Ninh people, armed with their belief in the future and supplied with the weapons of the revolutionary present, hacked at the monster.

A reporter with one advancing group during the beginning phases of the drive gave a picture (Newsweek, March 6) of what one small battle was like for American soldiers forced into this dirty job.

As the reporter accompanied U.S. troops advancing along a dirt trail, he heard an "unnaturally loud cuckoo." The soldiers were all suspicious but they did not know what to do about it. The column kept moving along. Suddenly as they entered a bamboo thicket there was "a hail of automatic fire." The platoon sergeant and several others went down and lay there like rag dolls.

Planes were going over and bombing blindly ahead of the column and the frightened reporter crouched down in the grass. As he waited for the helicopters that would take out the wounded and him (He had had enough, he decided.) he scribbled these notes:

"Between passes of the screaming jets, I swear I can hear high pitched Vietnamese voices behind us. Some of them seem to come out of the ground. Are we on top of a tunnel system? I keep staring, but minutes later the talking has faded away."

The reporter left with the wounded, but the rest of the column had to continue in the face of these attacks that thinned the ranks and wounded, according to Liberation Forces reports, over 8,000 U.S. and Saigon troops.

On the 26th of February U.S. reports were still optimistic. Tanks had linked up with the infantry and now there would be a "foot by foot search for the Viet Cong secret headquarters."

But no "Viet Cong secret headquarters" was discovered. And though the daily reports of Junction City became a few lines on the back pages, the daily harassment, the mortar attacks, the well disguised mines and booby traps continued to do their work. And frequent sharp assaults on isolated units made searches for any "secret headquarters" a dangerous job. U.S. units treaded their way as carefully as possible and tried to avoid the ever present threat of attack.

Midway through the operation General Jonathan Seaman was relieved of his command of Operation Junction City. No real explanation was given.

Vietnamese forces report putting over 300 tanks and armored cars out of action; that might have been a reason. Many helicopters were shot down; that may have been a reason. A large number of heavy artillery pieces were reported destroyed; that may have been a reason.

The great Junction City Operation (reports said it was originally called "Johnson City") was a flop. That was the reason.

— U.S. Mid-East Aggression

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Washington is linked in varying degrees with the major imperialist powers — Britain, France, Holland, Italy, among others. Oil ties them together and super-profits is the motive force uniting them in a common counterrevolutionary front against the oppressed masses of the Middle East.

This vast area comprising Northern Africa and Southwestern Asia, and containing 200 million people, is now engulfed by the tide of revolutionary struggle which threatens the very continuation of imperialist domination in the entire region. Most significant is the surge of militancy in Syria and in particular among the Palestinian Arabs.

Anglo-French-U.S. imperialism has tried desperately in the last three decades to stem the tide of revolution in the Mid-East — witness the Suez invasion of 1956 and the dispatch of U.S.-British naval forces to Lebanon and Jordan in 1958.

The imperialists have employed various methods to maintain their stranglehold on the Mid-East. CIA agents cover the region. Among the most notorious CIA plots were the overthrow of Mossadegh in Iran in 1954 and the bloodbath in Iraq in 1962 when the U.S. toppled Kassim. The CIA is a constant threat to the UAR and against Nasser in particular. Puppet regimes have been established in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Aden, Lebanon, etc. U.S. so-called "food aid" and military assistance programs are calculated to increase Washington's leverage against the masses, and of course, there is the constant threat of armed intervention by the Mediterranean Fleet.

One vitally important imperialist instrument for diverting the Arab revolution has been the manipulation of the puppet government of Israel to inflame hatred among the peoples of the Mid-East.

The Western powers cynically utilize the genuine and deep felt desire of the long oppressed Jewish people for a haven from persecution and oppression and they set up the state of Israel without the consent of the Arab people. In doing so, the imperialist powers made sure to retain firmly in their hands political, economic and military control over the Israeli government.

The Rockefeller, the Morgans and the Mellons have used Ben Gurion and

Eshkol as watchdogs to make the Mid-East safe for Texaco, Standard Oil, Mobil Oil, etc. etc., and to serve as their base against the Arab people.

The oil billionaires have gotten the Israeli government to act as a cat's paw against the Arab liberation struggle and thus divert the movement for Middle Eastern freedom and independence along the lines of national and religious hatred. By these methods, the oil monopolies have long concealed their predatory role and retained their military bases and billions in super-profits.

The current crisis has been manufactured in Washington and the U.S. government has gotten the Israeli government to do the bidding of the imperialists. If the U.S. should push Israel into fighting its proxy war against the Arab people, the tragic consequences for the Israeli people will be the full responsibility of Washington and its imperialist allies.

But with the mighty upsurge of the liberation struggle, more and more of the progressive and revolutionary elements among the Arab people are turning their attacks not against the Israeli people, but against the Israeli government and its leaders such as Eshkol, Eban and Ben Gurion, as tools of the western corporations.

Indeed, although the establishment of Israel originally evoked the universal opposition of the Arab people, the truth is that even at this late date, the existence of Israel as a truly independent state would not constitute a significant problem in the Middle East if the Israeli government were to unambiguously renounce its ties to imperialism and decisively sever them in practice.

The state of Israel can only continue to exist in peace if the Palestinian peoples who were ousted from their homeland are properly allowed to return home, given complete compensation and political amends are made to absolutely insure their complete freedom and equality. Israel must give up all claims on its Arab neighbors and settle all counter claims amicably and with complete justice. In short, there can only be peace in the Middle East when the Israeli government gives up its role as a U.S. puppet!

It is the duty of the western working class to demand as a first, and absolutely essential step toward peace in the Middle East, that the U.S. Navy get out of the Mediterranean!