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A Journey's End in Vietnam



Marines carrying out the body of a soldier killed near the DMZ.

At the Age of 20

They Made a Man Out of Him

Before Allan Santiago, 20, of the Bronx, New York enlisted in the Marines in February 1966, he told his mother:

"It's going to be all right, Mom.... They'll make a man out of me."

Seven months later the slender five foot four youth, whose mother left San Juan in 1950 for the ghetto in New York, almost died when he was wounded in the rib-cage by sniper fire.

Santiago recovered and on July 5 of this year he again wrote his mother that:

"In two days, I'm leaving for Dong Ha. The lieutenant told me not to worry. He said I wouldn't be sent to the field because I'm too short."

A month later his letter was grim and angry:

"Mom, they're sending me to Dong Ha again, but don't worry. I only have a few days left to do in Vietnam and before I go to the field again I'll go to jail, since what I had to see I don't want to see no more."

On August 29 Mrs. Santiago was informed that her son had been killed in battle.

With four days to go in Vietnam, the imperialist U.S. Marine Corps made a man out of Allan Santiago, age 20—a dead man.

WAR-WEARY SAIGON SPLITTING APART AGAIN

Election Reveals Hatred of War in Saigon As Students, Buddhists Lead Anti-U.S. Demonstrations

By F. RICHARDSON

Angry protest marches are being seen this week on the streets of Saigon, Danang, and Hue. Militant students, Buddhists, and defeated politicians have combined to voice a demand that the results of the outrageously fraudulent election be thrown out. Police and soldiers have been called out by fearful authorities.

It is not yet clear whether the demonstrations will again draw the masses into the streets to face, unarmed, the U.S.-armed military dictatorship. But the mass rejection of the election and the war is very clear for all to see.

The election was meant to be an endorsement of the U.S. puppet regime and consequently a rubber stamp of the war.

But it was a miscalculation; the election farce succeeded only in revealing the complete nakedness of the U.S. murder policy and the depth of the opposition to it even among Vietnamese ruling class elements.

The entire corrupt performance has shown that, except for the military stooges themselves, there is nobody left in Vietnam who supports the war.

Militant students appear to have begun the active protests.

On September 10, almost as General Thieu was reading a letter from his Washington boss vainly trying to puff up the election farce as "a milestone on the path to a free, secure, and peaceful Vietnam," a meeting of several hundred high school and university students in Saigon was cheering the words of one of the defeated candidates, Truong Dinh Dzu, who denounced "... the fraud, the cheating, and the falsehood of the election."

On September 12 several hundred students, who were taking an entrance exam for the University of Saigon Medical School, tore up their exams and walked out in a protest against the rigging of the elections.

Leaders of several student organizations called for a march on the Constituent Assembly.

Dzu, a minor candidate, adopted a peace dove as his symbol. That alone was enough to win him most of the 800,000 votes with which he was credited in the official tabulation. According to the official results, loaded for Ky and Thieu as they undoubtedly were, the ten defeated candidates got two thirds of the vote. Six of these

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"Che Guevara" in Bolivia Threatens Rule of U.S. in All Latin America!

By PETER STORCH

Is Che Guevara in Bolivia?

That is the question the imperialist press is asking today -- as though the answer should determine the exact number of U.S. troops to be sent there to shoot down the oppressed Bolivian masses.

But the real question is not what is Che doing in Bolivia, but what is Lyndon Johnson doing in Latin America!

Is it "Cuban subversion" if Venezuela's oil is robbed by the Rockefellers, if Chile's copper is stolen by Anaconda and Kennecott, if Guyana's aluminum is in the hands of the Rey-

nold's Aluminum Company, if Peru's oil is being drilled by Mobil Oil, if Ecuador's bananas are owned by United Fruit, or if Brazilian banks are controlled by U.S. banks?

No, it is U.S. subversion -- subversion by the imperialist thieves in Wall Street and Washington, who are now crying "Stop thief!" at the revolutionary Cubans to divert attention from their own real crimes.

Numerous press reports have confirmed that U.S. authorities timed the recent "disclosures" of Che Guevara to coincide with the Washington meeting of the puppet Organization of American States so as to build up an hysteria against Cuba and its revolutionary policy.

Reporting from the trial in Camiri, Bolivia, of Regis Debray, the radical French intellectual, N.Y. Times reporter Paul Montgomery said:

"Both the disclosures of Major Guevara's presence here and the trial have apparently been timed to coincide with the OAS Foreign Ministers' meeting in Washington that is looking into Cuban subversion in the hemisphere."

But what is perhaps most significant about the Washington conference is that U.S. ruling circles are now bent on an open policy of armed aggression against Cuba. Montgomery further stated in the same dispatch:

"...the hard-liners in respect to Cuba
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Bolivia Trial Reflects Yankee Hysteria

Protest Debray Frame-Up in NYC

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 -- The Bolivian Mission to the United Nations was picketed here today in a militant protest against the frame-up trial of Regis Debray in Bolivia.

The Movement for Puerto Rican Independence (MPI) called the demonstration, which was supported by Youth Against War & Fascism along with other North American organizations.

Dixie Bayo, president of the New York chapter of MPI, characterized the trial as a Yankee-backed attempt to intimidate the Bolivian guerrillas and the whole Latin American revolution.

Debray is a 27-year old French journalist, who spent some time interviewing the guerrillas -- somewhat as Herbert Matthews of the New York Times did

in the case of the Castro-led guerrillas in Cuba during 1958.

He is also reported to have interviewed Che Guevara in the Bolivian mountains, and he is now being accused of "murder" and described by the prosecutor yesterday "as a man who calls himself a philosopher, but who is in reality a leader of the Red conspiracy trying to take over Latin America."

There are unsupported claims of heavy material intervention by the Cuban revolutionaries in the Bolivian struggle. Whether or not they are true, it is an undeniable fact that the U.S. has been arming the Bolivian ruling class for many years and that a number of Green Berets have been training Bolivian counter-guerrillas for some time.



Regis Debray

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**People's China - 18 Years**

October 1st is the 18th anniversary of the Chinese Socialist Revolution and the founding of the People's Republic of China.

This would be an important commemoration at any time. But it has more than usual significance this year because the imperialist prophets of communist doom have been confounded and China is alive and kicking — and still growing.

The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, which has been in progress over a year now, was greeted by imperialism as a destructive civil war which would surely end in anarchy and the downfall of both its originator, Chairman Mao Tse-Tung, and the socialist regime itself.

Contrary to the high hopes of China's enemies, this has not happened. In fact, it was precisely during the Cultural Revolution that China got the H-bomb — and many months ahead of the schedule world capitalism had set down for it.

Furthermore, the Chinese economy — contrary to the hopeful lamentations of Lyndon Johnson, who deplored what he called the Chinese efforts to make bombs instead of baby food — is still going strong, too.

The ghoulish "China watchers" in Hong Kong take daily and hourly readings of every event, every rumor and practically every pulse-beat of mainland China. They have reported no famines in the country which, under British and American rule, used to have them almost every other year. This negative fact is of tremendous positive importance.

Newspaper for Anti-War GIs

Read "The Bond"

Thoughtful opponents of U.S. imperialist aggression in Vietnam have long been aware of the need to speak directly to the men in the armed forces to whom the war is a life and death issue. An especially interesting and apparently effective attempt to do this is currently being made by The Bond, "The Servicemen's Newspaper."

It began bi-weekly publication this summer and in its first four issues tripled circulation with each issue.

A history of U.S. aggression against Vietnam was included in the first issue, anti-war articles from other newspapers are reprinted and letters from GIs in Vietnam and at home are carried. The Bond also reports on the many cases of GIs who have spoken out against the war and who are struggling to end the war from within the army.

Since its inception, circulation of The

Admittedly there are difficulties in China. And how could there fail to be, with the most powerful imperialist country pushing belligerently at her borders on one side and the country which should be her most powerfully betraying her on the other?

In India, where the U.S. pours in tens of thousands of tons of wheat and the Soviet Union builds steel plants and MIG factories, the hungry people die by the hundreds on the city streets. The explanation for this difference between India and China is so clear that only the dupes of imperialism need it spelled out for them.

If Chinese socialism had done nothing else but eliminate the demoralization and starvation such as fester in India, it would have accomplished a truly colossal task. But it has done far more. It has brought millions and millions of former victims of imperialism up from the depths of a sub-human existence, to the level of civilization, and to the threshold of socialist man beyond that.

Besides this, it has electrified the revolutionary masses of the world and compelled the most arrogant of rulers — the U.S. imperialists — to alter their calculations for counter-revolution. All this was made possible by the victory of October 1, 1949.

The 18th anniversary of the socialist victory of a quarter of the world's people is not only a time for celebrating all this; it is also a good time for the rest of the world's people to pledge themselves to the defense of People's China and to the continuation of China's struggle in other countries, particularly in the United States.

Bond has jumped ahead tremendously, reaching U.S. soldiers and sailors all over the world. For example, the August 18 issue reported that The Bond was sent to every Private, Spec 4 and Spec 5 of an entire company stationed in Hawaii. One member of the company wrote back saying that almost everyone was interested in the newspaper. When the brass got wind of the distribution of the paper they tried to confiscate all the issues. But the GIs knew they had a right to receive mail uncensored and protested the move. The brass backed down and The Bond went out to all intended.

It's edited by Bill Callison from 2056 Emerson Street, Berkeley, California 94703. Phone 415 848-7515. Subscriptions are sent to members of the U.S. Armed Forces free of charge. The rate for civilians is \$3.00 for six months.

2 Organizers For GI Rights Jailed 6 Mos.

National Support For Two Anti-War Fighters

Two young anti-war activists are now incarcerated in Federal prisons for helping organize opposition to the Vietnam war among GIs.

The two are Key Martin, national chairman of Youth Against War & Fascism, and Maryann Weissman, national coordinator of YAWF. They each received a maximum six month jail term and \$500 fine for "trespassing" on the huge Fort Sill, Oklahoma, army base on July 21 as they attempted to attend "open" courts-martial of Pvt. Andrew Stapp and two other anti-war soldiers on behalf of the Committee for GI Rights.

Appeal bond has been set at \$7,500 each — fifteen times the amount of the fine. And Judge Luther Bohanon, in obvious collusion with the military, made it clear that should the necessary cash be raised, he would still impose great restrictions on the freedom of movement and association of Key and Maryann.

Their real "crime," as the judge put it, was not the mere trespassing offense, but their anti-war organizing among GIs. The prosecution even had the commanding officer of Fort Sill testify to this "crime."

Nationwide attention and support for Key and Maryann has been received by the Committee for GI Rights from both moderate peace groups and anti-war militants.

The National Mobilization Committee, which turned out 400,000 people in New York last April to protest against the Vietnam war, wrote:

Committee for GI Rights
P.O. Box 76
Old Chelsea Station
New York, N.Y.

Dear Friends;

The following telegram was sent out from our office today, on behalf of Key Martin and Maryann Weissman, to Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C.: We strongly protest the imprisonment and fining of Key Martin and Maryann Weissman for exercising their constitutional rights of free speech and political expression. The use of jail terms and exorbitant appeal bond to stifle dissent goes against traditional

Letter to Robert Williams

Phnom Penh,
August 12, 1967

Mr. Robert F. Williams
President of R.A.M.
1 Tai Chi Chang
Peking

Sir,

I have been deeply moved by your kind letter which expresses to me your generous appreciation of the support that the Cambodian people and myself have always accorded to the Afro-American people who are victims of racist oppression.

Allow me, also, to thank you very sincerely for your sympathy for Cambodia which is confronted with the sanguinary aggressions and the provocations on the part of the imperialists of Washington.

I am happy to take this opportunity to reassure you of our solidarity with the Black people in the United States



Maryann Weissman

Key Martin

American values and current laws. We insist that the Attorney General's Office fulfill its obligation to see that the Constitution and laws regarding the improper use of bail bond be upheld.

(signed) Robert Greenblatt
National Coordinator
National Mobilization to End
the War in Vietnam

The following telegram, passed unanimously, was sent to the Attorney General's office by the Cleveland Area Peace Action Council, the successor to the Area Mobilization Committee:

We request your immediate intervention in the case of Maryann Weissman and Key Martin who were sentenced to 6 months in the Federal Penitentiary and fined \$500 by Federal Judge Bohanon in Oklahoma City on August 25. In sentencing the two, this judge stated that although the charge against the two was a "petty offense," he would give a severe sentence because these "acts of lowering the morale of the troops at Fort Sill are a serious matter."

We request the removal of this judge for malfeasance in office and for pre-judicial sentencing.

We also request that the exorbitant bail of \$7500 and prison-like restrictions on these defendants, if out on bond, demanded by the judge be nullified.

Very truly yours,
Cleveland Area Peace
Action Council.

who are fighting for the noblest cause, that of human dignity and equality between races. It is of great significance that our Afro-American brothers are now on our side resolutely to oppose imperialism of the U.S. government and its attempt for world domination through war and violence.

I am, therefore, more confident than ever of the final victory of our common ideals for justice, peace and progress.

Please be assured, sir, of my high consideration.

Norodom Sihanouk

The above is a copy of a letter which was received by Workers World from Robert Williams in exile in Peking.

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-Opposition In Saigon

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slates have now joined in a united front to demand the elections be written off as a fraud.

Dzu is now being charged by the military government with passing bad checks. He is a Saigon lawyer and his vice presidential running mate was president of the Saigon Chamber of Commerce. Dzu is made of the same material as the other politicians who were allowed to run because they were supposed to be innocuous, but his vehement attacks on Ky and Thieu and his successful vote-getting peace role has given this lawyer a temporary role as the focus of the protest against the vote fraud.

But while the vote rigging has brought forth powerful protest from the Vietnamese in the cities, it is actually

a secondary matter. Secondary that is to ending the U.S. aggression. From the first, the most important thing has been that the entire "free" election idea was a fraud.

The pretence that the election was important was the pretence that it was of great moment to debate what kind of a lock to put on the door of a house — after the house had collapsed!

The overwhelming majority of the people of Vietnam have long since voted to build a new structure, voting with guns, voting with their lives in their building of a new revolutionary formation.

But as the pretence of solemn debate went on over the supposed choice of which lock would be best for the collapsed house (and the choice of that was already made in Washington) certain illusions and liberties of debate had to be encouraged to give some credibility to the whole thing.

Into the fraudulent and absurd debate, conducted in front of the collapsed house, there crept elements of the real issue: ending the U.S. aggression.

Crowds for the candidates were often small and lackadaisical; from the beginning there was no belief in the election. But these same crowds came to life and voiced their approval of any "end-the-war" sentiments expressed. They cheered statements denouncing Ky and Co. Even in the face of police they heckled the military slate. In Hue, a crowd of 10,000 jeered Ky, and there were shouts of "Down with the cowboy leader!" and "Down with the hooligan!" Thieu himself was forced by the pressure to make talk about peace — offering to meet with the NLF and promising a bombing pause.

The mechanics of the vote rigging appear to have been much greater than even the usual "free" election. Some publicity was given in U.S. papers to the double voting of soldiers. But this was only half of it. Bloc votes were delivered to Ky and Thieu by not only military leaders but by Catholic

leaders, civil servant bosses, and ethnic groups.

In the Senate elections those who were not given orders on how to vote and, in other words, were left "free" to chose, found a confusing array of some 48 ballots of people they probably had never heard of.

However, indications are that the biggest fraud in the voting itself may have concerned the number who voted. The Government claimed 83 per cent of the eligible voters voted. While this could be recognized as an exaggeration, it seemed that pressures and threats might have forced a high percentage to the polls. But Phan Khac Suu, considered a leading candidate who had supporters in many of the areas, told of "many, many" reports from these areas of only 10 per cent of the people voting.

It is probable that huge numbers

of the "vote" were merely fictitious ballots turned in to favor whoever the ballot counters wanted.

While the people in U.S.-controlled Vietnam had no belief in the election from the beginning, the extent and the crudeness of the rigging was like a spark to their growing, smouldering deep hatred of the war — a war of genocide against their own relatives and friends and countrymen.

The result has been to ignite the active anger of the people. The form this anger takes, whether it is to again burst into full force in the streets at this time will depend to some degree on the split in the ruling junta which in itself is a reflection of the split in the U.S. ruling class.

But whether or not protest breaks forth in full force now, the mass rejection of the war has been revealed more starkly than ever before. And it is only a matter of time and opportunity for it to erupt into the streets again, and for the masses to completely repudiate the phony "election" and the billionaires on Wall Street who staged it.

A General's Prayer

Early this year General Lauris Norstad, Ret., apparently became concerned that President Johnson's stockpile of peace frauds was running low. So the former commander of NATO forces dreamed up an imaginative new scheme to throw into the hoax pot.

So eager was the arch-militarist to dabble in imperialist diplomacy, that he even took time out from his duties as president of Corning Glass Corp. and director of United Air Lines.

Norstad proposed that Johnson announce an end to the bombing of North Vietnam for an indefinite period and then fly to Geneva and wait patiently for Ho Chi Minh to come and surrender. If the Vietnamese leader didn't show up, the U.S. could go to it with "every necessary measure to win the war."

When the banker-general was asked how he would feel about it if Ho Chi Minh didn't show up, he replied:

"If I were President, I would get down on my knees three times a day and pray that that would happen. Our position would then be unassailable."

Landlord-Church; NLF Has Plan

Rice farmers six miles west of Danang pay 30 per cent of their crop to the Catholic Church for the use of water from the church owned dam.

On top of that they pay another 30 per cent to the landlord.

On top of that they pay various taxes to province and village.

They are left about 25 per cent to eat.

The villagers were supposed to pay for the dam in 12 years but now the new church priest claims to know nothing of that agreement and wants to go on collecting the 30 per cent.

The present priest didn't want to take care of the dam so he gave the job to a subcontractor for 10 per cent of the crop.

The subcontractor cut the farmers' water supply. The farmers, as a result, produce only 60 per cent per acre of the average per acre yield in the province!

Originally the farmers owned shares

in the dam but the church bought them all up. Now, in addition to collecting the 30 per cent from all the farmers for 12 years the church claims it still owns the dam.

The only solution recommended by the U.S. agricultural advisor is for the farmers to form a cooperative so they can get a loan and buy the rights to the dam from the church.

It is a very difficult problem which could easily tax the minds of 40 supreme court judges for 40 years. But the National Liberation Front has much simpler solutions:

1. Get rid of the priest, take the dam and save that 30 per cent
2. Get rid of the landlord, take the land and save that 30 per cent
3. Turn on the water and grow two thirds more rice and let the toilers keep it all.

That's what the Vietnamese revolution is all about.

U.S. 'Pacification' Workers Quitting

Denounce War As "An Overwhelming Atrocity"

"We read with anguish the daily body count of 'enemy' dead. We know that these 'enemy' are not all combat soldiers. Many are old men, women and young boys who ran when a helicopter hovered...."

Thus did Don Luce, head of the International Voluntary Service describe one of the reasons why he was fed up with the war after nine years in the "pacification" program.

"They (the U.S. military) keep asking us to help move refugees.... Well, the really important question is, should there be more refugees? Should we keep creating fire-free zones and moving people out of their villages?"

Luce, 33, complained bitterly about U.S. chemical warfare, politely described as "defoliation" and claimed that it was virtually destroying the country's agriculture and the people's food supply. He and three other leaders of I.V.S. embarrassed the imperialists recently by resigning their positions with considerable publicity.

Luce's protests are only an echo of the growing disgust with the war, which is penetrating even to the ranks of the pacification workers who are supposed to be helping Washington.

Forty-nine I.V.S. workers in Vietnam wrote an open letter to President Johnson denouncing the war as an "overwhelming atrocity."

All the I.V.S. volunteers speak Vietnamese and are engaged in some form of village work. Most of them are misguided humanitarians who basically wanted to help relieve the sufferings of civilians and orphans or aid the Viet-

namese poor in developing agriculture and livestock.

Not having a class understanding of the war, they wound up being a "peaceful" appendage of the savage imperialist war machine and are now thoroughly disgusted and disillusioned.

For example, Douglas Hofstetter, 22, also working for the Vietnam Christian Services, recently told the peasants in Tamky that the Christian thing to do was to love all men, including the National Liberation Front. For his pains Hofstetter was sent back to agency headquarters for "discussions" — undoubtedly to be instructed in the State

Department interpretation of holy doctrine.

A similar incident occurred in Hue recently where David Nesmith, another I.V.S. worker, was conducting poultry experiments. Nesmith watched a nearby village napalmed. This murder incident got to him and he became disgusted with the politics behind chicken raising in Vietnam. Nesmith wrote a letter protesting the war which was reprinted in the U.S. and in local church publications. The military, of course, tried to have him thrown out of the country.

One of those who quit his post in Vietnam, Don Ronk, head of the I.V.S.

in the Danang area, was a former military policeman. In his letter of resignation he wrote that he must speak out against the war which is "the cause of so much of their anguish and the anguish of all Vietnamese."

He added: "I believe my protest... is intended to say what they are largely unable to say: Stop the war."

This disgust with the war has been brewing for a long time and the Agency for International Development, which largely finances the volunteer program has been searching high and low in the U.S. for fresh recruits.

But A.I.D., as well as the military, knows the real truth; if civilians in Vietnam, who have a right to speak, cannot withhold their hatred for this savage war, can the U.S. soldiers be far behind?

Youth Protest Demonstrators Say:

'A.I.D. Aids U.S. Big Business'

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 — The Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) came to this city today to recruit 1500 people to serve in the so-called "pacification" program in Vietnam. They were met by over 60 chanting pickets with signs denouncing the agency for its major role in subduing and subjugating the Vietnamese people.

The demonstration, organized by Youth Against War & Fascism, was held at 346 Broadway at 5:00 p.m. The militant demonstrators chanted slogans against the war and A.I.D. and carried signs denouncing the agency — "A.I.D. — Agency for Imperialist Domination," "A.I.D. — C.I.A., the Carrot and the Stick," "A.I.D.'s Pacifica-

tion Means Concentration Camps."

Many people leaving work at the height of the rush hour saw the picket line and many passersby expressed sympathy with it.

A leaflet was handed out to the people urging them to join the line "to expose A.I.D. recruitment for U.S. aggression against the Vietnamese people."

The YAWF leaflet stated in part: "The term 'pacification' is the word the U.S. used to herd the Vietnamese into concentration camps that would make Hitler blush. In order to make the program stick, the U.S. will have to send even more troops to their slaughter. Fifty thousand are



already on their way right now.

"It will be solely for the sake of greater profits for napalm-maker Dow Chemical and the other merchants of death that more thousands of the Vietnamese people and American GIs will be forced to sacrifice their lives. We must expose the A.I.D. program as another tool of Wall Street in its bloody plans to rule all of Asia."

U.S.-Run UN To 'Draw Line' On Rights of Small Nations

By FRED GOLDSTEIN

Last week, U Thant momentarily abandoned his customary pose as an international liberal to deliver a heavy-handed declaration that "a line must be drawn somewhere" to limit full membership in the United Nations for "microstates."

Having summarily dismissed small nations as "microstates" Thant then went on to lecture the General Assembly on the need for an "associate membership" status (that is, no vote) in the UN to ward off "the weakening of the United Nations itself."

Having raised the question of the rights of small countries to vote in the UN, Thant then answered it.

"It appears desirable that distinctions be made between the right to independence and the question of full membership in the United Nations."

Thant is reported to be perplexed over the recent admission to the UN of the Maldives Islands, population 97,000 and the prospect that islands such as Anguilla, population 6,000 and the Trust Territory of Nauru, population 3,000 will shortly be eligible for membership.

It is highly unlikely that U Thant would raise such a question of policy without direct orders from his imperialist supervisors or at least without their full permission. Certainly the

spirit of Washington and its junior imperialist partners was evident in the chauvinistic tones with which the Secretary General verbally trampled on the rights of small nations.

In fact, it may very well be that Thant was voicing the specific demands of the Western billionaires who fear that the more countries there are in the UN, the more clearly the puppet character of the organization will be revealed.

The pressures of the world-wide liberation movement over the past two decades have inevitably been reflected in the membership, the political tone and the voting of the General Assembly (which has no executive power in the UN according to the Charter). These token concessions by the imperialist powers have been necessary in order to maintain the UN as a living organization and as a cover for imperialist aggression such as in Korea, the Congo, the Mideast, etc.

But at the same time, the imperialists have not relinquished one iota of executive control over the organization. The most recent and outrageous example of the puppet nature of the so-called world parliament was when the General Assembly voted to condemn Israeli aggression in the Mideast and demanded the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Arab territory. The vote

was 57 to 43 in favor — and the motion lost!

Small wonder that U Thant and his imperialist backers want to "draw the line" on the number of representatives of small nations, whose representatives will inevitably be subject to the immediate pressures of the oppressed masses.

It is the growing contradiction between the anti-imperialist sentiment and voting in the General Assembly and the pro-imperialist activities of the executive arm of the UN which is "weakening the United Nations itself." Further development of this divergence threatens to turn the organization more and more into an open battlefield and will hasten its destruction — either by the oppressed nations who will be forced to break away and form their own anti-imperialist international organization, or by the imperialists themselves. In short, Washington is in danger of losing one of its most cherished legal covers.

It is probable that U Thant was worrying less about Anguilla and the Maldives Islands, which are under firm imperialist control, and was concerned more with such "microstates" as Aden, Yemen, French Somali, etc., where revolutionary struggles are raging and independence is on the agenda.

But whatever the specific reasons for U Thant's arrogant display of proxy big-power chauvinism, there is one fact which will not be lost on any oppressed person, particularly those in the so-called "microstates."

The fact is, that no matter how "microscopic" small nations may appear to the eye of the Secretary General, no nation has ever been too small or too insignificant to be enslaved by imperialism! And if a country is large enough to be oppressed by imperialism, to have its land taken over, its wealth stolen, its people enslaved, isn't that nation important enough to be fully represented in an organization which purports to represent the world?

Furthermore, how can the Secretary General complain about the "over-representation" of small groups, such as Anguilla's 6,000 people, in the UN when he knows very well that a tiny clique of bankers completely dominates the whole rotten organization in the first place! Indeed, far less than 6,000 U.S. bankers and businessmen are not only "over-represented" by their own vote, but this handful of thieves has the dozens of votes of its puppet states on every continent.

To see Thant's orientation to imperialism one needs only to compare

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"Professional" Strikers Learn From Factory Workers

Teachers Defy Bankers' Bd. of Ed.

BULLETIN

Shanker Makes Racist Attack On Black People

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 — As we go to press the news has been released of an agreement between the United Federation of Teachers' negotiators and the Board of Education on terms of a new contract.

Not only has the settlement not dealt in the smallest degree with the manifold grievances of the Afro-American people against the racist school system, but it is reported that UFT leader, Albert Shanker, has described the efforts by the Black people to take over the schools in their communities as "vigilante action."

By the vile attack on the efforts of Afro-Americans to exercise the most fundamental right of self-determination in their own communities, Shanker has gone over from catering to racist demands, as illustrated by the notorious "disruptive pupil" clause, to open incitement against Black people.

This vicious attempt to fan the flames of racism must be vigorously condemned and the efforts of the Black people to take over their own communities must be firmly supported by all sympathizers of Black liberation.

18 Sit in for Black Control of Schools

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 — An Afro-American delegation besieged a Board of Education official here today and demanded Black-controlled schools for Black people.

Eighteen men, women and school-age children conferred for an hour with Dr. Nathan Brown, executive deputy superintendent of schools, then refused to leave his office without a positive answer.

The 12 who were adults — seven men and five women — were violently removed by the cops and charged with criminal trespassing. A large number of Afro-Americans cheered them.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 — After two weeks on the picket line, 7,000 teachers at Singer Bowl in Queens applauded and cheered yesterday when their union leader said, "As long as we stick together, we will win."

Obviously in answer to the double-cross by the Board of Education, one big sign carried by teachers from Junior High School 117 in the Bronx, said: "Lesson Plan: When You Deal With the Board, Get It in Writing!" Another, even more emphatic sign said: "Write it; we don't trust You."

The great throng looked like what it really was — a workers' protest gathering, bedecked with banners, the speeches punctuated with cries of approval, of humor and anger against the bosses.

Teachers were heard before the meeting complaining about their workloads and vaguely threatening to take different jobs altogether.

Whence comes this attitude and what happened to the much-vaunted "professionalism" that usually keeps the teachers silent and safely in their harnesses?

The mushrooming of strikes and strike situations in school systems across the country is directly traceable to these latter facts. And the New York City school strike is probably as militant as any of them.

The fact that the racism of some teachers became a factor in the strike did not alter the class character of this action (although it could have) — just as the striving of the Black people for self-determination and Black control of the schools had nothing to do with strike-breaking.

Actually, the union leadership whipped up the racism of some of the teachers by making the infamous demand for individual teacher control of "disruptive" children (who turn

Self-Determination in the Schools

In our last issue we made crystal-clear that we supported the drive for Black-controlled schools — for "self-control, self-defense and self-determination" in schools of the Black community.

Naturally, this requires more Black teacher to fully effectuate. Naturally, there are a number of steps yet to be taken and there are obstacles which the racist ruling class has cleverly put in the way of accomplishing it.

But the militant leaders of the Afro-American people in New York have already begun the process of overcoming these obstacles. They are already engaged in creating centers for Black schools and publicizing the drive for Black control — in some places actually seizing it.

This is happening in a number of Black schools in Harlem and Bedford Stuyvesant in the New York area during the strike. And it is sure to continue after the strike — or to leap out again on some other occasion in more finished form.

Black Control vs. Albany

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 — Harlem CORE started a campaign today to get the state constitutional convention in Albany to adopt a proposition enabling Harlem to set up its own public school system.

CORE is sending a delegation to Albany next week to meet with Anthony J. Travia, chairman of the Rules Committee, who is also president of the convention.

Roy Innes, chairman of Harlem CORE, said the group would present a letter from prominent educators sup-

porting the idea of a separate school system.

The most militant among Black Freedom fighters in New York are in favor of CORE's move. They view it generally as a limited version of self-determination in education.

"Independent, Black-controlled schools," said one leader, "would be a definite advance over what we have now. But just how much independence we would really have while Albany had anything to do with it at all remains to be seen."

out, because of poverty and other factors, to be Afro-American and Puerto Rican pupils). But the main drive was for higher wages and smaller classes.

The Board of Education, boss-ridden, bourgeois, anti-Black, anti-teacher — and for that matter, anti-pupil, because most pupils are of the working class — is the enemy of both the Black people and the teachers' union. It has temporized and stalled on the teachers' demands for more money and smaller classes. It has shuffled off the demands for Black-controlled schools, just as it proved to be so faithless on the question of integrated schools.

The Board is touted as representing the whole people of New York. But actually it represents the bosses and bankers. And as a matter of fact it isn't even "elected" by the people, and every member on it is chosen directly by these bosses and bankers.

A panel of these characters who pick the Board in New York includes Robert W. Dowling, Member of the Board of the First National City Bank; Edward F. Wagner, Trustee of the Consolidated Edison Co.; Trustee of the Chemical Bank New York Trust Co.; and Chairman of the Board, Seamen's Bank for Savings — and so on, and so on.

Thus the bosses of the teachers are the same bosses the rest of us work for, too. The assembly line workers in the capitalist education factory are beginning to find this out, or at least to react in the same way against those who crack the whip.

Black Nation Flag Flies at P.S. 270

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 — A Black Nationalist flag was hung up in Public School 270 in Brooklyn and remained up for several hours earlier this week.

It was the red, green and black flag originated by the Marcus Garvey movement in the nineteen-twenties and used by many militant Black groups today.

A volunteer instructor in the nearly all-Black school was thought to have displayed the banner. The U.S. flag, which had been removed to make way for the red, green and black, remained folded on top of a nearby desk for most of the day.

Hundreds of young people observed all this. But it remained for an assistant principal, Miss Rose Deering, to report the event and tell reporters, "We just removed it when we saw it."

Democracy in a Brooklyn Court

Bound and Gagged for Being Black

NEW YORK — In one of the most vicious displays of racism seen in any courtroom in recent years, a white Brooklyn judge ordered a Black defendant, who protested the unfairness of his trial, gagged and handcuffed in the courtroom.

On Friday, September 15, Robert 35X Smith was on trial in State Supreme Court in Brooklyn.

Dissatisfied with the kind of trial he was getting and with the kind of "defense" he was receiving from two court-appointed lawyers, he rose to his feet to protest these features of the trial in which he faced up to 45 years in prison if found guilty. He was charged with the wounding of three police detectives.

Said Smith: "I object to the polling

of these jurors; this trial is too speedy, it's a persecution and I'm under duress."

Smith objected to the composition of the jury which had 11 whites on it. He tried to dismiss the lawyers appointed by the court, one of whom was State Senator William Thompson.

"I'm being forced to trial with counsel I don't want . . . Please allow me to select counsel of my own choosing."

For a man facing 45 years of imprisonment, his lifetime to be taken away, it would seem that he might have the right to object if he felt he was not getting a fair trial. Supreme Court Justice Hyman Barshay, however, refused to allow Smith to dismiss the lawyers and angrily ordered

the jurors to ignore the pleas of the prisoner.

Smith tried to continue. He said he did not have adequate counsel and that the jurors were influenced by the racist press.

(According to the press and TV, Smith was a "Black Muslim" and therefore was guilty and had been guilty for some time.)

The judge now began to show the kind of racism that is usually reserved for police station cellars. As Smith began to aptly point to the difference between his treatment and that of white bigwigs who are given every kind of counsel and comfort by capitalist courts, the judge spat out his order for court cops to gag Smith.

They grabbed Smith and taped a cloth over his mouth — meanwhile the judge had sent the jury out of the room to spare them — or, more accurately, he may have feared that even a picked and prejudiced jury might think that this was a little too much.

Smith pulled off the gag. His hands were handcuffed behind his chair and he was gagged again.

At the end of the day, Judge Barshay, now performing an Alice-in-Wonderland part, told the jury which had seen this act of racism — that they had not seen it! He said, "Remember there was no prejudice of any kind, direct or indirect, in anything you may have seen in the courtroom today."

On Thursday, September 21, Robert 35X Smith was found guilty of all seven counts of the indictment. The date for his sentencing was not announced.

Judge Barshay is still free.

Harlem Hospital



This is the scene at Harlem Hospital's outpatient clinic where Black people are used to waiting long hours for medical care. While facilities for treating the masses who cannot afford outrageous medical fees (some hospitals now charge almost \$100.00 a day) are becoming more and more inadequate, the reactionary and racist Daily News has called for the abolition of Medicaid, Medicaid (free, government-subsidized medical care for the poor), they claim, causes "inflationary pressure."

Of course they don't mention that whatever "inflation" there is, is caused by greedy doctors who see an opportunity to steal even more than usual by charging the government higher fees for treating the poor. (The government has shown no compunction about handing out the people's money to these crooks.) Rather than denounce corrupt medical practices, the Daily News, the AMA and the rest of the bloodsuckers say that those who cannot pay just don't deserve medical care at all.

Lockman: "Hell No; Won't Go!"

Another anti-war GI has joined the many young men, both inside and outside the U.S. Armed Forces, who are fighting against the U.S. war of aggression in Vietnam, whether by resisting the draft or by refusing to obey orders to go to Vietnam.

On September 15, Pvt. Ronald Lockman, a 23-year-old Afro-American soldier, was arrested by Oakland army authorities for refusing to board a bus taking his fellow GIs to Travis Air Force Base where they were to be shipped to Vietnam. He is being held in the stockade at the Presidio of San Francisco to await a court-martial. He faces a possible five years imprisonment.

Lockman, a member of the Du Bois Clubs of America, stated at a press conference in San Francisco on September 12:

"My position on my orders is NO! I won't go. I can't go. I will not be used any longer. My fight is back home in the Philadelphia ghettos where I was born and raised. I will not go 10,000 miles away to be a tool of the oppressors of the Vietnamese people. I am asking for the support of the people all over the Nation and es-



Pvt. Ronald Lockman.

pecially my Black brothers and sisters to join me and support me in my struggle."

Stanley Faulkner, lawyer for the Fort Hood Three, and Terrence Hallinan have volunteered to defend the Black youth in his fight against the U.S. military. It was announced that they will defend Lockman on the basis

SNCC and the Arab-Israeli Conflict

In the wake of the most recent U.S.-Israeli aggression against the Arabs, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has been subjected to a supplementary aggression from the "liberal" friends of imperialism, who up to then had also been "friends" of SNCC.

Because SNCC defended the Arabs and wrote a condemnation of Israel in the June-July issue of the SNCC Newsletter, many such liberals condemned SNCC as "anti-Semitic."

The material below is a verbatim reprint of a lead editorial in the September issue of The Movement. It should clear up the question of SNCC's alleged "anti-Semitism" for everyone who is genuinely against imperialism and imperialist war.

THE MOVEMENT would like to urge all those people outraged and indignant at the article in the SNCC Newsletter of June-July on "The Palestine Problem" to read it again, this time in good faith, quietly and without malice aforethought.

We have read it many times. It is not anti-Jewish. It does not characterize Jews as a group. It carefully distinguishes between Jews and Zionists:

"...several American and European Jews, who are not Zionists and cannot support the horrors committed by Zionists in the name of Judaism, have spoken out and condemned the Zionist distortions of the Jewish religion..."

In fact, the statements made by SNCC pale in contrast with the accusations hurled against the Zionists by anti-Zionist Jews. SNCC knows deeply and well that a people are not to be judged AS A GROUP, but that the political actions of a STATE are to be judged,

and if wrong, to be condemned. SNCC has never flinched from speaking its mind.

SNCC IS PARTISAN

The article in the Newsletter is partisan, no doubt about it. SNCC clearly supports the revolutionary aspirations of the Third World; and Israel, as characterized by the actions of its statesmen and military men, is opposed to the aspirations.

We question the motives of those Americans who oppose American militarism and support Israeli militarism, who denounce Johnson and acclaim Dayan (a military advisor to American forces in Vietnam), who cry out against the napalming of Vietnamese and consider the napalming of Arabs "necessary."

SNCC IS POLITICAL

Time and again we have seen people angrily denounce SNCC and withdraw their support whenever SNCC has dared to make POLITICAL judgments, when it has attacked Johnson's hypocrisy, denounced the war against Vietnam, supported the Arab cause, identified with Latin American revolutionary aims. We suspect that SNCC is denounced because Americans fear a black political movement that is opposed to the desires of America's political decision-makers. Political judgments are not the sole province of American whites.

The attack on SNCC's "anti-Semitism" can only be called hysterical. You who denounce black violence for liberation and support Israeli violence for conquest are in a trap. You counter political decisions with slander, you label fighters for freedom "outlaws." You have lost your cool: you are afraid. Please think, please concentrate. Your souls and your lives and your freedom are at stake.

The Rats Reverse Themselves

At the height of the rebellions this summer, the House of so-called Representatives killed a \$40 million appropriation for rat control. The issue was highlighted by many jokes and puns, but behind the rejection of the bill was a racist vengeance against the Black

people of the rat-infested ghettos who were defying the laws of property and white supremacist order.

This visible affirmation of white supremacy in the middle of a rebellion was felt to be unnecessary and unwise by the ruling class.

So this week, the Congressmen had to partially reverse themselves. By a vote of 129 to 128, the House on Sept. 19 tentatively approved a two year, \$40 million rat amendment to its \$950 million public health bill. The money will go to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to distribute to local governments for rat-control campaigns if it is approved on the final roll-call vote.

— The \$950 million to be spent in the next year for public health by the U.S. government is slightly more than one day's expenditure for the Vietnam war!

Letters of support should be sent to:
Pvt. Ronald Lockman
Post Stockade Bldg. 1213
Presidio of San Francisco
California, 94129

Lockman's lawyer, Terrence Hallinan, can be contacted at 345 Franklin Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

Giant Corporations Get \$5 Billion ABM Bonanza

Warmakers' New "Defense" Hoax

The new so-called "thin" anti-ballistic missile system to be built by the U.S. merchants of death has generated a considerable amount of debate and speculation among bourgeois columnists and editorialists, all seeking to "uncover" the significance of the new \$5 billion project.

Some say it was all an election gimmick by Johnson to undercut the Republicans in 1968. Others go along with McNamara's warmongering "explanation" that the new system is "only" directed against People's China. Some Washington insiders slyly hint that the current ABM project is really the nucleus of a much larger system to be erected in the future against the USSR.

In all probability all of these explanations are true.

But however the new anti-missile system fits into the long-range military plans of U.S. imperialism, the immediate, concrete meaning for the billionaire munitions makers is undeniable—a \$5 billion bonanza for which they have lobbied long and hard.

(This \$5 billion to be thrown to the corporate wolves represents a major part of the anticipated \$7 billion which the Johnson administration is planning to take from the workers with the new 10 per cent tax increase.)

"The impending Defense Dept. establishment of an anti-missile system sent tremors of anticipation through Wall Street yesterday," reported the New York Post on Sept. 19, "driving the stocks of some of the companies involved in such a system up as much as \$5..."

"The electronics industry," gloated Business Week of September 23, "stands to reap the biggest dollar fall-out, because electronic sensors, data processing equipment, and the command and control system make up more than \$3 billion of the \$5 billion cost. But the aerospace industry will get its cut too."

"Principal beneficiaries of the so-called 'thin' defense system being discussed," continued the Post article, "would include McDonnell-Douglas;

Raytheon, which makes missile site radar; the Univac division of Sperry Rand, for computers; Microwave Associates for microwave diodes used in the radar system; and Varian Associates for microwave tubes...

"Yesterday, Raytheon was up \$4.13, Microwave Associates was up \$5, and Varian gained 50 cents and Sperry 63 cents."

"Another of the companies standing to benefit from the anti-missile system, Martin-Marietta, was up \$1.88."

Other giant monopolies which are dipping deep into the war-profit barrel are General Electric, Western Electric, Bell Telephone, Burroughs Corp. and a whole host of "second-tier" and "third-tier" contractors such as Avco Corp., Hughes Aircraft, Sperry Gyroscope, Thiokol Chemical, Westinghouse Electric, Motorola, Honeywell among dozens of others.

It seems that of the many "real meanings" behind the ABM contracts the pen-prostitutes of the bourgeoisie neglect to mention the giant giveaway of

millions in profits which the coupon-clipping parasites will reap from this project. It is much more prudent and a lot safer to concentrate on the anti-Communist military and political possibilities of the future than the immediate robbery going on right under their noses.

To be sure, U.S. imperialism oppresses so many millions of people in so many corners of the globe that every struggle, every rebellion, no matter where or when, has the potential of turning into a general conflict between the billionaire oppressors on Wall Street and the world working class and oppressed.

Consequently, the U.S. corporate rulers must prepare every hour of every day to protect their investments and their profits with bigger and better weapons of destruction.

But it is the nature of the capitalist beast that the very preparation for the protection of profits by military means is in itself a vast source of huge profits for the very billionaires who require and make the wars in the first place. And this drive for war profits plays no small role in the irresistible trend toward the militarization of imperialist society.

- U.S. vs. "Che Guevara"

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-- who include President Barrientos of Bolivia, President Leoni of Venezuela, President Somoza of Nicaragua and a group in the United States government -- are trying to restore an aggressive, pre-Bay of Pigs attitude in the hemisphere. These leaders, some of whom speak privately of bombing or an outright invasion of Cuba, may be hoping that the recent avalanche of evidence against Premier Castro will change moderate minds." (Our emphasis)

The Argentinian puppet junta of the U.S. also declared at the OAS conference that it will support military aggression against Cuba.

The "revelations" about Che Guevara are also Washington's way of propping up its shaky Latin American regimes. "Foreign subversion" is Washington's cry, and immediately, U.S. support comes forth for the most oppressive and military regimes with more armaments, military airplanes, Green Berets, and other military aid. Despite denials from Washington of this large-scale military aid to countries such as Bolivia, news reports have proved the opposite to be true. A dispatch of the N.Y. Times of May 7 revealed:

"In the light of what the American military men call the 'terrible greenness' of the Bolivian troops, the United States is concentrating on providing teams of military advisers, all experts in counterinsurgency tactics, to help train several thousand Bolivian troops."

More recently, an Argentinian correspondent for the weekly Siete Dias,

accompanied Bolivian government troops and reported:

"There were 240 of us, armed with six mortars, Browning machine guns, M-1's and Israeli submachine guns. Our men were first 'Rangers,' graduates of the 'green beret' school in Santa Cruz, which has U.S. instructors, veterans of the Viet Nam war, who teach the Bolivians the tricks of guerrilla warfare."



Che Guevara

If Che Guevara is in Bolivia, he has every right to be there, for he is fighting, as he did in Cuba, for the liberation of his Latin American brothers. It is U.S. imperialism who is the foreign aggressor and exploiter of the Latin American people. And it is U.S. imperialism which will be thrown out of Latin America by Latin Americans -- such as Che Guevara.

- UN Against Small Nations

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his readiness to "draw the line" on keeping small nations out of the UN with his reluctance to make such definitive lines of demarcation on the question of inviting People's China, i.e. one quarter of the human race, into the UN. (It is true that Thant always "regrets" the exclusion of China but also always manages to reconcile himself to the will of Washington -- and he certainly never "draws the line" on the question.)

Of course it is absurd to argue for representation of small nations in an organization like the UN which is run by and for their very oppressors.

Small, dependent nations are small and dependent precisely because they were originally enslaved by imperialism, strangled in their development and completely cut off from developing political and economic relations

and associations of their own choosing and for their own benefit.

These victims of imperialism for hundreds of years can hardly obtain any beneficial representation in a parliament of international thieves and looters.

In fact, the very developments which U Thant and his Washington overlords are now in fear of -- i.e. the destruction of the UN as an imperialist tool -- is exactly what all revolutionaries and sympathizers with the oppressed are hoping for.

Early in 1965 People's China called on all oppressed nations to break with the imperialist-controlled UN and to constitute a new, truly international organization on a revolutionary basis, devoted to the destruction of world imperialism. It is only in an organization of this type that the age-old victims of colonial exploitation and plunder will

From the City of Havana To the City of Hanoi

The following article, reprinted from the weekly English edition of Granma, the newspaper of the Cuban Communist Party, was titled FROM THE CITY OF HAVANA TO THE CITY OF HANOI

It is midnight in Hanoi, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. Perhaps, even as we read this message, flames still gutter in the wreckage and ruins of zones of the city which, until yesterday, were the homes of workers or schools for their children, or factories full of workers. Perhaps now Hanoi is getting a one-day respite from planes. Perhaps the city sleeps, while the watchful eyes of sentries at every building and every corner remain alert...Or perhaps it is not that way at all. Perhaps at this very moment the wailing of alarm sirens is piercing the night, bringing all men, women and children to their posts. Perhaps the thundering of anti-aircraft batteries echoes through the city as the insatiable Yankee aggressors return. Perhaps bombs are falling on bridges, schools, parks, hospitals and streets... as the latest devices of the U.S. war industry are employed in the service of death and destruction. Perhaps all of this is taking place at this very moment. Perhaps blood is streaming in Hanoi at this very instant.

But, no matter what is happening there now, whether she is at rest or in combat, Hanoi today represents for all the peoples of the world one of the most heroic and admirable episodes in the struggle of the Vietnamese people for their indisputable rights.

For the past few weeks now, all the hatred and fury of the Yankee imperialists has been concentrated on this city. For days on end, hundreds of warplanes have arrived again and again to

'drop their deadly cargoes. Many have been shot down by the city's anti-aircraft defenses. But the toll includes scores of dead and hundreds of wounded, whole blocks of dwellings, as well as schools and hospitals, destroyed. These are the latest instances of sacrifice of a people that has fought throughout a thousand years for its independence.

The latest acts of fascist brutality stem from the powerlessness of the Yankees to counteract the victorious drive of the forces of liberation in the South or to subdue the firm and unyielding determination of the people of North Viet Nam to fight on until victory is attained. As was pointed out by President Ho Chi Minh, the Yankees' actions will only increase the people's passion for liberty and independence. They will only succeed in intensifying the universal hatred that has arisen against the imperialist militarists and their murderously-inclined leaders, Johnson, Rusk and McNamara.

We, the workers and all the people of Havana, the capital of Cuba, first free territory of America, a city which is also subjected to threats and attacks by the imperialists and is included in their plans of global strategy, salute the glorious example of Hanoi, that fights in behalf of all the peoples of the world as she struggles and repels the worst enemy of mankind: Yankee imperialism.

To the heroic and invincible men and women of Hanoi -- who, 12 hours and 10,000 miles away from us, on the opposite side of the globe, are fighting in defense of the sacred soil of their homeland -- we say from Havana: Your battle is our battle! Our blood is your blood! Your victory will be our victory!

PATRIA O MUERTE! VENCEREMOS!

Mitchell Motion Denied

HARTFORD, Conn. Sept. 25 — Dave Mitchell, who refused to report for induction on the basis of the Nuremberg Law, will have to serve his full five year sentence, ruled Federal Judge Emmett Clairie today.

Mitchell's attorney, William Kunstler, argued that although Judge Clairie

ever get their true rights and particularly their most needed right — the right to wage a struggle for the overthrow of the master class.

ruled a Nuremberg defense irrelevant at Mitchell's trial, the Army has since allowed Capt. Howard Levy to present evidence of war crimes in defense of his refusal to obey an order. Kunstler also pointed out that most draft offenders receive sentences of two or three years, not five years.

Judge Clairie, who displayed his bias against Mitchell during the trial and sentencing, said as he denied the motion to reduce sentence, "The court had no animosity towards the defendant. The court was and is of the opinion that a fair and just sentence in the case of David Henry Mitchell is five years."

U.S. Sending Troops to Suppress Rebellion

What Are Over 40,000 GIs Doing in Thailand?

With 465,000 GIs now in Vietnam (with an additional 30-40,000 men in the 7th Fleet) and about 60,000 more now authorized to go there soon, it should be a fair question to ask: Is the big brass preparing to do the same thing in nearby Thailand?

Two and a half years ago, there were "only" 10,000 U.S. servicemen in Thailand, half of whom were airmen. Today there are nearly 40,000, the bulk of them being ground troops and supply personnel, (who are incidentally geared up to supply a much bigger force than is now there).

The total is nearly twice as great as the number of U.S. troops in Vietnam three and a half years ago.

Over 80 per cent of the Air Force's jet strikes in Vietnam are said to originate in Thailand. But that is far from the only function of U.S. forces in the country.

There is an 800-man U.S. "adviser" group in the northeastern part of Thailand, which helps the puppet troops (paid largely with U.S. money) suppress the long-suffering villagers, who are trying to throw off landlord rule. This

was exactly the pattern of U.S. intervention in Vietnam during the years 1954 to 1965. The 15,000 that Kennedy sent in 1961 were the first massive force of U.S. "advisers" in that country, but the limitation of the Geneva Agreement on foreign troops had been broken by the U.S. long before this date.

One reason U.S. troops have been increased (and the 800 figure in the northeast is most likely a minimized and false one) is that "Recently an entire group of villages south of the provincial capital of Sakon Nakhon went over to the other side," as Edward Klein of Newsweek said, and "two or three Village (puppet) Defense Corps units in another area have laid down their arms."

The same reporter said on June 19 that:

"One senior American official offered me this gloomy confidence: 'I've served in both Vietnam and Thailand and I'll tell you that things look far worse here today than they did in Saigon in 1960.'"

Gen. Hal D. McCown, who has re-

placed Gen. Richard G. Stilwell in the Thailand command, is pushing for more GIs to go there. McNamara is resisting. But he resisted in Vietnam, too.

An unnamed "colonel" told the New York Times on July 5 that it was too bad that officers and men "had" to go home after one year in Thailand (like the rotation in Vietnam).

"That's just when they start becoming effective," he lamented.

A "study" made by a U.S. "aid" mission in the spring of this year announced on July 1 that "The effort of the Royal Thai Government with United States support is failing to make the impact in the northeastern provinces necessary to establish security of development on a continuing and viable basis."

A translation of this gobbledygook would read: "The starving peasants keep fighting back; they won't surrender; and more GIs from the United States will have to be sent in to shoot them down."

Last week, on September 19, Rutherford M. Poats, deputy administrator of the Agency for International Development, compared the Thai "insurgency" to the situation in Vietnam in 1959 and asked for bigger appropriations. And a high, but unnamed State Department official told Congress on the same day that Thai guerrilla activity is spreading fast.

If we read the signs right, present GIs and potential draftees can look forward to a hitch in Thailand almost as likely as Vietnam.

Statement of the Thai Patriotic Front

The Government of Thailand, now a pliant tool of Washington, is currently engaged in a campaign of bloody repression of the Thai people, particularly those in the oppressed but rebellious northeastern part of the country.

A recent statement of the Patriotic Front of Thailand has come into our hands, which we reprint here in full. It is a call to the Thai masses and also an explanation of some of the recent events for the benefit of Western sympathizers.

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Following the instructions of U.S. imperialism, the traitorous fascist dictatorial regime of Thanom started a fresh campaign of mass arrests on August 31. So far 33 patriotic democrats have been arrested. The U.S.-Thanom clique's Police Department issued a statement on the same day boasting about the effectiveness and unearthing of a criminal plot beforehand.

The police tried hard to give distorted facts and lies with a view to incriminating the people they had arrested. The police statement charged them with carrying out activities under the direction of foreign countries to deceive the people. All this is a vile fascist police frame-up against the patriots.

This is not all. Prasert Ruchirawong, Thanom's Police Chief, has personally engaged in rumour-mongering. He tried to justify the fascist acts of the traitorous government of Thailand. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that the Thanom government is preparing public opinion for the murder of the people under arrest by invoking Article 17 of its barbarous fascist "constitution."

In a statement to the press on September 4, Thanom declared that his government would severely punish the prisoners and that it did not have to spend much time to study the matter. Dictator Thanom's remarks clearly indicated that his regime had worked out a plot to kill those under arrest.

This fascist regime also hopes in this way to intimidate the Thai people so that they will not rebel against its monstrous crimes. It is also meant to be an act in the loyal service of Thanom's master, the U.S. imperialists, from whom he wants to beg for some dollars in return.

The people should direct their attention to the arrest of these patriotic democrats who include ordinary people, civil servants, army and police personnel. The fascist ruling clique is now plotting against their lives. The people should be vigilant over developments and should wage a struggle against the

atrocities the Thanom fascists have planned. The U.S. imperialists and the Thanom clique definitely should not be allowed to go unpunished.

If no resistance is offered, U.S. imperialism and the Thanom clique will become still more arrogant and blatant and that will lead to their still more unscrupulous fascist tyranny over, and slaughter of, the people, and also to their still more brazen national betrayal as slaves of U.S. imperialism.

If this happens, Thanom will become a greater scourge of the country and bring worse disasters to the people. Therefore, all Thai people who love their country and people, democracy and justice, should join forces in exposing the traitorous conduct of the Thanom regime and struggle against its barbarous fascist dictatorship.

The latest wave of arrests and the plot to murder are of vital concern not only to those who have been arrested but also to all those innocent people who love their country, their people and democracy and whose freedom and personal security are at stake not only at present but also in the future.

In the name of all those who love their country, the people and democracy, we sternly denounce the fascist acts of U.S. imperialism and the Thanom clique. We warn U.S. imperialism and the Thanom clique that they must be responsible for the safety and security of all those under arrest. We also warn the Thanom clique against adopting savage fascist measures to intimidate, injure and persecute the arrested patriots physically or mentally.

The U.S. imperialists and the Thanom clique must at once abandon their criminal plan of murdering these Thai patriots in their attempt to intimidate the people. They must speedily and unconditionally set free all these innocent people. They must shoulder all consequences arising from their torture, persecution and slaughter of any of the prisoners.

We call on all Thai people who love the country and the nation, democracy and justice, to unite still more closely and to thoroughly expose and firmly struggle against the fascist atrocities of U.S. imperialism and the Thanom clique.

We call on all patriotic democratic armed forces throughout the country to unite as one, display their militancy, maintain high vigilance and be ready to administer serious and effective counter blows in face of the suppression of the people by U.S. imperialism and the Thanom clique.

We call on all the revolutionary people in the world who uphold justice and hate fascism to support the struggle of the Thai people and oppose in every possible way the barbarous crimes of U.S. imperialism and the Thanom fascist clique.

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American troops board a plane in Bangkok, Thailand. U.S. soldiers are now being sent to aid in the oppression of Thai peasants.

"Lives Will Be Lost If You Stop the Bombing!" Says That Great Humanitarian, Admiral Sharp

If the U.S. stopped bombing Vietnam, said Admiral Sharp to Congress on Sept. 20, "We would immediately face a large increase in loss of American troops... We would be, in my opinion, extending the war indefinitely."

And if the U.S. aggression continues "at the present pace," he optimistically assured his mentors, the war could be ended "in less than five years" -- which should be good news for boys under 13 years of age.

The day after this testimony, the Defense Department revealed that more American lives had been lost in battle since the bombing of Hanoi last December than in the whole five previous years of warfare -- that is, nearly seven thousand.

(This is only the number of officially-admitted battle deaths and does not include victims of accident and disease.)

Before the first bombing of the North in the so-called "Tonkin Bay Incident" of August, 1964, U.S. soldiers died in battle at a rate of less than one a week. Now, with all-out bombing, the death rate according to the Pentagon, is from 150 to 300 a week.

These figures certainly don't prove that bombing "saved American lives" and they strongly indicate that bombing actually led to the much greater loss of American lives.

As for the number of Vietnamese killed, that of course does not enter the calculations of the humanitarian Admiral Sharp. Nor do the children, the sick and the aged who are bombed seem to cause him any loss of sleep. On the contrary, he feels that the more of this there is, the more surely he will get his way.

On Sept. 25, B-52 bombers, under Sharp's Pacific command, dropped leaflets on the village of Benquang warning the residents they would be bombed "again and again."

One leaflet was reported to have pictured a B-52 dropping bombs, another showed houses going up in smoke.

Admiral Sharp would be the last man to say that he wants to save Vietnamese lives, of course. But thoughtful GIs may well ask themselves this question:

"If a man is that callous about women and children of any nationality, does he really give a damn how many GIs he gets killed to achieve his ends?"

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Can't Obey Orders of Wash. War Criminals

Reservist Tells Navy "Hell No!"

PHILADELPHIA — Another member of the U.S. armed forces has refused to play a part in the U.S. aggression in Vietnam. He was backed here by a picket line organized by the fighting Committee for GI Rights and supported by several other organizations including Youth Against War & Fascism, the Philadelphia Anti-Draft Union and the Angry Arts Committee.

Edward W. Vogel, Jr., of Bethlehem, Pa., a seaman recruit, refused to report for any duty and made a public statement on September 21 refusing to obey any orders of the U.S. Navy. He said in a prepared statement:

"I firmly believe that through my acceptance of any order no matter how miniscule or unattached it may be from actual combat, I will be assisting the war machine."

Ed Vogel had been on inactive reserve since joining the Navy on May 14 of this year. He was supposed to report for active duty on September 19.

Instead of reporting, he issued a public statement protesting the war. In the statement he said:

"My refusal to report on September 18 was a deliberate act, designed to inform the military that I refuse to serve in the Navy or cooperate with them in any way. I cannot in good conscience obey the orders which come down from



Ed Oquendo (right), who refused to be drafted, congratulates Ed Vogel, a Navy reservist who refused to report to basic training, outside Armed Forces Examining center in Philadelphia.

the Chief of Naval operations, who has recently ordered the bombing of Haiphong, endangering the lives of thousands of civilians."

A militant picket line of some 40 to 50 people chanted, "Hell no; we won't go!" and passed out copies of Vogel's statement in front of Philadelphia's military center at 401 North Broad Street in support of the anti-war recruit's action as he went in and gave the naval warmakers his refusal.

Inside, to make sure they got the message, Ed Vogel signed a copy of his refusal before a Navy representative and a civilian witness from the Committee for GI Rights.

In the face of all this, the Navy decided to postpone any direct confrontation. They told Ed Vogel to leave. He did.

The first round of the struggle, at least, had gone to the anti-war fighters.



DC Cops Attack Anti-War Women



WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 — Five hundred angry demonstrators from Women Strike for Peace tried to bring their opposition to the Vietnam war to Lyndon Johnson's doorstep today, fighting with police as they defied an Interior Department order limiting picketing outside the White House.

(This order bans demonstrations of more than 100 people outside the President's mansion and is intended purely as another "legal" obstacle to anti-war protest.)

The women, gathered in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House, demanded that they all be allowed to picket at the White House. And they headed towards the street to do so. At that point, police attacked the women, both young and old, with clubs. Many were knocked down and at least one was bloodied and knocked temporarily unconscious. Two of the women and one man were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Afterwards, about 70 women blocked traffic on East Executive Street alongside the White House for half an hour. Many more marched outside a police precinct to protest the arrest of the

three.

There was also picketing at Selective Service offices where they carried a coffin with the words, "Not my son, not your sons, not their sons. Support those who say no."

Women Strike for Peace is one of the more moderate anti-war organizations, but its rank and file members are often more militant than the leaders. Last winter, during a demonstration at the Pentagon, the women refused to follow the instructions of their own leaders to kneel and pray for peace; they took off their shoes and beat on the Pentagon doors instead.

Asthma, Roaches & Racism

Just two years ago, "scientists" from Cornell University Medical College claimed that a sharp rise in the incidence of asthma among Afro-Americans and Puerto Ricans was due to "an increase in racial tensions." This "scientific" discovery certainly came in handy for big business and the slumlords to hide the effects of their miserable housing conditions, which are forced on oppressed Afro-Americans



Who Won World War II?

I left Frankfurt, Germany, twenty-two years ago this month. At that time much of Frankfurt was a bombed-out ruins with only jagged walls standing—at night a dark, empty, silent, eerie wasteland.

But we, the conquering troops who had come to occupy it, were not depressed by this. In fact, the ruins were maybe a symbol of our belief that the Nazi threat, the monster, was dead. With a magnificent innocence we, at least briefly, believed then that a new, fine and fair world was going to open up for us.

But the monster, as you know, wasn't dead. And every day we then unknowingly passed a symbol not only of its life but of its resurrection: the fine, unbombed headquarters of the giant I.G. Farben Corporation which was being used by Eisenhower and his military staff as their occupation headquarters (until such time as I.G. Farben would be allowed to have it back again).

With all the destructive bombing, this I.G. Farben headquarters close by the ruins of the city had been not so much as touched. How come? Even we, trusting as we were, were bewildered by this.

There was a standard answer which explained that the planes had always come in a certain bombing pattern which left this particular area out.

Who had laid out this pattern? Why was this brain center of Nazi Germany's big business not only overlooked but actually preserved amidst the ruins?

Henry Clay Alexander could tell you.

Mr. Alexander is now the chairman of the executive committee of the giant Morgan Guaranty Trust, world financial power center second only to Rockefeller's Chase Manhattan bank, both of which even during World War II had financial agreements with I.G. Farben.

And during the war Henry Clay Alexander was a top military chief in the strategic bombing command which decided what was to be destroyed—and what, like I.G. Farben's headquarters, was not to be destroyed.

Now, twenty-two years after the war and our sojourn in shattered Frankfurt guarding Eisenhower and his staff in the untouched palace of I.G. Farben, we can look back and see all too clearly who won the peace—after we thought we had won the war: U.S. big business and their ex-Nazi friends—one of whom now governs West Germany.

The September 9 Business Week features an article of American big business having its fun in re-enacting an old-time ceremony as it makes its profit in the rebuilt, refurbished Frankfurt of today.

There is a certain fitting symbolism here, too, as the U.S. businessmen in Frankfurt try to turn back the clock by reviving a custom stemming from feudal days. This was the custom of businessmen bribing the mayor of the city with a gift for his allowing them to display their products without paying a tariff.

The list of sponsors who marched in this ceremony is a list of the biggest U.S. businesses. Morgan Guaranty Trust, of course is there, but the cast is appropriately headed by the representative of Chase Manhattan Bank and includes merchant princes or at least top poop-boys from Dow Chemical, Proctor & Gamble, GE, and GM, and so on.

We are informed that they paraded to the mayor to give him a rare U.S. penny—rare or not, a penny is probably a good sign of what the mayor is worth to U.S. big businessmen. We are told that, "Partly it was for fun" but that "wrapped" in the other stuff (and you'll have to admit their frankness) was a "sound business objective."

I think back to what led up to our occupation of Frankfurt—the war. "Wrapped" in the war and in all the propaganda they fed us then about fighting for a better world was, of course, "a sound business objective"—only then they were careful not to be so frank.

I think of some of those I knew who died fighting for that "sound business objective." I think of some also who lived. I remember my friend Johnson from North Dakota, smiling, good-natured Johnson. I remember the last time I saw him in France, lying in a ditch in Normandy with one eye gone, his back and arm torn, wrapped in bloody bandages. I brought him some cider and we talked.

When I recall those days I know that we then could not have accepted the truth about why we were fighting. We had to believe then that it was worth while.

Yet now, the truth is plain. We fought for U.S. big business against German big business. U.S. big businessmen had no real aversion to Nazism. Some of them loved it. It was just that it was taking the cake they wanted for themselves. And they sent us to fight and defeat German imperialism so that they could dominate.

Now they eat the lion's share of the cake. Now they approach Nazism themselves.

Now they send more youth to fight to get them more cake, this time in Asia.

But this time (and I reflect on it with grim joy) they are failing—both in their military effort and in the indoctrination. While many youths who are sent to fight may still find it hard to completely accept the truth about the fact that they are merely tools—or, more accurately, expendable pawns—of business interests, they have more and more already rejected the war as "their" war. Those that go, do so because they are forced.

They will begin to see that they are not only being sent to die in vain—but that they are being sent to the sacrifice by their most vicious enemies, the enemies of all the people, and that they are being used against a poor people who would gladly fight by their side as brothers.

and Puerto Ricans.

But this medical farce could not really be taken seriously in the ghettos as well as within medical circles. Consequently, allergists in Washington recently found evidence that an allergy to cockroaches seems to be a significant cause of asthma and other allergic reactions.

In a study carried out in seven New York City allergy clinics, the doctors found that the main source of cockroach allergy is food that has been contam-

inated by cockroaches. As reported in the August issue of The Southern Medical Journal:

"The incidence of this allergy was found to be particularly high among Puerto Ricans and Negroes, who have been shown to be most frequently exposed to cockroaches in their homes."

And even if social and psychological tensions do cause asthma, it is still the rotten living conditions created by slumlords that created these "tensions" in the first place.