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## Rob Williams' "Crusader" Still Barred From Mails

### ACLU to Contest Govt's Unconstitutional Action

NEW YORK, Oct. 30 — Mel Wulf, chief attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union told Workers World today that Robert Williams' case against the Government for barring his magazine, "Crusader" from the mails, was "a good one."

Mr. Wulf further stated that he was now consulting with other ACLU lawyers in Washington over legal strategy in the case and was planning to file a lawsuit to require the Postmaster General to reverse his ban of the publication.

Asked when he was going to file, the attorney said preparations would take about two weeks.

Although the newspapers have tried to kill the case with silence, a number of organizations are already taking steps to fight against and publicize this violation of freedom of the press.

Among these, Youth Against War & Fascism has announced intentions to take action and has already wired the Postmaster General as follows:

Post Master General  
Post Office Department  
Washington, D.C.

We protest arbitrary and unconstitutional prohibition of Rob Williams' publication "Crusader" from the U.S. mails and demand you restore full mailing rights. U.S. taxpayers are subsidizing big business junk mail and denied benefit of important information it is their right to have. Elementary democracy requires your immediate reversal of this ban.

Deirdre Griswold Stapp  
Acting Coordinator  
Youth Against War &  
Fascism

In scoring the Johnson Administration for its totalitarian suppression of his newspaper, Rob Williams said last month:

"It is not THE CRUSADER's fault that the greatest purveyors of these social evils happen to be white Ameri-

cans. THE CRUSADER has not created the anti-social conditions of the Black ghettos that breed violence and insurrection. This blame rests squarely on the shoulders of the racist and inhumane power structure."

## Black Panther Leader Shot by Racist Calif. Cops

OAKLAND, Oct. 29 — Huey Newton, leader of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense, lies handcuffed to a hospital bed after having been wounded in the abdomen by Oakland police during a gun battle. One cop was killed and another wounded in the fight.

The racist authorities in California have been "out to get" the Black Panther Party ever since its members began to carry weapons for self defense against the "occupation army" of armed police in the Black community.

Early this Spring, members of the Black Panthers carried out a courageous demonstration for the right of Black people to bear arms for defense against their oppressors, when they marched with rifles through the State capital building in Sacramento.

During that demonstration, the 26 Black Panther members handed out a statement denouncing the "racist war of genocide" in Vietnam. They declared:

"The racist California Legislature (is) now considering legislation aimed at keeping the Black people disarmed and powerless at the very same time that racist agencies throughout the country are intensifying the terror, brutality, murder and repression of the Black people."



## U.S. MASSES MUST ANSWER VIETNAM'S APPEAL FOR JUSTICE!

OCTOBER 31 — After the latest bombings of Hanoi, which killed at least 200 civilians, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam today called on "the governments and peoples of the

brother socialist countries, the governments and peoples of other countries, all organizations who fight for peace, liberty and justice to ... act firmly to stay the hand of American imperialist aggressors against Vietnam."

The American people, 46 per cent of whom are against the war, even according to the slanted capitalist-paid Gallup pollsters, must and shall answer this call.

The huge demonstration at the Pentagon on October 21 was, to be sure, unheeded by the imperialist warmakers, even though they cautiously waited for its termination before escalating the war again. But the growing opposition, particularly among the GIs themselves, who are being asked to die in so ugly a cause, can certainly slow down the hawks and finally clip their wings, too.

It is mainly a question of the people — and the GIs — simply finding out the truth about what is happening.

For example: Defense Secretary McNamara testified before a U.S. Senate committee on August 25 that Phucyen airbase should not be bombed because of "the risk of widening the war." But last week, he gave the order to do just that and the base was bombed on October 25 with the consequent claimed destruction of nine or ten Soviet-supplied MIGs.

Obviously, the Administration, which includes many forces who want to widen the war into a showdown with People's China, and possibly the Soviet Union, too, has decided to take the "risk."

Thus Johnson and the others are consciously aiming to send more GIs to die. The masses can stop this and will stop it, when they find out even half the truth about what Johnson and the brass are up to. In the meantime, the vanguard, those who do know the truth, have the obligation to insist that Hanoi is right, and that the U.S. Government must withdraw all troops immediately and unconditionally from Vietnam.

## Await Verdict by Stacked Jury In Oquendo Case; 2 Supporters Arrested

NEW YORK, October 30 — The preliminaries of the draft refusal trial of Edward Oquendo were interrupted today by applause for the defendant and a protest by spectators against the arbitrary court rulings which ended with the arrest of two young men who were charged with assault and resisting arrest.

Mr. Oquendo, who has defied draft induction for over two years, was featured in a recent Esquire magazine article which recounted his defiance; the government trial move followed swiftly on the heels of the magazine story.

Federal authorities began provocations even before the trial began. When Mr. Oquendo entered the courtroom in the African garments, including a cap, which he customarily wears,

two burly federal marshals at the door shouted at him, demanding that he take off his cap in the courtroom.

Ignoring them, Mr. Oquendo pushed on past them into the courtroom while they followed commanding, "Oquendo, take off your hat!"

(Two Jewish youths wearing orthodox headgear of their religion had been allowed to enter earlier without question.)

Though the marshals continued their demands, Mr. Oquendo kept the cap on; Federal Judge J.C. Zavatt acquiesced, and Oquendo wore the cap throughout the day.

An outburst of support came during the morning session when spectators applauded and stamped their feet as the

judge read into the record Mr. Oquendo's statement to the draft board refusing to fight in the "war of aggression" in Vietnam. The courtroom was packed with more than 40 of Mr. Oquendo's supporters.

The dozen or so gorilla-shaped federal marshals guarding the "decorum" of the court leaped to the end of each aisle of clapping spectators and the judge, quivering with anger, warned, "Another outburst like that and I will clear the courtroom."

When Judge Zavatt, whose pompous sarcasm seemed the embodiment of all judges this reporter has ever seen, entered the courtroom for the afternoon session, a number of newly arrived Black nationalist spectators refused to

rise as commanded by the bailiff. They were supported by a number of members of Youth Against War & Fascism who were present and a series of disturbances took place.

When the protesting Black youths had returned to the courtroom (after filing out rather than stand) Judge Zavatt demanded that two who were wearing Islamic headgear take their hats off. They refused. He then called them to the bench and when they explained their position that these were religious headpieces, Zavatt switched to a verbal attack on one of them who wore no coat.

To the neatly attired Black man, Zavatt said in sarcastic tones, "Why aren't you wearing a coat? You wear a coat in this courtroom. Put on a coat. Where do you think you are, at Ebbets Field?"

At this point several youthful members of the audience peeled off their coats in solidarity with the Black youth standing in front of the bench.

(In the section across the aisle reserved for courtroom hangers-on, several wore only shirts but no mention of

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## U.S., Israel and the NCNP

With the shelling of the Suez oil refineries, Israel has carried its war of aggression against the Arab people, on behalf of U.S. imperialism, a giant step further.

The destruction of four-fifths of Egypt's oil supply can in no way be considered "retaliation" for the sinking of the Elath. This criminal act is rather part of a systematic attempt to undermine and eventually to strangle the entire Egyptian economy and impose extreme hardship and suffering on that country's 30 million people.

The presence of the giant destroyer in the vicinity of Egypt's territorial waters could only have been regarded as a menace by Cairo considering the Israeli sneak attack in June, and particularly in view of the fact that this same warship sank two Egyptian PT boats in Egyptian waters only a few weeks ago.

At any rate, a destroyer is of purely military significance, while the oil coming from Suez is vital to the existence of the entire civilian population of Egypt and its destruction is an attempt, fervently desired in Washington, to bring Egypt to its knees.

(One can get an idea of the magnitude of this act of aggression by simply imagining what would happen in this country if the U.S. sank the destroyer of a foreign power, which then "retaliated" by destroying four-fifths of the U.S. oil supply.)

Furthermore, such a major military escalation of the war against the Arab people by Tel Aviv, considering the risks, present and future, involved for

U.S. imperialism, could not have been carried out without the approval of Washington.

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The renewal of Israeli attacks upon the Arabs places the strongest possible responsibility upon the anti-war movement in this country to oppose U.S. imperialism on its second front in the Mideast and, specifically, to speak loud and clear against the criminal shelling of the Suez refineries.

In this connection, a certain "credibility gap" has recently developed in regard to the Mideast policy of the National Conference for New Politics which convened its first meeting this past Labor Day in Chicago.

At its convention, the NCNP adopted a resolution on the Mideast war which flatly condemned "imperialistic Zionist aggression."

The adoption of this straightforward anti-imperialist statement, which was proposed by the Black caucus at the convention, was regarded in some quarters as insincere and as a mere political maneuver by some elements in the NCNP to maintain a link with the Black liberation movement in the wake of the Newark and Detroit rebellions.

Now, while the fires in Suez are still smoldering, would be the appropriate time for the NCNP to close the "credibility gap" by following its mandate as laid down at the convention. This could be accomplished by issuing an unequivocal denunciation of the latest aggression by the Israelis and of the imperialist instigators in Washington.

## YAWF Leaders Still in Prison 2 Weeks AFTER Bail Is Paid

Two leaders of Youth Against War & Fascism, in federal prisons since August for their role in aiding anti-war soldiers at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, are still in jail because of clerical red-tape and apparently deliberate foot-dragging by Oklahoma judicial authorities after their appeal bond was posted.

Maryann Weissman and Key Martin have been serving six-month jail sentences at Alderson, West Virginia, and El Reno, Oklahoma, respectively. They were first arrested when they tried to attend the courts-martial of Pvt. Andrew Stapp and two other anti-war GIs at Fort Sill.

On Monday, October 16, their appeal bond was reduced by the Circuit Court of Appeals to \$1,000 each (it had originally been \$7,500 each.) An earlier restriction holding them in Oklahoma City for the length of the appeal was also lifted allowing them to return to their homes in New York.

Although bond was posted by a representative of the Committee for GI Rights within two days of this bond reduction, the pair are still in jail as of this writing, two weeks later. The court has managed to delay their release through a series of paper-shuffling maneuvers.

The Committee was told by the Court Clerk that Maryann and Key would be released upon the filing of appeal bond papers with their signatures, which were available in any Federal court. A Committee representative traveled to West Virginia and Oklahoma, obtained the two signatures and

filed the forms with the \$2,000 bail. She was then told by the clerk that the U.S. Marshal had in the meantime demanded the defendants' signatures on additional papers stipulating their return to New York for the length of the appeal.

A second tour of the two prisons was made by the CGIR deputy, this time with the new papers provided by the court clerk. They were then duly filed with the clerk's office.

On Monday, October 23, on inquiring about the status of their release, the Committee was told by Judge Murrah, one of the two Circuit Court judges who had reduced the bond, that an entirely new set of papers incorporating the two points affirmed separately in the earlier papers, would have to be signed by the defendants and the surety. This meant a delay of at least another ten days, since the papers would have to be mailed to the prisons, back to Oklahoma City, then to New York and finally to Oklahoma City again.

### Solidarity Messages

Sharon Martin read a letter of greeting and solidarity to the Oct. 21 Washington rally from her imprisoned husband Key, as did Ellen Schneider, fiancée of David Mitchell, currently serving 5 years in Federal prison for refusing to serve in the U.S. Army on the grounds that that would be a violation of the Nuremberg war crimes laws.

## Another Ft. Sill GI Denounces Imperialist War

The following is a statement of protest against U.S. imperialist aggression in Vietnam released for publication by Pfc. James R. Chung, who is stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Pfc. Chung, an American citizen of Korean descent, is currently being harassed and is under investigation by U.S. Army military intelligence for his anti-war views.

Since I have been in the Army, I have read, studied and thought about the U.S. government. That is, its domestic and foreign policies, its political machinery, and the people who control U.S. economics and government. Through this "study" I have seen the true color of the U.S. government, which is quite different from the propaganda which I formerly believed. I was quite shocked, as previously I was the all-American, gung-ho flag waver. Now I can see the extent and total ruthlessness U.S. imperialism and aggression can and does reach.

At the present time, the most outstanding example of effects of U.S. imperialism can be seen in the war against the Vietnamese people. At home, we see the profits a few are reaping from the war. Abroad, we see the sheer brutality and inhumanity being committed against a small, backwards and poor people. These very few who are making vast sums of money through the war are even willing to sacrifice their own sons to gain their wealth.

This exploitation and imperialist aggression seems to be the representation of the U.S. government. My hopes, sympathies and personal contributions

are with any group, nation or ideas and actions that can put a stop to the present ways of the U.S. government. I support the National Liberation Front in their heroic struggle against the U.S. capitalists' attempts to dominate and exploit their country.

## THE WAR IN THE MIDEAST

June, 1967

By Rita Freed

### What Were the Forces Behind it?

Prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Middle East

This booklet can be obtained for 25¢ from:

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## Why Did Romney Suddenly Attack Soviet Union for Role in Vietnam?

Gov. George Romney, Presidential hopeful, has been making sounds like a dove — partly, no doubt, to pick up some of the millions of anti-war votes in the country, and partly (with a big "maybe" on this one) because he is voicing some sentiment of a section of the ruling class.

On October 25, however, which happens to be the 50th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, he said:

"We are in direct conflict with Russia in Vietnam....I've been saying for two years that the idea that the Russians wanted peace there is not realistic."

With some passion (for Romney) the Michigan non-candidate continued at a Republican party dinner in N. Dakota: "Nothing could help them (the Soviets) more than to keep us tied down there and to bleed us and to destroy our good will around the earth."

Romney, who acted as fast and as viciously as Johnson himself during the Detroit rebellion, is purported to be something of an amateur in high politics, capable of putting his foot in his mouth, etc. But the foregoing statements are highly interesting from any point of view.

Granted that he is thrashing about trying to find an issue on which to

fight Johnson, it is very significant that he should have seized on this particular one.

Johnson's extreme caution (apparently) to avoid tangling with the Soviets over Vietnam may not be shared by large sections of the ruling class.

Romney had — and may still have — the backing of the Rockefellers, although it is suspected that his candidacy is only being used as a stalking horse for the nomination of Nelson Rockefeller.

David Rockefeller, president of the Chase Manhattan Bank, who is thought to have chosen Romney early last spring, is the leading figure in the eastern — i.e., Wall Street — section, the most powerful section of the capitalist Establishment.

Romney generally speaks as a demagogic, lying capitalist politician. He may or may not be advocating an anti-Soviet war. But the masses, who are being led further and further down the road to a bigger war, should cock an ear to the above dinner table conversation.

--And the revisionists in the Kremlin who have been spending most of their time slandering the leadership of the People's Republic of China, denouncing the Cultural Revolution and catering to U.S. imperialism, would do well to take it seriously too!



# U.S. Anti-War Youth Besiege the Pentagon

The October 21 anti-war demonstration at the Pentagon was the biggest and in many respects the most militant manifestation of opposition to the war up to this time.

It followed immediately after a whole series of explosive anti-draft fights and similar actions the preceding two weeks across the country.

In Brooklyn College, Berkeley, Oberlin, Buffalo, Harvard and a number of other student centers, there were great outpourings of youth and confrontations with the police just before the Washington event.

On October 21, the U.S. Government for the first time called out regular troops against the anti-war movement. The troops were strung around the Pentagon and armed with pistols, rifles and tear gas cartridges, the latter used in several instances.

To be sure, the soldiers were under orders to be far more gentle than they were with the Black rebellion in Detroit last summer. But the very fact that they had to be called out at all was eloquent commentary on the nature of the war and the degree of opposition to it at home.

The tremendous percentage of people under thirty at the Lincoln Memorial rally as well as in the march and assault on the Pentagon later, was noted by all observers, and of course it had a great deal to do with the spirit of the whole affair.

After the rally and the march, at least 1,500 mostly young people broke through a fence erected especially for the occasion, and rushed a line of soldiers to take the very threshold of the Pentagon at the "Mall" and many stayed there for about 30 hours.

There were over 600 arrests in the two days of the action and a lot of clubbing and beating, although there were many cases of turning people loose



without booking them.

The National Mobilization Committee had called the demonstration and had suggested the attempt to "shut down the Pentagon" about two months before the event. However, the general concept of its leaders was one of "civil disobedience" on an individual and non-resisting basis.

The top leaders took a pacifist and "non-violent" position along the lines of Martin Luther King's philosophy. But they tried at times to reflect the more militant pacifism of the younger elements in the beginning. Then, on the eve of the demonstration, they tried to frighten their own

followers with stern injunctions for non-resistance to the "nervous" police. But on the actual day, they were swept along in the general spirit of the demonstration, without of course changing their fundamental line.

By far the preponderant majority of the organizations in the Mobilization (which is a coalition of about 150 groups) are non-pacifist. But since many of the non-pacifists are also non-militant, and in fact bourgeois in character, this makes it easier for the pacifists to lead the coalition and keep it in essentially bourgeois channels.

Moreover, the Communist Party and Socialist Workers Party often bloc

together, in the Mobilization, with SANE and Women Strike for Peace, who are actually more conservative than the pacifists in most respects.

The opportunism of the CP and SWP was, in this particular case, partly motivated by an under-estimation of the mass militancy.

These parties were probably more surprised than anyone else at the remarkable militancy of literally thousands of youth. This militancy was a direct expression of the outraged idealism of youth and its raw anger at the warmakers, and had little to do with any ideological conviction, including the pacifist ideology of the leadership.

All through Saturday night on the steps of the Pentagon, in both speeches and individual conversations, many youths showed they were typical products of bourgeois brainwashing in their words, but quite the contrary in their actions.

This should be a lesson to all those who seriously oppose the war. Many people want to fight militantly against it, even if they don't yet understand its imperialist character, or comprehend the fundamental struggle necessary to abolish its imperialist cause.



## 18-Carat Committee for the War Against Vietnam

# The Billionaires Organize for "National Unity"

By V. Copeland

A new committee of luminaries and big civilian brass, headed by Eisenhower and Truman, has just been launched in the United States to give all-out support to the Vietnam war.

It would seem that with the capitalist class running the Government and its military servants running the war, such a committee would be unnecessary. Its purpose, apparently, is to whip up support among an already war-weary population whose opposition is growing by leaps and bounds. Both the Gallup polls and the mass demonstrations give ample proof of that.

But the most important thing about the committee is its actual make-up and what it proves. It has the usual complement of writers, editors, preachers, scientists and intellectual renegades from liberalism, if not socialism. The purpose of their membership is merely to buttress the committee's authority with the names of those who are supposed to be thinkers and "opinion-shapers," but are really the direct or indirect employees of big business.

Such people, of course, do not really decide anything.

But tucked away in the list of sponsors in his proper alphabetical place is none other than Thomas S. Gates, chairman of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. and a former Secretary of Defense. He is one who does decide.

Gates is not a millionaire. He is a multi-millionaire. He does not represent just one Wall Street bank and its billionaire depositors. He represents a banking-utility-mining and manufacturing empire, consolidated and administered by the Morgans and Morgan partners. This empire is estimated at scores of billions of dollars and extends through the greater part of the

world.

Together with the Rockefellers, the Morgans are the decisive owners of U.S. industry and rulers of finance. If these two mighty financial groups are united on foreign policy, the U.S. Government follows that policy.

Many recognizable lesser Morgan figures are on the committee along with Gates. And Lewis L. Strauss, reputed to be the financial adviser to the Rockefellers, is also on it.

John Hay Whitney, heir to a \$150 million Standard Oil fortune and associate of the Rockefellers is named, as are a number of investment bankers with

connections among the top ruling billionaires.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, senior partner in Lehman Brothers, is a member of the committee. The Lehmans have enormous interests in wholesale foods and big retail stores. They have been moving into some arms industries with the help of the General.

The committee includes both living ex-Presidents, both living ex-Secretaries of State, an ex-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and dozens of prestigious names, whose general purpose is to try to show that "everybody" is for the war.

What it really does show is that the big money is for the war, and whatever military or tactical problems the U.S. ruling class has in respect to winning the war, a very large section of it is determined not to listen to the opposition at home.

It is one more proof that the war is a bankers' and bosses' war and can best be stopped by destroying their power—that is, by overthrowing their political instrument, the imperialist Government, and expropriating their vast machinery of economic exploitation, to liberate the oppressed.

## End the Draft? Yes! But a "Professional Army"—No!

A move to abolish the draft is now being made by a group of "liberal" Republicans in the House of Representatives.

(Last summer the conservative and once CIA-dominated National Student Association made a similar demand and it was touted as being somehow an anti-war position.)

What is the real meaning of this, and has it got anything to do with opposing the wars of U.S. imperialism?

A book, "How to End the Draft," now being published by five GOP Congressmen, makes it abundantly clear that the idea is to make a more effective army.

The five intend, said a news report on October 11, "to mount a legislative effort to raise military pay and for better military conditions so the draft could be abandoned in favor of a volunteer army."

Representative Horton of New York said, "Our book shows that a realistic system of enlistment, coupled with genuine career opportunities, could lead to an all-volunteer force in two to five years."

Rep. Whalen of Ohio, another of the book's authors, commented on the possibility that the professional army concept would lead to an all-Black army—or at least a predominantly Black one, because poverty and discrimination would compel so many Afro-Americans to seek the military "career" while better-paid whites avoided it.

"In many cases," he said, "it (the plan) would offer the Negro an opportunity he might not otherwise have, and what's wrong with giving him that opportunity?"

What's "wrong," of course, is that this gives the Black Man the "opportunity" of dying in greater numbers for the defense of capitalist

white supremacy. This is concealed under the mask of being "voluntary," but it is actually an attempt to use an economic whip to drive the Afro-American youth to war in even greater numbers than now is the case.

It is hardly possible that this move to create a purely professional army will succeed, because imperialism now needs greater and greater legions to control the oppressed of the world, who now are in constant rebellion. But the Congressmen's frankly chauvinist motivation for "ending the draft" should be a good lesson.

Ending the draft—of and by itself—would only condemn the most oppressed of the masses to fight reactionary wars against their own best interests. Opposing the draft and fighting the draft only has a progressive meaning in the context of fighting against the U.S. war drive itself.

# U.S.-Israel Destroy 80% of Egypt's Oil Supply

Last week the U.S.-Israel war against the Arabs broke out again and threatened once more to envelop the whole Mideast.

Although a one-sided cease-fire favoring Israel was imposed by the UN on June 6, there has been constant firing across the Suez Canal (which is wholly in Egyptian territory).

The latest event was the October 24 Israeli artillery barrage, mounted from conquered Egyptian land, directed against the Egyptian city of Suez. It is said to have destroyed 80 per cent of Egypt's oil supply. It also hit a fertilizer factory, the harbor, schools, houses and an industrial plant, according to the Governor of Suez.

Hamid Mahmoud, the Governor, said the next day that the Israelis had agreed to a cease-fire three times on the day before, and then violated it again.

The world was told, of course, that the Arabs "started" it all by sinking the Israeli destroyer, Elath, on the 21st. But aside from the facts that the Elath was obviously a military target and the city of Suez was not — the Elath was actually engaged in making a military provocation at the time!

The Cairo newspaper Al Ahram reported that "the Elath made passes in repeated and clear provocations" inside the 12-mile Egyptian territorial water boundary.

Gideon Rafael, Israel's delegate to

the UN, said: "The destroyer (Elath) was on a normal patrol off the Sinai coast following a routine which has been known to the United Arab Republic for months."

The "routine" has been known all too well! It was a constant attempt to intimidate the Arab people. It included the sinking of two Egyptian PT boats by this same destroyer, Elath, on July 11!

The U.S. newspapers, by the way, have said little about the destruction of the PT boats (in their own waters)

and little about the actual activities of the Elath. They concentrate on the admittedly high effectiveness of the Soviet-supplied guided missiles and raise the spectre of Soviet "meddling" again.

Meanwhile, however, the U.S. races to rearm Israel and covers its war role by sending token supplies of weapons to those Arab states which were not involved in the June war.

The Israeli economy is in hock to the United States, with direct and indirect U.S. Government loans and gifts

plus United Jewish Appeal donations and the money from Israel Bonds coming to many billions of dollars over the years. By some standards, Israel is the most subsidized country in the world for its size. And it carries out the real (as opposed to the pretended) war policy of the U.S. in the Middle East.

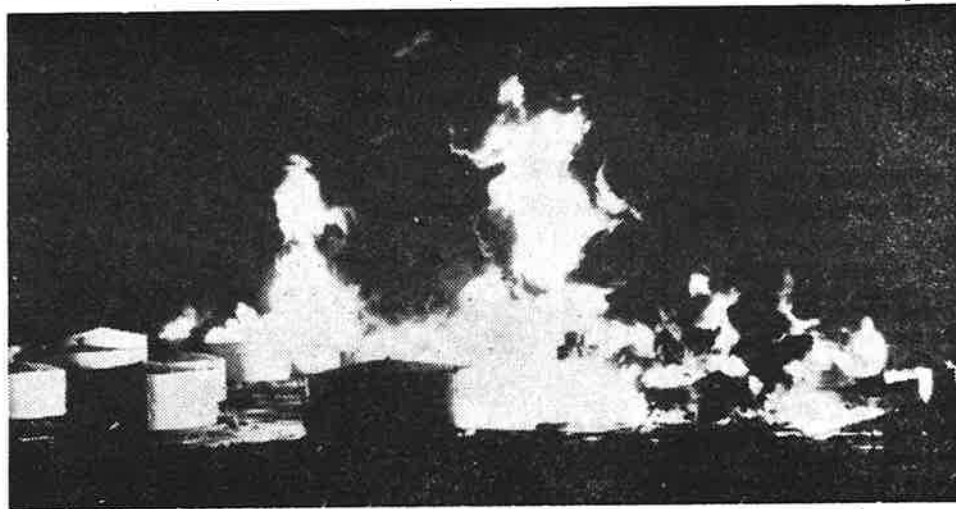
While the U.S. pretends to "restrain both sides" in the United Nations talk-shop in New York, some of its agents are undoubtedly fanning the war flames again in Israel.

Israeli Defense Minister Dayan, who lectures the U.S. on how to smash the resistance of the Vietnamese people, is certainly one of these agents.

As though to accent the provocative character of the Elath's activities, Dayan had declared on October 20 — the day before the sinking of the Elath — that the Suez Canal area was "likely to become once again the spark which touches off war."

But the Elath was only a stone's throw from the Suez Canal when the Arabs hit it. Why did Dayan not order it away from there if he didn't want to "touch off war?"

Since Dayan's troops are even now occupying Egyptian territory right in the heart of the area, the answer is obvious.



## Yehudi Menuhin and His Father Split Over Israel

The world-famous violinist and once child prodigy Yehudi Menuhin gave a recital in London last week for the benefit of Arab refugees.

Menuhin is an ardent supporter of Israel, so his action would appear to be merely a cover-up for the war — as are so many organized campaigns for the "benefit" of Vietnamese children, Korean war orphans, etc.

In this case, however, there is a curious "personal" explanation that is also profoundly political.

Menuhin's 74 year old father, Moshe Menuhin, grew up in Palestine before emigrating to the United States. His whole life in the Mideast was before the time of big Jewish immigration and before Zionism had successfully sold itself to imperialism.

The father feels strongly that Pal-

estine is not the national home of the Jews, but of the Arabs who were driven out of it. He supports the idea of Jerusalem as a spiritual center for the Jews, but nothing more.

The elder Menuhin would not attend any of his son's concerts for Israel and he told the London Daily Express in a phone interview from California:

"I made this decision because of those poor miserable Arabs who have been chased out by the Jews in a war of aggression."

Considering that he spent all his boyhood in Palestine, his feelings have very great significance indeed.

And it should be further noted that there are probably many other individuals with similar backgrounds who have made the same conclusions, but we do not hear about them because they are not the fathers of famous violinists.

## 6 Million Jews Died While Washington Covered It Up

Programs for the rescue of European Jews suggested to the U.S. Government were "obstructed, thwarted and delayed long after recognition by the highest authorities that the Germans were indeed carrying out a planned massacre of the Jews of Europe" according to an authoritative new book by Arthur D. Morse, former CBS news executive.

As reported in the New York Times of October 25, "While Six Million Died: A Chronicle of American Apathy" is based on secret documents of the State Department and the Roosevelt Library and government archives in London, Geneva and Stockholm. The book clearly exposes U.S. imperialism's criminal inaction while Hitler sent millions of European Jews to the gas chambers.

On August 1, 1942, Gerhart Riegner, the representative in Switzerland of the World Jewish Congress informed the U.S. Consulate in Geneva that Hitler had ordered the extermination of all Jews in Europe. (Riegner had previously warned Washington of the massacre of 700,000 Jews in Poland.) He asked that his report be forwarded to Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, head of the American Jewish Congress.

The State Department deliberately suppressed Riegner's report, Morse asserts. When Dr. Wise finally received the warning of the massacre through the British Foreign Office (a month later), he went to see Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles. Welles, who had signed the order to suppress Riegner's report, now asked Dr. Wise to promise not to make any public statement about the extermination order. (Wise went along with the conspiracy of silence.)

Four months later, Welles released Wise from his promise not to spill the news. But the State Department, in order to cover up Washington's criminal silence and the inaction of the Roosevelt Administration and to mollify the Jewish community, made big noises about the fact that the U.S. would participate in the Allied War Crimes Commission and thus prevent "further atrocities."

Since the beginning of the war in the Mideast last June, the propaganda in the bourgeois press in this country has continually sought to cover up U.S.-sponsored Israeli aggression against the Arab people by posing as a friend and protector of the Jewish people. The ruling class which purposefully trades in creating hatred between all races, was suddenly supposed to be avenging the long history of atrocities committed against the Jews and to have become the defender of their "homeland," Israel.

Surely the crocodile tears shed by the ruling class (whose only true religion is profit) over the sinking of the Elath should be suspect to all those who remember and know that U.S. imperialism turned its back on the Jewish people in their greatest hour of need.

## New Witch Hunt by Cincinnati Rulers

### Fourth City Hints at RAM Frame-Up

The Cincinnati press and police department are laying the groundwork for another frame-up of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) and the Black Liberation struggle in that city.

Assistant Police Chief Col. Robert Welz hinted last week that RAM was responsible for recent fighting between Black and white high school students and declared that reports of RAM organizing guerilla warfare against whites did not "sound too far fetched."

The so-called "reports" referred to by Welz were racist witch-hunting articles in the Cincinnati Post and Times-Star, one of which said:

"There are striking parallels between what the (RAM) organizers' manual instructs and what happened in some schools last week, and ... some of the events here last summer."

These crude remarks are an attempt to explain away the crimes of Cincinnati's racist rulers and lay the responsibility for the huge rebellion against those crimes, which took place last June, at the doorstep of a RAM "conspiracy."

In this matter the Cincinnati police

are following in the footsteps of the birchite police of Philadelphia, the racist New York City Administration and, more recently, the Buffalo authorities.

RAM members and other Black militants in Philadelphia are now in jail for a fraudulent "dynamite-poisoning-assassination conspiracy" concocted on a fantastic scale in the police minds of Chief Rizzo and District Attorney Specter in order to justify repressive attacks on the Black community.

In New York RAM members have been charged, in a similarly wild frame-up, with having plotted the murder of moderate civil rights figures. The plot was dreamed up by Queens District Attorney Mackell, also after the rebellions broke out this summer.

Buffalo authorities have hinted at using a so-called RAM "conspiracy" to whip up hatred against the Black rebellion which took place there.

The one thing common to all these "conspiracies" woven by the ruling class is that in no case has one single solitary overt act ever been discovered or even alleged in connection with the claims of the police.



### 3rd Earl of Balfour Spills Some Beans

# How the British Regarded Zionism

The third Earl of Balfour is in the United States to drum up support for Israel. He is somewhat in the position of "carrying coals to Newcastle," since the United States is the principal sponsor of Israel and his own country, Great Britain, finds it more advantageous, on the whole, to pretend to back the Arabs.

His visit, however, recalls the original Balfour Declaration, a British state paper on Palestine, prepared by his uncle, Arthur Balfour.

This Declaration was the first imperialist statement that there should be an Israeli state in Palestine (where the vast majority of the people were Arabs).

Then President Woodrow Wilson cautiously chimed in with the Balfour Declaration—as did Congress more positively five years later—in an early attempt to outmaneuver the British and pre-empt its position in the Middle East.

On November 2, 1917, at the time the Declaration was made and the British more or less promised Palestine to the Zionists, Palestine was still in the hands of the Turks, who oppressed the Arabs there—as Britain did later.

Britain, which didn't have possession of Palestine, thus offered to give it to someone else—and at the same time had promised the Arabs (through the famous T. E. Lawrence and similar figures) to liberate them from the Turks

if they would make the "revolt in the desert."

The motive of the British ruling class in proposing to give Palestine to the Zionist Jews seems all the more questionable from a small but very typical incident recounted by the present Earl

of Balfour to the New York Times on October 29.

He said that at the time of his uncle's Declaration, he himself was a fourteen-year-old student at the famous Eton school for the aristocrats, which then had but one Jewish pupil. "Generally

speaking," he said, "we all acted very badly to him."

This was the attitude of the sons of the class which suddenly began to support a "homeland for the Jewish people!"

Actually, it was hard-boiled imperialist calculation on the part of the British then, as it was on the part of Roosevelt, Truman, Morgan-Rockefeller, etc. later, that created Israel—not remotely any sympathy for the oppressed.

The Times story of the present Balfour doesn't hesitate to expose this fact as far as Britain (rather than the U.S.) is concerned.

"From the British point of view," it says in explaining the real reasons for the Balfour Declaration, "the permanent security of the approaches to the Suez Canal (then in British hands) might accrue through the ties of sentiment and interest on the part of Jewish population settled in Palestine."

Virtually no one in the U.S. imperialist Establishment now ventures to explain the U.S. interest in Israel so clearly. But back in 1945, that shrewd old adviser to American empire builders, Walter Lippmann, put it this way in the Nov. 15 New York Herald Tribune:

"The Palestine solution will be one thing if our role is limited to recommending what Great Britain, which is on top, is to carry out. It can be quite a different solution.... We must be present in the Middle East—present somewhere, for example, at the port of Haifa (now in Israel—ed.)—exercising not only influence from the distance of Washington, but influence radiating from some local point of actual power."



Palestinian Arabs demonstrating against U. S. — Israeli aggression on Sept. 28. (Hsinua News Photo).

# U.S. Bombers for Israel!

## Washington Building Mideast Military Base For New Aggression Against Arab Revolution

Under cover of "lifting the arms embargo on the Mideast," U.S. imperialism announced last week that it will supply its Israeli puppets with a huge force of attack bombers, among the most deadly in Washington's arsenal, with which to further threaten the Arab masses.

Just hours after the Israelis unleashed their criminal attack on Egypt's Suez oil refineries, destroying four fifths of that country's oil supply capacity, the State Department announced that it had okayed the shipment of 48 A-4F Skyhawk light attack bombers to Tel Aviv.

The Skyhawk has done yeoman duty for the imperialists in Vietnam,

It is used extensively by the U.S. Navy which has carried out the bulk of the attacks on North Vietnamese cities. Much of the death and destruction in Hanoi and Haiphong is the work of Skyhawk bombing raids from U.S. carriers in the Gulf of Tonkin.

The cost of the planes for Israel, which is said to be about \$52 million, is equal to about 10 per cent of the entire budget of the country. The delivery to Tel Aviv of 48 of the most modern bombers in the world, (each of which can carry 5,000 pounds of bombs over a 1000 mile range) is in reality plunking down a whole new and deadly airforce in the midst of the Arab world to be used by Eshkol,

Dayan and Co. to threaten Cairo, Damascus, Baghdad and Algiers with the same merciless destruction suffered by Hanoi and Haiphong.

The announcement of this new move to turn Israel even further into a U.S. Mideast fortress, which came shortly before an unpublicized strategy meeting between Foreign Minister Eban and President Johnson, was touted by the State Department as a "neutral" resumption of shipments to "both sides."

Wall Street's version of "neutrality" is to "balance" the shipment of a full force of strictly offensive attack bombers to Israel with the sale of one squadron (13 planes) each of F5 fighter planes to Morocco and Libya. (Neither country has participated militarily in the Mideast struggle against imperialism since the war began in 1948.) The handful of fighter

planes are relatively insignificant in international warfare in comparison to the Skyhawk (except possibly as a defense against a bombing attack by Israel).

During the pre-emptive strike against the Arab revolution last June, Washington had the luxury of sitting on the sidelines while its puppets in Tel Aviv did the U.S. oil billionaires' dirty work with French aircraft. The role of the Pentagon was largely concealed (except for U.S. napalm dropped on Arab cities)

But with the new shipment of bombers Tel Aviv's satellite role will be completely open in every respect. The U.S. is already Israel's chief financial backer. The State Department leads the diplomatic campaign to maintain the status quo in the Mideast, i.e., to recognize the right of Israel's conquest of Arab lands. And now Washington is the chief supplier of Israel's arsenal for the next chapter in the struggle against the irrepressible Arab revolution.

# Court-Rigging General Whitewashed After 72 GIs Nailed His Frameups!

After a two-week hearing at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, U.S. Major General Thomas H. Lipscomb was whitewashed of charges by six privates that he had violated the Uniform Code of Military Justice by illegally rigging courts-martial to give harsh sentences to GIs.

Colonel John Barr of the Army Judiciary served as law officer in the hearing at Fifth Army Headquarters, Fort Sheridan. According to the New York Times of October 27, Colonel Barr ruled that Major General Lipscomb (who is his superior) "at all times respected the right and duty of each member of a court-martial to arrive at his decision on the findings and sentence."

While holding that members of a military court can make up their own minds, Colonel Barr also said that it was "well known that most members of courts-martial are aware of the attitude and beliefs of the commanding general

with respect to disciplinary matters." (Perhaps Colonel Barr, too, was "aware of the attitude and beliefs" of his superior, Major General Lipscomb when he came to his decision.)

Colonel Barr "arrived at his decision" without regard to the defense evidence which showed that the general, while commanding officer at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, had his own specially picked officers appointed to the military court with explicit orders to give GIs heavy sentences. (Even the rank of lieutenant was considered by the general to be too low to serve on the military court.)

The ruling also tried to discredit the fact that 66 other Fort Leonard Wood soldiers have filed the same charges against the hated general.

Colonel Barr cynically implied that the soldiers were paranoid when he stated in his ruling, "It would be an

unsurmountable task for the Government to dispel all suspicion that General Lipscomb exercised unlawful command influence from the minds of these individuals who suspect (!) that all commanders enjoy exercising some type of tyranny over their troops." No wonder the GIs resent the tyranny of their commanders when the rights of over 70 soldiers are clearly violated and the brass goes scot free!

Testimony from the hearing showed that "the severity of sentences increased after General Lipscomb changed his orders appointing officers to serve on courts-martial and issued reminders to court-martial presidents on their duties. These changes, plus lectures by a legal aide, came last year after General Lipscomb had expressed concern that some sentences had been 'inappropriate' or too lenient."

In other words, General Lipscomb made sure that all his stooges on the military court knew precisely what he wanted—the severest sentences for GIs without regard to the circumstances of their cases. These illegal frame-ups would be arranged in the name of "bolstering discipline."

The ruling went only so far as to concede that Lipscomb might be suffering from "misconceptions" about rules, duties and procedures in the court-martial process because he last received training in military justice in 1951, but that this did not constitute unlawful action. What would have happened to a GI found to have "misconceptions" about the rules?

The whitewash of the major general can now be used as a precedent in the 66 other pending appeals by Fort Leonard Wood soldiers and will insure "military justice" for General Lipscomb—that is, denial of justice for the GIs.

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# "You're My Oppressors, Not My Peers" - LeRoi Jones to Court

By Ellen Pierce

MORRISTOWN, N.J. — LeRoi Jones, poet, playwright and a leading cultural figure of the Afro-American people, was dragged from a courtroom into jail last week in an act of revenge by the New Jersey authorities after he denounced the racist "kangaroo court" in which he is being tried for alleged illegal possession of firearms.

Mr. Jones, who is on trial with Charles McCray and Barry Wynn, was jumped upon by police as he tried to leave the court after making his militant statement of protest.

"This is not a court of justice," said Jones, "and you are not qualified to try this case. I will not be judged by you or 100 white people. They are not my peers — they are my oppressors. I will not be judged by this kangaroo court. I am leaving!"

As he left the defendants' table and headed up the aisle of the plush courtroom, Sheriff's Department guards handcuffed Jones, dragged him from court and took him to Morris County Jail.

At least ten Newark cops — all white — were sent to Morristown as the case went before the jury — also all white — on Thursday, Oct. 26, after three days of jury selection. Jones' attorney, Irvin Booker had requested a change of venue and the trial was moved from Newark to this wealthy New Jersey town.



Essex County Judge Kapp posted special rules for this trial — no coats, hats, newspapers, canes, umbrellas, cameras, tape recorders or sunglasses were allowed in court. Talking or leaving the courtroom by spectators

was prohibited. Sheriff's Department men from Essex and Morris Counties, a policewoman and Mendham Police monitored the court where several supporters of the defendants, including two women in colorful African dress,

sat in front rows.

While the cops swear that they were not aware of Jones' identity at the time of the arrest, they are obviously eager for a legal lynching of this leading cultural figure in the Black community.

Jones and his companions were beaten by Newark cops during the July rebellion when they were arrested for allegedly carrying two pistols in a Volkswagen bus. Bail was set at \$25,000 for Jones, \$10,000 and \$2,500 for McCray and Wynn, respectively, on a charge with a maximum fine is \$1,000. Although many newspapers at the time featured pictures of Jones with his head bloody and bandaged, at the trial police contended that the injury came "from the bricks and bottles that were coming down like rain." (None of the "rain" landed on the many cops who converged on the scene in eleven police cars.)

Selection of a jury turned into a battle of attrition between the prosecution and defense lawyers.

On the second day alone, eighteen prospective jurors were dismissed by the defense. The prosecution, handled by Andrew F. Zazzali for Essex County, found all the jurors to its liking that day. (Afterwards, the prosecution dismissed two jurors — one a young college student, the other an Afro-American woman.)

The following day Attorney Louis Sanders asked to read a statement from defendants McCray and Wynn, whom he represented. Judge Kapp denied the request.

The court was so anxious to get started with the legal lynching that when the list of prospective jurors was exhausted, Sheriff Arnold Ladd was sent out "onto the highways and byways" to collar people for jury duty.

## Capt. Rickenbacker: "What Planes Are For"

According to an AP dispatch of October 26, from Houston, Texas, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker says that peace demonstrators are "a bunch of bums" and that the U.S. should bomb everything in North Vietnam, especially the population.

"You're not fighting human beings over there — you're just fighting two-legged animals.... That's all war is for is to kill and win, to destroy, to defeat the population of your enemy, to stop supplies, food."

Rickenbacker wants to bomb ports, dams and everything else. "That's what planes are made for," he said.

This two-legged human parasite (no disrespect meant to any non-human parasites) left out that planes are made for something else in the capitalist U.S.A. — profits. This war-mad monster should know. He is the president, general manager, and a director of Eastern Airlines which made \$14 million last year.

## Poetry and Hatred — or LeRoi Jones and the New York Times

"Leroi Jones is or was (our emphasis) a fastidious lyric poet," said the Review of the Week in the New York Times last Sunday. But now he has adopted, in the words of a critic the paper does not name, the "unrestrained indulgence ... of hate."

We can't recall any similar criticism of the poet Yevtushenko for opposing Soviet Premier Khrushchev. The poet Pasternak displayed his hatred for the revolution of 1917 in the book "Dr. Zhivago" and his hatred for the Jewish people in the same book, without incurring the wrath of the Times. And we seem to remember that the Times was even rather ecstatic over the members of the Petofi poets' circle in Hungary during the anti-Soviet events of 1956.

As for the incompatibility of poetry with the poet's hatred of the ruling class, we refer the Times to the case of John Milton, considered by some to be on a par with Shakespeare. Milton's great poetic classic, Paradise Lost, was written some time after he stoutly defended the beheading of the English king — a rather bloody and "hate"-filled event. If Milton's hatred was not "unrestrained" (and it often was!) it was to say the least, very unpoetic by the Times' standards.

Milton, to be sure, was criticized, impoverished, imprisoned for a time, and some of his friends were executed for his "hatred." He was long called a "raging polemicist" as the Times now characterizes Jones. But he is supposed to be the very acme of poetic perfection today.

The Times, of course, unlike Milton and Jones, is quite above "hatred" — at least, hatred of the oppressors — and could hardly be expected to permit Leroi Jones into the Elysian company of its select poets for 1967, considering the circumstances. And only a struggling slave or his fighting ally would accuse them of hate for Mr. Jones.

Nor is the Times racist. It is all for Black poets — just so long as they confine their "fastidious lyricism" to subjects the Times goes along with. Otherwise it appears, it would rather lop off the poet's head — both critically and physically.

## A Texas Racist Lauds Indian Wars

A number of U.S. military officers and gung ho journalists have compared the U.S. aggression against Vietnam to the Indian wars of the last century in the American west. This, needless to add, was not because of any sympathy with the Indians.

On October 25, Lyndon Johnson wrote a letter to a Reginald Bradley, now 100 years old, who helped massacre the Indians when he was a member of the U.S. 4th Cavalry in the 1880's and 90's.

"Your devotion while serving this nation in the Indian wars" wrote Johnson, "... is an inspiration to us all."

(The Indian wars and their aftermath were best described in a book by Ida Tarbell. It was called "A Century of Dishonor.")

The 4th Cavalry (now motorized) is at present trying to carry on the work of Bradley in Vietnam — although we are sure, with considerably less "devotion" and "inspiration" than Johnson pretends.

## — Oquendo

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this was made by the judge.)

Federal marshals then grabbed coatless and protesting YAWF member James Coatsworth and dragged him out of the courtroom. Joel Myers, who is also a draft refuser, left the courtroom following the marshals who were pulling Mr. Coatsworth. Eddie Oquendo, the defendant, rushed after them protesting the actions of the marshals, and then the entire group of spectators followed as the courthouse echoed with the shouts of the protesting youths who were being dragged out.

When the confusion died down, spectators returned to the courtroom.

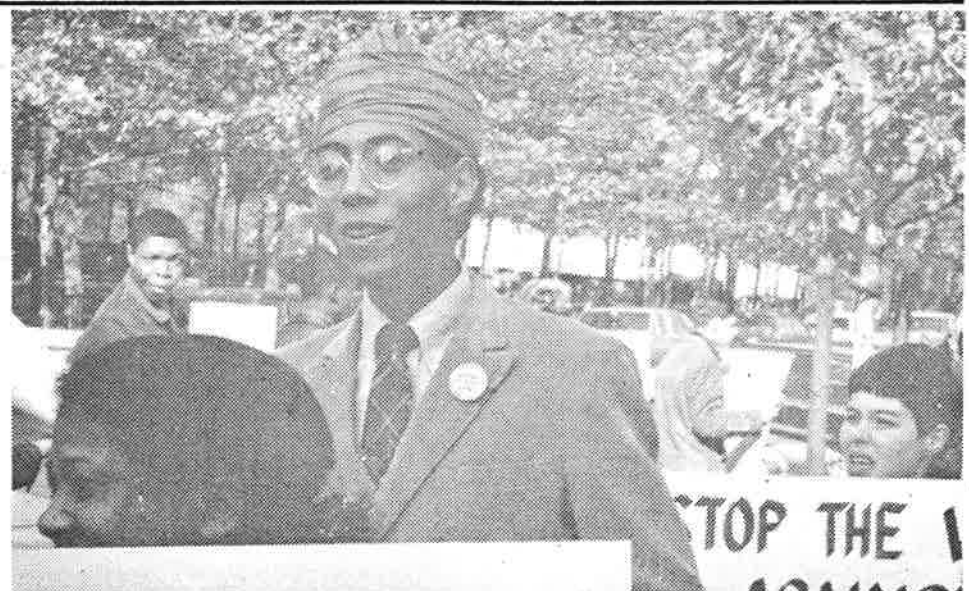
Later outside, when there were no witnesses, marshals arrested Coatsworth and Myers. They held them for several hours while refusing to give information of their whereabouts to

friends who attempted to find them.

In the trial itself, the judge overruled Attorney Conrad Lynn's motion for dismissal on the basis that the Selective Service Act was unconstitutional in its application because it drafted men to fight an undeclared and aggressive war. After a lengthy testimony and discussion as to whether draft board procedure gave it jurisdiction over the defendant, the session was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

At this time the federal authorities finally revealed to Attorney Lynn and the group of spectators supporting Mr. Oquendo that they were arraigning the two arrested youths in the U.S. Commissioner's office.

Here Mr. Coatsworth and Mr. Myers were charged with "assault and resisting arrest by federal marshals who were preserving law and order ..." Bail for each was set at \$500, and they were handcuffed and taken to be locked up.





# Black High School Kids Refuse to Salute Flag; Demand Black Schools

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26 — "It is not our flag. It is not our flag any more than Hitler's flag was the flag for all Germany."

With these brave and highly conscious revolutionary words, an Afro-American high school student here punctuated a militant Black Power rally held during school hours outside Simon Gratz High School at 17th and Luzerne Streets.

Emptying part of the school with a

"mysterious" fire alarm bell, and getting about two-thirds of the 350 fire-drilling pupils to attend the outdoor meeting, the student leaders aired the mass grievances at the school.

Prominent among these grievances was their objection to being forced to salute the U.S. flag at assembly programs. This has been a bone of contention, particularly during the present school year, as a direct result of the Black rebellions throughout the

country, the police state atmosphere against Black people created by Mayor Tate of this city, the frame-ups of RAM and similar outrages.

Walter Palmer of the Black People's Unity Movement spoke at the meeting, which was held in an athletic field across from the school, and so did William Mathis, head of Philadelphia CORE.

Leaflets were passed out calling for an independent Black school board for

schools in the Afro-American community.

The demand for "more Black history, taught by Black teachers" was so strong that some in the white capitalist educational hierarchy were led to comment favorably upon it, after the audacious meeting.

The "fire alarm" went off at 11:40. The rallying students went back to class at 1:15. And the school principal decided to suspend all classes for the day at 1:45 as a "precautionary measure."

This bold action with so much initiative from teen-agers is the first such move that has been reported in the country's schools.

It is not likely to be the last.

## Never Tried For Murder of 3 Civil Rights Workers

### Klan Killers Get Slap On Wrist

The judicial farce in Meridian, Mississippi, is all over except for the slap on the wrist for the seven racists convicted of "violating the civil rights" of James Chaney, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman by killing them on June 21, 1964.

Whatever the sentences, and the maximum is 10 years in jail and \$5,000 fine, the seven Klansmen will get nothing more than a love tap from the ruling class.

For the most important thing about the recent trial of the 18-man lynch mob is that it serves as a reminder that they were never tried for their brutal crime. All 18 got off scot free from charges of murdering three youths who were for equal rights for Black people.

The ruling class press is making big noises about the great "victory" in Meridian because the bosses twisted the arm of arch racist U.S. District Judge W. Harold Cox, who in turn practically commanded his racist kindred on the all-white jury to turn in a few guilty verdicts.

(It was Cox who refused to overturn the Mississippi court decision not to try the murderers for murder and threw out 18 Grand Jury murder indictments in January, 1965.)

Of course the powerful accomplice in getting the lynch mob off the murder charge hook was the U.S. Government. Washington pleaded legal impotence in the case, claiming that murder was not a federal crime.

The Meridian trial revealed that the F.B.I. knew every minute detail of the murders as far back as November 20, 1964, when one of the lynchers, Horace Barnett, spilled the beans for money and his story was corroborated by James Jordan, also one of the killers.

Washington knew just when and how the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan voted to "eliminate" Schwerner and how Imperial Wizard Sam Bowers (convicted of "violating civil rights") gave orders and afterward declared the murders "a job to be proud of." Bowers even boasted openly that this "was the first time that a Christian planned and carried out the execution of a Jew."

Washington knew that the Klan beat Afro-Americans and blew up their church in Philadelphia, Miss., in order to lure the civil rights workers to the scene. And when the three youths came to investigate they were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Cecil Price (another convicted "violinator of civil rights") in order that he and fellow Klansman Sheriff Rainey (acquitted!) could release them into the arms of a waiting lynch mob to be taken to the pre-planned execution.

From President Johnson on down the U.S. Government knew how the three civil rights workers were driven out of town, dragged from the cars, shot to death and their bullet-ridden bodies buried in a dam with a bulldozer.

Knowing all this, and knowing that the racist state of Mississippi was more apt to pin medals on the killers than

to try them for murder, the White House, the Justice Department and the Congress looking through the mounds of paper civil rights in Washington could only find a law from 1870 forbidding violations of rights "without due process of law" with a maximum sentence of 10 years in jail.

And even at that, the Justice Department could only convict 7 out of the 18.

The government of the master class can invade Asia without a declaration of war; it can send 40,000 troops to the Dominican Republic overnight to crush a revolution; it can send 5,000 troops to Detroit to shoot Black people on the streets and in their homes; Congress can pass laws against Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown. But this same government cannot find a way to punish 18 known racist killers for a murderous lynching which enraged the entire world for its calculated brutality and which was an open threat to all Black people and those who fight for their rights.

Whatever the outcome of the Meridian trial, it is a mockery of justice, salt in the wounds of all fighters for Black freedom, whose meaning is clear —



Sheriff Lawrence Rainey of Neshoba County, Miss., right, set free, and Deputy Cecil Price, who is awaiting sentencing for "violating the civil rights" of three murdered youths.

the U.S. Government is winking at the lynch mob, coddling, and thereby encouraging white supremacist killers at the very moment it is packing in the powder to be used against the Afro-American liberation struggle.

## How "Klan's Man" Won Wechsler's Heart A Liberal's Racist Hero

The level to which the bourgeois liberal propagandist will stoop in trying to dig a democratic nugget out of the dung heap of racism, anti-communism, militarism and other forms of reaction is a steadily and rapidly descending magnitude.

Take, for example, James Wechsler of the New York Post, one of liberalism's most diligent prospectors, who was grovelling around Meridian, Mississippi, last week determined to find for his readers some manifestation of libertarianism in the racist proceedings for his readers. When he finally surfaced, Wechsler had fools gold between his teeth but, undeterred, wiped it with his pen until he thought he could palm it off as the real thing.

Wechsler's find, so he informs us, was the dramatically transformed (transformed by the liberal pen, that is) figure of hitherto arch racist Federal District Judge William Harold Cox, Senator Eastland's former roommate at "Ole Miss" and Eastland's personal choice for the job.

Cox presided over the trial of the 18 lynchers who carried out the premeditated execution of three civil rights workers out of the purest racist motives to keep the Black people in slavery by means of terror.

Plantation owner Eastland's judicial enforcer ran the court like a feudal lord and, under the strictest orders from the ruling class to get a token conviction, sacrificed his deepest inclinations to his class. He had 7 of the lynchers convicted.

At one point the all-white racist jury got confused and was about to set them all free when Cox reminded his followers he absolutely required some sort of conviction. The jury turned around and reversed itself and handed down the 7 guilty verdicts. (Among those acquitted was the ringleader Klansman Sheriff Rainey.)

Now for a bourgeois in search of democracy the problems were serious.

But Wechsler was positively stoic about the fact that the majority of the racist killers went completely free — not a word said.

About the convictions — no such reserve:

"Once again, as in other more majestic moments in our legal annals, a man in judicial robes (Eastland's bosom buddy) upset the form chart."

It is true, conceded Wechsler, that "there were other heroes in the case — notably" the FBI, the Justice Department and the jury (which wanted to let

## Black Anti-Draft HQ Ransacked In Clevel.

CLEVELAND, October 14 — The office of Blacks Against the Draft (BAD), a local of the Cleveland Draft Resistance Union and an affiliate of SNCC, was robbed and ransacked late last night, according to a press release from BAD. The office, also the apartment of two organizers for Blacks Against the Draft, was destroyed, files rifled, furniture strewn on the floor and valuable equipment stolen in this racist reprisal against a militant Black anti-draft organization.

The vicious attack followed closely the recent success of BAD in organizing Black youth against the draft. Blacks Against the Draft has been organizing SNCC chapters at East Tech and Glenville high schools, and an Afro-American chapter at Cuyahoga Community College. A Black Power rally was held at Glenville High School which drew over 120 young people.

In an obvious attempt to drive BAD organizers out of the neighborhood and to stop Black Power and anti-war activities in the Black community, BAD members have been the victims of menacing phone calls, hit-and-run accidents and threats from landlords in the neighborhood.

Despite the increased racist harassment, Blacks Against the Draft has announced their determination to continue to organize under whatever circumstances. After the attack on their office BAD issued the following appeal for support:

"The momentum that has been started over the summer cannot die in the fall in Glenville. We will not be hampered by the loss and destruction of (BAD's) property. In view of this, we are asking for funds and your moral support which are greatly needed at this time."

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everyone go home). But the pre-eminent bearer of the democratic renaissance in Mississippi was Judge Cox.

The racist "got religion," "confronted his conscience," "belatedly kept his promise to John and Robert Kennedy," etc., and thereby won the heart of the liberal. So naturally Cox then became the recipient of Wechsler's unstinted forgiveness.

It is a matter of history which Wechsler himself had to concede, that Cox threatened to jail Justice Department officials in October, 1964, unless they brought perjury indictments against Afro-Americans testifying against the murderers before a Grand Jury. It is also part of the record that Cox called "that bunch of niggers" in the court room "chimpanzees." Eastland's delegate has always been "the klan's man" on the bench.

But in these hard times, when the ruling class grows more violent against the Black people and even the smallest tokens are hard to find, generosity to the reaction cannot be spared even for the smallest return. So the judge is redeemed.

## A Learned Obscurantist "Corrects" the 19th Century

# Revisionism in the Field of History of Religion

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There is a current fad among intellectuals in Europe and America to reject both "evolutionism" and "nineteenth century theories" (such as those of Darwin and Marx).

The significance of this trend among the "intelligentsia" lies not only in the sphere of philosophy, but has far-reaching political implications. If biological, historical, and social formations do not progress—do not advance and retrogress along logical and scientifically predictable lines—then the struggle for a better world, the hope of ending poverty, wars and inequality, is a Utopian one. Then we can have little confidence in our own united strength, but must each throw himself upon the mercy of an omnipotent god (if not some drug-induced delusion) to save his own individual soul.

This is the essence of reactionary thought—and the philosophic bulwark of reactionary politics. It reflects the predicament of the world bourgeoisie, who sense that real progress under the rule of their class has come to an end, and want to convince the rest of mankind that its struggle against oppression is useless. Even in the so-called "age of unbelief" today, this tendency asserts itself—subtly—in attitudes to religion.

The role of religion as an "opiate of the people" in the age of soporific TV and LSD is difficult to assess precisely, but the attitude of bourgeois

intellectuals has definitely changed from one of contempt to one of conciliation with religious thought—either in its orthodox or more abstract forms.

The fate of a book, James Frazer's monumental work, "The Golden Bough—A Study in Magic and Religion" proves this proposition only too well.

It was first published in twelve volumes in the 1890's—and later, without its voluminous footnotes, in one big volume. It was universally hailed as a literary masterpiece, a profound anthropological study—and above all, as a powerful weapon in the struggle against superstition and religion.

Its central thesis was this:

Two distinct modes of thought—two opposing attitudes toward life and the universe existed in ancient society. Frazer characterized them as Magic and Religion.

He contended that man in his most primitive state was concerned only with the material world around him. No supernatural gods or demons peopled his cosmos. He sought material causes in natural phenomena. His keen observation of the cyclical changes of the seasons, the predictability of the tides, the measurable movements of the sun and moon and stars, the rhythm of life, reproduction and death, led him to the conclusion that order prevailed in nature—a conclusion modern science cannot quarrel with.

Primitive man's errors came from the meagerness of his accumulated data. And his greatest error was his belief that all of nature was as conscious as he. His rites and folk customs,

which arose endemically in all parts of the primitive world, were intended to influence nature by example. Since he felt a profound kinship between himself and all other aspects of nature, he believed that his brother the rain would respond to a rain dance, and with solemn ceremony he thanked his brother the corn for supplying him with food. He felt no need for any supernatural power outside himself (although he thought spirits existed), for he depended on his own strength to meet the difficulties and dangers that beset him on every side.

This whole mode of thought and attitudes, with its accompanying ritual, Frazer called Magic, as opposed to both religion and science. (Obviously, his use of the word "magic" was very different from its popular concept which connotes sleight-of-hand or occult practices, meaningless incantations and trickery.)

Religion, on the other hand, sprang from a very different source, and at a later period in man's history. Its motive force was despair and fear. Its rites were for the purpose of propitiating gods and devils. Religious man felt himself helpless in the grip of amorphous powers he could never control—only bow down before. His gods were capricious, his universe without order or rhythm. The seasons, the fortunes of men, the sun itself, were subject to the whims of omnipotent beings. Man himself was their slave.

The two opposing principles of magic and religion had been confused by earlier students of anthropology, Frazer thought. His task was to disentangle the threads of each and trace them to their source.

Religion, in Frazer's view, was the primary cause of most of mankind's misery. Above all, he despised and scorned Christian philosophy, which he characterized as "a selfish and immoral doctrine" which caused the devotee "to withdraw more and more from the public service, to concentrate his thoughts on his own spiritual emotions. It bred in him a contempt for the present life which he regarded merely as a probation for a better and an eternal one."

Frazer believed Christianity was responsible for the halt of civilization during the thousand years known as the Dark Ages, and was a constant brake on scientific progress. With ironic humor, he tore the sacred veil away from Christian mythology and revealed the pagan origins of the story of the virgin birth, the crucifixion and the resurrection.

Marxists, of course, do not agree with Frazer's views in their entirety and regard Medieval Christianity as primarily a result rather than a cause of historical decline. But they recognize behind his description of the two opposing principles in earlier society, the succeeding stages of primitive communism and of private property. Marxism acknowledges that fear and despair were the motive force of religion—but traces that fear and des-

pair to the deprivations suffered by the great majority of men under the institution of private property—especially when men themselves had become private property, either as chattel or wage slaves. Marxism sees the end of "primitive man" as the beginning of class society. And Frazer made that point his approximate boundary between "Magic" and "Religion."

However, Marxists were among the first to recognize the value of James Frazer's great work, the light it cast on the thinking processes of primitive men, his painstaking labors to amass data from all corners of the earth, and his fearless attack on the popular religious myths and prejudices of his day.

So when a paper-back edition entitled "The New Golden Bough" appeared on the book-stands recently, what a blow it was to find that Frazer's chapters on magic and religion had been deleted! "The New Golden Bough," published by The New American Library, is abridged and edited by Dr. Theodor H. Gaster, "a specialist in comparative religions... a master of 29 languages... Fulbright Professor in History of Religions at the University of Rome."

Dr. Gaster, in his Editor's Foreword blandly explains his reason for omitting "Frazer's lengthy discussion of the relation between Magic and Religion because the view which is there expressed... has now been shown to be a mere product of late nineteenth century evolutionism, without adequate basis."

Without the chapters on magic and religion, Frazer's work is not only emasculated, its meaning is entirely warped, and the chapters that remain are only, like so many other modern books on anthropology, merely a catalogue of quaint but meaningless primitive rites and practices.

Fortunately for the future of the human race, the spirit of "nineteenth century evolutionism" although it has been expunged from Frazer's book, although it has died in the libraries and some of the laboratories of the bourgeoisie, is vibrantly alive in other quarters.

The heroic resistance of the Vietnamese to U.S. imperialism, of the Black people in America, of the masses in Africa, Latin America and the Arab world, all testify to the profound optimism and self-confidence of the world's oppressed that they are evolving toward a better world.

They may be in some cases actually in the grip of religious superstitions that Dr. Gaster would be quite emancipated from. But in rejecting the resignation preached by these very religions—and by Dr. Gaster's anti-evolutionary theories—they are truly carrying "nineteenth century evolutionism" into the twentieth century revolution.

Frazer, who was an honest man, if not a Marxist, would be proud of them.

— Elizabeth Ross



200 anti-war demonstrators march in rain outside Old Post Office Bldg. (which houses Army recruiting offices) on Ellicott St. in Buffalo, Oct. 18. Ten men returned draft cards when pickets entered the building and marched through halls chanting, "Hell no, we won't go!" Jerry Gross of Youth Against War & Fascism gathered demonstrators by going through the University of Buffalo's Norton Union with a bullhorn calling on students to protest the Vietnam war after Student Mobilization had called for the picketing.

## AID Picketed in Cleveland: "Get 'Pacifiers' Out of Vietnam!"

CLEVELAND, Oct. 13 — The Agency for International Development, which is responsible for recruiting youth to work in the U.S. "pacification" program in Vietnam, was picketed here today by militant members of the Cleveland anti-war movement.

Demonstrators picketed outside the AID offices at the Engineers Building at 1365 Ontario Street. They carried signs and distributed literature and denouncing AID and the war in Vietnam.

A leaflet handed out for the picket line, which was signed by the Cleveland Draft Resistance Union and Youth Against War & Fascism, declared that

AID was trying to get young men in order to:

"...make sure that they have a capable team to securely imprison the Vietnamese people.... The only way we can genuinely help the Vietnamese is by fighting to get American troops and pacifiers out of Vietnam now."

Protest statements were read inside the offices of AID by Ron Lucas, of Blacks Against the Draft and the Committee to organize SNCC, David Gass of Youth Against War & Fascism, and Tim Hall of the Draft Resistance Union.