

Gov't. Uses Mourn-In as Ploy To Divert Mass Rebellions

**Ruling Class Talks "Non-Violence"
Sends 61,000 Troops in Reign of Terror**

By NAOMI GOLDSTEIN

Since the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King on April 4, every bourgeois politician from the racist Texan in the White House to the "liberal" mayor of New York City, has called on the Black people to honor Dr. King by practicing his method of nonviolence.

"America is shocked and saddened by the brutal slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King. I ask every citizen to reject the blind violence that has struck Dr. King, who lived by nonviolence," President Johnson piously requested, just one day before calling in thousands of federal troops to terrorize the Black community in Washington, D.C.

The mournful words were hardly out of their mouths, when the representatives of the racist ruling class called on National Guard units and federal

troops to invade flaming ghettos in cities across the country, including Washington, Chicago, New York, Detroit, Memphis, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and many others.

While the warmongers in Washington were conveniently preaching nonviolence to the Black people, 110 cities ex-

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**But Uprisings in 110 Cities Show Black People
Deaf to Talk of Peaceful Submission**

By SAM MARCY

In order to avoid the explosive effects of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, the U.S. Government immediately embarked on a massive diversionary tactic of unprecedented proportions. It can be said without exaggeration that the Administration mobilized virtually all its political, social and psychological resources to put across its maneuvers. To insure a cooperative effort, the government had the full support of practically all sections of the capitalist class.

To begin with, the government has a pre-existing arrangement with the total communication system of the U.S. on how to deal with such a contingency. The press, radio and, of course, TV brought the message of the ruling class across to the point of utter and complete saturation. It was virtually impossible for anyone to avoid its effects except by shutting his ears or closing his eyes.

But powerful as the weapon of imperialist propaganda is, by itself it has yet to prove effective enough to stop a wide-spread rebellion. No one knows this better than the architects of the "contingency plans for civil disorder," — the would-be executioners of the Black people. For, along with elaborate plans for propaganda, they had even more elaborate and more massive plans for the use of brutal and violent methods of repression.

On the surface, the ruling class strategy was calculated to convey a warm message of good will and deep sorrow at the murder of Reverend King, and a promise to do justice to the Black people, at long last. But through the message ran the all-too-familiar plea for "peace, brotherly love, and nonviolence" — code words that have invariably meant, in practice, abject submission to the will of the master class, especially during times of rebellion.

No wonder the message fell flat on its face! Even where it is for the time being heeded, it will surely backfire before too long. The deeds of centuries of oppression cannot be undone by a torrential rain of sanctimonious rhetoric while the fundamental problems remain totally unsolved.

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Report U.S. to Charge

Carmichael with 'Sedition'

APRIL 9 -- Stokely Carmichael is going to be charged with "sedition" by the U.S. Dept. of Justice, according to a feature report from Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson today.

This came over the wires about the same hour Martin Luther King was being buried, with Rockefeller, Nixon, Kennedy, Romney and Humphrey in the mourners' seats.

Atty. Gen. Clark has decided that Carmichael "went too far" in calling upon Afro-Americans "to retaliate against white America" for the murder of Dr. King. And and columnists carefully noted that the Black leader made a tour of "Communist capitals," previous to uttering his "seditious statements."

Oakland Cops Make Murder-Raid on Black Panthers

**Unarmed Black Youth Killed, 2 Wounded
As Cops Open Fire in Pre-Planned Attack**

OAKLAND, April 7 -- Only two days after the assassination of Martin Luther King, racist cops murdered in cold blood a leader of the Black Panther Party and wounded at least two others.

Bobby James Hutton, a 16-year-old militant in the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense, was shot and killed by Oakland cops as he emerged from a house surrounded by the police. To cover up for the brutal murder of Hutton, police claimed that he had a gun. But witnesses assert that the youth came out of the house with his hands in the air.

"They (the cops) are just trying to find ways to kill, maim and destroy the Black Panthers," Charles Garry, attorney for Huey Newton told the press today. He said he would ask that mur-

der charges be filed against Oakland police in the death of Hutton.

Two other Afro-Americans, Eldridge Cleaver and Warren Wells, were also wounded in the attack by police. Cleaver, who was shot in the leg, is Minister of Information for the Black Panther Party and the author of the recently published book, "Soul on Ice." He was taken to San Quentin Prison 25 miles away and then moved even further away to Vacaville Medical Facility, 60 miles from Oakland.

The murder of Hutton occurred after police surrounded several Black militants in a house, shooting at them and firing flares and tear gas for 90 minutes. Six Afro-Americans, including Cleaver and Wells, were arrested and held on \$40,000 bail each.

The Oakland police have long carried on a campaign of terror and violence against the Black Panthers who urge Black people to arm themselves in self-defense against just such terror tactics.

Last month, in a roundup of Black Panther militants, six cops conducted a pre-dawn raid and ransacked the house of Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party. Both Seale and his wife were suddenly awakened when cops broke into their house and arrested them at gunpoint.

The goon squad had no search warrants nor warrants for arrest, but Seale and his wife were pulled in on a phony "possession of a sawed-off shotgun" charge. The cops had originally tried to pin a "conspiracy to commit murder" charge on Seale, but no such charge was actually made.



Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party.

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Vietnamese Women's Union Calls On U.S. Women To Protest Torture Murder of Liberation Front Heroine

The Central Committee of the South Vietnam Liberation Women's Union on March 19 sent a message to the Women's International Democratic Federation denouncing the U.S. aggressors and the Saigon puppet regime for murdering Mrs. Le Thi Rieng, Vice-President of the Union and member of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation.

The message reads:

Dear Friends,

The South Vietnam Liberation Women's Union and all South Vietnamese women feel deeply grieved and highly indignant in announcing to the Women's International Democratic Federation, the women's organizations in various countries and their friends all over the world a sad event, another barbarous crime committed by the U.S. imperialist aggressors against our people.

Mrs. Le Thi Rieng, Vice-President of the South Vietnam Liberation Women's Union and member of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, an eminent leader of the South Vietnam women's movement, was killed by the U.S. aggressors and the Thieu-Ky-Loan clique in Saigon on January 31, 1968, together with many other South Vietnamese patriots.

Le Thi Rieng was born in 1925 in Vinh My village, Gia Rai district, Bac Lieu province. Born into a poor peasant family and living under the colonialist-feudal regime, she deeply hated the wicked rulers. Known as an ardent patriot right in her youth, she always longed for independence that

would put an end to her life as a slave.

The Revolution breaking out in August 1945, she eagerly joined the resistance war against the French colonialist aggressors. After the signing of the Geneva Agreements on Vietnam in



1954, she continued working among the South Vietnam women, mobilizing them in the struggle against the U.S. - Ngo Dinh Diem fascist dictatorial regime, and for peace, democracy and reunification of the country as solemnly stipulated for by the Geneva Agreements.

A patriot all the time having peace

at heart, Le Thi Rieng continually struggled for national liberation and the emancipation of women. After the coming into being of the National Front for Liberation and the Liberation Women's Union in South Vietnam in 1961, she was elected Vice-President of the Union and member of the Front's Central Committee.

While on mission on May 8, 1967, she was arrested by the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen. Despite all the savage tortures, her fingers burnt to the bones, she kept to herself all the secrets concerning the revolution. The firm attitude of this dauntless South Vietnamese woman greatly frightened Bunker and the Thieu-Ky-Loan clique of U.S. lackeys.

On the night of January 31, 1968, after the South Vietnam Liberation Armed Forces and people launched a general offensive against Saigon and other South Vietnam towns and cities, the U.S. lackeys herded Mrs. Le Thi Rieng and a number of other patriots into a truck and drove them to a deserted street of Saigon named Hong Bang, and sprayed the car with machine gun fire, killing her and the other detainees.

Afterwards, they took the bodies of Le Thi Rieng and the other patriots to a morgue on an ambulance, then alleged that the truck had been attacked by the Liberation Army.

Le Thi Rieng left behind 2 children. Her husband, himself a revolutionary, was killed in 1960 by the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys.

It is clear that this is a base and most odious act of murder by the U.S. imperialists and the Thieu-Ky-Loan

clique. By killing Le Thi Rieng, who had devoted all her life to the struggle for national liberation, the emancipation of women, the protection of children, for peace and the happiness of mankind, the U.S. imperialist aggressors have revealed the cruel, war-mongering, loathsome and blood-thirsty nature of their own. Le Thi Rieng was one of the thousands of victims of the massacres being conducted by the U.S. imperialists and the Thieu-Ky clique of traitors.

All the women and the entire people of South Vietnam are raising their voice to denounce to public opinion in the world this sinister act of the U.S. and the Thieu-Ky-Loan clique. They urgently call on the Women's International Democratic Federation and its member organizations, all progressive women's organizations and all peace-loving forces in the world, for the sake of peace and justice, to take necessary measures to check the bloody hands of the clique of Johnson-Bunker-Thieu-Ky-Loan.

We call on the American women to struggle for an immediate end to the savage massacre by the U.S. war-mongers, to urge their husbands and sons to be brought home and to demand an end to the U.S. aggression in South Vietnam.

For the sake of the freedom and happiness of mankind and the emancipation of women, we urgently call on the women and people in all countries to unite closely with us to oppose the U.S. imperialist aggressors — the common enemy of all oppressed nations and the world's peoples.

French Rivals Lift the Lid on U.S. Imperialist's Defeat

The article below was translated from the French of the authoritative Paris daily, Le Monde (of Feb. 22), by the Paris American Committee to Stop the War and published in the Committee's newsletter, Paris Digest.

It is interesting on at least two counts. First, it tells something about the real situation in Vietnam after the Tet offensive, suggesting the real reason for Johnson's latest "peace offensive." Secondly, it gives the less informed reader a little idea of how much news is kept from the American people.

Here in Saigon we have no idea of how the international press has reported recent events. But censorship and the recent expulsion of a French journalist make one fear for the objectivity of information which is at best fragmentary. A few facts, while awaiting more, can be set apart: they concern the attitude of the Americans, repressive measures and popular feeling.

The Americans were taken by surprise. They were expecting something here or there, local incidents, but nothing like an offensive of this scale. Especially since they were not the principal objective of the battle.

In every Vietnamese city the rumor is heard periodically that the Viet Cong are about to take over. Alarmism or perhaps intoxication, but the rumours are almost always unfounded. When it does happen the takeover is brief. This time, intermingled with the traditional Tet fireworks, it took on an unexpected proportion. How did the Americans react? By a general retreat to their bases.

In the cities, then, the Americans fell back on their fortified positions. They left to others the task of "cleaning up" the towns. The protection of Da Nang was thus given to the Vietnamese

army which doesn't appear too happy about it. The cities of Nha-Trang and others were "cleaned up" by Koreans. In Cholon it was the Vietnamese who fought on foot. The Americans, aside from a few armoured columns, dispatched their planes and armed helicopters. They only fought in the streets when they had no other choice, as in Hue, where they were inches

machine guns (firing 6,000 shots a minute), bombs dropped from planes, all raze the locality within no time. Encirclement is usually cursory. In most cases no warning is given to the population.

It is only fair to point out that evacuation orders are not always heeded. That is how a small refugee village, Nam-O, a few kilometers from

on the side of the road. There was the beginnings of a protest demonstration in front of the townhall at Da Nang but the police opened fire. Who has talked about this village? Who will talk about others?

Nam-O is to be classified with hundreds of other localities, villages, city sections. Those three hundred dead — civilian men, women and children — were entered among the official statistics of Viet Cong dead. That is how they get their official statistics of 30-35,000 Viet Cong killed in two days. There is every chance that among those figures the proportion of NLF should neighbor around 10 to 15 per cent for, generally, they do not wait for the end of the bombings to go back to their fortified and camouflaged positions. The communiques announcing victory badly conceal the frightful massacre of the population, often sympathetic but almost always unarmed. It is all the more serious because the repression is ineffective. In Saigon, at any rate, the NLF forces remain intact. Their arms are hidden; their soldiers mingle in and melt with the rest of the population. For the time being they are building up their munitions supplies.

What is popular feeling in all of this? It is certainly dominated by fear, fear of American bombs. Many city people saw for the first time in their lives these famous Viet Cong; (for in the cities people lived closed in) and they found them young, polite and honest... which has become rather rare in this country — and they found them well armed, also. The fact that the Viet Cong possess such equipment, often better than the Americans', is something that strikes the general public opinion. There is a clear contrast between the Viet Cong's behavior and that of the government army which bombs blindly and the shock troops who are pillage prone.



Guerrilla fighters reminiscing about how they used the fake machinegun (above) to capture real weapons in 1963 when fighting units were first set up but had no weapons at all. (Hsinhua News Agency Photo)

from being over-run.

The French know everything there is to know about colonial repression. But here again the character of America's war in Vietnam intervenes. It is enough for a few Viet Cong to be presumed to be in a quarter or even in a city block for a deluge of fire and iron to be loosed for hours on end. Cannons, mortars, heavy

Da Nang, two days after let, round itself encircled and its population ordered to evacuate after a meeting of the NLF was held there. No one left, through fear of imprisonment and of looting and pillaging by the soldiers. During the night American planes bombarded the village with rockets and napalm. The next morning three hundred bodies were lined up

-Largest Battle in Liberation Struggle Sweeps 110 Cities



Baltimore cops tie Black man's legs to a telephone pole for "curfew violation."



Unnamed Afro-Americans in Pittsburgh brave the bayonets of National Guardsmen in the Hill District of the city. Moments later the guard aimed their rifles at eye level.

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ploded in rebellions against the oppressor's violence. By Monday evening 9,000 had been arrested and many more thousands wounded and beaten by the heavily armed troops.

In Washington, 4,000 Army and National Guard troops were called in to protect the White House and other government buildings. Flags flew at half staff and Congressmen eulogized the "man of peace" as combat troops set up machine gun posts on the steps of the Capitol building.

As the rebellion spread beyond the ghettos to within two blocks of the White House, Johnson warned from behind his troops, "America shall not be ruled by the bullet but by the ballot of free and just men."

With these words of peace still lingering in the smoke-filled air, eight Black people were killed by cops and troops within three days in the city. There were over 1,000 injured and 5,000 arrested.

After just one day of battle, it was clear that the 2,800 man police force in Washington could not hold back the heroic rebellion of the Black masses, angered by the racist murder of Dr. King.

By Sunday, there were 9,000 troops attempting to guard the capital of U.S. imperialism. A curfew was imposed Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., but this repressive measure could not stop the Black people from striking back at the system which oppresses them.

Their prime targets were the businessmen in their communities who have been robbing and cheating them. On one block, every building was burned to the ground except the headquarters of an agency which the Black people felt was trying to help them.

Nineteen Safeway Stores, which are notorious for overpricing food in the ghettos, were wiped clean or burned. At the same time that Johnson was urging Black people to be nonviolent, cops told store managers to arm themselves with shotguns, according to a report in the New York Times April 7.

In New York City on April 5, Mayor Lindsay, who was co-chairman of the commission on "civil disorders" and who prides himself on being the expert in "human relations," benevolently rushed to Harlem to quiet things down. But when the angry Black people shouted him down, Lindsay was hustled away by bodyguards to a waiting limousine. A day later in a television appear-

ance he quoted Dr. King, "I can only close the gap in a broken community by meeting hate with love." One of Lindsay's first acts of "love" was to increase by 80 per cent the number of cops on duty by putting them on 13-hour-a-day, 6-day schedules.

Out of "respect," Lindsay's cops

Black population. National Guardsmen armed with sniper scopes were ordered by the racist authorities to take "aggressive action" against "lawbreakers," according to the New York Times of April 7.

Mayor Daley called a memorial meeting of the City Council for Dr.

invaders. Police were shot at and stoned from the roofs and pelted with bottles and bricks as they patrolled the besieged Black communities.

The Hill district of Pittsburgh, too, erupted in rebellion. This Black community of 45,000 has an unemployment rate four times as high as the rest of the city. Four thousand National Guardsmen were called up, but not before a five-block stretch of small white-owned businesses had been destroyed.

Guardsmen with fixed bayonets marched 30 abreast in an attempt to clear the streets. A favorite tactic of the cops and troops here, as in other cities, was to arrest every Black person they could. Nine hundred and fifty were arrested by April 8.

In Cincinnati, the murder of a Black woman touched off a rebellion in Avondale, an Afro-American ghetto. One thousand three hundred National Guardsmen were called in and cops barricaded streets to seal off the downtown section of the city.

Government reports revealed that 61,000 troops had been called up by Tues., April 9, to suppress rebellions across the country. There were 31 dead including two in Detroit and one each in Memphis, Minneapolis and Tallahassee, Fla.

A TRUE Message of Condolence from Hanoi

HANOI, North Vietnam, April 8 (Agence France-Presse) — Premier Pham Van Dong sent a message of condolence today to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; the North Vietnamese press agency said:

"The murder of Martin Luther King has deepened the Afro-American's hatred and sharpened their will to fight for their sacred rights," the message said.

"The people of Vietnam and other countries of the world are deeply indignant at the crime of the U.S. racists," Mr. Dong added.

"Once again, I share with our Afro-American brothers this deep grief and voice the strong sympathy and support of the Vietnamese people for the just struggle of the Afro-American," he said.

wore 1-inch black bands for mourning over their shields — which conveniently covered their badge numbers so no one could report them for police brutality.

The specially trained riot squad, the Tactical Patrol Force, was also immediately sent to the Black communities of Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant.

But Lindsay's fine talk didn't deter the Black people from setting fire to the property of their hated oppressors. In Brooklyn, windows were broken in a branch of the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. bank. And in Harlem, the people made it a policy to expropriate the goods of the shopkeepers (most of them white) who have been stealing from them for so long.

In Chicago, 22,200 armed troops, 5,000 Federal troops, 6,700 Illinois National Guardsmen and 10,500 Chicago police — were called in to terrorize the Black community as the rebellion spread from the West Side ghetto, to the South Side and Near North Side. Troops were mobilized from as far away as Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Carson, Colorado, to suppress what the ruling class admitted was an "insurrection." (The New York Times revealed April 6 that 15,000 Army troops have been made available to help put down the rebellions.)

The troops were called in after a 28-block area on W. Madison Street was set afire and destroyed by the angry

King, but at the same time threatened that "looters" should be shot. By Sunday, 11 Afro-Americans had been murdered, over 500 injured and 1,800 arrested. Bail was set at up to \$1,000 just for disorderly conduct, making it impossible for most of the Black people to raise the necessary money to be released.

Fires in the city were so widespread that power and telephone service were out in some areas. As in Washington, those stores were burned which were overcharging the Black people.

Troops with bayonets bared marched through the streets of eastern and western Baltimore Monday, where 100,000 Black people live in poverty. April 7, Johnson had 2,000 troops dispatched to Baltimore at Gov. Agnew's request to help the 6,000 National Guardsmen and 1,600 city and state police. By April 8, there were 10,848 troops in Baltimore.

Five killed, 12 critically injured, over 500 injured and 3,200 arrested added to the mounting nationwide list of Black people murdered and wounded. The fifth person killed in Baltimore was a Black man shot down in the street for "suspected looting." One New York Times report of April 9 revealed that cops were using dogs against the people in the Afro-American communities.

April 8, it was reported that the Black people were beginning to use guerrilla warfare tactics to drive off the armed

NLF Wins Over Black Soldier

HANOI, March 19 (Hsinhua) — An Afro-American corporal in South Vietnam recently left the U.S. aggressor army for the liberated area because he came to realize that the "war launched by Johnson in South Vietnam is an aggressive war," according to the "Giai Phong" press agency.

The Afro-American corporal, named McKinley Nolan, Serial Number 54101802, sent a letter to all Afro-American soldiers in the U.S. aggressor army in South Vietnam calling on them not to serve the U.S. Government and to take speedy action to go to the side of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation.

McKinley Nolan belonged to Company A, Battalion 2, Regiment 16 of the U.S. First Infantry Division. He was warmly received by the local people when he got to the liberated area in Long An Province, southwest of Saigon.



Memphis sanitation workers facing National Guard terror.

Master Class Promised Billions... Gave Memphis Workers Bayonets

Before the latest phase of the heroic national uprising of the Afro-American people, the U.S. rulers affirmed from the roof tops that they agreed in general that for their own self-preservation, they had better do something to significantly relieve the oppressive conditions of 22 million Blacks in this country.

And, by coincidence, before the rebellion there were 1,300 — not 22 million but just 1,300 — oppressed Black sanitation workers in Memphis, who went on strike for the concrete demands of union recognition and a raise of wages from \$1.65 and \$1.85 an hour to about \$1.80 and \$2.25. So the billionaires were confronted with an immediate small-scale opportunity to give a living demonstration of their good intentions.

Amidst the mountains of propaganda, it is most instructive to find out just what happened to a handful of Black workers in Memphis, Tennessee.

Now while the ruling class agreed in general that the first step in assisting the Black people was to raise their standard of living, this same ruling class absolutely refused to budge one inch on these specific and quite minimal demands of only 1,300 individual, oppressed Afro-American workers in the specific location of Memphis, Tennessee who are being concretely oppressed by the city government.

The rulers heaped praise upon the "riot report" which recommended that \$40 billion be spent for the general uplifting of the Afro-American people. But the specific contribution of the billionaires to the sanitation workers who went on strike in Memphis on Feb. 11, was bullets, clubs, riot gas and chemical Mace. The police smashed the marches of the workers, jailed union officials, and the national guard was ultimately called in to suppress support marches for the workers.

A rebellion of monumental proportions has come and gone. Scores are dead. Cities have been burned. The oppressed have once again shown their revolutionary energy in volcanic proportions.

The latest rebellion, according to ruling class politicians, proves absolutely conclusively, as never before, beyond a doubt, etc., etc., etc., the general need to stamp out racism and to pour in billions to help the Black poor.

But amidst all this hypocritical verbiage about helping the Afro-American people in the wake of the most powerful rebellion to date, there is one development which is almost unbelievable — but therefore so completely characteristic of a system which lives on exploitation.

Guess what? A week has already passed since the masses burned Wash-

Ruling Class Rats Trapped 13 Hours In Tuskegee U.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Apr. 7 — Black students at the world-famous university here managed to hold several of the real rulers of America as hostages for 13 hours last night and early this morning.

So great was the ruling class fear of still wider Black rebellion during the aftermath of the King assassination, that it shrank from attacking the students with firearms, although 300 National Guardsmen and 70 state troopers assembled in town.

All were heavily armed and on the alert for an invasion of the campus.

The twelve gilt-edged trustees of the university who were held included the intimate Rockefeller agents, Lucius Clay, director of the inordinately powerful Chase Manhattan Bank; Alexander Aldrich, executive assistant to Gov. Nelson Rockefeller; and Wm. G. Gridley, Jr., a vice president of Chase Manhattan.

Lucius Clay is a former military governor of the U.S. zone in occupied Germany (West Germany).

But more importantly from the point of view of real power, Clay is a director of Chase Manhattan, General Motors, Allied Chemical, Lehman Brothers, Continental Can, Central Savings (in New York) and a dozen smaller, mere multi-million dollar companies.

He is also in charge of fund raising for the Republican Party.

Most of the other trustees were similarly — if less prominently — connected to the multi-billion dollar

apparatus of the Rockefellers and other ruling families.

The students were demanding, among other things, the elimination of compulsory ROTC training and had boycotted classrooms for two weeks in an effort to achieve more control over their own curriculum. The board meeting had been called to discuss the "emergency" arising from this.

At least two major generals of the National Guard have been brought into town, and knowledgeable observers feel that if were not for the nationwide crisis, the event would have brought the biggest brass in Washington down here as well.

The students finally called off their action on the threat of an imminent heavily armed attack.

No punishment has been meted out to the students for this breath-taking act of defiance — yet.

University President Dr. Luther N. Foster (who was also among those held hostage) said he would provide the local sheriff with a list of names of those who held the trustees. But he asked that action against them be delayed for a day or two.

This was not only so as to guarantee the safe return of the ruling class agents to their homes, but also to allow time to sniff the winds of rebellion still sweeping the country — and to make a determination whether they have died down enough to chance a major act of vengeance against the Black students here.



Corporate big-wigs leaving after being freed by Tuskegee University students.

ington D.C., Chicago, Pittsburgh, Richmond, and over 110 other cities, and the sanitation workers in Memphis still can't get the most minimal raise! They are still fighting to get a few pennies added to their anemic pay checks after all the bloodshed is over! The bosses may finally give in on

this tiny demand, if only because the whole world is watching Memphis in particular. But even if their demands are finally granted the question arises — if it takes a national uprising in 110 cities to get a few pennies for 1,300 Black men what will it take to get liberation for 22 million?

24-hour-a-day Campaign Tells Black People Not to Rebel Billionaires Wage TV War Too

TV has acted as a narcotic for the masses ever since its public debut in 1947. It has far overshadowed the old opium of religion and the new religion of LSD in its influence upon the masses and the middle class as well.

But the influence has generally been subtle and diffused insofar as politics and revolutionary actions are concerned.

Something new was added during the crisis over the King murder. Every TV station in the country seems to have been lined up, orchestrated and directed to give the same identical message:

"Dr. King was a great man. We all mourn his death. And now Black people should take his non-violent advice and not avenge his murder."

All Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday, every channel was full of tears and pious injunctions against violence. (There was no condemnation

of the violence of cops and machine-gun armed soldiers, of course.)

On Sunday, April 8, all the big networks — ABC, NBC, and CBS conducted long eulogies of King. The Public Broadcast Laboratory (Channel 13 in New York) showed a long documentary on King's preparations for the "Poor People's March" on Washington, after having spent all Friday night on the assassination.

NBC devoted two and a half hours on Sunday to a program on King, featuring the throngs in Memphis, Kansas City and Atlanta.

While preachers in pulpit after pulpit throughout the country chimed in with solemn appeals (mostly directed to Black people) "to avert civil war," and while soldiers, guardsmen and cops were shooting Black people down in the streets, CBS was playing a cantata based on King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Henry Fonda was presiding over readings of King's own words,

while folk songs and gospel songs were contributed by the Camerata singers.

Harry Belafonte joined with Ralph McGill of the Atlanta Constitution in similar soporifics. Bayard Rustin and a hundred less openly pacifist individuals were brought on to give their respective renditions of oil on troubled waters.

The radio stations, WWRL and WLIB, oriented to Afro-American listeners, continually urged the Black people to "cool it" and respect Dr. King's memory by supporting his ideology of non-violence.

These stations cancelled all paid commercials for the whole day Friday (supreme sacrifice!) out of respect for the martyred leader.

WWRL is owned by a white capitalist chain, which also owns WDIA in Memphis and other Black-oriented stations in Oakland, California and Washington, D.C. The company cancelled advertising on these stations,

too.

However, on the corporation's two other radio stations and one TV outlet catering to a more generally white audience, the commercials were not cancelled, according to the Apr. 6 New York Times.

This small but eloquent bit of hypocrisy only punctuated the monumental suffocation of platitudes and lectures given by the ruling class and its agents.

The over-all odor of sanctity was consciously generated in order to perfume the new corpses created by the cops after Dr. King's murder. But far more importantly, the total effort was meant to lull the Black masses into another stillness, while the slave masters could cook up new schemes to keep them shackled.

In spite of all this brain washing being pumped into millions of homes simultaneously, the masses were not put to sleep. They rebelled, fought, died and won perhaps a few concessions. But the great rebellions might have been still greater had the TV stations been burned down along with the chiseling supermarkets.

An Interview With Mae Mallory

Thoughts on Non-Violence, Rebellion, and a Separate State

Workers World interviewed Mae Mallory this week in an effort to express some of the deeper feelings of the Black Freedom movement after the murder of Dr. King. Mae Mallory is an associate of the exiled Robert F. Williams, who organized the first modern armed self-defense guard of Black people.

She has fought both in Harlem and in the South for freedom. She was framed, along with Williams, on a trumped-up kidnapping charge in Monroe, North Carolina, as a result of a great struggle in that town. Still living under the shadow of a 16-20 year sentence to a Southern prison, Mae Mallory is still in the vanguard of the fight for true liberation.

Her comments about a separate and independent Black republic have special significance and interest at this time.

WORKERS WORLD — Do you think there is now a definitive new turn since the King assassination?

MAE MALLORY — Definitely. I think this was an official death knell. The funeral of King was really the funeral of non-violence.

I was just watching the actual funeral a half-hour ago on TV. Of course it was a farce that did not reflect the living situation in the least. The Atlanta church and the funeral ceremonies had been so processed and scironed out that they just weren't real.

There must have been an awful lot of propaganda and maneuvers used to control the feeling of protest in Atlanta. Most of the real community was kept out of the funeral altogether.

Q. You think the rulers learned from the events in Chicago, Washington, etc. in time for Atlanta?

A. Yes. Atlanta was just the opposite of the rest of the country.

Without organization of any sort, the people rebelled across the country — in places where they hadn't rebelled before — at least not in recent times, like Youngstown and Baltimore. And in Washington, where the white

many, but TV played it up big, just like they played up all the tears and prayers, and for the same reason.

Q. Do you think there is now a definitive turning point in the Black Vanguard from non-violence to programmatic self-defense and possibly organized revolutionary efforts?

"The Death of Non-Violence"



National Guardsmen in Chicago take cover from rifle fire.

power structure thought things were so "safe" — where it was a stronghold of conservatism, because of so many Government jobs and civil service workers, that was the very first place the rebellion hit. They had to call out the National Guard and the Army.

Of course, they also showed Black soldiers on TV, pushing Black people around. Actually there weren't so

A. That will depend on what the Black politicals do. The propaganda campaign of the white ruling class is very important here. They are trying to lull the Black people into a false love-in. They have been relatively successful in the past few days, but not entirely.

Q. Are there any signs of mass organization along the lines of enforcing the demands that such leaders

as kap Brown, Stokeley Carmichael and yourself are making?

A. Well, behind every struggle and every crisis comes new unity of the people, out of which we hope will come the organization of mass unity that will bring about some profound solution. But there has never been any real program. So in spite of the great uprising, you can't really say that necessary programmatic steps are being taken toward what we really need.

Q. What about a leadership organization — that is, a more tightly-knit liberation party, with training groups, organizers, newspapers, and so forth?

A. That is what is required, of course. And this new event will certainly force a new organizational unity. This will bring about better communications and more effort toward a permanent solution instead of token and temporary gains.

Q. I understand you attended the National Black Government Conference in Detroit last week. Would you say that the work of this conference had any connection with the mass mood of anger at the King assassination — in spite of its being held before the event?

A. Well, this conference was indicative of the times. The Black people find a more realistic solution to their problems here in the United States in some kind of separatist development.

And at this vanguard conference, we felt that the most workable solution and answer is total separation and a sovereign independent Black state completely apart and free from the control of the United States Government.

Q. What is the general character of this projected Black state? How would

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VIETNAM AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY...

Two Fronts In One War

No one with his eyes open in this country can fail to see the connection between the war against Vietnam and the war against the Black people at home. The liberals made note of it in their "riot" report; the reactionaries refer to it — as the New York Daily Column front-paged it on Apr. 8 — as a "Greater War Now: Right Here at Home!"

It is a war against the poor in both cases; it is a war against a non-white race in both cases; it is a war to get or maintain the super-profits of imperialism in both cases; it is a war of the same capitalist-commanded U.S. Army in both cases.

Just as the profiteers' government in Washington needs some of the funds now being used in Vietnam to shore up the tottering edifice of collaboration and phony "unity" in the ghetto, so it needs some of the soldiers who might go to Vietnam to shoot the ghetto residents down if they refuse to listen to the prayers and hosannas now rising up on the air waves.

Only a week ago Johnson announced a new callup of Reserves and National Guardsmen for Vietnam. Now this seems to have been dropped. Some say this is simply so as not to rock the boat of the peace talks.

But those who say this forget to mention

the tens or thousands of National Guards and regular Army men either in the cities or encamped outside of them or on "war alert" with more grim preparations than if they were being readied to go to Vietnam!

In reality, it is one war. The war against Vietnam and the war against the Black people are two aspects of one war. That is the war against the workers, against the oppressed of the world.

The wounded and the dying in the streets of the United States Capital with their bloodied bodies last week, gave proof that the war was still there — at home.

The tearful pledges of the past week, the never-again speeches from supposedly reconstructed reactionaries, was all just to pull the wool over the eyes of the rebelling masses and to prepare for more war.

Behind the scenes, every one of these men was preparing to help the ruling class shoot its way through the summer of 1968. They were oiling up the tanks, the clubs, the guns and machine guns for even bigger action than last week's.

They were offering Vietnam veterans early discharges and special privileges if they would sign up as civilian cops. They were reorganizing National Guard units for war in the Black community rather than shipment to Vietnam.

The war in Vietnam may or may not be escalated (the uncertainty being due to the terrible blows imperialism has received both abroad and at home). But the war against Black America will cer-

tainly be escalated insofar as the rulers can get away with it.

And as imperialism well understands, there is an equally basic and absolute connection between the two wars that operates in the opposite direction.

The Black people at home have become more and more defeatist as regards U.S. imperialism abroad and revolutionary as regards its Government at home. To one extent or another they have openly or secretly rejoiced that their brothers in Vietnam have trounced the U.S. war machine. And they are becoming more and more determined to do the same thing themselves.

The victories of the Vietnamese are a tremendous moral and historical ingredient in the coming victories of Black Liberation.

'Liberal' Kennedy Woos Maddox

During the nationwide rebellions which exploded after the murder of Martin Luther King last week, presidential candidate Robert Kennedy made a big effort to pose as a friend of the Black people and a sympathizer in their struggle for freedom. He even chartered a plane for Mrs. King to take her to Memphis after the assassination.

But just to show how deep Kennedy's feelings about Black liberation really go — on the very day Kennedy announced his candidacy, he sent a telegram to racist Governor Lester Maddox, which said in part:

"Fully aware of the deep divisions already present in our party, I earnestly seek your thoughtful consideration, counsel and support."

Kennedy may have shed crocodile tears over the death of Dr. King, but he didn't mind seeking the support of a white supremacist, "ax-handle" Maddox — who would probably have liked to pull the trigger on King himself.



Angry Afro-Americans defiantly confronting cops in Youngstown, Ohio.

-Black Masses Wise to Ruling Class Mourn-In

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It is precisely with this in mind that the Government really prepared not one plan of approach to the impending Black revolt during the coming summer, but two. One was for ideological purposes, to deceive the Black masses (and the whites too) with finespun phrases, empty promises and elusive long-term plans for freedom, which never seem to even get off the ground.

What distinguishes this plan from all the others lies precisely in its massive character, in the fact that the government mobilized all and sundry to approve it and to trumpet it so long and loudly, as if its very duration would lend it credibility.

The other plan, prepared parallel with the first one, was the classical use of sheer brute force, and it is this which, for the moment at least, has proved decisive as it always does when the masses are unarmed and unorganized.

The rebellions which opened spontaneously upon the heels of the announcement of the assassination of Rev. King were so widespread that they had an almost universal character throughout the length and breadth of this land. The magnitude and depth of the uprisings were so great that President Johnson had to cancel his Vietnam conference in Honolulu to attend to the crisis here — a sure sign that, for the moment at least, the war of liberation at home took precedence over the war of liberation waged by the Vietnamese people abroad.

It is sufficient merely to remember that the storm of uprising engulfed 110 cities as of April 9, as revealed by the New York Times.

Nowhere in recent contemporary history has there taken place such a simultaneous and completely spontaneous rising as we witnessed last week. Its very scope and magnitude send terror

and confusion into the camp of the ruling class. The very fierceness and boldness of the mass rising were the only real factors that stopped the Government from unleashing as extreme a terror as it did last summer.

Nevertheless, in the space of barely three days, the Government made 16,255 arrests, left 3,550 injured and 38 dead, all as of April 8.

It must be remembered that many smaller cities did not report at all at press time. Many of them generally refuse to release the true number of arrests or injured except on official request from higher authorities.

No matter how the bourgeois press will distort the real character of the events following the assassination, there are two fundamental aspects of these events which cannot be obscured by mere propaganda.

The first one is that the uprisings were not of an accidental character, or solely a protest at the murder of Rev. King, but were a general expression of the revolutionary momentum inherent in the liberation struggle. The King assassination crystallized and accelerated the tempo of the rebellions.

The second aspect of the rebellions is the implicit rejection of the theory of nonviolence as a method of achieving liberation. The ruling class could scarcely fail to notice this.

To the extent that more token con-

cessions are made to the Black masses, they are to be regarded as a by-product of the struggle carried on by the masses, and not at all as concessions handed down from above to assuage the grief of the masses.

(It is plain for all to see that the passage of the current token civil

geos elements, monitored almost all public expressions of political sentiment. Few indeed were the independent, militant Black voices given the opportunity to be heard — except for short intervals and on rare occasions.

The very sight of Nixon, Rockefeller, Kennedy, Romney, Humphrey and the other pillars of imperialist racism at the funeral could not help but add insult to injury. The masses of people were even deprived of having their own way of interpreting the events. No won-



A Black youth grabs cop's club in anger during Pittsburgh memorial march for Martin Luther King.

rights bill in the reactionary House of Representatives by such a decisive majority is clearly a concession to the rebellions of the past week.)

Throughout the entire period until the burial of King, the ruling class manipulated all of the important public events that aside from the rebellions themselves, there was no truly visible and significant independent expression of the Black masses.

Radio and television, press and pulpit, as well as outside gatherings, all of which were controlled by white bour-

der the masses resorted to retaliatory force!

In the epoch of imperialist decay, force has been the only arbiter in great events. Not a single important contemporary world issue has been decided without it, and until imperialism is swept off the face of the earth, that is how it will invariably be. Peaceful methods for the solution of great problems as well as small will prevail and endure after the reactionary obstruction of monopoly capitalism and racist oppression are swept away by a proletarian revolution.

-Interview With Mae Mallory

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you describe it?

A. The general plan is to set up five-states of the present United States that would constitute our democratic republic. It would be a government of Black people, by the Black people and for the Black people. Whereas, under the very best of conditions in this country the way things are, we could still only look forward to 10 per cent of whatever. This would leave us forever at the mercy of the majority and of the white ruling class.

Q. Have you decided on a name for the projected republic?

A. Yes. The name we decided on is The Republic of New Africa.

Q. Would the establishment of this republic mean that every Black person in the U.S. would automatically have to go there rather than continue to work at some good job he might happen to have in the white community?

A. No. Definitely not. It would simply mean that those who wish to separate and set up a completely Black nation would go and set up such a nation. We believe that the vast majority of our people would do just this.

Such a nation would be the only one to be really concerned about the future of Black people. It would offer full employment and free medical attention to all the people, not just the ones with money. It would be interested in educating all the children, because these children would be the future citizens of the nation.

Q. How do you differentiate the separatism of an independent country from the separatism of jimcrow Black communities in the North and all-Black

villages in the South at the present time?

A. There's all the difference in the world where you have a sovereign state. As it's presently constituted in the United States, the separatism is brought about by the white Government, the white power structure. It controls the economic system; it controls the economics of the Black community — by super-exploitation.

It controls the educational system in the Black community by maintaining schools staffed by people whose interests are counter to the interests of the people in the community where they teach. The educational program is set up to teach the doctrine of white supremacy and white power, and the inferiority of Black people and to instill complete submission.

The hospitals — where they exist in our communities, today — are again run by a white supremacist Government, under-staffed and under-financed. And the patients are treated with complete contempt that's reflected in the staff, who generally have the attitude of the white power structure.

And in the Republic of New Africa, the government would own and control all the means of production. The entire economy of the people will be run by the people. In the schools the children will be taught to develop to their fullest potential, because this will help the new nation. The better they are educated the more determined they will be to remain free.

The hospitals in the Republic of New Africa will be run for the national benefit — for all the people and with true concern about the health and

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welfare of all.

Q. It would seem that SNCC and the Black Panthers on the West Coast were aiming in a direction similar to the New Africa Republic when they chose a series of ministers of state, information, international affairs, etc., during a gathering in California a few weeks ago.

Will there be a rivalry between two possible national solutions — or two different parties, with different ideas of what constitutes a nation?

A. There will definitely have to be a getting together on this. We cannot afford to fight among ourselves. There will be a meeting of minds. And the aftermath of Martin Luther King's

murder certainly indicates this.

The murder itself indicates it too, because King's program, which was the mildest of the mild, was still too much for those who oppress us, and he was ultimately killed.

Q. Who would be your candidate for first president of the new republic?

A. Robert F. Williams, who has lived for over six years in socialist countries, where they seem to have found a way for providing for all their masses of people, was overwhelmingly elected by the Detroit conference as President of the Republic of New Africa.

Q. Thank you very much, Mrs. Mallory.

Buffalo Copper Union Reps At Student-Worker Solidarity Meeting

BUFFALO—On Tuesday evening, March 26, a rally in support of the copper strikers was held at the University of Buffalo under the sponsorship of the Student Committee to Aid the Copper Strikers. Workers and union leaders from Copper Workers Local No. 593 addressed the rally on aspects of the eight-month long strike.

Before the talks began, a group of students sang "Joe Hill" and other labor songs. Overhead hung a huge banner reading "Solidarity with Copper Workers Local No. 593!" Another read "Unite to Fight the Anaconda Monopolists!"

Bob McCubbin, chairman of the Student Committee, introduced Bob Brown, chairman of the union bargaining committee. Mr. Brown spoke for a while on Joe Hill and said that he was glad to know the younger generation knew about Joe Hill and the class battles fought between the Anaconda bosses and the Western Federation of Miners. He said, "Anaconda is not in business to make copper or brass, but in business to make money!"

He said that Anaconda made more profit per employee than any of the big automobile corporations, that Anaconda has extensive holdings in foreign countries, and that Anaconda was the reason, in particular, for "the division of Africa." Mr. Brown told the students that war was caused by "corporate interests" and that war was ordered by the big corporations in order to "protect the American dollar abroad."

Bob Brown mentioned that the workers had gone through "a terrific struggle" during which the vicious copper bosses had cancelled all the

workers' insurance, among other things. He said that "Although the union has no strike fund, we have been able to get through on our own solidarity." He stated that the men of Local 593 were able to donate \$2000 to the workers in Butte, Montana, who lived on \$7.50 to \$8.50 a week, despite the fact that the men here were themselves living on only \$10 to \$15 food certificates issued by the union.

In closing, Bob Brown stated, "I am giving a factual report of the strike—about some of the suffering our men have endured. But it has not all been suffering because of the solidarity of our men. Remember, when people get hurt they band together to fight back!"

Other speakers were Pat Pacile and Al Cimminelli. Mr. Pacile, ex-president of the local, stated that the big four copper corporations, Phelps Dodge, Anaconda, Kennecott, American Smelting & Refining, made more than \$547 million net profit last year, and that "these are no two-bit corporations." He said the union did not trust or rely on the mediation panel but only "on our own strength and unity."

He related that Anaconda invested in Africa, South America, and Canada, and that it unlawfully raised the price of copper to \$500 a ton which was "equivalent to a government subsidy of the company at the expense of the American taxpayer!"

He related that Local 593 initiated the attempt to get the longshoremen's union to stop the "scab copper from being unloaded." He said, "As soon as the scab copper stopped, Johnson got worried." Mr. Pacile said the local union had made gate collections at

Message of Solidarity from Anti-War Fighter to Imprisoned Black Leader

Mrs. Maryann Weissman, a leader of Youth Against War & Fascism, is currently serving a six-month sentence in Passaic County Jail for helping Gist organize against the war. Below we print a letter of solidarity which she wrote to Martin Sostre, a Black liberation fighter sentenced to 31-41 years.

Martin Sostre, Cell A29
Erie County Jail
10 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202
Dear Martin,

I have not been able to follow your trial as I would have liked. But from all the information I have received, the viciousness of the court was a reflection of U.S. barbarism the world over. Your courage and ability is in the tradition of those liberation fighters who have changed society. Your strength is an inspiration to many.

When I was sent here to finish my sentence which grew out of our efforts to assist anti-war GIs at Fort

Buffalo plants and had taken in \$15,000 by this method, which also educated the other workers about the strike, "as well as other shared problems."

He said, in reference to the student-worker rally, "When people help others without being asked to, this shows high quality."

The last speaker, Al Cimminelli, mentioned that despite pressure from the company (a letter from management) and on "the home front" from the family to go back to work, that he "was not going back without getting a damn good settlement." He added,

Sill, the sadism of the jailers soon became secondary. The struggle for liberation penetrates these walls and offers an opportunity for an exchange of views that leads to a bond. The attitudes of cops add to this bond, which compensates well for the loneliness of a few months in prison.

I hesitate to mention this small contribution in view of your tremendous struggle. But I do so only in order to say that I think of you often and how you are continuing your struggle while in prison. Such actions offer so much for liberation.

The first months of this year have been marked with extraordinary heroism in the struggles for liberation. 1968 will see many further successes. A high point for us will be your release and a return to an even more active part in the struggle for liberation.

May I again offer my hand in solidarity.

Yours in the struggle,
Maryann

"Maybe they'll try to draft me for Vietnam."

The rally was very significant for several reasons. The anti-war students at the university, although growing in their radicalism generally, have not yet linked their outlook with that of the proletariat. For the first time at U.B., a student group had shown solidarity with workers struggling against vicious monopolists, and the workers had, in turn, responded with class conscious efforts to educate and inform the more advanced students about lessons of class solidarity and struggle learned by actual practice.

YAWF ACTIVIST, JOEL MEYERS, FACES UP TO 5 YEARS...

Found Guilty for Telling Fellow Inductees: "Don't Be Cannon Fodder for Imperialism"



Joel Meyers

By Ellen Pierce

BROOKLYN, N.Y., April 5—Anti-war activist Joel Meyers was convicted today of "failing to report for and refusing to submit to induction." In order to make the conviction sound reasonable, the jury had to acquit him on the contradictory charge of "disrupting the induction process," which he was alleged to have failed to report for. He faces a maximum of five years in prison.

Joel, a member of Youth Against War & Fascism, was ordered to report for induction last May 4 at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn. When he arrived at the processing room at the fort, he began handing out leaflets to the hundred fellow inductees in the room and explaining his views on the war in Vietnam to the other men. The leaflet stated in part: "It is an imperialist war of aggression, and as soldiers in that war we will be ordered to commit atrocities as hideous as those of the Nazis...."

"We should identify with the victims of the war—the Vietnamese people that

the American bosses are trying to subjugate and the GIs who are being used as cannon fodder...."

After some debate on his right to leaflet, he was forcibly removed from the processing room (Room 108) by MPs and taken to the office of the Provost Marshall, who ordered him to leave the base and not return.

Two months later, FBI agents broke into Joel's apartment and arrested him on the charges mentioned above in a pre-dawn raid. He was released on bail until the trial, which began on April 3

the "disturbance" was in fact caused by the military authorities who panicked when they saw one hundred inductees reading anti-war leaflets.

Joel was handcuffed, hands behind his back, and carried out by four six-foot military policemen several hours before the inductees were sworn into the Army.

When the prosecution finally rested its case, it had been proven weak and contradictory by Joel's defense. In his summation to the jury, prosecutor Rosen had to resort to whipping up

charging the jury with the prosecution's argument that Joel did indeed have an obligation to report for induction every morning following May 4 until accepted.

While the jury was deliberating and Judge Bruchhausen was in his chambers, federal marshals tried to provoke an incident with one of Joel's many supporters who were present throughout the trial and had applauded when Rosen read into the record a strong anti-war statement which Joel had written in his army questionnaire.

The intended victim of the marshals was draft resister Eddie Oquendo whose draft trial had taken place in the same Federal court. Oquendo is also a well-known Black liberation fighter, and it was apparent that the government was eager to provoke an incident giving them an excuse to jail him. A marshal came up behind Mr. Oquendo, shoved him, and ordered him to sit down (although the court was not in session at the time). Joel's other supporters immediately gathered around. The marshal backed down.

Joel's "peers" on the jury were all at least twice his age. Three held government jobs—some of them supervisors. Four others were long-time bureaucrats for Con Edison. Even so, they were unable to reach a verdict after two hours of deliberation.

Knowing full well that the majority was for conviction, Judge Bruchhausen then read a Supreme Court ruling on how juries should come to a decision—that those in the minority (i.e., those for acquittal) must realize that their fellow jurors in the majority are as intelligent and honest as themselves, and so on—in effect, that they should give in.

This charge to the jury, however, is usually used when trials drag on for several weeks and become extremely costly to both prosecution and defense. However, in the context of a three-day trial, two hours of deliberation is considered ample time, and the judge's charge to reach a speedy decision was just his way of insuring a conviction.

The jury returned within ten minutes to proclaim a verdict of guilty for failing to report for induction, not guilty for disruption of the induction process.

Joel Meyers' Statement to Draft Board

Below are excerpts from a statement written by Joel Meyers to the Selective Service System, which was read to the jury at the time of his trial for refusing to submit to induction.

"I refuse to take part in the genocidal war now being waged by the United States Government against the Vietnam people. It is a bonanza for the war corporations, but a slaughter of the American youth and the Vietnamese people.

"The U.S. armed forces is both a brutal murder crew to intimidate and enslave the world's oppressed, and a cruel trick to dupe hundreds of thousands of American youths to risk their lives in doing the dirty work of protecting the worldwide investments of Wall Street's financial oligarchy.

"This character of the U.S. armed forces is graphically illustrated by its history of extermination of the American Indian and expansion to 3,300 bases encircling the globe, which serve as jumping off points for such hideous adventures as the genocidal war of aggression against Vietnam.

"To submit to the slave labor draft is to surrender one's rights, and to risk one's life to protect the worldwide investments of filthy rich American bankers, and to place oneself in the position of being ordered to carry out crimes against humanity, in defiance of the Nuremberg agreements which explicitly hold the individual responsible to refuse to carry out such atrocious acts."

and lasted three days.

Defense attorney Baer, assisted by attorney Levine of the ACLU, cross-examined the government witnesses closely. They admitted under his questioning that Joel had reported to Fort Hamilton as ordered on May 4, and that

patriotic indignation in the jurors, and claiming that Joel had a "continuing obligation to report for induction" on May 5, 6th and so forth—even though he had been bodily ejected on May 4.

Presiding Judge Bruchhausen came to the rescue of the prosecution by