

Fascist Police Stage Night Shooting Raid, Set Fire to Chicago Black Panther H.Q.

CHICAGO, July 31—The Chicago police have carried out another murderous attack on the Black Panther Party. In a pre-dawn raid this morning, the cops set off a half-hour gun battle at the Panther office and then turned the building into a blazing inferno.

The battle started when two cops drove up to the office and just started shooting. The Panthers inside, who had suffered a similar attack this

spring, fired back in self-defense. Within minutes, 30 squads of cops were swarming through the area, already prepared for a major battle with rifles, shotguns and other heavy weapons.

A half-hour later, when it was all over, five cops had been wounded and three Panthers injured and arrested. In a press conference held later, a Panther spokesman stressed that the three defenders of the office, Joseph Hayman,

20, Alvin Jeffrey, 25, and Larry White, 25, only surrendered when they ran out of ammunition.

The cops then ransacked the Panther office and stole \$500 from the treasury. The same thing has happened in other cases of armed attack when the cops have walked off with money intended for the "Feed the Children" breakfast program.

The building was gutted by fire, the
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I know that imprisonment will be as hard for me as it has ever been for anyone -- filled with cowardly threats and wicked torture. But I do not fear prison, just as I do not fear the fury of the miserable tyrant who snuffed life out of 70 brothers of mine. Sentence me. I don't mind. History will absolve me.

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Meaning of Fascist Chicago Raid

The armed police attack on the Chicago headquarters of the Black Panther Party is a savage escalation of Washington's war of annihilation against the Black Panther Party. This cowardly, sneak attack was carried out in the dead of night, and under the circumstances the Panthers had no other alternative than to answer back firmly. They exercised their constitutional and basic human right to self-defense and fired back at the aggressors. The Chicago Panthers were particularly ready, willing and able to defend themselves after having been subjected to a similar unprovoked attack a few months ago when their office was wrecked Nazi-style.

Progressives and revolutionaries must make a determined effort to mobilize the broadest and strongest possible counter-attack against the police and the racist ruling class establishment. This new reign of fascist terror must be met by mass resistance. Demonstrations should be organized everywhere to protest this latest act of brutality and to free political prisoners rotting in ruling class prisons.

The lesson of the Chicago raid is the same as the lesson of Berkeley and the murder of James Rector, the same as the lesson of the recent police brutality at Kent State University in Ohio and in York, Pennsylvania. It is the lesson of the bourgeois state being taught over and over again,

day in and day out, with the gun and the club, with teargas and bayonets, to black and to white.

The bourgeois state—the cops, the courts, the military—constitute the means of organized violence of the ruling class against the working class and the oppressed. The cops will never be bound by any law which overrides the robbing interests of the bosses, the absolute masters of the police. The state will not give way to prayers, to parliamentary maneuvers or to legal trickery.

The only answer to the organized violence of the ruling class is to organize the broadest possible mass protest in the spirit of militant struggle. Parliamentary and legal methods should be utilized where possible and depending upon circumstances. No genuine ally should be overlooked. But at the same time all tactics adopted, parliamentary or in the streets, must be calculated to sharpen the class struggle. There must be clear recognition at all times that the capitalist state will only give way to revolutionary struggle of the masses in general and to mass self-defense in particular.

All progressive people, all partisans of the oppressed, all workers in the struggle for liberation must come to the defense of the Panthers in their hour of need. Organize a counter-attack now!

—Police Raid Panthers

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blaze leaping up three stories. Black Panther newspapers valued at \$10,000 were destroyed, as were five mimeograph machines, twelve typewriters, a photostat machine and other office equipment.

Chicago Minister of Defense Bobby Rush, 23, described the incident as "another premeditated attack" by the police in an attempt to destroy the Panther organization. He charged the Chicago police with deliberate arson and said that empty gasoline cans had been found in the wreckage.

During the siege, several hundred people from the community gathered in the area, despite the early hour. A number were arrested for hurling

stones, bottles and insults at the cops.

The ruthless campaign of the racist U.S. ruling class to wipe out militant black leadership is obviously still in full swing. This kind of lawless vigilante attack carried out by the authorities is alternated with indictments and investigations in order to make the victims of conspiracy and criminal attack appear to be the aggressors.

The Panthers have been singled out for particularly brutal and repeated attack. In New York, Chicago, Oakland and a dozen other cities, leaders have been murdered, wounded and jailed in a national campaign of terror that utilizes the local fascist goon squads—the police departments. The Panthers must be defended!

Radicals in Quick Response to New NYC Panther Frame-up Threat

Early in the evening of July 24, the Black Panther Party sent out a call that they had information that the New York City police might try a new frame-up of the black organization and carry out mass arrests of members. The Panthers got word that the police were plotting to charge them with conspiracy to blow up the Tombs—the jail where some of the New York City Panther 21 political prisoners are being held in solitary confinement.

Responding to a call from the Panthers, Youth Against War & Fascism immediately put out a leaflet warning of the possible new arrests and calling on the people to "Stop fascist repression." By 10 o'clock the same night, a group of YAWF members were distributing 2,000 copies of the leaflet in the Greenwich Village area.

After denouncing the government-concocted frame-up of the New York City Panther 21, the leaflet continues:

"The Black Panther Party is an

organization struggling for the liberation of black people after 400 years of oppression. Their motto is "Serve the people"—their greeting is "Power to the people." They have set up free breakfast programs for school children in several cities. They believe in black and also white working people fighting for control of their lives against the power of the billionaires and bankers who rule this country. They also believe in the right of black people to defend their persons, homes and families against racist attack even if it emanates from someone in a blue uniform. They have been growing very rapidly. For these reasons the government has been repressing the Panthers in cities throughout the country."

Mass distributions of this leaflet are being planned in order to spread the word of the government's attack on the Black Panther Party and mobilize support for the organization in case a new frame-up comes down.

Buffalo YAWF Leader Sentenced, Attacks Court

BUFFALO, N.Y., July 28—"The jurisprudence of the American courts is not justice but only the will of the ruling class made into law," Jerry Gross told City Court Judge Kane this morning before being sentenced to three years' probation. Gross faces a possible 2 years in jail on charges stemming from a demonstration last October 7, against Nixon, who was then campaigning for votes in this right-wing city. Judge Kane added to Gross' probation the stipulation that he must hold a job during that time.

A leader of Youth Against War & Fascism and chairman of the Martin Sostre Defense Committee, Gross said to the judge, "the charges in this case have been deliberately and maliciously concocted by the political and police authorities of the city. Just like in the cases of my good friends and comrades, Martin Sostre and Eddie Oquendo, I have been framed by the authorities because of my dedication and devotion to the cause of fighting fascism and war. In addition, this is a case of selective prosecution: of all (those) arrested I have been singled out because of my defense of Black Liberation Fighter Martin Sostre..." Except for Gross, charges against the other demonstrators arrested at the Nixon rally were all dropped. Defense attorney Bill Myers also termed the case against his client politically motivated repression.

"I am innocent of the charges in this case," said the 25-year-old defen-

dant of the police allegations that he performed fantastic feats of swiftness and strength as he broke a window and repeatedly escaped from the many cops who were trying to apprehend him.

"This is not the only sentence that I face in this city," Gross continued. "I am facing two more cases, more serious than this one (a marijuana frame-up and Federal assault charges as one of the Buffalo 9-ed.). All these cases are part and parcel of the same phenomenon—political repression."

"I participated in the October 7, 1968 anti-Nixon demonstration with... purpose of protesting the war policies of Richard Nixon," Gross continued that this demonstration had "sought to warn the American people and the people of Buffalo that there would be no fundamental change from the imperialist war policy of Johnson with the election of Richard Nixon because they are both nothing but the chief custodians of the monopoly-capitalist system for the ruling class Establishment on Wall Street."

"One-hundred sixty-nine days and thousands of deaths after the inauguration have amply substantiated the truth of my conviction..."

In ending his statement, Gross reiterated his belief that participation in the demonstration was "eminently correct" and predicted that there will certainly be "thousands at the next anti-Nixon demonstration as the war against the heroic Asian people is futilely continued by the imperialists in Washington!"

James Forman Tells Cleveland:

Ahmed Evans Must Be Set Free!

CLEVELAND, July 20—A demand for the release of Ahmed Evans, sentenced to die after a racist trial for "conspiring" to kill three policemen here last year, was presented to church-goers this morning. James Forman, author of the Black Manifesto

which calls for \$500 million reparations for black people, told the congregation at Cleveland's First Baptist Church that Ahmed Evans must be set free.

The July 23 Defense Committee, which has been tireless in its efforts to secure justice for Evans, distributed literature explaining the fascist nature of the court system which sentenced Ahmed Evans to death. "We call on you to fight the fascist courts and the racist judges and prosecutors.... It does not have to be German to be Fascist," said the leaflet. "You no longer have the excuse of not knowing."

About sixty youths who were supporters of Evans lined the walls of the church. They raised clenched fists as Forman entered to speak, and shouted "Ahmed Evans must live." Along with Forman, Wilbur Grattan and Mae Mallory, both leaders in the July 23 Defense Committee, called for freedom for Ahmed.

Mae Mallory recently received a one-year contempt of court sentence stemming from her work on Evans' behalf. Twenty-one other members and supporters of the Committee have also been sentenced to up to six months in jail for allegedly defying an injunction which banned demonstrations at the County Court Building. A delegation from the Committee, led by Mae Mallory, had gone to the Court Building in an attempt to meet with Evans' prosecutor.

Judge McMonagle, who issued the injunction and tried and sentenced the protesters, is the same judge who sentenced Evans to death after a mockery of a trial.



Wilbur Grattan (left), head of the July 23 Defense Committee, enters church with James Forman.

Don't Forget The Ft. Dix 38!

All 38 rank-and-file-GIs face long prison terms for arson, riot, conspiracy and other trumped-up charges. They are being persecuted by the Army and Pentagon brass because they rose up against inhuman living conditions and the dictatorial power over their lives. Please send contributions to aid in their defense to the American Servicemen's Union, 156 Fifth Ave., N.Y., N.Y., Rm. 538.

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Ruling Class Hides Rebellions In Black Communities

The ruling class news media, in an attempt to lessen the impact of black uprisings, have been playing in extremely low key the fact that rebellions have been breaking out in Afro-American communities across the country in recent weeks.

News of rebellions in several small cities and the murder of black people by the police has been hidden on the back pages of the newspapers. It was not until government officials called out the National Guard in Youngstown and Columbus, Ohio, that a little more information leaked out nationally.

In each case, the rebellions have been sparked by intolerable acts of racism by the police or white businessmen in the black communities. And often one incident has galvanized an entire black population to fight back against the accumulated oppression of hundreds of years.

YOUNGSTOWN

Police and National Guardsmen called in to occupy the defiant black community in Youngstown, Ohio, July 17, had orders to "use any means necessary" to chase the black people from their own streets and were given the go-ahead to shoot "if fired on."

Of course, the cops used charges of "sniper fire" to shoot up the black

community, but most reports of gunfire turned out to be the sounds of exploding teargas canisters used by the police. (No gunshot wounds were reported.) Literally hundreds of canisters were thrown, saturating the air with thick fumes of gas, making breathing without a mask almost impossible.

In the face of 150 National Guards and hundreds of Youngstown cops aiming riot guns at people, buildings and windows, the black community fought back with whatever weapons were available. Cop cars in the area were pelted with bricks and bottles and many had flat tires. According to the Youngstown Vindicator of July 17, "Virtually all white-owned businesses along Hillman Street between Falls and Glenaven Avenues had some degree of window breakage."

During the early part of the rebellion, which began July 15, the cops were greatly outnumbered in the black community. Under these circumstances, the hired killers didn't dare to make any arrests until the Guard reinforcements arrived. Newspapers reported at least 12 people injured and 26 arrested.

In a strong show of defiance, crowds of black people ignored the cops who repeatedly ordered them to go into their houses in observance of the curfew. (A citywide curfew from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. was imposed by Mayor Anthony B. Flask on July 17.) The people, glaring at the occupation forces from the front of their homes, refused to leave the streets.

The Youngstown rebellion began when about 200 black young people picketed an East Side dairy store. The white store owner had kicked a black customer and the community had come to her defense against such racist abuse.

COLUMBUS

The Near East Side of Columbus, Ohio, exploded in angry rebellion July 21, after reports of the murder of an Afro-American by a white store owner spread through the black community.

Governor Rhodes called out 1,350 National Guard troops, and 500 cops sealed off three square miles around the black community in the state's capital city to quell the uprising. According to the New York Times of July 23, one man was killed, 36 injured and 219 arrested in the ensuing battles between the black people and the racist police. Teargas canisters thrown by police were often hurled back by the infuriated crowds in the course of the struggle.

The murder of a 27-year-old Afro-American, Roy Beasley, at around noon sparked the revolt. Beasley was gunned down by David Chestnut, the owner of a

dry cleaning store. The Times article reported that Mr. Beasley, who lived above the store with his family, had gone into the store because Chestnut had slapped one of his children. The racist store owner had told the black victim that he didn't want Beasley's children to play with the white children in the building.

Because the case is so clearly an outright racist murder and is well known in the black community, the police were forced to bring some charges against Chestnut. (White store owners are rarely subject to punishment for killing black people.) He is being charged with second-degree murder.

SAN DIEGO

The Afro-American community of Logan Heights in San Diego, California, was occupied by killer cops July 14, including a special military detachment clad in green overalls for camouflage. The police invasion resulted in two black people dead and several wounded.

As in many rebellions across the country, the incident was touched off by police attempts to arrest a member of the community, this time for allegedly "throwing rocks in a park." A crowd gathered to protest the arrest and another confrontation between the black community and the racist police had begun.

In contrast to the police story of snipers firing on the cops, witnesses in San Diego reported that the incident began when cops ordered several youths to move their cars from a park which was a favorite gathering place for the black community. When one of the cars broke down and couldn't be moved, the cops used the delay as an excuse to arrest several people. As a crowd gathered to protest this racist treatment, the cops attacked several persons in the area and then began shooting at them.

Willard Traey Bryant, 27 years old, was murdered by a grocery store owner who shot him in the chest with a shotgun. A 19-year-old youth, Bruce Allen Lewis, was also shot-gunned to death by a cop, but the police aren't saying how it happened.

Cops inundated the black community with teargas as the people fought back throwing rocks and bottles. According to the New York Times of July 15, five of the 64 persons arrested were booked on "suspicion of attempted murder." Such a charge against the very people who were trying to protect themselves from murder by the cops represents a stepping up of the repression against the black community.



Helmeted cops with rifles threaten the black community of Youngstown.

YORK, PA.

The town of York, Pa., has been turned into an armed camp as a result of racist attacks by armed white gangs against the black community. When the Afro-American people began to arm themselves in self-defense and fight back against the assault, city and state government officials mobilized the police and National Guard to put down the rebellion in the black community.

After five days of fighting, one black woman was dead—shot by a sniper in a white neighborhood—29 persons wounded and 109 arrested. According to Lionel Bailey, a black staff member of the Community Progress Council, cops have been suppressing the black people without taking any action against "motorcycle gangs and carloads of whites with guns."

The lining up of white racist elements, the police and government officials against the black community was further evidenced in the resignation of an Afro-American from the York police force. He was one of the five black officers out of 98 in the town. Elmer C. Woodyard, 27, resigned July 22 over police "bigotry" and a "senseless use of firepower," according to the New York Times of July 27. Woodyard revealed that police in armored cars opened fire in the black community

even when there was no provocation and that police dogs were used against the black people but not against their white attackers.

The Times article also disclosed that cops, under the protection of the Guard, had searched eight houses in the black community. It was reported that 21 weapons and 893 rounds of ammunition were confiscated in these raids. After two black residents charged that their homes were illegally searched, York D.A. John F. Rauhauser hypocritically replied that the search warrants were "based on probable cause and involved no racial discrimination." The homes of the white vigilantes, however, were not touched.

The constant attacks on the black community in York have reached such a proportion that even moderate community leaders were defending the black people's right to arm themselves. Irvin A. Kittrell, a black minister, told the Times, "Blacks have provided a defensive force against whites who ride through black neighborhoods and shoot." He added that many members of the police force terrorized the black people so often that relations between the Afro-American people and the cops were "very taut."

Police racism against the black community was so open that after a cop was critically wounded by four shots, a York policeman told one black leader that the police would "get 10 niggers" in revenge for the shooting.

About one year ago, the black people of York also rebelled against the same racist conditions. At that time the State

Human Relations Commission carried out an "investigation" into the situation. Like all of these whitewash groups, the commission made several superficial recommendations, such as police training in community relations, public standard operating procedures for cops, recruiting of black people for city jobs, etc., etc. The long and the short of the story is that nothing was ever done to even implement these paucity suggestions.

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The Moon, and Marxism

By FRED GOLDSTEIN

Not everyone's eyes were glued to the TV screen to watch the moon landing last week. In fact, at the very moment when the spacecraft landed, "an estimated 50,000 people flocked to last Sunday's Harlem Cultural Festival at Mt. Morris Park and the single mention of the LM touching down on the moon brought boos from the audience." (New York Times, July 27)

A few days earlier, Eldridge Cleaver, Black Panther Party leader in exile, showed his contempt for the moon shot and the campaign of glorification by dubbing it a "circus."

In fact, contempt and hostility for the celebrations of imperialist overlords who planted their hated flag of slavery on the moon was undoubtedly the reaction of the millions of oppressed people in Asia, Africa and Latin America who live under the heel of Washington and who defiantly refuse to applaud a victory for their oppressor.

"The Moon Is Innocent"

A different mood prevailed in the editorial room of The Daily World where CP editorial writers, echoing the bourgeois press, hailed the moon shot as a "magnificent feat" and the "pinnacle of technological achievement over the long life of man." The CP did not stop at applauding the Apollo project, however. Victor Perlo, a CPeconomist and staff writer for the Daily World, went further and called for an end to criticism of the moon shot.

"Fighters for peace should direct their fire against the Vietnam war and not the civilian space program," wrote the CP on July 23 in summarizing a talk given by Perlo on WBAI-FM radio.

Perlo admonished critics such as Cleaver and presumably the 50,000 black people in Harlem who booed the astronauts, saying "it is wrong to say

that money spent on the moon is responsible for domestic suffering and the criminal attacks on the Vietnamese." It is not U.S. space activity per se that is evil, it is just the profiteering that is wrong. He called for a continued space program while nationalizing the space corporations.

"The Moon is innocent," cried Perlo. The moon may be innocent all right, but that is the only thing that is as far as the U.S. space program is concerned and the ordinary black people who have faced the gun-barrels of the U.S. have a much greater appreciation of that than does the cultivated Mr. Perlo. The instinct of the oppressed people proved to be far more correct than the patriotic reasoning of the CP "expert."

NASA a Pentagon Front

In the first place, the whole space program is, and always was, a military project. NASA is nothing more than a front for the Pentagon. The Secretary of the Air Force comes from NASA. Two of the three astronauts are officers in the Air Force and are responsible to the high command. The Apollo is a military project built by the same military industrial corporations which are now working to get the ABM put over. The whole staff of Nazis, headed by Wernher von Braun, who are in brains of the space program, have been working for the Pentagon from the very day they left Hitler's ruins and ran right into the waiting arms of the U.S. General Staff.

In the second place, suppose that the Apollo were purely civilian in character. The oppressed people of the world know for a certainty that the master class in the U.S. is not going to spend \$30 billion in order to expand the frontiers of human know-

ledge, even if that happens to be a byproduct of their experimentation. Any undertaking of this magnitude is purely connected with their reactionary class interests and with strengthening their domination right here on earth. This is what should be pointed out.

Suppose the imperialists gain "civilian" advantages of an industrial character, or make purely political propaganda or scientific gains. It is still a gain for the slavemasters, no matter how you slice it.

The notion that great technological leaps forward are somehow beneficial to the world in general is absurd. The U.S. is despised on a global scale and commands absolutely no political loyalty even from its closest stooges let alone from the masses. The only thing that keeps the ruling class from being thrown into the sea in Vietnam, Latin America and the Mideast is their superior technology. So why should the oppressed or anyone partial to their cause, jump for joy when the U.S. strengthens its technology.

What Benefits to Mankind?

What are all the so-called glorious benefits to all mankind which will result from stepping onto an alien celestial body? This question calls forth another. What happened when the master class learned how to put a machine in flight? What happened when they plumbed the depths of the atom?

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The Rise of the Moon and the Fall of the Stock Market!

Even before they had made their highly publicized, sanitized and televised trip, the astronauts had it all figured out.

They would be millionaires.

And after they claimed the moon for God and the United States in the historic words prepared for them in the television script, they began to worry about the future. What profiteth a man if he gains the whole moon and loseth his own stock portfolio?

So one hundred thousand miles out in space, Colonel Michael Collins blurted out to the millions of rapturous viewers: "How is the Dow Jones average doing?"

And he was told it was not doing so hot. In fact it was still going down. Even the conquest of the moon couldn't lift it up. And the stockholding astronauts were accordingly glum.

In general the stock market is supposed to be going down because the government is trying to "cool off" the economy, end inflation and raise interest rates along with a healthy injection of a little unemployment, etc. But since the government is doing this precisely to avoid a crash or a depression, it doesn't speak so well for the confidence of the capitalists in their system that they now want to sell shares in it more than they want to buy them.

It speaks even worse for their optimism about the moon. Here the moon and possibly other planets are allegedly going to be opened up to U.S. industry. But even vistas of Coca Cola and Ford expanding into the universe fail to seduce the jaded buyers of stocks.

The U.S. has spent over \$30 billion to conquer the moon—so far. But the stocks on the New York Stock Exchange alone (there are other) exchanges, too) have lost \$95 billion in total listed values during the last two months.

This should be one helpful gauge with which revolutionaries can measure the prospects of capitalism. If the capitalists themselves have so much doubt about the moon giving them a new lease on life (in spite of its indubitable military value, which was why they spent the money on it in the first place), we have little to fear.

Christopher Columbus opened up two new continents for capitalism and gave the system four centuries to grow and flourish in. Thirty billion dollars and three men on the moon can't even make the stock market go up in the death agony of the system today.



Will there be a Moon Command next?

Day of Solidarity

CHICAGO, July 26 — Declaring "A Day of Solidarity with the People of Latin America," Chicago YAWF marched and rallied today in support of the Peruvian people's struggle against U.S. monopolies and in commemoration of the beginning of the Cuban Revolution, July 26, 1953. The demonstration started at the Federal Building and built in size. Then it moved up State Street chanting, "Cuba Si, Yanquis No, Rockefeller's Got to Go," and "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh, Peruvian People Are Going to Win!" The demonstration ended at the Peruvian Consulate.

In the evening three films made in Cuba were shown. There was one on Laos and one called "Cancion de Protesta." An excellent film about the growth of political struggles and the formation of guerrilla units since the fall of the Jimenez regime in the late 50's was called "F.A.L.N." after the Venezuelan Armed Forces of National Liberation.

Bob Stewart, Chicago YAWF organizer, outlined the history of U.S. economic and military aggression since the Mexican-American war in 1848 until recently in Peru. He pointed out the need for North American radicals to bring these facts to the workers and to demonstrate their support for struggles against U.S. imperialism as in Peru, before the Marines are sent in.

Chicago YAWF Opens Office

Chicago YAWF took another step in intensifying and widening its activities by opening up an office at 3435 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois 60657. The office will be open evenings and Wednesday during the day.

Frame-up of 3 Arabs

Last November, the U.S. government tried to stir up a hysteria against the Arab people by arresting three Yemenis in Brooklyn on charges of plotting to assassinate then President-elect Nixon. The bourgeois press went wild with stories of the "plot." As in the case of Sirhan Sirhan, the government and press used the frame-up to attack the revolutionary struggle of the Arabs in the Mideast.

Since that time, Washington has decided, for its own reasons, not to pursue the frame-up for now. So it was disclosed that the case was based solely on the charges of a stool pigeon who had a grudge against Ahmed Regeh Namer and his two sons, Hussein and Abdo. Even this disclosure, however, didn't prevent the prosecution from getting as much anti-Arab mileage out of the case as possible.

Instead of dropping the phony charges altogether, Brooklyn D.A. Gold went ahead with the case. While they were acquitted of plotting an assassination, the three Arab defendants were convicted of "possession of two switchblade knives" and face up to one year in jail.

An interesting footnote to the whole frame-up is the fact that Mohammed Hazan Aljamal, who accused the Namers after they threw him out of their house for repeated drunkenness, had been a paid police informant in California.

This choice bit of information was printed and then pulled from later editions of the New York Times of July 18. Perhaps the Times didn't want the public to know that police stool pigeons are used to concoct frame-ups of innocent persons, and the police and court systems are experts at carrying out the frauds.

Exclusive Interview With a Syrian Youth Leader

"The Syrian Revolution Is Part of the World Revolution"

By DEIRDRE GRISWOLD

"The Syrian Revolution is part of the world revolution. One of our main tasks is to explain this to the young generation."

The young woman answering questions over a cup of coffee was Elham Rahal, a member of the Central Committee of the Union of the Youth of Revolution. She was explaining that the Union is a new organization, barely one year old, but that it plays a vital part in the development of the Revolution. All Syrian youth between the ages of 14 and 27 may become members. Most of the members are young workers, peasants, students and teachers.

Miss Rahal is 23 and heads the subcommittee responsible for women's affairs. "We insist on women's participation in everything," she emphasized.

The youth organization runs a continuous program of education—"including teach-ins"—to explain the immediate and longer range goals of the Revolution to the younger generation. Miss Rahal broke down these objectives for us.

"Our immediate tasks are to deepen socialism in our country and to escalate our defense capacity." The Union is planning to set up militias of youth and women. This is still in the discussion stage, however, and at the present time all Syrian youth between the ages of 14 and 18 receive their military training in school. The three-year program is known as Al Fotowah, and is looked on as an essential part of education, just like literature, science, etc.

The immediate task of defense flows from the long range goal of the Syrian Revolution—"To free the Arab lands from all forms of exploitation and colonialism, to build socialism and the unity of the Arab countries." Miss Rahal explained that while the present period is one of struggle for national liberation, this cannot be separated from the socialist struggle. The Union of the Youth of Revolution educates its members about the worldwide struggle going on for national liberation and socialism, and stresses that they are in the same battle as that fought by the Cubans, the Vietnamese, the Algerians and other revolutionary peoples. They are confident that the socialist forces will support them in this

struggle.

To "deepen socialism" in Syria, the youth are taught how the socialist society depends upon its material base. One of the early measures taken by the revolutionary regime was the nationalization of Syria's oil, formerly controlled by foreign imperialists. This was accompanied by the confiscation of feudal holdings and distribution of the land to the peasants. Today each village has its own cooperative that organizes both production and marketing. Farm machinery is shared in common, and the proceeds from the crop—largely cotton—are divided among the peasants.

Building socialism in Syria has meant the physical construction of new industries. The heritage of colonialism left this very rich land with meager resources. At the time of the Revolution in 1963, wealthy Syrian collaborators with imperialism took seven million pounds sterling out of the country in one day! The Revolution had to start from scratch.

The construction of the Euphrates Dam is expected to vastly strengthen the economy, and new industries such as fertilizer factories have been springing up with the assistance of the socialist bloc.

Israel, as a partner of the imperialist powers, has forcefully stood in the way of the Arab Revolution. It revealed its total complicity with the colonial slavemasters when it joined Britain and France in 1956 in a joint attack on Egypt after Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal. Today, strategic sections of Syria as well as of Egypt and Jordan are occupied by Israeli troops, and the struggle to liberate these territories as well as Palestine itself from the reactionary Israeli regime has become a driving need of the Arab masses.

"Israel is part of world imperialism, Syria part of the world revolution," Miss Rahal repeated. "Every day we expect some new aggression. Israel has repeatedly stated that it will not give back most of the occupied territories—like the Golan Heights in Syria, for instance. New Israeli construction along the Suez Canal shows that her intentions are aggressive."

These factors, plus Israel's high technological level—the result of its partnership with imperialism and in contrast to the Arab

world which was systematically robbed and kept under-developed by the colonial overlords—and the support it receives from the U.S. in particular, have ruled out a peaceful settlement in the Middle East, Miss Rahal believes. All peaceful solutions having failed, all that is left is armed struggle. This is why the youth are now concentrating on military training and more and more popular enthusiasm is being shown for the commando groups.

Many of the commandos are refugees from the occupied lands. They are fighting for their homes as well as the broader social goals of the Revolution. Syria has organized its own commando group called Al Saiqah which fights under the unified command that now directs all Arab guerrilla operations.

Recently, the guerrillas captured and held the occupied Syrian town of Al Hemeh for three hours. This move is considered a significant step forward in the development of the guerrilla struggle, and was widely celebrated in the Arab lands. It marked the first time that a commando group had seized and held its objective, and signified that the struggle may be entering a new phase. Before this, the tactical objective of the commandos was limited to one-shot, hit and run attacks.

Elham Rahal knows what it's like to be a refugee. She is from the Golan Heights, one of the richest and most strategic of the areas seized by Israel. The Israeli government has vowed never to return the Golan Heights to Syria, and there have been 130,000 refugees from this area alone since the June War. In Quneitra where Miss Rahal attended high school, all Arabs have been expelled from the city. In other villages, the Israelis have used administrative measures to force the Syrians from their homes. A 22-hour curfew has made it impossible for Arabs to work or carry out the normal business of living.

Under these conditions, the commando groups have been strengthened daily by new volunteers. They have thrived, Miss Rahal contends, "because of the belief and insistence of the people."

What about the four-power talks going on at the UN between the U.S., Britain, France and

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Dayan Equates Israel to U.S. In Vietnam

By NAOMI GOLDSTEIN

As the people's war to liberate Palestine grows, the Israeli pawns of U.S. imperialism have been stepping up their violence against the Arab masses, both in the occupied territories and in the Arab countries.

General Moshe Dayan, on July 18, threatened "that any major outbreak of hostilities might not be limited to (just the Egyptian) front," according to the New York Times, July 20. He went on to warn that Israel was obliged to consider military defense along the borders, "and it is better to carry them out before hostilities begin," that is, to carry out a sneak attack like the one launched by Israel against the Arab countries which began the June, 1967 war.

But in the process of making these threats, Dayan made one very apt statement. He compared Israel to France in Indochina and Algeria, and the U.S. in Vietnam, saying, "The state goes on living just as France did when it fought in Indochina and afterward in Algeria and as the United States does with the war in Vietnam today." And that just about sums up Israel's role in the Mideast.

Acting as a catspaw for U.S. imperialism and its

vast Middle East oil interests, Israel has carried out a policy of colonial domination over the oppressed Arab people.

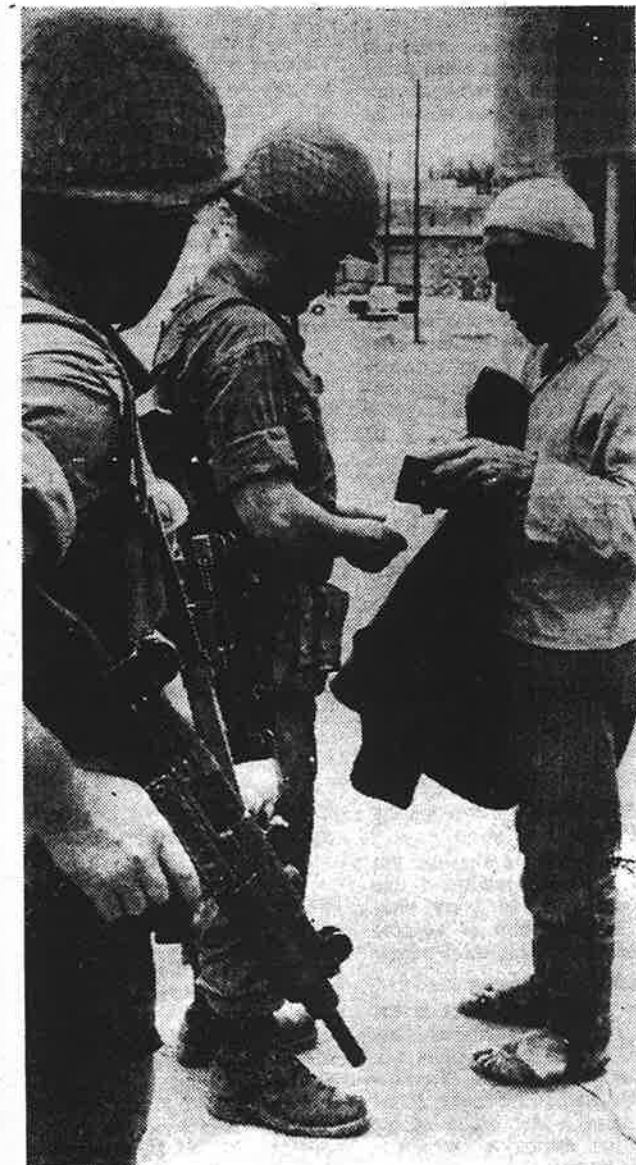
The constant round-ups, beatings and torture of Arabs in the occupied territories can only bring back the memories of the French colonialist army in Algeria (which the reactionary Israeli government supported against the liberation movement). The widespread use of napalm during the June war was also a vivid and horrible reminder of Dayan's Washington mentors who use the deadly jelly on the people of Vietnam.

As much as Abba Eban has tried to do a good public relations job and convince the world that the Arab guerrillas are some kind of new Nazis, the bourgeois press admits that Israel is losing the propaganda war. The masses of Asia, Africa and Latin America who were, and still are, the victims of imperialist domination, recognize Israel's role as an accomplice of U.S. imperialism in keeping the Arab people from their homeland and from liberation.

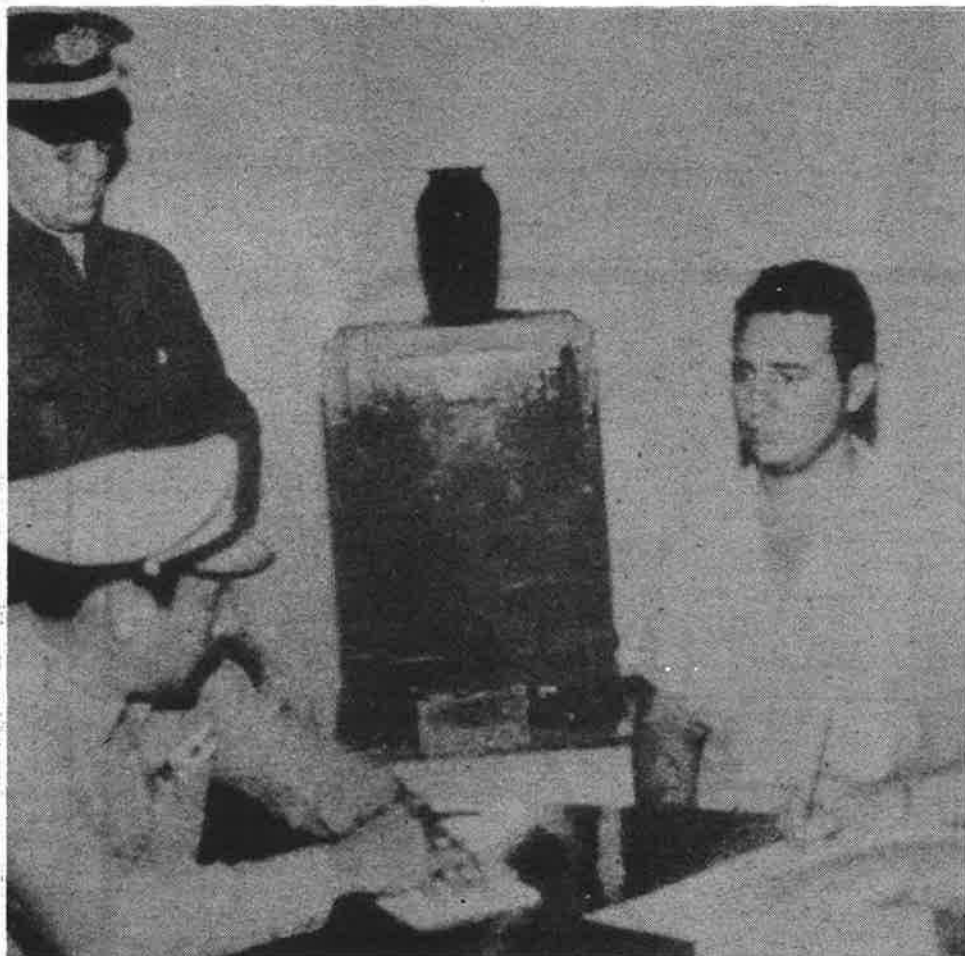
This role becomes clearer each day as the desperation of the Tel Aviv puppets grows. Last week the Israeli military staged a massive house-to-house search for liberation fighters in occupied Nablus. Several thousand Arab men were herded together in the town as troops searched their homes. According to the Times article, "15 suspected saboteurs had been arrested in Nablus and charged with complicity in three recent grenade attacks against Israeli military government headquarters in the city." Thirty more "suspects" were rounded up in the Gaza Strip and government authorities were threatening more arrests.

As Tel Aviv seeks to consolidate its illegal conquest over Arab lands, the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people has fired the imagination and inspired all those who identify with the world-wide anti-imperialist struggle. No matter what rhetoric the Israeli government uses, Israel is allied with U.S. imperialism and the Arab people have solidified themselves with the revolutionary fighters of Vietnam, Cuba, Algeria and the colonial world.

In this situation, the only real possibility for peace and security for the Jewish masses of Israel is to break all ties with imperialism, overthrow the reactionary leadership which uses them as shock troops against the Arabs, return the Palestinian land taken from over one million refugees, and join in the anti-imperialist struggle of all oppressed people,



Pass system not limited to South Africa. Above, Israeli soldiers demand identity card of Arab in occupied Gaza.



Fidel interrogated in Moncada after his capture July, 1953.

The question of our time has been: how can revolutionary theory be put into practice?

Revolutionary movements have struggled with the strategy and tactics necessary to depose the ruling classes and seize control of the state apparatus in the interests of the oppressed. Then has come the equally difficult

16 Years After Moncada: Cuba Practices Revolution

and almost all the remaining captured by the Batista tyranny. To many, it must have looked like the end of the rebellion. But in his famous courtroom speech, "History Will Absolve Me," Fidel made it clear that the leadership of the revolution was neither discouraged nor intimidated. Six years later, the dictatorship had been overthrown and Cuba was on the way to becoming the first socialist country in the Americas.

The Cuban revolutionaries had pioneered, at least in this hemisphere, and mastered the techniques of guerrilla warfare that made the seizure of power possible. New hope sprang up for the masses of oppressed peasants and workers throughout all of Latin America. While many features of the Cuban struggle had been unique, there was now an example at hand that even the bloodiest tyrant could be overthrown and power be concentrated in the hands of the people.

The Revolution Deepens

This inspiring event was recognized almost immediately by foes of reaction everywhere, and the friends of the Cuban Revolution were legion.

But in the decade that has passed since the Revolution came to power, the Cuban people and their leaders have made at least an equal contribution to the practical history of revolutionary struggle. Once having seized the power, they have moved consistently to deepen the Revolution, raising the class consciousness and international class solidarity of the Cuban people.

This is no mean feat. The difficulties that confront any new revolutionary regime are enormous, and as an isolated outpost of socialism in the Western Hemisphere, Cuba has been under the gun of U.S. imperialism every minute since her revolutionary birth.

Marshal Kim Il Sung Pays Tribute to Che Guevara

the character of the world anti-imperialist struggle should therefore be of great interest to these U.S. fighters.

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Over a long period up to now since the curtain rose upon the prelude to the bloodstained history of modern bourgeoisie, in which the exploitation camouflaged by medieval religious and political illusions was replaced by a naked, shameless, direct and cruel one and man's dignity turned into an exchange value, numerous communists and revolutionary fighters on the globe have shed their blood and laid down their lives in the midst of the revolutionary tempest to sweep away all that is obsolete and corrupt and reorganize the whole structure of society in a revolutionary way, to overthrow the upper strata of that cursed society and prepare the cradle of free and happy, new society. Che Guevara dedicated his precious life to this sacred struggle and thus became an honourable member of the ranks of world revolutionary martyrs.

Che Guevara was an indefatigable revolutionary who was tireless in struggle and a true internationalist champion who was completely free from narrow nationalist sentiments. Throughout his life he showed a fine example of a steadfast revolutionary fighter and real internationalist....

Red Banner Over Latin America

The triumph of the Cuban revolution is the first victory of the socialist revolution in Latin America and a continuation of the Great October Revolution in Latin America. With the Cuban revolution emerging victorious, the red banner of socialism now flies high over Latin America which was regarded as a hereditary estate of U.S. imperialism only until recently, and the socialist camp has extended to the Western Hemisphere and grown in strength a great deal. Today the Republic of Cuba which marches on firmly in the forefront of the Latin American revolution is the lighthouse of hope for the fighting Latin American peoples and throws the rays of victory on the road of their struggle. The triumph of the Cuban revolution shook the colonial system of the U.S. imperialists to its very foundation in the Western Hemisphere and has thrown the whole Latin America into a revolutionary tempest, forcefully arousing the peoples in this area to the sacred struggle for independence and freedom. The triumph of the Cuban revolution signified, indeed, the beginning of the disintegration of the U.S. imperialist system of colonial rule in Latin America, the stern judgement on U.S. imperialism which had exploited and oppressed the peoples in this area for a long period and its condemnation to ruin.

Consolidation of the triumph of the Cuban revolution is not only an important problem which decides the life and death, the rise and fall of the Cuban people but also a key problem which sways the destinies of the general development of the Latin American revolution.

Revolution begins with brilliant successes in one country but undergoes a considerable period of painful throes. The countries whose proletariat has

grasped power in the encirclement of international capitalism are not free from the danger of imperialist aggression and restoration of capitalism during the entire historical period of revolutionary transition from capitalism to socialism. The overthrown exploiting classes always attempt to recover their lost positions and foreign imperialists incessantly engage in armed invasion and intrigues and manoeuvres for political and ideological subversion....



Marshal Kim Il Sung

For the attainment of the ultimate victory of the revolution, the peoples who have gained power in the encirclement of international capital, while reinforcing their own internal force in every way, should receive solid support from other detachments of the world socialist revolution and should receive broad international assistance from the working classes of all nations and the oppressed peoples of the whole world. In other words, revolutions should take place consecutively in the majority of countries of the world, in several adjacent countries at the least, to replace imperialist encirclement with socialist encirclement, the barriers of imperialism that surround a socialist country should be torn down to open up the road for turning the dictatorship of the proletariat into a world-wide system and an end should be put to the isolation of the socialist fortress of one country in the encirclement to form the strong ties of

On the first anniversary of Che Guevara's death, Marshal Kim Il Sung of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea contributed an article on the heroic Latin American revolutionary to Tricontinental. The treatise, entitled "Great Anti-Imperialist Revolutionary Cause of Asian, African and Latin American Peoples Is Invincible," is unfortunately too long for us to reprint in full. Below are extensive excerpts.

The Korean people, led by Marshal Kim and the Workers' Party, fought the armed forces of U.S. imperialism to a standstill in the 1950's. This was a turning point in the struggle of oppressed peoples for liberation. For the first time a small country of only 13 million people, aided by its socialist allies, beat back the imperialist colossus.

America internally was in the darkest days of McCarthyism, and the truth about the Korean people's revolution was suppressed. The ideology of the Korean leadership was virtually unknown in the U.S. until very recent years.

But now there is a revival of struggle within the U.S. Daring deeds by the Korean people like the capture of the Pueblo and the shooting down of a spy plane are welcomed by the rising generation of young revolutionaries. We think that the following reflections by Marshal Kim Il Sung on

Had the young heroes who attacked the Moncada Barracks known that their real enemy was the world nuclear power, the United States, which would attempt in every way, up to and including an invasion, to strangle the Revolution, they might have faltered. But history has proven correct their undying conviction that the Cuban people could be set free.

Brilliant Success But Problems

That same conviction has sustained the Cuban people and their leaders through difficult years of socialist construction. The fact that Cuba continues to take an independent revolutionary road and the tangible progress in health, education and culture that astounds and delights visitors overshadow many of the difficulties and pressures that the leadership has to cope with. But the problems are real, nonetheless, and revolutionaries with less popular prestige and less faith in the masses might have succumbed long before now to restoring some of "the old crap."

Social privilege, and the resulting desire to legitimize this privilege in the private ownership of property, has reared its head in many socialist countries where the leadership and the masses have been divorced for many years. When shortages, and as a result the urgent need for greater productive effort, exist, incentives that lead to a labor hierarchy have been restored. Bourgeois analysts of socialist society point to these trends smugly as an inevitable development.

But Cuba is proving the opposite. Cuba has severe shortages, caused by the heritage of a one-crop economy and the long imperialist embargo. However, it has answered the problem, not by stimulating production through incentives, but by calling on the

From "History Will Absolve Me"

WHAT FIDEL TOLD BATISTA'S COURT

When we speak of the people we do not mean the comfortable ones, the conservative elements of the nation, who welcome any regime of oppression, any dictatorship, any despotism, prostrating themselves before the master of the moment until they grind their foreheads into the ground. When we speak of struggle, the people means the vast unredeemed masses....

The people we counted on in our struggle were these:

Seven hundred thousand Cubans without work, who desire to earn their daily bread honestly without having to emigrate in search of livelihood.

Five hundred thousand farm laborers inhabiting miserable shacks, who work four months of the year and starve for the rest of the year....

Four hundred thousand industrial laborers and stevedores whose retirement funds have been embezzled, whose benefits are being taken away, whose homes are wretched quarters, whose salaries pass from the hands of the boss to

those of the usurer, whose future is a pay reduction and dismissal, whose life is eternal work and whose only rest is in the tomb.

One hundred thousand small farmers who live and die working on land that is not theirs, looking at it with sadness as Moses did the promised land, to die without possessing it; who, like feudal serfs, have to pay for the use of their parcel of land by giving up a portion of their products....

Thirty thousand teachers and professors who are so devoted, dedicated and necessary to the better destiny of future generations and who are so badly treated and paid....

These are the people, the ones who know misfortune and, therefore, are capable of fighting with limitless courage!

To the people whose desperate roads through life have been paved with the brick of betrayals and false promises, we were not going to say: "we will eventually give you what you need, but rather—Here you have it, fight for it with all your might so that liberty and happiness may be yours!"

revolutionary spirit of sacrifice of the masses while instituting a system of rationing that insures a minimum standard for everyone.

Leaders Sustain Masses' Trust

Cuba's leaders can do this because they themselves have undergone great sacrifice for the Revolution. They have

never been armchair socialists. Che's devotion to continuing struggle is exemplified in one way or another by all the top leaders, and the masses are eager to respond to such leaders.

The other side of the coin is that, having shared the sacrifices that are part of everyday existence for the masses, the leaders return their confi-

dence. In a recent interview with Fidel, he commented on Cuba's efforts to achieve a 10-million-ton sugar cane harvest this year:

"The problem is basically one of organization. The people have responded enthusiastically. If we don't achieve more it is the fault of the leadership. The people are magnificent...."

But political judgment in addition to personal sacrifice is the key to the Cuban leadership's strength. There have been a series of difficult and complex decisions to make, stemming from Cuba's relations to its allies as well as its enemies, and here again the leadership of Castro has proven capable of sustaining an independent revolutionary position while dealing with world tendencies in the working class movement.

It is correct for Cuba to maintain the closest fraternal ties with all its socialist allies. Only by strengthening such bonds will the international strength of the revolutionary masses be used most effectively against imperialism, which is so oppressively a global power.

But it is also a tribute to Cuba's leaders that they assert their own revolutionary line on the pressing questions of the day and in relation to the struggles being waged by movements around the world, particularly in Latin America.

It is this kind of political integrity that sustains the enthusiasm and confidence of the cadres, and they in turn transmit this spirit to the broader masses, who are drawn more and more into the life of the party and the revolutionary process instead of being repelled by it. Cuba, by maintaining its independence and refusing to accommodate or conciliate its line, has grown stronger both at home and in its international prestige.

militant solidarity of the international working classes and the oppressed peoples of the world. Only then will it be possible to prevent completely armed intervention by the imperialists and their attempt to restore capitalism, and say that the ultimate victory of socialism has been secured.

National Struggles Merge Into World Revolution

As the forces of capital are international, so the liberation struggle of the peoples is an international movement. The revolutionary movements in individual countries are national movements, and constitute part of the world revolution at the same time. The revolutionary struggles of the peoples in all countries have the relationship of supporting and complementing each other and join together in one stream of world revolution. The revolution which has emerged victorious should assist the revolutions of those countries which are not yet triumphant with its experiences and examples and render active support to the liberation struggle of the world's peoples with its political, economic and military power, while the peoples in the countries which have not yet won the revolutions should struggle more actively to defend the victorious revolutions of other countries against the imperialist policy of strangulation and hasten victory for their own revolutions. This is the law of the development of the world revolutionary movement and excellent tradition already formed and the course of the people's liberation struggle....

Counter-revolutionary violence is an indispensable means of rule for all exploiting classes. Human history not yet knows an instance of any ruling class submissively turning over its supremacy, or an instance of any reactionary class meekly waiving its power without resorting to counter-revolutionary violence. In particular, the imperialists cling ever more desperately to violent means to maintain their rule as they approach nearer to their doom. The imperialists, while suppressing the peoples of their own countries, check all the revolutionary advance of the oppressed nations in a sanguinary way with their military forces for aggression and plunder against other countries.

In these conditions, the liberation struggle of the oppressed peoples cannot emerge victorious without using revolutionary violence to crush foreign imperialists and overthrow the reactionary dictatorial machinery of the exploiting classes at home that work hand in glove with them. It is imperative to meet violence with violence and crush counter-revolutionary armed forces with revolutionary armed forces....

For the successful defeat of U.S. imperialism, it is necessary to penetrate into its world strategy thoroughly.

The basic strategy of U.S. imperialism for world aggression at the present stage is to destroy by force of arms the small and divided revolutionary socialist countries and newly independent countries one by one, while refraining from worsening its relations with big powers and shunning confrontation with them as far as possible and to intensify ideological and poli-

tical offensive against, and subvert from within, those countries which are weak ideologically and not willing to make revolution but spread illusion about imperialism among the people clamouring only for unprincipled co-existence with imperialism, and desire to live on good terms with imperialism.

On the basis of this world strategy, the U.S. imperialists are increasing their armaments extensively and further reinforcing their military bases and aggressive military alliances to attack the socialist and the progressive countries. The U.S. imperialists have openly embarked on "local war" and "special war" in Vietnam and some other places, while preparing total war and nuclear war on a large scale.

U.S. Cold War Seeks "Liberalization"

Simultaneously with this, the U.S. imperialists resort to a new form of cold war to encourage "liberalization" and "democratic development" in certain countries, while running wild to bribe and make a cat's-paw of the cowards within the ranks of the working class movement who are afraid of revolution.

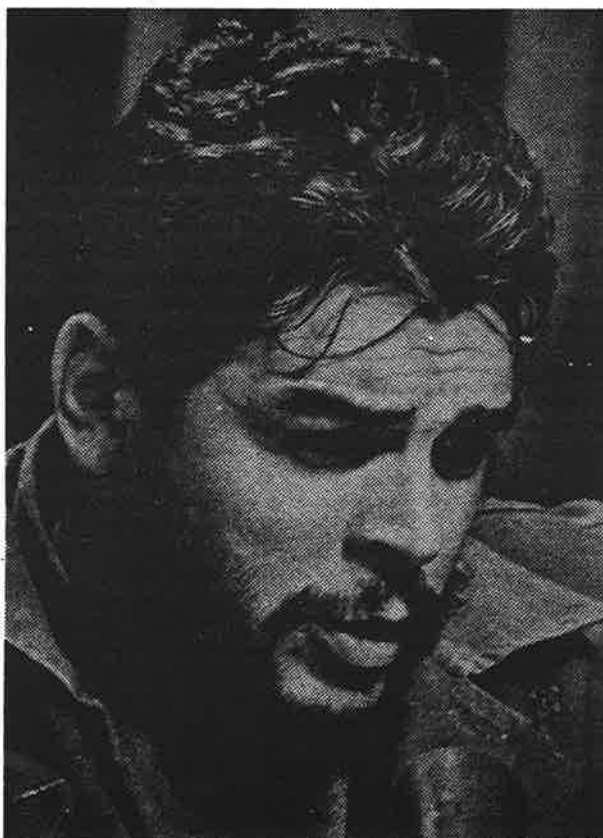
They clamour for the "most favored nation" treatment and the expansion of the "East-West contact and interchange" and, with this as a means, seek to infiltrate their reactionary ideology and culture to degrade the peoples ideologically, hamper

economic development and thus undermine those countries from within. The imperialists are carrying out sabotage and subversive intrigues to tear the newly independent states away from the anti-imperialist front one by one. While resorting to force overtly, they penetrate into the newly independent countries with "aid" as a bait and meddle in their internal affairs. The U.S. imperialists whip together the Right-wing reactionaries and pit them against the progressive forces, and seek to sway certain newly independent countries to the road of counter-revolution.

Namely, wielding an olive branch in one hand and arrows in the other, the U.S. imperialists manoeuvre to swallow up the revolutionary countries one by one through armed aggression and subvert the ideologically weak countries through ideological and cultural aggression, combining nuclear blackmail with "peaceful penetration" and repression with appeasement and deception....

True, there may be various categories of people among those who oppose imperialism. Some may be active against imperialism, others may vacillate in the anti-imperialist struggle, and still others may join in the anti-imperialist struggle reluctantly under the pressure from their own people and the peoples of the world. But whatever their motives, it is necessary to enlist all these forces except the henchmen of imperialism in the anti-U.S. joint struggle. If more forces, though inconsistent and unsteady, are drawn into the anti-U.S. joint struggle to isolate U.S. imperialism to the largest possible extent and deal blows to it by joint action, that will be a good thing and by no means a bad thing. Those who avoid the anti-imperialist struggle should be induced to turn out in the struggle against imperialism and those who are passive encouraged to be positive in the anti-imperialist struggle. To split the anti-U.S. united front or reject the anti-U.S. joint action will only bring a serious consequence of weakening the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle....

Imperialism is a moribund force whose days are numbered, whereas the liberation struggle of the peoples is a new force which aspires for the progress of mankind. There may be uncountable difficulties and obstacles and various turns and twists on the way of the liberation struggle of the peoples, but it is the inevitable law of the development of history that imperialism is doomed to ruin and the liberation struggle of the peoples is sure to be crowned with victory. Though the imperialists, headed by U.S. imperialism, are running amuck in an attempt to check the surging liberation struggle of the peoples, it is nothing but the death-bed tremor of those who are condemned to destruction. The more frenziedly the U.S. imperialists act, the more difficult their position becomes. U.S. imperialism is going downhill and confronted with the fate of a setting sun. The U.S. imperialists will definitely be forced out of Asia, Africa and Latin America by the liberation struggle of peoples. The great anti-imperialist revolutionary cause of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples is invincible.



Ernesto Che Guevara — LNS Photo

Saigon Puppets Prepare to Flee A Liberated Vietnam



U.S. military has continued its murderous "search-and-destroy" missions. Above, Vietnamese women and children driven from their home.

Recently an American reporter was expelled from South Vietnam for printing the "slanderous" story that many officials in the Saigon regime were getting exit visas from South Vietnam just in case the war is lost to the liberation army.

Two weeks ago, the story of rampant fear among the rich over the possible collapse of the Thieu-Ky puppet regime was confirmed in a New York Times article of July 17, terming the increase in requests by businessmen and politicians who have lived off the war and the U.S. occupation as "incredible." Wrote the Times, "According to immigration officials, requests for exit visas have increased greatly in recent weeks as talk has spread of large-scale United States troop withdrawals and of enemy participation in elections or a coalition government."

Businessmen and wealthy politicians are leaving the country like rats from a sinking ship—paying from \$1,500 to \$7,000 for visas on the black market. Their hasty flight at even the slightest hint of American withdrawal is eloquent testimony to the fact that the Saigon clique is not given much chance to survive once the U.S. military is not around to shore it up. The capitalists and politicians of South Vietnam who have been selling their country and the blood of their youth

to U.S. imperialism know that the National Liberation Front and the Provisional Revolutionary Government, truly representing the people, will quickly replace Thieu and Ky once the U.S. military is gone. And the collaborators figure they'd better not be around when that happens.

Only 2,000 visas are being legally granted each month, but as the Times reports, many more persons than that leave every 30 days, "many with visas bought with bribes." Those businessmen who do stay are not risking any long-term investments and are looking for "investments that will repay capital in three years or less," according to the article.

The exit of these parasites will

undoubtedly be used by U.S. propagandists as "proof" of the bloody designs of the PRG. But the workers and peasants are not fleeing South Vietnam. It is the South Vietnamese ruling clique that is beginning to fear for its neck after having collaborated with U.S. imperialism for so many years to help stop the liberation struggle of the vast majority of the Vietnamese people.

After over eight years of active U.S. aggression and decades of imperialist intervention, the people of South Vietnam have shown not only their determination to stay, but also their willingness to fight 20 more years, if necessary, to drive U.S. imperialism, along with all of its lackeys, from their shores.

Draft Resisters in Saigon

One of the least publicized, best kept secrets about the Vietnam war is the fact that right in the heart of South Vietnam, under the noses of the repressive Thieu-Ky clique, there is an anti-war, anti-draft struggle being carried on by students.

According to a tiny article which appeared in the Washington Post on July 18, "Riot police armed with submachine guns sealed off all of Saigon University's 11 departments today to head off planned student demonstrations against compulsory military training, but most withdrew tonight."

"Campus unrest was expected to continue over a government order requiring several hundred students to enroll Friday for a month of training. Students occupied some of the university buildings last night."

"The students are the first of a 5,000-man group — out of a total of 23,000 students — called up for training...."

Pathet Lao Victories Panic Washington: U.S. Spreads War; Bombers Down in Laos

Recent dramatic victories of the Pathet Lao liberation army in Laos have both exposed the key role of U.S. imperialism in the Laotian war and sent the government of Souvanna Phouma into paroxysms of fear that the Pathet Lao may set up a provisional revolutionary government there as the Vietnamese liberation fighters have done in South Vietnam.

On June 27, Muong Soui, formerly a stronghold of the "neutralist" armed forces (faithful to the Vientiane monarchy), fell to the liberation army. In the fight for the city, four U.S. aircraft were shot down. The town, only 100 miles north of Vientiane, has remained in Pathet Lao hands ever since.

F-105 and Phantom Down

According to the Washington Post of July 18, "diplomatic sources said a U.S. F-105 Thunderchief and an F-4 Phantom were downed by anti-aircraft fire while bombing and strafing Communist positions in the early stages of

the battle for Muong Soui.

"The sources said the planes were flown by U.S. crews and the fate of the American airmen was not known." Two U.S. helicopters were also shot down.

These facts have blown sky-high U.S. claims to have only been sending "reconnaissance missions" to Laos. Of course, it is well known that U.S. bombers have increased the bombing of Laos many times since the so-called bombing halt in North Vietnam. But this time the U.S. military was caught red-handed on a mission against the Pathet Lao and directly intervening in the civil war there.

U.S. Fears a Pathet Gov't

The disclosure of this latest U.S. intervention in Laos in defense of the puppet government in Vientiane came at the same time that the panic-stricken Souvanna Phouma regime was speculating that the Pathet Lao might also seize Luang Prabang, the royal capital

of Laos, and set up a revolutionary provisional government. According to the Post article, "other sources said a village 13 miles southwest of Muong Soui has been captured by the North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao, and 500 government troops were missing." (The U.S. continues to claim that North Vietnamese troops are fighting in Laos in order to "justify" imperialist intervention there.)

The successful drive of the Pathet Lao to liberate territory from Vientiane-U.S. control was followed by the statement of the Neo Lao Hak Xat, the political organization of the Pathet Lao, July 14. According to the New York Times of July 16, the Neo Lao Hak Xat said "that the tripartite coalition government of rightists, neutralists and leftists created in 1962 had ceased to exist and added that the International Control Commission set up to enforce the 1962 Geneva accord on Laos 'should stop all of its activities at once.'" (The Pathet Lao withdrew from the

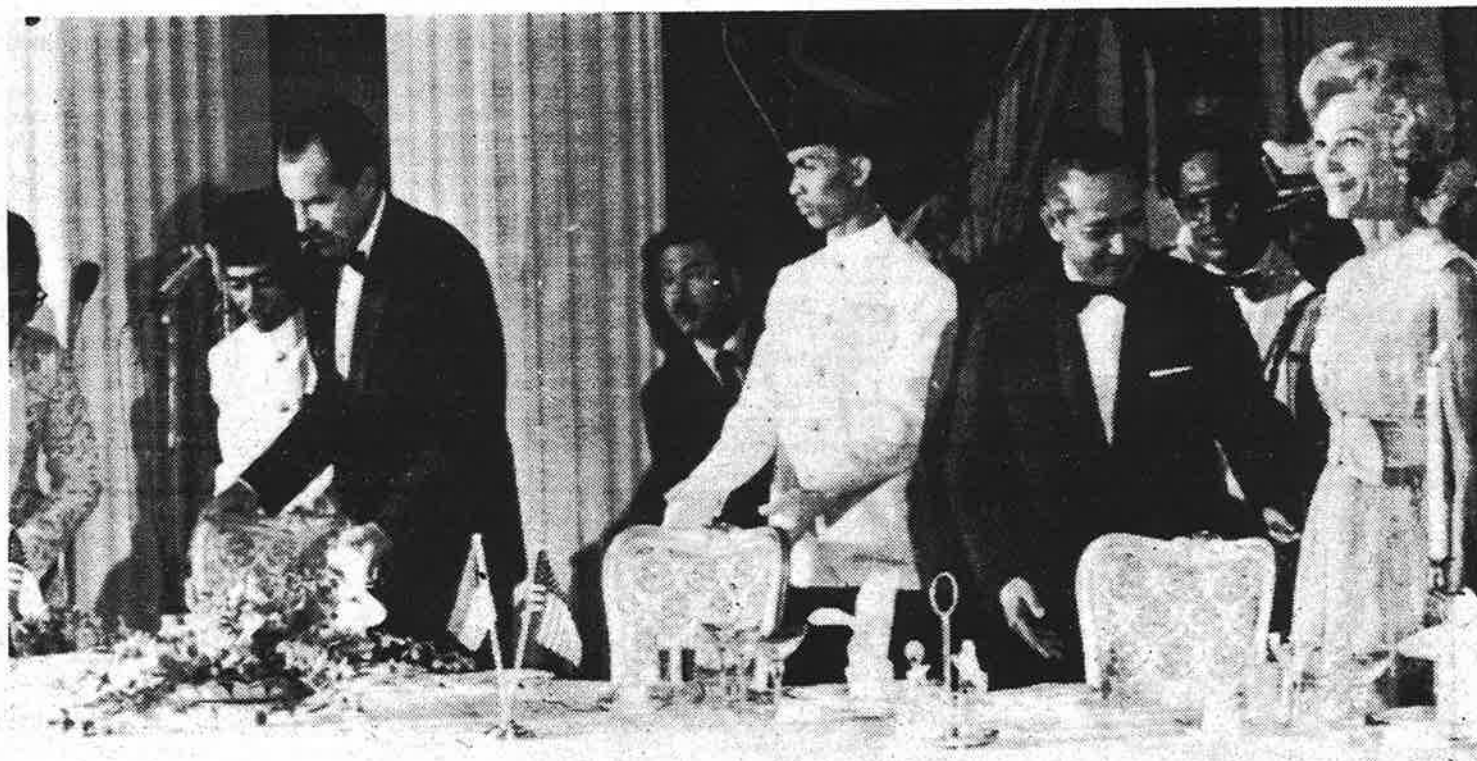
"neutralist" government in 1964.)

Stop the Bombing!

The statement denounced Premier Souvanna Phouma's government as a "stooge" of the United States and demanded "first and foremost" a halt in the U.S. bombing of Laos. The Premier recently showed what a U.S. puppet he is when he admitted that he "invited" the U.S. bombing of Laos and has subsequently refused to call for a bombing halt.

The Neo Lao Hak Xat statement repudiated the claim to legitimacy of the Vientiane government and the International Control Commission, which has really functioned as a front for imperialist interests in Laos. And in the continuing fight against U.S. domination of Southeast Asia, the Pathet Lao has opened up a new revolutionary offensive in the liberation struggle.

After Bloodbath, Nixon Visits Scene of Crime



The Nixons sit down to dinner with Suharto, the butcher of one million Indonesian people.

Nixon's tour of U.S. puppet regimes in Asia has made him the first U.S. President to visit Indonesia. The occasion led the press to break their long silence about developments in this major Southeast Asian country, and their remarks were all praiseworthy of the Suharto fascist dictatorship.

This is certainly not surprising, since it was U.S. assistance and backing, carried out clandestinely through the CIA and by direct contact with government officials including then Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, that put this military clique in power. It was also with Washington's blessing that the regime went on to slaughter one million Indonesian progressives and imprison hundreds of thousands more. This terrible "silent slaughter" that hardly created a ripple in the rest of the world was one of the bloodiest episodes in modern history.

"The Great Prize"

The press is still not talking much about this. But they did this week more openly acknowledge the role of the U.S. in bringing about the fascist coup.

"Indonesia is the great prize of American diplomacy in Asia," wrote N.Y. Times analyst Max Frankel from Djakarta. Frankel, usually based in Washington, is accompanying Nixon on his round-the-world trip.

He adds that Nixon was "cheerfully rattling off the statistics of Indonesia's economic potential, soaking up the cheers of the crowd and offering tributes to independence and democracy."

A Piece of Booty for U.S.

Since when is a "prize"—a piece of booty—-independent? By his own choice of words, this imperialist hack betrays his utter contempt for Nixon's stooges and allies. Yes, Indonesia is today a "democracy" where hundreds of thousands of political prisoners face slow death, where power was seized by a handful of corrupt military men who wiped out the mass organizations, executed or jailed every member of Sukarno's cabinet, discarded the constitution and keep the President under house arrest; it is an "independent" regime that is auctioning off its people and natural resources to the lords of inter-

national finance.

Nixon considers Indonesia a model country now, and points to its violent anti-communist turn as a redeeming effect of the U.S. war against Vietnam. He is trying to console the banks and corporations that have "lost" Vietnam with the prospect of Indonesia's untold wealth and 110 million people who will work for starvation wages.

Nixon talked about Indonesia's "strategic geographical significance and enormous if unrealized economic potential." At one point he turned to General Suharto, who usurped the Presidency, and said, "The people of the United States wish to share with you in this adventure in progress."

"Sharing" Oil and Palaces

Actually, the Yankees have already begun arriving in Djakarta to nail down their "share" of the "prize." These just plain folks are the representatives of Sinclair Oil, Freeport Sulphur, U.S. Rubber, Eastern Airlines, Chase Manhattan Bank and scores of other U.S. corporations that thrive on the "independence and democracy" spawned by

fascist butchery. Plans to exploit Indonesia's offshore oil reserves, believed among the largest in the world, have long ago left the drawing boards, and the penetration of U.S. capital has even gotten as far as the Presidential Palace, now a property of Holiday Inns and replete with Muzak.

When the People Reawaken

There is a twinge of apprehension on the part of the robber barons every once in a while as they consider what would happen if Indonesian masses became awakened and organized once again. Their fears have led to some hesitancy about investing vulnerable capital whole-hog. But their insatiable appetite for profits is leading them to a massive and crude invasion of Indonesia economically that will inevitably have to be accompanied by protective military might.

It may not be too long before U.S. imperialism will be sharing the Suharto regime's "adventure in progress" in similar fashion to its partnership in the exciting career of Ngo Dinh Diem.

—The Moon, Mankind and Marxism

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To be sure, when the bourgeoisie is overthrown by the proletariat in this country, and when the revolutionary authorities sift through the scientific files, much of the data discovered in the moon shot will remain to be incorporated into the general body of useful knowledge.

But at this moment, the greatest burden on mankind is not ignorance of outer space, but how to overthrow the parasitic imperialist bourgeoisie right here on earth.

This decadent class ultimately utilizes all knowledge for its predatory ends of intensifying the exploitation of the toiling classes and of improving the means to keep the workers and the oppressed from breaking their chains. Technology in the hands of the capitalist class is distorted until it is almost unrecognizable as a means of serving human ends. All leaps forward in science and technology by the imperialists must necessarily increase the burden of mankind, not lighten it.

SWP and "Milestones"

(The Militant had an article by SWP leader Joseph Hansen which was positively ecstatic over the "milestone" in human history, etc., etc., etc., ad nauseum.)

As regards the so-called "epoch-making" achievement, two points must be made. First of all, the record should be set straight concerning the fact that it was the socialist system which pioneered both in space flight and in manned space flight. The U.S. moon landing is

an elaboration, based purely on wealth, on the great technological leap forward made by the USSR 12 years ago. In the same way that flight itself was the fundamental leap forward which led in a short time to trans-oceanic flight, the space age was truly inaugurated by socialism.

Secondly, while it is true that technological advances in the long run are the underlying factor in the progression of mankind from lower to higher stages, epochs are not divided by technological events. The October Revolution verified in the living laboratory of class struggle that the future progress of society can only take place on the basis of the elimination of all exploiting classes. The day after the revolution the perspective of all the world's oppressed was fundamentally altered from that of living in a state of perpetual slavery to that of struggling for the achievement of national liberation and for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The day after the moon landing, that overriding aim of mankind had not changed one iota. This is still the epoch of imperialist war and proletarian revolution. The Asian people must still oust the U.S. imperialist aggressor; the Arab people must still claim their land from the oil billionaires; Africa is still in chains; the Latin American people must still overthrow Yankee imperialism and the American working class must still make its revolution.

Eldridge Cleaver was absolutely correct and must be congratulated for

taking advantage of an international press conference in Algiers to express contempt for Wall Street's space achievements. Cleaver truly represents the deepest feelings of the black masses when he abruptly reminded the intoxicated rulers that the mind of the black people is still on liberation and that their hatred of the slavemaster could not be pushed aside, nor would they be intimidated or overawed for a single moment, by the avalanche of ruling class self-congratulations.

Any "Marxist" who talks of milestones or new epochs or magnificent feats in the moon landing shows contempt for the feelings and opinions of the oppressed everywhere, a total disregard for the role of educator in the class struggle and proves to be captivated by—or taken a captive of—the bourgeois propaganda machine.

It is noteworthy that the ruling class neither needed nor demanded any aid or assistance from The Militant or The Daily World in this case—their services were rendered voluntarily. If they could abandon their class position on such a relatively insignificant question, how quickly will such "Marxists" bow down to ruling class pressure in a real struggle?

An account of the attempt to restore capitalism under cover of "liberal reform."

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—Syrian Revolution

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The Soviet Union? Did Miss Rahal think any just settlement could come from these negotiations?

"Israel has already said that it will not accept any UN resolution to give up the occupied territories," she replied. "As a revolutionary, I cannot accept any settlement that does not insist on this. We will not compromise our demands."

How will the question of Palestine ultimately be settled? "It will be settled by the Palestine Revolution. This is not a racial or religious issue, although that is what the Zionists want the world to think.

"In Damascus now, most of my neighbors are Jews. We have never been racist. The mass struggle is socialist. When the Palestinian and Arab Revolutions succeed, there will be a democratic socialist regime in Palestine. Of course, those Israelis whose interests are tied to the Israeli regime—the people who are the regime—they will probably take their property and leave. But the Jewish masses will co-exist with the Arabs as was always done before.

"Colonialism made artificial divisions, dividing the Arab people into separate nations where there was unity before. It also pitted Arab against Jew. When we do away with exploitation and oppression, we can settle these artificial divisions and the masses can live in harmony."

What Baltimore And Okinawa Have in Common: U.S. Poison Gas

The horrible death of millions in Nazi gas chambers proved it could happen. Poison gas, believed outlawed by international agreement after WWI, was once again being used for mass extermination. Not on the battlefield—that was too risky for the users—but more efficiently in mass execution chambers where the gas could be controlled.

Today, VX—an “improved” version of the nerve gas invented by the Nazis—is being stored by the U.S. military in depots across the country and around the world. The secrecy surrounding the chemical-biological warfare (CBW) program means no one is told whether this deadly substance is intended only for use on the battlefield. But one thing has been admitted: the gas is stored conveniently near “potential trouble spots”—that is, countries where U.S. imperialism fears its domination is threatened.

Now a storm of protest is rising as disclosures in the press begin to reveal the full danger that exists. The latest furor comes from Okinawa, where 24 U.S. servicemen were hospitalized in an accident with nerve gas. The Pentagon hasn't admitted to this, but a report on the incident was carried by the Wall Street Journal. The imperialists, apprehensive that this issue will further spur the movement of the Okinawan people to liberate their island from U.S. domination, are already preparing to put down mass demonstrations.

Okinawan Children, Utah Sheep and ...

In a more serious accident last July, about 200 Okinawan children suffered burns while swimming at a beach 12 miles south of the 137th Ordinance Company. Although the incident was kept very quiet, the Okinawan people are furious over what they suspect was a leakage of poison from the U.S. military installation.

VX kills within seconds, whether by inhalation or just by coming into contact with the skin. It is an oily substance, unlike some other water-dispersible poison gases, and can contaminate an area for months. It is indeed a fiendish weapon. Neither the Okinawans, nor anyone else, can be very happy to find out that a lethal gas capable of wiping out the entire population has been secretly introduced into their homeland.

In March 1968, over six thousand sheep died mysteriously in Skull Valley, Utah. The Army repeatedly denied charges that its poison gas experiments at the nearby Dugway Proving Grounds were the cause. But the denials finally ended in May when the Army had to admit that VX nerve gas had accidentally dribbled from a plane during an open-air test.

As the story came out piece by piece, it became clear that an even greater disaster had been narrowly averted. A shift in the wind kept the gas from engulfing busy Highway U.S. 40, the main east-west route across the desert. And the human residents of Skull Valley were spared contamination only because of a rain that drove them indoors

that night.

But these admissions have not been accompanied by an end to tests like the one that caused near-disaster in Utah.

On July 11, the Pentagon revealed that further open-air tests of sarin nerve gas, mustard gas and other deadly chemicals were continuing at bases in Alabama, Maryland and at the same Utah location where the first accident occurred.

At Dugway, Utah, 67 different gas weapons were tested in the air between April and July 1969, and 47 were tested at Fort McClellan, Alabama, during those months, with 358 more tests scheduled at Dugway in the near future. Over 200 gas weapons were tested or scheduled for tests at Edgewood from April to October of this year. Edgewood Arsenal is only 25 miles from Baltimore.

Some Gassings 'Accidental,' Others Deliberate

Within a week of this announcement, such protest was heard that even politicians who are quite cheerful about gassing Afro-Americans or Vietnamese were joining the clamor. Finally, Army Secretary Stanley Resor announced that open-air tests have been temporarily halted at Edgewood and Fort McClellan as of July 16, pending a study by scientists.

Anticipating a “credibility gap,” Rep. Clarence Long of Maryland urged that the scientists be drawn from a “prestigious organization” such as the National Academy of Sciences so that “there would be no possibility of bias in their evaluation,” according to the Washington Post. Probably Rep. Long is worried about how he will handle the people of his own state who want more than a few smoothly worded assurances from the brass hats at Edgewood Arsenal.

Americans are beginning to get worried about the potential dangers in the piles of deadly material being stored and tested throughout the land. But while the attention of millions is focused on this issue, it is vital to point out that gases and chemicals are being used right now against the Vietnamese people and even against black and white demonstrators here at home.

Chemical defoliants, “non-lethal” gases, napalm—all are standard weapons in U.S. imperialism's arsenal against the oppressed peoples. Black Americans fighting for their liberation have been hit with a widening variety of teargases, vomiting gas, Mace and other incapacitating substances.

The U.S. Senate never ratified the protocol against poison gas signed by the other imperialist nations at Geneva in 1925. Today, it is clear why. Even the representatives of the U.S. in the early days of its empire-building foresaw the need to some day employ these terrible weapons against subjugated peoples.

There is now a growing revulsion against these weapons of imperialist barbarism. The campaign against CBW must be to abolish all of its forms—not just those that unnerve the U.S. population because of the potential danger of accidents.

1,000 Celebrate July 26; Food, Music, Films from Cuba

NEW YORK, July 26 — As many as 1,000 people on the Lower East Side celebrated the sixteenth anniversary of the historic attack led by Fidel Castro on Batista's Moncada barracks on July 26, 1953. The commemoration was held in Tompkins Square Park, which is flanked by a mixture of Puerto Rican, black and poor white communities.

The activities began at 7 p.m. with a free meal for everyone, featuring typical Cuban food. The audience was also treated to Latin American music performed by a guitarist from Argentina. Then, speeches were heard from representatives of various progressive organizations and also from community residents before the highlight of the evening, the viewing of brand new films from Cuba.

An impressive and tightly knit defense guard was organized by all of the sponsoring organizations to prevent any attacks from “gusanos” (Cuban counterrevolutionaries). The defense guard covered the Tompkins Square Park bandshell, the seating area and the film equipment throughout the entire evening without a single provocation or incident. The organizations represented were the Young Lords, the Pro-Independence Movement of Puerto Rico (MPI), the Black Panther Party, Youth Against War & Fascism, the U.S. Committee to Aid the NLF, Newsreel, the Alternate U. and the Tompkins Square Community Center.

The celebration featured many Cuban posters placed all over the bandshell for everyone to see. Prominently displayed were posters of Che Guevara, Fidel Castro and Camilo Cienfuegos, the revolutionary leaders of the Cuban guerrilla war. Many in the audience enthusiastically waved Cuban and NLF flags.

Speaking for the Young Lords were Felipe Luciano and Jose Martinez. The latter expressed Puerto Rican solidarity with the GI struggle of the Fort Dix 38 and linked the Puerto Rican liberation movement with the triumph of the Cuban Revolution. Speaking in both Spanish and English, he ended his talk by declaring:

“We are proud to be Puerto Ricans but also we are all Latin Americans.... Venceremos!”

The Black Panther Party was represented by Al Brooks, who urged the radical audience to follow the example of Che Guevara, not only as an intellectual, but as a revolutionary in deed. Genoveva Clemente, a Puerto Rican community organizer on the Lower East Side, addressed the Spanish- and English-speaking audiences in their respective languages. Her talk contrasted the July 26 celebration with yesterday's 71st anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Puerto Rico on July 25, 1898. Miss Clemente noted that the Cuban Revolution had served as a great inspiration for the Puerto Rican people in their struggle against U.S. colonial rule.

The last speaker was Ed Boorstein, a North American who served as an assistant in Cuba's Economic Planning Ministry for three years after the Revolution. He exposed several of the lies often found in the U.S. imperialist press about revolutionary Cuba.

At 8:30 p.m., when it was fairly dark, several Cuban films were shown, including “May 5th” and “LBJ,” a strong political satire on ex-U.S. President Lyndon Johnson. According to Newsreel, no less than 14 other such inspiring celebrations of Cuba's July 26 were being held tonight around the country.

APOLITICAL INTELLECTUALS

A revolutionary poet and guerrilla fighter, Otto Rene Castillo, was killed in combat in the 1966-67 guerrilla campaign in Guatemala's Sierra de Minas. What made Otto Rene stand high above most other intellectuals was, according to Cesar Montes, Commander-in-Chief of the Guatemalan Rebel Armed Forces (FAR), his fulfillment of Che's teaching, “the duty of every revolutionary is to make

the Revolution.”

Beside his accomplishments as a guerrilla soldier, Otto Rene was educational organizer of the Edgar Ibarra Guerrilla Front in the Sierra de Minas.

(This poem is reprinted from an anthology of poetry entitled, “Only Humans with Songs to Sing,” published by IKON, 76 1/2 East 4 St., New York, N.Y. 10003.)

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One day
the apolitical
intellectuals
of my country
will be interrogated
by the simplest
of our people.

They will be asked
what they did
when their nation died out
slowly,
like a sweet fire,
small and alone.

No one will ask them
about their dress,
their long siestas
after lunch
no one will want to know
about their sterile combats
with “the idea
of the nothing”
no one will care about
their higher financial learning.
They won't be questioned
on Greek mythology

or regarding their self-disgust
when someone within them
begins to die
the coward's death.

They'll be asked nothing
about their absurd
justifications
born in the shadow
of the total lie.

On that day
the simple men will come.
Those who had no place
in the books and poems
of the apolitical intellectuals,
but daily delivered
their bread and milk,
their tortillas and eggs,
those who mended their clothes,
those who drove their cars,
who cared for their dogs and gardens
and worked for them,
and they'll ask:
“What did you do when the poor
suffered, when tenderness
and life
burned out in them?”

OTTO RENE CASTILLO
(trans. Meg Randall)

By P. MEISNER

The land reform decree announced by the Peruvian government on June 24 was a severe blow not only to the big Peruvian landlords, but also to all U.S. monopolies with investments or plans for investments in Peru. The Peruvian government announced that properties of two U.S. corporations, W.R. Grace and Cerro de Pasco (a Rockefeller family-dominated corporation), would be immediately expropriated under the new land reform law.

What scares Washington and Wall Street most about the land reform is not the expropriation of the two U.S. companies, but the sweeping political and economic implications of the new law for the entire Peruvian nation. U.S. imperialist domination throughout Latin America has traditionally been based on strong ties with the military and the wealthy oligarchy in each U.S. neo-colony. But the new military regime in Peru has already defied the U.S. monopolies by the expropriation of all Standard Oil operations in Peru. Now comes a new land reform law aimed at cutting down the economic power of the pro-Yankee landed aristocracy.

Break With Right Wing

The new law calls for all major tracts of privately owned land to be expropriated and to either be run as peasant cooperatives or be divided into individual tracts with maximum and minimum size restrictions. In announcing the land reform decree, Peruvian President Juan Velasco Alvarado said:

"The land will belong to those who work it and not to those who derive income from it without working it."

While there has been no official

Peru Moves To the Left: Seizes Land

position out of Washington yet on Peru's new land reform law, New York Times Latin American correspondent Juan de Onis clearly understood the impact of the new law on U.S. interests:

"The sweeping agrarian reform program announced by the Peruvian military government is a domestic move that breaks openly with the political right wing, which has traditionally

looked to the army to protect its property and social privileges."

The military government began its attack on the pro-U.S. and pro-oligarchy forces inside Peru by ousting the right-wing Minister of Agriculture, Gen. Jose Benavides. The day of Benavides' resignation, June 14, Juan de Onis wrote for the New York Times from Lima:

"The resignation of General Benavides removed a well-known figure in the Cabinet who was understood to side with Peru's powerful economic interest groups. General Benavides was regarded as sympathetic to private enterprise and the rights of property."

U.S. Oil, Then Banks

The struggle waged by the new Peruvian government against the U.S. plunder of that nation is the result of growing anti-imperialist ferment among Peru's peasants and workers crying out for complete liberation from Yankee imperialism. Eleven days after the coup on October 3, 1968 which brought the new ruling junta into power, Standard Oil's Peruvian holdings were expropriated for having robbed the Peruvian people for the past 45 years of profits derived from oil production.

Soon after, the Peruvian regime moved against the imperialist banks with controlling interests in local Peruvian banks. The new government has also cracked down on U.S. fishing in Peruvian waters. Things came to a head on May 23 when the Peruvian government announced that Rockefeller would be barred from visiting Peru, and at the same time announced that all U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force

missions would be expelled from Peru.

Going Left, But All the Way?

While progressives throughout the world support wholeheartedly the anti-imperialist struggle of the Peruvian government, the regime cannot be characterized as totally revolutionary and progressive. The Peruvian ruling junta still has its roots in a national bourgeoisie, even though anti-U.S. at the moment, which could at any time completely capitulate to U.S. imperialism in a crisis between itself and the workers and peasants of Peru. In a speech on July 14 in Havana, Premier Fidel Castro said of the Peruvian events:

"Some of the measures adopted by that country's military regime can be described, without any doubt, as revolutionary."

"... (But) we have promised to exercise great discretion in regard to the Peruvian situation."

Puerto Rican Youth

Faces Draft Trial

One of the many indignities forced upon the people of Puerto Rico under U.S. colonial rule has become a major issue in an important draft case trial in San Juan. Aside from the fact that thousands of Puerto Rico's inhabitants are drafted by the U.S. government every year, the U.S. Federal Court system includes the island of Puerto Rico under the jurisdiction of the Boston Federal Court district. Thus, Puerto Ricans are compelled to fight cases against the U.S. military draft in U.S.-run courts.

Even more humiliating, however, is the Congressionally-passed law that requires all U.S. federal trials in Puerto Rico to be conducted in the English language. Defense lawyers for draft resister Florencio Merced have moved to allow his trial to be held in Spanish, since a trial in English would deprive him of the right of due process. Relying on translators have made federal trials in Puerto Rico extremely difficult to follow for both jurors and defendants.

Florencio Merced is the president of the Pro-Independence University Federation of Puerto Rico (FUPI) and is one of the key leaders of the liberation movement in Puerto Rico picked out by the U.S. courts for prosecution. Only one youth so far has been convicted of draft evasion in Puerto Rico. A victory in the Merced case could set a precedent for all of the many upcoming draft cases in Puerto Rico and could even reverse the first conviction.

Attorneys for Florencio Merced besides contesting the use of English in the San Juan court, are challenging the application of an unconstitutional draft on Mr. Merced and the constitutionality of the Vietnam war. A pre-trial hearing was held on July 18 and the setting of a trial date has been held up by Judge Hiram Cancio until the language issue has been ruled upon.

or "foreign aid" to create profits for the giant U.S. monopolies. It has skillfully manipulated entire national economies through the use of U.S.-dominated "international" banks or agencies, such as the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Organization of American States and the International Monetary Fund. The benefits go to millionaires like Rockefeller (Uruguay and the IMF is a case in point—see WW, 7/5/68).

The dropping of the "additionality clause" is just a surface admission by the Nixon Administration that the masses of Latin America are in a state of ferment over Yankee oppression. Rockefeller was barred from Peru, Chile and Venezuela on his "fact-finding" trip to Latin America, could not get further than the airport in Bolivia, and was stopped from going to Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay. It is only a matter of time before the anti-U.S. rebellions sweeping every Latin American country oust U.S. imperialism from Latin America altogether.

Latins Revolt Against U.S. "Aid"

In the face of the current revulsion throughout Latin America against U.S. economic domination over the entire Western Hemisphere, the Nixon Administration made a token concession by dropping the "additionality clause" imposed by the U.S. Treasury and Commerce Departments. For every dollar a Latin American country gets in U.S. government loans, the clause requires that it give U.S. companies an extra dollar's worth of business, chosen from a special list of products drawn up by the Treasury Department.

What especially infuriated most Latin Americans about the clause was that U.S. prices are up to 40 per cent higher than the cost of similar goods produced by other foreign countries. The items listed by the Treasury Department were in most cases, according to Latin American finance ministers, "not needed for development but were placed there in the interests of United States exporters favored by the Treasury."

Not affected by the Nixon decision was "tied aid," which forces all aid-receiving countries to spend 99 cents of every aid dollar in the United States! Both the "aid" and "loan" rules have been widely denounced by many Latin American governments, even though most are still puppets of U.S. imperialism, as "injurious to normal trade patterns, humiliating to national pride and essentially little more than a United States export-promotion drive."

In effect, the U.S. has become one giant loan shark for Latin America, either squeezing out profits through

direct investments, "tied aid" or loans. The most severe criticism of Washington's oppressive economic policies came from Chilean Foreign Minister Gabriel Valdes, whose government is growing more unstable every day as a revolutionary upsurge of Chilean workers and peasants threatens a complete social revolution against the Yankee-dominated regime. While in Washington to hand over to Nixon a 6,000-word report on the economic state of Latin America, Mr. Valdes told reporters on June 11:

"Private investments have meant, and mean today, for Latin America that the amounts that leave our continent are many times higher than those that are invested in it.... Developed nations (U.S. and Western Europe), rather than aiding Latin America, were being aided by Latin America."

Mr. Valdes pointed out that the amount of private profits repatriated to the United States in 1968 was five times the amount of private U.S. investments in Latin America during the year. Even according to U.S. government statistics, repatriated profits exceeded net private investment by over one billion dollars!

Perhaps the most blatant admission of Wall Street's imperialist super-exploitation of Latin America was made by Nixon himself. He conceded to Mr. Valdes that "private investment was business, not aid." Nixon forgot to add that "foreign aid" was not aid, but bribery.

Washington has not limited itself to just direct investments, direct loans,



Henry Mills, a 20-year-old GI at Fort Dix, New Jersey, was sentenced last week to six months at hard labor in the stockade and forfeiture of two-thirds of his pay for not sitting down. At least, that's what he was charged with.

But, as Mills told the court before being sentenced, that wasn't what the trial was really about. "What is happening here is that the Department of the Army and the Pentagon have put the SPD News and the American Servicemen's Union on trial." His words hit the all-white panel of officers like a slap in the face, and they retaliated by sentencing the black militant to the maximum.

The court-martial, which lasted about eight hours, afforded a glimpse into the seething undertone of rebellion at this huge basic training fort that has broken out into open warfare between the GIs and the brass at times and has prompted a massive investigation by civilian and military police agencies.

Mills was being charged with missing a formation and disobeying the order of one Captain Hunter to sit down. However, testimony from all the witnesses for the defense and the prosecution made it clear that Mills' real "crime" was that he was a black militant, an organizer for the American Servicemen's Union and a writer for SPD News, an underground paper put out at the fort.

Racism the Real Issue

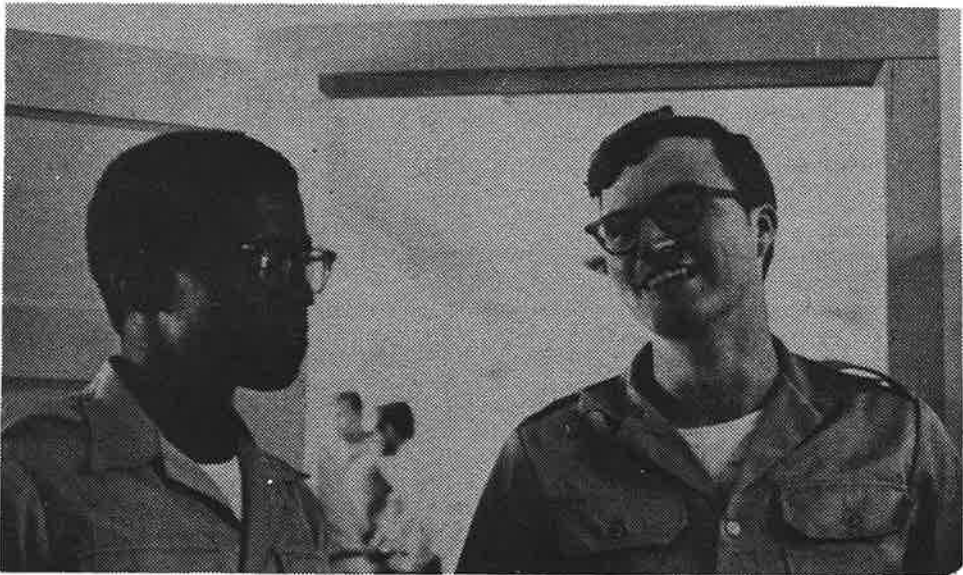
Almost from the beginning of the trial, white racism became a foremost issue. Two of the seven officers on the panel of prospective judges openly admitted that they were prejudiced against the defendant. As for the others, it seemed obvious that they just knew how to be a little more cool in handling the questions of Mills' civilian defense attorney, Henry diSuvero of the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

The main witness against Mills, Captain Quentin Hunter, spoke with a

**Ft. Dix Brass
Put Black GI,
ASU on Trial**

Southern accent and admitted to having called the GI "a nice boy." (Hunter is only a few years older than Mills.) He is the officer who pressed charges against Mills, and the entire accusation was that after having missed a 6:00 formation, Mills came to his office to be counted present and did not wait when Captain Hunter, who claimed that he was busy, ordered him to. It seems inconceivable that even if this version were true, a man could be put in prison for six months. Yet it became clear that even this "offense" was a frame-up to get Mills into the stockade.

Mills testified that on the day in question he had been assigned to CQ



Henry Mills, left, and John Lewis outside the courtroom at Fort Dix.

runner, which means being available at battery headquarters all afternoon and night to deliver messages, etc. It is customary that when things slack off, the CQ runner catches a few hours sleep and then returns to duty for the rest of the night. This is what Mills was doing at the time of the formation, and the Army made no attempt to deny it.

When he reported to Hunter to explain why he had missed the formation, Mills was told to wait for a few minutes, then ordered back to the barracks. He was on his way from the barracks to the telephone exchange when an MP car pulled up and he found he was under arrest "for disobeying a direct order."

On cross-examination by diSuvero, Captain Hunter admitted that he had been keeping a close watch on Mills because "in my own mind I was convinced that (John) Lewis and Mills were behind SPD News." Hunter also told that Military Intelligence, the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), MPs, local New York authorities and the FBI had all been contacted about SPD News.

SPD News Got Brass Uptight

What is "SPD News" that such an uproar had been created because of it? It is a mimeographed paper written by GIs in the Special Processing Detachment, which runs down all the grievances of the guys against the racist officer caste. SPD News has spoken directly for the men and given chapter and verse of each case of harassment and mistreatment, naming the lifers and officers involved. It obviously made the brass at Fort Dix very uptight.

John Lewis, another ASU organizer and friend of Henry Mills, testified for the defense. It was another slap at the racism of the jury, since Lewis is white and from Kentucky. He corroborated Mills' story and further brought in the political aspects of the case. Lewis is to be tried soon on assault charges for having protested Henry Mills' arrest.

Lewis and Mills were both brought to the Courts and Boards building, a wood, frame house with peeling, dingy, white paint in an area isolated from the main part of the fort, in handcuffs. They have been in the stockade since their arrest two months ago. This pre-trial confinement, for which no bail is allowed, does not count against time yet to be served in the Army, nor does the sentence itself.

Conditions at the Fort Dix stockade prompted a major rebellion there just a week after Lewis' and Mills' arrest. It was put down by 250 troops using tear gas and clubs, and 38 men are now awaiting trial on charges of arson and riot. Half a dozen of these men were in the cage at the Courts and Boards building during Mills' trial, and they exchanged greetings and clenched fists with the spectators. The delegation of civilian supporters organized by the ASU filled the courtroom, and there were many indications that the men on the base were glad to see them. On one occasion, GIs in a passing car gave the V-sign, apparently for no other reason than that one of the civilians wore a beard.

Eight Minutes to Convict

The thorough defense prepared by Attorney diSuvero was in contrast to the kind of trial that most GIs get. During one recess of 15 minutes, the court tried, convicted and sentenced another soldier for AWOL.

The jury was out for eight minutes in Mills' case. The President of the court, Lt. Col. Homony, announced that the verdict was "guilty" on both counts. Mills was asked if he had anything to say on extenuating or mitigating circumstances that should lighten his sentence. That's when he let the brass have it right between the eyes, speaking in a calm, slow voice that packed the punch of the black revolution.

"Since I came into this court I realized what the court system means to all black people in the United States. I'm being tried by a group of officers. All of you are white. You said at the beginning of the trial that you have no prejudice toward me. But I can't accept this."

"I noticed that three of you officers have been to Vietnam. You were over there because you believe the world needs to be dominated by white people. The black people are like the Vietnamese, their struggle is our struggle. How can I believe you aren't prejudiced against me, when you have been massacring my Vietnamese brothers?"

"What is happening here is that the Department of the Army and the Pentagon have put the SPD News and the American Servicemen's Union on trial."

Mills paused and sat back. The officers' eyes were glued on him as if they couldn't tear their attention away. "These are my feelings and the conclusion of my statement on extenuation and mitigation."

**THE SPOILERS
Overgrazing on the Grange**

By LIBBY ROSS

An Iowa farmer told me last week that much of the pasture land in his state has been taken over by thistles, nettles and rank weeds, unfit for animal fodder. Iowa was once one of the richest, most productive cattle areas in the world, second only to Texas in the number and size of its beef steers. But too many cattle were put on the land. Iowa is the victim of overgrazing.

Cows would prefer to eat only the tender green tips of the grasses, and when they do, they grow to be large and healthy. When there are too many cows to the acre, they are driven by hunger to eat the grass down as far as they can; much of it dies and its place is filled by coarser plant life -- or in some dry seasons by none at all. When that happens, the top soil blows away. This is what happened during the dust storms of the thirties, when thousands of acres of top soil, built up by a hundred thousand years of slow growth and decay, blew into the Atlantic Ocean.

Iowa isn't the only state where this is happening. Eighty percent of all American pasture land is overgrazed. And it isn't anything new, either. The cattle barons of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries devastated millions of acres of fine grass lands in their greedy rush for greater profits. They didn't even have to buy the land they kept their millions of cattle on; they only had to own the cattle. The U.S. government owned the grange -- a vast tract of rich grassland in the central and southern part of the continent -- and obligingly leased it piece by piece to the cattlemen, who held it just long enough to use it up and then moved on to greener pastures.

(Incidentally, one of the reasons for the enmity between the cattlemen and the sheepmen -- an enmity familiar to any Western movie-goer -- was that the sheep ruined the grange even quicker than the cows. A sheep has a cleft lip which allows it to bite the grass even closer to the roots than a cow can, and the grass is gone in one year instead of two.)

Imperialists Rape Colonies to Protect Virtue at Home

All of this devastation takes place only when there are too many animals to the acre; when there aren't too many, a pasture is benefitted by grazing.

In England the meadows are greener, more lush and more productive than at the time of the Roman conquest of Britain, when most of it was virgin territory. Why is this? Hasn't the British nation produced any would-be cattle barons and sheep ranchers? Yes, of course, it has, and in the early days of the industrial revolution, when the textile mills of Europe demanded all the wool they could get and the English sheep ranchers saw visions of untold profits, they drove the English people off the land to make way for their sheep. The English people fought back as well as they could until the new bourgeois class solved their problem in another way -- by conquering lands abroad and plundering them. They protected the virtue of their own country by raping the lands of their colonies -- an old bourgeois custom, applied to the public as well as the private sphere of bourgeois housekeeping.

Now India, Australia and New Zealand have dust storms and waste lands and starving millions, while the British cattleman, who devastated these lands, sits at home enjoying the view of his beautiful green meadows and hears in the distance the lowing of the contented cows that produce his fresh cream and butter.

It really wouldn't be hard to reclaim the ruined pastures in Iowa, in India, in New Zealand -- in any part of the world. Grasslands, unlike forests, which take from 100 to 200 years to mature, can be reclaimed in two years. It's only necessary to cut back on production and spend a small part of the money now being used for armaments to plant new areas with grass seed. Will the cattlemen's lobby push for that?

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