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Puppet Government In Exile DECLARES WAR ON CUBA!

Kennedy Threatens WW III To Stop Revolution in Laos!

By Ana Kezman

March 28—Kennedy is rushing helicopters, long range bombing planes, artillery and other military supplies to Laos in an effort to stop the irrepressible Asian revolution and impose the will of U.S. finance capital on that little country.

Kennedy said that "the United States is not in a mood to meekly permit an independent nation to be gobbled up by an armed minority supported from the outside"

(He did not explain that this "independent" nation's official pro-capitalist armed-minority army has been armed entirely by the United States Army at the expense of the U.S. taxpayers for over five years!)

The whole trouble in Laos is that the people's army (Pathet Lao) is making too much progress for Wall Street's taste, and with Soviet backing, is threatening to win against the moth-eaten decadent royalist forces supported by U.S. imperialism.

Kennedy is willing to take a chance on world War III just to "save" this population of 3 million poverty-stricken people from "Communism" — that is, from throwing out their reactionary puppet-oppressors and taking over their own country

Kennedy is sending American technicians to help the Laotian royalists use the new equipment and is indirectly threatening to send GI's as well. It has been reported that Marines in the Far East have been on the alert for possible

intervention in Laos for some time.

After two months in office, the choice of the liberals and—even some "radicals" is on the verge of giving a war ultimatum to humanity itself.

Wall St.'s Latin Stooges Set up "Government" in U.S. — U.S. Armed Intervention Is One Step Closer

New York, March 22—While Kennedy rushed arms and planes to fight the workers in Laos on the other side of the world, here in New York, Wall Street created a puppet counter-revolutionary "Government-in-Exile." Announcement was made at the Hotel Biltmore.

Out of the shreds and patches of discredited politicians, expropriated Cuban capitalists and rejected would-be "leaders," U.S. capitalism has put together a "Revolutionary Council." This Council

was announced as a "de facto" government in exile, and it issued a call for all Cubans "to overthrow the Communist tyranny."

The "Council" is led by Miro Cardona, the notorious conservative ex-Premier who defected from the Castro regime during the period of expropriations of U.S. imperialist holdings in Cuba.

A State Department "spokesman" hypocritically announced that U.S. neutrality laws do not permit the operation of a provisional government on American soil. (This is precisely why the counter-revolutionary cabal calls itself by a different name—but frankly announces what its game is!)

It is an open secret that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has been training and financing the troops in Guatemala and other places for armed intervention in Cuba.

But the present political statement by the self-styled *de facto* government-in-exile is an open declaration that the armed forces of intervention are nearly ready. And if they prove able to take and hold even one inch of Cuban soil, it is an even bet that the U.S. imperialists will recognize them as the *Government of Cuba*.

Kennedy has toned down his war-like talk against Cuba. And the Naval and Marine bigwigs at Guantanamo are keeping their mouths shut at the moment. But the war danger was never greater.

That danger comes not from the little island of Cuba with its 6 million people. It comes from U.S. imperialism—from the desperate war-drive of the owners of 600 billion dollars.

"Look at it this way: You're a permanent outpost on the New Frontier."



Washington, D. C.—"Structural unemployment will continue to be a problem (at least 4 percent—or 3 million workers) even if you had a substantial economic recovery."—John F. Kennedy at his news conference on March 15.

The Sharpeville Massacre — 1 Year Later

Just a year ago, the racist ruling class of South Africa massacred hundreds of people at Sharpeville on March 21.

It has almost been forgotten that a completely unarmed people dared to strike a great blow for freedom by demonstrating against the hated, slave-like "pass" system, and were slaughtered by their rulers. But exactly one year later to the day, there was a new demonstration of the oppressed. This corresponded with a grisly "welcome" demonstration given to the dictator Verwoerd on his return from breaking with the British Commonwealth because of his racist policies. A new revolution is thus arising along with the counter-revolution.

Since Sharpeville, whole countries have arisen on the African continent to do battle with their ancient oppressors.

But the black South Africans, although in a great majority in their own land, are up against much greater odds than the Africans of the rest of Africa. Nevertheless, they too will conquer.

We take this opportunity to reprint our account of April 15, 1960 shortly after the massacre:

The first phase of the South African revolution is over. It has been drowned in a vast sea of blood. By the use of the most terrifying combination of military and police violence, the Verwoerd regime has been able to temporarily overpower the totally unarmed populace.

But already, the masses in the provinces and in the main cities are preparing for the second round of the liberation struggle.

A beaten army learns fast. The false prophets of non-violent resistance are proving bankrupt in the face of unrestrained and savage repression by the barbaric regime. The instinctive urge of the masses to arm themselves with whatever weapons are available is fast becoming the order of the day.

The army of the oppressed is regrouping itself.

The heroic South African masses have inflicted a mortal blow upon the imperialist-racist government and shaken its ruling class to the very foundations. This is clearly revealed by the absolutely

unprecedented emergency regulations it has enacted in order to maintain its murderous rule.

(These regulations give the government authority to arrest and detain anyone as long as it desires without making any charge whatsoever. Under these laws, the government has banned the Pan Africanist Congress and also the African National Congress—the moderate, more conciliatory wing of the movement. Only the most brutal and unstable totalitarian powers have had to resort to measures such as this.)

The fear and instability of the ruling class was further heightened by the attempt on the life of Verwoerd by a white millionaire, himself a member of the ruling class. The regime is torn with inner dissension and has no confidence in the outcome of the struggle.

The heads of the masses are bloodied but unbowed. The South African Revolution has paused to regroup its forces. But its victory is inevitable.

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Finish the Civil War!

Exactly a hundred years after the Civil War began in South Carolina, there still cannot be a free ceremony commemorating the event in Charleston, S. C., because of segregation.

Senator Case and the New Jersey delegation of the Civil War Commission complained about this to the chairman of the full commission, Major General U. S. Grant, 3rd (grandson of the Grant who was supposed to have won the Civil War).

But the answer was that nothing could be done.

Some liberal and radical papers commented on the irony of the situation. They asked: Who really won the Civil War, anyway? And they were rightly indignant at this mockery of the Civil War Centennial.

It is truly instructive and educational to ask why the Civil War is still unfinished after 100 years. But the most important question we ought to be asking today is this: Who will finish the

Civil War and how is it going to be done?

Of course, it certainly is not going to be done by New Jersey Senator Case and the other liberal capitalist stooges who are complaining about their capitalist cousins in South Carolina! It is going to be done by very different forces.

The Civil War, the bloodiest and—except for the American Revolution—the longest war this country has ever fought, was sold out by the same type of Northern liberal capitalists who now run the New Jersey Civil War Commission.

A new leadership must be built—not from the liberal Northern oppressors as against the reactionary Southern oppressors—but from the oppressed Afro-American people themselves.

And a new war of liberation must begin—not a war under the leadership of the capitalist class, or its liberal Senators, servants and camp followers, but against them.

Disarm the Oppressor!

Last week, Premier Khrushchev once again proposed complete disarmament by the U.S. imperialists and the Soviet Union.

Within 24 hours, the U.S. answer was telegraphed to the world: *A billion dollars more worth of jet warplanes.*

The stock of Boeing Aircraft rose as much as five dollars per share. And a day later, U.S. Globemasters were flying 4,700 combat troops from India to the Congo.

If Khrushchev cannot get the United States imperialists to stop giving plane rides to counter-revolutionary troops, how can he get them to give up the planes themselves?

If he can't get them to stop giving rifles to Mobutu's men in the Congo, how on earth can he make them lay down billions of dollars worth of arms in the United States?

If Kennedy can get away with stalling a Disarmament Conference until

August, why shouldn't he get away with disarming the oppressed masses of the Congo in the meantime?

The answer to these questions is self-evident. But many people, including Khrushchev, believe that powerful forces in U.S. capitalism favor disarmament.

Some U.S. capitalists are frightened of war, it is true. And some of them are frightened at the excessive cost of the instruments of war. And for that reason, there is a discussion of disarmament on the capitalist side.

But actually, the capitalist class as a whole is desperately determined to keep its property intact and its slaves in chains. This is true even of that minority of capitalists who favor disarmament!

It is not world disarmament (which is impossible) that will stop war, but world revolution. That is why the only correct and realistic slogan for our epoch is: "Arm the oppressed; disarm the oppressor!"

UN in the Congo—Part II

Beginning with the very first intervention of the UN into the Congo last July, *Workers World* opposed and exposed this intervention as an action of imperialism—especially U.S. imperialism.

Since that time, much of the radical movement, the Afro-American press, and especially the more militant Afro-American liberation fighters have at one stage or another come to the same conclusion and in one way or another expressed a similar opposition.

But today, the worst imperialist stooges in the Congo—Tshombe, Kasavubu, Kalonji and Co. are also opposing the UN action in the Congo and asking for the removal of the UN troops. *Why?*

Because the UN has already accomplished the first part of its task—that is, the defeat of the Congo liberation movement (for the time being) and the wholesale murder of its leadership. Tshombe and Co. of course cheerfully collaborated in all this. But they are now for that very reason in a safe position to stop the UN from accomplishing the second part of its task.

What is the second part of the UN's task?—*The transfer of power in the Congo from Belgian imperialism to U.S. imperialism.*

When Tshombe, Kasavubu and Co.

now condemn the UN, they are merely acting for Belgian imperialism against U.S. imperialism.

When Tshombe, Kasavubu and Co. oppose Nehru's sending Indian troops to the Congo (in U.S. airplanes, of course!) they are in reality opposing U.S. imperialism on behalf of Belgian imperialism.

Now the big question of strategy is: Should the revolutionary workers now change their position and support the UN because Tshombe and the Belgian stooges are opposed to it?

Not at all! It is necessary to get all the imperialists out of Africa. It is necessary to unite the African masses against all the imperialists and their stooges, including Tshombe and his kind.

The Congo masses will rise again. The black soldiers of Tshombe and Kasavubu will munity again. And black Africa will come to their aid the next time—and without imperialist commanders.

We cannot base ourselves for one moment on the idea that U.S. imperialism (the UN) will be one ounce more progressive than Belgian imperialism. We must base ourselves solely on the great possibilities inherent in the Congo revolution and the revolutionary forces of the rest of the world.

Kenyatta Called to Head Gov't; British Refuse to Release Him

By Nat Douglass

Seven years after his arrest, Jomo Kenyatta is still being imprisoned by the British colonialists in a remote section of Kenya, isolated from the outside world.

Kenyatta is the great African nationalist who led the Kenyans in revolt against British rule. In 1946 he organized members of the Kikuyu, Meru and Embi Tribes in struggle against their British rulers, demanding that the Kenyans (Africans) should govern Kenya both politically and economically and that the land should be theirs.

Kenya is a British colony with a population of over 6 million and an area of 15,000 sq. miles. Europeans make up about 1 per cent of the population but yet they own more than 50 per cent of the land and in effect control all of the wealth of the country.

Kenyatta got the support of the black masses and he led them in peaceful demonstrations against the British.

But the British imperialists looked with disdain at this group of Africans who had the audacity to say they should own their country. They began a murderous campaign of suppression of the Kenyans, killing, beating, and arresting them.

Kenyatta then organized the Africans in a secret society called the "Mau Mau" to meet the terror brought upon the Africans by the imperialists. Over 100,000 Africans fought along with the Mau

Mau to end British tyranny in their land.

The British paid and organized African forces to turn against their black brothers and brought in crack well-equipped British troops to bring down this uprising of the African masses against their foreign masters.

Murdering more than 13,000 Africans against only 95 whites being killed and putting more than 60,000 Africans in concentration camps, the British crushed the great "Mau Mau uprising" and imprisoned its great leader Jomo Kenyatta.

The Kenyan masses are now demanding unconditional freedom for Kenyatta. Kenyan political leaders representing the black masses are demanding that Kenyatta be Chief of State of the Kenyan nation.

But the British imperialist agent in Kenya, Governor Patrick Renison, says, "Jomo Kenyatta will not be released until Kenya's new government is 'working well.'"

When "Sir" Renison says "working well" in reference to the Kenyan government, he actually means working well for the British so they can continue their oppression and exploitation of the African masses in Kenya. The British do not plan to let any man come to power who says "Africa for the Africans" and means it.

—And Jomo Kenyatta is such a man.

MAIL BAG

Self-defense guards

Dear Editor:

While it is true that the so-called Negro in America has from time to time demonstrated his loyalty to this country, the recent events of this period show that his "unquestioned loyalty" to this system has not been fully appreciated by those who are in power.

He is accepted as an American only when he is being used as a pawn in the hands of those in power to influence other colonial nations, only in such times as when he is called upon to defend the country, and in such times when a few of his brothers are used as goodwill ambassadors or as "exhibit A" to foreign countries (especially Africa).

The Montgomery uprising, the Sit-In strikes, and the recent black demonstrations at the United Nations are resounding outcries on the part of the black man in America for FREEDOM NOW. They emphatically show that he is sick and tired of being relegated to the level of second class citizenship, that he is sick and tired of the accommodations, passivist, nonviolent "Tom" leadership, that he is sick and tired of being a convenient American.

As the black man looks at his original homeland, Africa, and sees his brothers breaking away from the shackles of economic, political, and cultural humiliation, he will see more and more the necessity of breaking away from the traditional policies which have only tended to hold him in check.

The black man in America is rapidly recognizing the value of militant struggle. He is fast finding out that the only way he can gain complete liberation is by means yet untried by the traditional leadership amongst his brethren.

Only by this recognition of the necessity of Self-Defense Guards and a political policy of *Self-Determination* for a Captive People will he join other nations in a successful struggle for complete liberation.

A. E., Atlanta, Ga.

From Ghana

Dear Editor:

I have great pleasure in informing you that copies of your journal, the militant "Workers World," have been duly received, and wish to congratulate you on your relentless war against diabolical imperialism and American neo-colonialism. . . .

J. Y., Accra, Ghana

Sounds good to us

Dear Editor:

A Cuban "refugee" here by the name of Carlos Alvarez is "surprised how little American people know about Communism" and suggests a "campaign to educate the people." This is a good suggestion. . . .

I find a top leader of "Communism" stating that it is:

"The finest possible life on earth, where man is free of want, he does not have to think with anxiety of the morrow and wonder whether he and his children will have enough to eat, whether there will be warmth in his home or whether he will have a home at all. . . ."

"In a word, where people lead a rich, full life and not simply exist and vegetate . . . a cup accessible to all filled to the brim . . . an abundance of food, clothing, shoes, homes, books for all."

It would be interesting to hear from Carlos Alvarez and others wherein this is a "menace" to us workers!

G. K. M., Miami, Fla.

Next Issue

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From Sit-Ins to Sell-Outs

Editor's note: All the material on this page is reprinted from a leaflet issued recently by a militant new group in Atlanta, Georgia, called "Black Voice of Freedom," P.O. Box 9102, Station B, Atlanta 14, Ga.

The Georgia leaflet also included a reprint from the October 28 Workers World—"The Truth About the Atlanta Sit-ins and The Role of Martin Luther King."

By Atmore T. Simpson

Atlanta, Ga., March 12—The recent sell-out by the black middle class leadership of Atlanta is so dreadful that it is worse than the sell-out engineered by that biblical character, the Rev. Mr. Judas, who betrayed his God for a measly thirty pieces of silver. The Rev. Mr. Judas betrayed his God for thirty pieces of silver, the Doctor Thomases, Ph.D., D.D., and company, betrayed their Atlanta brethren for a nebulous promise.

Out of the welter of sit-in struggles, demonstrations, and jail sufferings, nothing could be so tragic as the repeated betrayals of the black "handkerchief-head" leadership here. We are reminded that over a long period of time, the black leadership has been persistent in the betrayals of the black man's cause for freedom.

It Began Before Booker T!

And this record of sell-outs, we are told, dates back years before 1895, when Booker T. Washington descended upon this "Athens of the black man's South" and surrendered the struggle of the black man for full freedom then with his famous "Cast Down Your Buckets" speech.

The most recent betrayal, however, is far worse. It is a big let-down to the striving youths of Atlanta and of the world, who through trials, tribulations and many sacrifices, have fought, suffered and shed blood in this recent stride towards freedom.

On Monday, March 6, the newspapers, radio and TV announced that the "Negro" leaders of Atlanta had reached an agreement with the white merchants. This agreement said that the lunch-counters will reopen on a segregated basis and remain open and segregated until the merchants choose to desegregate them—if and when public school integration in Atlanta begins in the fall. It bound the "Negro" signers to calling off and eliminating all boycotts, sit-ins, reprisals or other demonstrations.

(Also on March 6, the Georgia Court of Appeals ruled that Rev. Martin Luther King's sentencing in DeKalb county for driving without proper operators license was excessive and returned the case to the lower court.)

The newspapers even named the signers of the agreement; the papers also stated that although Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was out of town at the time of the signing of the agreement, he gave his approval and thought that it was the right thing to do.

Mayor Hartsfield of Atlanta was on TV and radio the afternoon following the agreement thanking everyone for their splendid cooperation in resolving the issue and declared the month of March "SHOP DOWNTOWN MONTH." He personally invited all "his citizens" to come back downtown beginning that next day in the "same spirit and atmosphere that the citizens of Atlanta have always enjoyed."

All the local newspapers praised the action.

But rage and resentment spread like wildfire in the black community. Verbal battles raged in every ghetto: "A SELL-OUT!" . . . "They just want our Easter money and those fools have been tricked to give in, just when we had them where we wanted them." . . . "We have been betrayed by those 'handkerchief-heads' again." . . .

Why and Who?

The question in the minds of the majority of Afro-Americans was "Why did the 'Negro' leaders agree to seek a halt to the boycott on such a nebulous promise as that?" Others were asking: "Why did the student leaders go along with such an agreement?" "Who gave them

An Open Letter To Black Atlanta

Black men and women everywhere:

The hour has struck to assert your determination and courage as an unfree and dissatisfied people—captives in this wilderness of the South. No longer can you allow any "handkerchief-head" to direct your course of action.

For years we have fought, suffered, and many have shed blood, hung on trees and died for this honored thing called freedom—only to come to repeated SELL-OUTS by these present so-called leaders. When our young people walked those picket lines, demonstrated, and suffered in jail, they were not playing. The fight for freedom is SERIOUS BUSINESS and nothing to PLAY WITH.

The following, therefore, is absolutely necessary to preserve the integrity and militant character of our struggle for freedom, and to prevent another sell-out:

1. Do not under any circumstances go back downtown until we can enjoy all the privileges enjoyed by everyone else.
2. Accept no WEAK COMPROMISE from either side.
3. Make your feelings known to the public—black and white—that you won't go back downtown until you

get what you want. And use your influence to keep everyone you can out of the downtown stores.

4. Support those individuals who are working in the very best interest of all black folk. Too long have we been suffering from mis-leadership. DON'T LET ANYBODY MAKE ANY DECISION FOR YOU UNLESS HE HAS YOUR STAMP OF APPROVAL!
5. Continue your militant struggle as men have always done in the past, and for God's sake DEFEND YOURSELF if attacked. This is an elementary law of nature. Even a mouse will fight back if cornered. "TIMID SOLDIERS CANNOT FIGHT A MAN'S WAR."
6. Buy black whenever and wherever possible.
7. DON'T LET "NOBODY TURN YOU 'ROUND" NOR SELL YOU OUT!

Indeed, brothers and sisters, black men everywhere are on the rise and are fighting for their freedom—black freedom. Students in Atlanta have solidarized themselves with the world struggle. With your help, we will succeed. ONWARD TO VICTORY!

**Yours for a FREE South NOW,
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the authority to call off the boycott and demonstrations?"

Many individuals sought to supply reasons:

One is that many of the black brethren still have not grown out of the stage of reporting to "boss white man" at the "kitchen table" the events which take place at their strategy meetings and are eager to satisfy the "boss" desires.

Another is that there is the intrusion of the publicity hound in our struggle. They say that there have been so many in the field that one does not know who amongst his brethren who call themselves leaders, is sincerely working in the best interest of the black man, or is just using the situation for his own personal aggrandizement—financially and otherwise.

A third reason is that some frustrated middle class "Negroes" are more than anything else starved for prestige—and this holds true especially of the many educated so-called leaders, who acquired more complexes from their educational disciplines than education.

Starved for Prestige

They are starved for prestige—and thusly, to purchase this prestige they are willing to sacrifice their brothers' fight for freedom—their pride, their efforts, their time, their intelligence, what little money they have and the future of their proud children.

Everyone began to watch the student leaders with special interest. The leaders were shaken; they didn't know how to face the students. A meeting was set for the evening following the agreement. The student leaders had been coached to use the trick used by most opportunistic leaders who make a mistake:—They all offered their resignations on the grounds that they had "sincerely failed the students."

But before they could finish resigning, one of the leading lieutenants (not a student) made a passionate speech for their forgiveness and reinstatement. They were immediately forgiven and were called back to conduct the meeting. But by the way they took over, it was obvious to many that it was a maneuver.

They Got Entangled

The student meeting was a small one in attendance, with many students un-

aware of the ramifications of the struggle. The meeting got into all sorts of parliamentary entanglements but eventually the students decided to wait until they met with the adults at a mass meeting on Friday, March 10.

On Friday night, an overflow crowd of over 2,000 attended the mass meeting at one of the local churches. The huge crowd was enraged, and the meeting was extremely tense. It opened with the usual fanfare—a songfest and a prayer. The audience was already restive.

"Don't Boo the Speakers!"

Then a speech was made about "being courteous . . . and please refrain from booing the speakers." (The chairman of the meeting was very nervous, for he sensed the situation.)

The first speaker was the one who the rank and file of the community feel is the "principal sell-out artist," one whom most folks call the "Colonel," Attorney A. T. Walden. (Many have wondered how he merited such an appellation.)

He told of his "glorious 50-year record in the fight for freedom," and how he answered the call of the students for help when all lines of communication were broken as far as downtown negotiations were concerned and how he was able to successfully engineer this recent move.

He called it a great victory inasmuch as the merchants had agreed to integrate the stores—next fall, maybe. He said to the heckling audience: "What difference do a few months make in social progress?" He ended his speech on a note that we must be willing to give and take.

The audience was furious. During the question and answer period it virtually took control of the meeting.

Some of the students who went to jail on sit-in charges rose to ask pointed questions and many made statements.

One student asked: "Why didn't the leadership take the position that it would call off the boycott and demonstrations when the merchants decide to give all people equal treatment?"

"Down With the Toms"

Another student took the microphone to denounce the "Toms" who did the negotiating and asked for a change of leadership.

When one of the leading adult leaders and a signer of the agreement rose to answer a question the audience—especially the students—shouted him down.

One student leader, who did not sign the agreement, drew loud applause when he said that the majority of the students were dissatisfied over the agreement and didn't want to shop downtown until they could enjoy all the privileges enjoyed by everyone else. He received a thunderous ovation when he called for further demonstrations.

But the high point of the revolt of black Atlanta against the leadership came when the audience demanded with angry shouting and rhythmic chanting that Rev. J. A. Wilborn, a young militant minister, be given the floor. This young minister brought the huge throng to its feet cheering and shouting its approval when he said: "I don't see how any self-respecting Negro can go downtown and shop. Our people should tell the Atlanta merchants, whether it be six months from now or six years, that when they desegregate we'll be back."

The Loudest Ovation

When he took his place in the audience he was given the loudest and longest ovation given any speaker. Pandemonium almost broke loose.

Many of the other leaders rose to speak but were heckled and shouted down by the audience.

In a desperate move, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. was called on to speak. Then and only then did the tumult and the shouting of the angry crowd expressing fundamental dissatisfaction with the agreement subside. Rev. King issued a passionate call for "unity" and told the audience to calm down and have faith in their leadership.

On that note, the leaders brought the meeting to a close, with no decisions reached by the leaders but to accept the agreement as interpreted by them and wait and see what happens in the months to come.

King "Turned the Trick"

The established black leaders were in unanimous agreement that Rev. King, Jr. "turned the trick" and saved them from complete censure.

In short, the Atlanta black bourgeois leadership and their student puppets have once again supported the forces of reaction which have heaped every form of humiliation and cruelty upon our people; they have allowed themselves to be used, tricked, and hoodwinked.

Many feel that if the present Atlanta black leadership had ever had an ounce of honor and decency, if they had not been completely devoid of manhood, backbone and principles, black Atlanta would have long ago led the struggle to the promised land, instead of down the road to further humiliation and further oppression.

When one considers the great harm the black "handkerchief-head" leadership has done to the cause of black freedom in the South, it is easy to see that there is no greater enemy of the black man's struggle for liberation than the accommodationist, non-violent, conciliatory, "Tom" leadership. It is predicted that the day will come (and soon, too!) when black freedom fighters will call upon this leadership and their other enemies to show cause why they should not be convicted of high crimes against their suffering people.

Time to Wake Up!

It is now time that black Atlantans wake up to the fact that they have been duped, are being duped and will continue to be duped unless they immediately expose, break away from this kind of mis-leadership.

Those who feel this way distributed 15,000 copies of the accompanying open "Letter to Black Atlanta" throughout Atlanta Saturday afternoon. They represent a new current which is sweeping throughout the South and which is gaining strength daily.

That they will win in the struggle for black freedom, there is not a doubt.

Puerto Rican Revolutionaries Commemorate 21st of March

By Pedro Sanchez

New York, March 19—The Movement of the 21st of March (for Puerto Rican Liberation) held a memorial meeting today to commemorate the massacre of Puerto Rican liberation fighters in Ponce, P.R., 34 years ago. Close to 100 persons attended.

There were a number of speakers, from 17-year-old boys blazing with the fire of anti-imperialist revolution to grizzled veterans still burning with the zeal of struggles that began over a generation ago.

Survivors of the 1937 massacre arose in the audience to tell their stories. A Dominican revolutionary took the platform. A student from El Salvador expressed solidarity with the movement. A former president of the Movimiento Libertador gave a polished and extremely effective talk for Puerto Rican independence.

At one point, members of another Puerto Rican liberation group tried to impugn the propriety and good faith of the organizers of the meeting. But they were answered very well.

When a member of FUPI (the revolutionary students union in P.R.) took the platform, he was challenged by one of the opposition group, because he was a "North American."

In perfect Spanish, the "North American" (who lives in New York, but studies in San Juan) gave a rousing reply to his critic and an emotional call to revolutionary struggle against Yankee imperialism that had the audience roaring its agreement and the rafters ringing.

A Cuban revolutionary asked for the platform shortly afterward to answer other questions the hecklers had asked. The Cuban called for unity of all those who really want to fight imperialism and said that the hecklers could learn a few things on this score from Fidel Castro.

The final speaker, Luis Munoz-Sullivan, Director of the 21st of March group, did not confine his remarks only to the condemnation of Yankee imperialism and the call for unity against it. He also outlined the beginnings of a program of struggle and a new approach to liberation.

The meeting opened and closed with singing of the Puerto Rican Anthem, La Borinquena. And a minute of silence was observed for all the heroes and martyrs of the Puerto Rican freedom struggle.

Luis Caban, well-known revolutionary, and a survivor of Ponce himself, presided throughout.

Max Lerner, "Civilized" Liar, Slanders the Murdered Lumumba

V. Grey

The International Committee in Defense of Africa has done the liberation movement a signal service by raising a sharp outcry against the foul literary filth now being exuded by one, Max Lerner.

Lerner, a self-styled "liberal," writes for the New York Post and other syndicated newspapers including the Afro-American Pittsburgh and New York Courier. Recently, he wrote a scurrilous attack on Lumumba, after the latter's murder, in a column called "The Mistake."

As the International Committee puts it in an open letter to the Courier:

"While we still mourn, you allow the wily Max Lerner to throw his venomous slander in our very faces. In the pages of your and our newspaper, Lerner dares to excuse this monstrous murder."

The Committee rightly calls on the Courier to repudiate Lerner and cease publishing his column.

Among other gems of Lerner's "liberalism" quoted by the Committee is the following:

"But who ever said that African tribal vendettas and chieftain rivalries are civilized in our sense?"

Let us pass over the "civilized" rival-

ries that Lerner has supported—like the ones that kill a hundred thousand people in one day at Hiroshima. And let us disregard the "civilized" vendetta that Lerner supported in Korea where "civilized" U. S. troops burned women and children to death in their "barbarian" cottages. And by all means, let us close our eyes to the daily tortures, disease and back-breaking slave-labor inflicted upon the Africans by people who are so very "civilized in our sense"!

But the Committee adds that:

"Lerner brazenly insinuates that Lumumba who could not be bribed by Belgian or any other colonialists, was 'a reckless and corrupt leader.'"

The Committee adequately proves that Lumumba was not corrupt. But what about Lerner? It is safe to say that he receives thousands of dollars for writing this column and others just like it.

Lerner is a well-informed man who teaches in a couple of colleges and has several secretaries at his service and whole libraries at his disposal. He knows very well what the real facts are. Yet he calls Lumumba "reckless and corrupt."

Lerner is hardly reckless himself. But he certainly is corrupt.

An Object Lesson for the Oppressed: Integration and the Navy

The U.S. Navy recently gave the Africans of South Africa a good object lesson in equality as practiced with Afro-Americans in the United States.

It held a party for white American sailors and a separate party for Afro-American sailors in Capetown, South Africa. A black South African citizen publicly refused to attend because—"We here in Africa are fighting this kind of thing . . ."

Most of the capitalist press, including the Afro-American press pointed out that the Navy did not usually discriminate so badly as this, and the crime was only that the Naval authorities capitulated to the South African apartheid-oppression policies.

The truth is almost the direct opposite. Discrimination practices in the U.S. Armed Services have only been lifted and "integration" introduced in order to fool the Africans and control the Afro-Americans—who have to be trusted with arms.

In each country, the capitalists do what serves their interests best and what they think will keep them on top.

The "capitulation" to the ruling class

of South Africa was only a matter of drawing back the curtain to show the U.S. racist reality to the racist rulers of South Africa—to show them that the U.S. ruling class was a duplicate of theirs and understood their "problem."

On the other hand, if the black South Africans were to take over their own country in spite of U.S. aid to the present white ruling class, then the U.S. capitalists would send them an Afro-American ambassador and show all kinds of "good will" and "democracy." And the U.S. Navy would act quite differently than it did this month.

Missouri Welfare Officials Have

Blood on Their Hands

—From a protest issued by the Committee of the People of St. Louis.

The Wellston City fathers and the country welfare office have succeeded in killing one of the children of Mrs. Essie Mae Lavender, of 6137 Ridge, through negligence back in 1958, and are now conspiring to do the rest of the family the same way.

Mrs. Lavender is quite willing to discuss her morals and how many children she should have, with the welfare office, city leaders, or anyone else as soon as her children are fed, but for now, there

is only one question; will the citizens of Wellston sit by and let these officials starve innocent children to death?

Mr. Mitchell, the father of her last baby, has been supporting his child and cutting wood for the family to keep them warm, but now he is unemployed, and the welfare office says that he can't ever see his child or be seen in the same neighborhood where Mrs. Lavender might be.

The stooge police officer, who assured our Committee members that the Mayor could and would see to it that this family is fed and sheltered, should know that people with empty stomachs don't fool that easily. The Mayor has been very successful in dodging Mrs. Lavender and our Committee, and the county welfare officials still want to discuss Mrs. Lavender's morals and family size. . . . It is not the will of the people, . . . that little children should go hungry in this great land of ours.

We demand that the vicious caseworkers, Pauline Yanoschek and Headless be fired immediately for trying to kill this family. They are not human beings.

Tent City Family—Refugees from "Democracy"



Shown above is the family of Jimmie Lee Mason in their home in Tent City, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason tried to vote in the "democratic" United States last fall, so they got run off their land and were forced to live in a tent.

On the far left is Mrs. Mason and her newest child, Jamie, born late in January, delivered by midwife in five degrees above zero weather in this tent.

—About the same time Jamie was born, reactionary Senator, Barry Goldwater, was being interviewed for the magazine, *American Home*. He was quoted in an article in the March issue entitled, "At Home With Barry Goldwater," as follows:

"I'm nuts about fireplaces," he smiled. "We have four of them in this house. . . . Sometimes I even turn on the air conditioning so I can have a fire."

Get Out of Nigeria!

Enugu, Nigeria—The National Church of Nigeria has asked U.S. missionaries in Nigeria to leave, because "more urgent tasks await them in the U.S.A."

In a statement issued in Enugu, capital of Eastern Nigeria, the National Church charged the U.S. missionaries with hypocrisy:

"Why preach the fatherhood of man in Nigeria, when in America, . . . black and whites cannot worship God in the same church and can attend some schools only under police escort?"

The statement also points out that since American church leaders cannot solve the problems of racial and religious bigotry in the U.S.A., they are highly unqualified to teach Nigerians "Christianity":

"Their work of evangelism and spreading Christianity should begin at home, for charity begins at home."

The authors of the statement have not forgotten how the "charitable" U.S.A. was "uncharitable" enough to recently refuse food to a Nigerian diplomat in a "white" restaurant in Virginia.

Nor do they forget that "Christian charity and love" does not apply to the more than 20 million Americans who are not white Christians.

Africa for Americans!

Recently, five U.S. businessmen left for Ghana, where they hope to organize a construction company.

One of the men, Milton Henry, said before his departure:

"We intend to save Africa—at least portions of it—for America."

Still More Unemployed

Eureka, California—The last reports . . . regarding situation in lumber and plywood remain pretty grim. One mill resumed production in this area accompanied by lots of fanfare on radio, TV and in the press—and TWO mills shut down without benefit of mention.

Mill production has remained fairly steady at about 20 per cent below a year ago, while new orders have dropped to extremely low levels . . .

As a direct consequence of this bad condition in the industry, unemployment has jumped to the alarming proportion of 21½ per cent of the labor force.

Mendocino County now has more unemployed than at any time in history, with as much as 69 per cent in towns of the Covelo, Piercy Legett area, 50 per cent in Willits and 55 per cent at Fort Bragg.

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