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## Phony "Mercy Mission" To Congo Is Crude Cover-Up For U.S. Invasion

### Hysteria on the Hostages

#### And the 80-Year Massacre of the Congo People

The racist ruling class of the United States is whipping up a furious hysteria against the embattled independence-fighters of the Congo. They allege that 30 European and American hostages have been killed in a "massacre."

If it is true, the blame must lie squarely on the United States Government which provided the planes for the "rescue" mission.

This "rescue mission" was a *furious armed attack* led by racists and colonialists, on Stanleyville, the center of the revolution.

The attackers *expected* that a number of hostages would be shot in the course of such an attack and *wanted* them to be shot so that they could more easily create a hysteria to cover up their own foul tracks.

The racist rulers of the U.S., Belgium, France and Britain have been murdering the Congolese not by the thirty, but by the thousand. Lately they have been hunting them down like "rabbits" as they themselves put it. In the past, they have shot, maimed, disemboweled, poisoned, lynched, tortured, not thousands, but *millions* of Congolese.

And now after a summer of slaughter so terrible that even the South African mercenaries (we are told) were sickened by it, these grisly hypocrites have the nerve to talk about a "massacre" by the Congolese!

*Down with their lies and down with their hateful, murderous rule of the enslaved African millions!*

*Long live the African revolution!*

*Long live the People's Republic of the Congo!*

### U.S. Helping Mass Murder in Congo so Bankers and Bosses Can Get Huge Profits Belgians Once Made

By Eleanor Stephens

November 22

The People's Republic of the Congo is in grave danger!

The heroic revolutionary army of the Congolese people, battling against all the forces Western imperialism can throw against it, faces the possibility of destruction, even though it has the sympathy of the vast majority of the Congo's super-exploited people, and the Congo revolution itself is absolutely indestructible.

Christophe Gbenye, liberation leader in Stanleyville, threatens that the masses will scorch and burn the land held by his liberation army rather than let its riches fall into the hands of the enemy.

What is the aim of Western imperialism, especially U.S. imperialism, in this new phase of the war in the Congo?

It hopes to turn back the clock eighty years. It hopes to forge the chains of colonial slavery anew, but to replace the old Belgian slave-masters with a select group of American billionaires.

The so-called "Congolese" army of the puppet Tshombe is entirely equipped and financed by the U.S. It is officered and led by the scum of 3 continents—by highly-paid white mercenaries from South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Belgium; the defeated invaders of Castro's Cuba — Batista's "gusanos" — as well as the French fascist OAS men expelled from Algeria two years ago, and last but not least an ever increasing number of American racist riffraff. All are mercenaries in Tshombe's army.

Tshombe himself, formerly Belgium's willing servant, was brought back last July from his year-long exile in Spain to serve a new master—U.S. imperialism. He replaced their discredited stooge, Cyrille Adoula, who had failed so miserably to stop the six-month-old advance of the revolutionary army.

Although the capitalist press pretends that the revolutionary, or as they term it, "rebel" movement is a fly-by-night organization of disgruntled tribesmen and juvenile delinquents agitated by Chinese agents, *this is an outright lie.*

It is the same movement that forced the Belgians to grant Congo independence forty years earlier than they had planned. It is a continuation of the same movement that brought Lumumba to power (he was the *only* Congolese Premier elected to office by a nation-wide choice).

Lumumba's murder did not end "Lumumbaism." It continued under the leadership of Gizenga, and when the agents of imperialism jailed him after his attempt to form an independent government in Stanleyville in 1962, new leaders came to the fore—Mulele, Gbenye, Soumialot.

They were joined by the "Jeunesse"—groups of revolutionary youth which sprang up in the slums and working-class districts of the large cities. In the early months of this year they formed

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### U.S. Feeling the Pressure for Island's Freedom

## Albizu Campos Free; Puerto Rico Still in Bondage

Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos, the national hero of the Puerto Rican liberation struggle, has at last been freed from prison.

It was not through the munificence of Munoz Marin, the Yankee stooge-governor of the island, however, that the 73-year-old revolutionary was freed—even though Munoz signed the actual pardon.

The recent Cairo Conference of unaligned nations unanimously voted for the freedom of Albizu Campos and for the independence of Puerto Rico. This, like the freedom fight in the island, and the fight for colonial freedom generally, had infinitely more effect in liberating

the old fighter than Munoz Marin's generosity.

President of the Nationalist Party since 1930, Dr. Campos was arrested for "inciting riot" after the imperialists had massacred a peaceful parade of Nationalists in 1937. This was the Ponce Massacre of March 21.

### Other Nations at UN Slap US On P.R.'s Colonial Status

NEW YORK, November 20—A UN committee today acted to open the way for a UN discussion of freedom for Puerto Rico from U.S. imperialism.

The step came in a vote where Asian, African and socialist countries overwhelmingly defeated an attempt by the

U.S. and its satellites to cut out the question of Puerto Rico in a report on colonialism.

It was Cuba's delegation which raised the question of Puerto Rico's captive status at the Cairo conference of unaligned countries. The Cairo conference made a declaration including the "case of Puerto Rico" and a report on this declaration was brought to the UN.

But while it was Cuba's comradely aid to their brothers in captive Puerto Rico which raised the question at the Cairo conference, it was the struggle of Puerto Rican freedom fighters which had raised the question before the world.

Recent demonstrations in Puerto Rico against the colonial election and the

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### Miss. Labor Union Calls for—

## Armed Self-Defense Against KKK!

LAUREL, Miss., Nov. 19—Seventeen white local union officers made labor history here today when they called for organized armed resistance to the Ku Klux Klan.

"We will not allow the fear of verbal denouncement, physical assault or even death deter us from following a reasonable, practical sound course," they said in a paid advertisement by the union in the Laurel Call-Leader. "Our members have been advised to arm themselves against a future occurrence of violence."

Otis Matthews, financial secretary and assistant business agent of the union, was kidnapped at gunpoint by two carloads of hooded hoodlums two nights ago, and whipped on his bare back while

some "hot liquid" was being poured into his wounds.

This savage act, in the same pattern as the sadistic lynch murder of the three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Miss. last summer and countless other lesser-known lynchings, was in "retaliation" for the militant civil rights position of the union.

The union, Local 443, affiliated with the International Woodworkers Union AFL-CIO, had taken a stand in support of the new Civil Rights Law and implicitly urged that Masonite (a large factory in Laurel) should "treat the members of the Negro race exactly the same as the members of the white race."

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Pedro Albizu Campos

While still in his prison hospital bed.

### The Lynchers Make A "Triumphal Entry"

Nov. 24—"The Congo government announced today that the 5th Congo Brigade led by Major Michael Hoare, a South African, had made a 'triumphal entry' into the rebel capital."

So said the imperialist press in describing the rape of Stanleyville.

It's as though Bull Connor of Birmingham, leading the lynchers of Philadelphia, Miss., the murderers of Emmet Till and an army of racist trash equipped with the latest weapons the United States can offer, were to make a "triumphal entry."

Can't you just see the kind-hearted, democratic, humanitarian South African major giving his black captives all the courtesies of war? Can't you just see him taking Gbenye's sword and having tea with him like Montgomery did with the Nazi General Von Thoma at El Alamein in the Second World War?

—Or can you?

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## The Dirty War Gets Dirtier

The election is hardly over. But Johnson, the man who "kept us out of war" is running true to form for U.S. Presidents.

Johnson's Man in Vietnam, General and Ambassador Maxwell Taylor, has come out for enlarging the dirty war there.

Maxwell Taylor is not just another right wing general, but the former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Armed Services, boon companion of the late President Kennedy and spokesman for a great part of the Army brass as well as a big section of U.S. capitalism.

He is now expressing the frustration of Imperialism in fighting against a people's war that cannot be defeated

with "conventional" methods (of ordinary town-burning, torture and slaughter of a few hundred women and children at a time with old-fashioned, Second World War-type bombing!).

He calls for the bombing of North Vietnam and Laos and says this would be purely a "clobbering" operation that would not involve U.S. ground troops in any numbers. This is a coldly calculated lie.

The American working people are again being pushed into their bosses' war. The counter-revolution in Southeast Asia cannot be worked with push-buttons.

And nobody knows that better than Ambassador-General Maxwell Taylor.

## J. Edgar Hoover and the Truth

Is J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Secret Police in the United States getting himself into trouble?

He has been making noises that sound like it lately.

Take his sudden sound-off against both Dr. Martin Luther King, the Nobel Prize winner and the august Warren Commission on almost the same day.

The obvious and immediate cause for this outburst was that both his targets had attacked the FBI—one for not giving sufficient protection to the late President Kennedy and the other for siding with the worst racists against the Black People in the South.

Clearly, Hoover either bungled or collaborated in the assassination of Kennedy. (The Warren Report chose to say that he bungled.) And clearly, Hoover either bungled or collaborated in the assassination of innumerable freedom fighters in the South. (Martin Luther King dared to imply that he collaborated.)

With a degree of hypocrisy difficult for ordinary persons to equal, Hoover criticized the Warren Report for its recommendations on further vigilance by the FBI, saying such vigilance would "lead to a police state."

—A police state, of course, is exactly what Hoover has spent 40 years attempting to create!

And responding to King's charge that most FBI men in the South were Southerners themselves and at best soft on

the racists, Hoover called the pacifist preacher a notorious "liar."

All this does not arise out of the chief secret cop's personal cantankerousness (he is 70) as some of the "liberal" press implies. Nor does it necessarily represent the studied opinion of a large section of the ruling class.

The FBI itself is losing some of its reputation (unearned) for "impartiality" and "dedication." The long, calculated, multi-million dollar campaign to polish up the "image" of the glorified gumshoe gang in movies, radio, TV etc. is faltering over the stubborn obstacle of truth.

In defense of his own government bureau and his own record, Hoover is compelled to label truth as a lie. This is nothing new for him, since his whole business is to build up the dictatorship of the Lie and label it "Truth."

This business was all right with the whole capitalist class, of course, as long as nobody important would give the show away. Now that the stagnation is more obvious to the oppressed and the ugly truth is revealed here and there under the still widely-varnished gilt of lies, Hoover is on the defensive with some elements in the very class he serves so faithfully.

That may be why the authoritative New York Times observed the other day that it might be a good idea if Hoover were sent out to pasture—although his good friend Johnson has other ideas.

## Students Clash With Police

# Japanese Protest US A-Subs in Their Ports

By John Moore

Thousands of Japanese students and workers stormed into the streets this month to oppose the visit of U.S. atom subs and to show that they have no intention of being pawns of U.S. imperialism.

Demonstrations rocked Tokyo and U.S. naval base areas.

U.S. newspapers were happy that the demonstrations were not as shattering as those in 1960 which forced out the government officials who had signed a military agreement with the U.S. and forced Eisenhower to cancel a trip to Japan.

But this was cold comfort in the face of the militant power which the demonstrators showed. And it was actually a surprise to imperialism that the opposition was still so great after so much had been done to quell it.

An early round of protest demonstrations burst out against scheduled U.S. atom sub visits and the replacement of sick Premier Ikeda by new Premier Sato—both of whom have misrepresented the Japanese people by aiding U.S. military plans. Over 10,000 marched on the Japanese parliament building in Tokyo.

Thirty-five miles south of Tokyo at Yokosuka, students staged a sit-down in front of the U.S. naval base and when police attacked them, they fought back. Both police and students were injured.

On November 12, the first U.S. atom sub came to southern Japan at the port of Sasebo.

Sasebo is only about 50 miles from the city of Nagasaki where the second nuclear attack of U.S. imperialism killed tens of thousands of Japanese workers who had been taken into a war by Japanese imperialists fighting their U.S. rivals.

And even though the Japanese rulers were asking for peace at the time, U.S. planes were sent to try out the killing power of atom bombs on the defenseless workers of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to show the power of U.S. imperialism to the world.

When the atom sub Seadragon docked at Sasebo last week, 2,000 demonstrators gathered at the base to protest. Hundreds of police blocked their entry to the base. The militant but unarmed students charged the lines of club-swinging, steel-helmeted cops who barred their way. Many students were arrested.

In Tokyo 8,000 students and workers organized by the General Council of Japan Trade Unions (Sohyo) marched in protest while thousands of cops watched.

The Seadragon stayed for three days. The demonstrations continued. As the sub left on November 14, thousands of students continued to demonstrate in the streets of Tokyo.

They showed the feelings of millions of Japanese people who oppose the role their government plays as Asian assistant to U.S. imperialism.

## Elections Are Over and Bosses Say:

# "Now, Let's Get Down to Business!"

By Ellen Pierce

The election hullabaloo is over: Now President Johnson can return full-time to imperialism's dirty work against the Socialist countries and liberation-seeking people of the world.

"Getting down to business" was the way Herald Tribune columnist Joseph Alsop put it on the morning of November 4 after the returns were in.

First on the order of business is Vietnam. The UN, where the United States wants to force the Soviet Union to help pay so-called peace-keeping expenses, is also on Johnson's list.

A less publicized item of business is the murderous job the imperialists are doing in the Congo in a desperate effort to hang onto that huge, copper- and uranium-rich country.

China with its A-bomb and Cuba's revolutionary example to the Latin American masses are very much on the

minds of the State Department and Pentagon (to say nothing of the CIA).

The U.S. press is full of hints that these problems, as well as the fights with other imperialist nations, will be met with a "tougher, firmer line" (U.S. News & World Report, Nov. 23).

The Pentagon is busy perfecting five sets of plans for further aggression in Southeast Asia.

According to the Wall Street Journal of November 18, these plans range from bombing jungle routes supposedly used by "infiltrators" from North Vietnam, to direct bombing of North Vietnamese industries. According to Stewart Alsop in an editorial in the Saturday Evening Post, they also include the bombing of the atomic plant in People's China. (Alsop said this both before and after the election.)

The Pentagon is also preparing a document which it claims will "justify escalating the war on the Reds" (Wall Street Journal, Nov. 18).

While using direct military threats in Asia, the U.S. government is also using heavy-handed "diplomacy" on other matters.

Washington wants to force the Soviet Union to pay for United Nations "peace-keeping" missions (such as the murder of Patrice Lumumba in the Congo). It's not only money that the dollar imperialists are after—this is a way of trying to see how far they can push the USSR. It's part of the "period of wary testing of Soviet policy and plans" predicted by U.S. News and World Report on October 26.

Meanwhile, Asian and African nations which back the Soviet Union on this question in the UN will find that they cannot get loans or grants from the U.S.-controlled United Nations Special Fund or Technical Assistance Fund.

These are the grisly items of business that the U.S. ruling class has handed their Chief Executive to "get down to" now that the election demagoguery is over.

himself both to governments and to God, called upon the Council to—

"Make clear that it does not demand of governments that they decide on a unilateral abandonment of nuclear weapons merely because of the very real and proximate danger that these weapons may be used in an unjust and immoral way."

"To turn the other cheek is a counsel of perfection addressed to individuals, not to governments. . . ."

Surely this holy man has made an advance over the angels themselves. For he has shown how governments can kill by the hundreds of thousands (at one blow!), massacre the unarmed masses, send a whole generation of its own youth to die, suffer, sicken and slaughter—without once violating the peaceful principles of Christianity!

Now we ask you gentle reader, has the Church not come a long, long way since the Dark Ages?

—Angels on a pin indeed!

## Bishops "Learn to Love the Bomb" — Time for the Workers to Start Worrying!

Christianity has come a long way from the days of an assemblage of monks disputing about how many angels can dance on the head of a pin.

In Rome on November 10, they were arguing over much more highly scientific and practical matters indeed.

It seems that the draft resolution on the problems of peace at the Ecumenical Conference contained paragraphs that appeared to call for total elimination of nuclear arms.

Bishops from the Middle East, from the Orient and from the Netherlands took the floor to support the resolution; bishops from the United States and Britain spoke against it.

The British and American prelates especially criticized a passage which said that while defense against aggression can be justified, any use of weapons "whose effects are greater than can be imagined and therefore cannot be reasonably regulated by men" was to be condemned.

Bishop Hannan of Washington, D.C. (that center of peace-loving politicians and generals), found a truly scientific

and non-dogmatic way of criticizing this worthy sentiment.

"There now exist nuclear weapons which have a very precise limit of destruction," said he.

It might therefore be quite permissible to use such arms "against military objectives in a just war according to theological principles," he continued with his up-to-date adaptation of religion to science—and vice-versa.

The Bishop of Washington was not the only defender of nuclear warfare, however.

The Most Reverend George Andrew Beck, Archbishop of Liverpool, clearly surpassed even Bishop Hannan in disputatious talents, both in scientific military acumen and in theological piety.

Brushing aside the Washington bishop's statesmanlike defense of smaller and "tactical" nuclear bombs, he declared:

There may well exist objects which in a just war of defense are legitimate targets of nuclear weapons even of vast force."

The good archbishop, then addressing

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## —Cover for Invasion

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an army and marched, unopposed, through the central and eastern section of the Congo. Even some sections of Katanga, known as Tshombe's (and the Union Miniere's) stronghold, came willingly under their rule.

In the first months they were armed only with spears, bows and arrows. But deserters from Tshombe's army, and occasional planes from other African republics furnished them with guns and ammunition.

By midsummer one-fifth of the land had been liberated and the People's Republic of the Congo was born. Its capital was Stanleyville, the symbol and center of Lumumbaism.

This triumph for the forces of freedom at once aroused the capitalist powers to an all-out attack. They envisioned the loss of their copper, uranium, cobalt and diamond mines together with millions of black slave-laborers who worked them.

American-made planes, bombers, helicopters, spy-planes and troop transports poured into the Congo in a matter of weeks, and mercenary-led armies closed in on the People's Republic from all sides.

But no revolution has ever been permanently crushed if it occurred when historical conditions were ripe for its survival. The Congolese, like the Vietnamese revolution, has history on its side. It has a tradition of struggle, a conscious and tried leadership, a youthful, devoted rank-and-file. It alone can solve the burning problems of the Congo.

But it is not enough to predict the Congo people's future victory. It is necessary to save them from defeat now.

The U.S. workers must say to the U.S. bosses:

"Hands off the Congo!" All-out support to the embattled Congo patriots!

## George, the Bosses' Boy

NEW ROCHELLE, Nov. 19—George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO was given an honorary degree of LLD (Doctor of Laws) here today.

According to Reverend Brother Richard E. Power, president of Iona University, Meany deserves this academic honor of the bourgeoisie because of his influence on the international trade union movement and his "unrelenting battle against Communist influences."

The degree itself is only an "honorary" one, of course.

But that's the ruling class for you! A man spends his whole life serving it faithfully and all he gets is a phony college degree from an obscure university that isn't even worth thirty pieces of silver!

Not China or Soviet—But U.S.—Has Done the Pillaging and Bombing

## Congo Freedom Fighters Answer Slanders

The following is an answer of the Congolese "rebels" the [Congo] National Council of Liberation—to the Tshombe propaganda on Chinese and Soviet "intervention" in the Congo.

It is an excerpt from an article in *La Voix du Peuple*, August 21, 1964. *La Voix du Peuple* is a voice of the organ of the left wing (pro-Chinese) Belgian Communists.

Translated by Peter Storch

Who is receiving foreign assistance? When Mr. Tshombe declares that the activity of the revolutionary forces of the Congo find material and financial support from foreign countries, can he tell us:

1. Who has benefited from the American dollars in order to strangle the revolution of the Congolese people who

have been exploited and devoured by international imperialism for four years and left defenseless before the despotism of the uniformed lackeys of capitalism?

2. Who benefits from the logistical support of the financial powers especially that brought in by Belgium in massive amounts under the cover of alleged technical aid?

3. Who employs the Belgian, American, Israeli, and Cuban mercenaries in order to fight Congolese nationalists?

4. Where does Mr. Tshombe receive arms, munitions, and other war material designed to massacre our defenseless civilian population?

5. Who is bombarding and pillaging and raping in the Congo in 1964?

The answers to these questions are well known to everybody.

You, Mr. Tshombe, seem to see Chinese and Russians everywhere you want to find them. You are mistaken, Mr. Tshombe. There are neither Russians or Chinese among us, nor any mercenaries of any nationality whatsoever.

Our revolution is national and we bring with us all those who love liberty, peace and justice to support our cause. We refuse to employ mercenaries.

The cause of the revolution is just. It will be won by the Congolese people and by themselves only. You have at your command modern armaments furnished by your imperialist masters and foreign mercenaries whom you have generously rewarded.

But then, we have an ideal and we know why we are fighting.

The mercenaries, too, have an ideal. But their ideal is the dollar.

Automation Hits the War Machine; Shipyard Workers Get the Ax

## Gov't Throws 63,000 Men on Scrap-Heap

By Phyllis Fishberg

"The day of Infamy—Nov. 19, 1964, R.I.P." read a sign put up by workers in the Brooklyn Navy Yard when the closing of the yard and 95 other military bases in the country and abroad was announced.

Disclaimers of politicians to the contrary, the sign tells the truth. Over 63,000 civilian jobs will be eliminated.

The government claims it can find new jobs for the workers, but it hasn't been able to do so in past layoffs. How will it find jobs for the laid-off metal workers, for instance, when there are already 30,000 unemployed metal workers in the New York area?

The closing will save the government \$477 million annually. Secretary of the Navy Nitze gave \$9 a person as the figure for the impact of the loss on the Brooklyn area. But the "Brooklyn area" wasn't thrown out of work; 9,600 workers at the Brooklyn yard were, and the impact on them is the loss of their livelihoods, and untold misery.

Secretary of Defense McNamara said the government can afford to and should make whatever military expenditures it needs, but cannot "tolerate waste." In other words, the U.S. military machine has become so efficient that the jobs of 63,000 workers have become "waste," and in the interests of Johnson's drive to economize on government costs, these

workers must be thrown on the scrap-heap.

The remarks of McNamara and the other militarists should put an end to all speculation over whether the base closings should be welcomed as a step toward disarmament.

On the contrary, they represent more efficient armament. Shedding no tears for the misery they have brought into the lives of thousands of workers, the U.S. military establishment has got itself a "bigger bang for a buck." And at the same time it saves money at the expense of the workers, in less than five years it has doubled its firepower (with increased missile strength, etc.).

If the generals shed no tears over those they have thrown out of work, the politicians have been shedding copious ones. But then, that is their job.

Governor Rockefeller "deplored" the closing of the Brooklyn yard and asked for a "study." Like everyone else who reads the newspapers, he knows that the yard was closed on the basis of an exhaustive study already, and that all the closings are "absolutely, unequivocally, without qualification irrevocable," in the words of military boss McNamara.

But we should sympathize with Rockefeller. He had to fool the workers after they were thrown out of work. Kennedy and Keating had the rela-

tively easier job of fooling them before. They both visited the Brooklyn yard to pledge to the workers it wouldn't be closed, knowing all the time it would be—right after the elections.

The government will save billions of dollars when it throws the Navy Yard workers into the ranks of the unemployed, but there have been no concrete proposals to use the money to put these men back to work.

Not that there is a dearth of things for them to do.

The Navy Yard could be converted into a peacetime facility to build ships for foreign trade. (There are "enough" ships now, we are told. But there aren't enough to take grain to starving India or machines to expanding China!) Or the workers could be employed in much-needed construction of housing, hospitals, etc.

But this would be "busy-work" or "coddling"! Besides, it's far cheaper to maintain a worker and his family on a welfare budget than to pay him for doing something useful, but not "profitable"—to capitalism.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard closing was obviously part of a callous program of economizing the U.S. military budget, with no thought whatever given to the welfare of the workers concerned or of anyone else but the militarists and capitalists who will benefit.

What the Fellows in the Mills Think About It

## The Quarrel in the Steel Union Leadership as Seen From a Steel Town

By a Steelworker

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio—There's a tremendous interest around here in the current struggle for control of the giant United Steelworkers union.

When an official like I. W. Abel, who is the Secretary-Treasurer of the International Union, decided to run against long-time President McDonald, many workers in the mills felt that now there was a chance to unseat McDonald who is generally blamed for the failure of the union to solve our many problems.

Six years ago, the tiny rank and file Dues Protest Committee polled over one-third of the votes against McDonald for president. That large opposition vote scared the daylights out of the bureaucrats because it showed how much discontent there was among the union members. But Rarick and other leaders of the Dues Protesters were hounded, and not until now were the top pork-choppers challenged again.

This challenge is quite different from the last one. The reasons haven't changed, but the main actors have. Abel and a large part of the present bureaucracy of the International Union itself, sensing the restlessness of the ranks, think this is an opportune time to move and get the big posts in the union for themselves. At the same time, by this maneuver, they can prevent a genuine

rank and file movement from developing.

Nevertheless, this action by Abel is recognition that the ranks are looking for a way out of present difficulties.

In various parts of the country, local district leaders and staff men, who had supported McDonald in the past, are now supporting Abel. In the huge Chicago area, District Director Germano, who is not too well liked there, has nevertheless come out against McDonald, who is even less well liked.

In the Canton and Steubenville areas of Ohio, and in Canada, New York, and Milwaukee, the district directors support Abel.

In Cleveland, both of the two candidates for district director are for Abel because neither wishes to be identified with McDonald.

In the Pittsburgh area, one district director is campaigning against the wage-cutting policies (to make the industry "competitive"). Even the leader of the Greater Pittsburgh Area AFL-CIO Council, also a district director of the Steelworkers Union, is campaigning for Abel. This is in McDonald's home territory.

However, District Director Griffin of the Youngstown area is for McDonald, as are also most of his staff. But in the large mills here it is nearly as difficult to find a McDonald supporter as it was

to find a Goldwaterite.

But if he is elected, will Abel and his slate settle the problems of the steelworkers?

Abel has been very careful not to criticize McDonald's policies as such. Instead he attacks McDonald for being too far removed from the rank and file, which is a just criticism. However, Abel's goal doesn't appear to be to break now with the class collaborationist policies but instead to channel the workers' discontent into his corner with empty promises of more rank and file participation. He has yet to call a meeting for ordinary union members to select their own leaders and vote on which procedures they want to adopt.

In the past decade and a half, the steel industry has instituted technical improvements and automated equipment, which have resulted in considerable underemployment and periodic unemployment. For many years now, we never know whether we'll be working a cut four-day week, or the full five days, or in fact, whether we'll be working at all.

In the Youngstown district, there are many guys with fifteen and more years seniority in the mills who are laid off every half year or so when the cutbacks come. A tremendous amount of insecurity has been generated by this up-and-down, on-the-job-out-of-a-job action.

The mill bosses have become more

aggressive and are always crying about cutting costs and the necessity of being more competitive. We would like to fight back against the speedup and the breakdown of many of our hard-won gains, but we feel and know that the union bureaucrats do not support us. So we accept worsened working conditions, even when they are obviously contrary to the contract.

Over the past few years we tried occasional local strikes as a way of stopping the companies from running roughshod over us, but the bureaucrats, both local and international, generally squelched us by yelling "wildcat," thereby helping the companies. Since we were prevented from showing our discontent by direct action, we did it another way.

This past July, in many locals, all over the country, the locals threw McDonald supporters out of local office in the elections.

Now, many of the steelworkers are hoping Abel will really listen to the rank and file and do what McDonald has failed to do. They don't really have many illusions about Abel being better, but they do seem determined to vote against McDonald, at least as a protest against do-nothingism and company unionism.

What Abel will do if he wins, remains to be seen.

## Relation to Sino-Soviet Dispute

**Behind the Alsop-Pearson Revelations**

By Sam Marcy

The Holiday Season has scarcely begun, but Washington has already been hard at work preparing messages of "peace and good will to all men." Some of these messages have to be decoded in order to be properly understood.

Take the one for instance which has been leaked to the well known political columnist Stuart Alsop who carried it in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post. Although in form it appears to be a year-end holiday prayer for peace, a careful reading of it indicates quite the contrary.

Alsop writes what is no doubt a semi-diplomatic message to the Chinese People's Republic—a message which is nothing more than a most blatant attempt at nuclear blackmail.

"Political intelligence methods have pinpointed the precise location of the

main Chinese nuclear installation," he says. Then he goes on to make this absolutely incredible statement:

"A single big 'iron bomb' (non-nuclear) in the right place delivered by a plane flying at altitudes which would prevent its being intercepted or even identified, could damage the Chinese plant to the point where it would have to be rebuilt from scratch. Before President Kennedy died, 'contingency plans' for what is unpleasantly called 'the nuclear sterilization of the Chicoms' (Chinese Communists—ed.) were drawn up, and have not been thrown into the wastebasket."

There it is then, in black and white! The U.S. has plans, apparently made long ago, to bomb China, destroy its atomic facilities, and does not even

offer a cover story to mask its naked aggression.

Stuart Alsop, throughout his many years as a mouthpiece for one or another section of the military camarilla in the Pentagon, is well known as a convenient pipeline for all sorts of stories to which Washington does not care to lend its official sanction.

But just in case there is any doubt about the eagerness of the war maniacs in the U.S. military establishment to publicize the story, another leak, apparently from the same source, is published in Drew Pearson's column. It removes any doubt about the authenticity of the U.S. aggressive plans toward People's China.

Pearson, however, goes on to amplify the story by revealing that the U.S. Air force generals are for the use of "cobalt bombs which would contaminate great areas with radioactive death dust. A few cobalt bombs could wipe out the Chinese population, . . ." he says.

Pearson incidentally does his bit in an attempt to exploit and deepen the antagonisms between China and the Soviet Union by an allegation that the new Soviet leaders had told Chou-En-Lai that "Khrushchev had seriously considered dropping a well aimed bomb on the Chinese nuclear complex. Khrushchev had been stopped from carrying out the plan, and the plan was one reason why they fired him."

This is just the kind of imperialist propaganda by which the U.S. hopes to deepen the split in the socialist camp!

These stories must be seen against the background of the recent Chinese-Soviet conversations which made the imperialist class throughout the world tremble from head to toe.

For the split between the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China has been a tremendous social and political advantage that the camp of imperialism has so far been able to hold and maintain. To deepen the split, to

envenom the antagonisms by whatever means available to them, to exploit them at whatever cost—that has been one of the chief objectives of U.S. imperialist diplomacy.

The announcement that the conversations between Premier Chou-En-Lai and the Soviet leaders had apparently failed was greeted with joy in all corners of the capitalist world.

Deep as the political differences are—differences which range over a whole series of questions, not only of method but also of principle—still the imperialists can derive only small comfort from them. For there is one thing that the imperialists dare not forget even though they try desperately to deceive the masses about it.

And that is that the social foundations of the People's Republic of China and those of the Soviet Union are of a similar class character. The common class character of both the Soviet Union and China is bound in the long run to triumph over the temporary, bureaucratic, neo-bourgeois caste-like interests of the privileged layers of Soviet society which the Soviet leadership represents today.

The dangerous character of the revisionist policy, pursued by Khrushchev and his followers, no doubt constitutes a supreme obstacle to the further development of the USSR as a socialist state and unquestionably makes it doubly difficult for the world proletariat and the liberation movement to free itself from the yoke of imperialism.

Nevertheless, the antagonisms between the imperialist countries and the sharpening class struggle waged by the oppressed all over the world against the crumbling edifice of monopoly capitalism makes it less likely than ever that revisionism in and of itself can long delay the advance towards world socialism.

This assumption naturally carries with it the inescapable duty by all Marxist Leninists and the advanced workers everywhere to reject and disqualify the revisionist policies which have been fostered for so long and return to the banner of unadulterated Marxism as exemplified by the teachings of Lenin.



Rob and Mabel Williams meet Mao Tse-tung in Peking. Rob Williams is known for his long struggle in Monroe, N. C. and for advocating armed self-defense for the Black People.

**—Puerto Rico**

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police repressions against the demonstrators were merely the latest eruption in the history of the Puerto Rican people's struggle against U.S. oppression since 1898. This oppression has meant domination of Puerto Rico by U.S. sugar companies, low wages, high prices, unemployment and police bullets and long jail sentences. (See the page 1 picture of Albizo Campos, long-time political prisoner.)

When the report on colonialism, including that of Puerto Rico, was brought to the UN Special Committee

on Colonialism, the U.S. delegation tried to cut it out by a vote—before the colonialism of the U.S. in Puerto Rico could be brought up and discussed.

At one time this would have been easy, because the U.S. was long able to get everything it wanted in the UN. But times have changed somewhat.

The Asian and African countries have all felt the imperialism of the U.S. and they have increasingly risen to oppose it and to support each other in the battle against it.

Voting against the U.S. and for Cuba and Puerto Rico were: Bulgaria, Cambodia, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Iraq, the Ivory Coast, Malagay, Mali, Poland, Sierra Leone, Syria, Tunisia, the USSR, Tanzania, and Yugoslavia. Uruguay abstained.

**Shocking!**

"Shocking—I repeat, shocking!" gasped Dwight Dickinson, U.S. delegate to the UN Special Committee on Colonialism at a committee session.

**QUESTION:** What could it be that shocked this suave U.S. diplomat?

**ANSWER:** The suggestion that the U.S. is holding Puerto Rico as a colony against the will of its people.

**New Foundations For Shangri-la**

LHASA, Nov. 11 (Hsinhua)—The first cement plant in Tibet is now producing cement for local use.

The cement is now being used in some of the projects under construction in Lhasa.

Construction of the Lhasa cement plant started in 1960. Completed in 1963, it has already supplied over 100,000 tons of cement for Tibetan construction projects.

Equipped mainly with automatic equipment made in China, the plant has an annual capacity of 32,000 tons.

Nearly all the 200 Tibetan workers trained at the plant were slaves or serfs in the past.

Before construction of the new plant Tibet depended on cement transported over long distances from inland China.

**Cuban Workers Beat Yankee Bottleneck**

The capitalist press won't let you forget that the sugar crop in Cuba is down and that there is trouble running the sugar refineries.

(Of course, the U.S. newspapers seldom mention that the intricate and expensive U.S. machinery in those sugar mills can only be replaced by U.S. manufacturers when it breaks down, and these manufacturers are determined to sabotage the Cuban economy.)

But when there's a little campaign on by part of the capitalist class to resume some sort of trade relations with Cuba, a different story comes out.

Recently, for example, the New York Times gave its readers an account

of the booming cigar business in Cuba.

A real Havana cigar can't be had for love or money in the U.S. these days, the paper complains wryly. But despite the economic blockade, men in a dozen European countries are enjoying the fine cigars made at the H. Upmann factory in Havana.

"Upmann officials are especially proud of the tremendous increase in sales on the Cuban market, which are now reported at nearly twice the export sales. The officials attribute this to increased purchasing power under the Communist Government," says the Times. (Our emphasis.)

This famous cigar company was nationalized in 1960 and since then, production has nearly doubled—from 50,000 to 98,000 cigars per day. Whenever U.S.-made machinery breaks down, the Cuban workers repair it by making their own spare parts!

Perhaps the Times is worried that sugar machinery may soon be similarly replaced. U.S. technology may be duplicated and even the mysteries of the secret formula for the concoction of Coca Cola may be conquered by the indomitable Cubans—and then it will be too late for Yankee traders to make a profit from Cuba at all!

**—Armed Self-Defense Against KKK!**

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The union denounced the Klan in the ad and called upon its own members to take up arms against any threat to their liberties. It said that any further effort to harm any member or impede his travel on a public road would be "met by death."

Considering the armed power and ruthless racism of the counter-revolution here, this was an extremely brave statement in addition to being a correct tactical formula for the black masses and their allies among the white workers—not to mention its value as a defense of the best interests of the labor movement everywhere.

Naturally, the racists have already begun to retaliate, both against the newspaper which ran the ad (the paper had already been bombed last May) and of course against J. D. Jolly, the local president, as well as Mr. Matthews. There have been the usual telephone threats and other forms of pressure against their friends and families.

But Local 443 is fully supporting the officers' militant stand. Mr. Jolly, a middle-aged veteran of many union battles, has been speaking to meeting after meeting in recent days. (He is extreme-

ly hoarse at the moment.) He and Mr. Matthews have been explaining their stand to the local and preparing their membership, helping to give them moral and material strength against the racists.

The local is composed of both black and white workers. A few of the whites were "ensnared" by the Klan, Jolly said. (This was before the beating of Mr. Matthews.) But the majority of the white workers as well as the Afro-Americans are extremely indignant at the Klan's action and not inclined to take it lying down.

Most people who really know Mississippi will be appalled at the prospects of one small union (the local is an amalgamated one with 3500 members in three plants) standing so heroically—and apparently so lonesomely—in a state that voted 7-1 for Goldwater. (Most of the Black People couldn't vote.)

But there is nothing like a struggle of living forces to prove that the official election returns prove nothing.

If Local 443 can defeat its own right wing minority (and it appears to be doing so) it can also mobilize the support of many, many thousands of other workers as well.

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