

KKK Marches in Ga. While Marines Shoot Children in Viet Nam

As Johnson Slaughters Equal Rights in Viet Nam, Klan Tries to Do Same Thing in the United States

By Phyllis Fishberg

AUGUST 10—While Johnson was patting himself on the back for all his "progress" on civil rights, no less than 700 Ku Klux Klansmen marched through the streets of Americus, Georgia, last Sunday in an attempt to intimidate the Black People of that city.

But instead of frightened Afro-Amer-

icans, the Klan saw counterdemonstrators carrying signs reading "White sheets don't frighten Negroes any more."

"As of now," said one of the black demonstrators, "we're not pleading for freedom; we're gonna take it."

The Klan march was billed as a "memorial service" for the slain Andrew Whatley, a racist killed by a black worker in legitimate self-defense. Two of the marchers had been tried, and acquitted by an all-white jury, for the murder of Afro-American educator, Colonel Lemuel Penn, last year.

All the black masses of Americus have been asking for is the right to vote. But they have met constantly with the terroristic activities of the police, the Klan and the John Birch Society, which is strong among the Americus white-supremacists.

When Afro-American students integrated Americus High School in 1964, white students threw bottles and rocks at them while the police watched.

Americus' white stormtroopers celebrated the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act by shooting into homes in the Black community. The police did nothing to stop them.

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After the march, they held rally with appropriate display of U.S., and Confederate flags.

Is This YOUR War?



Vietnamese children under fire, huddling with their mothers August 4 as U.S. bullets whistle overhead. Eight women and children were killed that day.

War on Villages: Women and Children First!

By Ellen Pierce

"Two children died at the hands of a young marine who tossed a grenade into a village air raid shelter and shouted: 'Whoosh, I'm a killer today. I got me two Viet Cong.'" (New York Herald Tribune, August 5)

Attacking the village to "hunt the Viet Cong at close quarters, a marine shouted, 'Kill them! I don't want anyone moving.'" (New York Times, August 2) The marines then burned huts which they thought hid snipers.

This was how the U.S. marines "pacified" the South Vietnamese village of Chan Son, ten miles south of the Da Nang air base. Twenty-five people including eight women and children were killed when marines charged the village

on August 2.

The next day, 150 huts in the village of Cam Ne, four miles from Da Nang, were burned down by marines and five women and children killed. The bomb shelters built by villagers to protect themselves against U.S. air strikes were considered dangerous "military fortifications" by the marines.

An army spokesman later said, "Marines do not burn houses or villages unless those houses or villages are fortified. . . . When a reporter remarked that a great majority of the villages in Viet Nam were fortified to some degree, the spokesman looked up from the text [of his statement] and said, 'I know it.'" (New York Times, August 6)

"Scorched earth policy" the war press calls this savage destruction, twisting completely the meaning of phrase. The "scorched earth" tactics have long been used by inhabitants of an invaded area

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"We seek no wider war."
—Lyndon Johnson, 1965

But Hitler himself said in 1938
"We have no further territorial claims on Europe."

He Says "Peace"—He Means War! Johnson's Peace Program

On July 28 President Lyndon Johnson told the country how much he loved "peace"—while he stepped up the Viet Nam war. He said he had tried 15 times to get the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam to the peace table, but those people just didn't seem to want peace. Apparently he couldn't understand why they wanted foreign troops out of their country. One might think that the Vietnamese preferred to die by the thousand to having peace, and that Johnson only wanted peace talks to agree to their self-determination and arrange the manner of departure for the U.S. troops.

Every day since Johnson's speech there have been more rumors of some kind of peaceful settlement of the war. But while the U.S. ruling class have talked peace, here is what they have actually done:

1. Added 50,000 troops to those now in Viet Nam.
2. Put the U.S. Army into open combat action.
3. Doubled the draft.
4. Arranged for a 340,000 increase in the Armed Forces.
5. Asked Congress for a \$1.7 billion increase in U.S. military expenditures in Viet Nam. This amount of money, which covers only a few months of the barbarous war, is about equal to the whole appropriation for the so-called "war on poverty."
6. Sent giant B52's of the Strategic Air Command to bomb South Viet Nam for the seventh and eighth time. These planes were designed for intercontinental bombing with nuclear weapons.
7. Bombed North Viet Nam 35 miles, and then 25 miles, from the border of People's China.
8. Told Congress through Defense Secretary McNamara on August 4: "The number of attack sorties by U.S. aircraft in South Viet Nam will increase many fold by the end of the year. Armed helicopter sorties will also increase dramatically. . . . We are also planning more B52 sorties from Guam."

Johnson pronounces it "peace." He spells it W-A-R.

Americanizing Saigon

There are now 8,000 "B-girls" in Saigon, according to a report in last Sunday's New York Times.

In April of this year 300 new bars were counted in the city. They were established of course to take care of the influx of American soldiers, and they all have their complement of new "B-girls."

Just outside of Saigon, women and children are being killed and their houses burned by U.S. Marines. But inside that city, they are forced to find refuge as prostitutes and pimps for their relatives' murderers.

WHAT'S THE SECRET?

AUGUST 10 — Lyndon Johnson is "briefing" the Senators and representatives all this week about the Viet Nam war. Why doesn't he "brief" the rest of us?

—Because he knows damn well that the people wouldn't fight the bosses' war if they knew the truth about it!

U.S. "Justice" in the Capital 350 Arrested in Anti-War Protest

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 9—Police arrested 350 chanting, singing anti-war demonstrators here this afternoon in the biggest mass arrest in this city since the bonus march of 1932. The total crowd, though smaller than the 25,000 who converged on the Capital to protest the war last April 17, was very large for this midsummer season and considering that it stayed in the city for four days, very determined to make its point.

Fascist hoodlums of the American Nazi Party touched off the incident of the arrests by smearing gallons of red paint on the leaders of the group, Dave Dellinger, Staughton Lynd and Robert Parris Moses. (Mr. Moses' picture was not shown in the daily press along with the other two, but his was the greatest injury.) Many marchers, aroused by this

savagery, tried to get at the Nazis, who were then whisked away by police—the police, of course, had stood by and watched the Nazis prepare the paint-smearing.

Then the aroused demonstrators refused to stay in the places prescribed by the cops and kept moving toward the Congress, where they wished to present an anti-war petition. At 3:10 P.M., the police moved in and started the mass arrests. They far outdid the Nazis, brutally swinging on the crowd and arresting indiscriminately.

The event was organized by several pacifist groups under the title of an "Assembly of Unrepresented People," but it was joined and supported by several other organizations, including Youth Against War and Fascism.

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Why the Senator Told the Truth

Senator Richard B. Russell, chairman of the extremely well-informed Senate Armed Services Committee, said over nation-wide TV last week that if a free election were to be held in "free" South Viet Nam, Ho Chi Minh would undoubtedly win it.

Russell's words have a special importance since he is about as much of a friend to the Vietnamese people and their revolution as he is to his Afro-American constituents in Georgia. That is to say, he is an enemy utterly opposed to them and one hundred per cent in favor of their subjugation by U.S. imperialism.

But he seriously questions the wisdom of the present war as an effective means to that subjugation. Hence his rare moment of honesty about the popularity of the revolutionary Ho Chi Minh.

Obviously a large section of the U.S. ruling class is shaken by the prospect

of a bigger war and dubious about the possibility of making any gains for U.S. big business in Asia the way things are now going. They are also frightened by the mass opposition to the war in the U.S. even while they still hope to channelize it into patriotic and harmlessly pacifistic currents.

When someone as powerful—and reactionary—as Senator Russell makes this startling, though true, statement about Ho Chi Minh, it might appear that the whole capitalist class was about to throw in the towel and get out of Viet Nam.

But the logic of imperialist war is harsher than the will of some of its warriors. The international working class can applaud the words of the jimcrow Senator in this case, but it cannot relax its vigilance against the deeds of his class, which may still grow more furious, more uncontrolled, more violent.

WHOSE "National Honor"?

The U.S. cannot retreat from Viet Nam now, say Lyndon Johnson and his capitalist chorus, because that would stain the "national honor."

The "national honor," they figure, is better served by killing more women and children, burning more homes, blasting more forests and mountains, ruining more land and mutilating more lives of the Vietnamese people.

By "national honor," of course, they don't mean the U.S. workers' honor, the honor of the poor, whose honor they would never accept for security on a loan. They don't mean honor at all. They mean the prestige and power of U.S. imperialism.

In that sense, they have a point. A U.S. withdrawal from Viet Nam would be like A. T. & T. failing to pay its stockholders their yearly dividend—only on a bigger scale. It would be a "betrayal" of the cutthroat monopolistic interests of Wall Street. And it would be coming down a peg from being dictators or would-be dictators of Asia's destiny.

It would be an admission that ordinary people with ordinary weapons could get their freedom while big business with planes, tanks and atomic bombs could no longer enslave them. It would be an admission that people in Viet Nam

really did have "national honor."

Thus it really would hurt the U.S. "national honor" if we understand that term as really meaning the prestige and power of imperialism.

However, it is also important to understand that the phrase "national honor" can never be a correct phrase with noble connotations as far as the U.S. working class is concerned, under the present system of government.

The crime of the U.S. ruling class in Viet Nam could be committed precisely because the ruling class speaks and acts in the name of the nation and gets soldiers to do its bidding that way. The nation is the instrument of millionaires and billionaires. Whenever the workers are making some sacrifice for the "national interest,"—be it accepting arbitration in time of strike or the draft in time of war—it is the capitalist bosses' interests that are served, not theirs.

The Vietnamese, on the other hand, have never had an independent nation in modern times. They have been robbed of nationhood, first by the French colonial exploiters, then by the Japanese, and now by the American. The Vietnamese are trying to create a nation as Americans did in 1776 and 1861. For them, "national honor" is neither a lie nor a joke; it is something worth dying for.

Dominican Rebels Say:

"O.A.S. and U.S. Troops, Get Out!"

The following are excerpts from a statement issued June 28 in Santo Domingo by the National Secretariat of the Fourteenth of June Revolutionary Movement. The statement concerns the turn of events in the Dominican Revolution when the Organization of American States (OAS), a puppet organization of the U.S., entered negotiations with the Constitutional Government led by Colonel Caamaño.

Translation by Peter Storch

As we see the Dominican problem, it is neither a problem of elections, nor of a provisional government, but of the struggle of the people against their exploiters who use violence in order to maintain them in subjection. . . .

Throughout the world imperialism is being hit hard. Imperialism is besieged by the peoples of Vietnam, of the Congo, Venezuela, Peru, Columbia, Panama, Indonesia, Cambodia, and other peoples in struggle.

World Solidarity is with us. The countries recently liberated from colonialism and our brother peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America fighting for their liberation, and the friendship of the socialist camp constitute a powerful force which is striking devastating blows at imperialism and is supporting and broadening the struggle of our people.

. . . We are stronger than imperialism and we will defeat them with great determination in our armed struggle, overcoming the difficulties and advancing until the end.

Our rifles and machine guns are killing Yankees just as the South Vietnamese patriots are doing. The South Vietnamese already have given the Yankee invaders big defeats, giving rise to a movement in the U.S. itself, which is calling for the end of the U.S. interventions in Vietnam and Santo Domingo,

as more invading soldiers die in foreign lands. . . .

We can and must continue the people's armed struggle throughout the country, the cities and the countryside, above all uniting the peasants in armed struggle, in order to oust the foreign oppressors and to establish democracy. . . .

The Fourteenth of June Revolutionary Movement considers mistaken all proposals for negotiations which are not based on the Democratic Constitution of 1963 and the immediate withdrawal of Yankee troops and the removal of their Latin American facade. . . .

Whichever position tends to change the successful armed struggle of the people towards utopian roads which will let imperialism crush the people, ultimately, is the position which divides the people. . . .

The Fourteenth of June Revolutionary Movement, notwithstanding, its line being opposed to the recently adopted proposal of the Constitutional Government concerning the problem of negotiations, calls on the people to strengthen their ranks in the Constitutional Front, strengthening the defenses of the city, the basis for continuing the armed struggle throughout the country, and to maintain with firmness the struggle against the Yankee invaders and their fraudulent "Inter-American Peace Force."

Unité around the resistance against the Yankee invader and for the spreading of the armed struggle throughout the countryside and in the cities!

Dominican Republic, Yes; Yankees, No! Liberty or Death!

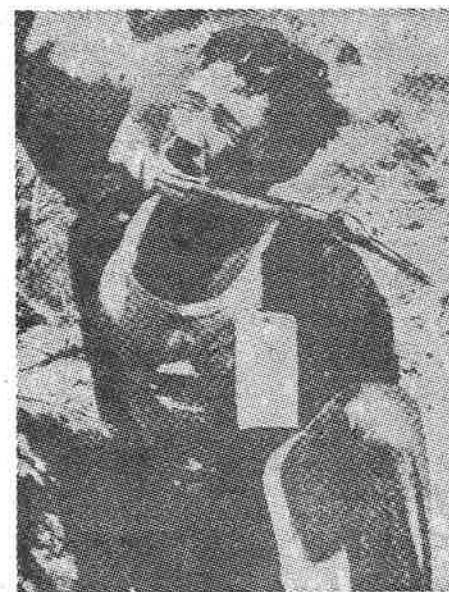
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Pentagon Wants 10 to 1 Ratio in Viet Nam

Why So Many to Beat So Few?

How is it that one lightly-armed and often barefooted guerrilla is the equal of ten heavily-armed American soldiers equipped with the best accessories the American taxpayers can buy?

At the very moment Johnson was bragging that the U.S. "never lost a war" and "will not retreat," last week, all the military experts were saying it will take ten U.S. soldiers to beat one rebel soldier in Viet Nam.



Beating guerrilla in the face to get information out of him.

Why? Did it take ten Americans to defeat one German or one Japanese in World War II? Did it take ten Union soldiers to defeat one Confederate soldier in the Civil War? Did it ever take ten U.S. soldiers to beat one enemy soldier in any previous war the U.S. ever fought?

If the difference lies in the military method of guerrilla fighting, why doesn't the U.S. train all soldiers for guerrilla warfare instead of dropping the concept of counter-guerrilla warfare as it has done?

With planes, firebombs, tanks, helicopters and battleships, none of which are used by the South Viet Nam Liberation Forces, the U.S. Forces have to maintain a ten to one numerical advantage in order to win!

Why?

Because the so-called Viet Cong are befriended by the people, protected by the people and aided, reinforced, strengthened and physically supported by the people. Because the U.S. is really fighting the whole Vietnamese people and must occupy and hold the whole country, policing the whole population in order to defeat the relatively smaller and relatively unarmed guerrilla forces. And because the Viet Nam government soldiers refuse to fight their countrymen in spite of their U.S.-paid salaries and U.S.-provided weapons.

That is why it takes ten U.S. soldiers to beat one guerrilla soldier.

—KKK Marches in Georgia

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The present voting rights bill, touted by Johnson as a piece of liberal enlightenment, but actually won by the blood of martyrs, was greeted with this Klan march, one of the largest in the South in recent years, while those who are supposed to "enforce the law" stood by and watched.

"Law enforcement officers" are not so restrained with the intended victims of the Klan, however. They recently had a field-day arresting hundreds of voting rights demonstrators in Americus. On August 9, 1963, they beat and arrested 75 black demonstrators in the town. Three of them required stitches and one had a broken leg.

On February 14, 1964, the sheriff attacked three Black women using the "white" restroom for women in the county courthouse.

And on July 20 of this year, four Black women were arrested for standing in the "white female" voting line.

It was in this atmosphere that Andrew

Whatley was killed on July 28. And because of the strong freedom movement, there is now some token intervention by the U.S. government on the side of civil rights.

But the racists and racist police don't intend to let any civil rights laws get in their way. Militant racism can only be defeated the way the Black People of Americus were ready to greet the Klan last Sunday—with militant self-defense.

Incorporating It

The Ku Klux Klan succeeded July 7th in meeting the corporate requirements for doing business in North Carolina. The N.C. grand dragon, J. Robert Jones, paid the \$45 filing fee.

The new corporation bears the name of the parent Georgia organization: Invisible Empire United Klans Knights Ku Klux Klan of America Inc.

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Why More U.S. Boys Are Being Drafted for Viet Nam Puppet Army Falls Apart; Whole Country Fights U.S.

By J. Myer

The Saigon puppet army is falling apart. The pro-war U.S. press hints at this, but still conceals the real enormity of the breakdown.

The following facts, gathered by Hsin-hua, the News Agency of People's China, illustrate the state of total collapse of the Saigon forces, and help to explain why so many tens of thousands of U.S. troops are being rushed to Viet Nam in such panicky haste.

From May 29 to June 6th, 80,000 demonstrated against U.S. bombings in Binh Son, Mo Duc and Tun Ghia. Then, on July 2nd, 30,000 poured into the streets of Binh Son and marched on the local puppet administration.

The march was fired upon, and four fell dead, many wounded. Instead of putting an end to the march, this tactic only inflamed the masses to the point where they reorganized the march, this time carrying their dead and wounded. Seeing this, four platoons of crack stormtroopers were forced to flee nearby strategic hamlets in Binh Hoare and Binh Lanh.

When the government sent in a detachment of commandos to reoccupy the hamlets, they were completely thrown into disarray in an ambush by local

villagers led by National Liberation Front guerrillas.

Meanwhile, 25,000 in Mo Duo District participated in a protest, part of which was a march to liberate Duc Nhuan Village. This accomplished, thirty government agents were arrested by the local population.

On the same day, a demonstration of 2,000 was held in Vinh Long Province.

On July 1 and 5, over 10,000 persons marched on the town Vinh Dien with anti-U.S. placards. Many of these people had been victims of U.S. bombings in reprisal for the people's recent victories. When the leaders of this march tried to deliver a note of protest to the district administration, they were fired upon and dozens were killed or wounded as the unarmed people put up a heroic fight.

The role of the women was especially remarkable. One was seen taking care of two armed cops, putting them both to rout. Another snatched a machine gun out of a commando's hand and ran off with it. The crowd chanted, "Down with U.S. gangsters and murderers."

The growing disaffection has, of course, had its effect on the puppet army. The U.S. directed force in Viet Nam has resorted to nightly house-by-house searches to round up all males

between the ages of 16 and 60. But the number in the puppet army continues steadily to decrease.

Last month, in Tan An and Cholon, 4,030 puppet defections were reported. More than 3,000 of these crossed over to the Liberation Forces with their weapons, uniforms and all. Also, in a recent incident there, 4,034 refused to carry out Saigon's orders and demanded immediate demobilization.

On July 20th, 1,076 defections were reported in Ben Tre, Tan An and Thu Dau Mot Provinces. In the first week of July, 207 had already deserted to the Liberation Forces in this area. These included a company commander and 87 students in the military training school.

In Can Tho Province, from July 20 to 31, about 400 workers demonstrated against the draft. July 21 saw the beginning of a Danang dock strike and a boycott on all military cargoes.

These people of Vietnam are putting up a courageous and successful battle to end the war on terms favorable to the overwhelming majority of the population. When U.S. workers are drafted, and sent in thousands to Vietnam, and they learn what the war is all about, they will find their best teachers among the masses described above.

War Is NOT Hell — For Some!

Soldiers resting in military hospitals, perhaps learning to use their new artificial limbs may be cheered to learn some of the effects of their sacrifice.

Through military contracts for airfield maintenance, dock construction, radio equipment, food and fuel and other miscellaneous items to be used in the war against the Vietnamese people, such private contractors as Raymond International of Delaware, located in New York City, and Morrison-Knudson of Asia, located in Boise Idaho, have received recently at least \$50 million and have been assured of \$120 million more soon to come. Of course, the exact amount being poured in is a tight secret.

But just imagine the joy that lights up the face of a mother at her son's military funeral when she is informed that although he died in an unsuccessful effort to protect two million gallons of Esso aviation fuel from the National Liberation Front on the night of August 4, that ESSO did not really lose anything.

The Rockefeller corporation will, in fact, benefit by selling two million gallons to replace it. The American Way of Life continues.

Behind the Scenes at the Big Performance



"You're absolutely right, Lyndon. Our whole investment program will be in trouble."



"... at the highest, not more than 100 million casualties. The shelters are ready for US."



"... and say Lyndon, if the losses are high, we can automate, save labor costs."



"The make-up man is here, Mr. President. That woman's letter will sound better if you..."



"I do not find it easy to send the flower of our youth, our finest young men, into battle..."

— War on the Villages of Viet Nam

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to deny the enemy shelter and supplies. But it is an entirely different thing when the invading forces "scorch the earth" and burn houses with the people inside.

In addition to destruction, there is plunder. "Leathernecks have killed water buffalo, chopped down banana trees and taken chickens and ducks for their own food," reports an Associated Press dispatch from South Viet Nam. "All this strikes at villages whose struggle to exist already is precarious." The first rule of a guerrilla army is to pay for all supplies.

"U.S. army advisors to Vietnamese units which have had first-hand experience with the marines say they are appalled at times by some of the young Marines' actions." (New York Herald Tribune, August 5) Probably what "appalls" these advisors is the fact that the marines commit such atrocities in front of soldiers of the crumbling Saigon army, since many of these soldiers come from villages similar to the ones being burned.

The army spokesman also claimed that it is general policy to warn villagers before burning down their houses. Even if this is true (which is doubtful), it does the villagers little good since they are targets for planes' fire or artillery once they leave their homes.

The marines "are finding it difficult to determine who should be classified as Viet Cong since they discover that both young and old may be assisting the Communist forces," the spokesman pointed out. (New York Times, August 6). Here at last is a grain of truth in a

lying "justification" of pillage and murder. The truth is that the United States is carrying on a war not just against a guerrilla army but against an entire population.

This Was a Man—?

"We're hurting the other side bad," said Staff Sergeant Barry Sadler of the Green Beret Special Forces to Hearst Journal-American columnist Bob Considine last week. "We can win if they let us."

"One night not too long ago, a unit of Montagnards ambushed a company of Viet Cong coming into South Viet Nam from Cambodia. Killed 40, beheaded them, put the heads on poles near the border.

"They put up a sign, too. It read Welcome to South Viet Nam. Yes. They're tough. They'll take four or five VC up in a helicopter, and if they have refused to talk after capture, throw them out one at a time. Eventually one of them talks. . . . Yes, we can win, if they let us."

Staff Sergeant Sadler is now in a stateside hospital, but unfortunately not the kind of hospital you think. Bob Considine and the Hearst millionaire press think he's just great though—normal as hell. And he sure is, to them—a perfect example of what newspaper brainwashing, capitalist conditioning from infancy, topped with a fascist-like Special Forces training can do for a man!

"Down With Draft!" Say Miss. Freedom Democrats

Johnson says Americans are fighting in Vietnam for freedom and democracy.

But Black Americans say about freedom—"That's what we are fighting for here in Mississippi," and about democracy—"We do know that Negroes have caught hell right here under this American democracy."

And the Black People, in the McComb, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party said so, and more, in print in their newsletter. The article, written by Joe Martin and Clint Hopson, urged the Black People to act on these facts by refusing to honor the draft:

"No one has a right to ask us to risk our lives and kill other colored people in Santo Domingo and Vietnam, so that the white American can get richer."

The article was so popular that it was distributed as a leaflet throughout the black communities of the state by the Mississippi Freedom Democrat Party and republished in the state FDP newsletter on July 28.

Lawrence Guyot, executive secretary of the party, apparently under great pressure from Washington, stated that the leaflet did not represent party policy.

But judging from its quick acceptance in the black communities, it does represent the policy of the Black People of Mississippi.

He Won War on Poverty

Lyndon Johnson said, "When I was young, poverty was so common that we didn't know it had a name."

Now that he knows its name and has spent 30 years in Washington politics, he's got \$10 million.

Tale of Two Presidents

Time Magazine revealed on July 16 that Ho Chi Minh, President of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, receives a salary of \$840 per year (\$16.33 a week!) The periodical also mentioned what most people familiar with Viet Nam already know: that President Ho lives in a small cottage and wears sandals made from old automobile tires.

Lyndon Johnson, President of the United States, receives \$125,000 per year plus a tax-free expense account of \$50,000. This is in addition to his income from his TV station, his ranch and whatever his hushed-up implication in the TFX plane contract scandal netted him. (The TFX was before he became President.)

At one time in American history, Presidents were proud to compare their modest salaries and relatively plebeian habits to the pomp and show of European kings and oriental potentates.

Now the shoe is on the other foot.



Refugees from U.S. terror

Opposition to Viet War Growing Bigger Every Day!

Mothers and Children Try to Stop A Troop Train; Soldiers Kept Out of Contact With Protesters

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 6—Over 200 people tried to physically stop a 12-car troop train from leaving a station near here today. The train was loaded with soldiers on their way to Viet Nam.

In a dramatic attempt to appeal directly to the troops not to fight in a war of imperialist aggression, the demonstrators lined the tracks near the San Pablo station and only after a phalanx of police cleared the tracks and sidings, could the train proceed.

About 80 of the people were women, several of them with babies and small children. "Don't Be Railroaded Into

War," one of their placards said.

The anti-war fighters made their stand in spite of the fact that only yesterday several people were nearly killed when another troop train barreled right through the demonstration at high speed.

No report on the reaction of the newly-inducted soldiers on the train was available today. But in a similar attempt at the main induction center in New York City two weeks ago, several young draftees leaned out the windows and said plaintively to the demonstrators: "You are too late."

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A Mother Speaks For Millions Like Her

KEW GARDENS, N.Y., August 6—A Flushing, N.Y., mother told Queens Congressman Benjamin S. Rosenthal today, "I want my son to grow up to build America, to heal, not to kill." The prematurely gray-haired Mrs. Leonora Pisoni had told spectators earlier that "I'm raising my boy to be a doctor, not a soldier."

In an emotion-choked voice, she spoke without notes at a so-called "grass roots" hearing conducted by the Congressman for his constituents here. "Now is the time to sign a peace treaty," she cried, "not afterwards, when they've killed off the flower of our youth!"

The applause was so great and so prolonged that Rosenthal repeatedly banged his gavel for order.

In spite of the difficulty of ordinary people coming to the meeting (at 9:30 A.M. on Friday) many housewives showed up and constituted nearly half the crowd of 120 or so. Extreme right wing speakers, who advocated bombing Hanoi, China, etc. were hissed and booed.

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Puerto Rican High School and College Youth Protest Viet War at U.S. Military Bases

The Pro-Independence Movement of Puerto Rico (MPI) has launched a nationwide campaign in Puerto Rico calling on all Puerto Rican youth to resist fighting U.S. imperialism's war against the Vietnamese people. The statement issued by the National Mission of the MPI called on all Puerto Rican youth "to resist North American imperialism's pretense of prosecuting its dirty war in Vietnam with the spilling of Puerto Rican blood."

The MPI statement also said that "the youth of Puerto Rico can count on all the moral, material and legal support at the disposal of the MPI" in resisting to fight in the war in Vietnam.

The Youth of MPI and the Pro-Independence Student Federation (FEPI), an organization of high school students, held a demonstration on August 2 at the entrance of Fort Brooke, a military base in San Juan, initiating the campaign against the Vietnam war draft.

The Pro-Independence University Federation (FUPI) also held a demonstration against the war draft on August 3 in front of the Army Recruiting Station on San Felipe del Moro St. in San

"Defend Anti-War Meeting," Says Young Editor

NEW YORK, July 30—Deirdre Griswold of Youth Against War and Fascism, got a standing ovation yesterday when she called on a neighborhood crowd of over 300 to stand up and fight against an organized attempt by a handful of fascists to break up their meeting.

The Chelsea Committee to End the War in Vietnam was holding a "teach-in" at P.S. 11 last night. They had invited Miss Griswold, editor of "The Partisan," as one of their speakers. Most of the speakers opposed the war, thus representing the mood of the Chelsea residents.

However they did not reply to the

interruptions made at the meeting, by an organized band of about six hecklers, who had attacked the speakers from the beginning of the "teach in." At one point, one of the hecklers got up on the stage and criticized the organizers of the meeting for "improperly displaying the flag." It took more than ten minutes to get him off the stage.

To top this, about fifteen cops entered the meeting hall during the disturbance, and instead of escorting the hecklers out, inquired as to whether the Chelsea Committee had a permit for the meeting. Afterwards they remained in the rear of the hall in an obvious attempt to intimidate the crowd of Chelsea neighborhood residents.

At this point, Miss Griswold spoke, and said, "How can we stop the war in Vietnam if we can't keep half a dozen fascists from breaking up our meeting?"

She went on to compare the cops here with those in the South, and showed how they aid the fascists and racists in their attempt to smash the Afro-American freedom struggle and all opposition to the war in Vietnam in this country. Miss Griswold was given rousing applause and cheers from both the young and old in the audience. She strongly attacked the U.S. government's aggression in Vietnam and all over the world.

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N.Y. Street Meeting

NEW YORK, August 2 — Youth Against War and Fascism held a noon-hour street meeting in the heart of the garment center here today.

Key Martin, national chairman, was the main speaker. He condemned Johnson's doubling of the draft and was roundly applauded by the young workers who gathered to listen.

The only difficulty was with the police, who gave Maryann Weissman, chairman of the meeting, a summons for not displaying a large enough American flag.

Chou En-lai's Statement to World Conference Against Nuclear Bombs

China Says: Destroy All Nuclear Weapons (U.S. Refuses)

Twenty years after Hiroshima, there are still a lot of well-meaning people who think the chief danger of the monster-bomb resides in its very existence and not in who has it and what they have it for. They think the bomb itself makes war—as though a pile of unsold steel commands the erection of skyscrapers and the building of railroads, or as though guns shoot themselves off out of sheer boredom.

Such people can see no real difference between China's demand for eliminating all nuclear bombs and the U.S. plan against "proliferation"—that is, against other countries getting the bomb.

Such people are educated fools or else innocent workers who believe their government's lies. But the leaders and "statesmen" who take this position are deceivers of the masses. Like William C. Foster, U.S. representative at the Geneva "Disarmament" Conference, they are only laying the minefields for bigger wars behind a smokescreen of phony "peacetalks."

The statement of Premier Chou En-lai, Premier of People's China, is profoundly different from that of the Western rulers, however. And we print its principal parts below—ed.

PEKING, July 27 (Hsinhua) — Premier Chou En-lai has sent a message of greetings to the Eleventh World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs which opened today in Tokyo. The message reads as follows:

On behalf of the Chinese government and people, I warmly greet the Eleventh World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs on the occasion of its opening and pay high respect to the delegates from various countries and to the Japanese people who are waging a heroic struggle.

This year's conference coincides with the 20th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki incidents. I would like to take this opportunity to send my deep sympathy and regards to the sufferers and bereaved families that fell victim to the atomic and hydrogen bombs in Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Bikini.

Twenty years ago U.S. imperialism dropped the first criminal atom bomb over Japan. Ever since then it has brandished the nuclear weapon as a threat to the people of all countries and used it as one of its principal means of pressure for its policies of aggression and war and its goal of world domination. But the events of the past twenty years have shown that the people of the world have not been intimidated by U.S. imperialism, but have drawn increasing awareness from the Hiroshima and Nagasaki incidents that U.S. imperialism is the most ferocious enemy of world peace and the root cause of the danger of nuclear war. . . .

Condemned by the people of the world, U.S. imperialism is collaborating with certain other nuclear powers in propagating the fraud of banning nuclear tests and preventing nuclear proliferation. But everyone knows very well that U.S. imperialism has conducted hundreds of nuclear tests and manufactured and stockpiled large quantities of nuclear weapons. Its nuclear bases, nuclear submarines and nuclear capable planes are stationed all over the world.

In these circumstances, does not the so-called banning of nuclear tests and prevention of nuclear proliferation actually give the United States the prerogative to maintain its nuclear monopoly and practice nuclear blackmail for purposes of aggression, while depriving other countries of their right



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of self-defense to develop nuclear weapons and resist the U.S. nuclear threat? . . .

China is developing nuclear weapons precisely for the purpose of breaking the nuclear monopoly and bringing about the thorough destruction of nuclear weapons.

The Chinese government has solemnly declared again and again that at no time and in no circumstances will China be the first to use nuclear weapons. It has also proposed a summit conference of all the countries to discuss the question of the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons as the first step that the summit conference should agree on an undertaking not to use nuclear weapons.

Prohibition of a nuclear war and the destruction of nuclear weapons is the key to the prevention of a nuclear war and the destruction of nuclear weapons. All proposals and measures that evade this issue are to the advantage of U.S.

imperialism and to the disadvantage of the people of the world. . . .

The Eleventh World Conference Against Atomic and Hydrogen weapons is meeting at a time when U.S. imperialism is frenziedly carrying out aggression in Viet Nam. The heroic Vietnamese people are valiantly fighting a war of resistance; they have grown in strength in the course of their fight and have set a brilliant example for all people fighting against U.S. imperialist aggression. Their patriotic anti-U.S. struggle is the focus of the present anti-imperialist struggle of the people of the world and is making a vital contribution everywhere to the peoples' cause of winning and safeguarding national independence and defending world peace.

It is the sacred obligation of all people that treasure independence and freedom and cherish peace to firmly support the Vietnamese peoples' just struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression. . . .

The world conference sponsored by the Japan Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs has adhered consistently to the correct path of struggle and won the support of the broad masses of the Japanese people and the peoples of all other countries. We are convinced that this conference will carry forward the glorious traditions of its predecessors and further encourage and mobilize the peoples of Japan and all other countries to make new contributions to the frustration of the U.S. policies of war and aggression, to the realization of the lofty aims of the complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons and to the defense of world peace.