

WORKERS WORLD



The peace-loving cop: "Stop trying to change the world by force and violence!"

The 16-Year Siege

The 16th anniversary of the Chinese Revolution finds the U.S. bankers and bosses gloating over the Soviet leaders combining with the U.S. government to "contain" the revolution and "isolate" People's China. But the mighty weight of the revolution and the accomplishments of the People's Republic far outweigh the maneuvers of this tenuous Unholy Alliance.

In the face of the atomic-armed U.S. 7th Fleet and the fury of the most barbarous murder machine that imperialism can put together at the expense of its "own" working class, the Chinese are still holding to a revolutionary course. They are staking their whole future and the destiny of a quarter of humanity on the socialist potential of mankind.

Mrs. Annie Lee Cooper Talks The "Noblest Fist in U.S." Visits New York

By John Moore

NEW YORK, September 27—Yesterday the woman with "the noblest fist in America" (as Langston Hughes put it) visited New York and this reporter determined to get her story.

Mrs. Annie Lee Cooper, who slugged Selma, Alabama, Sheriff James Clark, was a guest at a luncheon given in her honor by the Women's Committee of the Harlem Unemployment Center. Later in the evening Mrs. Cooper spoke at a rally, also sponsored by the Women's Committee, held at the Abyssinian Baptist Church.

Tonight I talked to soft-spoken Mrs. Cooper, who is visiting another militant freedom fighter, Mae Mallory.



Mrs. Cooper being mauled by Sheriff Clark and helpers last January.

The possessor of "the noblest fist" told me of the famous incident when she fought back against the racist sheriff, and how four of the cops, including Clark, threw her on the ground and beat her.

Mrs. Cooper was one of several hundred who went to register to vote in Selma last January and who refused to be herded into an alley where they had waited fruitlessly before.

When one man was arrested, Mrs. Cooper saw them deliberately twisting his clothing around his neck.

"They're choking him," she said.

When another woman cautioned her not to say anything more, Mrs. Cooper told her, "Shucks, no one's afraid," and at that moment Clark grabbed her, twisting her arm behind her and then hit her with the back of his hand.

Mrs. Cooper struck back hard. Clark later claimed she hit him in the eye. He hollered for help.

Three other cops rushed at her. One grabbed her by the hair and threw her to the ground and then the four, including Clark, held her and beat her. They handcuffed her arms behind her back and told her to get up. "I could not get up," she told me.

After they put her on her feet and had led her out of sight of the photographers, Clark hit her a vicious blow on the back of the head with his club splitting her head open. She lay in jail for 11 hours before friends could bail her out.

Staying here in New York for several days, Mrs. Cooper will do all she can to advance the cause of Black Freedom at meetings and get-togethers around Harlem.

U.S. Continues to Stoke The Fires for Asian War Uses the UN as Smokescreen For Its Interventionist Aims

There is no peace in Asia. The U.S.-UN cease-fire order is only a tactical maneuver aimed to implement the larger war strategy of the U.S. financiers. It is not peace the UN is preparing, but war.

The banker-bosses of the U.S. only side-tracked the India-Pakistan conflict, and very temporarily at that, so they could get on with their main business, which is the attempt to crush Vietnam and to conquer People's China.

This attempt, now aided in effect, by the opportunist maneuvers of the present leadership in the USSR, is that much closer to success. Johnson, Rusk and Goldberg have trapped Gromyko, Kosygin and Brezhnev into helping the U.S. war plans under cover of the threadbare "peace" pretensions of the UN. The Soviet leaders, after complaining for years about the evil effects of the UN intervention in the Congo (which they also voted for) have apparently learned nothing.

The big business press has been gloating all week at the under-the-table collaboration of the USSR with the U.S. in the United Nations to aid India's aggression against Pakistan at the expense of the liberation of the Kashmir. And

they do not bother to conceal the facts in their glee about the new U.S.-Soviet "axis" as some of the commentators are already calling it.

Walter Lippmann, the principal journalistic spokesman for the liberal wing of the bourgeois establishment, said on September 28 about the Kashmir struggle:

"Here was a war of national liberation which the Soviet Union, according to its theoretical doctrine, was bound to support. However, the fact of the matter is that it did not suit the Soviet Union that Pakistan, in cahoots with Red China, should defeat India. . . ."

Meanwhile, 5 million Kashmiri people are denied the right of self-determination. But the Kashmiri Revolutionary Council has established a rebel radio, the Voice of Kashmir, which calls for continuation of the struggle. The people are still in arms and the bullets are already flying again. The rebellious masses want their freedom. But the Soviet leadership prefers that they be given an occupation with UN troops.

Just how much the U.S.-dominated UN was really concerned about peace or free-

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U.S.-Sponsored Murder in Santo Domingo



High School student being shot in the back by palace guard. The student's crime? Demanding that foreign troops (9,500 U.S. Marines) get out of his country!—Earlier story on page 2.

"Wanton Murder!" Cry Washington Killers While They Try to Slaughter a Whole People

By Milt Seaman

"Wanton murder," a U.S. spokesman called the execution of two U.S. military personnel last week. ". . . It can in no way be justified as a reprisal for the Vietnamese government's recent execution of three civilian non-uniformed Viet Cong agitators. . . their execution followed a trial conducted in accordance with established Vietnamese law and judicial procedure. . . ."

Nothing could be further from the truth.

An AP dispatch stated the three Vietnamese were executed in the dead of night for suspected liberation sympathies. They were seized, unarmed, from a demonstration of over 200 Vietnamese peasants who were carrying signs protesting the U.S. bombings of their villages and the destruction of the food crops. Without trial, without jury, or judge, these three Vietnamese peasants were executed in the Danang soccer stadium.

The execution of civilians for demonstrating against the war is nothing new. In the accompanying photo taken by an American photographer for a pro-U.S. magazine, the caption describes "Suspected Viet Cong in civilian clothes" shot

dead for putting up "propaganda" in a village outside of Saigon. The "established Vietnamese law and judicial procedure" is nothing but the word of the U.S. government and General Ky, the U.S. military puppet, who, commenting on the executions, stated that they will continue to be carried out "Because I think they are needed."



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The Usurper Congressmen

All the dispensers of soothing syrup for the oppressed got a big boost for business the other day when a sizable minority of 143 Congressmen voted against a 228 majority to unseat the five illegally elected Mississippi Congressmen.

It looked like a shot in the arm for the theory of gradualism and parliamentary progress. But it was still a kick in the teeth for 20 million Black People.

The illegality of all Southern representation in Congress has existed for about 85 years. According to the 14th Amendment as well as other Reconstruction legislation, any state which deprives a section of its population from voting is supposed to be denied its whole representation in Congress.

The Black People may well ask, "How gradual can you get?"

Actually this at-first-sight surprising

opposition in Congress is about the best gradualism can do. The Mississippi Freedom Democrats, who initiated the action, were stalled and maneuvered against by everybody from President Lyndon Johnson and House Speaker John McCormack to the lobbyists for a hundred reactionary interests. The real bosses of the country are not permitting anybody to remove their most faithful servants by a mere vote!

The number of Congressmen who voted to oust their Mississippi colleagues is of course a reflection of the tremendous pressure of the rising black resistance. And it is an indication that the ruling class itself is split on the question of further concessions. But it cannot be taken as the slightest proof that the Civil War is finally being brought to victory by the decadent descendants of the capitalists who led it and later betrayed it.

Money Sent to Aid Struggle

Canadian Workers and Youth Back Viets

On Sunday evening, the 29th of August, the Jack Wood Club of the Progressive Workers Movement held a meeting at the Pender Auditorium, Vancouver, to raise funds for the National Liberation Front of Vietnam.

The hall was packed and the audience of 300 odd heard three speakers demand that U.S. troops get out of Vietnam.

Bob Edwards, who spoke as an interested individual, gave some background material on the war in Vietnam. He told of the task facing those of us who are aware of, and incensed against the U.S. war, as that being, to "go back to the plants, workshops and factories of our country and mobilize the people whose needs and aspirations are diametrically opposed to U.S. troops in Vietnam."

He concluded by saying, "When the people of Canada and the U.S. disarm those who profit from war, the capitalist class, and end forever the system of exploitation of man by man there will be no U.S. troops in Vietnam or anywhere else."

John Wood, Chairman of Youth Against War and Fascism, spoke of the lessons of history on how fascism rose in Germany during the '30's and how fascism is coming to the fore in the U.S. today.

John stated, "Terror weapons do not determine the course of history and people have struggled against tyranny and oppression in spite of superior weapons in the hands of those who would try to subjugate people by force." The American, Russian, Chinese and Cuban revolutions were carried out in face of tremendous odds by people who were firm in their desire to determine their own destiny."

Chairman Jack Greenall, in introducing Jack East of the Progressive Workers Movement, said, "It is encouraging to see many dedicated, energetic young people attracted to the P.W.M., a communist movement dedicated to the fight for socialism. Our speaker is a representative of the sincere youth of our movement and it gives me great pleasure to introduce Jack East."

In a truly inspiring speech, Jack told of the record of the U.S. government around the world. He stated, "The U.S. government has become the most feared and hated government in the world."

A collection of over \$140 was taken to be sent to the people of Vietnam to aid them in their just struggle against U.S. aggression.

—From *Progressive Worker, Canada*

Revolutionary Greetings From Puerto Rico

Dear Comrades of the Workers World Party:

As I begin writing my greetings to your convention, memories come back to my mind of those days, three years ago in June, when I was imprisoned in Mexico City at the request of the U.S. Embassy, and you, comrades of the WWP were so active in my behalf. Such activity did a great deal to strengthen . . . the feeling of international solidarity without which a revolutionist is not complete. . . .

Certainly the situation in the U.S. is not revolutionary yet, but we could sincerely agree that it has improved. The Los Angeles combats, for example, have done more for the freedom of the world within the U.S. than all speeches, articles, essays, forums, etc. in the last fifty years—although the latter have helped to bring this resistance about. Marx was right: "The weapon of criticism can not replace the criticism by weapons. . . ."

In the midst of this agitated world there is an island; its name is Puerto

Rico, whose revolutionary potential is never ignored, never underestimated by the imperialists. . . . As they mark time in respect to Cuba, preparing nevertheless to attack the Cuban Socialist stronghold, they soft-pedal Puerto Rico. . . . But if they threw themselves against Cuba they would also take advantage of such a catastrophic situation to attempt the destruction of the independence forces of Puerto Rico. So, to defend Cuba against imperialist aggression is to defend Puerto Rico's independence fight.

. . . When I mention Puerto Rican revolutionary forces I have in mind Lenin's concept that "there can be no revolutionary practice without revolutionary theory" as well as the matter of historical fact that there are no useful revolutionary principles without their corresponding revolutionary action.

. . . Receive our heartiest sentiments of revolutionary comradely love.

For the Puerto Rican Socialist League
Juan Antonio Corretjer
General Secretary

"Kick the Yankees Out!"

60,000 Dominicans Rally for Freedom

By Phyllis Fishberg

In the largest demonstration in the history of the Dominican Republic, more than 60,000 Dominicans turned out last Saturday for the homecoming from exile in Puerto Rico of former President Juan D. Bosch.

The militancy of these Dominicans ("Kick the Yankees hard," was their theme) proved that the brutal suppression by U.S. Marines of the revolt last April and the continued U.S. occupation of their country had not dampened their revolutionary spirit.

The rally was attended by all factions which had supported the April revolution, including Bosch's own Dominican Revolutionary Party, the Dominican Communist Party, the Marxist-Leninist Dominican Popular Movement, and the Fourteenth of June Movement.

The rally was an opportunity for the Dominican people to express their feelings about U.S. intervention in their affairs. They carried signs calling for the defeat and expulsion of the North Americans and shouted anti-U.S. slogans. When Bosch told his own supporters, who were giving "Castro-type cheers,"

"not to continue with that type of slogan," they paid no attention to him.

However, sensing the wishes of the people, Bosch called for them to use all means to drive the Americans out. He also demanded the U.S. pay \$1 billion indemnity for having interfered in the April revolution.

But Bosch returned to Santo Domingo on a U.S. plane, and obviously with the support of U.S. authorities. "I do not return with hope," he told reporters before boarding his plane in San Juan.

Bosch's lack of hope for his own political future is probably shared by Washington, which only allowed him to return as a sop to the militancy of the Dominican people—and a hedge against a new upheaval. A giant rally for Bosch, they reason, is better than another revolution. And so, for that matter, would be even Bosch's return to power.

But the fact that, after months of brutal suppression by U.S. troops, so many Dominicans did turn out for this rally, and made their revolutionary spirit clear to all the world, is an indication of things to come.

"Thanks a Lot for Letting Us Be Your Colony!"

Hearts and Flowers at the UN

They say the smartest people in the world are all gathered under one roof at the United Nations Building in New York. Judging by the speeches at the opening of the General Assembly last week, they're not only the smartest, they're the humblest and most appreciative—and the noblest, too.

For instance, the British Ambassador wanted to say something nice, so he got up and thanked the newly-elected Assembly President Fanfani of Italy.

What do you think he thanked him for? Why, he thanked him for the 2,000-year-old favor his country did for Britain that Britain had never sufficiently repaid Italy for.

That was the favor of having invaded and occupied Britain, made it a colony, and brought to his savage ancestors the comforts and conveniences of ancient Rome.

One observer thought he saw the British statesmen looking at the representatives of Ghana, Nigeria and Tanzania out of the corner of his eye to see how this was going over with them. But this observer told himself he was too suspicious and too unused to noble sentiments.

Well, while everybody else was wiping away a tear, Arthur Goldberg, the new U.S. Ambassador, showed how humble and thankful he was for all the good things this country has. He got up and thanked the British for having colonized his country. He pointed to all those great British virtues that were imported into this backwoods USA and made it what it is today. He spread himself a little into antiquity and the Middle Ages, too, to show that he was almost as cultured as the British and he talked about the long history of the advantages that we

now enjoy, thanks to all those wonderful people who made all those billions out of their colonies.

Some people might have thought he was looking at the Puerto Ricans out of the corner of his eye, but they were wrong. Mr. Goldberg looked straight out at all those countries of the world where U.S. corporations take 20 billion a year out of them and never blinked once. He was sincere as hell.

If there had been an organ in the Assembly, it would have played sacred music about then.

Then the Assembly and the gallery waited to hear the Asian and African statesmen get up and thank the British and Americans for colonizing them—and bringing all those bibles and machine guns into their backwoods countries.

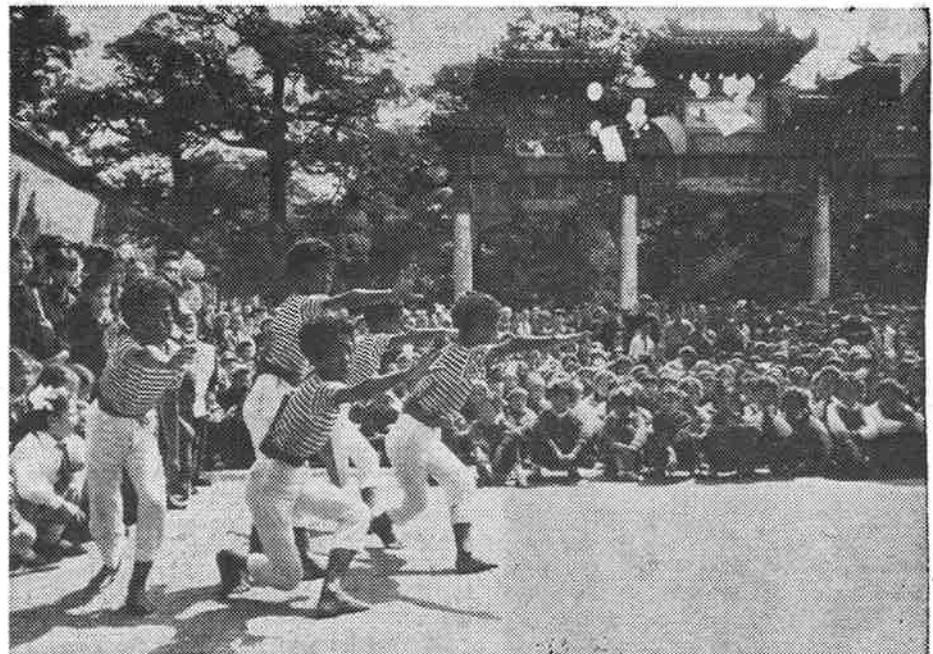
But somehow the representatives of the oppressed, looted, starved, plundered nations of Africa and Asia didn't rise to thank their masters and former masters for the great favor of imperialist colonialism.

Sweet and pure as the sentiments of the billionaires' mouthpieces had been, there was no similar nobility or gratitude from the countries of the poor!

The awkward moment did not last long, though. President Fanfani turned smoothly to the next order of business, as though to say he understood only too well that the countries of Asia and Africa were not advanced enough to thank their former conquerors for having raped them.

The audience put their handkerchiefs away and waited to see if some oppressed country was going to get even more of the great benefits of British and U.S. colonialism.

—They were not disappointed.



Junior High students performing African dance at the Children's Palace in Peking.
—Photo by China Features

Big Class Battles May Be Shaping Up

Miners' Wildcats Scare Bosses, Bureaucrats

SEPTEMBER 25 — Are the present wildcat strikes in the coalfields of West-ern Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio the beginning of big new class battles and a shakeup in the once-mighty and now moss-backed United Mine Workers Union?

Dispatches from Masontown, Pa., Moundsville, West Virginia, and parts of Southern Ohio tell of deep unrest and dissatisfaction behind a series of bitter wildcats in the region, some of them still going on.

At Moundsville, the Hanna Coal Company (tied in with the biggest corporations in this country) fired six men, five of them local union officers, for participating in a walkout a few weeks ago over appalling safety conditions. Now the men have walked out again in support of those discharged.

Both strikes were "illegal" and the International Union (IMW) is taking the conservative "we-have-a-contract" stand of typical over-fed bureaucrats.

This has touched off a growing rank and file demand for the right to elect their own district officers, who up to now have been appointed by the union tops and are completely unresponsive to the needs of the membership.

The Moundsville walkout is one of a whole series of similar actions—over working conditions, safety, speed-up and company chiselling in this three-state area. Over 11,000 are out on wildcats in the area right now.

Job security is the big issue underneath all the others. (But the action on safety, etc., shows signs of an offensive by the workers who are not merely defending their jobs.)

At U.S. Steel's big Robena mine near Masontown, Pa., the men are demanding supplementary unemployment benefits (SUB) which have been common in steel and auto for years. They are trying to tighten and improve the seniority rules. They want to "create"—as the bosses say—more jobs (to replace the layoffs)

by getting helpers assigned for the new and larger mining machines.

The president of a West Virginia company told the Wall Street Journal on Sept. 24: "The strikes indicate the union may be losing control of its members and if that happens, we're in for trouble." This man said a mouthful. The union is losing control of its members—and the members are determined to get into control of the union!

Another big boss said that if things got "worse" and if the price of coal went up too much, some of the electric companies who buy coal for power may switch to atomic energy. He didn't add that the price of coal is actually lower today than it was in 1950.

The coal companies and their sociologist apologists, in government and out, say coal is a sick industry. But the "sick" industry is selling 500 million tons of coal this year, up quite a few millions from last year, at a wholesale price of over four dollars a ton. Much of the industry is owned or controlled by gargantuan steel corporations, who can well afford to give the workers decent conditions.

The combative mood of West Pennsylvania, Ohio and Northern West Virginia is not likely to be quarantined in those districts for very long. The possibility of an epidemic of class battles in the coalfields is strong. And if the top leaders of the mineworkers continue to imitate John L. Lewis' arrogance without emulating his militancy, they might soon be blown off their padded swivel chairs into battle—or oblivion.

COTTON STRIKES IN SOUTH GROW AND SPREAD

Shaw, Mississippi — Preparations are being made by the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union to continue the summer's struggles by striking plantations in a wide area this fall. Plans include a state-wide campaign to rally all Afro-American cotton choppers, gin operators and tractor drivers in Sunflower, Panola, Pike, Leflore, Washington and Bolivar counties.

Mr. Germaine Hawkins, spokesman for the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union, stated, "This strike will include maids who are now working six days a week for an average of \$14 and our main issue will be \$1.25 per hour for all labor." (As quoted in a Sept. 14 release from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee).

Pickers who are now paid a starvation \$2.50 for 100 back-breaking pounds of cotton, will join the strike to raise their pay to \$5 for 100 pounds.

To fight back against the boss landlords like Senator Eastland of Sunflower county, who are trying to starve out the strike, a State Committee was set up to work out of the MFLU office to distribute food donations.

Preparation for the strike ended on a note of strength and unity when Regional Director William Springfield from the Tennessee Freedom Labor Union asserted, "We plan to strike near the end of the month (in Tennessee). The four Tennessee counties which will participate are Haywood, Tipton, Fayette and Hardeman. We are also going to work in close affiliation with the MFLU in Mississippi."

FREE PUERTO RICAN PRISONERS SAYS NEW GROUP

NEW YORK, Sept. 20—A Committee to Free Puerto Rican Political Prisoners in the U.S. was formed today, announced its Chairman, Carmen DeJesus, the daughter of Oscar Collazo, a leading prisoner involved in the Blair House shooting in Washington in 1950.

"The Committee will seek the unconditional release of all the Puerto Ricans who were jailed in incidents growing out of the 1950 uprising for the independence of Puerto Rico from the U.S.," Señora DeJesus said. "It will also conduct an educational campaign in the U.S. on the political imprisonment of the Puerto Rican independence fighters."

Five independence fighters were imprisoned for life in the U.S.; four in Leavenworth Penitentiary in Kansas, and one, Lolita Lebrón, in West Virginia. Twenty-five of the hundreds who were jailed in Puerto Rico in 1950 are still in jail.

"The Puerto Ricans who were involved in those incidents were willing to die for Puerto Rican independence," emphasized Señora DeJesus. "They are political prisoners, jailed for fighting against the status of Puerto Rico as a U.S. colony. Ten of them have vengeful sentences of 485 years each!"

Other members of the Committee, some of whom are North Americans, expressed indignation at the cruel treatment of the Puerto Rican patriots. One said:

"If Austrians had fired shots into the German Reichstag after Hitler took over their country in 1936, who in America would have said they deserved sentences of 485 years?"

"But Puerto Ricans, who are poorer and more oppressed than the Austrians were, and had been invaded and occupied by a foreign power—the United States—ever since 1898—the Puerto Ricans are not supposed to have feelings like the people of other countries!"

The Committee's first public function will be a fund-raising party at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 2, at 505 East 120 Street, N.Y.C., Apt. 7E.



Young South Vietnam liberation fighter just after capture near Saigon last year. Was he tortured? Was he executed? His fate, like many others, is unknown—while Washington cries "Wanton murder!" at the execution of two U.S. prisoners in reprisal for Saigon's shooting three civilians last week.

FIGHTS THE DRAFT; GETS FIVE YEARS

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 15 — David Mitchell, who refused to honor the draft on the grounds that the U.S. war in Vietnam was a "crime against world peace and humanity," was sentenced today to five years plus a \$5,000 fine.

The conviction and vicious sentence, directed as much against the growing opposition of draft-age youth throughout the country as against the defendant, will be appealed, said Mr. Mitchell.

The Many and the Few

Black Youths in Detroit Fight the Draft

A most enlightening event took place in Detroit, Michigan on September 10th, 1965. It was an event that opened the eyes of many of the rank and file and alarmed the power elite all the way to Washington.

As Chief Warhawk Johnson launched a step-up campaign against the liberation of fighting Vietnamese people, the draft was doubled.

This set in motion a few hard-core black revolutionaries. Their goal was to enlighten blacks to the absurdity of serving in the armed forces and fighting people who are doing what blacks should do in America—that is, liberate themselves.

The group was small but effective; strong on theory and equally strong on courage. Faced with a situation that could net them five years or more in the penitentiary, these individuals set out to attain their goal.

The few called themselves the September 10th Movement. The date was chosen because one of the members was to be drafted on that date.

During the three weeks prior to September 10th, leaflets were circulated throughout the city of Detroit with a short passage on the black man's oppression and a call for 50,000 angry blacks to appear at Fort Wayne Induction Center on the 10th. Posters were put up throughout the city with the following inscription: "DESTROY THE DRAFT."

During the week prior to the demonstration, informed sources told the movement's members of a special order from Washington to arrest them on the 10th.

As the 10th drew nearer, members of the group were followed and harrassed incessantly. Two were jailed on the pretense of being held for federal charges, but were finally only convicted of past past vehicle violations. . . .

On the morning of the 10th, the member for whom the name of the movement was chosen—a six foot youngster of 24, soft spoken and as dedicated to the cause of freedom as his Vietnamese brothers, went to the Fort Wayne Induction Center.

Everyone at Fort Wayne had been notified and the member was ultimately released. He was not drafted—as a result of strenuous and courageous work, a black man was not drafted!

The local police, F.B.I., newspaper men, local M.P.'s, and a special riot squad flown in from West Virginia, were present and ready to "check" the demonstrators.

In their extreme fear and frustration, the Administration sent the many to corral the few . . . to be exact . . . eight individuals!!!!

However, the decision not to arrest the few was due to the Los Angeles riots and especially the favorable sentiment the movement received during the period of the recent riots.

Victory has not been won—but it is in sight!! Our struggle is protracted but certain of final victory!!! One black man, with the aid of his cohorts, avoided being drafted in light of the daily oppression inflicted upon blacks in America . . . and the same actions being taken against his brothers overseas.

The Few: General Baker, John Robinson, Sidney Fields, Charles Thornton, John Watson, John Williams, Robert

U.S. Rivals Nazis in Techniques of Aggression

"More Humane to Drop an Atomic Bomb!"

By Ellen Pierce

North Vietnam's irrigation projects, painstakingly built to improve the people's living standard, are being mercilessly bombed and strafed by U.S. planes.

Water conservation works have been attacked in the provinces of Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh, Nam Ha, and Ha Tay, according to the Chinese news agency, Hsinhua.

The Vietnamese Ministry of Water Conservancy made an urgent plea to "all people who uphold peace and justice" and especially to "all research organizations engaged in water conservation projects, and all scientific workers who devoted themselves to the service of mankind to raise their voices still more vigorously in order to stop the

crimes of the U.S. imperialists."

The U.S. denies that it is bombing anything but military targets. But the bombed-out ruins of villages, hospitals, schools, and now water works, tell another story.

Along with the denials, Warren Rogers, writing in the Hearst Journal-American, explains why the "humanitarian" U.S. would not bomb North Vietnam's dams: ". . . dams, whose waters, if unleashed, would not only ruin agriculture in the North for years, but would drown millions and cause millions of other deaths by starvation and pestilence that would follow.

"It would be more humane to drop an atomic bomb on them," one expert said."

Interesting "Mistake"

"DANANG, South Vietnam, Sept. 23 (Reuters) — Two American Army sergeants—a Negro and an Hawaiian—were captured by a U.S. Marine patrol that mistook them for Communist Vietcong, it was disclosed Thursday."

Johnson Coming to NYC —

DEMONSTRATE TO Stop Vietnam War!

AT WALDORF ASTORIA

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Sun., Oct. 3 5 p.m.

Auspices:

YOUTH AGAINST WAR & FASCISM

People's China on India-Pakistan War

SELF-DETERMINATION, INDIAN AGGRESSION AND U.S. INTERVENTION

Editorial Note: The India-Pakistan war may or may not be over. But the issue of self-determination for Kashmir has only been raised, not settled.

The oppression of Kashmir and its unsolved national problems, like so many other agonies of the subcontinent, are the heritage of British imperialism—now taken over and intensified by the U.S. monopoly capitalists. The real onus for the entire dispute thus lies with the U.S. and the British in spite of their fear that the war might escalate into revolution and their anti-Kashmir cease-fire.

The issues of the war were clear enough and when the justice of the Kashmiri position and Pakistan's claims was so universally admitted in this country, it would seem to be easy for any progressive group to choose the right side in the struggle.

But Workers World Party was the

On September 6, 1965 India suddenly launched an armed attack on Pakistan. Indian troops have crossed the international boundary between India and Pakistan and are pushing toward Lahore, the capital of West Pakistan. The Indian radio has announced general mobilization.

Thus, the Indian government has enlarged the local conflict between India and Pakistan in Kashmir into a general conflict between the two countries. In the face of the massive armed attack by India, the president of Pakistan has called on the entire people of the country to rise in resistance against the enemy and has appealed for sympathy and support from all peace-loving peoples of the world. . . .

The Indian Government has always been perfidious on the Kashmir question. It once pledged solemnly with Pakistan to grant the Kashmiri people the right of self-determination. But far from honoring its pledge, it has brazenly declared that Kashmir is an integral part of India and has subjected the Kashmiri people to brutal national oppression. Where there is oppression there will be resistance. In order to cover up its sanguinary suppression of the Kashmiri people, the Indian Government openly breached the cease-fire line in the disputed territory of Kashmir to intrude into the area under the control of Pakistan and carried out military provocations and armed occupation. This of course could not but arouse Pakistan to counter-attack in self-defense. All this was in the nature of a local conflict in the disputed territory of Kashmir between India and Pakistan. India already committed aggression in the Kashmir issue. Now it has openly launched a massive armed attack on Pakistan. This is a still more serious act of aggression.

The United Nations has always had a bad reputation concerning the Kashmir question. It solemnly pledged to guarantee national self-determination for Kashmir. However, 18 years have passed during which the United Nations looked on without lifting a finger while

only organization in the U.S. that took a clear and consistent public position on the side of the national liberation of the Kashmiri people under the leadership of the Kashmiri Revolutionary Council and aided by Pakistan. (Of course it could not support Pakistan's Sept. 28 appeal to the imperialist-dominated UN to send forces to occupy the Kashmir!) It was the only organization that sharply condemned India's aggression against Pakistan.

It is to be regretted that the progressive and left wing forces here generally either took a false neutralist position or kept quiet.

People's China, even though it is under constant threat of U.S. nuclear attack, firmly opposed U.S. policy and backed both Kashmir and Pakistan in the conflict. The following Chinese government statement made on Sept. 7 is reprinted from Peking Review.

India acted lawlessly in Kashmir. The United Nations did not breathe a single word when India violated the cease-fire line. But as soon as Pakistan fought back in self-defense, the United Nations came in to mediate. This is by no means the end of the story. It is inconceivable that the United Nations, which has been unfair for 18 years, should suddenly become fair. The so-called mediation by the United Nations is based on a report of the Secretary-General. The report itself is unfair. How can a fair conclusion be drawn from an unfair premise?

On the Kashmir question, the United Nations has once again proved a tool of U.S. imperialism and its partners, in their attempt to control the whole world. This will be further proved true during the current extended aggression against Pakistan by India.

India's armed aggression against Pakistan is another exposure of the chauvinist and expansionist features of its ruling circles. The Indian Government glibly says that it pursues a policy of "peaceful coexistence." But actually it has never ceased for a single day its activities of bullying and encroaching upon its neighbors wherever possible. Almost every neighbor of India knows this from its own experience. . . .

The Indian Government probably believes that since it has the backing of the U.S. imperialists and the modern revisionists, it can bully its neighbors, defy public opinion and do whatever it likes. This will not do! Aggression is aggression. India's aggression against any one of its neighbors concerns all of its neighbors. Since the Indian Government has taken the first step in committing aggression against Pakistan, it cannot evade responsibility for the chain of consequences arising therefrom. The Chinese Government is deeply convinced that, with the sympathy and support of the peace-loving countries and peoples of Asia and the whole world, the 100 million people of Pakistan will rise as one man to save their country and finally drive back the Indian aggressors.



Through the Magnifying Glass

By John Moore

Liberation Fighters of 1775 and 1965

On a hot summer day 190 years ago (June 17, 1775), American liberation fighters, or revolutionists, fought their first standing battle against troops sent by the British imperialists.

On that hot day on the hills outside of Boston before they were forced to retreat, the 3,500 revolutionaries cut down 1,000 British imperial troops who were sent marching at them in close formation.

The revolutionists lost heavily too. Nearly 500 men. But that day on Bunker Hill and Breed Hill they showed that they could stand up to English regulars.

Last month (August 18) on another hot summer day, a similar revolutionary battle was fought. Other revolutionists fought their first major battle against troops sent by imperialists to dominate them. But the odds were much greater.

The battleground was near the coast—on a small peninsula ten miles south of a main U.S. military base at Chulai, Vietnam. The name of the place: Van Tuong. The revolutionists, Vietnamese. The imperial troops, American.

U.S. generals, with training based on a long history of both Britain and America (and other countries) in suppressing revolutions, made no foolish mistake of sending a target of massed troops marching in to awe the Vietnamese freedom fighters. Instead they began with heavy bombings and shelling by battleships. But the liberation forces were well dug in. And they waited.

The Van Tuong Battle

The attack came from two sides.

On the west, over a hundred helicopters landed several thousand troops. On the east, a force of several thousand more marine troops landed from the sea, 6,000 to 8,000 troops in all. The aim was to drive the revolutionary forces to the north, pin them against the Tra Bong River, and finish them off.

But the revolutionary forces did not flee. They had prepared to stand and fight, and they had prepared well.

Early U.S. reports anticipated a great victory and announced that "2,000 Viet Cong" were "trapped."

But on the ground at Van Tuong, marine helicopter forces were met with heavy fire. And marines trying to take a hill found themselves blasted with mortar fire that wiped out a large part of their group.

Marines coming from the sea landing were also hit hard. Their advance was stopped by heavy fire and their huge tanks and amphibious cars were destroyed by recoilless rifle fire and by "tank destroyer" troops who climbed on them and finished them off with explosives.

One motorized supply group was intercepted and completely wiped out as a force.

The early U.S. reports of "trapping 2,000 Viet Cong" were not repeated, but U.S. reports on the fierce two-day battle claimed heavy "Viet Cong" casualties—mainly inflicted by napalm and shelling from battleships.

The U.S. news reports trumpeted it as a huge U.S. victory. A turning of the tide.

But was it?

The Vietnamese Liberation Front has reported that four companies or about 600 marines were put out of action, 22 armored cars or tanks destroyed, 13 helicopters shot down. Some of these losses were admitted by U.S. sources and it was clear that on second look the huge "victory" which U.S. newspapers proclaimed, was much like the Bunker Hill "victory" of the English 190 years ago—a demonstration by revolutionary forces that they could stand up effectively to apparently overwhelming imperialist military power.

This point is significant for the U.S. public.

What the U.S. Faces

The U.S. press is turning out an almost daily diet of U.S. victories. "The tide has been turned," it has said or implied. But the picture being presented to the U.S. public is not an accurate one.

The truth is that the Liberation Front forces are still pressing their encirclement of Saigon. And the Van Tuong battle "victory" was, at best, for the U.S., a costly effort to push back liberation forces from an area directly threatening a main U.S. coastal base. It was a U.S. defensive action.

Other U.S. victory claims have also been attempts to retain what was already supposed to be under the control of the U.S. puppet government, or they have been temporary "sweeps" through territory which they have no hope of occupying permanently unless they can subdue the entire population. That, of course, is the crux of the problem.

U.S. holdings are islands in a sea of hostile countryside. With all their military killing equipment, the brass hat banker-butchers can never win the allegiance of the Vietnamese people. And the fight, even with some military success for the U.S., will be an endless fight to occupy and hold down a hostile population as the Nazis tried to do in World War II conquered territory.

Instead of a diet of daily victories which will sooner or later end in real peace on U.S. terms as the big business press has tried to make it appear, the outlook is, at most, an endless occupation plus additional demands by the U.S. government for additional troops to put down other revolts in other countries which will rise up against U.S. big business domination.

— U.S. Stokes the Fires for War in Asia

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dom for the Kashmir in its latest maneuvers may be judged by the cynical words published in the New York Post on September 21:

"The delegates couldn't care less about the future of Kashmir or the fate of its inhabitants," a veteran observer (at the UN) remarked yesterday. "If Mao Tse-tung's troops weren't stationed just across the Kashmir border, the UN would be glad to let India and Pakistan slug it out once and for all."

The U.S. delegates would have laughed over their martinis at the UN lounge if a few hundred thousand Indians and Pakistani killed each other in a still bloodier war—if nothing else happened. And they certainly proved that they "couldn't care less about Kashmir" when they forced the cease-fire without providing for the popular plebiscite that Pakistan and the Kashmiri people wanted.

The only drawback to this particular conflict, so they said, was the danger

from "China"—by which they mean the Socialist revolution.

The UN maneuver has helped the counterrevolution. It has spared the U.S. the necessity of any pause or diversion in its violent rape of Vietnam. With 130,000 troops already there—not counting the 20,000 or so sailors in the 7th Fleet—and about 70,000 more due by the beginning of the year, the war is being increased by leaps and bounds. And this war is against the self-determination of the Vietnamese people, for whom, like the Kashmiri, the U.S. big brass "couldn't care less."

And since the present Soviet leadership has shown its willingness to block with the U.S. against People's China, the Pentagon's appetite for the attack on China is now enormously sharpened.

There is no peace for Asia. And there will be no real peace anywhere, until U.S. big business is forced to withdraw its troops and allow the peoples to determine their own destiny.

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