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Flaming Suicides Protest Viet War

Heartsick at the Burning of Women and Children in Vietnam, They Burn Themselves to Death in USA

NEW YORK, Nov. 9—Exactly a week after the flaming suicide of Norman Morrison in front of the Pentagon, another man burned himself to near death to protest the war in Vietnam.

Roger La Porte, a youth of 22, poured gasoline over his head and body at 5 a.m. this morning in front of the United Nations at 42nd Street and First Ave.

Still alive (though not expected to live long) he told police he chose the early hour "so no one could stop me." And on being asked why he had done it, he managed to say it was to protest the Vietnam war.

La Porte, like Morrison, is a religious opponent of war, being a member of the Catholic Worker movement. Morrison was a Quaker.

The pro-war capitalist press is full of stories, as it was in the case of Morrison, which stress the personal peculiarities of the youth and try to hint at some aberrations, although without much success. None of the accounts, however, dare to deny the deep feeling against the war in the character of the two martyrs.

Although against violence in principle, and thus presumably against the armed struggles of the oppressed as well as the slaughters conducted by the oppressors, the two made the supreme sacrifice in an effort to call attention to the aggressive violence of the U.S. government.

No one with a heart could fail to be moved by their actions. And no one with an ear for the murmurs of the masses could escape the feeling that the fiery demonstrations anticipate — if indeed they do not already reflect—wider and wider mass resentment at the U.S. war against Vietnam.

It is not "normal" for people to do as these young men have done. It is not

"We wanted to let the public know we back our government's policy in Vietnam"

Texas Leader of Ku Klux Klan

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 7—A pro-Vietnam war rally was staged here today. It consisted of thirty-one robed members of the Ku Klux Klan. It had been advertised as a reply to a march two weeks ago by Students for a Democratic Society, protesting the dirty war.

A counter-demonstration of 2,000 University of Texas students somewhat drowned out the Klan's proceedings, some of the demonstrators (SDS members) carrying signs about "freedom" in Vietnam and the U.S.

The Klansmen's usual sheets were trimmed with red, white and blue. They refused to allow a handful of American Nazis (official ones, that is) to march along with them—apparently on the basis that the Nazis were not quite such good "Americans" as the Klan.

A Klan leader, Moyce McPhail of Crockett, Texas, explained the patriotic purpose of the march.

"We wanted to let the public know we back our government's policy in Vietnam," he said.

likely that many will follow their example. Nor is it likely that the brutal warlords of Washington will be influenced by their flaming appeal. *But the great masses will think their own thoughts.*

Morrison and La Porte did not understand the true nature of war and the true identity of the real enemy, but they have lit up with their own bodies' flames the dark war crimes of the U.S. government of bankers, who are the burners of women and children in Vietnam.

3 GIs IN VIETNAM SAY NO TO ARMY

NOVEMBER 5—The Army has admitted that three more soldiers in Vietnam have refused to fight.

The three were charged with refusing orders to board a troop train in Ft. Benning, Ga., last month. And "while aboard ship," an Army spokesman said, they refused "to eat for their own physical well-being."

Now in Saigon, they have been court-martialed and given sentences at hard labor in the stockade.

The three, Percy L. Green, 24, of Chicago, Harold J. Brown, 22, and David Clark, 26, both of Florida, were in the First Cavalry Division and are already serving their sentences, pending possible appeal.

During the week, seven more soldiers were court-martialed within the U.S. for refusing to go to Vietnam. Four of these are Afro-American.

Anyone who knows the army knows that these kind of direct refusals are a symptom of deep unrest.

The Friends Service Committee (Quakers) have reported that an unusual number of orders for their pamphlet on conscientious objectors have come in from members of the Armed Forces.

—U.S. soldiers, apparently, are not quite as overjoyed about fighting in Vietnam as the Administration and the arm-chair generals of the ultra-right would have the public believe.

Paratrooper Vet Opposes Vietnam War Speaks in Union Square on Veterans Day

NEW YORK—Fayette Richardson of the 82nd Airborne, winner of the Bronze Star and presently a New York schoolteacher, will speak in Union Square on Veterans' Day, November 11.

A veteran paratrooper and member of the pathfinder team that jumped into Normandy on D-Day, he will speak in an anti-war rally sponsored by *Youth Against War and Fascism*. The rally will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Calling on U.S. war veterans to remember the government's pledge of "no more wars," Mr. Richardson said:

"They told us we were fighting to end all war. They told us our buddies died so our sons could live. Now they want us to send our sons to Vietnam."

Mr. Richardson and other speakers will oppose U.S. aggression in Vietnam and call for the withdrawal of American troops. In a leaflet and ads announcing the rally, the sponsoring youth group explained that the meeting was conceived as an answer to the right-wing veterans' organizations which "have no monopoly in speaking for the GIs on Vietnam."

Because of recent physical attacks upon peace demonstrations by organized right-wing bands, the rally will be protected by a defense guard composed of youth and veterans.

Defending "Freedom" in Saigon



U.S. war propaganda says Vietnamese people are behind U.S. war—at least in Saigon. Above photo shows Saigon workers on strike last year facing U.S.-paid Viet troops.

Another "Self Defense" Murder by a Cop!

Constable Shoots Black Man in the Back

NOVEMBER 9 — Robert McNair, Afro-American father of six was shot to death by a Rankin County (Miss.) constable in a bar last Saturday night.

As in hundreds of other such incidents in the South and North, the constable claimed to be making an arrest and said the victim was resisting—in this case with a knife.

The New York Times of November 8, in a three-inch item, listed this straightforwardly as the probable truth and added that the constable, Luther E. Steverson, had been trying to serve a warrant for McNair's arrest, and the sheriff, T. H. Shivers, didn't know what charges the warrant contained.

The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, however, began to investigate and stated that "The shooting was not in self-defense."

Lawrence Guyot, the chairman of the party, wired Attorney General Katzenbach and demanded that the Justice Department initiate a "formal and immediate investigation" of the killing.

Yesterday a call to the M.F.D. office in Washington, D.C., revealed that the Freedom Democrats had already discovered some of the facts and had stated for the record:

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Charles Sims, Deacons of Defense

President, Speaks in NYC

NEW YORK, Oct. 30—"With 200 men properly placed I could stop 2,000," said Charles Sims at a meeting sponsored by *Youth Against War and Fascism* last night. And an audience of nearly 300 was thoroughly convinced that he was telling the truth.

Sims, founder and president of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, the armed self-defense organization that is spreading throughout the South—and North—told about the beginnings of his organization some months ago.

Civil rights workers, some of them white, had been threatened with physical violence by the Klan and were about to be attacked, when he and some friends started an armed defense guard in Bogalusa, Louisiana the early part of this year.

Having staked his men out around the local CORE headquarters, Sims saw the chief of police looking things over. At first inclined to ignore the chief, since he knew him as a racist probably in league with the Klan himself, he changed his mind, went over to him and said:

"You better stop 'em. 'Cause if you don't, we're gonna kill them all."

The chief apparently did not take the statement lightly. There was no trouble. And, as Sims reported:

"That night a brand new Negro was born."

The meeting he addressed here was at Academy Hall and was chaired by Deirdre Griswold, editor of the YAWF magazine, *The Partisan*.

Key Martin, national chairman of YAWF, spoke on the coming Veterans Day rally against the war in Vietnam, to be held in Union Square. He was roundly applauded when he announced that a paratrooper vet of the Second World War would be a featured speaker at the affair.

A magnificent collection of \$400 was raised from the audience of youth and working people as Mae Mallory, Black Freedom fighter and Carolina "kidnap" frameup victim, pleaded for funds to help arm the deacons better.

Over \$200 more was raised at a gala house party in Brooklyn later on.

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Their Peace — and Ours

In a high level combination of hypocrisy and sophistry Dean Rusk "defended" the rights of anti-war demonstrators the other day, while cautioning them that they might be defeating their own purpose.

"If they (the demonstrators) want peace in Southeast Asia," he said at his press conference of November 5, "then it's very important that Hanoi and Peiping not be misled about the determination of the American people and the American government to meet our commitments."

But the demonstrators are trying to speak for the rest of the American people in refusing to "meet our commitments" of blood and fire in Southeast Asia. They are demanding that the government which started the aggression (the U.S.) stop the aggression and get out. They are consciously or unconsciously attempting to represent "the people" against "the government."

"Hanoi and Peiping" understand all too well about the "determination" of the U.S. monopoly capitalists and their government. But they are indeed looking for a sign that the masses of the American people are balking at the Nazi-like carnage by U.S. government forces in Vietnam.

What Rusk really means by "peace in

Southeast Asia," of course, is victory for aggression and the subjugation of the masses under American arms—which would require everybody to get behind Rusk and Johnson to do the job. But he pretends he is talking about the same "peace" that the anti-war demonstrators are. By a kind of verbal sleight-of-hand, he substitutes the peace of the atomic holocaust for the peace of U.S. troop withdrawal and the independence of Vietnam.

At the end of every war, no matter who wins it, even if the war lasts a hundred years, there is "peace." But the demonstrators are not asking for a robbers' peace, a plunderers' peace or the peace of nuclear devastation. The peace they are asking is the withdrawal of U.S. troops and weapons—and for the self-determination of the Vietnamese people.

Rusk knows this. But his job is to conceal it. And as his government makes the war bloodier and bloodier, his task is to explain that the purpose of it all is "peace."

Rusk's lies can be better understood if it is kept firmly in mind that he and his class are the source of all wars and their only peace is war against the oppressed. Our peace is the end of oppression.

Another Savage Witch-Hunt

While the Right and the ultra-Right are publishing slick magazine exposés of the "New Left," they haven't forgotten their legal witch-hunt of the "Old Left."

Last week, the government's McCarran Law attack on the Communist Party was resumed in U.S. District Court in Washington after a re-indictment last February for the Party's failure to register as a "communist action" group (an act which, according to the law's definition, would be equivalent to branding itself as an agent of a foreign power).

Almost simultaneously, government attorneys were declaiming against Bill Epton of PL for "anarchy"—in the Harlem protests of 1964—and members

of May 2nd for the "crime" of traveling to Cuba.

It is more than a coincidence that hundreds of thousands of people are now in motion against the U.S. government's war policy at the same time this new witch-hunt to terrify the ranks of anti-government protestors is in the making.

The attack on the CP and other leftists is just as much a part of the war against Vietnam as is the shipment of 150,000 unwilling troops to that tortured country.

And it is more clearly than ever an attack on the rights of all progressives and on the U.S. working class itself.

Cuban 'Refugees' and US Kibitzers

About 23,000 Cubans are expected to take advantage of the free airplane trips to the United States in the coming months and settle here.

This is interesting news. But hardly so sensational that it should rate front page headlines in the U.S. newspapers. The idea, of course, is to convince the working people here that Cuba is a hell-hole and socialism is a bust.

But if the Irish, the Italians, the Greeks, the French or the citizens of any other country where the standard of living is considerably below that of the U.S., were offered free trips and a stake of food and welfare as the Cuban "refugees" are, there wouldn't be enough planes and boats to carry them all.

And if the Brazilian workers, who

are groaning under a semi-fascist dictatorship (established under U.S. auspices, by the way) were made such an offer, there wouldn't be anybody left to do the work in that country.

The real news is that less than 200,000 of the 7.5 million Cubans have availed themselves of Washington's lavish offers of "asylum" for counter-revolutionaries in the seven years since Cuban liberation.

Yet nearly a million of the total 3 million Puerto Ricans have come to the U.S., which directly exploits their country, even though the majority of them would certainly have stayed in "the island of eternal springtime" if they could have gotten jobs for even half the salary they could get in the U.S.

— Shot in the Back

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... "McNair asked why he was being arrested. The constable wouldn't tell him what the charge was. He broke and ran and then the constable shot him (then apparently went over to him) and said 'Get up!' McNair said, 'I can't, you've killed me.'"

Today Mike Higson at the Jackson, Miss. office of M.F.D.P. told this paper that their investigation was continuing and that the Justice Department had apparently done nothing so far.

"To my knowledge," said Mr. Higson, "This is the third murder in Rankin County in the last six months. The two other Negroes were both found dead on the railroad tracks in very suspicious circumstances"—the murderers apparently expecting the wheels of oncoming trains to obliterate all evidence of the crimes, he explained. "There was no official inquiry."

Mr. Higson read out the Jackson Star and Ledger account of the present killing, which quoted Sheriff Shivers as



Charles Sims

saying, "I don't think Mr. Steverson would have shot him unless he had to."

"The arrest warrant," said the M.F.D.P. official, "was sworn out by Mr. McNair's wife last June, charging him with non-support of his children. The warrant was actually issued in September."

"Now why did the constable choose to serve it on a Saturday night in a Negro bar?"

Max Lerner Equates Pacifist With KKK Killer

A Martyr Burns to Death

And

A Columnist Scolds Him for Lacking Moderation

Several years ago, the well-known "liberal," Max Lerner, wrote an eloquent column about the suicide of Marilyn Monroe. His story was garnished with sympathy and mixed with some wonder why the beautiful actress had taken her own life. It was marred a little with a kind of smug amateur psychiatry, to be sure, and it didn't quite brim over with the milk of human kindness, nor did his tears quite drown his innate disapproval of some of Miss Monroe's private life.

Max Lerner, a man whose chief talent is his ability to give liberal reasons for conservative positions, is nothing if not objective.

But the suicide of Marilyn Monroe found him in a mellow mood indeed. He was affected.

Somehow the suicide of Norman Morrison who burned himself to death in front of the Pentagon last week, didn't hit Max Lerner that way. In fact, he rather condemned it altogether.

Why so?

Had Morrison been disappointed in love or in his personal career, we may assume Mr. Lerner would have given his syndicated blessing along with some moral-psychological precepts calculated to strengthen state, church and family.

But Morrison opposed the war in Vietnam. He wanted to help humanity. He wanted to stop the killing. Whatever the hidden springs of his individual character might be, it is clear that he felt the mass burnings and the mass slaughter so deeply that he burned his own body and ended his own life in protest.

This did not appeal to Mr. Lerner at all. In fact, the columnist condemned Morrison for his martyrdom—and not only condemned him, but bracketed him with an insane, anti-semitic (although secretly Jewish) leader of the Ku Klux Klan, who planned the murder of thousands, but fortunately killed himself before he was well started.

"There was a gulf between their characters," said the savant of the New York Post on Nov. 5, "yet both . . . were fierce believers. . . . Many will protest about my lumping them together. . . . What they have in common is the determination to force their individual or collective views on the rest of us."

Having proved conclusively that the lynchers of Black People and the burners of the Jews are just the same as those who oppose the war of genocide in Vietnam, he then got down to cases with a homily on moderation and extremism.

"I don't recall that the all-out elements of the 'new left' defended Goldwater's position. Yet they surely should have. . . . They, too, make an absolute of their position and believe that extremism in pursuit of their particular end is no vice and that moderation in defense of their cause is no virtue."

Thus, you see, the Klan is the same as those who fight the Klan. Nazis are the same as those who resist the Nazis. He who is ready to fight Goldwaterism to the death rather than capitulate to it is the same as Goldwater. And only he who opposes Goldwater with the Lerner formula of "moderation" can meet the high standards of this columnist.

But let us not quarrel with him for "lumping together" the lynchers with the religious opponents of all violence. Let us rather ask him why he does not carry out his own logic to the battlefield in Vietnam?

Why doesn't he "lump together" the American soldier and the Liberation Forces soldier, since both of them are using "extreme" methods to fight each other. Why doesn't he lump them together and condemn the whole fight like the poor pacifist who really only took the ideas of "moderation" so seriously—and honestly—that he killed himself in protest?

Come now, Mr. Lerner, we don't demand you to go to "extremes" at all. Just come out in your column with a defense of "moderation"—in Vietnam. Call upon the multi-millionaires who pay you, to give up "extremism in pursuit of their particular end." What could be more extreme than shooting and bombing? Surely Mr. Morrison's burning himself is not as extreme as the U.S. government's burning whole villages? Why don't you oppose this extremism—in Vietnam?

Of course, if you did this, Mr. Lerner, you might lose your job. Or can't you sacrifice that much for moderation?

We understand your position. You get over \$30,000 a year for preaching moderation to the opponents of the war, and keeping silent about the extremism of the supporters of war and of war itself. It would be rather extreme for you to endanger that salary, wouldn't it?

Come to think of it, maybe we understand why Marilyn Monroe had you puzzled a little, too. Hollywood being what it is, and her bosses being as demanding as yours are, she might have been battling a kind of handicap you never had.—Like honesty.

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U.S. on China's Rightful Seat in UN

"China cannot be permitted in the UN because it espouses violence."
—Then who let the United States in?

Slavemasters in Family Quarrel With British Colonialists

Rhodesian "Independence" vs. Zimbabwe Liberation

By Milt Seaman

As Ian Smith, Prime Minister of Rhodesia seeks "independence" for 200,000 white slave masters, four million Africans, over 95 per cent of the population, are demanding their national independence now. This is the heart of the Rhodesian "problem."

From the steaming jungle concentration camps at Gonakudzingwa where Joshua Nkomo, leader of the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union, and hundreds of his followers are being interned, to the ghetto township of Highfield on the outskirts of Salisbury, where there are more African people than the entire white population of the country—the cry is "Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe now!"

Zimbabwe is the name chosen by the Black People for their nation (a name out of their own history); to rid themselves for all time of the hateful name Rhodesian, after Cecil Rhodes, robber baron and plunderer whose byword was "I prefer land to n-----s."

But it is a crucial time for this nation yet to be born. Its leaders are in concentration camps, the Nationalist parties are banned, their trade unions are outlawed and their newspapers are illegal.

Under the Emergency Power Act initiated last weekend the Minister of Law and Order, who boasts about his concentration ("preventive detention") camps, has the authority to arrest, detain, search and jail. He can control movement of persons, censor news, seize vehicles and vessels. He can confiscate film, set up cordons in any zone, establish detention centers and jail suspected persons for 30 days without bail or trial. He can arrest any African who possesses a headgear of walking sticks such as those used by many banned African leaders as symbols of authority.

It is a policy directed right at the heart of the Zimbabwe national independence movement so that Rhodesian Min-

ister Smith can make the break from Britain and declare a slave-masters' independence.

The drive of the slave-holding white minority for independence is of course a drive to throw off the last remnants of restraint on their power, while the centuries-old British colonialists fear that this will make the black revolution more inevitable than ever.

And while Smith turns Rhodesia into a national concentration camp for the black population, British Prime Minister Wilson gives legitimacy and status to this "independence" even while he is going through the motions of trying to stop it.

His meetings with Smith over how much "freedom" to give the Black people before independence is granted; his proposal for a Royal Commission to examine the 1961 Rhodesian constitution (a white supremacist paper) to see if the majority of the black population would accept it, — all are calculated to deceive the black masses in Rhodesia and their African brothers.

Under Britain's agreements within the Commonwealth, Britain has the

ultimate power to make major changes in the 1961 constitution. She intervened in British Guiana and dictatorially changed its constitution when the Jagen regime dared to show some real independence! If Wilson had any serious intention of breaking up the white supremacist rule, he could have done so.

Wilson and the British "Labor" government are only having a family quarrel with Ian Smith, albeit a bitter one, because they fear that Smith may light the match to a black powder keg that will blow the British out of other African countries as well as Rhodesia.

The situation is a complex one, but it is well understood by the Africans. Deep in the bush country, on the border of Mozambique, in Gonakudzingwa area where Joshua Nkomo is interned, *The African Home News* declared:

"The African people of Zimbabwe are determined that what happened to the Africans in South Africa shall never happen here. The British government shall never sell our living bodies. She can sell our dead bodies. This is 1965, not 1910."

Anti-War Group Holds Tri-State Conference; Repels Fascist Violence After Being Hit Twice

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 7—The Pittsburgh Committee to End the War in Vietnam held a highly successful three-state conference at its headquarters here last night to lay plans for the coming convention of the National Coordinating Committee to End the War in Vietnam, to be held in Washington over the Thanksgiving weekend.

About 100 people attended from cities and colleges in the western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia area. Most of them were young people and students.

One of the body's principal resolutions was a decision to constitute itself

a defense committee for people who are victimized in any way because of their participation in the anti-war struggle.

A physical attack by a dozen right wingers failed to mar the proceedings, and in fact was summarily repelled. One or two of the hoodlums were escorted rapidly down the stairs.

Earlier Story

PITTSBURGH—One week after the nationwide October 16 anti-war demonstrations, and after the McCarthyite attacks from the press that followed them, the office of the Pittsburgh Committee to End the War in Vietnam was attacked.

Africans See Through Britain's Hypocritical Intervention in Rhodesia

DAR ES SALAAM (Hsinhua)—The African people are resolutely opposed to any British move to prolong the white settlers' rule in Southern Rhodesia, said the paper, *Nationalist*, in a recent editorial.

Commenting on British Prime Minister Harold Wilson's present visit to Southern Rhodesia, the paper said that the British government was discussing with Ian Smith, "premier" of the Southern Rhodesian white settlers' regime, so-called "independence" for Southern Rhodesia, "based on the 1961 Constitution with the provision that Smith is prepared to enter into a treaty guaranteeing African political advancement."

The paper said, "Wilson would like us to believe that his or successive British governments would guarantee the treaty signed with the white settlers' government to protect the interests of the Africans in that territory."

The paper declared, "No, this is utterly unacceptable." It pointed out that the treaty "can only guarantee perpetual slavery of the Africans and their leaders behind barbed wire."

The paper said that independence for Southern Rhodesia was acceptable "only on the basis of majority rule."

Three bricks were thrown through the office's window, and one through the window of a couple living upstairs.

The police here have not yet caught the fascists who threw the bricks, and judging by their reactions upon being informed of the attack, they don't seem very enthusiastic about doing so. They told the committee that police protection was "out of the question."

The bricks were thrown with such force that the one thrown into the upstairs apartment was found imbedded in the wall across the room from the window.

The cops' reaction to what was obviously an attempted murder was to tell the people who lived in the apartment that they should go sleep somewhere else.

The Pittsburgh Committee has no intention of transferring its work anywhere else. Fascist attacks, and sympathy with their attackers on the part of both the police and the press, have only spurred them on to work harder to end the war, they said, for they know that the vast majority of the people sympathize with them.

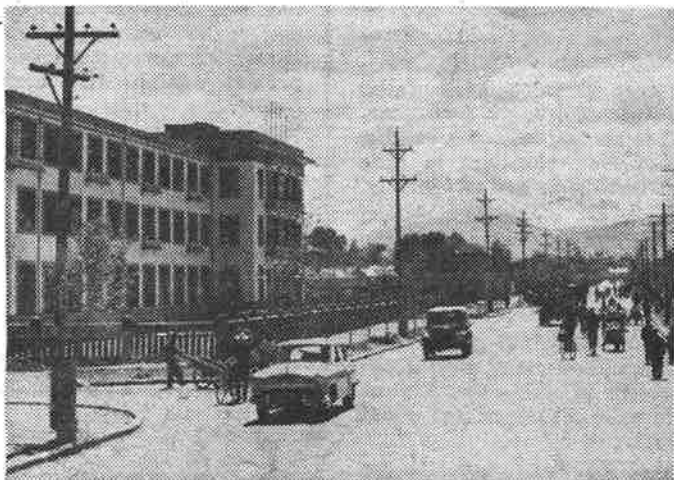
building and put on public display during the democratic reform. Among the shocking instruments was a stone cap weighing 22 kilogrammes. It would be put on the head of the "offender," and an oval shaped stone then used to strike the head through an opening in the center of the cap. As the victim's eyes bulged from the pressure, they were gouged out with hooks.

Now all these medieval instruments of torture, together with many other evidences of Tibet's serfdom, perhaps the darkest and most barbarous in history, are exhibited in a museum in Lhasa.

More than half of the new municipal government are former serfs or slaves, who administer Lhasa's affairs as masters.

Tibet Advances a Thousand Years in Six!

Lhasa Leaves Medieval Darkness Behind



Lhasa: this was a mud road in 1959

By Sung Ching

Exclusive to Workers World From China Features, Peking

Six years ago, the Tibetan house-slaves, accounting for five per cent of Tibet's population, were regarded as "tools that can speak." They were presented as gifts or sold.

In Lhasa, more than 200 big manorial lords and their families lived a life of extravagance and debauchery before 1959. Together with the monasteries, the former Tibet local government and other serf-owners, they grabbed nearly everything from the serfs, who made up 90 per cent of the population. Although Tibet was peacefully liberated in 1951, the upper strata reactionaries did everything in their power to block any measures of progress, culminating in their rebellion in 1959 which was rapidly put down. In the democratic reform which followed, serfdom was abolished and tremendous changes began.

The physical environment of Lhasa has changed beyond recognition. Garbage dumps, some of which had accumulated for a century, have been removed. The streets now have a good drainage system and have been paved. Stagnant pools have been filled in and turned into

vegetable plots or building sites. Hundreds of thousands of trees were planted along the roads. Running water has been installed for the first time in Tibet's history.

The hill on which the Potala Palace stands is today surrounded by many new buildings. Lhasa now has modern hospitals, public schools, post offices, libraries, book stores, a stadium, a club and meeting hall. The new department store can accommodate 2,000 customers at a time.

Electricity generated by two power stations now turns the machines in factories. New industrial centres are rising in the western and northern outskirts of the city. Electric lighting has been brought to 95 per cent of the homes in Lhasa, replacing flickering butter lamps.

The ragged hovels that were part of Lhasa have totally disappeared. Before 1959, beggars and vagabonds roamed streets. They were runaway or cast out serfs and slaves, many being blinded or maimed. It was not uncommon to see people dying of hunger and exhaustion in the streets, or orphans fighting with street dogs for scraps.

There are no beggars in Lhasa now. All who are fit to work have been given jobs. The aged have been accepted into

a welfare institute set up specially for them. The orphans were enrolled in schools, with tuition, clothing, food and board free. Many of these orphans are receiving technical training after finishing school.

Cream and red buses run the streets. The market places are crowded with lorries, motorcycles and bicycles. Highways go from Lhasa to other parts of the region, and the neighboring provinces of Sinkiang, Szechwan and Chinghai.

Barkor Street in the centre of Lhasa has been changed from a narrow, bumpy and muddy path into a wide, level thoroughfare flanked with trees. It was formerly a nest of money changers and vice. Now the square has become a centre for handicraft production teams that are turning out farm tools, textiles, shoes and many other items. There was not a single school in the whole street before. Now nearly all the children are attending school.

The building of the Nangtzesahg (former municipal government) still stands there, but it is no longer a dreaded torture chamber. Many medieval instruments of torture were taken from the



These are former serfs who once had to fight with street dogs over scraps of food.

Japanese Official Warns U.S. About—

THE COMING CIVIL WAR IN JAPAN

NOVEMBER 1—In a little-advertised meeting of U.S. generals, diplomats, scholars and businessmen last week, an authoritative Japanese ruling class spokesman warned that war between the United States and China might open up a revolutionary crisis in Japan. The report of this was buried in the middle of today's New York Times.

The conference at which the Japanese spoke was organized by the American Assembly to Discuss United States-Japanese Relations, and in the interest of greater trade and profits for U.S. capitalism, it recommended a phased withdrawal of U.S. troops from bases in the islands of Japan, including Okinawa. (The fact that such a withdrawal is highly unlikely does not detract from its attractiveness in some quarters of U.S. business!)

The blue ribbon conferees included the executive vice president of the First National City Bank, Walter B. Wriston; former Secretary of the Treasury, Douglas Dillon, who spoke authoritatively in his present capacity of Wall Street investment banker; and William P. Bundy, Asst. Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, who gave the direct line of the Administration.

In an effort to come to a "rational" conclusion on Japan's growing dilemma on trade with People's China, there were literally days of argument at this conference. (The U.S. opposes this trade, while Japanese capitalism wants and needs it badly, even while it aims to keep the alliance with the U.S. and move further to revive right-wing militarism at home.)

Dr. Shigeharu Matsumoto, chairman

of the International House of Japan, the only Japanese who spoke at this conference, replied to William Bundy who opposed Japanese trade with China. And he said further:

"If the Vietnam war is prolonged too long, and if other things are left as they stand, U.S.-Japanese relations will have to face a crisis in the not-too-distant future."

And if the war is enlarged to a war between the U.S. and China, he added, it would be "catastrophic" for Japan's stability "and might bring civil war."



Learning to build—in a Peking kindergarten.

In U.S.-Occupied Dominican Republic—

COPS MACHINEGUN WORKERS; KILL 4

By Peter Storch

SANTO DOMINGO, Oct. 29—At a sugar mill on the outskirts of this city, gestapo-style national policemen better known as the "white helmets," machine-gunned a union meeting organized to protest the discharge of two of their members. They killed four and wounded ten others.

OCT. 30—Today a Brazilian soldier (member of the so-called "OAS Occupying Force") shot and killed a Dominican worker allegedly for refusing to serve the soldier a soft drink.

OCT. 30—Over 1,000 sugar workers brought the coffins of four dead sugar workers to the National Palace to demonstrate against the government of Garcia-Godoy today as U.S. Marines lined the streets with guns ready. Women taunted the Marines and dared them to shoot, calling them Yankee oppressors.

A general strike called in response to the police murders failed to come off mainly because Juan Bosch, who still enjoys tremendous popularity because of his anti-U.S. stand, condemned it as "Communist-inspired."

But the masses will now begin to test the seriousness of Bosch's professed anti-Yankeeism, because every demonstration against the U.S. at this point begins to be more and more "Communist."

Although U.S. troops have occupied the "rebel sector" in Santo Domingo, opposition to the U.S. is growing throughout the whole Dominican Republic: Wildcat strikes and battles with the police are daily occurrences. Any support the U.S. puppet government had at the beginning has been rapidly fading as its repressive nature comes out more and more into the open.

If Bosch rides the tiger of anti-U.S. feeling to the end, he is likely to "come back from the ride with the rider inside."—as he is quite well aware. Radical nationalist and Communist strength is growing almost as fast as anti-U.S. sentiment.

As an unnamed State Department official said last week, "We're making a lot of good Communists down there."

Committee to Honor John Brown and Help Struggle Will Organize Pilgrimage to Harpers Ferry

NEW YORK, Oct. 16 — The John Brown Commemoration Committee has issued a call for a Memorial Pilgrimage to Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, on December 4, the 106th anniversary of the execution of John Brown.

Among the sponsors of the Pilgrimage are Charles Sims, President of the Deacons for Defense and Justice and Truman Nelson, the biographer of John Brown who has not only written about Brown but also espoused his ideas of freedom. Mae Mallory, well-known Black Freedom fighter, is also a leading sponsor.

"The vast dark-skinned majority of mankind has risen in general and final revolt against four centuries of white racism and colonial subjugation. The 'Manifest Destiny' and 'white man's burden' dare not show their faces, but, as in Viet Nam and Santo Domingo, move in disguises to maintain their power," states the Call.

"John Brown, according to Frederick Douglass, 'Did not believe that moral suasion would ever liberate the slave.' John Brown taught it, and our own experience translates it into modern terms and tell us it still is so. . . ."

"After a decade of the most intensive civil rights activity since Reconstruction, the movement is in the grip of a general crisis. After thousands of speeches, hundreds of promises and two civil rights bills, the masses of the Negro people, more segregated than at the beginning, stand facing the raw power of an armed white supremacy that has coldly answered our demands with one word, "Never." Life has proved that our resources of non-resistance cannot overcome white supremacy's resources of violence. Our faith in the "conscience" of white supremacy has been outlasted by its apologists' inexhaustible reservoirs of hypocrisy. Our hope for white supremacist self-reform has been outpaced by its cynical "deliberate speed." Our charity for the white supremacist enemy has not filled the measure of his thirst for our blood.

"The lessons John Brown taught go directly to the root of this crisis," continues the statement of the Commemoration Committee.

" . . . The problem is not violence in general, but white supremacist violence; not segregation in general, but white supremacist discrimination. . . ."

The statement concludes, "The signers and sponsors of this Call appeal to you to join in the JOHN BROWN MEMORIAL PILGRIMAGE to Harper's Ferry and to confer there together on a new policy of self-defense, self-reliance and internationalism in the struggle for equal rights through active resistance against the vile racist theory and practice of white supremacy."

The Commemoration Committee, whose chairman is Dorothy Pitman, is located at 100 West 82nd St., New York, N.Y.

Old Enough to Die

NOVEMBER 3—Private Terry T. Wright, the first 17-year-old American boy to be killed in Vietnam died of gunshot wounds on October 10 it was announced today.

He had dropped out of school and enlisted in the Army in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, a few days after his 17th birthday.

He died within the year.

HOW BLACK WOMEN ARE TREATED BY THE "DEMOCRATIC" BOSSES IN THE USA!

Every day, the black women of Wingate (North Carolina) walk by at least one of the five huge buildings which house "Ma-Leck" Woodcraft Industries. As they walk by looking for work, they walk by many white women their age who walk into these factory doors—to work on jobs any black woman could do if given an equal opportunity; but these jobs are closed to black women.

Many times a black woman has walked in an filled out an application blank for a job; but no sooner are they gone than their application blanks "are torn up and thrown into the waste basket."

Some black men are allowed to work there; but their salaries are lower than that of the white men, who it is said have to be shown what to do by them.

And these white men get first preference for jobs and promotions.

Ma-Leck's of Wingate employs several hundred people—more than three hundred are white women, and outside of a

Reforms in Cuban Economy Abolition of All Rent on 80% of All Buildings!

By Phillis Fishberg

In an interview with newsmen November 1, Cuban Premier Fidel Castro announced a series of reforms in the Cuban economy.

In order to streamline government operations, the Finance Ministry will be eliminated, as will many intermediate agencies involved in the delivery of food.

The sugar crop quota, which suffered this year because of drought conditions, is scheduled for an increase of 1 million tons next year. New plantings in cane and increased fertilizing are under way.

Perhaps the most significant reform announced by Premier Castro was the abolition of rent on older buildings. This means that 80 per cent of the Cuban people will pay no rent whatsoever.

The loss in income to the government will be 50 to 60 million pesos. But 25,000 workers involved in the collection of rents will now be liberated for more productive work.

The fact that the Cuban government

A Different Story

LONDON, October 28 (Hsinhua)

—Tenants from all regions of London and from many other provincial centers converged towards the House of Commons last night in protest against the increases in house rent now being imposed throughout the country.

The tenants held many placards which vehemently opposed the increased rents and called upon the government to act without delay.

Many meetings and demonstrations have been held recently by tenants in many parts of the country against the exorbitant increases in house rent.

can afford to forego its rent receipts is indicative of the health of the Cuban economy. The "refugees" leaving Cuba are not doing so because the revolution has ruined Cuba. It has ruined only those who were used to getting more than their share.

A propos of this, Premier Castro stated, "Our principle is that this revolution should be a free association of people who want to live here."

Obviously, those who would rather collect the rent of others than have no one pay any rent, would not want to live in Cuba.

Atomic Guns in S. Korea

PYONGYANG (Hsinhua)—The U.S. imperialists have planned to station three battalions with tactical atomic weapons along the military demarcation line.

At an October 21 press conference in Seoul, the South Korea "Defense Minister" announced that South Korea and the U.S. reached an agreement on the formation of three new battalions equipped with eight-inch guns capable of shooting tactical atomic shells into the military demarcation area. The U.S. imperialists are aggravating tension and wantonly trampling upon the Korean armistice agreement to provoke a new war.

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