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## What's Behind Big Debate On Vietnam? Real Argument Is Over War With CHINA!



Vietnam: His dad is "suspected" of defending their country!

Behind the Senate hearings, as behind the public argument on Vietnam generally, is the ugly debate in the ruling class over whether to attack People's China, use nuclear weapons and sacrifice millions of American youth as well.

### Now They Hold SECRET Hearings -WHY?

Now that the public hearings are over and the Washington con-artists have folded their tents after the Fulbright-Rusk-Taylor medicine show, the "Executive" hearings are to begin.

What IS this? Why can't we hear the true story? Who is being protected by the big secrecy? - The bleeding GI's in Vietnam - or the grisly war-makers in Washington?

They are really going to work with the draftees' destiny now. And the "doves" will take the wraps off their talons in "Executive" session as they help the hawks prepare for war.

Make them open up! Make them tell the truth! No secret plotting about the lives of millions!

The "anti-war" politicians in the Senate are genuinely afraid of the war with China which their power-mad colleagues now contemplate, but, loyal to their billionaire buddies, they conceal 95 per cent of the real state of affairs from the American people.

The imperialist "peace" campaign may get bigger precisely to cover up the colossal drive to war. The "anti-war" position  
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### "Man Will Prevail Against The Bomb"



... and the oppressed shall be united!

## Taylor-Rusk Take Over Senate TV Hearings; Trounce "Doves"; Push Johnson's All-Out War Drive

By Milt Seaman

Last week, the Congressional critics of the Administration's war policy expressed their opposition and their fears about the ultimate consequences of the war drive, but it was clear that they were weakened by the Administration's attack. Johnson has embarked on a deeper, more aggressive war in the mad adventure to enforce the will of U.S. imperialism on the people of South Vietnam, and the ruling class opposition will in the long run let him do it.

This is what really emerged from the hearings of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Taylor and Rusk spoke over the heads of the questioning Committee members to the millions of TV watchers who are even more uncertain about the war than the imperialist opposition. Taking their cue from Johnson's speech at Honolulu, they talked about "vital stakes," "global strategy," "Communist subversion, aggression, and National Honor."

Totally absent from the Taylor-Rusk testimony was the language of the "conference table" and the phony "peace offensive" of previous months.

Taylor, in his prepared text, talked about *breaking the will* of Hanoi and the National Liberation Front.

"In a real sense the objective of our air campaign is to change the will of the enemy leadership," he said. "...The Hanoi leadership is not yet convinced that it must mend its ways." Taylor masked the arrogance of this statement as he masked the criminal insanity of the war objective - with a calm and reasonable demeanor.

He was praised by Committee members and the New York Times said his presentation was characteristic of this "soldier-scholar." But the "scholar" cloaked Johnson's aim for unconditional surrender of the Vietnamese by talking about "limited objectives." And the "soldier," who is rumored to have been offered the top

post in the infamous CIA, is the man who guided the military policy in Vietnam from an initial force of 500 "advisers" to 200,000 combat men.

The day after the hearings, the well-informed R.H. Shackford of the New York World Telegram, in an article headlined, *Johnson Won't Rule Out A-Weapons Use in Vietnam*, gave the real story behind the "limited objectives" malarkey:

"At the moment the United States sees

no limit to the Vietnam war, which is expanding rapidly, unless the other side suddenly decides to negotiate or give up fighting."

This is the real meaning of the "limited war for limited objectives." It is a drive for unconditional surrender.

Rusk pursued the attack on the "doves" the following day. Brushing aside Senator Fulbright's opening questions, he pro-

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### Scripps Howard Columnist Says:

## Watch for a Phony "Incident" to Start a War With China!

This paper has several times raised the question of a possible "incident" which could be used as an excuse for a war on People's China. Such an incident might easily be manufactured by the CIA, whose agents have wide experience in arranging counterrevolutions and assassinations. A self-attack annihilating thousands of their own countrymen would be right up their alley - if it got their long-dreamed-of war started.

Few of the war's opponents among the representatives of capital are inclined to say anything like this. But the opposition is now so widespread that last week an important break appeared in the daily press.

Richard Starnes, writing in the Scripps Howard-owned New York World Telegram of Feb. 16, bluntly warned his readers about the possibility of a phony incident of Pearl Harbor magnitude.

"The ghastly jingoists of 1898 could not have had their war with Spain without the mysterious destruction of the battleship Maine," he wrote.

"...What would seduce the sanity of the

American people sufficiently to permit them to endorse the sort of slaughter that war with China would mean?" he asked. "The strangely twilit skirmish in Tonkin Gulf in August, 1964 - which led to the first bombing attack against North Vietnam - instructs us what to watch for.

"Suppose, for a grisly instance, a proud American aircraft carrier were to be sunk in Tonkin Gulf, by submarines presumably Chinese?"

"...A battleship Maine incident in Tonkin Gulf would make it so much more simple" for those who want war with China, he concluded.

(The blowing up of the battleship Maine gave U.S. big business the opportunity to "unite" the people of the U.S. for a war against an extremely weak Spain. The U.S. got Puerto Rico, the Phillipine Islands, hegemony over Cuba and the go-ahead for the Panama Canal as a result of this war in which a few hundred U.S. soldiers fell.

The Spanish would have had to have holes in their heads to blow up a U.S. battleship and start such a war!)

## Drop N.Y. Assault Charges Against Mae Mallory

By J. Moore

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 - Frame-up charges of felonious assault against Black Freedom fighters Mae Mallory and Kahleel Sayyed were dismissed today. The charges, which date from a demonstration in 1964, were dismissed on a motion by the district attorney in N.Y. State Supreme Court after a long battle by Mrs. Mallory to gain a jury trial - instead of being tried by a black-robed bourgeois judge as the prosecution wished.

Mrs. Mallory and Mr. Sayyed were arrested on December 1, 1964, when police attempted to break up a picket line in front of the U.S. Mission to the UN protesting the U.S.-sponsored attack on the Congo at about that time.

The charges against the two were disorderly conduct and felonious assault. (They were beaten by the cops, who always make such charges to justify their brutality.) They were acquitted of the disorderly conduct charges in May, 1965 but the trial on the other charge was systematically delayed, requiring first monthly and then almost weekly attendance in court by Mrs. Mallory or her lawyer until the dismissal today.

In spite of this hard-won court-victory, both of these freedom fighters still face legal persecution.

Mr. Sayyed is still in prison on another frame-up. He was one of the three Afro-Americans convicted on the police spy-fabricated tale of planning to blow up the Statue of Liberty and other "shrines."

Two years ago Mrs. Mallory was sentenced by a Southern court to 16 to 20 years (sentence temporarily nullified) on trumped-up "kidnapping" charges as a result of her part in a 1961 self-defense action in North Carolina.

Union County of that state is still holding her bail money and threatens to reopen her frame-up case. The Monroe Defense Committee, 605 Brown St., Monroe, N.C., is handling her defense.

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## "Johnson's" War?

The liberals used to call it "McNamara's War" or the "Pentagon's War." They wouldn't call it Kennedy's war or Johnson's war - mostly out of fear of attacking "our" President and out of fear of burning their bridges to a safe and "loyal opposition" type of stand.

But now the popular mass opposition is far greater and many ruling class politicians are afraid of war with China and worried about the American people's attitude as well. So even some big newspapers and an occasional U.S. Senator are now calling it "Johnson's War." *This is not because they are trying to express the true character of the war, but because they want to say the war is due to the character of Johnson.*

They thus imply that Johnson is an accidental or usurping figure who betrayed his election commitments and that a different President, even in the same party, (or especially in the same party!) would behave in a fundamentally different way.

But this is not true. The war in Vietnam is the war of U.S. big business, the corporate ruling class of America. Johnson is their front man. They tell him what to do and how to fight their war. He betrays the hopes of the masses, yes. But he faithfully represents his class, the capitalist ruling class.

It is Johnson's rather than the people's war. But it is U.S. imperialism's war even more than Johnson's. The Senate hearings and the demagogic imperialist opposition are obscuring this important fact.

## The Loyal Opposition

How deep is the apparent split in the ruling class over the war in Vietnam and is the opposition in the Senate a programmatic one that will stiffen as the war gets bigger?

This is the question that occupies the minds of most opponents of the war.

There is a deep and abiding fear among large numbers of the ruling class - a fear of greater involvement in Asia and a fear of committing so much American wealth and so many American troops to re-fasten the chains of the Asian masses. And the fear of tangling with the masses in that distant part of the world is especially great because other slaves closer to home are threatening to revolt.

This fear is their main motivation rather than the slightest repugnance to this imperialist war or any other.

The ruling class opposition is not opposed to the war in principle and does not demand the withdrawal of U.S. troops. It has no program against the war. It has no perspective of mobilizing the masses against the war. It fully understands that the war is one to "save" Asia for imperialism and only questions whether Asia can be "saved" in this way.

Limiting itself to tactical disagreement it finds itself disarmed when the war

party takes the offensive—as the latter did on the last three days of the televised Senate hearings. Feeling strongly about its fear of war with China, it brings its position to the attention of the great masses via TV, but offers no alternative to the war. It does not demand the withdrawal of U.S. troops and indeed suggests leaving them in Vietnam, but in "enclaves." Thus it allows the war-with-China advocates to use Vietnam as the point of departure for the very war (with China) which it, the "peace" party, dreads.

To the extent that the war turns out to be peripheral and secondary - to the extent that U.S. world hegemony is not affected by the Vietnam war - perhaps to that extent, the imperialist opposition could somewhat restrain or slightly slow down Johnson and the "hawks."

But to the extent that the Vietnam war touches on the vital nerves of world colonial liberation and U.S. world domination - and life is showing every day that it is boring straight into these nerves - to that extent, the "peace" party in the U.S. ruling class is utterly fraudulent and foredoomed to fold up when the big war comes.

## Bobby Kennedy's Ear to the Ground

The problems of imperialist war are getting so acute and the anti-war sentiments of the masses are getting so powerful that one of the smartest politicians and vote-getters of this century is trying to take the leadership of the peace forces and become the top champion of a compromise settlement in Vietnam.

That's about as much as can be said for the seriousness of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's Feb. 19 "break" with Lyndon Johnson's Administration over the war in Vietnam.

His suggestion to offer the NLF a role in a coalition government (along with U.S. puppets), while it opposes Johnson's stand, is still a colonialist proposition. It goes further than Fulbright and Morse have gone in public, it is true, and makes him seem much more disposed toward peace than Johnson. But that is exactly the impression he wants to create, in order to advance his political career.

Kennedy has his eyes on the elections and his ears to the ground. Calculating that whether the war is ended or not, the most vigorous critics of the war will be the most popular with the masses, Kennedy has taken the sharpest anti-war stand

- in words - among the opportunist politicians of big business.

Like all other imperialist politicians however, he is "behind our boys" - that is, he refuses to bring them home, save their lives and leave Vietnam to itself. Thus, his "differences" with Johnson are nothing next to his differences with the genuine anti-war interests of the great masses.



by Chou Chien-fu

## Why No Tears for Indonesians?

Why is the U.S. ruling class and its newspapers etc. so little concerned about the unprecedented wave of killing in Indonesia, where 85,000 to 100,000 people were slaughtered in a bloody counter-revolution?

According to some of the topmost U.S. government officials, the reason that the U.S. is in Vietnam is to avenge the death of several hundred so-called "village chieftains" (usually villagers from the U.S. outpost of Saigon!) who have been executed by the National Liberation Front.

In the first two years of the Cuban Revolution, there was a reckoning with the agents of dictator Batista, who had tortured and murdered opponents of the old regime. There were popular mass trials for most of these criminals and around 700 of them were ultimately put to death.

The New York Daily News used to keep a daily box score on these executions in order to steam up American workers and whip up a hysteria against Cuba.

No such score was kept on the 85,000 to 100,000 killed in Indonesia.

And 170 years after the French Revolution, U.S. schoolchildren are still being taught about the bloody "Red Terror" in which so many aristocratic parasites and

their friends lost their heads.

In the 12-month period from July, 1793 to July, 1794, the most reliable estimates by the most conservative historians put the death toll of the former oppressors at varying amounts, whose minimum is 7,000 and maximum is 18,000.

But in an age of instant on-the-scene TV reportage, most U.S. schoolchildren have never even heard of the mass murder of 85,000 to 100,000 Indonesians, which occurred in just a few weeks' time!

The lesson of all this must not be lost. There is utterly no humanitarianism in the tears of the ruling class for its lost servants in Vietnam, Cuba, revolutionary France, the Soviet Union or People's China. There is nothing but the calculation of class interest.

The oppressed are always a hundred times kinder to their oppressors, on the few occasions when they get the upper hand, than the oppressors ever are in their age-old subjugation of the poor. When the oppressors take their revenge against slaves who have dared to rebel, they are worse than the most vicious wild beasts and far more insatiable. And no "liberal" voices are heard - not even Morse's, or Kennedy's or Fulbright's - chiding the "excesses" of their class.

## No Forum for Fascists!

The New York City Corporation Counsel has just ruled that the National Renaissance Party, which is described in the conservative press as "a neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic organization," has the right to speak in city schools.

Members of this "party" attacked a CORE picket line a couple of years ago and brought a whole truckload of deadly weapons into the area where pickets were demanding equality in employment. They were arrested and hardly slapped on the wrist by the Judge - when the case finally came up two years later.

Allowing them to speak is like allowing lynchers to organize a lynching party, letting witch burners pile the faggots for their fires, and giving fascists the bricks to build ovens for the cremation of Jews, Afro-Americans, Puerto Ricans, etc.

And giving them the city schools to

speak in is like providing the bedsheets and lynching ropes for the Ku Klux Klan out of public tax money.

The cry of "free speech" in this case is a false cry. "Rights" for the fascists means wrongs for the masses.

"But," wails the professional liberal to the revolutionary worker, "if you do not fight for their rights, how do you expect us to fight for yours?"

The answer is that the liberals never did fight for our rights. Every right of the oppressed was won in battle. And it was won by the oppressed, themselves.

Moreover, a strengthening of freedom of speech for fascists inevitably means a weakening of freedom of speech for socialists. The crushing of fascism is a minimum requirement of ordinary democracy, not to mention communist liberation.

## Door to Door; People Say No to War

Editor:

It amazes me to hear people say that a mass anti-war movement cannot be formed around a demand for withdrawing U.S. troops from Vietnam. How can any other demand except one to 'bring the boys home' be the basis for a popular movement?

Doing door-to-door canvassing against the Vietnam war in my neighborhood - an integrated working class area - I have met with the following results:

Of all the people I spoke with in four large apartment buildings, only two gusanos (counterrevolutionary Cuban refugees - ed.) were for the war. The rest were all disturbed about it.

Some were unsure of how it should be ended, but the great majority of people were both opposed to the war and felt that a good way to end it is to get American soldiers out of Vietnam.

Yet some in the anti-war movement constantly insist that a demand to bring the GIs home now will not appeal to the masses!

- E. C., Brooklyn, N.Y.

## Likes Reports on China

I wish you all a very happy New Year and many successes. First of all, I wish you still greater success in your fight against the adventurous policy of the ruling class of your country. Every such success, gained by fighting in the jungles of Vietnam or in the streets of U.S. cities makes it more certain that at least our

children will live in peace and freedom. Therefore, I feel that I must thank you for your fight you led the last year to show the American people their real enemy. Last but not least, I may thank you for your interesting reports on People's China

Through the whole year I got your paper. It gives me insights in American and international events from a real Marxist standpoint. Very often it was a great help in debates and I could learn from it very much. I do not know how I can thank you--

Please, excuse that I did not write earlier. I shall try to be better in future.

Berndt Bannack  
Dresden, D.D.R.  
(East Germany)

## Printers Tell the Truth

New York Herald Tribune, Jan. 28:

(In a report on the House Un-American Activities Committee.)

"Rep. Edwin E. Willis, Klansman, stoutly defended his abuse and harassment..."

New York Times, Feb. 17:

"(Senator Russel B. Long) declared: 'I swell with pride when I see Old Glory flying from the Capitol. I swell with pride when I see the flags around the Washington Monument. I swell with pride when I see the American flag flying from the Senate Office Building.'"

- If the capitalist politicians won't tell the truth, their printers will!

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# Out of Trenches by New Year -- 1968? "Maybe," Says Reporter!

U.S. Marines at Danang Air Base in Vietnam, under orders to carry out the imprisonment or annihilation of the surrounding population, or what is cynically dubbed "pacification" by Johnson's nazi-minded general staff, have come to grief.

Marine "pacification" units, backed up by the second largest concentration of U.S. troops and military hardware in the country, after months of fighting, have been unable to hold territory just a few miles outside the perimeter of the giant air base.

A recent special report from Danang by New York Herald Tribune correspondent Beverly Deepe revealed that every new piece of occupied territory becomes a virtual island prison for the Marines in a hostile and revolutionary sea of Vietnamese resistance.

Deepe writes in the January 19 issue of the Tribune:

"Last fall the battle cry of the U.S. Marines here was: 'We'll be in Hoi An by New Year's Day, 1966.' Today they estimate it will be New Year's 1968."

"Hoi An is a provincial capital only 12 miles south of the strategic air base of Danang." Miss Deepe continued.

"We could easily have fought our way to Hoi An," one Marine said recently, "But

then we would have had to fight our way back. The essential problem of this war is not moving your front lines forward. It is keeping your rear covered."

After describing the repeated failures of the Marines to occupy five mountain villages between Danang and Hoi An, she concludes:

"Before the Marines reach Hoi An — with their backs protected — 80 square kilometers (about 30 square miles) of land must be pacified. At that, the Marine estimate of New Year's Day, 1968, is not far away." (Our emphasis.)



"Why couldn't we just shoot them when they turn in their Green Berets?"

## Yankee Oil Co. Gets Bonanza In Puerto Rico, Says P.R. Leader

The following is an excerpt from the lead editorial of Pabellon, organ of the Puerto Rican Socialist League. The editor is the National Secretary of the organization, Juan Antonio Corretjer, Box 283, Guaynabo, P.R.

Johnson is legalizing the operations of the Phillips Petroleum Co. for oil development in Puerto Rico. And the Yankee and pro-Yankee propagandists indicate that Puerto Ricans should faithfully show their gratitude to the Yankee government.

The Phillips invasion is a savage blow against Puerto Rican nationhood. With the Phillips corporation, U.S. imperialism places its hopes of furthering the disintegration of the Puerto Rican national culture. Like those of imperialism itself the company's tentacles will be spread so as to shatter the very weak and minimal resources of native capitalism in Puerto Rico. Thus the creation of many thousands of new jobs could blackmail a new population of Puerto Rican workers into supporting imperialist domination.

(Phillips broke ground at Las Mareas

last month for a \$45 million petro-chemical facility. This is expected to grow into a \$600 million operation — and it will be virtually tax-free! — ed.)

The imperialists are so arrogant that they believe that all reality flows from their own whims, as though they were on an island, separated from the rest of humanity.

But they are dead wrong. We in Latin America are in the process of taking back from the imperialists all that they have stolen from us.

We have liquidated them in Cuba. Gun in hand, we are challenging their grip on Latin America, from Guatemala to Peru. The center of our liberation struggle is now 400 miles west of San Juan, in Venezuela.

Puerto Rico will not be left out of the vast and powerful movement of this century. As in all other Latin American nations, the day for Puerto Rico will arrive to take the only revolutionary alternative: Fatherland or Death!

## Exploitation Causes Accident Killing 19 Puerto Rican Workers

By Peter Storch

MIAMI, Feb. 2 — Nineteen Puerto Rican agricultural workers were killed and 14 others were seriously injured last night just south of here.

It all happened when the dilapidated bus carrying the super-exploited laborers from a J.S. Campbell farm, was racing toward a railroad crossing known to be hardly visible at night and therefore very dangerous. The crossing has none of the usual danger signals. A train moving at normal speed crashed into the bus and 19 lives were lost.

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of racist Senator Fulbright, for example, does not contain one ounce of sympathy for the oppressed who will have to fight the war, and least of all for the people of China whom his fellow-imperialists wish to cremate.

Every progressive worker will utilize the arguments of the capitalist opposition, which criticizes the war, to condemn the war altogether. But no progressive should have a cent's worth of confidence in the good faith of this opposition when it comes to really ending imperialist war, bringing the troops home and helping the self-determination and freedom of oppressed peoples.

On the contrary, he must be on guard against the possibility of a sudden war on People's China (with the blessing of the "doves"!) and a new frame-up of China as the "aggressor."

This was not just another accident. Mr. Campbell knew very well how dangerous that crossing was at night and he knew how broken-down his buses were. In fact, no more than three months ago, a Campbell truck loaded with tomatoes crashed into a train at the same crossing in almost exactly the same circumstances.

In 1963, 27 Puerto Rican farm workers received the same treatment on a farm in Pennsylvania when they were killed in a bus which crashed into a car and then fell into a lake.

There are many other farms in New Jersey, Florida, Maryland and other states, where Puerto Ricans are treated like cattle and paid starvation wages. And the same is true for Mexican "braceros" in the western U.S., who are paid a fraction of what are recognized union wages for North Americans.

PROTEST IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 — The Pro-Independence Movement of Puerto Rico (MPI) picketed the office of colonial Puerto Rico's public relations man, Jose Monserrat, on 45th Street today in protest of the killing of the 19 Puerto Rican migrant farm workers. MPI exposed Monserrat for his puppet role for the U.S. in cooperating with North American corporations in bringing Puerto Rican laborers to the U.S. to work for extremely low wages.

The militant demonstrators chanted loudly, "Who is Monserrat? — Friend of the Yankee bosses!" and "Why do Puerto Ricans have to emigrate to work in the United States?"

## Cops Help Fascists, Arrest Picket

# 200 Picket Humphrey in Cleveland

By Leona Bell

CLEVELAND — A spirited picket line of over two hundred students and workers demonstrated against Hubert H. Humphrey here on February 7. The anti-war group picketed Cleveland Public Hall, where the Vice President was addressing a national convention of secondary school principals.

As the demonstration grew, a number of right-wingers and fascists, Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), and several high school principals, many wearing their John Birch emblems, were on hand to heckle the group.

Soon a scuffle broke out when about 13 pro-war picketers tried to penetrate the line. Many plainclothesmen and uniformed and mounted police were immediately available to aid the fascists and "stop" the outbreak.

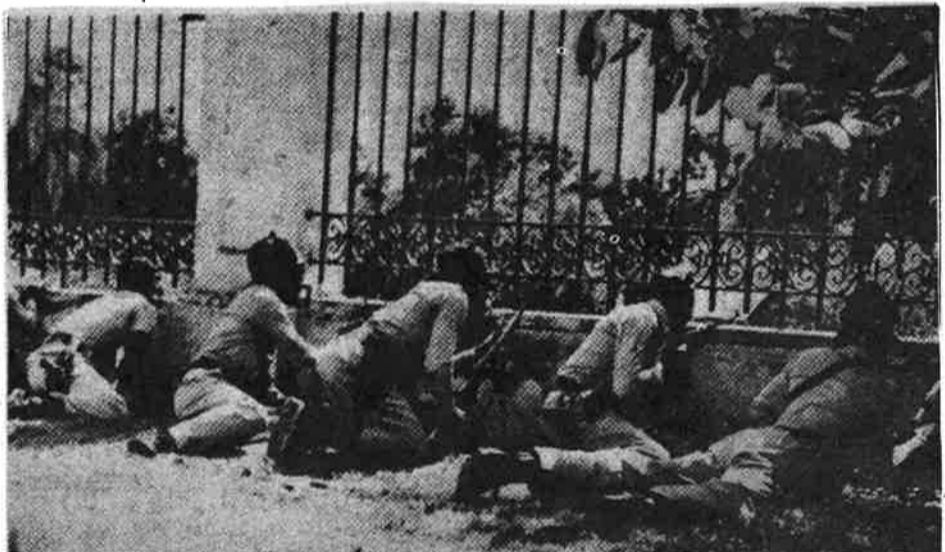
A Youngstown Puerto Rican, Carlos Cuevas, was arrested on obviously trumped-up charges for "disturbing the peace." In the same scuffle two anti-war pickets were kicked by police horses.

A large proportion of the enthusiastic demonstrators were Afro-Americans. Various groups from Youngstown, Cleveland, Kent State University, Oberlin, Columbus and Buffalo picketed in this important anti-war move here.

Since the demonstration, the newspaper in Youngstown has largely distorted the Cuevas case, and has implied he had a police record, apparently because of his past activities in behalf of Mae Mallory.

The Youngstown Committee to End the War in Vietnam is going to fight the unfair charge in view of its implications against the right to demonstrate.

## Dominican General Strike U.S.-Paid Police Shoot Students



Dominican police in act of killing 5 and wounding 43 unarmed students

SANTO DOMINGO, Feb. 18 — The brutal suppression of a student demonstration here by the National Police a week and a half ago sparked a mass retaliation by Dominican workers throughout the country with a general strike paralyzing the Garcia-Godoy regime for 8 days.

While Washington tries to whitewash itself of the responsibility for such criminal acts, the Dominican people have learned more and more that the main aggressor in their country is U.S. imperialism. Though the Wall Street government parades itself as a "peace-keeping force to maintain order" in the Dominican Republic, it is no secret that Washington has been supporting the Trujillo-trained militarists all along.

It was no accident that the most hated Armed Forces generals of the Garcia-Godoy regime, Rivera Caminero and Emilio Jimenez were invited to a farewell cocktail party a few weeks ago for the commander of the U.S. troops, General Palmer. To round out the rest of this gathering of counterrevolutionaries, there were also present the Brazilian ultra-reactionary and "commander" of the so-called "Inter-American Peace Force" General Alvin and the ubiquitous U.S. Ambassador, Tapley Bennett.

Last December, Wall Street's colonial puppet, Garcia-Godoy, collaborated with the Armed Forces generals in an attempt to assassinate Col. Caamano and 200 other Constitutionalists in Santiago.

Strong armed resistance by the rebels to the heavy militarist attack, and mass demonstrations in other cities saved them from annihilation.

Last week, the National Police (Trujillo trained SS men) mercilessly opened fire on students demonstrating in Santo Domingo. Several students were killed and many were injured. At the same time, the military leaders who were to leave the country as part of an agreement with the Constitutionalists, still had refused to go. A strike was called by trade unions in Santo Domingo and spread through the country like wildfire.

## 3.2% Not Enough!

FEB. 15 — Over 12,000 Chilean copper miners have now shut down all U.S.-owned mines in their country. Because of inflation, they are demanding raises amounting to 60 per cent of their present wages.

## - Senate Hearings

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ceeded to take over the hearing and deliver a one-hour, fifty-page statement. (If he had been an anti-war witness before the House Un-American Activities Committee, the case would have been different!) It was clear that his statement was meant for the mass TV audience, not for the Senators.

Fulbright and others showed their opposition, but only to the extent of concern with the U.S. military "commitment" and methods of diplomacy. Their opposition was based primarily on the "enclave" theory of Gavin and Kennan, who testified the previous week and whose main concern seems to be over the choice of South Vietnam for an all-out military commitment in the light of the U.S. imperialist global strategy.

Taylor and the hawks say that if they pour enough fire and death into Vietnam the Vietnamese will be forced to surrender. Gavin and Kennan, on the other hand, are fearful that the U.S. will be defeated militarily as it takes on the revolutionary masses of Asia — and they are right.



All three from the same snake-pit!

# Collapsing Building Part of a Vast Decay

**"Everything was breaking up... Everything was coming down..."**

By Ellen Pierce

"There was a tremendous noise like thunder, everything was breaking up. And roaring... Everything was coming down... I saw the floor cracking, I started running."

These were the words of workers at 462 Broadway when the upper floors of the 103-year old loft building in New York City collapsed on January 27. Twelve people were injured when tons of machinery and plastics crashed from the fifth to the second floor.

It was a wonder they weren't killed. Certainly their escape from death was not due to the foresight of their sweatshop bosses, Weiss & Klau, who exploit 400 other workers—mostly Puerto Rican—making plastics in the building.

Just as the owners of the company want to squeeze every penny of profit out of "their" workers, they try to get the most out of factory facilities too. The floors of the building that caved in had a maximum capacity of 120 pounds per square foot. In places though, heavy rolls of plastics brought the actual weight to 400 or 500 pounds per square foot.

An official of Weiss & Klau said, "We've always prided ourselves on having a modern building." How a crumbling 103-year old building can be "modern," they did not explain.

But the 462 Broadway building is not the only antique in Lower Manhattan. It is part of a 70-block area of old loft and factory buildings known as Hell's Hundred Acres because of the many fatal fires there in past years.

This whole area should have been razed to the ground long ago—and would have been, if a workers' government were in power. Most of the buildings date back to the Civil War.

In 1911, a fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in that area killed 145 workers. Not only the bad condition of the factory, but the bosses' practice of locking the doors so workers could not get away from their machines for a breath of air, caused needless deaths.

Six years ago another fire killed 24 similarly exploited sweatshop workers at 623 Broadway.

When six firemen died in a blaze on Broadway and Grand Street in 1960, the then Fire Commissioner Cavanagh vowed inspectors would go "through every building in Hell's Hundred Acres until there is absolutely nothing that we consider a risk."

Yet only days before the cave-in, a report of the Pratt Institute Planning Department stated:

"Many of the area's 100-year old build-

ings which presently house low-paid jobs are on their last legs. Sooner or later they will either burst into flame or simply collapse of old age..."

As the building at 462 Broadway collapsed last month, New York Building Commissioner Moerdler was busy at an investigation of bribery in his department. He immediately rushed to the scene.

He was probably glad of the diversion so he could get out of the bribery hearing. (It is well known that many building owners would rather pay a \$25 pay-off than make a \$50 repair on a fire hazard or structural defect.)

A "basement to roof" inspection at 462 Broadway two years ago turned up no violations. — Weiss & Klau were in the same business at that time, using the same heavy materials then as on the day the building fell in.

It is not just a matter of petty pay-offs in the Building Department that accounts for a place like Hell's Hundred Acres. The rotting lofts, like the tenements of half the city, are part of the rotten system of exploitation itself.

More buildings will collapse, more will burn; more workers will suffer and die because it "costs too much" to replace old buildings. And billions upon billions will be spent to blow up new buildings in Vietnam and elsewhere.

All because the rich have to get richer — and the poor are expendable.



**Through the  
Magnifying  
Glass**  
By John Moore

## Big Problem of Big Steel — "Excess Capacity"

The first American iron was laboriously cooked up with charcoal and hammered out in Lynn, Massachusetts in the 1640's. The mill there turned out eight tons a week. A lot of sweat went into that stuff. It was precious and there wasn't enough of it.

Now, in 1966, iron and steel making has been developed fantastically, not only in the U.S., but in many other countries, too. It's now a streamlined process, where the metal rolls out in a continuous flow at a faster and faster rate. And it takes less work and less men to make it all the time.

World production of steel has gone up in the last ten years from 300 million net tons a year to 500 million. U.S. production is now close to 130 million tons annually. (But for the five years from 1958 to 1962 inclusive, it averaged less than 100 million.)

## Sitting on Mountains of Steel — But They're Worried

Yet big businessmen, who invested in steel-making and who built new and more modern and more automated factories are worried. Guess why?

Millions of tons more steel could be made by the U.S. and other steel-producing capitalist countries. But even with all the guns and ships needed for their war against Vietnam there is no place to sell it. Businessmen call this problem "excess capacity."

*It means that expensive machinery that they have bought has to be shut down and sit idle part of the time. That can mean losses, trouble, even bankruptcy — hell to pay.*

Steel bosses at a recent meeting in Washington were looking for answers to this problem. Thomas F. Patton, head of Republic Steel, worriedly gave the figures and complained that other countries were cutting into the U.S. market. His company, "only" No. 3 in the U.S. could be in trouble.

## Steel Barons Live in Glass Houses

Patton's story implies a suggestion that foreign companies be stopped from shipping steel into the U.S. But U.S. companies live in glass houses and a rock-throwing contest might not be so good. And furthermore, even if the relatively small amount of foreign steel were barred from the U.S., one or another of the giant U.S. companies might take up the slack at the expense of the others.

A Swedish steel company president had what seemed like a better idea: Don't cut us out of the U.S. market, but speed up the industrializing of "backward" countries and create a market for all that extra steel.

## They Want to Finance Progress — IF

Bankers (who control steel companies) are eager to loan money at a good rate to a company building factories in a foreign country — providing:

1. It would make money and pay them their lush profits.
2. It would accept their dictation of policies.
3. It would buy steel and other things from their companies.
4. It would not be taken over by the people of the foreign country.

But there are fewer places where these conditions can be met than there used to be since the capitalists "lost" Russia and China. And that may make clearer why they fight so viciously to not "lose" Vietnam. It might mean the loss of many other places where they can make money too. And to them, remember, money is light and air and blood.

Finally, even to the limited degree that foreign "backward" countries can be industrialized (in a manner that's suitable to world bankers), it only tends to aggravate the problem of "excess capacity," because this same "excess capacity" is the curse of other industries as well as steel. The newly-built foreign factories (unless new markets can be found) would simply be adding more "excess capacity" to make other goods. Other, older factories would then have to slow down, shut down for a while or close altogether.

It's no wonder this problem worries businessmen and you'll have to admit it really is a tough problem to crack, the way they go at it.

## Socialism Would Welcome This "Problem" — Because It Wouldn't Be One!

But a planned socialist economy would welcome such problems as "excess capacity." Since we wouldn't be hamstrung by the profit rate of our investments, we could look that "excess capacity" over and maybe we'd use it — for new housing, new schools, big dams for cheaper electric power — you name it. Or maybe we'd just keep it in reserve for occasional use. We could even scrap it without hurting anybody. Workers wouldn't lose their jobs in our system.

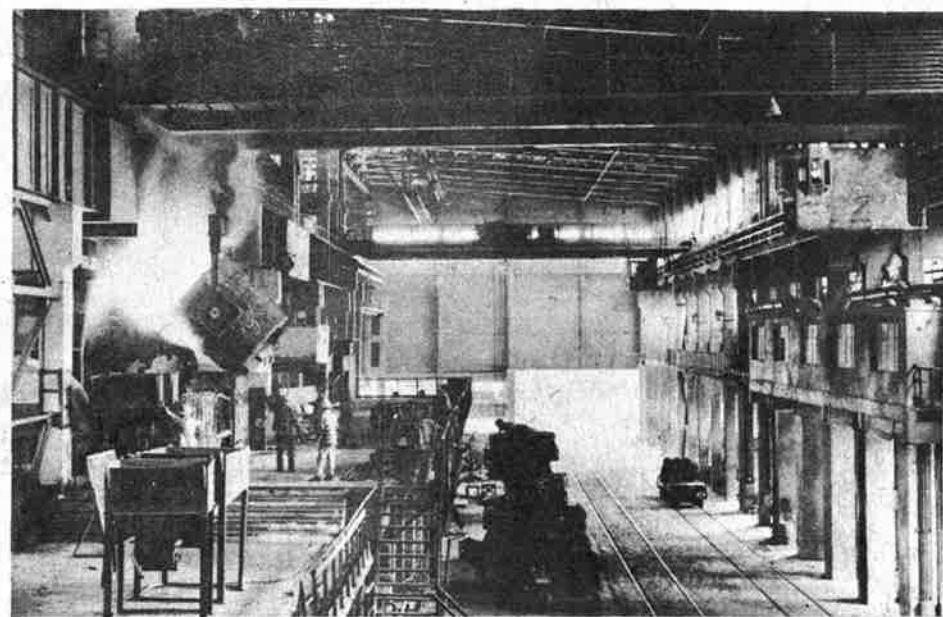
We could give a lot more explanations and reasons why the workers should run things, but we have to limit ourselves because of space and because we know that logical arguments alone, even though they show our ability to do a better job for the human race, won't win us that chance.

As Communists we know that we'll only get the chance to prove the good things about socialism to the people by leading the great masses to a revolution that puts them in a position to run their own system and control their own destiny.

# Steel Muscles for the New China

**Socialist Progress in Spite of Hardship**

**More Steel to Make Life Better**



Top Blown Oxygen Converter Workshop of the Shichingshan Iron and Steel Co

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China passed her 1965 targets for iron, iron ore and steel one month ahead of schedule.

In the course of the year, China turned out more than 500 new steel products, among them many types of high-grade alloy steel resistant to heat, corrosion and high pressure. Most of these products, now being made for the first time in China, are widely needed in the engineering, textile, chemical, oil, ship-building and farm tools industries.

China is now producing practically all the over one thousand different varieties of steel used in the making of cars, tractors and combine harvesters.

China's own steel works are providing the artificial fiber industry with many types of acid-resisting steel that the country once had to import. One of these is a kind of stainless steel used in equipment for vinylon factories. Special steel plates are now produced for high-pressure containers for the chemical fertilizer industry.

China is now mass producing huge steel beams and girders for construction purposes, and minutely fine wires that cannot be detected with the naked eye, for the precision instrument industry.

Under China's general policy for the development of the national economy, which takes agriculture as the foundation and industry as the leading factor, the steel industry has produced more than 120 new steel products for agriculture, to replace the primitive plough and the heavy grindstone that had been used through all the centuries before the founding of the People's Republic.

Chinese-made light channel steel beams

and thick cold-rolled steel plates are used in the manufacture of the latest types of tractors.

A typical semi-colony, China produced little steel before 1949. A few industrial plants processed Chinese iron ores into pig iron for shipment abroad, mainly to Japan.

New China, with its policy of self-reliance, has made great efforts to build up a steel industry during the past decade and a half. By the end of the First Five-Year Plan in 1957, the country was already producing about 75 per cent of the various types of steel it needed. Today over 95 per cent of the steels needed by the country's expanding industry are produced in China.

China is now able to design and build its own modern steel plants, from the smallest local plant to the giant steel complex with a capacity of 3 million tons per annum.

Steel-making techniques have developed considerably in recent years. China is now producing equipment for top-blown oxygen converters and for injecting gas or liquid fuels into blast furnaces.

(Oxygen converters are the latest important improvement in the production of big quantities of steel. Only in general use in the U.S. for seven or eight years — and still by no means universal here, due to the high capital cost and the reluctance of "private enterprise" to junk old equipment that has not yet paid for itself by capitalist standards — ed.)

A big vacuum induction furnace for making purified metals, special steels and high-temperature alloys has also been built.

The rapid progress in the steel industry has paved the way for a fresh advance in the course of China's Third Five-Year Plan, which is being launched in 1966.