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The CIA Was Behind the Coup in Ghana! U.S. Bankers Staged Military Revolt to Get African Labor And Wealth Into Hands of U.S. Big Business

How Senate Voted for Escalation And Called It a "Motion to Table"!

The March 1 Congressional vote on appropriations for Vietnam was a major turning point for the so-called "great debate" on the war.

It quietly laid the "legal" basis for further escalation, while at the same time forcing a large number of the "loyal opposition" to raise their hands in favor of it.

Previously, the much-publicized Senate hearings on Vietnam reflected to some small extent the tremendous popular opposition to the war. But the imperialist politicians' vote on March 1, which was a put-up-or-shut-up proposition, found nearly all the Senatorial "doves" lined up with the worst hawks.

Moods of opposition and grudging support were still clearly evident. But the voting on the \$4.8 billion supplementary military appropriation bill was rightly regarded as a true test of support for the war. And all the "doves" except Morse and Gruening folded their wings on this.

As the pro-fascist New York Daily News exulted on March 3: "The President got pro-hawk roll-call votes in the Senate of 93 to 2 ... and in the House, 392 to 4."

There was another test of the opposition legislators' seriousness in the same day's vote on a motion to table a resolution by Senator Morse.

Morse had moved to rescind the so-called "Tonkin Bay Resolution" of August, 1964. That resolution had provided the legal cover under which Johnson has constantly escalated the war. Morse's move to rescind that resolution was in effect a proposal for a vote of no-confidence in Johnson's conduct of the war and a demand to stop the escalation.

A motion to table Morse's motion - that is, politely kill it - was made by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (sometimes regarded as a "dove") who said "We're in too deep by now."

The motion to table was in reality a motion to escalate, disguised as a parliamentary maneuver. Senator Russell, the chief hawk, made this clear on the Senate floor by saying that the defeat of the

Morse resolution by means of the tabling motion would really be a re-indorsement of the Tonkin Bay Resolution.

Johnson himself threw down the gauntlet to the Senate. His press secretary, Bill Moyers, told reporters before the vote that Johnson believed that those Senators who wanted the original (Tonkin Bay) resolution to stand should vote to table.

And Johnson said flatly in his own name that the Senate could "vote against the war" if it wanted to, by voting against the motion to table.

Just five Senators took up the gauntlet - Sens. Fulbright, Young, Eugene McCarthy, Morse and Gruening. The New York Times said the next day that "Sen. Fulbright broke completely with the President."

This was true insofar as Johnson's conduct of the war was involved, and very

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Aim to Turn Africa Into Subdivided U.S. Kingdom And Dominate It as They Do Latin America

Washington cheered when Nkrumah fell.

There was unrestrained glee in the big business press and open satisfaction in the U.S. government when Gen. Joseph Ankrah's 7-man military council overthrew the government of Ghana on February 24. And not a single capitalist

voice was raised to condemn "force and violence" or to complain that the sacred ballot box was by-passed.

And no wonder! The Accra coup was a counterrevolutionary climax to three months of military takeovers in Africa and marked a sharp turn back toward imperialist control of the whole continent.

It was also intimately connected to the bloody overturn in Indonesia last fall and to the ousting of Ben Bella in Algeria a scant four months before that.

The connecting link was provided by U.S. organization and U.S. bribery, through the medium of the machinations of the well-known CIA. The Indonesian, Algerian and Ghanaian events, plus most of the other coups as well, had one thing in common: They were direct victories for U.S. imperialism. And it is an open secret that the U.S. had the biggest hand in them.

Ankrah's British-trained officer clique did the shooting, it is true. London intrigues planned some of the shots. But the CIA, working for Britain's senior partner, provided the bullets and the U.S. bankers will reap most of the benefits.

Its CLASS Character

The Ghana coup was in the nature of a special climax because it was the clearest and sharpest turn to the right in Africa - politically, economically and socially.

Nationalized industries and projects were de-nationalized. All talk of building socialism and of the anti-imperialist struggle was silenced. Soviet, Chinese and East German diplomats, advisers and technicians were asked to leave on the very morrow of the overturn.

The class character of the reactionary turn was highlighted with grim irony as East Germans left and West Germans stayed!

It was not that the usurping clique was more conciliatory to white Europeans than Nkrumah was. It is more conciliatory to the imperialist exploiter.

East Germans and West Germans are from exactly the same racial stock. But the Western ones belong to an exploiting colonialist regime, just as do the British and Americans. The Eastern ones belong to an anti-imperialist regime which is rooted in the international working class. The East Germans were expelled while the former British overlords were brought back - to be junior partners of the new American superlords.

The Tip-Off That U.S. Was Behind It

The hand of reaction was also visible in the timing of the coup.

Kwame Nkrumah, like Sukarno and Ben Bella, had called for a people's militia just before his ouster. And the army chose just this time to move against him, as it did in the case of the two other leaders. (Had the masses been armed, the army could not have taken power without a long civil war, if then. And the U.S. newspapers again.)

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Kwame Nkrumah

Gestapo-Cops Aid Fascist Hoods In Attack on Dubois Club

By F. Goldstein

NEW YORK, March 6 - Members of the W.E.B. Dubois Club, a progressive youth organization, were attacked yesterday as they left their Brooklyn headquarters, by an organized bunch of fascist hoodlums working in collaboration with the New York police.

Earlier today the Dubois headquarters in San Francisco was bombed and almost completely destroyed.

Both attacks came in the wake of Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach's announcement of Justice Department plans to launch a witch hunt against the Dubois Club. The announcement was used by the capitalist press to whip up a "red" scare atmosphere.

Over 100 right wing hoodlums assaulted 30 members of the youth group with eggs, garbage cans and fists as they were

leaving a press conference called to denounce the government witch hunt.

Hours before the melee a small group of police watched approvingly as the fascist mob assembled outside the youth club in the Park Slope section of Brooklyn, in obvious preparation for an attack. After the goons started the fighting, the police joined in the assault. They beat several members of the youth group with clubs and held others while the fascists pumelled them with fists.

When the cops finally broke it up, they arrested eight of the victims on a variety of trumped-up charges.

The government's witch hunt-inspired bombing and mauling of Dubois Club members aroused indignation in many quarters.

Key Martin, national chairman of Youth Against War & Fascism, expressed the outrage of his organization at these recent events.

"The Johnson Administration, by ordering its legal department to move against the Dubois Club," said Mr. Martin, "has again exposed itself as the prime source of reaction in this country. Mr. Nicholas Katzenbach's statement giving the go ahead for the Subversive Activities Control Board investigation has spurred on the forces of reaction, racism and war which look with increasing satisfaction to the Johnson government for political support.

"We demand the immediate abolition of the SACB, which is nothing more than a star chamber court - a fascist organ..."

Commenting on today's violence in Brooklyn, Mr. Martin said:

"All progressive elements will surely condemn this outrage. Our own organization Youth Against War and Fascism, stands ready to help prevent it from happening again."

Black People of Watts Still Persecuted by Courts

By Brenda Cross

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25 - The Watts rebellion in Los Angeles may have waked up some liberals and frightened some reactionaries into an awareness of the black dynamite that mines the ghettos of most American cities.

But the tortured residents of Watts are still paying the price for being black. There were 30 Afro-Americans killed by cops in the uprising (not one white civilian was killed) and 4,000 were arrested. As of last month, there were still 300 facing charges.

Of these 300, many of whom are still in prison, Phillip Brooks, Harold Potts and Joseph Lavine were charged with the

murder of a white deputy sheriff. (No cops are being charged for the deaths of 30 black men and women.)

Since the trio's arrest, under the guise of justice, the racist cops and courts have attempted to inflict a punishment as brutal as would be required to set an example to the black community and thwart any further uprisings.

This has meant the District Attorney's initial submission of "evidence" to the Grand Jury (which holds secret sessions) without opportunity for the defense attorneys to reveal the absolute lack of substance to uphold a charge of murder. -

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On Cuba-China Relations

Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro is now taking a stand close to the revisionists in the world Communist movement. This is the implication behind his much publicized attack on People's China in the matter of the Cuba-China trade treaty.

To the surprise of the Cuban people as well as the Chinese government, Premier Castro made a public complaint against China while trade negotiations were still thought to be going on. He chose a time (the January 2 celebration of the 7th Anniversary of the Cuban Revolution) and a place (the broad mass forum of Havana's Revolutionary Square) both calculated to get maximum world publicity.

He did this without allowing the normal time for an effort to adjust matters with the Chinese.

Then, after a relatively restrained reply by the Chinese Ministry of Trade, he made a much more generalized and extreme attack on February 5.

Even after a careful study of the Cuba-China trade differences, it is difficult for an observer to understand the exact difficulties in the purely economic relations between the two countries. It would seem that any trade inequities could have been ironed out.

But if the question of the trading proportions of rice and sugar is obscure, the front-page headlines in the Feb. 6 *Granma*, the English language newspaper of the united Cuban Communist Party, were all too clear. The anti-China headlines covered the whole front page. They accused China of using "the worst methods of

imperialist piracy" as did Premier Castro himself in the lengthy attack reported on the inside pages.

It was not really a matter of Chinese rice and Cuban sugar. It was a matter of the Cuban leadership breaking with the Chinese.

It is unfortunate that the man who stood up so bravely against U.S. imperialism now feels compelled to excoriate People's China.

Doubtless the internal conditions and international political and economic situation of Cuba are determining factors in Premier Castro's position. But this does not make it correct.

His action has the effect of helping to isolate People's China just at a time when imperialism is conducting the most furious world-wide campaign against that country.

A consistent defense of the Cuban revolution against U.S. imperialism cannot include the defense of an action such as this, because it is not in the interest of Cuban socialism any more than of People's China.

— Since the above-described developments, the U.S. is now apparently trying to organize the assassination of Premier Castro. Among other things, this proves that the objective social character of the Castro regime, like that of People's China and the Soviet Union, is irreconcilably opposed to predatory imperialism and that the revisionist theory of a lengthy period of peaceful co-existence is utterly false.

CIA Was Behind Ghana Coup; Hit Jackpot for U.S. Bankers

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would then have condemned the "violence" — of the oppressed.)

The tip-off that the U.S. was involved was at first a subtle one. After months of attacks and semi-attacks against President Nkrumah in the U.S. press, there was suddenly a cessation of all criticism — and just at a time when Nkrumah had grown increasingly "anti-American" (in reality, anti-imperialist) and was moving firmly against U.S. corporations!

The blow seemed to come out of the blue — but it was actually "the most elaborately organized of the six military coups in Africa" as the New York Times said cryptically a week after the event. "Elaborately organized" — yes. And by those elaborate organizers who hand out billions of U.S. dollars to puppet politicians and generals — the CIA.

All 3 Coups Broke Up Anti-U.S. World Conferences!

Also like the cases of Algeria and Indonesia was the significant fact that the Ghana counterrevolution took place just before a major international conference which could have hurt U.S. financiers and their interests tremendously.

The Algerian coup broke up the 2nd Afro-Asian Conference, which had been set to condemn U.S. aggression in Vietnam. The Indonesian coup broke up the great plans

for the nations of the New Emerging Forces, which were to meet in newly built quarters in Jakarta and rival the U.S.-dominated United Nations.

And the Ghana coup put a big wrench in the gears of the Organization of African States, which met in Addis Ababa a few days afterward. This Organization had been scheduled to raise armed forces to punish white supremacist Rhodesia (where U.S. companies own big mines, etc.), to aid embattled Angola and Mozambique against colonialist Portugal and to act against the South African apartheid system. But the Organization's majority buckled and proceeded to recognize the delegation of the pro-imperialist clique of Ghana, thus repudiating both Nkrumah and the anti-imperialist line.

On March 3, Guinea, Mali and Tanganyika walked out of the conference because of this. And on the next day, Algeria, Somalia, Kenya and then the United Arab Republic did likewise. Doubtless the pro-Western majority had been there all the time, but the ouster of Nkrumah and the reversal of Ghana's anti-imperialist line was the club that beat the "neutrals" and the undecided back into the empire — the empire of U.S. big business, that is.

Kwame Nkrumah's personal role might perhaps be criticized from the left as not being sufficiently socialist or egalitarian. But not a single one of the big U.S. newspaper critics have the slightest right to make such a criticism while they support the imperialist puppet opposition that overthrew him.

Ghana is a small but pivotal country. Nkrumah's leadership increased its pivotal importance and his fall is a great setback, no matter how temporary it will surely be, for African freedom.

Cops Say Don't Interfere With Their Brutality

By Ellen Pierce

The New York City police are loudly complaining that the creation of even the most conservative and feeble Civilian Review Board would be "playing politics" (or in their more polite racist term, "catering to minority groups") and would reduce efficiency in fighting crime and "interfere" in purely police affairs, etc. Of course, having John Birch Society members on the force is O.K. and not considered "politics"!

A Civilian Review Board would be composed of representatives of the same capitalist class that hires and appoints the police in the first place.

But other voices might make themselves heard through such a board. And the police want no questions asked — no embarrassing questions about so-called prisoner "suicides" in station houses or about detailed confessions by people later proved to be miles away from the crimes they confessed to.

Here is a small sampling of the kind of things the police don't want "interfered" with.

Santos Sanchez, a factory worker with six children, "confessed" to murdering a woman after he was viciously beaten at the 41st Precinct station house in the Bronx. Three months ago, he was finally released after a year in prison when a Puerto Rican lawyer insisted on a series of lie-detector tests which showed his

innocence.

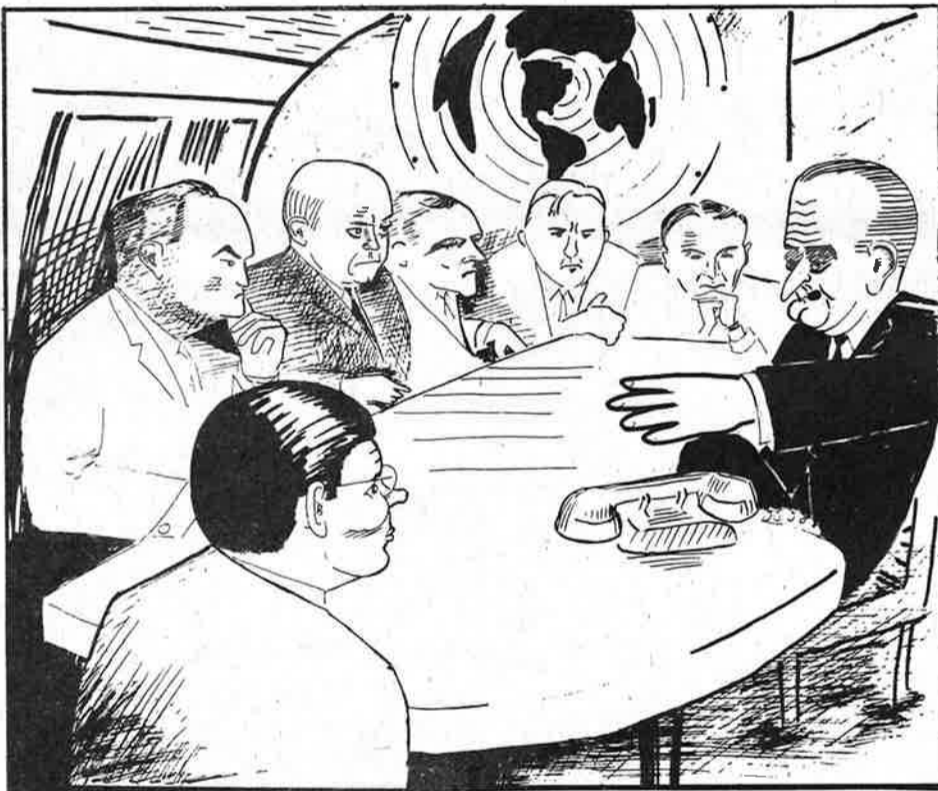
After his arrest and beating, Sanchez had to be hospitalized for six weeks, and during his imprisonment he lost 40 pounds. No charges have been brought against the police who got his "confession."

In January, Melvin Hall, a 29-year-old Afro-American, was shot and critically wounded by a cop after he allegedly drove through a red light and then tried to escape. No charges have been brought against the cop who nearly killed him.

On February 2, 50-year-old Graham Worrell, a Bedford-Stuyvesant resident partly crippled by polio, was knocked down and beaten across the head with a nightstick. His offense was not moving fast enough when a cop ordered him and a friend to "break it up" as they stood talking on Summer Avenue that night. No charges have been brought against the policeman involved.

Last week, four white policemen made an Afro-American mother, Mrs. Gertrude Williams, partly undress in a Harlem bar. The cops said they were looking for female impersonators. The racism of the police was evident not only in their indecent, outrageous treatment of Mrs. Williams, but, as the leader of CORE pointed out, to bigoted cops all black people look alike. No charges have been brought against the four policemen.

— That would be "interference."



"It was just a dream, fellows, but it worries me ... There was this big strike and everything was shut down and the soldiers wouldn't fight and — and then when I called up, there wasn't even anyone to push the button."

Free McClure & Smith! Demand Buffalo Pickets

BUFFALO, Feb. 26 — In a spirited demonstration, this city's chapter of Youth Against War & Fascism today held a picket line in the downtown area bringing the plight of George E. Smith and Claude D. McClure to public attention and demanding their immediate release by the U.S. Army.

(Smith and McClure are two American soldiers who had been taken prisoner by the National Liberation Forces of South Vietnam. They were later freed in honor of the anti-war demonstrations in the U.S. Upon their release they made statements in Cambodia to the international press expressing sympathy for the NLF and the anti-war movement in the U.S. Their sympathy was based on their having seen both sides of the war. In an apparent effort to prevent them from bringing the truth about Vietnam to the American people, the U.S. Army has been illegally and unconstitutionally holding them incommunicado on Okinawa Island ever since.)

Participants in today's picketing handed out leaflets to passers-by, who were for the most part friendly, in spite of a counter-picket line by a pro-war group of neo-Nazi "respectables."

Outnumbered by about three to one, they tried to order pedestrians not to take any anti-war leaflets, and tried to disrupt the line by shrieking foul racist and anti-Semitic slurs. But they did not attempt to physically attack the obviously militant anti-war protesters.

The demonstrators answered the fascists with such chants as "Fight for freedom in the South; get out of Vietnam!" and "Johnson makes war; fascists want more!"

People on the street read the YAWF leaflet with interest and several, sometimes in groups of three or four, and sometimes individually, joined the line.

Among these were some Afro-American workers and white working class women. One minister joined the line with his son.

SAY WHAT YOU MEAN, MAC!

McNamara says that in two years China will have missiles with a range of 700 miles, so it could then hit Japan, etc.

What he really means is that China could then defend itself against the 7th Fleet, which threatens China with 700-mile missiles right now!

Behind the Military Coups

U.S. Capitalists Expand Looting of Africa

The CIA-inspired coups in Ghana and other African countries were part of a clearing operation for the large scale U.S. exploitation of Africa. Recent figures show the mushrooming growth of U.S. money penetration in Africa.

In 1950 U.S. businessmen had \$248 million invested in Africa. Ten years later in 1960 this amount had tripled to \$867 million, and in only four more years the amount had doubled again.

Latest complete figures are for 1964: \$1.6 billion. (It should be borne in mind that these figures represent only a fraction of the actual amount of U.S. investments, but the proportion of increase is probably accurate.)

On January 31 of this year, the New York Times, in its annual economic review, revealed these figures and also indicated how closely the U.S. government and its agencies worked with businessmen in financial and political subversion.

The U.S. Departments of State and Commerce held meetings and conducted tours of U.S. businessmen. The businessmen were assured that their fears of "having investments uprooted" were "unfounded."

These predatory businessmen, who had asked for police protection while they plundered, were being told with a wink that the cops were on the job.

New York banks opened branch operations in Africa and Pan American Airlines established direct routes to Africa for the first time.

Most of the huge U.S. investments went into what is called "extractive enterprises" - those in which the natural resources are looted and shipped out of the country.

Of the \$1.6 billion figure for 1964 investments, \$830 million went into oil - mainly in Libya. (In new oil grabs, previously

strong British and Dutch companies are being left out while U.S. companies take it all.)

About \$350 million was invested in mining.

Only \$225 million of the \$1.6 billion was

put into manufacturing, and much of this went to apartheid-ed South Africa.

Stepped-up penetration into Africa has multiplied the profits for U.S. capital. According to watered-down figures of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the profit for the U.S. private investments in Africa in 1963 was \$170 million. In 1964 it had more than doubled to \$343 million.

U.S. bankers hope to continue and expand this profitable exploitation. The new government in Ghana will help.



**Through the
Magnifying
Glass**
By John Moore

Money and Racism Can't Sell War

The slanted polls of popular support for the war have showed a decline from 78 per cent a year ago to 49 per cent now. But if 49 per cent are for the war, they are not enthusiastic enough to do much picketing or parading for it (not to mention enlisting in it!)

The swivel chair warriors of big business have tried again and again to rally active popular support. Repeatedly their efforts have fizzled.

Last month in Atlanta, Georgia, they seemed to have put together a winning combination of their most plentiful ingredients: money and racism. Their plans were big. It was predicted that 50,000 would attend a giant pro-war rally in Atlanta Stadium.

The story began, it was said, last November when two pro-war students from lily-white Emory University were supposed to have had a sudden inspiration to rush and organize their fellow students to support the war.

This grass-rootsy picture was, however, at odds with the other facts of the case. It was clearly a matter of a few pro-war shoots (already planted by pro-war propaganda) being given the hothouse treatment.

Emory University provided them with a free 15-room office complex to organize their pro-war activities. Anti-war students complained, but to no avail.

Northern big businessmen, who have colonized the South and control it, were more than generous. Sears Roebuck and Co., Cluette, Peabody and Co. and Lockheed-Georgia Company provided their executive planes. The chairman of the group, Remar M. Sutton Jr., was flown to Washington where top officials did their part. He met with aides of Johnson, Humphrey and Rusk and the group was provided with tax-exempt status.

All but one of Atlanta's banks donated \$1,000 each.

Two utility companies, Georgia Power and the Southern Company, gave \$1,000 each.

Delta Airlines gave \$800.

The Governor of Georgia, Carl E. Sanders, gave \$100 and his erstwhile opponent for office gave \$50. The list of sponsors was long. (But it did not include any black cotton choppers in Georgia - or any GI's in Vietnam.)

Bob Hope made a special radio and TV program that was shown around the state to promote the rally, and segregationist and pro-war Senator Russell asked native-son Dean Rusk to speak.

Finally, after three months of intensive organizing, the great rally was held - on Saturday, February 12.

Outside the stadium, in spite of the attempt to smother all opposition, a picket line marched in protest in a heavy rain.

Inside, a crowd heard Dean Rusk give a standard speech. The audience, which was claimed to be 10,000, filled only a small fraction of the large stadium. In spite of the fact that 200,000 were said to have signed in support of the rally, at least 40,000 of 50,000 expected as a result of the state-wide, three-month campaign did not show up.

Maybe it was the rain. - But it rains a lot in Vietnam, too.

This Mom's Apple Pie Has Arsenic in It!

The March issue of *Reader's Digest* has an article (by Hanson Baldwin) pushing for a blockade of North Vietnam, another article condemning the comparatively tiny government welfare spending as too expensive, and finally a book "condensation" giving an anti-Soviet view of the last days of Nazi-held Berlin: the Russians are pictured as drunken rapists; the hero is a German general.

That is about the usual recipe for the arsenic-loaded mom's apple pie which calls itself the "Reader's Digest" and poses as gatherer of heartwarming, human interest and how-to-do-it news for the home folks.

For all its surface simplicity, *Reader's Digest* is one of the most deliberate and clever and powerful propaganda organs yet devised by capitalist minds.

Its inventor and boss, DeWitt Wallace, told his staff in the 'Thirties, "We also (in addition to Germany - J.M.) need a little fascism in the U.S. to keep this country in line."

A May, 1938, book "condensation" Wallace arranged shows how cleverly he chooses material to sell this point of view. The article, which makes mild criticism of Hitler (He went too far), pictures him as "transparently honest" and the leader who brought both "hope and romance" to disillusioned Germans, saving them from "undoubted"... "inroads" of a "Jewish minority."

Wallace also hired as a senior editor Paul Palmer, who had been an editor on the openly pro-fascist *American Mercury*. Palmer is still there.

By 1945, Wallace's *Reader's Digest* was pushing for a peace-time draft, and Wallace knew just what he wanted it for. In the July, 1945, issue, an article and lead put it this way: *What Is Our Future in Asia? Can we expect the Chinese to police the Far East? If not, are we ready to do it ourselves?*"

That was twenty years ago, when the U.S. ruling class had Chiang Kai-shek and China instead of only General Ky and Saigon. But it's still dispensing its poison, and to far more customers. It now has a circulation of *twenty-six million* world-wide, probably the largest circulation of any publication in the world. It is printed in fourteen languages.

But as *Reader's Digest's* more nimble writers might put it, this silver has a clouded lining. About three billion people do *not* read *Reader's Digest*. And even many of those who do are involved in events which are crushing refutations of this peddler of soft-sell fascism.

— Senate Votes Escalation

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important from some points of view. But Fulbright made the limited character of his "break" quite clear when he voted for the appropriation for money to carry on the war. He said at that time, "Nobody wants a white flag over the capitol."

The twenty or so Senators like Church, Gore, Mansfield, Robert Kennedy etc. who are in apparent opposition to the war - or some aspect of the war - fell in line with Johnson on both the motion for military funds and the tabling motion.

Mansfield, Russell and Fulbright arranged the tabling maneuver in a clubby little meeting of "friendly enemies" the night before, when Russell agreed not to

present a motion of open reaffirmation of the Tonkin Bay Resolution. Fulbright said he did not want a "long and divisive" debate "in time of war." So it was agreed that the whole test of sentiment for escalation should be on the motion to table. And the motion to table would be made by the once-opponent, Mansfield!

A motion to table, according to the rules of parliamentary procedure, *cannot be discussed on the floor*

Thus the lives of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, were disposed of without a "divisive debate." And a large number of fallen doves can innocently say that they did not mean to vote for a bigger war - when they did just that.

Despite Bombs, N. Vietnam Increases '65 Rice Harvest!

By Chang Mei

Exclusive to Workers World
From China Features, Peking

The fighting people in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam won remarkable success in farming in 1965. The grain harvest was 3.9 per cent higher than the year before.

The bumper harvest was a proud reply to the U.S. aggressors, who have strafed and bombed north Vietnam day and night ever since early 1965. They vainly hoped that the bombs could spread starvation among the Vietnamese people and bring them to their knees.

Throughout the harvest season people went about their harvesting, threshing and husking till the small hours.

According to incomplete official statistics, both early and late rice crops were good. The per hectare yield averaged more than five tons in more than 70 cooperatives on the outskirts of Hanoi and in hundreds of agricultural cooperatives in Hai Duong Province.

In Vinh Linh Area near the 17th Parallel, which bore the brunt of U.S. air attacks, the people gathered a bumper farm harvest while heroically fighting against the air marauders. Total rice yield exceeded the planned target by 7.5 per cent.

In Ngai An and Thanh Hoa Provinces, which had been struck by U.S. bombers, the late rice yield was the highest since 1960.

Irrigation projects have become targets of the U.S. aircraft. Ban Thach dam on the Ma River has stood against eleven air raids. Everywhere the people and army valiantly defended the water conservancy works and promptly repaired those damaged. Their hard work secured the flow of water to the fields, which finally brought a bumper crop.

In addition, many new small-scale irrigation projects were built all over the country. Seven provinces in the middle reaches of the Red River all overfulfilled their 1965 targets for water conservancy work.



Members of an agricultural cooperative in Thanh Hoa Province sunning their bumper rice harvest with stacked rifles ready against bombing planes!

McNamara's Steel-trap Logic: 2 Plus 2 Is 5!

The U.S. forces now invading South Vietnam are getting *one thousand times* as much supplies from outside the area as the National Liberation forces are.

This fact was made public on March 2 by U.S. Secretary of Defense, Robert S. McNamara.

He said that there was a daily flow of 12 to 30 tons of supplies from North Vietnam to the guerrillas in South Vietnam and that the United States is moving an average of 24,000 tons a day to South Vietnam by ship alone. He added that an undisclosed tonnage is also being moved there by airplane.

McNamara revealed these sensational figures to inquiring Senators when they wondered if the bombing of North Vietnam really had any effect on the war in South Vietnam. Such small amounts, some of them thought, might be moved by bicycles or by human bearers.

The Secretary admitted that this might be so, but contended that the big bombing did have a military effect. And he added with his well-known steel-trap logic, that the flow of goods from North to South was now increasing.

McNamara did not explain why the U.S. had failed to win the war in December of last year as he had predicted earlier and in the light of the thousand-to-one

And They Want to Give the Same Bargain to Vietnam

U.S. "Free Elections" -- Bought and Paid For

When you hear about "free elections" (U.S. style) for South Vietnam, remember that means *after* the country is "pacified" and safely controlled by U.S. forces

and U.S. puppets — they hope.

Eisenhower said in his memoirs that over 80 per cent of the people in Vietnam would vote for Ho Chi Minh if they had the

Vietnam: Election Now Going On

Those who want to subjugate Vietnam are now calling for "free elections." But the Vietnamese are already conducting their election. This election is a hundred times more serious, more honest and more fraught with importance for the outcome than any election in the United States for the past hundred years.

In this election the ballots are replaced by bullets and the bullets are outnumbered by bombs — U.S. bombs. And the precious lives of children are paid at each village polling place for the privilege of voting.

The Vietnamese people are dying by the thousand over the choice between the National Liberation Front on one side and the Saigon puppets of U.S. big business on the other. They are making their choice between independence and subjugation, between equality and landlord rule, between self-determination and imperialist domination. That is why they pay so high a price for the vote.

— Can you imagine thousands of Americans willing to die over the election of a Democratic exploiter rather than a Republican?

superiority in supplies, this was an interesting omission.

Nor did he answer the question — how then do you explain that the war is one of "outside aggression" on the part of the NLF rather than a civil war of national liberation?

— But then, he wasn't asked.

New Provocations: Koreans In Vietnam, GI's in Korea!



Above, a Korean soldier in Vietnam leads 10 "suspected Viet Cong" bound and blindfolded to a prison compound. Note the extreme youth of one prisoner, the old age of another and the fact that one is a woman.

As part of its strategic plan to expand the war in Southeast Asia, U.S. big business has exacted from its South Korean pawn a promise to send still more troops to Vietnam.

Fanning the fires of the war against Asian liberation, but at the same time pitting Asian against Asian was one of the main purposes of Vice President Humphrey's recent tour.

During his South Korean stay, he received a pledge from General Park of 20,000 more troops for Vietnam (in addition to the 20,000 already there) and pledged to the South Korean dictator in return, expansion of U.S. military and economic aid to his brutally corrupt regime.

The utter failure of the U.S. to bring stability to South Korea after 15 years, except that resting uneasily on the gun

CHINA: YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Seventeen years ago, before the revolution, China had to import nearly all manufactured articles — even things as simple as a magnifying glass.

Today People's China has manufactured an electronic microscope which can magnify 200,000 times.

barrels of the 55,000 U.S. troops there, is revealed by this increase in "aid." And the U.S. promise to "modernize" the South Korean Army means equipping it with the techniques of terror tried first in the war laboratory of Vietnam — and preparing it to open another front in the war against Asia.

U.S. imperialism has succeeded, by use of money and power, in getting many more Asians killed in Vietnam than Americans. It envisions expansion of this by the enmeshing of hundreds of millions of Asians in struggle against each other — brother against brother.

(However, huge numbers of U.S. troops are needed to back up the shanghai-ing of South Vietnamese into the puppet government army, and the weekly toll of U.S. men sacrificed in Wall Street's war grows ever larger.)

Washington's Korean move is also an open provocation to People's China. At the very moment U.S. Senators are warning that North Korea and China may "retaliate" for Vietnam by moving into South Korea, Johnson and his generals dragoon another 20,000 South Koreans into their reactionary war in Vietnam and still leave 55,000 American soldiers in Korea!

-Watts Victims

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and the Grand Jury's (in secret session) holding (based on the DA's submission) that the evidence warranted a murder charge.

It has meant that the subsequent motions for dismissal were denied in the District Court. It has meant that the State Supreme Court, which finally threw out the charges against Lavine and Potts, claimed that the case against Brooks could not be dropped — supposedly because of a cop's testimony that it was Brooks whose hand was involved most in the deputy sheriff's death — that there was reason to believe he was "resisting arrest" even though the cop's testimony did not show this.

The Court ruled that Brooks could be held for murder even though he was not in possession of a gun, he did not leave his car, and in fact he was doing nothing more than being ordered by a terrified cop to leave the area — while the cop in his terror, had managed to raise his shotgun toward the open car window and in the process, accidentally shot and killed the deputy sheriff, himself. But he won't admit it.

Brooks has a wife and four sons, and has been in jail since August. He has been in jail while the blatantly publicized murderers in Selma and Tuskegee and Meridian and Anniston are free. He has been in jail while the HUAC hearings on the Klan have produced witnesses all too happy to reveal themselves as real murderers.

And he will be in jail as long as the courts can retain a pretense of legality in holding him there.

The pretense seems to be waning, however, and probably in the near future the class-biased Court will allow bail. (Up to now, bail has been denied because there is a charge of "substantially evidenced" murder.) Bail may be provided — thanks to the unceasing efforts of the Southside Citizens Defense Committee (a group formed after the massive arrests during the insurrection.)

Brooks' future freedom will depend on the outcome of the March Supreme Court hearing.

Different Story in Vietnam Today!

Once upon a time, it took only 600 soldiers from the imperialist West to conquer all Vietnam.

In 1883 French imperialism dispatched a squadron of troops to Hanoi to seize the empire of Tonkin and complete its conquest of Vietnam.

The oppressed Vietnamese, saddled under the regime of oriental serfdom, remained passive as 600 Legionnaires, without a plane or a tank, without napalm or poison gas, stormed the citadel of Hanoi, delivered the coup de

chance. That being the case, it is understandable that even the most passionate bourgeois boosters of the ballot box are not advocating free elections in Vietnam for *right now!*

No, they have one little qualification about free elections. When they say "free elections," they mean *after* the U.S. wins the war and U.S. forces control the country. Then a "free election" may be affected by U.S. propaganda, bought with U.S. money and intimidated by U.S. guns.

Exaggeration?

Let's see just how free are the "free elections" in the U.S. itself.

Forget about elections in the U.S. South where lynch law, poll tax and white supremacy openly rule the ballot box.

Look at the liberal North.

If you believe the papers, one of the free-est elections in recent years was the New York City mayoralty race, which resulted in the "upset" of John Lindsay, a Republican, being elected Mayor in a normally Democratic city.

But the Lindsay-for-Mayor Committee admitted to spending \$2.5 million in that election. This came to about \$2.09 per vote. (At the turn of the century and for some time thereafter, Tammany Hall often bought votes for a dollar apiece. This, of course, was illegal.)

In addition to the \$2.5 million openly spent by the Lindsay forces, there were the uncounted millions of dollars worth of free front-page newspaper space in the many-million circulation dailies which kept track of Lindsay's walking tours, his street corner hand-shaking, restaurant table-hopping and praised his honesty, his good looks and liberalism at every opportunity. (One thing they did *not* publicize was his close family connection with the giant Morgan banks.)

If a Communist were to run for the same office as Lindsay — and say that the bankers were exploiting the masses or suggest that all men are created equal and ought to be equal — how could he let the public know his program? How could he get the support of the daily press, radio, TV and the backing of the pulpit politicians and other "leaders" of public opinion? How could he get the schools to stop brainwashing children against their own interests from the age of six onward?

The day will come, of course, when Communism will get a million and a quarter votes in New York City without spending \$2.5 million or anything like it — because the masses will learn their own true interests *in spite of* their daily doses of poison and brainwashing.

In the meantime, however, it is all but impossible to break the chains of those "free elections" and vote for freedom.

"FREE ELECTIONS" NOT SO FREE IN CAPITAL CITY OF USA!

There aren't any elections in the city of Washington, DC — "free" or otherwise.

It seems that the capital's population is about 60 per cent Afro-American and so "home rule" would mean a black city government.

— You couldn't expect all those liberal Congressmen and that liberal President to be for *free elections* if the wrong people were to get elected — now could you?

grace to the feudal emperor, Tu Duc, and bound the empire in vassalage to the financial oligarchy in Paris.

In 1966 the most murderous onslaughts of U.S. imperialism, carried out by 235,000 U.S. troops and 600,000 Vietnamese puppet troops, working with \$20 billion worth of the most modern means of destruction Wall Street has been able to devise have only succeeded in rousing the Vietnamese people to fight as one man in a mighty struggle for freedom.