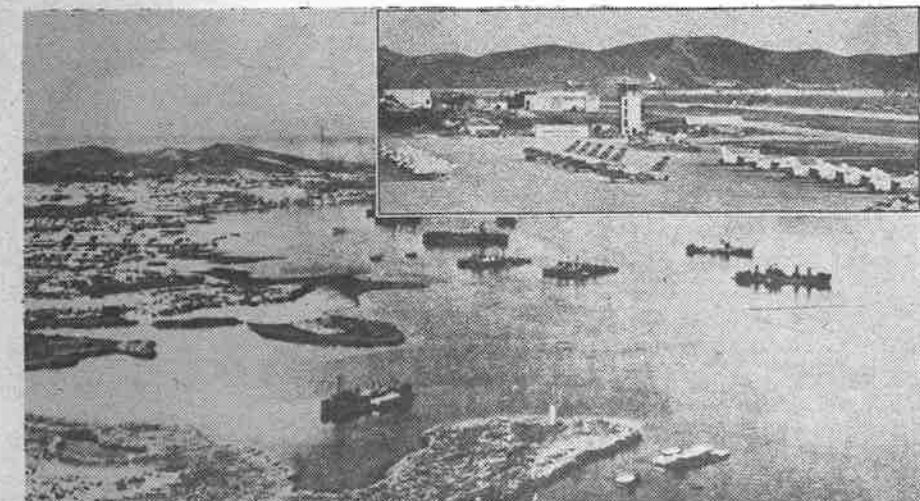


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U.S. BATTLESHIPS AT GUANTANAMO BAY IN CUBA. INSERT: U.S. MARINE PLANES ON THE BASE.

The Yankee Draft in Puerto Rico

U.S. policy has always been to draft a higher percentage of Puerto Ricans than North Americans into the U.S. Army (and to force them into more dangerous fighting positions, as in Korea).

Now there is an examination for students, to determine on the basis of their grades if they

shall be deferred from the draft.

If this examination is discriminatory for students in the U.S., it is doubly so for Puerto Rican students because **THE TEST IS GIVEN IN ENGLISH!** This means an even higher percentage of Puerto Ricans will be drafted and be compelled to fight for a foreign country.

SNCC BLACK FREEDOM FIGHT ALARMS RACIST RULING CLASS

By F. Goldstein

NEW YORK, May 27—The newly elected leadership of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee started off on a militant note last week by pulling out of the President's Council on Civil Rights with a sweeping denunciation of the Council's forthcoming conference as a "useless endeavor" and with a sharp attack on the Johnson Administration for attempting to "use black Americans to recoup a loss of prestige internationally."

A public statement explaining SNCC's withdrawal from the Council rejected in advance as pure hypocrisy the pious declarations of sympathy for the Black People, which will inevitably issue from the conference.

Exposing the talk-session as another attempt to cover the racist administration in Washington with a liberal image, SNCC declared:

"Regardless of the proposals which stem from this conference we know that the Executive Department and the President are not serious about insuring Constitutional rights to black Americans.

"For example, murders of civil rights workers and black citizens roam free in this country with the desire to kill more freedom fighters; and the national government claims it is impotent...

"For example, police chiefs sheriffs, and state officials who have victimized black people, beaten and jailed them and further suppressed our dignity are fully aware they

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Vets Tell Reservists Not to Go

NEW YORK, May 21—Hundreds of anti-war demonstrators today appealed directly to reservists marching in the "Armed Forces Day" parade with chants of "Keep the reservists here..." and "We're on your side!" We don't want you to die!"

While officers frowned, the chants brought smiles of approval to the faces of the enlisted reservists. Some even gave discreet motions of support, like winking or holding their thumbs up. A police captain, alarmed at the obvious impact the demonstrators were making on the soldiers, began to shout demands to the demonstrators to keep moving etc. in an effort to disrupt their effect.

The "Armed Forces Day" parade, held yearly since 1940 when the peace-time draft bill was begun, was

small this year. It was led by a rigid phalanx of West Point cadets who marched with robot-like precision that brought admiring remarks from well to do militarists. (A well-dressed, middle-aged man told another: "Colonel, it does a man good to see those West Pointers march. They're marvelous! Better than the Germans or anybody!")

The cadets were followed by less than enthusiastic enlisted men forced to don olive drab for the occasion. The parade, officially 10,000 actually numbered much less—a couple of thousand at most.

Contingents left huge gaps in the column as it stretched out on broad Fifth Avenue from 95th Street southward.

The anti-war picketers near 69th St. carried signs which called for reservists to be kept home as well

Cuba Flails U.S. War Move In Guantánamo

Murder of Cuban Soldier and Other Provocations Obvious Test of Strength or Prelude to Attack

MAY 30—Just about the time that Lyndon Johnson was telling reporters he was "200 per cent" for peace, his agents in Cuba were trying to start yet another war.

Shooting down a Cuban soldier at the edge of U.S.-held Guantánamo base on May 21, refusing to apologize for the action, and then making its own diplomatic protest, alleging a later intrusion of several Cubans on May 23, U.S. militarism was obviously looking for trouble.

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro refused to accept a State Department note on the alleged incident of May 23 correctly labeling it "an effort to produce a fight" and ordered a military alert.

Obviously the Cuban government is well informed about the U.S. plans for another attempt at conquest (which were not just cooked up yesterday!) and is taking the necessary steps to forestall or prevent it.

Meanwhile, in the U.S., ruling class liars and their middle class dupes were spreading the story that the whole incident was created by Castro as a "diversion" to drum up more support for the revolutionary government! But the fascist-minded New York Daily News slyly headlined an editorial, "The Boy Who Cried CIA"—thus implying that the CIA wolf was not involved THIS TIME—but would be later on.

Actually, having tried to conquer Cuba once through a CIA-sponsored operation and flopped so prominently, it is far more likely that imperialism should make the attempt this time through more direct military means.

The provocation and the insulting way of handling it chosen by the

U.S. State Department elicited a most passionate reply by Premier Castro, who said on May 27:

"Nobody can forget that the Yankee imperialists are exactly like their predecessors, the Nazis and the Fascists, in that they always prepare their aggressions against the peoples by imputing their own intentions to those whom they intend to attack. In this case, let these s.o.b.'s have our assurance that they will not take us unprepared."

He added that if there was to be war, "We will fight without truce, without mercy while we have a single bullet left."

Observers regarded it especially significant that the provocations came from Guantánamo. This heavily fortified base itself—its very existence—is one of the most flagrant imperialist provocations in the world. Wholly on Cuban soil and bristling with U.S. big guns, it is a constant reminder of the bullying character of U.S.-Cuban relations.

Seized from Cuba in 1903 during a wholly illegal occupation by the U.S., it has been held ever since under cover of a "treaty" dictated over 60 years ago by the occupying power. It is one of the most glaring of the many living refutations of the U.S. government's claims to support the self determination and sovereignty of small nations.

"BRING GIs HOME!" SAYS HARLEM CORE

NEW YORK, May 29—Harlem CORE today denounced the U.S. war against Vietnam.

Making public a strong resolution calling for "immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Vietnam," Roy Innis, chairman of the chapter, said the sentiment for this was "unanimous" in the body.

Nailing the U.S. warmakers for "rigging of the draft," the resolution declared that "more black soldiers than the percentage of Negroes in the population" were fighting and dying in Vietnam.

It condemned the "racist nature of the war and the inhuman uses of hideous weapons—such as gas."

The parent body, National CORE, is currently up in arms against Harlem's militancy. But it will be recalled that CORE's national convention last year actually passed a resolution against the Vietnam war, before the then national chairman James Farmer pressured the gathering to reverse itself.

as demands to bring the other troops home.

The picket line was sponsored by Youth Against War & Fascism, Veterans and Reservists to End the War in Vietnam, The U.S. Committee to Aid the NLF, Flatbush, Queens, and Chelsea Committees to End the War in Vietnam, and the SPU.

Thirty pacifists brought a five minute flurry of activity as the parade started by sitting down in the roadway and being carried off.

The picketers who demonstrated their opposition were active from before the beginning of the parade at 2:00 to the end (sometime after 4:00) when a group of sanitation street cleaners swept in to clean up the horse manure and other remains of the 1966 'Armed Forces Day' parade.

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Nervous Lyndon

One thing to remember about Johnson's "Nervous Nelly" speech is that he must have been pretty jittery himself to let out the implication that hundreds of thousands more GI's might soon die on the Asian mainland.

He obviously did not get any more votes for himself from this fundraising and vote-getting activity of the Democratic Party.

He was hitting out at his ruling class opponents, many of whom he feels have betrayed him personally. (He is personally responsible for Fulbright and several other "nervous Nellies" being on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the first place.) But in the process he was helping to educate the masses on the predatory, bottomless character of the war and also the rude and bellicose character of Johnson.

He could hardly have endeared himself to the working class women of the country (or any other women, either), those who have husbands, lovers or relatives in danger of death in Asia, by implying that his capitalist critics were feminine in their fears of escalation.

And the great politician of "consensus"—he of the master touch—

although well aware that the pollsters have found his popularity slumping badly, excitedly proclaimed his own policy to be the only possible policy of bourgeois patriotism.

Thus he lumped together all those capitalist-minded opponents of the war who only feel it is the wrong war in the wrong place, with the vague restiveness of a whole generation who feel somehow that is not their war at all. He demanded unity at the very moment when disunity is increasing. And, a little like the old woman who tried to sweep back the tide with a broomstick, he tried to command the rising flood of anti-war sentiment to recede.

It would be wrong to exaggerate Johnson's difficulties or suggest that he will not continue to escalate the Vietnam war. The preponderant power of the ruling class is behind him, and its most militaristic section is far more determined to make war than its liberal wing is to make peace.

But on May 17 in Chicago, Johnson gave us a really splendid example of the limitations of individual leaders when the people they are leading want to be led in a different direction.

Anti-War Paper: "Get on With War!"

Speaking of U.S. troop withdrawal, recent editorials in the New York Post, describing U.S. imperialism's dilemma in Vietnam in alarmist tones would almost lead one to believe that the Post is against the war.

However, any momentary doubts which may have arisen in the minds of some readers were quickly cleared up by an editorial on May 16.

As Ky was taking over Danang the Post cried in anguish...

"...For Washington nothing can now have higher priority than the pacification of Ky...unless some way is found to curb him, there may

be nothing in South Vietnam to defend."

Thus Dorothy Schiff and Co., at a moment of crisis for the U.S. ruling class is desperately calling on Johnson to "pacify" Ky lest the entire effort of U.S. imperialist aggression in Vietnam fall to pieces!

If the Post were really against the war they would call for the withdrawal of U.S. troops and leave the revolutionary masses of Vietnam to deal with the "problem" of Ky with the summary justice deserving of all stooges of U.S. imperialism.

Voting With Their Feet

The desk warriors of imperialism have been crowing in the papers that desertions from the National Liberation Front in South Vietnam are now over a thousand a month. Since the source is prejudiced, the probable exaggeration is obvious.

However, these same journalistic servants of big business have been informing us that the puppet government forces have been losing not one, but TEN thousand soldiers a month by desertion. And the ultra-conservative U.S. News and World Report suddenly informs us on May 30 that not 120, but 180 thousand government soldiers are deserting each

year. This magazine would hardly exaggerate the demoralization of its own puppets.

What is the meaning of this astounding rate of desertions from the U.S. cause?

The NLF soldiers have little or no pay, live on a handful of rice a day, and face fire, artillery and bombs, while the government troops are outfitted, paid and fed by the wealthy United States. And the government soldiers not only desert in droves, but a large percentage of them go over to the NLF!

Obviously it all proves that the whole country is up in arms against the U.S. invasion of Vietnam and no amount of money can buy the loyalty of its patriots.

The only thing that is not yet clear is how long it will take for the UNITED STATES troops, whose casualties are now at an all-time peak, to learn from their unwilling allies that the cause of the U.S. bankers is not worth dying for.

U.S. Out to Win Dominican Election by Ballot or Bullet

By Peter Storch

SANTO DOMINGO, May 29—A new crisis has hit the Dominican Republic as the ex-Trujillo president, Joaquin Balaguer, threatened withdrawal from the presidential race and virtually announced that he would not recognize the results of the election scheduled for June 1st.

For the Dominican people, the Balaguer announcement signals the intention of the Trujillist military to suppress, for the second time, a newly elected liberal government, if Juan Bosch is elected president on June 1. Balaguer's action also reveals that the U.S. will not tolerate any independent popular government in the Dominican Republic. (U.S. corporations, with big investments in the Dominican Republic, have heavily financed the Balaguer campaign).

In the last few days, U.S., U.N. and high Catholic officials have been desperately trying to bring Bosch and Balaguer into a pro-U.S. "compromise government of national unity." The U.S. is banking on the moderate and conciliatory program of Bosch to bring about such a regime.

In his campaign, Bosch has not supported the most critical demand of the Dominican masses: the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Dominican soil. He has come out only for an eventual withdrawal of U.S. troops after the elections. Even this position has not worried the U.S., for many American military officers have already rented homes in the Dominican Republic on the basis of a four-year lease!

It was only a few days ago that Bosch made an astounding statement defending Balaguer, his avowed po-

litical enemy. Balaguer, well known to the Dominican people as an official of the bloody Trujillo dictatorship, was denounced publicly in a major daily newspaper by the Dominican Student Federation (FED) as an accomplice in a criminal conspiracy against the Dominican people.

The FED also made public a copy of the court sentence handed down in 1962 stating that Dr. Balaguer could be brought to trial for Trujillo's crimes. In a radio broadcast a few days ago, Bosch unleashed a bitter attack on the students and many other progressive people in Santo Domingo by defending Balaguer against accusations of Trujillo crimes.

Despite his accommodation and conciliation to the U.S. and the ultra-right wing Dominican army, Bosch's life has been a prime target of the reactionaries. While Balaguer has openly campaigned throughout the country with ex-Trujillo generals, such as General Melido Marte, Bosch has been confined to his heavily guarded house ever since his return to Santo Domingo last year.

Several officials and party workers of Bosch's party, the Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD), have been massacred during the campaign by the Dominican military, who, according to the Wall Street Journal of May 27, have been "intimidating voters on behalf of Balaguer." The elections, which Business Week, a Wall Street publication, admitted, "as having been arranged by a provisional government that Washington set up," will be no elections at all. The Dominican people long ago cast their vote: for the U.S. to get out immediately.

Workers World Nails Johnson In Assassination of SWP'er

NEW YORK—"The political assassination of Leo Bernard in Detroit was directly due to the witch-hunt atmosphere generated by the war drive of the Johnson Administration," said a statement of the Workers World Party made here last week.

The victim of the assassin's bullet was a member of the Socialist Workers Party, shot and killed in the SWP hall in Detroit on May 16 by a man who prefaced his action by crying, "You're a bunch of Communists!"

"It is remarkable," the statement continued, "how the U.S. ruling class spouts continually about

the 'force and violence' of its opponents, yet always itself manages to employ the most ruthless violence—official and unofficial—against the latter."

Referring to the murderer himself as only a trigger man and tool of the anti-labor forces, the party nevertheless called for vigorous prosecution and punishment of the criminal.

"An injury to one is an injury to all in the workers' movement," the statement concluded, "and all should unite in demanding a halt to political persecution and political assassinations."



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R. Kennedy's Plan to Buy Off Latin Revolution

Crumbs and Bullets From the U.S.A.

By Cesar Bonilla

"Revolution is coming in Latin America," Senator Kennedy told his colleagues and the American people. Having thus sufficiently frightened his listeners he made a 20,000 word suggestion as to how the course of this flood tide might be altered. A school here, a road there, a little land reform, some birth control, etc. etc.

Not a word about the voracious pillage of Latin America's raw materials by North American companies! Not a word about the millions of dollars worth of oil, copper, tin, coffee and fruit that these companies cart away from Latin Amer-

ica each year! Not a word about the insufferable poverty and misery inflicted upon the people of Latin America as a result of this thievery!

With his marathon speech the Senator from New York became the second Kennedy to offer crumbs to the Latin American masses. No doubt he will be surprised when they are thrown back in his face.

The Latin America that once accepted such crumbs in seething silence now vehemently rejects them. The Latin America of 1966 is a Latin America in revolution, a Latin America that despises Yankee crumbs and condescension. It is a Latin America that will no longer allow its wealth to be plundered and its people exploited, a Latin America that is determined to establish its own economic and political destiny.

While Senator Kennedy was touring Latin America last year the revolution he now warns of was already well underway. In Peru, Guatemala, and Venezuela guerrilla warfare was raging in the countryside. In Bolivia, clashes between tin miners and soldiers were rocking the mining region. And in Santo Domingo the urban proletariat was embroiled in battle after battle with U.S. Marines.

In response to the genuine revolutions that are taking root in Latin America Senator Kennedy and his fellow liberals are launching more than just sugar-coated catchphrases at the Latin masses.

In Peru, U.S.-made napalm bombs are being dropped on peasants in guerrilla zones. In Bolivia five Mustang jets attacked rebellious

tin miners in the town of Llallagua last September. And in Santo Domingo U.S. Marines continue to cold-bloodedly kill innocent workers, students, and children in the streets of that city.

To the people of Latin America the whining of U.S. bullets and the presence of U.S. troops on their soil tells them more about the true intentions of the U.S. government than the entire 20,000 word speech of a politically ambitious Senator. For there is nothing Kennedy can say that will make massacres and military domination palatable to those who have suffered through them. Nor is there anything he can say that will make the masses forget the scores of bloody dictators imposed upon them by the Pentagon.

If the Senator's harsh words about hemispheric dictatorships had a hollow ring to them there is a good historic reason why. As the number one confidante of President Kennedy he definitely had a hand in moulding the Latin American policy of that administration.

In regards to dictatorships this policy speaks for itself. During the three years Kennedy was in office military juntas ousted the civilian governments of Arturo Prondizi of Argentina, Manuel Prado of Peru, Julio Arosemena of Ecuador, Villeda Morales of Honduras and Juan Bosch of the Dominican Republic. It was also during the Kennedy administration that Colonel Enrique Peralta Azurdia, one of the most brutal dictators in Latin America today, was installed as head of the ruling military junta in Guatemala.

As if all this was not damning

enough, R. Kennedy managed in his speech to put in a good word for the witch-hunting junta government of Brazil's Humberto Castelo Branco.

Today as never before the Latin American masses are being battered by a wave of militarism. But this militarism has spawned a militarism of another kind, a peoples' militarism, with people's armies the result. All over Latin America these armies are mobilizing and in some parts they are striking quite hard at government troops.

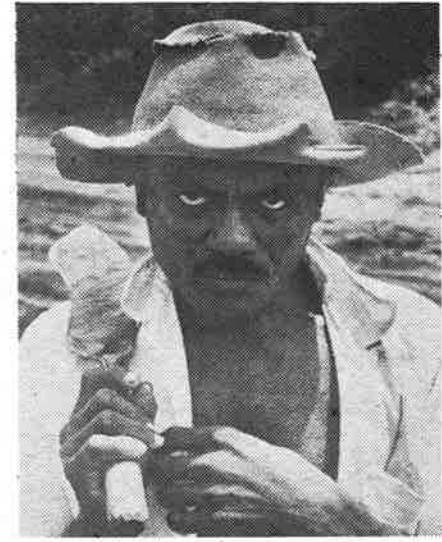
Already the struggle has its martyrs. Luis De La Puente of Peru, Cesar Lora of Bolivia, Francisco Amado of Guatemala, Camilo Torres of Colombia, and numerous others. The cause for which these men died was socialist revolution.

The masses for whom they fought will remember them long after ultimate victory is won.



Rafael and Esqui Grana

The Granas in living room of their \$140,000 home on 3,700 acre estate on the edge of Lima, Peru. Mr. Grana is closely connected to U.S. banks. There are only a few dozen like him.



He works for Grana

This man works for the Granas (shown on left). His income is less than \$300 a year. His children, like himself, are illiterate. His life is one long misery. There are many millions like him.

Johnson Maneuvers to Give W. Germany Nuclear Bombs

U.S. Launching Pad in Europe

GERMAN HAND ON THE NUCLEAR TRIGGER — Charles R. Allen, Jr., Marzani and Munsell

In this important pamphlet, whose title already tells half the story, the author has somewhat transcended the usual vulgar anti-Germanism to put more emphasis on the West German RULING CLASS rather than the whole "nation"—which also includes the workers.

"The Bundeswehr," (new W. German army) he says, "is an unpopular institution among the West German public, especially youth facing the call-up under a highly irregular draft procedure...which favors the rich over the poor."

The "Menial" Job of Dying For Time Mag.

Time Magazine said on May 27: "While the Selective Service System may need some refinements in social, fiscal or academic terms, it would make little sense to compel tomorrow's doctors, scientists and industrial captains to spend prime years in MENIAL government service." (Our emphasis.)

--How can Time get away with such a monstrous statement?

Easy. Its readers are not the "menial" youth who usually go out to die for big business, but those "doctors, scientists and industrial captains" and their sons, who have more important things to do.

(Like another army we know of!)

Most importantly, he has something to say about the responsibility of the U.S. government itself for having encouraged and even goaded the not-so "ex" Nazis into rearming and having aided and still aiding their maneuvers to get nuclear weapons to rebuild their monstrous war machine.

Of course, he nowhere mentions that the United States war machine is so monstrous that its West German imitator has no hope of rivaling it for a long, long time!

But he has come a ways since he wrote "Heusinger of the Fourth Reich" just three years ago, a book which tells how brazenly the Nazi generals have made their comeback and how brazenly the U.S. State Department whitewashed them, but like hundreds of other anti-German books, fails to draw any real conclusions about U.S. complicity.

Even in the present work, he plays a little on the all-too familiar theme of many progressives that a rearmed West Germany will be a big threat to U.S. capitalism as much as or more than the Soviet Union. The implication is that the U.S. big shots made a "mistake" in arming Hitler and now are repeating the same mistake.

The truth is that they successfully armed Germany to attack the Soviet Union in the Second World War and they are even more enthusiastically preparing W. Germany for the same role again.

They did create a Frankensteinian monster they themselves had to

help destroy in 1941-45, even while it was carrying out their wishes against the Soviet Union. But now they have little fear of the same outcome. West Germany could never take on the combined might of today's socialist world plus the United States. And in fact it cannot take on the socialist world at all without the all-out BACKING of the United States.

But, as though he knew all this in the back of his mind, Allen gives facts and figures showing how the U.S. has rebuilt Hitler's Wehrmacht—now the Bundeswehr—step by step, and shows how the West German army is the very soul of NATO itself, with its 500,000-man force the largest in Western Europe—twice as large as the U.S. troop body there.

Again, Allen fails to take this to its logical conclusion—namely that it is the U.S. hand on the German trigger that is the big danger, much bigger than the other way around.

But he nails Johnson himself, as well as the U.S. Chiefs of Staff, for his "determination to secure a West German access to nuclear weapons." He shows how the Multi-Lateral (Nuclear) Force is not at all the dead duck the New York Times proclaimed it to be last December and that Johnson has been pushing it behind the scenes since his meeting with W. German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard at that time.

Moreover, West Germany will make its own nuclear weapons, he shows, with or without open U.S. help, by 1958. Needless to add, with W. German wealth and technology, nuclear weapons manufacture will probably start right out with the H-bomb (rather than a "primitive"

A-bomb) and in quantity as well.

Unfortunately, Allen places his hopes in the liberal—and not so liberal (like Robert Kennedy)—members of the U.S. ruling class to prevent all this. Whereas the road to nuclear disarmament, like the road to peace generally, lies only through the world-wide victory of the socialist revolution. -- V.C.

CORRETJER TO SPEAK HERE

Juan Antonio Corretjer, Secretary-General of the Puerto Rican Socialist League is to speak at an outdoor rally here in celebration of Puerto Rican Flag Day on June 12.

The rally, in 104 Street between Broadway and Amsterdam, will also demand removal of U.S. troops from Vietnam and the Dominican Republic, as well as Puerto Rico.

Other speakers include Vince Copeland, of Workers World Party, Bill Epton, Vice President of the Progressive Labor Party, and Ruben Malave, Secretary of the Movement for Puerto Rican Liberation. Felipe Dejesus will be chairman.

Senor Corretjer, once Secretary of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party, was a comrade-in-arms of Pedro Albizu Campos during the struggles of the Thirties and was sentenced to federal prison with him in 1937.

The meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

But That's Not The Way Ky Heard It!

"We are not in Vietnam to dictate what form of government they should have." —L.B. Johnson.

Two Letters That Might Have Been

By John Moore

MESSAGE FROM CONMAN WILTON TO LARRY LONDON, MANAGER
OF CHICAGO WILTON HOTEL

May 28, 1966

Luxury Land
Bermuda

LONDON:

Have received your message concerning veterans group complaining about vet hospital cases not getting seats at ice show in hotel. My policy stands about not interrupting social events of our guests with intrusions such as a parade of basket cases like this. But try to smooth it over.

Am sending apologies.

CONMAN WILTON

LETTER FROM PFC JOE STERNESKY TO PFC WILLIAM WATTS
IN SOUTH VIETNAM

May 28, 1966

Vets' Hospital
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Bill,

Hope you guys got a break and are resting someplace out of that mess. I was lucky to get out of there after that mortar shell that got Cholly and me even though I'm not in such good shape—lost the eye—they said there was nothing but pulp left. My hand is probably not going to be much good either. But there are some guys that got it a lot worse.

Well, cest le guerre, I guess, but man! some of the stuff back here is getting me. You remember that time we were talking about how we were going to spend the first week back in the fanciest hotel we could find. Well, yesterday Cholly and me and about 50 others from the hospital were supposed to visit an ice show at the Conman Wilton and they wouldn't let us in because they said our shot-up appearance would depress the other guests. It's all right for us to go over there and get the hell shot out of us (for what I don't know) but these rich bastards don't want to look at us. How do you like that?

We were all pretty sore but Cholly—I don't know—I've never seen him act like he did. I mean I'm still sore about it but I figure what the hell!—but Cholly is shook up bad about the whole thing since we got hit. It's hard to get him to even talk. He's in rough shape.

We were lucky to be able to stick together ever since we got blasted and at first Cholly was his usual self. After they carried us back and patched us up and gave us some morphine, Cholly seemed to be the same old joker. He was kidding some of the medics that he was getting shipped back to the states cause he had pull—and he'd put in a good word for them. He was telling how he was going to live it up as soon as they fixed his legs up so he could chase women and until then he was going to lure them into his clutches.

But on the way back his legs gave him a lot of trouble. He was hurting. The two of us were with guys from a lot of other outfits and on the way back we talked about what we were going to do.

And then some of the guys got in an argument about the war and these demonstrations and what we were doing over there and Cholly got mad. One of the guys who had a shot up leg like Cholly said that the war was a lot of shit. Cholly said we had to fight to stop Communism and this kid said that was a lot of shit, too and that his father had been in a union and when they went on strike the boss and the newspapers and all the big shots called them reds and his old man gave him the lowdown that he didn't know much about Communism but that every time you heard about how you were supposed to fight Communism, you could be damn sure some poor guy was getting a screwing.

I never heard anybody talk like that before. Everybody was quiet except for Cholly and he was ready to fight this guy—and here neither one of them could even sit up—but then this kid gets up on the elbow and points at Cholly's leg—and says, "Listen, all you and me stopped was a lot of iron." Everybody laughed and Cholly he didn't say anything more.

When we got back they had to take Cholly's left leg off and his right foot was pretty bad too. He'd just lay there and wouldn't talk—wouldn't even answer me.

But then the last few days he got sort of interested in this trip to the ice show at the fancy Conman Wilton Hotel—he'd always talked about how he was going to live it up when he got back—and it looked like he was going to take the leg business all right. He began to kid around a little about picking up some nice looking woman and so on like the old Cholly. He was really going on good the morning we were supposed to go...and then bingo! we get there and they push us right out of the place like we were a bunch of freaks that couldn't be seen by normal people without their getting sick. Well, like I said, Cholly took it pretty hard. He went down to see that kid that said the war was a lot of shit, and when he came back he was still mad but talking and talking different—he keeps saying to me, "Joe, we been getting a screwing."

That I can agree with.

Hope you guys are in a good rest area and making out okay.

Give my best to the gang,

JOE

Jail or Sterilization

A Mother's Sentence

By Michael Black

A 21 year old Mexican-American mother of two was sent to jail for 90 days because she refused to be sterilized as a condition of probation on a misdemeanor. Her courage in refusing to yield to this punishment forced the case into the daily newspapers and onto the television. It occurred in Santa Barbara, California.

The crime of Mrs. Nancy Soria Hernandez was being present in a room where marijuana was found. (Her husband was booked on felony charges of possessing marijuana.) She was temporarily released when her lawyer petitioned the court following all the publicity.

The judge, Frank P. Kearney, gave no reason for his decision. According to a New York Times article of Sunday, May 29, 1966, "...there has been no increase in reported sterilizations ordered by judges as an alternative to jail sentences." About twenty states allow a judge to inflict this upon someone.

Statistics are no longer available,

but in 1950 alone, 1,526 sterilizations are known to have been forced upon people by the courts. How many cases are taking place right now?

In 1964, also in California, Miguel Vega Andrade pleaded guilty to non-support of his ex-wife and four children. The judge ordered him to choose between jail and being sterilized.

If Mrs. Hernandez and Mr. Andrade had been rich North Americans, the courts would not have been so cruel. They are poor Mexican-Americans.

How many members of the Astor, Vanderbilt, and other ruling class families have been punished for being addicts or alcoholics just as poor workers are? So many of the rich have been guilty of being unfit parents or guilty of non-support besides their far more terrible crimes of exploitation of men and the organizing of wars for their own profit. But where is their punishment?

It is rare and when it occurs, it is like a friendly slap on the wrist. They rule America and Judge Kearney and the other judges are their servants.

SNCC MILITANCY ALARMS RACIST BOSSES

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were in effect given a blank check by the executive department of the government to inflict these lawless acts upon Negroes."

In addition to unmasking Washington's underhanded support for white supremacy at home, SNCC struck at the heart of Washington's foreign policy by pointing the finger at Johnson as the common enemy of both the Afro-American and Vietnamese people. The statement declared:

"Our organization is opposed to the war in Vietnam and we cannot in good conscience meet with the chief policy maker of the Vietnam war to discuss human rights in this country when he flagrantly violates

the human rights of colored people in Vietnam"

The militant tone of the SNCC statement caused considerable concern among the ruling class "friends" of the civil rights movement, particularly since it came on the heels of a change in the SNCC leadership. Stokely Carmichael, the new chairman and Mrs. Ruby Doris Smith Robinson, the new executive secretary were recently elected to replace John Lewis and James Foreman respectively. Mr. Lewis was a member of the White House Council prior to the elections.

Mr. Carmichael is one of the chief organizers of the Lowndes County Freedom Organization, better known, because of its symbol, as the Black Panther Party. The new all-black organization has been organizing Afro-Americans at the grass roots level in the Black Belt to seek political power in opposition to the Democratic and Republican parties.

During the recent Democratic primary in Alabama, when the "liberal" ruling class was working overtime to get the oppressed Black People of the south to join the party of their oppressors, SNCC drew a tirade of indignation from the capitalist press for urging newly registered black voters to stage an electoral boycott and save their votes for independent black candidates.

At that time Mr. Carmichael attacked the fraud of asking Afro-Americans to vote for the party of Eastland & Wallace by stating in an interview that "to ask Negroes to enter the Democratic Party is like asking Jews to enter the Nazi Party." This created near-hysteria among rich liberals like the publishers of the New York Post and alarmed reactionary sections of the ruling class perhaps even more.

Last week's statement denouncing the President's Council ended with this same note of militant determination to break irrevocably with the ruling class political machine by calling on "...all black Americans to begin building independent political, economic, and cultural institutions that they will control and use as instruments of social change in this country."

Indonesia Massacre To Be Probed

NEW YORK—Calling the Indonesian massacre of over 300,000 anti-imperialists "the Second Biggest Crime of the Century," the organization, Youth Against War and Fascism, called last week for an international commission to be created to fix the responsibility for the crime.

Scheduling a public meeting at McMillin Hall of Columbia University here, and calling it a "Public Inquest Into the Mass Murder in Indonesia," the youth group has dramatized the blood purge and raised the important question of CIA involvement. Bertrand Russell, adding some evidence of his own on this score, congratulated the youth for starting the international investigation.

Some sources, such as the London Times, said YAWF, now put the figure of dead as high as 500,000. "More people have been murdered in Indonesia," said the group's statement, "than have died in 15 years of war in Vietnam. Indonesian deaths are at least twice the combined toll of Nagasaki and Hiroshima."

A large number of educators, editors, scholars and other prominent public figures have already responded to YAWF's plea in this country. A still greater response is expected from abroad.