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## Ky Speaks Johnson's Mind

The Johnson Administration is trying to prepare the world for a U.S. ground attack on North Vietnam and also for an eventual all-out war with China.

Washington's method is to have its Saigon puppet, Nguyen Cao Ky make a trial balloon call for the new aggression and thus draw the first wave of world indignation away from his U.S. paymasters.

Ky, whose very life depends entirely upon U.S. money and protection, revealed Washington's war plans in a staged question and answer interview with the right-wing U.S. News and World Report of July 26. When asked if he thought North Vietnam should be invaded, Ky answered, "Definitely yes!...For final victory, to end the war (in the south, ed.), you need ground troops" to attack North Vietnam.

Ky voiced the real thoughts of his U.S. masters when he was asked about the possibility of war with China.

"Sooner or later," said Ky, "we (!) have to face the Chinese Communists. I think it is better to face them right now than in 5 or 10 years." These words are almost a verbatim quotation from Secretary of Defense McNamara's speech to the NATO conference early last spring.

Despite the uproar of protest which immediately followed Ky's war cry, not one of the high U.S. government officials said a word in real repudiation of their puppet. After a day and a half of silence, Dean Rusk had a minor State Department official mumble a couple of phrases from Washington's vocabulary of evasion about the U.S. "not seeking to destroy any regime," and "seeking no wider war."

The ominous significance of the

### ANTI-WAR MARCH IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 21—A united mass protest march and rally against the war was announced today by the 5th Avenue Parade Committee. The committee is a coalition of local anti-war groups. The protest demonstration will be held on August 6, the anniversary of the A-bombing of Hiroshima.

Feeder marches will converge on Times Square at 12:30 and mass march to Rockefeller Center where Dow Chemical napalm makers make their plans and count their money. The protest rally will be held there at 2:00 P.M.

Speakers will include: Mr. Mokoto Oda, Japanese peace leader; Grace Mora Newman, sister of one of the soldiers who has refused to be a killer for Johnson; leaders of SNCC and CORE; Sixto Alvelo, a young Puerto Rican who has refused to go into the U.S. Army. Chairman of the rally will be Dave Dellinger.

The Renowned Johnson-Ky Act



Invade the North! Invade the North! Now where did he get that idea?

Ky interview can be seen by recalling that the first bombing of North Vietnam in the Gulf of Tonkin came shortly after Nguyen Khan, a former U.S. puppet, gave a similar "go to the North" speech two years ago. Furthermore, it should be noted that Ky made a proposal to invade North Vietnam at the Honolulu Conference which has still not been repudiated by Johnson.

## Conservative Black Newspaper Fears Rebellion of Black GIs

"New disclosures of prejudice, unfairness and exploitation against Afro-American GI's in Vietnam, so shocking as to be unbelievable" have posed the prospect "of an overall rebellion by Negro GI's as something to be seriously considered."

This urgent warning to the U.S. ruling class to wipe out racism in the Army or face a revolt by black soldiers is hardly to be considered an exaggeration. For it appeared in a front page feature article in the Philadelphia Independent, a highly conservative Afro-American newspaper which supports the war in Vietnam.

But how did the die-hard white supremacists in Washington react to this and similar sounds of alarm? They sent Whitney Young, director of the reactionary Urban League on a whitewashing mission to Vietnam to make a phony "inspection" of the conditions of black troops there.

Upon his return to Washington last week Young delivered a "report" to Johnson which predictably played down the Pentagon's official racism. He complained about the need for more black officers and about off-base segregation, but he found "no significant signs of dis-

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## Congratulations, Airline Machinists!

Congratulations to airline machinists for their rebuke of Johnson.

The premature statement of settlement treated the workers' endorsement as a foregone conclusion. It displayed the kind of widespread boss arrogance that believes workers are puppets and that they just have to pull the strings. But the airline workers' action gave an inkling of where the power really is.

Whatever the further developments in the strike, the workers' defiance of threat-backed presidential edict is one of the most encouraging signs of militancy to occur on the national labor scene in many years.

At press time the threat of Congressional strikebreaking seems imminent. Such a threat must be fought by the combined strength of all labor and progressive forces.

As if to emphasize that Ky's statement was really a forecast of new and bloodier aggression by U.S. imperialism, Washington, less than a week later, ordered its first pre-planned bombing raid on the six mile demilitarized zone between North and South Vietnam which was declared inviolate at the 1954 Geneva Conference. This murderous act, in which 15 B-52's dropped almost a million pounds of bombs, closely followed the dispatch of a full division of 8000 Marines to battle their way to the 17th parallel which divides Vietnam.

By and large, the U.S. propaganda machine tried to cover up for Johnson by branding Ky's threat as 'de-

lusions of grandeur.'" But to the rest of the world it was transparently clear that Ky was merely acting as Johnson's Saigon press secretary.

London became so alarmed at the prospect of being dragged into a holocaust by the U.S. that Prime Minister Wilson dropped his customary subservience to Wall Street and, ignoring Ky, publicly called on his imperialist overlords to "de-escalate the war in Vietnam."

Secretary General of the U.N. U Thant was quoted as saying that "the Vietnam war could lead to World War III." His remarks were clearly directed at Washington and not to its puppet in Saigon.

crimination" in the army, thus delivering the crucial cover up for the racist U.S. officer corps.

But the scathing expose which appeared on the front page of the Philadelphia Independent revealed the real viciousness of racial oppression in the U.S. military.

The article which was a compilation of facts obtained through interviews with Afro-American ex-GIs or from troops who smuggled information out of Vietnam, shows that Washington is desperately trying to conceal the most criminal type of brutality against black troops in Vietnam.

"Negro units" wrote the Independent, are "being kept up front so long that their uniforms become tattered and torn to shreds and the soles so badly worn from their shoes, that their feet touch the jungle soil. They were only removed from this inhuman condition when the American Red Cross acted on the basis of humaneness."

Young, the conservative black businessman, made the ludicrous assertion that the high percentage of black troops fighting in Vietnam (double the national population ratio) had nothing to do with discrimina-

tion in the draft but was due to the "high rate of enlistment and re-enlistment."

But the Independent has a more realistic version:

Many combat units "are comprised mostly of boys from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Detroit, and the (black) GIs believe that the...heavy drafts from these areas was done with the idea of taking Negro youths away from their homes to lessen the threat of the 'long hot summer'".

"Prejudice and caste is so entrenched" continued the expose, "that on one occasion a Negro whose legs had been shot off was shunted aside in being loaded on to a rescue plane until whites had been put on board. When the Negro was finally loaded aboard he was placed in among dead officers." Other times wounded black troops have been put off planes for whites.

The article further disclosed that Afro-American units have difficulty in obtaining G.I. issues of clothing; that they often have trouble on the chow line, or in getting to the entertainment and recreation programs. With 60,000 black troops in

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**"Doves" With Hawks' Talons**

The recent war hysteria manufactured by the ruling class over the possibility that North Vietnam would try captured U.S. pilots for their war crimes has had at least one very beneficial effect.

It proved before the people of the U.S. and the whole world that the opposition to the Vietnam war of the so-called "doves" in the Senate is completely and utterly worthless. And furthermore it showed that at time of crisis, in the interest of national (ruling class) unity, these loyal oppositionists are capable of outdoing the hawks in building support for the very war which they claim to be against.

Hours after Secretary of State Rusk issued a bellicose warning to Hanoi on the U.S. prisoners, radio and T.V. stations across the country began to punctuate their broadcasts almost hourly with grim tales about the fate of the pilots and ominous threats of all-out U.S. "retaliation."

Each new edition of the capitalist press built the crisis atmosphere with hysterical headlines. Indeed, two weeks ago it seemed to all genuine opponents of the war that their worst fears were about to be realized. The campaign in the mass media had all the earmarks of well coordinated effort by Washington and Wall Street to stampede the population into support for a giant U.S. escalation in Vietnam.

It is highly educational for all real opponents of the war to note the manner in which the "solid senatorial opposition", the champions of a "sane course" in Asia, reacted to the immediate possibility of all-out aggression by Washington.

Did any of these "vigorous opponents" of "U.S. recklessness" in Asia make one move to block the escalation—to counter the government's attempt to use the false issue of the prisoners as a springboard to plunge the U.S. into a massive war? With the war which they claim to oppose staring them right in the face, did these peace-loving "moderates" try to expose the hypocrisy of Washington's dramatic show of public concern over a handful of pilots while Johnson quietly sends thousands of G.I.'s to die in the sweltering jungles?

With all-out escalation in the air, did these good liberals use the powerful forum of the Senate to denounce the utter criminality of threatening death and destruction to thousands of innocent Vietnamese in retaliation for the lives of military career pilots who admittedly bombed cities?

These so-called opponents of the war, although in a position to do so, did not attempt for a moment to quench the flames of war hysteria.

**Tell Us More, Mr. Fulbright!**

Last week the "moderate" Senator Fulbright let slip the fact that he has known (for who knows how long) that the CIA is involved in the subversion of the so-called "free trade union movement" in the U.S.

On the Senate floor Fulbright the Vietnam "dove" (for who knows how long) said that he wanted to be on the watchdog committee for the CIA because he "had heard reports"

On the contrary, they poured oil on the fire and literally leaped onto Johnson's war chariot with hardly a farewell to the peace advocates who had trusted them.

At the behest of Johnson himself, the man who is supposed to be their arch-enemy on the Vietnam war question,—the 18 senators who constitute the core of the "opposition" brought Washington's war hysteria to a rising crescendo by firing off a letter to Ho Chi Min filled with the most vile, war-mongering threats yet uttered in public by any responsible representatives of the U.S. ruling class.

Morse, Gruening, Fulbright and Co. warned President Ho not to try the pilots and threatened North Vietnam with "the gravest reprisals." Morse, who once called Johnson "the greatest threat to world peace," was at the top of the list of Senators who promised that the trials would bring "retaliation, swift and sure," would "stimulate the fever of reprisal," and bring on an "implacable war" which would "inflict new levels of suffering and sorrow" on Vietnam. Senator Aiken, a prominent dove who was not around to sign the letter, joined in this disgusting show of ruling class co-operation by issuing his own personal guarantee that the trials would bring "the total destruction of North Vietnam."

Thus, not only did the doves fail to speak out against the war, but they outdid the hawks in threatening a massive escalation and guaranteed in advance their support of any new aggression launched by Washington on the phony pretext of the trials.

Max Frankel, Washington correspondent for the New York Times, admitted on July 13, that Senator Church who functioned as the ring-leader behind the drafting and the signing the jingoistic document "was encouraged in his efforts by the Administration" but that Johnson did not want to take responsibility for its bellicose language.

That is perfectly understandable. For while Johnson wants to mobilize for war he would not dare to openly utter in such concrete terms the brazen threat to annihilate a whole country. Even the worst hawks in the Pentagon keep their murderous ambitions carefully hidden from public view.

So thanks to the loyal opposition, Johnson had his cake and ate it too. He got the good "peace" Senators to sign on the dotted line; the population was galvanized for an all-out war, and LBJ came out looking like a moderate compared to his "nervous nellys" in the Senate.

that "this agency is involved in the elections of unions." (Of course Fulbright neglected to mention that the CIA is forbidden by law from mixing in domestic affairs.)

It is no surprise to learn that this organization of international counterrevolution, which overthrows governments from Guatemala to Iran to Vietnam to make the world safe for U.S. Big Business, is also involved in doing the dirty work of

**U.S. Harassment Fails; Success For Cubans in Latin Games**

By Peter Anton

Despite all-out attempts by the U.S. Government to stop Cuban participation in the Central American Olympic Games, such as refusing to give the Cuban team visas until three days before the opening of the games, and then not allowing the Cuban ship carrying them to enter Puerto Rican waters, the Cuban athletes arrived and participated in the Tenth Central American Olympic Games, which were held last month in Puerto Rico.

Many incidents showed the strong support for the Cuban athletes among the Puerto Rican people and the other Latin American athletes. When the U.S. barred the Cuban ship, the "Cerro Polado," from entering Puerto Rican waters, the Movimiento Pro Independencia of Puerto Rico (MPI), gathered several boats and prepared to take the Cuban team ashore from the ship which was anchored just outside Puerto Rican territorial waters. The MPI

also made a strong public statement that it would protect the Cuban athletes from Yankee harassment.

At one point, when the U.S. authorities prevented the unloading of the Cubans' uniforms from their ship, the Dominican and Mexican Teams offered their uniforms to the Cubans. After Enrique Regueiferos, one of Cuba's finest boxers, was deprived of a victory by a decision of a Yankee judge, the Puerto Rican audience booed the decision for fifteen minutes.

In spite of the harassment, the Cuban team won far more medals than any other single team. But in addition to the athletic victory, Cuba won an even more important victory in receiving the obvious and enthusiastic support of the Puerto Rican people.

To hide these Cuban victories from the American people, the U.S. press, T.V. and radio blacked out the events.

**The WHY of Viet War**

In case anyone is still under the illusion that the U.S. is fighting for democracy in Vietnam, a glance at an off-the-cuff address by President Eisenhower in 1953 should clarify just what the imperialists really want in Southeast Asia.

"Now let us assume that we lose Indochina," said Eisenhower at a Governors' Conference, as if it was theirs to "lose." "If Indochina goes...the tin and tungsten we so greatly value from that area would cease coming..."

"Burma would be in no position for defense...All of that position around there is very ominous to the United States, because finally if we lost all that, how would the free world hold the rich empire of Indonesia?" By "we" Eisenhower did not mean the 180 million people of the United States, but only the handful of capitalists who exploit the human and material resources of Southeast Asia.

These and other enlightening statements on U.S. intentions and activities in Vietnam are part of a "Black Book" being issued by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

**Those Body Count Figures**

According to official U.S. figures, about 57,000 National Liberation Force soldiers have been killed in action and counted on battlefields since January 1, 1965.

This figure, if a correct one, would be higher than the 54,000 battle deaths sustained by the mighty United States in the whole of World War One!

But the truth is that the whole "body count" procedure is a gimmick and a fraud. It is a pet project of U.S. top brass who have nothing else to show for their murderous war but murdered bodies—real and faked. (Although they never mention a "body count" of women and children bombed with liquid fire in the villages!)

They turn the whole war into a battle of death statistics to impress General Headquarters, which in turn impresses the Pentagon and White House.

But it cannot impress the mothers and wives of the GI's who are killed. And it cannot impress the struggling millions of Asia.

**Hit U.S. on Geneva Accord Anniversary****Youth Hold Union Square Rally**

New York, July 20, 1966—Over 300 opponents of the U.S. war gathered in Union Square today under the banner of Youth Against War & Fascism, on the 12th anniversary of the signing of the Geneva Accords. The evening rally denounced U.S. violations of the 1954 Agreements, and also protested the police and

the bosses right here at home.

But we would like to know from the "liberal" Fulbright just what it is that he "heard," just how the CIA is "involved" in the domestic subversion of the unions, and how long has Mr. Fulbright been illegally covering up for this conspiracy?

And it would most certainly be of the deepest interest to the 15 million organized workers throughout the country to know in detail all about the infiltration of the union movement by CIA labor spies in the hire of the big monopolies.

Could it be that the "spontaneous" longshore boycott of ships trading with North Vietnam was really organized by the banker John McCone? Is it possible that the vote by the AFL-CIO convention to support U.S. aggression in Vietnam was influenced by delegates on Admiral Radford's payroll?

Tell us more, Mr. Fulbright tell us more!

military actions to put down Black rebellions in Cleveland, Chicago, Watts and other U.S. cities.

Dave Axel, a YAWF spokesman, reaffirmed the only workable solution to the war against Vietnam: withdrawal of U.S. troops. "Bring the G.I.'s home from Vietnam and let the Vietnamese determine their own future," said Axel, "and get the white cops and the National Guard out of Cleveland's Afro-American community and every other ghetto where oppressed people have risen up to end the reign of facism and exploitation and to claim their right to self-determination."

Benjamin Ortiz of the Movimiento Pro Independencia of Puerto Rico solidarized his organization with the liberation struggle of the Vietnamese and the growing anti-draft movement in Puerto Rico.

Other speakers at the rally were Hank Allen, of YAWF, Key Martin, national chairman of YAWF, and Deirdre Griswold, editor of the Partisan. The rally warmly applauded Miss Griswold's denunciation of the eighteen so-called "doves" in the Senate who joined in the vicious attack of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam by threatening its destruction if they should try U.S. pilots.

# Appeal to American Mothers From Vietnamese Women

A moving appeal to American mothers was sent to Workers World from Vietnamese women. It called attention to the historic meaning of July 4th for independence. However, because of a delay in delivery it arrived last month, too late for use in our last edition.

We print excerpts from this letter of June 21 and a later appeal to American women sent from Hanoi on July 7. Both letters are from the Vietnam Women's union.

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Dear Friends,

The first thing we want to talk to you about is a short, a very short piece of news, which includes but a few figures but which has made our hearts, and perhaps yours too, seethe with anger.

## 640,000 Tons of Bombs

According to the American news agency AP, the total quantity of bombs to be dropped on Vietnam during 1966 is estimated at 640,000 tons. That is nearly half the amount of bombs dropped on European battlefields during the second World War.

There are things that, as we look at them from Vietnam, happen with the regularity of clockwork: every time L.B. Johnson is about to intensify his armed aggression, he talks about his "search for peace."

Although having at their disposal large numbers of troops and all kinds of modern war equipment, the American warmongers have resorted to war means of unprecedented cruelty.

## Toxic Sprays Kill and Blind

They have used planes to spray toxic chemicals over large areas in South Vietnam, destroying vegetation and crops and killing men and cattle. In some places, thousands of people have been affected by poison; hundreds have died, most of them women and children, and old folk. The poisons caused vomiting, ulcers of the skin, and even blindness in the case of many children. Raiding American troops are equipped with containers of poison gas, which they spray into the shelters, seeking to kill guerrillas and civilians. In recent days, toxic chemicals and poison gases have been used on a large scale in more than half the provinces of South Vietnam.

In their savage raids American troops carry out heavy bombing and shelling, seeking to kill all, burn all, destroy all.

## But the People Fight Back

But the Vietnamese people cannot remain passive and let themselves be massacred. With every means in hand, determined to fight and win, they have inflicted deserved punishment on the criminal aggressors. The more barbarous the latter grow, the heavier their defeats. In the first quarter of 1966 alone, 27,000 American and satellite troops were annihilated. As the war grows in intensity, if young men of Vietnam die for the defense of their fatherland; more and more American families will mourn over their dear ones, more and more American mothers will be bereft of their sons who die a useless death in a faraway place.

## U. S. Battalion Refuses to Fight

Badly mauled by their adversary's attacks, revolted by the crimes committed by their fellow-soldiers, a number of American G.I.'s have seen no reason why they should fight and die, and have demanded repatriation. From a few individuals, their number has grown to whole units, a company, or even a battalion as in Lai-Khe.

Here a whole battalion of American soldiers refused to board helicopters for participation in a "search and destroy" operation.

The commanders shot three of the men and had 30 others arrested. (An incident the U.S. press has failed to mention -- ed.)

## Bombs Kill Hundreds in North

As regards North Vietnam, the American air force has intensified its bombing and strafing raids, which have taken place day and night. Recently, it has aimed at water conservancy works, dikes, and populous towns and cities. In the space of two months, Nam-dinh has been subjected to three savage raids. In many places, hundreds of people have been killed or wounded. Schools, hospitals, churches, pagodas have been destroyed. You cannot imagine the pain and anger of Vietnamese mothers who see their native land, green and fresh, ravaged by U.S. aircraft, and their healthy children savagely murdered by them.

sincere thanks.

(Listed as signers of the letter are sixteen Vietnamese women. The note to Workers World was signed by Madam Bui thi Cam, Doctor of law, Deputy to the National Assembly) Following are excerpts from the July 7 letter to American women.

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## U. S. Violated Geneva Agreements

Dear Friends,

As is well known, the 1954 Geneva Agreements of Vietnam recognized the fundamental rights of our people. They banned the introduction of foreign weapons and military personnel into either zone of Vietnam, the building of foreign military bases there, and any foreign interference in Vietnam's internal affairs; they provided for the holding

retrieve their critical situation. U.S. troops have been badly mauled, right in their dens. The great, resounding victory of the South Vietnam Liberation Army and people during the last dry season (November 1965 - March 1966) has testified to their full capability of defeating the U.S. aggressors and their agents not only in the political but also in the military field.

The U.S. and puppet troops pinned their hopes on their dry season counter-offensive to regain the initiative and reverse the tide of the war from defeat to victory. First and foremost, they expected to wipe out part of the Liberation forces, clear the more important communication arteries, and gnaw away at the liberated areas. Therefore, they mustered a great part of their forces with a view to carry out the above plan. But their hopes have gone in smoke.

They have suffered a major defeat following five months of fierce fighting. The liberated areas have been maintained and expanded. Following the dry season, the South Vietnam Liberation Army and people have further developed their initiative and are on the offensive.

## Encouraged By Anti-War Struggle in U. S.

While fighting in defense of the independence of the fatherland, we always have a considerable source of inspiration and encouragement: that is the warm support of the whole progressive mankind including the American people. Engraved forever in our hearts are the images of Helga Herz, Morrison, Laporte, and Jankowski, those of other valiant American youths tearing up their draft cards, of Americans staging hunger strikes, meetings and demonstrations, publicly protesting and condemning the heinous crimes perpetrated by the Johnson administration in its aggressive war in Vietnam. We shall remember forever the peace marches of indignant American mothers shouting, "Give our sons back to us!"

## Bertrand Russell's Call to World

Of late, the celebrated British philosopher, Lord Bertrand Russell, has made active preparations and called on progressive opinion in the world to join him in setting up a world people's tribunal to prosecute the extremely wicked war criminals of our time—Johnson, McNamara, and Dean Rusk.

## Our Call to You

We earnestly call on you and on the American people to firmly demand with still more effective means that the U.S. government give all U.S. soldiers in South Vietnam back to their respective families, and as an immediate step, bring home the U.S. soldiers who have come to the end of their term of service. We also call on you to oppose the U.S. government's continued drafting of American youths to be sent to South Vietnam as cannon-fodder for the U.S. warmongers.

Friends, do fight vigorously. Talk workers into refusing to manufacture and transport weapons, bombs and bullets to be sent to Vietnam for the massacre of Vietnamese people, women and children.

Stay the bloody hands of the U.S. aggressors!

Once again, we sincerely thank you and wish you every success in the current wave of struggle.

## Liberation Army Defeats U. S. Campaign

However, these actions have been of no avail. The U.S. government and its agents have not been able to

## The Coffin



## Millions in Militant Solidarity

The entire country being of one mind, and millions of people standing up as one man, inspired with the militant solidarity of the whole nation, North Vietnam has meted out deserved punishment to those who have violated her air space and territorial waters. To date, June 21, 1,130 U.S. aircraft have been shot down over North Vietnam.

We live a long way from each other, half way round the earth, but all of us, you and ourselves, love our respective fatherlands, peace, freedom, justice. Besides, we are mothers; our hearts are full of tender love for our children. That is why you cannot sit with folded arms when American young men are being torn from their jobs and studies, drafted into the army and sent to South Vietnam where they sow death and mourning for the Vietnamese people before falling themselves under the blows of the South Vietnamese liberation forces and guerrillas.

In this time of ardent struggle we feel deeply grateful to the American people, among them American women and mothers, for their warm support. From the bottom of our hearts we extend to you our most

Truly,

Ha-Giang

Vietnam Women's Union  
Central Committee Standing Member

# Is The U.S. Hiding Huge Losses?

## What Other Reports Say

The U.S. military claims it is winning the war against the Vietnamese Liberation Front. Daily figures are given of hundreds of "Vietcong" killed—verified, we are told, by a "body count." American casualties are nearly always given as "light."

**BUT THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A DELIBERATE, SYSTEMATIC FALSIFICATION OF THE ENTIRE MILITARY PICTURE IN VIETNAM, THAT AMERICAN LOSSES ARE FAR HEAVIER THAN THE OFFICIALLY RELEASED FIGURES, AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT FORCES AND THE U.S. MILITARY ARE SUFFERING SERIOUS AND REPEATED DEFEATS.**

A recent UPI report in the Paris Le Monde told of a defeat suffered by government troops in the southern part of South Vietnam and described it as one of the worst defeats of the war. But U.S. papers did not carry a word of this battle. As far as American readers are concerned this battle was never fought.

The following, a report by a Chinese news correspondent of U.S. military attempts to clear an area near Saigon during the first six months of this year, presents a remarkably different picture of the war than U.S. papers have. They show the U.S. military machine being hacked to pieces. This would explain why U.S. generals are asking for more and more troops to be sent to Vietnam and why recent battles are being fought in the vicinity of Saigon itself.

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**HANOI, July 9 (Hsinhua correspondent)**—Three massive raids conducted by the U.S. aggressors in Cu Chi district, Gia Dinh province (north of Saigon) have been smashed this year. The heroic Liberation Armed Forces and people of South Vietnam badly mauled the so-called U.S. "ace fighting unit", put out of action nearly 4,700 U.S. troops, shot down or damaged 119 enemy planes, destroyed or damaged 109 enemy military vehicles.

### JUST NORTH OF SAIGON

Situated 18 miles northwest of Saigon, the Cu Chi liberated area is a dagger plunged into the heart of the enemy. The U.S.-puppet clique has always tried to remove it and since last year repeatedly raided it as a "key pacification" area. But all its "mopping-up" operations, bombings, bombardments and spraying of toxic chemicals were of no avail.

In defiance of all these enemy barbarities, the heroic Liberation Armed Forces and people of the district, fully mobilized and adequate prepared, have turned the district into a strong iron bastion, giving great scope for the people's war. With the Liberation Armed Forces as the backbone and the fighting hamlets as bases, the whole population took part in the annihilation of the enemy. Using home-made weapons and applying clever and mobile tactics, they repeatedly attacked the enemy, smashed one enemy "mopping-up" operation after another, and wiped out many enemy effectives.

In the first enemy raid from January 8 to February 24, the Liberation Armed Forces and people wiped out more than 3,300 U.S. aggressor troops, shot down or damaged nearly 90 enemy planes, destroyed or damaged 80 tanks, armored cars and military vehicles.

On January 8, nearly ten thousand U.S. and Australian troops, supported by 600 military vehicles

and covered by 200 aircraft, raided Phu My Hung and five other villages with a population totaling no more than 15,000 men in the northern part of the district. The U.S. aggressors fondly hoped to reduce the Cu Chi Liberated area into a scorched land by carrying out their barbarous policy of "burning all, destroying all and killing all."



**Elephants carry supplies to the liberation troops operating in the Western Highlands. China Features.**

### THE PEOPLE LAY TRAPS

In the face of this enemy attempt, the heroic Liberation Army, guerrillas, and other people of the district laid traps everywhere and attacked the raiders day and night.

In An Phu village, the army and people engaged the enemy in more than 40 battles in a week, wiped out about 300 U.S. aggressor troops, downing 7 enemy aircraft and damaging 12 others. In a night attack on the command post of a U.S. brigade, Son, leader of a fighting group of the Liberation Forces, together with his comrades-in-arms, killed 82 American soldiers. Khoi, leader of a militia group of Duc Hiep village, and his men lured the enemy into their mine fields, which resulted in the killing of 57 Americans.

Badly mauled, the enemy troops pulled out on January 24 to Bac Ha area, two kilometers northeast of the Cu Chi district town, and tried to set up strongholds there to control highways 1 and 8. They intended to use them as springboards for further attacks on the Cu Chi liberated area and as links with other strongholds from Fhu Dau Mot province to Cholon province, so as to form a frontal defense line north of Saigon.

But as soon as the U.S. troops arrived at Bac Ha, they were surrounded by the armed forces and people of Cu Chi district, and fully tasted the sting of their blows. From January 24 to February 24, the guerrillas and local armed forces put out of action 1,717 U.S. troops.

### THE PEOPLE'S WAR

The U.S. troops were not reconciled to their defeats. On March 29, under the cover of planes and with the support of armored cars, the second brigade of the U.S. 25th infantry division and the Seventh regiment of the puppet Fifth division began their second raid on Dong

Phu Hoa and other villages in the southern part of Cu Chi district. On April 1, they again raided Phu My Hung, An Phu, and other villages in the northern part of the district. Thus the U.S. aggressor troops had plunged themselves into the flames of the people's war. The guerrillas tightly pinned them down and dealt them serious blows. When the U.S. troops were in a state of exhaustion, the Liberation Army and guerrillas, in close coordination with each other, mounted a surprise attack on the U.S. companies and completely routed two U.S. companies in a two-hour fight.

On May 16, the U.S. marauders launched their third massive raid on Cu Chi district. With the support of armored cars and tanks, they began the "pincers offensive" and airlifted large numbers of infantrymen into the center of the area in an attempt to wipe out the Liberation Armed Forces from within and without.

### RAID CRUSHED

The attempt proved to be a disastrous failure. Everywhere they went, the guerrillas launched surprise attacks on them, laid mines, destroyed highways and intercepted their military vehicles. Their command post and camps were also attacked. They were cut off, attacked from all sides, and could find no way out. Their ill-fated raid was completely crushed on May 27.

Relying on their dauntless revolutionary spirit and the invincible might of the people's war, the army and people of Cu Chi district had succeeded in beating back the U.S. "crack troops" armed to the teeth with modern equipment. Their victories again testify to the irrefutable truth that the real iron wall is the masses of the people armed with revolutionary ideas and wholeheartedly upholding revolution. No force on earth can break such an iron wall.

## People Find Answers to Even This Vietnamese Beat Poison Spray

The vicious U.S. campaign of killing food crops with poison spray has been stepped up, but the Vietnamese have found ways to beat even this ugly attempt at genocide.

The crop gassing campaign, perhaps envisioned by U.S. leaders as sort of outdoor gas chambers for Vietnamese rebels, was begun in 1962. U.S. pilots were sent out, tanks filled with the plant poison. They flew low over farm fields and poisoned the rice and other food crops that struggling farmers grew

to feed their families. The gas not only killed the plants; it also killed old people who were too slow to escape and too weak to withstand its effects.

And it killed the small children. Their small lungs and stomachs could not cope with the poison. They became violently sick, vomiting, their eyes red with the flame-like pain; then finally quiet and still. Their parents buried them.

The poison spray campaign was

a great success, U.S. leaders decided.

Since 1962 130,000 acres have been poisoned. But in only the first six months of this year U.S. officials expanded their campaign to cover 59,000 acres. Perhaps like the Nazis they have developed more effective ways of gassing.

But the Liberation Front has developed answers too. One of their most effective defenses has been the refinement of underground tunnels and safe quarters for people. But they also needed to maintain production of vitally needed food. The nourishing cassava plant was found to be able to withstand the poison. It has been planted widely throughout South Vietnam.

Though the poison spraying continues, food is produced.

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**Harvesting cassava in the Western Highlands. This plant produces big tubers and is grown everywhere. It cannot be destroyed by toxic chemicals sprayed by U. S. aircraft. It is known as the "strategic food plant" of the Liberation War. —Photo, China Features.**

# Cleveland: "Our Revolt Is Uprising Against Oppressor!"

Some congressmen are thinking of "investigating" the causes of the uprisings taking place in the black ghettos. And the newspapers have been trying to convince their readers that they know the cause—a "fringe element" of arsonists and criminals. But what do the black people themselves have to say? Here is the text of a leaflet distributed widely among the black people of Cleveland during the recent rebellion in the ghetto there:

**THE BLACK COMMUNITY MUST BE THE BLACK MAN'S LAND.**

We are sick and tired of being pushed around! We are sick and tired of being robbed by white merchants, bullied by white cops, ruled by the white power structure.

We are on the move! In Omaha, in Chicago, in South Bend, in San Francisco, in New York, and right here in CLEVELAND.

**WE SHOULD CONTROL OUR OWN BUSINESSES.  
WE SHOULD CONTROL OUR OWN SCHOOLS.  
WE SHOULD CONTROL OUR OWN HOUSING.  
WE MUST BE FREE OF ALL FOREIGN WHITE COPS AND TROOPS.  
WE MUST HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF OUR OWN BLACK COMMUNITY.  
THIS IS BLACK POWER!**

**UNITED BLACK YOUTH**

Just one example of how the cops respond to black people who fight for these demands was explained in a letter to Workers World from one of Cleveland's militant black freedom fighters.

Cleveland, Ohio  
July 27, 1966

Dear Editor:

On Saturday, July 23, during the recent rebellion in the east side Black ghetto of Hough, a young



**Cleveland cops were frantically defending business property and the status quo. They shot and wounded this young mother and her three children in the process.**

Our revolt is not meaningless lawlessness of restless youth. IT IS THE INEVITABLE UPRISING OF THE OPPRESSED AGAINST THEIR OPPRESSOR!

The rulers attempt to blame us for the violence now erupting in our community. The truth is that their evil institution of white supremacy is to blame. Their agents are the ones who are committing acts of violence against innocent Black men, women and children. They are the ones who are armed to the teeth—not us.

**EVEN VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY SAYS THAT IF HE WERE LIVING IN THE GHETTO WITH HIS FAMILY, HE WOULD BE LEADING A REVOLUTION! WE WANT:**

**GOOD HOUSING** - We can get this by demanding millions of dollars in federal funds to rebuild our community.

**MORE JOBS** - We say that the people of the ghetto shall themselves decide who shall have the jobs in the community.

**NO FOREIGN WHITE COPS AND TROOPS** - We can police ourselves.

**HOW WILL WE GET WHAT WE WANT?**

**ONLY THROUGH BLACK POWER!**

This means that the Black community must be a Black man's land:

**WE SHOULD CONTROL OUR OWN JOBS.**

Afro-American went to visit friends living in the area. They all decided to go over to the JFK House, a recreation center very popular among the ghetto youth. While he was standing out in front of the center, leaning against the car which had brought him there and watching the National Guardsmen and local cops in action, he was confronted by a club-swinging cop who demanded to see his draft card. The young man was unable to produce it because he had changed pants earlier and had forgotten to transfer the card. He was immediately frisked for weapons and then frisked again before being hustled off to a waiting paddy wagon and 36 hours in city jail.

Obviously the charge of not carrying a draft card was used only as a pretext to arrest Black youths who frequent the JFK House, as several others were picked up on the same charge. The JFK House was named in honor of Jomo "Freedom" Kenyatta and has become a meeting place for Black freedom

# 3 Anti-Viet GI's Defended in Oakland; Police Condemned

July 15th—Oakland was the scene today of two very energetic demonstrations. Although one demonstration took place in front of the U.S. Army Induction Center, and the other in front of the City Hall, and they had different immediate aims; both demanded that the ruling class which tells the U.S. gov't and Oakland's city gov't what to do, stop the brutal oppression of people everywhere.

The August 6-9 Committee (a united front of all anti-war groups in the area, formed to prepare for the International Days of Protest this August 6 through 9) organized a picket line in front of the induction center. The line was well attended all afternoon, lasting over five hours, with nearly a hundred people at its highest point. It was organized to protest the arrest of three G.I.'s who refused to fight America's dirty war in Vietnam, and numerous signs demanded that the U.S. withdraw all troops now!

That same afternoon, at least 100 people demonstrated in front of City Hall protesting police brutality and demanding a civilian review board. This spirited picket line ended in a rally addressed by militant speakers from several local organizations. Among them was Curtis Lee Baker, a popular and courageous spokesman for the impoverished black people of the city. Also speaking were two of the people recently victimized by the Oakland police. The first, Mr. Luther Smith, Jr., had been actively bringing his case before the community since April 8, when the police had barged into his home allegedly looking for someone else and then charged him with battery and his brother with

assault with a deadly weapon. The other man, a white man who is legally blind though with peripheral vision, told of how his wife, totally blind, was shoved against the wall of their home when the cops forced their way in and grabbed their 14-year-old son. (The cops had seen the boy running into his own home from his own front yard and decided he was some kind of a "suspect.")

The equally militant defense of these two families, white and black, was a perfect demonstration of the fact that the black struggle against oppression can benefit impoverished and defenseless white workers as well!

Many individuals from the anti-war picket line attended the rally on police brutality. And many of the City Hall demonstrators also joined the anti-war protestors in a later rally at a nearby park. The motivating force behind these two seemingly separate issues was the anger exploited people feel personally and in sympathy with other victims of the same oppressor. One Afro-American speaker at the anti-war rally, who had previously spoken in front of City Hall, declared,

"No black man clubbed and beaten down by the cops in this country has any obligation to do anything for this government, much less give his life fighting people in another country who want really the same things he wants."

The anti-war forces of the whole bay area are planning a giant demonstration August 6 in San Francisco, as well as one on August 7 at nearby Port Chicago, where they will attempt to stop trucks bringing war materials to be sent overseas.

# More Viet Troops Revolt; Join Front

HANOI, July 15—(Hsinhua)

All the 140 armymen of the South Vietnam puppet company 113, guarding Vinh Trung military base, Chau Doc Province, revolted on July 6, according to the South Vietnam Liberation press agency.

They killed all the commanders before crossing over to the peoples' ranks with their weapons.

Following the uprising of patriotic

fighters. The city authorities have been harassing and intimidating all who come there and have tried to close it down several times.

The above incident is just one of many that show how badly frightened the white ruling class is by the rising wave of Black militancy and the demand for self-determination. The rulers are going to continue to use terror and violence to maintain their system of exploitation from which super-profits are reaped at the expense and misery of 22 million Afro-Americans. Like the people of Vietnam and all the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America, the Black man in America will be a decisive force in the final defeat of U.S. imperialism.

Fraternally,  
V. Clark

# In 1966!

LONDON, July 24—"Charles Clore," reports the Associated Press, "a British financier who is reputed to be one of the richest men in the world, is suing a housemaid because she quit her job, which paid six pounds, or \$16.80 a week." (And maids work a six or seven day week.)

"Charging breach of contract, he wants his money back for paying her fare from Hong Kong. The maid, 24-year old Miss Shiu Wai Lin, served notice through a lawyer that she would fight Mr. Clore in court.

"Mr. Clore, in getting a writ against Miss Shiu, did not disclose how much he spent to bring her here. She was hired through Oriental Domestic, a London agency, and came to Britain nine months ago...to work as a maid at the financier's mansion in Hungerford, a picturesque town in Berkshire."

We thought slavery was abolished a century ago.

# Big Viet Gov't Defeat Hidden by U.S. Press

The following was translated from a U.P.I. dispatch in the Paris "Le Monde."

Ca Mau, 18 July—It was learned Monday from an American military source in Ca Mau that one of the most costly defeats suffered by the South Vietnamese forces was kept secret for two weeks.

The engagement took place 7 kilometers south of Hai Yen in the

province of An Xuyen at the southern tip of the country. Several companies of government troops had launched a pincer operation. One of the wings of the pincer fell into an ambush set by the Vietcong and the government units were decimated. The guerrillas then got hold of the clothes of the government soldiers and went towards the second column. The Saigon soldiers, wary at first because they had heard the firing, were reassured

when they saw running towards them those whom they took to be their comrades. The guerrillas opened fire at point-blank range, massacring almost the entire column. Three of the American "advisors" were killed and the fourth wounded.

Aerial reconnaissance afterwards showed that the area where the combat took place was covered with bodies.

**A \$ "Gentlemen's Agreement"**

**Behind the South West Africa Case**

By Henry Stone

The World Court, an organ of the United Nations, recently ruled in favor of the South African government on the case of South West Africa. The ruling showed once again that the UN will not act to stop the genocidal policies of the South African government in South West Africa, a territory for which the UN is theoretically responsible.

For many years, South African settlers have kept the Africans in South West Africa as virtual slaves. In recent years, the South African government has been forcing the Africans into reservations ("Bantustans") on land that will not support life. These facts are readily available in UN reports. (Workers World was apparently the only paper in the US that printed them—March 1964 edition.)

South West Africa was mandated to South Africa by the League of Nations; and according to a World Court decision of 1950, the UN has inherited responsibility for the League's functions. South Africa has violated the terms of the mandate, especially in establishing military bases in South West Africa. South West Africans, such as Markus

Kooper (whom we interviewed in 1964), have been asking the UN for years to do something about their plight.

Yet the UN has done nothing. Its facade of social democracy and concern with world poverty could not be more exposed.

One of the World Court judges who ruled in favor of the South African government is from—the South African government! The "Chinese representative" on the Court is not from People's China, which contains a quarter of the human race, but from the US-concocted regime on Taiwan. The "Polish representative" on the Court is a counter-revolutionary who has been repudiated by Poland's socialist government; he voted with the South African judge.

On July 17 and 20, the New York Times revealed that the US government was relieved by the World Court decision. The US, said the Times, has heavy investments in South Africa. A decision against the Verwoerd regime would have led to a UN debate on a possible economic boycott of South Africa, and such a boycott would be unfavorable to US investment.

The World Court members were undoubtedly aware that an anti-Verwoerd decision would be viewed unfavorably by the imperialist powers. They have also picked a time to hand down their verdict when Africa has been thrown off balance by the rightist coups there, which were connected with the CIA.

In the long run, though, the Court verdict will only turn the Africans to more revolutionary forms of struggle against the South African government. Already, the South West African Peoples' Organization, which has a headquarters in Dar es Salaam, has emerged as a growing organization with emphasis on the training of guerrillas—and with an understanding with People's China.

A perspective of the struggle in South West Africa was given to us by Brian Bassingthwaite, a South West African now in the U.S. He said that even though conditions are still too difficult for activity in South West Africa itself, the World Court verdict has disillusioned the people there about the UN. He said further that intensified struggles are expected in Zimbabwe and Angola, and that these in turn will make possible struggles in several countries simultaneously against the white rulers of the African cape.

As Peter Nanyemba, South West African Peoples' Organization representative in Dar es Salaam, said:

"The World Court judgment has

**-Black GI's**

(Continued from page 1)

Vietnam the military courts are lily white!

But racist oppression in the army is beginning to cut two ways and Washington is truly sitting on a powder keg. For the article admitted that there is a growing feeling of community between Afro-Americans and Vietnamese—an incipient recognition that they are both the victims of the same oppressor—and that this common bond is even beginning to extend across the line of battle.

"Negro GIs are of the opinion," states the Independent, "that most of the natives have developed a kindred feeling toward the black Americans... (and) there have been noticeable occasions, in Saigon particularly, when Negro GIs were approached and told 'don't go in there' by a native stranger. A few minutes later a bomb would blow the place to bits."

Thus Washington and the Pentagon, by impressing more and more Black youth into an army which is an exact replica of the racist tyranny in the U.S. down to the last detail of brutality, are packing the powder of a revolutionary time bomb which could one day blow U.S. imperialism's war effort in Vietnam to pieces.

filled us with disdain and confirmed our belief that no fair play can be expected from world organs where imperialists play a dominant role. We have no alternative but to rise in arms and bring about our liberation."

**Import European Fascists to Help**

**Rhodesia : Mass Imprisonment**

(Tricontinental Bulletin, published in Havana - Translated by J.L.)

Last January 18th, the English News Agency, Reuters of London, indicated that more than 350,000 Africans were imprisoned in Rhodesian concentration camps.

The same agency revealed that in just two of these camps, Wawa and Gonakudzingwa, thousands of African patriots were housed in the most horrible conditions and were undergoing the most brutal repression.

In an interview given to "International Review," the Vice-Secretary General of the Zimbabwe Union of African Peoples (ZAPU), Edward Ndlovu, said that the racist authorities had made Rhodesia into an enormous concentration camp. "All of Rhodesia is overrun with punitive detachments which leave behind them towns ruined and countryside leveled and useless."

Ndlovu added that one old mine, Connemara Mine, has been converted to receive 2,000 African prisoners. They are destined to a slow and horrible death in the depths of this mine.

The director of ZAPU, Joshua Nkomo, is imprisoned in one of these subterranean prisons. According to the noted English lawyer, Montgomery Hyde, he is gravely ill and has been barbarously tortured.

Tens of thousands of Africans are arrested under any flimsy pretext and condemned to forced labor—always on lands belonging to racists or on mining enterprises of Anglo-Americans...

And it is precisely from fascist groupings that the repressive troops of the Ian Smith regime are drawn. The weekly, "Zimbabwe Review," says that, "a considerable number of European mercenaries who served in the Congo (Leopoldville) have been contracted by the racist Ian Smith regime."

The daily newspaper, "Ngurumo," states that the "majority of officials that serve in the Rhodesian army come from the army of West Germany." During a recent visit to Salisbury by the Ex Minister of Defense of Bonn and West German political leader, Franz Joseph Strauss said that more aid was planned from West Germany to help Rhodesia in its bloody repressions against black Rhodesians.

In spite of this brutal repression, the Zimbabwe people continue the struggle against the racial barbarism. Several uprisings north of Salisbury took place at the end of April. These were supported by demonstrations in the African ghetto of Highfield. The struggle will continue until it overthrows the Ian Smith dictatorship.

**Congo: Arm the People To Defend the Revolution**

Brazzaville, July 15 (Hsinhua)

The Congolese (Brazzaville) people and public opinion have vehemently condemned the (attempted - ed.) counter-revolutionary coup d'etat of June 27 engineered by the imperialists, and expressed the determination to defend their revolutionary gains.

"Defend the revolution" and "counter-revolution shall not pass" have become popular slogans among the Congolese (B) people.

In recent days, the ruling National Revolutionary Movement (MNR) of the Congo (B), its youth organization and other peoples' organizations have held meetings to denounce the imperialist manoeuvres and express firm support for the government.

A large number of messages and telegrams of support have been received by the ruling party and its leaders.

Leading members of the Revolutionary Union of Congolese Women met members of the political bureau of the ruling party on July 12 and expressed their earnest desire to combat the manoeuvres of the enemy.

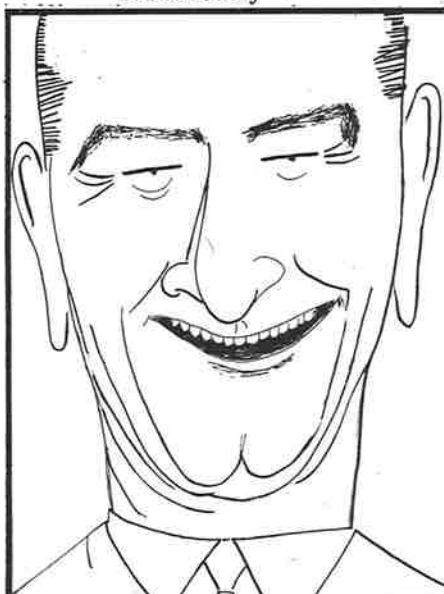
They demanded that women be given military and political training. They said that military training without political education was equal to having no orientation.

Reviewing the past events, the Congolese Information Agency (ACI) in an editorial stressed that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun. This is very correct. So, to maintain their power, the people should have peoples' armed forces which link with the masses and defend them."

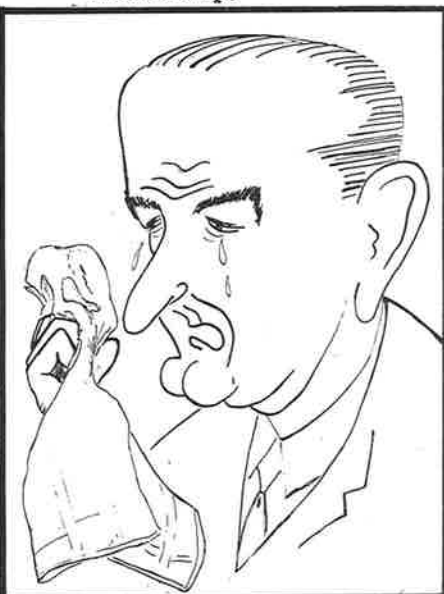
The ACI pointed out: "What conclusion did a series of facts permit us to draw? The matter is to build a dam against imperialism and new colonialism."

"Etumba," the organ of the ruling party, in a recent editorial said: "The only urgent task is to consolidate the revolutionary power."

The weekly "Dipanda" in an editorial on July 9 said that the recent plot showed that one could not build a new society with the old state apparatus left over by the imperialists and old and new colonialists.



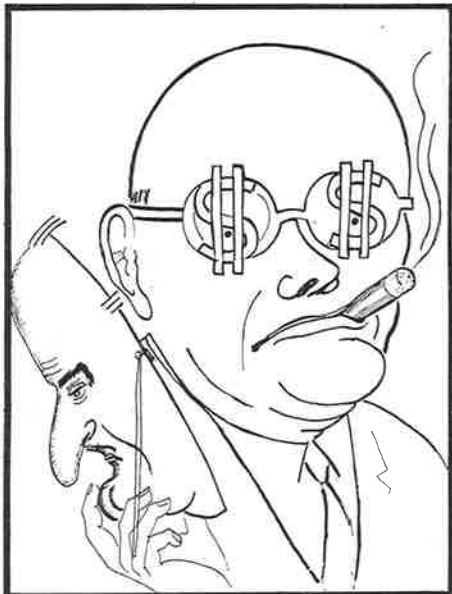
**Hiyah, folks, you know this face. It's ole Tex Johnson heah with my howya - doin - good - buddy face.**



**This is my sad face like when I got to act sad about sending more soldiers to Vietnam.**



**This is my worry face for when I gotta, you know, look worried — and sometimes I AM worried.**



**But this is my real face, gentlemen. That Tex Johnson stuff is just for the peasants.**