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## Black Uprising When Cop Kills Youth Anti-Black Terror in Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28—"For God's sake don't send any more cops down here," Adam Rogers, youth organizer with the Economic Opportunity Council, an agency of the city itself, begged a police captain.

The cops armed with shotguns and three foot billy clubs pushed right by. They opened fire.

One black fighter expressed the defiant mood of the embattled masses when he looked down the barrels of a dozen shot guns aimed in his direction and shouted,

"Shoot me, I'm not armed! Shoot me, I'm not armed! You've been killing all these years, you goddam cops, Shoot me, You shot a boy back there!"

It began when Patrolman Alvin Johnson killed a sixteen year old black youth for allegedly stealing a car. Before it was over, Mayor John F. Shelley had on the streets over one half of the 1,900 man police force, the California Highway Patrol, and a 2,000 man Na-

tional Guard in full battle array with M-1 guns and bayonets.

Scores of Black People were wounded and many more arrested in the Hunter Point and Fillmore Districts, the ghetto areas where over 25 percent of Afro-Americans are unemployed.

As we go to press, large numbers of white progressive demonstrators are picketing in sympathy with the black struggle.



The cops shot this man on Third Street in San Francisco for the crime of being black.

## Protest in UN Gallery Greet Indonesia Return

NEW YORK, Sept. 28—The U.S.-staged mock ceremony to reseate Indonesia in the United Nations today was dramatically disrupted by demonstrators belonging to Youth Against War & Fascism.

The group denounced the unopposed admission of this fascist puppet regime to the UN and exposed the U.S.-engineered slaughter of almost a million Indonesians before the millions of TV viewers throughout the country who were watching the proceedings.

The demonstration began when General Assembly President Abdul Pazhwak asked if there were any objections to the reseating of Indonesia. The issue was apparently going to be swept under the rug with not one delegate objecting. But the demonstrators rose to their feet with cries of "A million people killed by U.S. puppet!" "Indonesia is a fascist regime!"

The chants were led by Deirdre Griswold, editor of The Partisan, magazine of YAWF, and by Maryann Weissman, National Coordinator of the organization.

As guards rushed to drag the youths from the gallery, still more protesters rose in other sections of the audience. While guards were distracted, Key Martin, National Chairman of YAWF, held up a banner reading, "U.S. Puppets Kill One Million Indonesians" and he shouted, "Don't admit this illegal puppet regime!"

After the demonstrators were ejected from the UN, two YAWF members circulated press releases among the many news agencies at the UN. The statement declared: "We charge that the Nasution-Suharto fascist dictators are nothing but puppets of the U.S. government. They have savagely turned Indonesia from its anti-imperialist course and delivered this nation of vast natural wealth into the hands of the U.S."

## CIA Suspected In Guatemala Liberation Leader's Auto Death

Luis Turcios, leader of the armed liberation forces in Guatemala, was killed October 2 in an automobile accident. The car in which he and two others were driving turned over, exploded and burst

into flames, according to news accounts. However, it could also have exploded before turning over.

The "accident" comes in very handy for the Guatemala ruling class, which had put a price of \$25,000 on Turcios' head—and of course for the U.S. ruling class which has been moving heaven and earth to crush the revolutionary movements throughout its system of Latin American semi-colonial satellites.

Turcios' death is an especially hard blow at the liberation movement, coming as it does, just after the unification of the two most important guerrilla groups and the cementing of ties with revolutionary Cuba at the Tri-Continental Conference.

Turcios' goal, like that of Yon Sosa, the leader with whom he first broke and then won over to be his lieutenant, was a socialist Guatemala. His movement combines the struggle for land with agitation against the native capitalists as exploiters as well as puppets of the imperialists.

With the assassination of Camillo Torres in Colombia, the 25-year imprisonment of Hugo Blanco in Peru, the bloody counter-revolution in Bolivia, the military counter-coups in Brazil and Argentina, the U.S. bankers are for the moment riding high.

But if the CIA killed Turcios, they have not killed the revolution. As the youthful leader once said in calmly discussing the possibility of his own death:

"Others will carry on."

## Northern Ruling Class Okays the Terror

# Green Light for Racists

By Fred Goldstein

Two years ago gutter racist Lester Maddox stood with murder in his eyes wielding an ax handle and a pistol at unarmed Afro-Americans to defend segregation. At that time he was depicted by the capitalist press as a reactionary hold-out making a "last-ditch" stand to defend his lily-white restaurant against the new freedom allegedly bestowed by the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Today this rabid white-supremacist is one step away from becoming the chief executive of over 4 million people—including 1,250,000 Afro-Americans!

When Maddox won the Democratic nomination for governor of Georgia last week he rounded out the ranks of a solid front of hard-core southern racists whose only program is to mobilize whites in a counter-revolution against the Black Freedom struggle. Among the victors in southern Democratic gubernatorial primaries were Jim Johnson, a founder of the White Citizens Council, in

Arkansas; George Mahoney, a rabble-rousing racist demagogue in Maryland; Gov. Wallace of Alabama (represented by his wife Lurleen) and John Rarick in Louisiana.

The rise of Maddox from an "irresponsible element" to the front porch of the Governor's mansion is no accident. It both symbolizes and is the result of a shift by the entire racist U.S. ruling class, both North and South, away from the policy of tokenism and towards a campaign of unmasked terror against the Black People.

As grim as these primary results are, even more significant was the silence of the northern "liberal" ruling class about legalizing the right of this pack of racist storm troopers to rule over millions of black people.

Not only was there not one word of protest from any high ruling class spokesman in Washington but the northern billionaires instead announced a further hardening of their own racist policies.

Mike Mansfield, Senate Demo-

cratic Majority Leader from the northern state of Montana, up until now a champion of civil rights tokenism, was chosen by the corporations to give official endorsement to the new policy of open repression.

On Sept. 29 this "moderate" from "liberal" Montana joined a chorus of southern senators when he warned in a prepared statement that desegregation in southern schools had gone "too far." This, declared Mansfield, was the "new mood of the Senate." And to emphasize the new mood Mansfield supported a resolution by Sen. Stennis of Mississippi re-establishing segregation in public hospitals.

The issue was made crystal clear by a spokesman for the U.S. Dept. of Education which was the target of the racist attack by the Eastland-Mansfield bloc. According to the New York Times of Sept. 29 the spokesman protested that the Department was going as slow as possible and said:

"We accept tokenism. What more

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## The Chinese Revolution

October 1 is National Day in People's China. That is, it marks the 17th anniversary of the great Chinese Revolution.

When the Communist Party of China took state power in 1949, it duplicated the feat of the Russian Bolsheviks, who for the first time in human history successfully established the rule of the immense majority against the minority of oppressors.

Second only to the Russian Revolution in its historical importance and social achievement, the Chinese is second to none in the long suffering and epochal heroism of its fighters over the years from 1925 to 1949.

And where the Russians made the brilliant social break-through from feudalism to the socialist revolution, the Chinese leaped from colonial slavery over the stage of capitalist rule and established the dictatorship of the proletariat.

But their leap, in spite of its magnificent foreshortening of history, was a painfully slow and tortuous period of travail and suffering for the people immediately involved. And now the Chinese, after paying such a tremendous price in blood for their progress, are besieged by powerful enemies and forsaken by many who should be their friends.

Imperialism, particularly U.S. imperialism, has singled out China as its main enemy and threatens China constantly with a ring of iron, steel and nuclear bombs around its borders. In addition, not content with the power of weapons alone, imperialism contends for the minds of the world's masses by claiming that beleaguered China is an aggressor trying to start war with its besieger and constant attacker.

Most of the U.S. middle class—its liberal and part of its "radical" wing, has been won over to this outrageous thesis and is all set to jump on the war chariot as soon as Johnson and his fellow charioteers can get it going past the borders of Vietnam.

The Chinese Revolution, however, has enormous reservoirs of social support both inside and outside of China. It will neither yield to imperialist attack nor fall from internal weakness.

The savage glee of the U.S. ruling class at current developments in China, like the merriment of its well-trained middle class intellectuals, will, let us predict, be short-lived. The next stage of history will surely bring new detachments to the world revolution and new strength to the already strong and still growing People's Republic of China.

## Fascists Test Strength in Referendum

An ominous campaign to abolish the three-month old New York City Civilian Review Board by a referendum vote in this November election is being mounted by the Patrolman's Benevolent Association.

They have mustered every racist, reactionary, Birchite and fascist to organize with them to flood the city with their poisonous racism. They have apparently unlimited funds, and their plan to kill the Review Board will cut across political parties and candidates to indoctrinate millions.

While they sermonize about the necessity for law and order, they support the lawlessness of white supremacy.

While they preach the need for "safety in the streets," they applaud the rule of racist mob terror.

While they appeal to the public to support their referendum, they have only contempt for the democratic processes. They harken back to the days of "Heil Hitler."

Fascism and racism is the issue; not the Civilian Review Board, as such.

The Board itself is nothing more than a harmless bureaucratic monstrosity contrived by capitalist politicians to create the impression with the oppressed minorities that the Board is a channel to express their multiple grievances against the Police Department. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Police brutality continues to grow in Philadelphia and Rochester where they have civilian review boards. In New York during the life of the three month old review board, the complaints that are filed by the Afro-American and Puerto Rican people are generally dismissed. The few that pass through the network of committees and hearings are sure to be whitewashed by the Police Commissioner. In San Francisco it was a civilian ruling class that called out the National Guard.

The racist oppositon to the Review Board knows this well. But here, they think, is an excellent opportunity to generate a racist atmosphere to organize a coalition of fascist elements.

These fascist forces must be combated and resisted. All the oppressed and progressive people in New York City, numbering in the millions, must be alerted to this danger. The referendum in November can be a yardstick of resistance to the fascist scum. A NO vote to the racist referendum will be a setback to the racist drive.

And this in no way prevents raising the demand for a genuine review board of the people themselves rather than the "civilian" ruling class—a board that will reflect the oppressed masses' struggle against the fascist forces of the billy and the gun.

"Desegregation Going Too Fast." Senate Majority Leader Mansfield In U.S. Senate, Sept. 28

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"In fact, twelve years after the historic Supreme Court decision outlawing segregated schools, more Negro children attend all black schools than in 1954."

—A. Phillip Randolph speaking in a Labor Day radio broadcast

## And He Speaks for "Moderate" Imperialists!

### Dwight D. Goldwater

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower came out for unlimited U.S. escalation in Asia last week when he stated flatly to a Chicago news conference of Sept. 30 that "If they gave me the (Vietnam) problem, I'd take any action to win."

The former chief executive of U.S. imperialism was campaigning for his brother Earl in Cook County when he urged Washington to immediately throw into Vietnam "as much force as we need to win," even if it means war with China.

Although Eisenhower dodged a question about the use of nuclear weapons, the truth is that he already gave his answer in a T.V. speech on Sept. 19, when he advocated the use of the "proper kind of nuclear weapon" as an effective means of combating the revolutionary millions of Asia. (See Workers World, Sept. 22.)

It is highly significant that the "moderate" capitalist press, which

played down Eisenhower's Sept. 19 nuclear ravings, chose to impress its readers with the seriousness of this latest war cry.

On Oct. 30 the "liberal" New York Post, rightly fearing a "massive uprising of Asia against the nation which unleashed the madness" deplored Eisenhower's "enlistment in the battalions of adventurism."

The Post completely concealed the fact the "battalions" for whom Eisenhower was speaking were in fact a broad section of the U.S. monopolies. But James Reston, Washington expert of the New York Times strongly hinted at the power of the ruling class forces for whom this former "moderate" is just the mouthpiece.

"President Eisenhower's... views" Reston wrote on Oct. 2 "could have a more profound effect on the Vietnam war than all the opinions expressed in the United Nations over the last two weeks."

## "Ike Will Get You if You Don't Trust Johnson!"

### Reston's Plea for Johnson

James Reston, head of the New York Times Washington Bureau and associate editor of that paper, well known as a mild but persistent opponent of Johnson's war policy, has now reversed field and come out four-square for his Commander-in-Chief.

On October 2 he made a full-dress, top-of-the-page plea for the "credibility" of Johnson's shabby "peace" maneuvers, entitling his plausible story, "The Tragedy of Skepticism." Whether or not he believes it himself, he now insists that "Johnson is prepared to dismantle the American bases (in Vietnam)... he is prepared to let the people of South and North Vietnam decide their own political future" and so on.

All that is necessary, Reston says, is for the opponents of the war to unite behind Johnson and give him the trust he doesn't deserve but desperately needs, in order to bring the war safely to a "compromise" solution.

Reston's well-written script, obviously dictated in substance, if not in style, by Johnson himself, not only pleads for "trust" in the discredited President, but outlines the horrible alternatives to the course of sweet reason allegedly being followed by his harried hero.

Much of Reston's brief deals with the all-out war plan now advocated by ex-President and former General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower, who does not exclude the use of nuclear bombs. It is "a mad proposal, made by an old man... but it should not be lightly dismissed," Reston says, artfully advancing the proposal at the same time he belittles it.

And he virtually threatens the liberals that if they do not fall in line with Johnson, they will "create precisely the holocaust they are trying to avoid."

The other 'horrible alternative'

## Protest Bombing Of SWP Headquarters

By Western Union

U.S. Attorney General Justice Dept., Wash., D.C.

Sept. 28

We demand that the fascist criminals who fire-bombed the New York office of the Socialist Workers Party be brought to justice immediately.

You have further abetted these neo-Nazi incendiaries by closing your eyes to the bombing of the San Francisco DuBois Club last spring and to a similar outrage against the New York office of the Worker only 24 days ago.

Failure on your part to take im-

mediate action in this latest act of Right wing terrorism can only be regarded as further proof-positive of this ugly conspiracy.

Fred Goldstein  
N.Y. Organizer  
Workers World Party

Reston further reveals that many of Johnson's advisers and Cabinet Members are pressing for the Eisenhower line and Johnson is heroically holding them off. (Why doesn't he fire them?) And he will have to succumb if he doesn't get the unified support of the capitalist class and its intellectual spokesman.

But it seems that "credibility" is an international problem, too. The imperialist allies don't believe Johnson much more than do his socialist enemies.

"If President Johnson's offers for a compromise settlement in Vietnam are rejected by the foreign ministers at the United Nations," says this Johnson's new Boswell... "the prospect is for an even more savage war in Vietnam, even at the risk of intervention by Communist China."

Reston's little message from Johnson is therefore, not merely a club to be held over the opposition at home, but a grim new note of atomic blackmail sent to the revolutionary masses abroad.

Not least of those who are supposed to get the message is the Soviet Union, whom Johnson is also threatening (between his co-existence blandishments and confabs with its Foreign Minister) for not getting into line and negotiating the "compromise" surrender of the Vietnamese revolution.

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## March Against White Supremacy October 30, 1966

White People's  
March of Conscience

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## Goldberg's Peace Speech May Cover Bombing Fizzle

## U. S. "Offer" Hides Plot to Widen War

By Milton Seaman

Ambassador Goldberg's proposal at the UN that the U.S. would stop bombing North Vietnam in exchange for an "appropriate de-escalation" has a number of angles.

It is obviously first and foremost a propaganda speech aimed at U.S. voters and the world's war-weary masses as well as doubtful

## More U.S. Troops Invade Vietnam

SEPT. 30—Today, at almost the same moment U.S. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg was holding a press conference on his last week's "peace" proposal at the UN, the U.S. landed 2,500 more GI's in Vietnam.

This makes about 10,000 U.S. troops that have landed just since the UN started its annual talk session. The total number of U.S. ground troops as of today is 317,500.

This number is greater than that of the regular armed forces of South Vietnam itself, which total 317,000. Former U.S. policy was to have "Asians fighting Asians," but with all the billions the U.S. is spending in Vietnam, it can't get enough Asians to fight as counter-revolutionaries.

Hence the rapid increase of U.S. soldiers—and U.S. casualties.

imperialist allies.

Insofar as it is a serious proposal to the Vietnamese, it is an effort to negotiate a surrender of Vietnam to U.S. aggression, while at the same time operating as a cover to further expand that aggression.

But in addition to all this, it may be an unconscious admission that the U.S. air war over North Vietnam is a flop.

The failure of U.S. bombings to achieve their main objectives is now apparent, in spite of the havoc in death and destruction showered on the North Vietnamese people. (Bomb-runs and tonnage now exceed the daily averages of World War 2.)

These objectives were repeated last Spring by General Maxwell Taylor, chief planner of U.S. aggression, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Taylor then stated the bombing of North Vietnam would put a ceiling on the flow of North Vietnamese men and materials to resist the U.S. and in time would break their will to fight.

But these grandiose plans have clearly backfired.

Only yesterday—on September 30, Sir Robert Thompson, who directed the successful 12-year British war against the Malayan liberation fighters told the Overseas Press Club

in New York: "We should stop bombing North Vietnam because it has not stopped the influx of troops and supplies from North Vietnam."

Thompson, now a senior consultant to the Rand Corporation, which does piece-work thinking for the Air Force and Secretary McNamara's office, added: "It is impossible to choke off the Ho Chi Minh Trail."

Recent U.S. press reports confirm this and claim that North Vietnam now has four divisions in and around the demilitarized zone, well armed and prepared to fight U.S. troops.

Further, the U.S. is paying heavily in lost aircraft and personnel—and the toll is rising. Defense Secretary McNamara stated as much on the very day Goldberg gave his phony peace proposals to the U.N.

McNamara said: "U.S. aircraft losses over North Vietnam would require 280 more fighter bombers costing 700 million—to support operations beyond 1967."

The New York Times reported on Sept. 30 that American analysts have admitted that the anti-aircraft defense "is already the most advanced the American pilots have ever faced" and "indications are that the advanced technology of anti-aircraft defenses will be further elaborated and strengthened." According to the Times, these military analysts have now raised the question of whether North Vietnam

## How Many Planes Lost?

The U.S. military says that "only" about 350 planes have been lost. (North Vietnamese reports say over 1200.) While the concealment of plane losses would seem to be difficult (though quite possible) it should be noted that no U.S. reports mention the South Vietnamese Air Force losses.

The South Vietnamese Air Force, which is presumably made up of South Vietnamese pilots, flies U.S. planes. According to a recent report, Vietnamese pilots fly missions over both North and South Vietnam.

The omission of any reports of losses by this group would be one of the easier ways to make the public figures of plane losses smaller and easier for the American public to swallow.

will be able to bring its anti-aircraft system to the point where it will make the U.S. bombing "too expensive" to continue.

Of course they reject the idea. They callously accept the "expense" in lost American lives, and of course the masses of Vietnamese lives are not in the least "expensive."

The growing evidence that U.S. is paying high in aircraft and personnel correlates with North Vietnam figures of 1,262 U.S. aircraft lost. (Washington claims only 387.)

Goldberg's "peace" offer may well be to cover the fiasco of their grand bombing strategy while seeking a major military concession from North Vietnam in return for stopping U.S. losses. But of course it also serves as a smoke screen for a renewed escalation and still wider war.

Either way Goldberg's "peace" proposal has nothing to do with peace.

## Too Many Benedict Arnolds

"I call attention, for example, to the fact that all but one of the South Vietnamese generals who represent the military junta fought with the French against their own people in the war of independence which followed World War 2.

Would not this be roughly comparable to having eight or nine Benedict Arnolds attempting to run the U.S. in the years that followed our own war for independence some 175 years ago?"

—Sen. Geo. McGovern  
in U.S. Senate on June 30.

## Cleveland Protestors Picket Airport

## Greet Johnson's War Salesman

CLEVELAND, Sept. 18—Vice-President Humphrey, migratory war salesman, received an exceedingly warm reception when he came here today to plug Democratic candidates and defend the war policy of the Johnson Administration. On hand to greet him were about 75 anti-war pickets, including members of the Cleveland Committee to End the War in Vietnam and Ohio members and friends of Youth Against War and Fascism.

Pickets carried signs reading "Wall Street's War Against Vietnam: The Rich Get Richer, The Poor Get Killed," "Support the Fort Hood Three," "Free Stokely Carmichael Now," "Repeal the Slave Labor Draft Law" as well as "Bring the Troops Home Now."

A six-foot banner carried by YAWF representatives read: "Humphrey—Racist and Warmonger: Jails Black Fighters Here, Kills Vietnamese There," thus clearly exposing the Vice-President's role both as war apologist and persecutor of SNCC militants in Atlanta.

Although police forced the demonstrators to move from their original location (on the property of the airport where Humphrey's plane would arrive) to a site along the adjacent highway, they failed in their attempt to soften the impact of the protest.

Instead of being visible to only a few newsmen and Democratic Party politicians, the pickets could be seen by thousands of people riding by in cars and chartered buses on their way to the opening day game of the nearby football stadium.

Also on hand were about 15 counter-pickets from the local Wallace for President Committee whose principal slogan was "Black Power Means Red Power." Some of them were familiar to the anti-war demonstrators as having participated in previous Bircher-KKK activities in Northeastern Ohio.

The sympathies of the more articulate spectators were clearly with those who spoke in support of Black Liberation in the U.S.A. and self-determination for the people of Vietnam.

by D. Lucifer



Meeting Humphrey at the Cleveland airport.

## New York Daily News Revelation:

## Bosses' Profits, Like Cigarettes, Good for You

By Ellen Pierce

The New York Daily News is trying to convince its readers that U.S. industries have "big labor costs, modest dividends." They set out to "prove" this thesis in a full-length editorial entitled "Are Profits Pernicious?" on September 26. The stated purpose of the editorial was to "cut a lot of props out from under Marxist deceptionists."

Who is practising deception?

Comparing wages paid by 11 corporations—\$249 billion, to dividends—\$17.7 billion—the News computed that for every 93.4 cents paid to the workers, the poor stockholders got only 6.6 cents. Net corporate profits were a mere 14.2 per cent. (The statistics are for 1965.)

Now it doesn't take an economics expert to point out that while the owners of corporations drive around in chauffeured limousines, workers ride the subway or bus. Anyone with eyes sees that the bosses live in luxurious homes. But for workers, finding habitable quarters is a problem and home construction is declining rapidly because most people

just can't afford to build new houses at this time.

How can the stockholders live so high on a measly 6.6 cents while the workers are so pinched when they get that big 93.4 cents as the Daily News tells us?

The answer of course is that the News forgets to mention that tens of millions of workers and their families share the \$249 billion. It isn't shared equally either. Included in that figure are the \$100,000-plus salaries of executives as well as the \$3,000-or-less a year earned by more oppressed workers.

Although there are supposed to be about 15 million Americans who own stock, most of these people have just a very few shares and could never possibly live on the dividends. The bulk of the \$17.7 billion in dividends goes to a relative handful of people. And while employees work for their money, this handful of coupon clippers do not.

Dividends represent just a portion of the profits. The majority of last year's corporate profits were plowed

back into the businesses. Out of the 14.2 cents profit per dollar, 7.6 cents were reinvested. Now 7.6 cents may not sound like very much, but the total comes to over \$20 billion and total expansion costs for all businesses are now running at about \$40 billion per year. This explodes the old myth of the worker saving his pennies to go into business, by the way. And it incidentally explains why the worker is certain to remain a worker and the boss is assured of remaining a boss.

Another fact that the News omits is that the rich have sources of income other than the \$72.5 billion corporate profits. Rental income for 1965 was \$18.3 billion, profits of non-incorporated businesses \$55.7 billion, and income from interest on loans and bonds \$17.8 billion. (Statistics from "Survey of Current Business" published by the U.S. Department of Commerce.)

No matter how you add, subtract, divide or multiply, at the very best, the ruling class gets the money and the working class gets exploited,

## Arrested After Broadcast to Canada Quebec Revolutionaries in NY

Last week two French-Canadian socialist revolutionaries, after escaping from Canadian police to New York, allowed themselves to be arrested after publicizing their demands.

Pierre Vallieres and Charles Gagnon, leaders of the Quebec Liberation Front (Q.L.F.), spoke over Canadian nation-wide TV and then deliberately allowed themselves to be arrested after picketing the UN to make their cause known to people of the world, knowing they would face long prison terms and harsh treatment by Canadian police.

They wanted to show solidarity with their imprisoned comrades in Quebec and bring their case to the attention of the world.

They demanded, in a press release distributed to UN correspondents, that Canadian and Quebec authorities who sought them for what the authorities termed "terrorist" activities, give legal recognition of their acts as political actions and that recognition as political prisoners be given to all partisans of the Quebec Liberation Front who are now in prison.

Their press release, which they prepared as they planned the UN action of Tuesday, September 27, announced that they were beginning a hunger strike "in order to make the liberation struggle, which the

## N.Y. Board of Ed Double Crosses Harlem Parents

NEW YORK—In another blow against civil rights, the New York City Board of Education has backed out of an agreement made last month with parents of Harlem. The agreement was to provide an Afro-American principal for the all-black Intermediate School 201.

The new air-conditioned (and windowless!) school had been built in the East Harlem slum in spite of community protests that it would, if placed here, be segregated.

Faced with a brand new all-black school, the parents made the demand that the white principal, hand-picked by the board, be removed and replaced with an Afro-American principal and that parents have the right to a voice in control of the staffing and the running of the school.

The board agreed to the latter demands. The school was ready to open. Then teachers in the school showed their reactionary ties by opposing the parents and supporting their bosses. The Board of Education then reneged on their agreement.

The cry was raised that a principal should not be appointed "merely because he was black." Progressives will remember that this is the same cry that has been used time and time again to deny black demands for a hundred years and especially for the past thirty years in the union movement, when militants raised the demand for more black officials, executive board members, etc.

The non-white school population in New York is estimated at from 25 to 30 percent. But less than 1 per cent of the school principals are non-white.

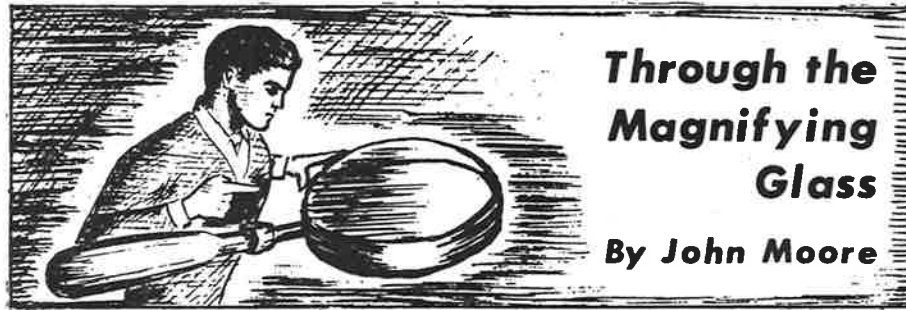
Following the Board's reneging on its agreement, parents and supporters then staged a militant protest on September 21 when authorities opened the school. Five were arrested that day and in following days police arrested others to intimidate pickets outside the school.

With a small army of police standing guard around the building, a semblance of normal school activity has finally been attained. The issue, however, remains.

Q.L.F. carries on in cooperation with other popular forces in Quebec, known to all countries." They stated that their strike "will end only with the recognition of the political crime and political prisoner status for all partisans of the Q.L.F. or with their death."

The two are Pierre Vallieres, 28, writer, and former editor of the magazine Cite Libre (Free City) and Revolution Quebecoise (Quebec Revolution), and ex-reporter of the daily, La Presse of Montreal; and Charles Gagnon, 27, writer, teacher, a founder of the T.E.Q. (Travailleurs-etudiants du Quebec: Worker-students of Quebec), an organizer of the U.G.E.Q. (Union generale des etudiants du Quebec: General Student Union of Quebec), and also an editor of the magazine, Revolution Quebecoise. Both men have been very active in trade unions and pro-independence movements in recent years.

Following their arrest at the UN, Gagnon and Vallieres have been held by U.S. authorities who refuse to allow any but relatives or lawyers to visit them.



Through the  
Magnifying  
Glass  
By John Moore

## A Strategic Hamlet in Harlem - School I.S. 201

At first it looks like the brickwork above the pillars is solid. Then you see that while there are no windows at all, every little way there are slots in the wall, slots big enough to poke a rifle or a machine gun through to threaten the people below.

The roof is a lookout post with gun-carrying cops posted on top of it. And below, around the pillars that support the brick building with slots but no windows, are dozens of blue-uniformed cops twirling their clubs in threatening circles as they view the people who stand watching or talking, or who pass looking at the building as they go.

It's after 3:00 now and kids are coming out of the building with schoolbooks and streaming past the police barricades that block the street and some of the sidewalks.

It's Intermediate School 201 in Harlem. But the truth is it's not really a school in spite of its name and the schoolkids coming out of it.

It's a fort—a besieged, ruling class fortress deep in the midst of territory being contested by oppressed black people. It's a sort of strategic hamlet into which rebellious natives are to be lured or forced—for their own good, of course.

## New Concrete Amidst the Decay

I.S. 201 was built at 127th Street and Park Avenue, and Park Avenue here is a slum. The tenements that surround the school are decaying. Trash litters the street. Empty boarded-up buildings give off a musty smell clear out to the sidewalk as you pass. An elevated train line goes along Park Avenue beside this massive building which occupies the whole block to Madison and shines with newness and thick concrete strength and money amidst the decay around it.

201 was built here even after people of Harlem protested that it would be segregated. It was designed in "modern" style with no windows because window breaking by rebellious kids is a major problem, not only here but in urban schools across the country. And so its very design symbolizes the nature of the conditions.

But the intensity of the black struggle has risen sharply since the school was planned and "integration" is not the demand anymore. The demand of Harlem parents is that they have a voice in the control of the school. They know too well the racism and Tom-ism among teachers of their kids.

## It's Surrounded!

But this demand of parents for a say in the education of their kids, as modest as it sounds, is a revolutionary demand. And the ruling class recognizes it as such. It is the demand of the workers and the oppressed for a voice in one of the institutions which, behind a pretence of democracy, the ruling class dominates with an iron hand.

The challenge of parents at 201 has torn away the pretence of democracy—the kept parents' organization, the "United Parents Association" came out against the parents' demand—and it has raised the crucial question of control.

201 parents and those who support them were unsuccessful in getting the power they aimed at and seemed momentarily to have won, but strategic hamlets cannot hold out forever against a people's war. In spite of all their concrete thickness protected by club-swinging, gun-carrying police, these forts are surrounded. The issue is now joined. The war has begun.

How long it will take, no one can say. But one thing is sure, these walls or what they symbolize are going to fall.



Rob Williams getting an autograph from Mao Tse-tung. Rob had just spoken to over a million people on China's National Day.

## Great U.S. Viet Forces Face A Greater Force - The People

Imperialism, by its own admission, has at least four times the armed troops in South Vietnam as the liberation forces have. And after nearly twenty years of French and U.S. aggression and a year and a half of all-out bombing from the air, it is still fighting battles within a

few miles from the capital.

A September 17 Reuters dispatch from Saigon says that "Allied" forces now total more than 1 million men. The U.S. bankers have now put 308,000 U.S. soldiers into South Vietnam. They have also sent 35,000 South Koreans, 4,500 Australians, 2,000 Filipinos. They are paying 317,000 South Vietnamese regulars and 280,000 so-called "popular forces" military men in addition to 31,000 Montagnards, who are under direct U.S. command, and 55,000 so-called "national police."

This adds up to over a million, but does NOT include 57,000 "rural pacification" workers and 70,000 men of the U.S. 7th Fleet.

The same Reuters dispatch estimated "Viet Cong and North Vietnamese" forces in South Vietnam at 282,000.

The troop ratio is then at least four to one in favor of the aggressors. The firepower ratio is almost infinitely greater. And yet the U.S. is not winning.

The reason, of course, is that the imperialists are fighting against a whole people, who even when only armed with sticks, stones and pitchforks, refuse to submit to a neo-Nazi occupation of their country.

## Racist Green Light

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do they (the racists) want?"

(President Johnson silently condoned an attack on his own Commissioner of Education Harold Howe by refusing to defend him when Senator Irvin of North Carolina attacked the Commissioner as a "communist" and a "misfit" for enforcing token integration in a handful of southern schools.)

Mansfield's new partnership with Eastland, Stennis and Co. followed by three weeks a similar combination of "moderates" and open white supremacists in the House of Representatives during a racist attack on Adam Clayton Powell.

This show of open racist solidarity between northern and southern representatives of capital was part and parcel of Wall Street's decision to junk the 1966 Civil Rights Bill. The defeat of this already watered-down bill was meant as a formal announcement that even phony paper rights are a dead letter with the ruling class and that the "new order" is bullets and bayonets.

As a further symbol of the new program of "no concessions," the Justice Department, after two years of stalling, finally dropped the charges against the 17 racist killers who murdered three civil rights workers in 1964, thus giving the green light to all would-be Klan murderers.