

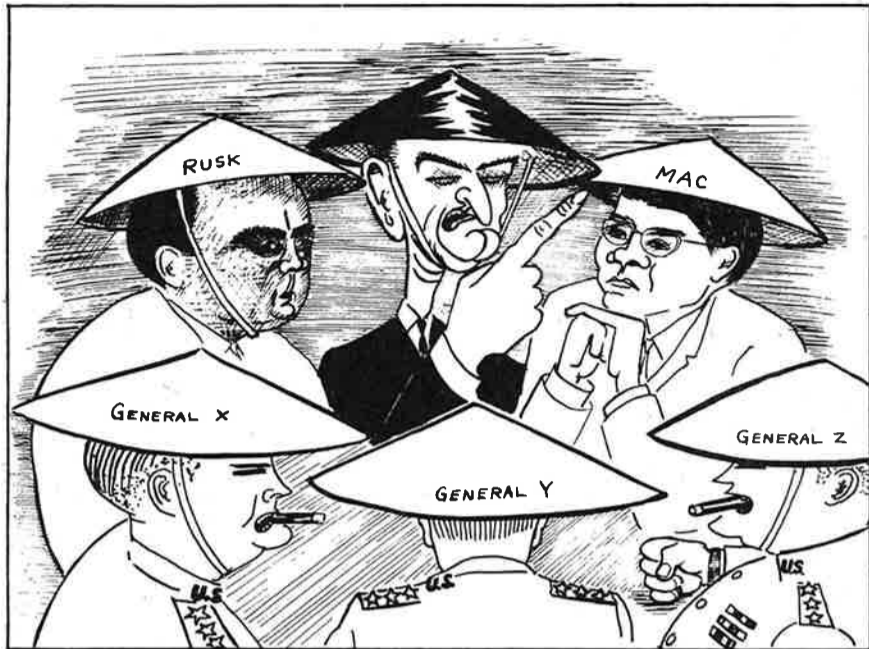
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The All-Asian Peace Conference in Manila



"We shall together seek ways of bringing an honorable peace."

Johnson in Manila To Talk More Peace - Make More War

OCTOBER 18—Lyndon Johnson took off for Hawaii yesterday on the first step of his journey to Manila for a council of war with his Asian retainers.

No one, including Johnson, has said precisely what this trip is really all about, but somehow the idea is given out that it is part of the "search for peace" when it is really traveling salesmanship for the war.

Johnson has already convinced Drew Pearson and the New York Post that he has suddenly become "earnest in the quest for peace"

just by scheduling the conference at all. And during its actual sessions, he hopes to hoodwink everybody else into believing the "peaceful" platitudes that will be broadcast from Manila.

The conference is being staged mainly to fool the people at home and secondarily to tighten up on the Asian allies abroad. These allies are shaky governments, mortally afraid of their own people and desperately dependent on U.S. support, without which they would fall. Johnson could tell them his wishes in a telegram!

But a certain reassurance is also necessary for the uneasy Asian gauleiters of U.S. big business. And Manila is supposed to provide it for them.

As far as the decisions being any different in the assemblage of puppets than in the conclaves of their masters in Washington, it is instructive to recall the comment of Sen. Wm. Fulbright when the affair was first announced:

"It should be a good conference. They're all our boys."

How Bombing N. Vietnam "Reduces Casualties"

"The case for bombing, in Pentagon thinking, rests squarely upon a military consideration—bombing reduces United States casualties" so said Hanson W. Baldwin, top military commentator for the New York Times, in an article on Oct. 12.

But Baldwin, with his pipeline to the Pentagon, should know that since the first bombing of North Vietnam on Feb. 7, 1965, American casualties and deaths have not been "reduced," but have soared sky-high.

The number of battle deaths from 1961 to Feb. 7, 1965 was approximately 340.

In 1965, battle deaths rose to over 1,300. During 1966, with over 350,000 troops in Vietnam, there have been at least 4,000 deaths by the end of September, with the weekly average at almost 100. The average was less than 2 per week before 1965.

The rate of Americans killed since the bombing began to "reduce casualties" is thus about 5,000 per cent higher than it was before.

KOREA PLUS!

There are more U.S. troops in Vietnam now than there ever were in Korea.

The Pentagon reported on October 13 that there were approximately 327,000 men in Korea on June 30, 1953. This included Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force.

On October 15, 1966, AP reported that there were 330,000 men in Vietnam.

There are also 40,000 men in the part of the Seventh Fleet in Vietnam's coastal waters.

D.A. Tries to Hide Cop-Hoodlum Racial Terror

Gallashaw Acquittal Bares Legal Frameup

By Milton Seaman

The acquittal of Ernest Gallashaw, a 17-year old black youth, indicted for murdering Eric Dean, another Afro-American youth, is a remarkable victory over the race-infested New York Police Department and the Brooklyn District Attorney's office that hatched up this legal frameup.

Their plan was to prove that Gallashaw killed the 11-year old Dean while aiming at a cop during a white racist attack on the black community of East New York section of Brooklyn last July, thereby making the VICTIMS of police brutality and white racist terror the CRIMINALS—and cover up the collaboration between the cops and the

white hoodlums.

It began to smell early in the trial when Patroiman Stanley Herbert gave his version of the racial disorders and the death of young Dean. Yet his only entry in his personal record book on that fateful night of Dean's death was, "Nothing to report."

An Afro-American wearing a Black Power button muttered from the rear of the courtroom, "What in hell did you see that night that you were covering up?"

Covered up, according to those who live in the Ashford-Dumont area of East New York, was that Eric Dean was one of a group of Afro-Americans that were attacked by cops and white hoodlums. The black people were on their way to see Mayor Lindsay, who was meeting

with local officials a few blocks away, following the shooting of a 3-year old black child in the stomach while holding his mother's hand in the street.

The white hoodlums from SPONGE, who were picketing Lindsay, broke out of the police barricades, and according to the N.Y. Times of July 23, "several Negroes said yesterday that both white mob and the police had fired on the youth," (Eric Dean).

A CORE leaflet related how a local radio station had a tape recording of statements of eye witnesses who said Dean was killed by a shot from a passing car with four white men in it, and that these witnesses were being harassed and intimidated by police.

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MAC PUTS KNIFE IN GENTLY; ESCALATION TO BE "AS USUAL"

Last week Secretary of Defense McNamara made his eighth "fact-finding" visit to Saigon. Just as on his seven previous trips, which began four years and 300,000 troops ago, McNamara reported that he "saw nothing here that in any way indicates a substantial change in the rate of operations, the tempo of operations, the type of operations in the months ahead."

Even on the improbable assumption that McNamara was telling the truth and not just trying to cover up some gigantic post-election escalation, his statement about "no substantial change" in operations is a verification that Washington is pushing full speed ahead with a massive build-up of troops—i.e. escalation as usual.

From September 1965 to October 1966, U.S. troops skyrocketed from 130,000 to 325,000, or up 200,000 in one year. Thus "no substantial change" amounts to an average increase of 4,000 troops a week.

At that rate the Johnson Administration will have close to 600,000 troops in Vietnam by the end of 1967!

"White Backlash" Is a Whip Made in USA by Racist Ruling Class

By Fred Goldstein

Ruling class public opinion experts are now engaged in a new form of hypocritical deception for their racist paymasters. The pollsters and commentators are busily engaged in "discovering" so-called "white-backlash."

For months the capitalist press has been spouting the most vile racist propaganda in order to mobilize white support for police terror against the black ghettos. After laboring to engender race hatred the experts are now calmly and innocently "discovering" the results of their own dirty work.

But even now the propagandists of big business are doing much more than simply making "discoveries."

By treating this completely manufactured racist reaction as something which has "developed" spontaneously among whites, these prostitutes of the pen are trying to conceal the role of the corporate rulers of the U.S. who have been working overtime to widen the chasm between

the white and black masses and thus strengthen big business' hold on the entire population.

Furthermore, the truth is that "white backlash" is just a Madison Avenue word for racism, with a new twist which makes it easier to preach. Thus, by endlessly screaming about white backlash, far from making "discoveries," the opinion-makers are further inciting race hatred by suggestion, in order to condition the whites for future ruling class repressions against the Black Freedom struggle.

And perhaps the most vicious aspect of these phony "discoveries" is that they place the blame for white backlash on "black power," on "riots" and "lawlessness."

Thus the bosses blame racist reaction on its victims, the oppressed Afro-American masses, and uniformly "predict"—i.e. threaten!—more reaction if the Black People don't submit to permanent imprisonment in the ghetto compounds.

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Revisionist Attacks on Red Guards

The basic task of the Red Guards in China today is clearly to cleanse the remnants of the old order, who admittedly remained in considerable numbers and social strength after the revolution of 1946-49.

The Guards aim to strengthen the revolution from within and prepare the masses to resist aggression from without. Accordingly, they serve a progressive and revolutionary objective.

There have undoubtedly been excesses—excesses which the People's Government has really been the first to recognize and correct. But these excesses in no way alter the fundamental character of the Red

Guards or seriously detract from their revolutionary objective.

The attacks from revisionist quarters, which concentrate on secondary features of the Guard, real or imagined errors they may have committed, are in reality an echo of the rage—and the fears—of the imperialist ruling class.

It is significant that the revisionist-social democratic critics, like the imperialists themselves, with all their unasked-for advice, have not given one word of instruction on how to expunge the old order from Chinese society any more quickly or effectively than the Red Guards are doing it now.

The Butcher's "Neutrality"

Among the various maneuvers to make the Vietnam revolution surrender to U.S. intervention, probably the dirtiest is the U.S.—and apparently the Soviet—selection of Indonesia to serve as "honest broker" to "mediate" the conflict.

On October 8, Adam Malik, Indonesian Foreign Minister, said in Tokyo that his government had been asked by "Communist and non-Communist nations" to mediate in the Vietnam war.

On October 13, possibly embarrassed by some snags in his timetable or the brazenness of his position, Malik denied he had ever said this, but added that it was "not decided" whether Indonesia would accept a mediator's role "in case" it were offered. He confirmed, however, that he had discussed Vietnam with Lyndon Johnson the previous month in Washington!

On October 15, one of Malik's lieutenants reiterated that Indonesia might mediate. And on October 16, Malik left Jakarta to visit Moscow, purportedly to discuss his government's huge debt for military supplies (some of which, incidentally, had been used in last year's counter-revolutionary blood bath). On the same day, the New York Times knowingly hailed Malik as the "Persuasive Indonesian" in a laudatory biographical sketch.

Back on September 28, when the Indonesian counter-revolutionary usurpers were accepted back into

the UN (from which the legitimate government had officially departed with a revolutionary denunciation of that body) the Soviet delegates applauded Malik vigorously. This was not mentioned in the U.S. press, but it was immediately noted in the London Times.

Still further back, on July 26, the U.S. Worker noted that Indonesia "Raped U.S. Intervention in Vietnam."—Even a political infant would know that the present Indonesian Government would never "attack" the U.S. without the latter's permission and collaboration! And on October 4 The Worker reported an early rumor about Malik's candidacy for peacemaker—all without editorial comment.

Thus the butchers of from 300,000 to 1,000,000 Communists and anti-imperialist workers and their families are greeted as anti-war forces by both imperialists and revisionists! And these butchers are being groomed for the position of arbitrators over the lives and destinies of a struggling people of 30 million in Vietnam!

Nothing could stamp the name of FRAUD so indelibly on any "peace" conference as the presiding over it by those whose hands still reek from the biggest slaughter since Auschwitz and Dachau. And nothing could expose a "Communist" as a social democratic office boy for imperialism so much as support for such a "peacemaker."

Peace in Europe — War on Asia!

It is too early to know the full character and scale of Johnson's talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. But one parallel development requires immediate comment.

That is Johnson's proposal to withdraw U.S. troops from Europe (mostly W. Germany) while the USSR is expected to withdraw an equal amount of troops from East Germany back to the Soviet Union.

If such a mutual withdrawal takes place, it will be equivalent to sending the same number of U.S. troops to Vietnam. It will be equivalent to the USSR withdrawing support to Viet-

nam to the extent of the strength of those troops removed from E. Germany (which counterbalance the U.S. troops).

The U.S. has already sent more than 30,000 troops from West Germany to Vietnam without so far replacing them, as McNamara promised the German capitalists some months ago. The failure to replace them can only be ascribed to growing U.S. assurance that the Soviet Union can be "trusted," while imperialism transfers its more immediate aggressions from Europe to Asia.

The 220,000 U.S. troops in West

The Oil-Soaked Hand of U.S. Imperialism**Behind the Israel-Syria Clash**

By Ellen Pierce

Early this month, the Egyptian government warned that the CIA, along with the reactionary regimes in Jordan and Saudi Arabia, was planning an attempt against the anti-imperialist government of Syria.

This warning should be kept in mind as a clue to the situation in the Middle East, as Israel (in reality a pawn of imperialism!) and Syria trade charges and counter-charges of aggression in the United Nations.

The present Syrian government came into power last February with a coup by left-wing army officers of the Baath party. Trying to escape from imperialist domination, the Syrians concluded trade and loan pacts with Bulgaria and the USSR. They also demanded higher transit rates on U.S. and British-owned oil passing through pipelines in Syria, threatening to blow up the pipelines if their demands were not met. All oil production within the country is nationalized.

Last month, groups of government armed workers helped put down a reactionary coup. The workers, on their own, then forced the resignation of reactionary executives in the nationalized industries. In the present crisis with Israel, trade unions and peasants may be armed once more.

This is certainly a government that the U.S. would want to see overthrown as were the governments in Ghana and Indonesia which attempted to set up people's militias. It is beyond doubt that the CIA, as Egypt charged, is trying to engineer another coup. And Israel, though relatively more independent of the CIA than the Jordan and Saudi Arabia governments, is also more willing to attempt an attack on Syria.

Israel now says that Syrians violated the border last week to attack Israeli police. The Syrian government explains that the raids were carried out by a guerrilla group of Palestine Arabs (of the 500,000 driven from their homes by the Israeli) over which it has no control. A similar raid last July was followed by an Israeli air strike on a Syrian water-diversion project near the Jordan River.

On October 11, the Syrian Premier, Youssef Zayon, warned against attacking his country. "Let those who are inciting Israel to aggression understand this fact," he said, clearly addressing the U.S. and British imperialists who seek to maintain control over the strategic oil-rich area. "The Arab people are determined to continue the struggle and are now conditioned for revolution, which needs only the trigger to explode."

Drew Pearson Blames Viet War On Johnson's Wicked "Advisers"

The old fable of the "Good King and the Bad Advisers" is dusted off every so often by pious liberals and some credulous radicals to justify the evil deeds of American Presidents. But the ultra-sophisticated and very well informed bourgeois columnist, Drew Pearson, gives the mediaeval public relations story a modern twist.

In an effort to fight Johnson's war policy by attacking his "advisers," Pearson has twice drawn a close bead on Walt Rostow, top White House planner, as the real architect of the U.S. war against Vietnam. (He may not expect his readers to believe this, but it sure is a safer way to attack Johnson.)

"In the fall of 1961," said Pearson on September 23, "Kennedy sent Walt Rostow, his foreign affairs adviser, and Gen. Maxwell Taylor, his military adviser, to South Vietnam to recommend what he should do about the minor war..."

"At that time we had between 1,500 and 1,800 troops in Vietnam, some of them disguised as mountain technicians in order ostensibly to stay within the 1,000 troop limitations of the Geneva Treaty. Rostow wanted to increase this to around 18,000 men and disguise them as engineers to cope with floods on the Mekong River."

Kennedy sent the 18,000, but didn't bother to disguise them. He did call them military "advisers" though.

Now Rostow is chief adviser for Johnson and now there are 400,000 U.S. men in Vietnam including those in the 7th Fleet. As Pearson said on October 4, Rostow is powerful

Germany are of course an imperialist threat to the Soviet Union and should be removed and demobilized. However, such is the nature of the international situation that up to now they have been only a passive threat and have been "tied down" in Europe (by their fear of Soviet power) and their removal only means unleashing them for active counter-revolution in Asia.

enough to get his brother made No. 3 man in the State Dept. This is true.

But then Pearson adds that Johnson is "a prisoner of his State Dept. and men like Rostow, promoted from the State Dept." This may affect "the outcome of the present peace maneuvers," says the columnist.

Far bigger things influence Johnson than Walt Whitman Rostow and nobody knows it better than Drew Pearson. Pearson is quite aware that Johnson advanced Rostow and his brother as a calculated part of ruling class war policy.

But Pearson is suggesting that if there is to be a big shift toward an international "deal" and a U.S. victory in Vietnam in the guise of a "compromise," then Rostow and some of his buddies would have to go.

In a subtle effort to show that Rostow is not a mere technician in his advisory capacity, but the representative of strong forces in the ruling class, Pearson brackets him with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and adds in the October 4 column:

"The Joint Chiefs of Staff have already come up with a recommendation for more (!) bombing of North Vietnam and an over-all increase of U.S. troops in both Vietnam and Thailand from 400,000 to 600,000. On the Joint Chiefs' new target list are the Haiphong wharves and factories in Hanoi.

"...The Joint Chiefs were influential enough to get Johnson to bomb North Vietnam (!!) at the worst possible moment—namely when Premier Kosygin was in Hanoi on a peace mission." (Feb. 7, 1965)

Pearson, obviously thinking ahead to Gromyko's "peace mission" with Johnson on October 10, was hinting that new events could blow the peace talks sky high and all deals would be off.

And these events, he implies, would be the fault of the "Bad Advisers," even if the "Good King" gave the orders!

War on Poverty budget (not yet passed by Congress): \$1.75 billion. War on People budget: \$58 billion.

- The Gallashaw Frameup



Ernest Gallashaw shortly after being arrested, July 27

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Feeling against the police and racist rabble for what had happened was so strong that Police Commissioner Leary held all police commands in the city over on the midnight shift. Over 1,000 cops and 100 patrol cars poured into the few block area.

Ernest Gallashaw's arrest came a few days later. The detective who made the charge had in his possession the information that witnesses had seen a white gunman named "Little Joe" shoot Eric Dean—information he did not give to the Grand Jury that later indicted Gallashaw.

The collusion between cop and hoodlum was further covered up by the District Attorney's office as they tried to hang Gallashaw on the testimony of three black children. Held in seclusion in a hotel by the police for several weeks, these frightened children, aged 14, 12, and 11, told conflicting and confused

stories. The racist-minded Assistant D.A. pulled out of one youngster that he heard "Shoot that car, shoot that cop." Earlier the lad had told a newsman, "I didn't see nobody shoot nobody."

Seeing the small tense faces of the three "witnesses" at the trial, their thin legs dangling, hearing their frightened voices that barely rose above a whisper, the onlooker could see how deeply racism permeates the agencies of law order, that would use them.

Gallashaw's acquittal unmasks the plot to make the victims of police terror and racist mobs the criminals. It is clear who was responsible for the racist terror in East New York last July. The real criminals are still free.

MOVIE REVIEW—Dr. Zhivago: Counter revolutionary corn. "Russian soul" with a British accent. If you thought the book couldn't be worse, see the picture.

Cops Seem to Be Main Johnson Supporters

Brick-Bats for Johnson in Brooklyn

BROOKLYN, Oct. 12—As LBJ started an election campaign speech today, he was confronted in Albee Square with over one hundred signs with anti-Viet-war slogans. There were individual shouts of "murderer" and group chants of "Stop the War in Vietnam, Bring the Troops Home" and "Free the Fort Hood Three."

Uniformed cops moved in and around the crowd and proceeded to push and beat those shouting the loudest.

In one area a youth was dragged out by a gang who looked like students. His face and clothing were covered with blood. The "students" turned out to be cops dressed in college sweat shirts and khaki pants and white sneakers. When they thought they were away from the crowd they pulled their badges outside their "Brooklyn College" and "Navy" sweatshirts.

4-a-Day India Masses Don't Want to Fight China

Harrison Salisbury of the N.Y. Times recently took soundings in India to find out how the government of that country might line up in a U.S.-China war.

Some of the millionaires, military big shots and government "spokesmen" told him (or so he reported in the August 18 Times) that:

—"We have learned the lesson of power."

—"Unless we can defeat China, Asia is lost."

—"The public wants the atomic bomb."

But there are over 400 million people who comprise the "public" in India. And some of them have very different opinions than Salisbury quotes, and want very different things than atomic bombs.

—For example, there are the people of Rajasthan state, 65 per cent of whom, Salisbury's own newspaper revealed on August 21, have an income of 20 paise per day. Five paise equals one U.S. cent.

Moments later the crowd let out a loud roar. They weren't cheering Johnson's lies. They were witnessing about 30 Afro-American and white youths being chased and beaten by uniformed and student-cops. The youths ran into and locked themselves in an empty bus parked near the square.

The cops ordered them out, but they refused to move. One youth opened a window of the bus and tried to tell the large crowd gathered there (not listening to the Texan) why they had taken refuge in the bus. The cops came in with their horses and the crowd was forced out of hearing, unable to hear the young man's statement.

Roars and shouts of "police brutality" rose from the crowd as they got pushed and shoved around. The cops had a 16 year old girl pinned to a bench. The people were getting more angry. People started shouting, "Let her go." One cop who had her arm in a hammer-lock replied "We're protecting her from the crowd!" They let her get to her feet. She was wearing a button calling for the release of the Fort Hood Three.

They put her in the wagon and took her to the precinct—for more "protection."

Everywhere there were people from YAWF, SANE, Vets and Reservists, DuBois. The cops and the plainclothes gumshoes were going through the crowd confiscating all anti-war signs.

The protesters who later acted so heroically accepted with thanks the official posters with pictures of O'Connor and Kennedy—then turned them over and wrote anti-war slogans on the blank side. Then they filtered their way through the crowd to the front and displayed their posters under Johnson's nose, where some of the TV cameras couldn't help seeing them—while Johnson pretended to be blind and deaf.

—Bill K.

Protest to be Held at Indonesia Consulate in NYC

NEW YORK, Oct. 12—A demonstration to protest the "slaughter of one million Indonesians" and the "frame-up trials" of political prisoners will be held at the Indonesian Consulate, 5 East 68 St. on Friday Oct. 21, 4:30-6:00 P.M.

The statement announcing the demonstration was released by Youth Against War & Fascism, today.

The militant youth group which recently protested the re-entry of Indonesia into the UN as illegal, will demonstrate to "show solidarity with the oppressed Indonesian people and to condemn the U.S.-backed fascist military clique" now ruling there.

"Civil war erupts in the interior," reads the YAWF release, "while the regime seeks to save itself through an ever closer alliance with the U.S." It further pointed out that "after the right-wing coup last October, American 'aid' again began to flow into Indonesia, and big firms are now free to exploit this fifth richest nation in the world."

This call for protest points to U.S. imperialist ambition as the real criminal in the slaughter of one million Indonesians. It also exposes U.S. support of a fascist government there as part of a much larger program in Asia. It concludes with the appeal, "DON'T LET INDONESIA BECOME A SECOND FRONT IN THE U.S. WAR TO DOMINATE ASIA!"

Nat Turner's uprising was on August 21, 1831.

Translated by Julia L.

Indonesian Ambassador to Cuba Hits CIA

Reveals Million Slaughtered

The following are excerpts from a July interview with the former Indonesian ambassador to Cuba. Martha Solis did the interview, which was published in Siempre, a progressive Mexico City weekly.

Note the ambassador's accusation of CIA involvement in the Council of Generals' coup. He also cites the figure of one million people murdered by the counterrevolutionaries. He is a left nationalist, relatively centrist in Indonesian politics before the counterrevolution.

We interviewed Major General A.M. Hanafi whose resignation was the fifth by ambassadors of that country, who have preferred exile to allying themselves to the military regime which, since the 30th of September past, has ruled the destiny of Indonesia. They have preferred exile to continuing as accomplices of the murders and the brutality of which the Indonesian people are today the victims.

"After our Independence," Mr. Hanafi told us, "the Dutch, with the help of England and the United States, tried to re-establish their dominion in Indonesia... They left us a sort of time bomb in the form of counter-revolutionary organizations. These kept the country in a constant state

of agitation. There were even uprisings that proclaimed separatist nations with presidents and all. This was the case with the Permestra Movement which we succeeded in crushing. The help which the United States gave to these counterrevolutionary movements was open—and considerable. This was manifested in many ways—the sending of arms among others...

"Reactionary elements would not let up in their divisionist tactics. They tried to sabotage the Agrarian Reform. Landowners, aided by some elements of the army, assassinated many peasants. At the same time, we had to face trouble from the outside. The imperialists were trying to construct a barricade around Indonesia with their newest neo-colonial project: Malaysia."

Hanafi continued explaining that "the participation of the Communists in running the country and the creation of popular militias provoked the ire of the reactionary forces. Foremost in these groups were some generals of the army who firmly opposed arming the workers and the peasants. The idea of founding a military junta to take power began to take shape. With the help of the CIA and as if in answer to the revolutionary successes, these military reactionaries succeeded in estab-

lishing the "Council of Generals." This council planned a rightist coup d'etat for the Fifth of October last, when great sectors of the army would be moved to Jakarta to participate in the celebrations of Army Day...

We believe the target of those who staged the coup is not President Sukarno, but the Indonesian people themselves, principally their progressive forces, we said.

"Principally the Communist Party," Hanafi answered. "Not only did they declare it illegal... but they have assassinated a million Indonesians accused of being Communists, pro-Communists or simply friends of Communists. Take note: a million dead—more dead than in the war in Vietnam..."

"These are fascist tactics," he said furiously...

After denouncing the Council of Generals as "a band of absolutely reactionary high-ranking officials" which works "in perfect accord with the CIA" he declared that "I do not represent the government of my country now that it is a reactionary military regime... I offer my resignation as a contribution to the cause of all those who oppose the existing military regime. It is, besides, a protest against all the crimes committed by that government."

R. Kennedy, Liberals Retreat Before the Battle

Racists Mobilize Against Review Board

NEW YORK—In the face of a pro-fascist attack on the tokenist Civilian Review Board here, the capitalist liberals are rallying for the campaign with the argument that the Review Board is only an "escape valve" (New York World Journal Tribune) and that its abolition would "imperil law and order" (New York Post).

The three-month old Review Board has been rightly called a "rather mild" check on police brutality by the conservative Evans and Novak journalistic team, but already New Yorkers are being asked to vote "yes" to abolish it in a referendum on Election Day.

The move for the referendum to abolish the Board was ostensibly initiated by the police themselves—in company with a melange of Birchers, superpatriots and outright fascists. It is a challenge to official liberalism as well as a mobilization against the oppressed minorities.

The liberals know this. But they are defending their position by explaining in effect that the Board was meant only as a sop to the wrath of the Puerto Rican and Afro-American peoples who have suffered so much from police arrogance and chauvinism.

And Sen. Robert Kennedy, who is known for his aggressive character in political in-fighting, went further and said meekly on October 12 that the Board will be "for the protection of the police" and would help in keeping down the protests of the oppressed!

This retreat before the battle was hardly noticed by the other

liberals because it fitted so well with their own whining apologies to the cops and their fascist friends. (Ex-liberal Hubert Humphrey actually attacked the Review Board—at a meeting of conventioning police officials in Philadelphia!)

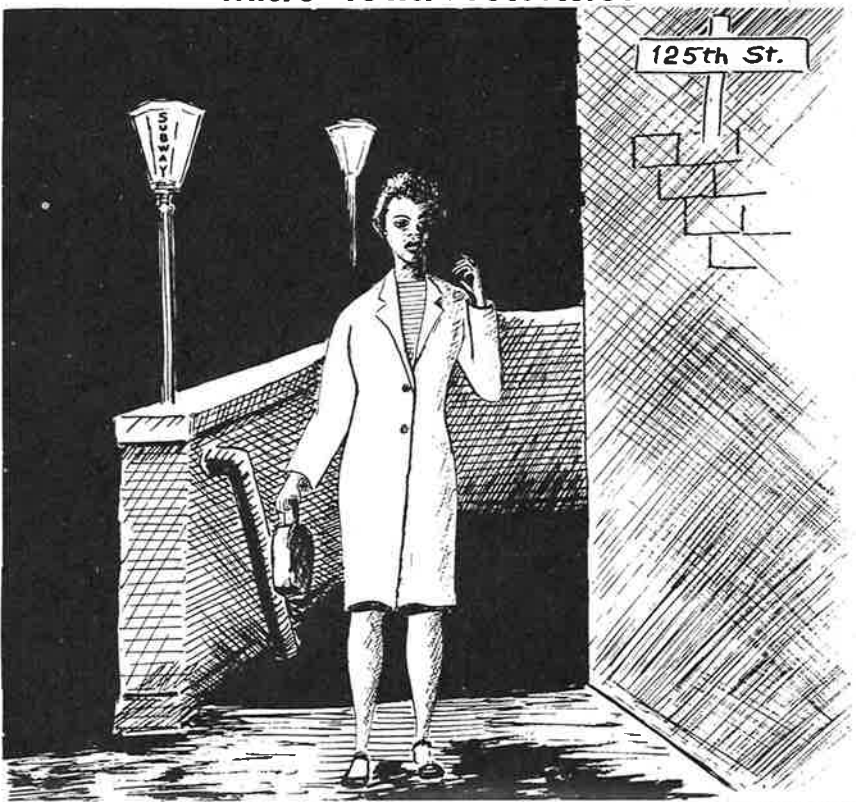
Kennedy, New York State's junior Senator, had previously balked at coming to New York City on this issue at all. He whipped up a quarrel with Mayor Lindsay over diplomatic protocol to justify his reluctance and cover his begrudging promise to campaign on it "later in the month."

And he only appeared in N.Y. to make the foregoing statement in connection with his part in the Johnson hoopla for N.Y. gubernatorial candidate O'Connor on the same day.

Lindsay himself, who is most identified with the Review Board, had previously told a police promotion ceremony that the Board had actually helped the cops and asked his uniformed listeners to "consider honestly" whether the Board had hampered them!

Within hours after the Kennedy appearance, the racist opponents of

Where Are Her Protectors?



the Board announced the support of the five New York county commanders of the reactionary American Legion for their position. Neither Kennedy nor Lindsay has so far dared to attack these sacred cows of American politics for their stand.

In a faint reference to the real issue, Senator Jacob K. Javits did say the move to abolish the Board was "a bid by the ultra-right."

But by and large at last week's end it was clear that the capitalist liberals were not committed to much more than a token fight for their token Board.

A militant youth group, however—Youth Against War and Fascism—initiated a broad campaign to defeat the pro-fascist attempt to abolish the Board and advocated a NO vote in the coming referendum. The organization has already begun a series of street meetings and is daily distributing thousands of leaflets at subway entrances, factory gates and in shopping districts.

"The Civilian Review Board itself," a YAWF leaflet said, "will probably turn out to be something like its counterpart in Philadelphia; a committee to whitewash police crimes. But that's really not the issue... The question is: are we going to let the PBA, the John Birch Society and their wealthy supporters get away with organizing a racist campaign in New York City?"

That, indeed, is the question.

Puerto Ricans Picket Police Station in Cop Killing

NEW YORK, Oct. 8—Over 50 demonstrators picketed the East Fifth Street Police Station House protesting the murder of Luis Rodriguez by patrolman Harold King. The demonstration, held by the New York branch of the Pro-Independence Movement of Puerto Rico (MPI), began at 2 P.M. and lasted until well after 4 P.M.

The killing took place on September 2nd at about 5:30 P.M. in front of Luchow's Restaurant on 14th Street and Irving Place. Police officials said that Luis Rodriguez had attacked King with a knife, while at least two witnesses maintained no such attack was made.

The militant and spirited pickets represented an outraged Puerto Rican community, which has been again and again the subject of racist killings at the hands of the police.

Referring to the neo-fascist campaign of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) against the Civilian Review Board, the pickets shouted, "The PBA campaign is a racist attack!" and "Long live Puerto Rican unity against Police Brutality!"

In a leaflet distributed widely in the Puerto Rican community, MPI stated that, "If the PBA campaign is not defeated, the police will have much more liberty to continue brutalizing and repressing our community."

- And Here!



Tell Him Not to Count on U.S. Opposition to War

"Democrats" Lecture Ho Chi Minh On Special Character of U.S. "Democracy"

Does North Vietnam president Ho Chi Minh misunderstand the character of U.S. "democracy" and its complete manipulation by U.S. billionaires? Some U.S. leaders are afraid that this is indeed the case.

It is said that Ho thinks the fall elections here may have some important effect on the war, as though he thought the American people had some say about their own destiny. And on this basis, he might fight on and on in the hope that the opposition would prevail in the U.S.

Ruling circles here are worried about this development and their journalistic servants are busy explaining to Ho where he is wrong.

"Ho Is Silly If He Thinks U.S. Poll Will Help Him" was the headline over an October 6 column by the Hearst desk warrior, Bob Considine. The polls may show increasing opposition to the war, says Considine,

but the only people who would replace Johnson's crew in November would be Republicans, so Ho is foolish to count anything on U.S. elections.

The fact that the masses of the people have no use for the war is immaterial, you see. The trouble is that Ho doesn't understand how "democracy" works, never having had the advantage of an educational trip to this great country.

Not only Considine, but big U.S. officials, including Johnson himself, have suggested that Ho may get the wrong "message" from the polls and the peace marches and fight harder for his country in the hope that the opposition in the U.S. will have some real effectiveness. "Thus," says Johnson, "the opposition to the war really prolongs the war."

To understand this logic, you have to live in the United States and see how effectively the democratic government ignores its democratic opposition.

However, if you live in democratic Britain, you could get a fair idea of how it works, too.

On October 6, the British Labor Party Conference voted 5,951,000 to 2,644,000 to "bring all pressure on the U.S." to end the war and implicitly branded the U.S. as the aggressor. The Labor Party thus formally and constitutionally, as well as democratically, called its leadership to order.

Now its leadership is in the government with an overwhelming majority in the British Parliament. So the huge vote should mean something.

But as the New York Times says,

with a confidence grown smuggler from past experience with the Labor party leaders:

"There is no real possibility that the conference actions will change (British) Government policy." After all, the Times says (in different words), what's more democratic: the opinion of a few million British voters, or the power of a few billion American dollars?

Ho's democratic critics fear that Ho may be so naive as to believe that democracy means rule by the majority. The New York Times, the British Government, Bob Considine and Lyndon Johnson are trying their best to set him straight on this so he won't "miscalculate" the determination—and power—of the U.S. billionaires to carry out their genocidal plans to the end.

Perhaps some of the "conservatives" as well as the "liberals" are beginning to panic with the thought that this message is not getting through.

But the truth may be that Ho Chi Minh gets the message all right, and understands as well as they do the fraudulent nature of capitalist democracy, including the hoax that is being prepared for this November.

Ho and the Vietnamese people do not "miscalculate" the imperialists' determination nor do they underestimate the efficiency of the 58 billion-dollar murder machine. But they rightly believe the imperialists miscalculate the limits of their own power.

Saigon Premier Ky's hero is Adolph Hitler. His boss is Lyndon Johnson.

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