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U.S. 'Withdrawal Plan' Deception Of U.S. People!

Johnson Has Sent 300,000 Men to Vietnam Just Since He Began Talking About "Peace"

OCTOBER 30—Nearly everyone in the world—except most of the people in the United States—saw clearly through the hoax at Manila last week. They understood that Johnson was "offering"—through his Asian puppets—to get out of Vietnam, on condition of the otherwise unconditional surrender of the Vietnamese people.

Even the American people could perceive dimly through the pea-soup fog of "peace" (i.e. war) propaganda directed at them that the Manila Conference was not all it claimed to be. And their doubts were not put to rest, even when the master-showman appeared for a hundred minutes before a hundred TV cameras, shaking hands with the homesick GI's at Cam Ranh Bay.

But no one could ferret out the full intentions of the war-makers merely from the "offer" to withdraw all U.S. and "allied" troops after North Vietnam is supposed to stop fighting its attacker.

It was of course an "offer" to let the victim of aggression confess

he is the aggressor and capitulate to the real aggressor. The "offer" comes from the U.S. and five other governments, all of whose troops are foreigners, plus a seventh, whose troops are Vietnamese, but wholly clothed, equipped, armed and paid

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The Triumphal Tour



NYC Workers and Progressives:

Vote NO to Racism On Nov. 8!

New York City Referendum No. 1 should be rejected at the polls next Tuesday. It is a move by a racist-fascist-conservative coalition to abolish the Civilian Review Board. And the vote on it should be NO.

Every racist in New York is busy working to abolish the Civilian Review Board and is creating a bigger and bigger civil rights issue around the retention or abolition of this agency. The racists are gathering their ranks for even bigger attacks on civil rights. And they must be stopped!

THE ISSUE IS RACISM, NOT A "SAFETY VALVE"!

The Board itself is weak and not at all the effective check on police brutality it was touted to be. In fact, its "liberal" defenders, in their panic before the furious drive of the demagogic "law and order" forces, have forgotten all about police brutality and are whining that the Board is only meant as a "safety valve" and a riot de-fuser.

This unfortunately confuses some middle-class leftists into bowing out of the struggle altogether. But the Black People, the Puerto Ricans, the North American poor cannot afford to be above the battle!

It is crystal clear that Lindsay, Kennedy and Javits are not serious about fighting racism to the end, and under some circumstances would fold up completely. The fact that they are shadow-boxing with the extreme racists, however, does not mean that the racists are shadow-boxing with the masses!

DON'T BE INTIMIDATED BY THE RACISTS!

The Fascist-conservative-racist cabal (which also aspires to be the leading political servant of the capitalist class) has thrown down the gauntlet to the New York working class particularly its most oppressed sections. If the gauntlet is not taken up, the fascists will have had a victory that gains them strength for new and far heavier attacks against the masses. The public repudiation of even an impotent Review Board would in itself encourage MORE brutality by the police, who are as sensitive to community feeling as they are to bureaucratic Boards. It would also give a shot in the arm to the Birchers, Nazis and less obvious "conservative" enemies of the oppressed. And it should go without saying that a racist victory without a fight by the oppressed, without leadership or understanding by the leaders of the oppressed, would be still more of a setback.

As these lines are being written, it appears that the main political forces of big business are making a last-minute drive to retain the Board. The PBA Resolution is not only an open door for racism, but a carte blanche for police corruption. This corruption, although an obvious aspect of capitalist decay, is not in the interest of the capitalists themselves. Nor, for that matter, is a too-open sanction of racist repression!

In the last days of McCarthyism, there was a sudden concentration of capitalist forces against the pro-capitalist witch-hunter. McCarthy had taken his attack on "Communists in Government" so far—e.g., "investigating" the Army!—that some of the most conservative billionaires (and their Senatorial representatives) began to fear for the stability of their system.

But the anti-capitalist forces did not therefor give up the fight against McCarthyism, any more than they decided that capitalism was now essentially anti-McCarthyist. Similarly, the progressive forces in New York City cannot give up the fight against racist police and fascist goons, either. Their duty to mobilize a NO vote is a small part of their broader fight, but it is an essential part.

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Bomb-Happy, Loves Police --Feeling Seems Mutual

NEW YORK, Oct. 29—Charged with planning to blow up camps of progressives and non-resisting pacifists, and caught with bazookas, bombs and a million rounds of ammunition, a Minuteman said:

"There was no police brutality. They were very polite."

Angry Union Pickets Cops

By Milton Seaman

NEW YORK—On October 24, almost two hundred members of the National Maritime Union (AFL-CIO) both black and white, poured out of loaded buses to picket the 42nd Police Precinct at 160 St. and 3rd Ave. in the Bronx.

Three sound trucks accompanied the buses and the demonstrators' chants of "Police Brutality, Police Brutality" could be heard for blocks around.

The unionists were protesting the arrest of Peter Dario, an NMU official, who was arrested while campaigning in the Bronx in favor of the Civilian Review Board. The cops claimed his soundtruck permit was not in order.

As one union official told this paper, "We got out not one sound truck, but three for this protest" (in front of the police station). Asked if there were any arrests in this second demonstration, he answered, "Not one."

A press release issued by the union charged that "The police roughed up the official in the arrest" (for "disorderly conduct") and that "there has been a general campaign of harassment to discourage our efforts to get out the vote in favor of the Review Board."

The union had been sponsoring sound trucks around the city for a week-and-a-half, broadcasting appeals for support of the Board.

Joseph Curran, President of the NMU, pointed out that "The issue is now not only one of preserving the Review Board, but preserving our rights of free speech."

Police Arrest Racists' Victim, Let Attackers Go

By John Moore

BROOKLYN—Again New York police have arrested the victims rather than their attackers. And the victims were again black.

On October 22nd, at Lafayette High School near Coney Island in Brooklyn a thousand white youths armed with belts, hammers and knives attacked individual black youths leaving the school. Police cars were seen in the area but no police intervened until the would-be lynching party had gone on for some time.

Then they arrested the black victims.

One Afro-American youth was chased past three subway stops, each of which was barricaded by another gang of racists. Finally when he grabbed a car aerial and tore it off to defend himself, a cop grabbed him from behind and told him to "drop it."

In spite of the size of the attacks, which were the culmination of weeks of smaller attacks by white racists, the daily papers did not report any news of the events until a week later when an emergency parents' meeting was organized at the school.

The attacks, which were obviously organized, occurred in the area where the racist, right wing "American Patriots for Freedom" have their headquarters.

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**Vote NO to Racism on Nov. 8!**

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As far as the "principled" character of the vote is concerned, it is not a vote FOR the do-nothing banker-and-boss-created, "law-and-order" oriented Civilian Review Board: it is a vote AGAINST the racist drive to abolish it.

And it is necessary to fight the present well-financed racist riff-raff, even though it is on a battleground of their choosing, rather than ours. The first premise for taking the kind of offensive against them that all progressives and anti-fascists would like to take, is to break the offensive of the racists.

For a Protest Vote on Vietnam War

This year there are a number of independent, working class-oriented, anti-war candidates on the ballot who are opposed to both of the war parties of big business (i.e. Democrats and Republicans).

We cannot endorse the ideology of any of these candidates, nor can we agree that their programs and methods are really capable of ending this and other imperialist wars.

But we do think that a vote for them, under present conditions, will inevitably be interpreted as a vote against the war—and progressives should vote for them wherever possible.

At election time, of course, the ruling class pretense that there is mass participation in government is strengthened and seems more plau-

sible. This is not only because the millions go to the polls to indicate their preference between two of their class enemies. It is also because of the tremendous—and tremendously expensive—ruling class ballyhoo directed at the people.

The capitalist election process is a fraud. The great masses will never be able to fully express their will by means of it. Their opposition to imperialist war is now being expressed and will express itself in the future far more effectively in action than by the ballot.

But to the extent that the ballot gives an opportunity for a genuine protest vote against the war, hamstrung as it is by capitalist election laws and publicity blackouts, the opportunity should be seized.

China's Missile an Aid to All Oppressed

Hsinhua, the Chinese press agency, announced on October 27 that the Chinese Peoples Republic had successfully launched a guided missile with a nuclear warhead that hit right on the target.

This remarkable achievement of mastering what is known in bourgeois science as "system engineering" illuminates the growth and dynamism of the socialist system of planning in a country that only two decades ago often made bullets from hand molds.

This outstanding feat involved thousands of men and women and tens of thousands of parts from high-pressure fuel tanks and complex pumps, to tiny washers that had to fit into a workable vehicle on a tight schedule.

Senator Hickenlooper, a senior member of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy and one of the most informed members on Chinese nuclear development confirmed that it was indeed a "great advance." This right-wing advocate of a war-like policy toward People's China grudgingly admitted:

"I don't know of any other country that succeeded in getting a guided missile and getting it on target the first try. It takes a pretty highly complicated engineering and physics program."

The full military significance of this event can't be properly assessed now, but what is absolutely clear is the defensive character of this weapon.

The U.S. is rapidly expanding the

war in Southeast Asia. At this very moment, they are literally pouring in men and arms. They have amassed a military firepower and nuclear armament that is unparalleled in history.

The Seventh Fleet touches the very shores of People's China and its carrier-based planes violate Chinese territorial sovereignty daily. This Washington arrogantly admits.

Planes and spy satellites armed with electronic and photographic weapons probe for the soft spots in China's defenses. Hundreds of nuclear-tipped Polaris Missiles in submarines deeply submerged in the China seas, are pointed straight at the mainland. And what is even more ominous is that in the Aerojet Corporation, (the producer of Polaris Missiles) there sit over sixty-five admirals and generals who relentlessly pressure for those missiles to be fired.

The oppressed of the world may not be aware of each of these details, but they are supremely conscious of the nuclear threat of U.S. imperialism. They regard the new breakthrough in China as an outstanding defense against nuclear aggression.

This was emphasized by the immediate reaction of struggling Vietnam, where President Ho Chi Minh said:

The new weapon is "a great stimulus to world peace."

The 'Peace' That Means War

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by the United States. The "offer" comes, in other words, from those whom most people outside of the United States recognize as the aggressor.

But the "offer" had a small catch that was only revealed in the finer print. And the catch was that not only should North Vietnam stop "invading" the southern part of its own country and helping its countrymen who are fighting for land and freedom, but the National Liberation Front of S. Vietnam should lay down THEIR arms, too!

This was broadly hinted by New York Times correspondent Charles Mohr and Pentagon-inspired military commentator Hanson Baldwin on October 26. But Godfrey Sperling of the Christian Science Monitor spelled it out with brutal clarity when he said: "The actual deactivation of Viet Cong military units must be accomplished as part of any withdrawal of United States forces from South Vietnam."

Thus, the insiders fully understand that Johnson has demanded complete surrender of the Vietnam revolution to imperialism. But this raises a further point.

Johnson and the rulers of Amer-

ica KNOW that the Vietnamese revolution cannot accept these terms. They KNOW that thousands upon thousands more American youth will have to die before their bosses can impose such terms on a whole nation in arms!

They know, in other words, that they, the U.S. rulers, are continuing the war, and they planned the Manila Conference precisely with that intention in mind. They are plotting far more in Washington than in Manila, of course—to destroy a whole generation in their mad drive for hegemony over all Southeast (and Southwest, and Northwest and Northeast!) Asia.

They regard the U.S. masses as expendable in this drive, just as they regard the Asian masses as cattle to be slaughtered. The owners of Standard Oil, General Motors, U.S. Steel, American Aluminum and a few other such corporations need the Western Pacific for their continued profits—and it is they who run the U.S. Government.

The only "peace" they want is to be left in peace to exploit Asia's two billion people. To get such a peace, they are willing to risk a bigger and bigger war.

May Touch Off World Recession**Bank Failures Frighten Wall Street**

Recent failures of big banks here and abroad are causing growing concern among the most informed financiers in the ruling class.

The failure of the Public Bank of Detroit on October 13 was, like the crash of the Atlantic Acceptance Corporation (a big U.S.-financed lending company in Canada), apparently due to an "over-aggressive" lending policy. That is, lending money on low security at high interest. But these failures also show a suspicious weakness in the banking system itself.

The failure of the big Intra Bank in Lebanon just two days after the Detroit bank closed its doors gives point to this suspicion. Banks in Malaysia and Greece developed minor scandals soon after. And the authoritative—and financially sensitive—Wall Street Journal observed that the Great Depression of the Thirties was touched off by the failure of big foreign banks.

This may not be literally true, but there is no question that the foreign banks were tied in with U.S. capital and today that is far more true than it was in 1929.

Intra, for example, has a New York branch and is closely tied to Chase Manhattan, less closely to Bank of America.

Lebanon's 93 banks were all

closed down after Intra went to the wall, and all business in the country came to a standstill. The ripples from the sinking institution extended very far—at least to New York City.

The New York State Superintendent of Banks (obviously under great pressure from the New York banking fraternity) made fast new regulations for foreign banks with branches here. This was done in order to minimize losses from associated U.S. banks and others.

Quick measures were also taken to deal with the crisis in Detroit. In addition to the fast footwork that was necessary on Wall Street, it was important for reassurances to be given to the multitude of small savers who might panic. And the House of Representatives in Washington accordingly passed a measure to increase Government insurance on savings deposits from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

On October 23, leaders of the U.S. Business Council (made up of the 100 or so top corporation heads who "advise" the President) expressed the opinion that profits would be sharply reduced in 1967. This fact is more or less independent of the bank failures, but provides a poor foundation for absorbing them and overcoming their effects.

U.S. Supreme Court to Hear Case of Times Sq. Demonstrators

The U.S. Supreme Court has just agreed to hear the case of the 17 arrested for protesting the first big U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, which took place after the so-called "Tonkin Bay Incident." The protest was in Times Square, N.Y., on August 8, 1964, four days after the bombing.

Two organizations, —Youth Against War and Fascism and the now defunct "May 2nd" had organized the demonstration and appeared in force at the north end of the Square, in spite of the fact that the city police had placed an arbitrary and illegal "ban" on demonstrations in the area.

Those arrested, when the meeting was broken up, included the editor of this paper, who was seized by two

policemen as he addressed the crowd through an electronic "bullhorn."

The Civil Liberties Union has carried the case all the way to the Supreme Court in the subsequent two year and more, attempting vainly to get the lower courts to validate free speech in Times Square.

Ironically, the "ban" was actually broken a year and a half ago (May 15, 1965), when Youth Against War and Fascism held a big protest in the same place against U.S. intervention in Santo Domingo. The police, although making two arrests, were forced to let the demonstration continue to the end.

It now remains for the Supreme Court to reassert the constitutional rights already won in action by these militant youth.

Despite Treasury Secretary's Doubletalk -

The War Is Good for Business!

As part of the Johnson Administration's campaign of official pre-election optimism, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Fowler told a meeting of the Business Council on Oct. 22 that the U.S. "need not fear recession when Vietnam hostilities end."

In trying to deny the increasingly well known fact that U.S. imperialism's economy is running on war, Fowler declared that peace would bring "greater progress and living standards for the American people."

However, while Wall Street's Washington man was blowing pretty soap bubbles for the public benefit, in private his billionaire bosses were taking a more realistic view of their own system.

The authoritative Journal of Commerce, published by and for the capitalists, carried a lead article on Oct. 17 which began as follows:

"Business has become more heavily dependent on the war in Vietnam. This poses serious problems for industry in 1967. For any slowdown in escalation, or a cease-fire order could have profound effects on several important areas of the economy."

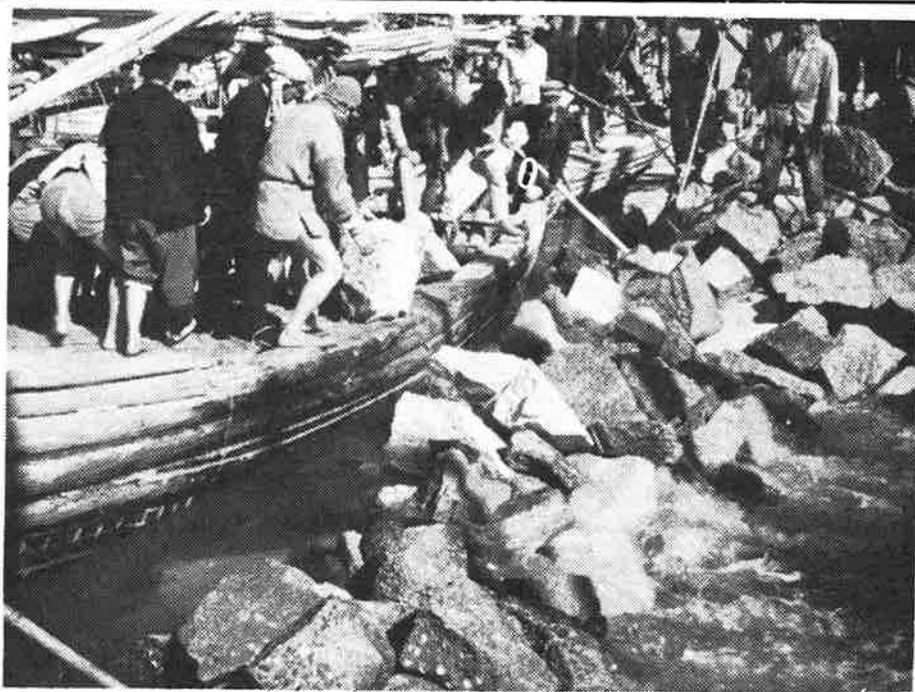
The Journal went on to show that these "important areas" were inventory build-up and investment, which, together with military spending, make up 20 per cent of the entire Gross National Product!

"Capital investments have been stimulated considerably by the war," wrote this organ of the monopolies, and gave the crucial auto industry as an example. "Inventories, too, are vulnerable to de-escalation" said the Journal, "because the large inventory growth is primarily a defense against shortages brought on by the war."

Thus, while the \$61.3 billion spent directly for war represents only (!) 8 per cent of total spending, "the relatively small tail of defense spending is wagging a much bigger dog—GNP."

The horse's mouth further revealed that in the decisive area of overall expansion of the capitalist economy, the bosses desperately need the war. The latest quarterly rise of \$4.2 billion in military spending accounted for one third of the rise in the economy as a whole!

Thus, it is not only the billionaire war profiteers who are afraid of peace, but many of the peace profiteers as well.



Peasants on a Chinese commune, building up the dykes for water preservation. The

Northeastern Student Conference

Condemns the Draft

NEW YORK—Members of eight organizations made plans last week to step up militant action against the draft for the war in Vietnam.

They met under the auspices of the Northeastern Conference on the Student, University and the Draft.

Speakers affiliated with Blacks Against Negative Dying (BAND), Movimiento Pro-Independencia, New York Anti-Draft Union N.Y. Workshop in Non-Violence, Spartacist League, W.E.B. Dubois Clubs and Youth Against War and Fascism, as well as Attorney Bill Higgs, expressed their various points of view on the draft before an interested and

enthusiastic audience.

Circulation of a pledge not to fight in Vietnam, joint demonstrations, and other ideas were discussed.

For the immediate future, plans were made to jointly sponsor and actively support a demonstration for Dave Mitchell, who has refused to serve and is basing his case against the Government on the Nuremberg Trials, which make the individual soldier responsible to some extent for the war crimes of his Government, (if he actively carries them out).

The demonstration will be in front of the U.S. Federal Court in Foley Square here, where Mitchell's appeal is being heard on November 7.

Stokely Defies Draft Would Go to Jail First

New York, Sept. 29—Stokely Carmichael, chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, after being subjected to two days of intensive pre-induction physical examinations, announced that he would refuse to serve in the U.S. Army.

"I'll go to Leavenworth first, vowed the militant spokesman for Black Power.

Carmichael gave his rebuff to the Selective Service Board today as he was leaving the Whitehall Street induction center. The youthful black leader later reiterated his determination to defy the draft at Kennedy Airport where he was en route to a speaking engagement at Berkley College.

The demand for Carmichael's induction in retaliation for his advocacy of Black Power was recently made on the floor of the Senate by John Stennis of Mississippi, a member of the Armed Services Committee.

Correction

Due to a typographical error, this paper said in its last issue that the British Labor Party's Conference voted 5,951,000 to 2,644,000 to "bring all pressure on the U.S." to end the war in Vietnam. (The Labor Gov't ignored the vote.) The actual figure was 3,951,000 to 2,644,000.

"Bobby No Dove," Say Seattle-ites

SEATTLE, Oct. 24—Senator Robert Kennedy's flash appearance to bail out sinking Democrats here ran into trouble at the airport today.

The Seattle Committee to End the War in Vietnam were on hand to picket him as his plane landed. Among their signs was one which said:

"Bobby Is No Dove; He Campaigns for Hawks."

Fifty pupils from the John F. Kennedy High School also greeted the Senator. (Favorably.) They had signs which were provided by Congressman Brook Adams, who arranged for Kennedy's visit.

Vietnam. Only the YAF'ers themselves took up the cheering, however, and the spectators listened carefully instead to the response of the anti-war line: "Support our boys in Vietnam, bring them home now!"

By far the most popular slogan was a new one which took its cue from a sign carried by one of the pickets from Youngstown, Ohio. It was shouted with great enthusiasm by the pickets and heeded very soberly by the spectators. "The rich get richer and the poor get killed!" was repeated lustily again and again during the two-and-a-half hour demonstration.

socialist organization of production has now made this heroic cooperation commonplace.

—Photo by China Features

Nguyen Van Troi Lives

Cuban Hospital Named After Viet Martyr

SEPTEMBER 28—Today the largest and most modern general polyclinic of Cuba was opened in Havana and named after a hero of the Vietnam liberation struggle.

Ministry of Health officials unveiled a fine portrait of Nguyen Van Troi at the beginning of the opening day ceremony. Van Troi was executed by the Saigon puppet regime on

October 14, 1964 for his alleged attempt to assassinate U.S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, a chief planner of the U.S. invasion of Van Troi's country.

Among the departments of the Van Troi Polyclinic are: general medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and dentistry.

It is taken for granted by all sections of the Cuban population that the new hospital service is entirely due to the revolution and would never exist without it. Naming it for the martyred Van Troi emphasizes the internationalism of the Cuban Communists and is a reminder to imperialism that other Van Troi's will arise in Latin America.

Vietnam Solidarity With Puerto Rico Support P.R. Freedom Fight

Perhaps the Vietnamese people are more aware of oppression in the United States (and BY the United States) than the U.S. people are aware of oppression in South Vietnam.

On the occasion of the Week of Solidarity with the Puerto Rican People (Sept. 13-21), the Hanoi daily Nhan Dan carried an article pointing

out that Puerto Rico is actually a U.S. colony and military base and not a "free associated state" within the U.S. as it is touted to be.

After bringing out the brave spirit of struggle of the Puerto Rican people, Nhan Dan said:

"The Vietnamese people express their sincere thanks to the Puerto Rican people for their warm support. We fully support the Puerto Rican people's just struggle against the domination of the U.S. imperialists for national independence and freedom, vehemently condemn the savage repression of Puerto Rican patriots by the U.S. imperialists, protest against racial discrimination against Puerto Rican residents in the U.S. and demand that the U.S. set free patriotic Puerto Ricans still detained in prison and respect the national and democratic rights of Puerto Rican nationals in the U.S.

"The U.S. imperialists must end their occupation of Puerto Rico, abolish their military bases on Puerto Rican territory, and pull out of Puerto Rico so as to let the people there settle their internal affairs themselves."

Pittsburghers Wise To Humphrey's War Salesmanship

PITTSBURGH—A spirited picketline of 125 chanting demonstrators greeted traveling war-salesman Humphrey when he came to downtown Pittsburgh to campaign for fellow Democrats on Tuesday, October 11th. Paraphrasing the internationally famous chant, "Hey, hey, LBJ, how many kids did you kill today?", the pickets directed it at the vice-president by calling "Hubert Humphrey, LBJ, how many kids did you kill today?"

Many spectators lined the sidewalk and preferred to watch the demonstrators rather than go inside the Penn Theatre to hear the speeches of the party hacks. Despite early efforts of a brass band to drown out the chants, the only expressed hostility came from scattered "Young Americans for Freedom" who mingled with the crowds after dissolving their own 15-member counter-picketline.

These Young American Fascists tried to whip up pro-war feeling among the people by leading them in cheers for American soldiers in

Dave Mitchell Hearing

NEW YORK, Oct. 28—On Monday, Nov. 7, the Federal Court will review the draft refusal case of David Mitchell. Noted attorney Mark Lane will argue in behalf of the Nuremberg Law position of Mitchell.

Demonstrators will picket outside the Court in Foley Square from 9:30 to noon during the trial.

Mitchell contends that the U.S. involvement in Vietnam and other areas of the world is in violation of international law that the U.S. has subscribed to, and that a citizen has a right and responsibility to refuse to participate in U.S. criminality.

Same Language, Same People; Two Social Systems

Vietnam Is All One Country!

When South Vietnam's puppet Premier Cao Ky received the resignations of seven of his Cabinet Ministers just before the Manila Conference, the world was again reminded of the instability of the U.S.-propped up government in Saigon.

In order to conceal the basic social causes of this instability and the leading officials' lack of any support among the people, the U.S. press identified "regionalism" as the source of the trouble and thus let a different cat out of the bag.

The actual event which triggered the latest Cabinet crisis was the arrest of a southern-born Health Ministry official by the South Vietnamese Chief of Police, Nguyen Ngoc Loan, who is a northerner. After the smoke had cleared away, seven Ministers, including the Health Minister, had resigned.

Their anger, it was said, stemmed from the number of northerners in the puppet southern government. And these "northerners" include Ky himself!

But the whole excuse for the U.S. invasion of Vietnam is that the "north" is "infiltrating" the south. This argument was left rather wilted (in the eyes of anyone interested in truth or logic) after the hot interchanges between northerners and southerners in Saigon last week. But of course it never did have any validity to those who know of the nearly one million northerners who came south after 1954 and who to a large extent now dominate southern politics, if not the southern economy.

Neil Sheean, a New York Times reporter, said on October 9, just before the Cabinet crisis broke: "Attempts to describe the current war as a geographically based

Isn't Texas Part of U.S.?

Vietnam Courier had the following words to say in its issue of October 3 on the question of "North" Vietnam being a foreign invader, as the U.S. alleges:

The tongue, says a Vietnamese proverb, has no bone in it, and so can turn and twist in every direction. If one were to believe Mr. Goldberg, who has just performed a turn of verbal jugglery at the United Nations, the only wish of the United States in showering thousands of tons of bombs every day on Vietnam would be the happiness and freedom of the Vietnamese people, and especially the protection of South Vietnam against "annexation" by a neighboring country, which is none other than—North Vietnam.

The tongue of the American leaders can twist and turn, but it can never erase by dint of speeches a many-thousand-year-old historical truth, a truth that any man in his senses will readily admit; the North and South of Vietnam, like the North and South of the United

struggle between North and South Vietnam break down almost immediately when it is recalled that Premier Ky and several other important members of his government are North Vietnamese by birth, who fled south after the French defeat, while Pham Van Dong, the Premier of North Vietnam, was born in the south. The war is rather a struggle

States, or of any other country, form one and the same nation.

What would the Americans think if some foreign power, using aircraft and missiles, wanted to separate Texas from the rest of the United States and turn it into an independent state? And yet Texas has been integrated into the territory of the United States only for about a century, a long time after the provinces of South Vietnam became part and parcel of the Vietnamese nation.

The 1954 Geneva Agreements, to which the American leaders readily refer in their discourses, clearly stipulate:

"The military demarcation line is provisional and should not in any way be interpreted as constituting a political or territorial boundary." (Article 6 of the Final Declaration.)

One cannot be more explicit.

between differing elements of the Vietnamese people as a whole."

Yes. And those "differing elements" are the oppressed and their oppressors. The oppressors having the backing of the huge U.S. war machine and U.S. big business, which as the most powerful oppressor of all, is using them as very junior partners.

Stop US Bombing, Yes! Stop Vietnam Revolution, No!

Nhan Dan, organ of the North Vietnamese leading party, on October 10, rejected UN Secretary U Thant's proposal for de-escalation of ground fighting, but endorsed his call for a cessation of U.S. bombing.

While a cry of anger of course went up from the outraged imperialist "peace" advocates, it was difficult for them to really attack Hanoi's position—at least in the UN, where the socialist and neutralist countries have long memories.

The U.S. began the bombing campaign on February 7, 1965 in "reprisal" for the SOUTH Vietnam Liberation Front's devastating attack on U.S. installations in Pleiku. And the U.S. has been attacking the North ever since.

Now a section of imperialism offers to stop the bombing if the Democratic Republic (North Vietnam) forsakes the freedom struggle in the South and in effect allows the U.S. to "mop up" there. (The Thant proposal is only a variation of this.)

This in reality differs little from previous peace frauds, and is actually a call for the oppressed to surrender their revolution. And this is obvious to all the diplomats, even if many of them are quiet out of fear of the U.S.

However, as Nhan Dan says, if imperialism wishes to show "good faith" by stopping the bombing, then let it do so. (The Vietnamese in return would stop shooting the planes down!)

But failing a withdrawal of U.S. troops, an agreement by the Vietnamese to stop or scale down their fighting means, says Nhan Dan, that "this people should curb its struggle for independence and freedom."

Pro-U.S. Generals Held "Trial" in Indonesia

Behind Subandrio's Death Sentence

By Fred Goldstein

The former Foreign Minister of Indonesia, Subandrio, has been given the death sentence by a kangaroo court of CIA-inspired military usurpers who illegally rule over 110 million people in the same way that they ran the trial—at gunpoint.

The frame-up trial of Subandrio was a fraudulent stage-show produced by the corrupt, pro-imperialist officer corp of the Indonesian Army in an attempt to legalize their bloody regime which bludgeoned its way to power by slaughtering a million communist workers, peasants and intellectuals. Over 50,000 political prisoners are still languishing in the Suharto clique's concentration camps.

The "legal" charges against Subandrio centered around his part in the attempt to stop the coup d'etat by the "council of generals" who had planned to seize power on Indonesian Armed Forces Day, October 5, 1965. It was this same "council" of butchers who sentenced him.

Subandrio was also condemned at the trial for alerting the population to a planned attack on Indonesia by U.S. and British imperialism. The plan was revealed in a letter written by a former British am-

bassador, Sir Andrew Gilchrist, in 1965. The letter, which told how the imperialists planned to rely on "our army friends", was stolen from the home of a U.S. businessman, William Palmer, and made public by the former Sukarno government to the Indonesian masses.

The acts for which Subandrio was juridically condemned, in and of themselves constitute meritorious service to the majority of the Indonesian people.

But in fact the real "crimes" of Subandrio were never brought out by the U.S. puppet prosecutors who are desperately trying to cover their tracks—which lead directly to CIA headquarters in Washington.

Subandrio's trial was in reality the trial of the former Sukarno government. Washington and London have belatedly and symbolically pronounced the death sentence on a regime which declared war on Malaysia (Suharto has called off the war); which was the first and only country in the world to walk out of the imperialist controlled United Nations (the regime of generals was quietly slipped back into the UN by the U.S.); which told the U.S. to "go to hell with your aid" (Indonesia is now again receiving emergency "aid" from the U.S., has had its U.S. debt payments postponed and is negotiating new loans with U.S. banks); which repeatedly denounced U.S. aggression in Vietnam (Indonesia is now serving as a broker in the latest U.S. cabal to get the Vietnamese to surrender); which tried to arm sections of the masses against the pro U.S. Indonesian gen-

eral staff and most importantly of all a government which brought Indonesia closer and closer into an anti-imperialist diplomatic and political alliance with the revolutionary People's Republic of China.

The personal role played by Subandrio in the desperate attempt of the former Sukarno government to break the stranglehold of imperialism on 110 million oppressed Indonesians was not spelled out at the trial.

But it is crystal clear that former Foreign Minister's identification with the struggle for genuine Indonesian independence from western capital is the real "crime"

for which he was sentenced and for which a million innocent people were put to death in the bloodbath following the military coup.

The U.S. monopolies, privately rubbing their hands in anticipation of the booty to be gained from the conquest of this abundantly rich nation, with its tin oil, tea and rubber, ordered their newsmakers not to utter one word about the monstrous frame-up of Subandrio.

But the New York Times on Oct. 27, the very day after the death sentence was handed down confidently gloated over its real meaning.

"Dr. Subandrio's sentence," wrote this authoritative organ of the U.S. billionaires, "dramatizes the end of Indonesia's old, pro-Communist, pro-Chinese policy, and this is its major significance."

U.S. "Protects" Indonesian Consulate From N.Y. Demonstrators

NEW YORK, Oct. 22—"Nasution Worked All the Way With LBJ!" cried a militant, shouting crowd demonstrating before the Indonesian Consulate here today, denouncing the murder of hundreds of thousands by the Indonesian military.

The police arrested two of the demonstrators, who belonged to Youth Against War and Fascism, the sponsor of the affair.

More than a hundred cops, many on horseback, guarded the Consulate and thus made the demonstration more spectacular to the thousands of workers passing by in cars, buses and on foot coming home from work.

Mr. Seshardinan, a spokesman for the Indonesian Consul General, told the New York Times:

"The police knew about the

demonstration before we did and advised us to be careful."

The reason the police were so much in evidence was allegedly because UN Ambassador Goldberg told them to be! Goldberg was determined, the press said, to see that foreign embassies, missions, consulates, etc. got adequate "protection."

At one point, the demonstrators tried to cross the police barricades so as to picket directly in front of the Indonesian building, and were forcibly prevented from doing so. During the attempt, Deirdre Griswold, editor of the Partisan and Maryanne Weissman, national coordinator of YAWF were arrested.

The action continued for nearly two hours after the girls were taken away.

Billionaire Ambassador Compliments Servants

According to the New York Times of Oct. 28:

"Mr. Harriman said he had told General Suharto that President Johnson admired the way Indonesian leaders were tackling their problems."