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The Supreme Court says you can't demonstrate in front of a bosses' prison. Shown above are people demonstrating before the Indonesian Consulate in NYC. Court may be gunning for them, too.

## Supreme Court Strikes Foul Blow At Civil Rights

### Takes Off Mask of Impartiality and Wields Its Own Judicial "Backlash"

The "Nine Old Men" have done it again. After handing down a series of decisions that slightly moderated the legal side of ruling

class racism in the United States, they have struck a savage blow at Black Liberation and the civil rights of almost everybody.



Their 5 to 4 decision against the right to protest before a prison is about as classical a position against civil rights as could be taken by such a body.

#### FORGOT BILL OF RIGHTS

Not since 1776 and 1789 has any so-called "democratic" government dared to put such an authoritarian doctrine into its constitutional procedure, even if in practice it violated civil liberties every day.

#### POLICE STATE DECISION

In their November 14 support of the arrest of sit-in demonstrators in Florida, who were protesting the violation of their most elementary democratic rights (and the violation of the rights of similar protestors already in jail), the Court has made a first-

class police state decision. The judiciary is not "independent," but an arm of the capitalist class. And its present decision is not an accident due to a capricious switch by one or two judges. It is due to a switch by the ruling class itself.

WON'T STOP THE STRUGGLE However, it will take more than Supreme Court decisions to stem the tide of the liberation struggle. Today's decree was a blow, but blows can awaken as well as cause pain. Many will learn a good lesson from this one.

## "Bring GIs Home Now!" Say 40% of Typical U.S. Town

At least 40 per cent of the people in Dearborn, Michigan, want to bring the troops home from Vietnam right now. The other 60 per cent say they are not necessarily for continuing the war and subjugating Vietnam to U.S. big business.

Two-fifths of those voting on it in Dearborn on Election Day answered "Yes" to the question: "Are you in favor of a cease-fire and withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam so the Vietnamese people can settle their own problems?"

This question was on the official ballot in Dearborn Nov. 8. And 14,124 voted "Yes" to 20,667 who voted "No."

Considering the super-patriotism taught in U.S. schools, the chauvinism injected by hourly doses of TV and the daily brainwashing by the newspapers, this was a remarkably high percentage of expressed opposition. It was something like a subject under the control of a hypnotist doing the opposite of what the hypnotist commanded him to do -- 14,124 times.

Most U.S. newspapers gave three or four paragraphs to this important news, while they gave their banner headlines to the multi-million dollar campaigns of Reagan, Rockefeller, Soapy Williams and similar fakers.

And of course, even the tiny news stories they did print about the Dearborn vote were for the war. The prejudice of the press can be gauged by asking the following question:

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## The Civilian Review Board Referendum

# Why Racism Won in NYC

The November 8 vote to abolish the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (over the police) was a setback to the fight for Black Liberation and to progress generally.

It was not a vote over whether a do-nothing Review Board interfered with capitalist "law and order." It was a vote for RACISM. It was a mobilization for reaction.

#### WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

First and foremost, the campaigning to abolish the Board was an effort to turn white against black from the very beginning. The very fact that the Board was so impotent and a microscope was needed to detect any progressive accomplishment by it, not to mention any "restriction of the police" by it, is a proof of this.

Those who thought the issue was the tokenist Board, police corruption, police "professionalism" -- or even the "prestige" of Mayor John Lindsay -- were completely mistaken.

From the beginning, it was the whispering campaign and the scrawled signs on subway walls and storefronts and bumper stickers that set the tone -- not the measured statements of the politicians.

Second, it was not primarily an effort initiated by the police alone. Police lieutenants are not like generals of the Army, who are bankers in uniform. The police, including most of the brass, are servants, not allies of the ruling class. They are mere tools and always have been.

Big and powerful forces were behind the campaign. This was masked by the fact that New York City's Mayor and both the state's U.S. senators supported the Review Board and three out of the four big New York daily newspapers backed it. Even the Chief of Police made a statement for the Board. Many sophisticated progressives as

well as upper-middle-class liberals concluded that therefore the whole capitalist class was behind the Review Board. Some even said there was no issue -- that only a handful of Nazis and Birchites were involved!

But the police have never before in American history organized politically on their own -- and they have not done so now!

They can organize brothels and graft-collections, but they have never been known to organize a political campaign -- particularly against the class which employs them!

It is true that once, in Boston, they organized a militant strike. And they were savagely beaten by the capitalist class under the leadership of Massachusetts Governor Calvin Coolidge. The latter was made President of the United States by the rulers of the country in grateful acknowledgement of his services.

The truth is that there were powerful capitalists actually pushing the police to do what they did in New York. And the "liberal" press who "supported" the Board, knowing this, made their support as lukewarm as they possibly could. In addition, this was not a hard task for them, since their own liberalism is so diluted with respectable racism anyway!

Enormous funds were spent in the campaign. Not by the liberals who lent only their "prestige" and not much of that. Not just by the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Fund, either. In addition to the many full-page ads of the PBA there were the lead editorials of the New York Daily News, which while pretending to be the "common man's paper," is the wealthiest newspaper in the United States.

And a nonentity like Norman Frank, attorney for the PBA, could never have attained his nearly sacro-sanct status, if powerful businessmen did not support him.

If the big banks had really wanted to keep the Review Board, they could have had every paper including the News, write front page headlines about the effrontery of the PBA and the danger of a police state.

Third, the real decision had already been made by the capitalist class when the referendum was put on the ballot in the first place. The other capitalists, just like Lindsay, were fully aware of the racist potential among the brainwashed white masses, and of what could be done with it by a hysterical anti-black campaign and a "democratic" vote.

They could easily have found a number of technicalities to keep the referendum off the ballot. They could easily have instructed their judges to rule it out. (They would obviously never have allowed a referendum against the draft for Vietnam!) Judges who can free Wall Street millionaires from corruption charges surely could have freed New York City from having this disgraceful referendum!

True, there may have been an element of miscalculation. If so, the miscalculation was all on the side of the liberal wing. The more racist of the rulers knew what they wanted from the start.

Fourth -- the big liberals not only spent little money (and they have plenty of it), they "fought" on technical grounds and raised third-rate issues, were almost completely silent on the real issue of racism, and were intimidated by the fascist mobilization that they well understood was taking place.

Sen. Robert Kennedy even repudiated the one militant leaflet put out by the committee for the Review Board. And so the committee withdrew it!

Lindsay and Javits were somewhat more serious than Kennedy. But their final performance on the two-hour

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## 1000 Puerto Ricans: "WE WON'T GO!"

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Oct. 26-- Mass resistance to the U.S. colonial draft reached a new high in Puerto Rico when, at last month's commemoration of the historic "Grito de Lares," at least 1000 Puerto Rican youth publicly declared their unconditional refusal to serve in the U.S. Army.

The "Grito de Lares" ("Rebellion of Lares") was the first uprising for an independent republic in Puerto Rico and marked the beginning of a 30-year struggle to oust Spanish colonialism from Puerto Rican soil. The Republic of Lares was proclaimed on September 23, 1868 and had its own flag.

Today, in Puerto Rico's largest newspaper, El Imparcial, the Pro-Independence Movement of Puerto Rico (MPI) published the declaration with most of the 1000 signatures. The declaration was headlined, "We Refuse to Go into the U.S. Army!"

The text read in part, "On this 23rd of September, 98th anniversary of the Republic of Puerto Rico in Lares, we, Puerto Rican youth, declare before our people and the entire world the resolute and singular purpose of all who have signed below in not serving in the U.S. Armed Forces under any circumstance."

"We also declare our solidarity and support to the heroic struggle of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam for national independence, neutrality, peace, and territorial integrity.

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## Why Racism Won in New York

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election eve TV "teleshon" although a little more vigorous than earlier efforts, resembled the plight of the old lady who tried to sweep back the tide with a broomstick. The essence of the matter was that they caved in before the racist onslaught.

**Fifth** — The entire liberal campaign took for granted the support of the Black People while it told the whites not to worry about the Review Board really restraining the police or being very effective. Hence the Black People did not bother to vote!

The liberals were very well aware of the racism that motivated the whole PBA campaign. And for that very reason, it appeared, they moderated their struggle against racism and based their campaign on legalisms — on the "sleeping clause" — which might legalize the police corruption that already exists, etc., etc.

To no avail.  
Reactionary-minded whites were

voting against Black Freedom, not against the Review Board. Prejudice was voting against democracy. And prejudice won.

But the false tactics of the liberals flowed from the false principles of capitalist liberalism.

When mistakes in estimate or timing are discounted, the fact still remains that the capitalist liberals are not serious about fighting all the way on this question at any time, under any conditions. They are closer in heart to the police than to the oppressed. They hire the police to keep the oppressed away from their swanky apartments and mansions.

The police are part of the "armed bodies of men" that constitute the capitalist state. And as such, they enjoy the basic confidence of the capitalist class. One only has to see a black-robed "impartial" judge listening to the testimony of a cop in the case of a working class Black Man, to see the real relationship of the classes on this issue.

## Results of the Election Fraud

No "detailed analysis" of the election returns is necessary to prove that the event was another hoax perpetrated upon the American people.

Commentators have already punched their typewriter ribbons dry explaining the shift to the Republicans in many areas as a big victory for conservatism. Some progressives have taken hope from the election of a few who are obliquely (and "loyally") opposed to the Vietnam war, such as Governor Mark Hatfield of Oregon, who could hardly wait until the election returns were in before he denied the anti-war character of his vote!

But the cards were stacked against the people. No one could vote against the draft. And most of those who were drafted (19 and 20 year-olds) were not permitted to vote — not even for their enemies, like the "adult" voters were. Only in the small city of Dearborn, Michigan could people vote against the war.

Ironclad election laws prevent genuine anti-war candidates from running in most areas. And where the laws are more liberal, the TV stations and newspapers are not. They are not liberal with their advertising time or space, or their news columns. They charge many thousands of dollars for this, and in fact the capitalist candidates and their friends own these media in the first place.

Wm. F. Luddy, Democratic chair-

man for Westchester County, N.Y., hit the nail on the head and was prominently quoted in the Nov. 14 New York Times as saying:

"The day of candidates ... without great wealth running for public office is past."

(Major candidates used to be servants of the rich, now they have to be the rich themselves!)

The Republican candidate for Governor in New York acknowledged spending \$4.3 million in his campaign (most of it from his personal fortune) and the Democratic candidate in Pennsylvania spent \$1.5 million of his own money. And even these huge amounts do not pay for the free publicity of daily news coverage.

While there was an undoubted shift to the right in some areas, just as there was a pronounced anti-war vote in others, the elections really did not prove much of anything, except that big business runs this country.

This was because the elections were mostly plebiscites, rather than elections — massive Gallup Polls that "sampled" how well the capitalist propaganda machine was working.

The bankers won another election. But the masses will still speak — if not in the electronic voice of vote tabulations, then in the thunder of irreversible opposition to the war that is murdering them in constantly increasing numbers.

## Yevtushenko and the USA

Yevgeny Yevtushenko, the popular Soviet poet, is not serving the cause of socialism, peace or the Vietnamese people by what he is saying and doing during his present visit to the United States.

Since he is a poet rather than a politician, he no doubt fails to see through the machinations of the U.S. "culture exchange" vultures who are soft-soaping him, just as they are soft-soaping the more astute Soviet leadership.

Yevtushenko is pleading for "peace" in the words and tone of one who believes that war is caused by bad people, pugnacious warriors and inhuman hatred — rather than by the capitalist system of private profit.

It is not of course Yevtushenko's naive that is basically to blame. He is a highly talented poet, a gifted reciter of verse, and full of genuine

sympathy for the unfortunate. It is with more sorrow than anger that he should be scolded for his American performance.

The fault is that of the revisionist Soviet leadership, who are putting him up to this. They are employing his humanism and humanitarianism to gloss over the ugly reality of their international class collaboration with humanity's worst enemy — in Washington and Wall Street.

However, Yevtushenko's private meeting with John Steinbeck, whether dreamed up by other people or by himself, is most repulsive, and as a matter of fact no more justifiable from a literary or artistic viewpoint than a political one. Nobody outside libraries and classrooms bothers to read the Steinbeck of 1966 — notwithstanding his excellence thirty years ago.

Steinbeck is an arch-reactionary foe

## How One Group Asked the Masses to

# Vote NO to Racism in NYC

NEW YORK — The campaign against the racist referendum on the Police Review Board in this city was largely conducted by the capitalist liberals. Most of the real progressives who got into the fight unfortunately echoed the liberals, implying that Kennedy, Javits and Co. were sincere in their efforts. Some even said that the Review Board might help the cops! Other progressives sat out the fight on the assumption that it was irrelevant or unnecessary.

But one organization, the dynamic Youth Against War and Fascism, campaigned both energetically and correctly.

They raised the slogan, "Vote NO to Racism and Police Brutality" early in the fight, making thousands of buttons with this caption, and distributed a hundred thousand pamphlet-size leaflets with a clear explanation of why the Review Board itself was not the issue and the conservative-fascist mobilization of racist elements was.

Noting that even the activists of the bourgeois-liberal committee to save the Review Board were harassed by the police, the YAWF people distributed in teams of four to fifteen, making each distribution a small demonstration.

They ran a series of street meetings in several sections of the city. At a noon hour gathering in the Fur district of Manhattan, for example, the young speakers assailed the police for their corruption as well as their brutality.

### BE A DROPOUT!

Don't you believe those ads about not dropping out of school!

Henry Ford II dropped out of Harvard. And now he's got a job as president of his father's and grandfather's company.

Winthrop Rockefeller dropped out of Yale and then got \$200 million — from his father's estate — and now he's bought himself the governorship of Arkansas.

## I Led Three Lives -- All of Them Fink

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 2 — Herbert A. Philbrick, the "Fink of the Fifties," was brought here yesterday for an appearance before the Automobile Dealers Assn. of Eastern Ohio, and for a lecture to the students of Youngstown University.

This town of 140,000, owned and operated by three big steel companies, appeared to be easy pickings for the likes of Philbrick, who warned his listeners of the "Communist danger" and advocated a "Freedom Academy," which would educate finks like himself in the arts of anti-labor diplomacy on a world scale.

The "FBI counterspy" and his friends were startled, however, to see people handing out leaflets at the college denouncing his campaign and calling him a "Front for the Birchers; Fingerman for the FBI."

The Daily Youngstown Vindicator featured the latter story and commented that the leaflets "were signed by a 'Committee Against War and Fascism,' adding with Philbrickian objectivity that 'the name of the committee is similar to one used by Communist groups here some years ago.'"

of the Soviet Union today, a turncoat from progressive causes for far more years than Yevtushenko has been writing poems.

It goes without saying that he is an enemy of the Vietnamese people. He supports Johnson's war drive, and mouths the same kind of "peace" that Johnson does — the peace of the grave — for Vietnam.

Even meeting with this man in a friendly manner at all is an absolutely unwarranted concession to U.S. capitalism and reaction.

The workers were delighted to hear someone hit the cops for shaking down the bars and liquor stores and getting "tips" above their \$8,000 a year basic wage — as well as bullying oppressed people.

Most of those who work in the area are white, and the youth group consciously went in to battle against the racist poison the boss press etc. infects them with.

In one of the street meetings, a girl was distributing near the corner and a cop was standing right next to her intimidating passersby from accepting the leaflets. One woman said to the cop: "You think we're afraid to take these just because you're standing there, don't you?"

— Many people were, of course. When asked what his opinion was after the votes were in, Key Martin, 22 year old national chairman of the organization, said:

"We are disappointed, but not in the least surprised. The vote was a mockery of democracy. It was not the voice of the people, but the voice of the racists. Just a playback of all the swill that gets programmed into people's minds."

## Looting Legal - Police Style

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 9 — Remember all the TV sets and silk stockings that were missing from the burned-out stores in Watts last year?

They filled several warehouses after being put there by the police, supposedly because the cops took them all from "looters." However, whole stores-full of goods found their way into these warehouses.

Now, under the pretense of not knowing to whom this merchandise belongs, the Los Angeles police have taken permanent possession of the goods. They announced today that they were going to auction off the whole bundle, with the entire proceeds to go to the police and firemen funds!

The police killed 30 Afro-American men, women, and children in August, 1965, on the occasion of the Watts uprising against police brutality and landlord-merchant oppression. No police were punished. The relatives of the black dead received no compensation from the police or from the city.

The police now receive the gains of the wholesale looting which they themselves, in the main, performed.



"Let the bullies of the world know that when they attack their neighbors, the friends of their neighbors will be there to resist it."

— LBJ, Manila, Oct. 24

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# Workers and Oppressed of the World: Save Subandrio! Free the 52,000 Indonesian Political Prisoners! Stop CIA-Made Massacres!

## Subandrio's Death Would Mark New Stage in Imperialism's Comeback, Indonesia's Subjugation

### The Real Criminals

Dr. Subandrio, the former Foreign Minister of Indonesia has been sentenced to death by the CIA inspired military junta which illegally rules in Jakarta. The main charge against Subandrio is that he conspired to block the takeover of Indonesia by the "Council of Generals." But it is this butchers' "Council" that should be on trial. Their hands are dripping with the blood of a million people whom they slaughtered in the four months following the Oct. 30, 1965, Right Wing putsch.

Subandrio has been sentenced to die for the "crime" of trying to stop these pro-U.S. enemies of the people.

The world working class, all the oppressed and friends of the oppressed must protest this criminal death sentence handed down at the instigation of Wall Street and demand its immediate reversal!

### One Year Ago--And Now

Prior to October 30, 1965, Indonesia appeared to have wrenched itself free from the orbit of imperialism and had moved toward a strong diplomatic and political alliance with Peoples' China and its revolutionary allies in Asia. Foreign corporate property was confiscated or threatened daily by the militant Indonesian working class and peasantry as well as by the government. Sukarno had begun to arm the masses against the pro-U.S. Army.

Now, just one year after the coup d'etat by the pro-U.S. clique of Indonesian generals, Sukarno, the legal President is a captive in his own country; former Foreign Minister Subandrio has been sentenced to death by a kangaroo court of military usurpers; 52,000 political prisoners are rotting in Suharto's concentration camps; and one million Indonesian workers, peasants and intellectuals have been slaughtered in a bloody massacre unprecedented in modern history for its swiftness and ferocity.

Communist leaders have been butchered or imprisoned and the PKI, (Indonesian Communist Party) which had a membership of 5 million and whose allied organizations represented twenty millions more, has been dismembered and crushed. The trade unions and peasant's organizations were also among the victims.

### The Dollar is Back!

Imperialist property is once more guaranteed in Indonesia. Jakarta has turned its back on the world liberation struggle, moved savagely against Peoples' China and her allies and has begun a diplomatic rapprochement with the capitals of world imperialism under the tutelage of Washington.

The Indonesian landlord-military ministers are now reweaving the severed ties which hitherto bound Indonesia firmly in the financial network of world capitalism, headed by Wall Street.

Thus, it is little wonder that on March 13 of this year, after the generals and their Washington masterminds had temporarily satiated their blood-lust, Max Frankel of the New York Times wrote from Washington that:

"The Johnson Administration found it difficult . . . to hide its delight with the news from Indonesia, pointing to the political demise of President Sukarno and the Communists. After a long period of patient diplomacy, designed to help the army triumph over the Communists, officials were elated to find their expectations being realized."

### Some Grisly Details

Some of the grisly details of just how the Johnson Administration's "expectations were realized" and why Washington officials were "elated", were revealed by Time Magazine of December 17:

"Communists, Red sympathizers and their families are being massacred by the thousands," wrote Time with a note of triumph.

"Backlands army units are reported to have executed thousands of Communists after interrogating in remote jails. Armed with wide-bladed knives . . . Moslem bands crept at night into the houses of Communists killing entire families and burying the bodies in shallow graves. The murder campaign became so brazen in parts of East Java, that Moslem bands

### Facing Death



SUBANDRIO

placed the heads of victims on poles and paraded them through villages."

The massacre of the people was so unbridled that "disposal of the corpses created a serious problem" and even "small rivers and streams were literally clogged with bodies."

The London Times estimated that a million were murdered inside of four months.

But if Washington was "delighted" at the "news from Indonesia", it was not the delight brought on by an unexpected surprise.

### "Psychic" or In on Plot?

The New York Times, whose corporate owners are in the inner circles of the U.S. ruling class wrote a threatening prophecy eight months before the coup which provided a perfect outline for coming events.

"When President Sukarno threatened the Federation of Malaysia" wrote the Times on Feb. 12, 1965, "he placed himself firmly in the path of U.S. and British efforts to contain Communist China. Washington has left active defense of Malaysia to the British . . . and seeks to retain some influence in Indonesia, primarily in the hope (!) of some day helping her army against the expected Communist bid for power."

Thus the Times outlined long in advance that Washington was plotting an offensive with the Indonesian Army and that it would be carried out under the cover of preventing a coup by the PKI—this, eight months ahead of time!

Sixteen months later, the same capitalist organ, whose powers of prophecy were obviously aided by advance knowledge, had its Washington expert, James Reston, write the sequel.

### "Credit" for Washington

Reston tried to give a glimpse of

Washington's role in conquering 110 million people in order to bolster capitalist spirits which were sagging over the Vietnam dilemma. Under the brazen title of "A Glean of Light in Asia" Reston wrote on June 19 of this year that:

"One of the most persistent complaints among officials in Washington is that our political troubles in Vietnam are not balanced adequately by reports in the press of the more hopeful political developments elsewhere in Asia.

"The savage transformation of Indonesia from a pro-Chinese policy under Sukarno to a defiantly anti-Communist policy under General Suharto is, of course, the most important of these developments. Washington is careful not to claim any credit for this change in the sixth most populous and one of the richest nations in the world, but this does not mean that Washington had nothing to do with it.

"There was a great deal more contact between the anti-communist forces in that country and at least one very high official in Washington before and during the Indonesian massacre than is generally realized. General Suharto's forces, at times severely short of food and munitions, have been getting them from here through various third countries, and it is doubtful if the coup would ever have been attempted without . . . the American show of strength in Vietnam or been sustained without the clandestine aid it has received indirectly from here."

Reston was merely expanding the theme first revealed by Max Frankel who let slip, on April 27, in a Times series on the CIA, that:

"In Southeast Asia over the last decade, the CIA has been so active that the agency in some countries has been the principal arm of American policy. It is said, for instance, to have been so successful at infiltrating the top of the Indonesian government and Army that the United States was reluctant to disrupt CIA covering operations by withdrawing aid and information programs in 1964 and 1965."

### McNamara's Brass

Secretary of Defense McNamara when being questioned by Senator Sparkman on U.S. military aid, on May 11 of this year summed up the whole thing in a nutshell:

SENATOR SPARKMAN: At a time when Indonesia was kicking up pretty badly — when we were getting a

The CIA has brought to power General Suharto who is the ringleader of the U.S. trained Indonesian high command (200 Indonesian generals and hundreds of lower officers were trained in the U.S.). Suharto rules together with Foreign Minister Adam Malik who was accused by Sukarno of working with the CIA.

The Minister of Economics is the Sultan of Jogjakarta, one of the richest feudal lords in Indonesia and the second highest figure in the 1958 CIA plot to overthrow Sukarno. (The CIA involvement in the plot was documented in "The Invisible Government" by David Wise and Thomas Ross.) And now the Sultan meets with Eugene Black, head of the World Bank — one of Lyndon Johnson's biggest bosses!

Within less than one year, the CIA backed clique has accomplished the following:

They have launched a savage attack on China; quietly re-entered the U.S. controlled UN; called off Sukarno's war against Malaysia; offered their services as a broker for the U.S. in its attempt to get a Vietnamese surrender; gone begging for debt aid to the Tokyo Club, a banking consortium dominated by the U.S.; opened the flood gates for a torrent of the Johnson Administration's foreign "aid" and agents; issued new guarantees to foreign corporations in Indonesia and received U.S. billionaire ambassador Averill Harriman and Eugene Black, the Chairman of the U.S. controlled World Bank (former director of Chase Manhattan) both of whom recently travelled to Jakarta to advise (i.e. supervise) in the "reconstruction" of Indonesia's economy for the benefit of the U.S. monopolies.

### Indonesian Revolution Lives Despite Massacre

But as ruthless and corrupt as the CIA's Council of Generals may be, and despite the mass slaughter and imprisonments, even these craven stooges must proceed with caution.

That the U.S. puppets have been unable to stabilize their regime of terror is indicated by the fact that they are still unable to kill Sukarno and by the fact that they have had to stage a public "trial" in order to justify before the masses their intended murder of Subandrio.

To be sure, an implacable hatred of imperialism still burns deep in

### Assassinated



D. N. AIDIT, GEN. SECRETARY OF PKI

lot of criticism for continuing military aid — at that time we could not say what that military aid was for. Is it secret any more?

McNAMARA: I think in retrospect that the aid was well-justified.

SPARKMAN: You think it paid dividends.

McNAMARA: I do, sir.

the breast of the Indonesian proletariat, despite their terrible setbacks — a hatred which the Suharto clique must take into account at every step.

At this critical time in Indonesia all progressives throughout the world must come to the aid of the stricken Indonesian masses and demand with one voice:

END THE TERROR IN INDONESIA — FREE THE 52,000 PRISONERS — REVERSE THE DEATH SENTENCE OF SUBANDRIO!

And the fact is that the U.S. has been reaping political and economic dividends ever since the coup began.

# Real Meaning of Johnson's Far East Trip: U.S. "Pacific Power"!

## JOHNSON DISCUSSED WITH ASIAN SATELLITES THEIR ROLE IN U. S. "PACIFIC POWER" DRIVE.

By V. GREY

Anti-war writers of the radical as well as the loyal bourgeois opposition have sufficiently exposed Johnson's theatrics and demagogy in his recent trip to the Far East. Many of them have also adequately explained the sabre-rattling reality behind the fake 'peace offer' at Manila.

But few have noted the grim long-range design of U.S. high-finance underneath the facade of Johnsonian glad-handing and baby-kissing.

This was the first time a U.S. President has visited most of these countries while in office. And Johnson, although flamboyant, is not capricious. He does nothing remotely as big as this without regard for its symbolism and its connection with the aims of the inordinately wealthy ruling class he serves.

### TOUR OF THE EMPIRE

The tour was similar in form to a visit by the Queen of England to parts of the British Empire. And the truth is that it was also similar in essence. Johnson forced presidents, prime ministers and a king to pledge their loyalty and render him homage.

The historical ludicrousness and self-satire of a 'democratic' President doing such a thing should by no means obscure the deep importance of the fact that he did it.

'The United States is in the western Pacific to stay' -- that was the message the Johnson tour flashed out over the TV channels. The Texas charlatan's smiling face, so prominent in the proceedings, distorted this message. But it would have been highly inappropriate for him to repeat the sentiments he uttered at White Sulphur Springs, W. Virginia on July 12 -- sentiments that really motivated and colored his whole journey.

He ominously asserted at that time: 'The determination of the United States to meet our obligations as a Pacific power.'

### AN AMERICAN LAKE

He meant that the U.S. corporations regard the Pacific Ocean as an American lake and that all its borders must be ruled by the U.S. in the interest of keeping the vast wealth of the western Pacific in the hands of these corporations. Where it is not yet in their hands, they intend to fight to get it in their hands. (That is, they intend for the working class youth to fight, not themselves!)

Johnson's grim words about 'Pacific power' were no mere slip of the tongue. He spelled out his meaning in his July 12 talk by saying:

'The economic network of the globe is too intertwined...for us to ignore threats to peace in Asia.'

Of course, one had to translate the phrase 'threats to peace' to mean 'threats to the predominant position of U.S. big business as a Pacific power' to fully understand what he really meant.

### THE WEB OF U.S. BANKS

The 'economic network' is so complete that not a single state in the world outside the socialist countries is entirely free from the web of the U.S. banks. The moment a country tries to get out of the web, it is a 'threat to peace' -- the peace of mind of U.S. billionaires.

Johnson said further at White Sulphur Springs that:

'Lasting peace can never come to Asia as long as the 700 million people of mainland China are isolated by their rulers from the outside world.'

Whatever 'isolation from the outside world' People's China now undergoes has been imposed on it by the U.S. 7th Fleet, U.S. pressure on Japan and other countries not to trade with China, U.S. pressure in the UN against China taking its rightful seat there, U.S. failure to recognize People's China as an existing state, and U.S. maneuvering among Asian countries and in the world generally, against China.

Obviously, Johnson meant that he expected the U.S. to bring 'lasting peace' to China by means of bombing

planes, missiles and U.S. troops.

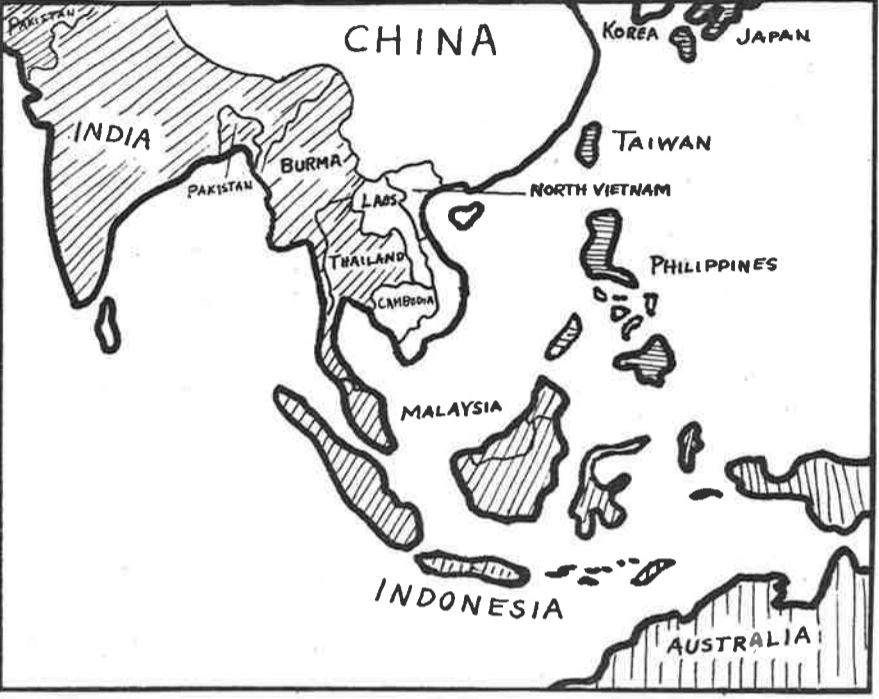
### WHAT THEY SCHEMED FOR

Ever since taking the Philippines in a bloody counter-revolution in 1898 (and even since some time before that) the Washington agents of U.S. high finance have schemed to take over all Asia.

They were thwarted at first by their rivals, Britain and France, and later

by Japan, whom they had aided bountifully as a checkmate to Czarist Russia and later a check against a rising China and the Soviet Union. (This aid abruptly stopped when Japan ousted Britain and Holland from the Far East, leaving only Japan to take over in their stead.)

They almost achieved their goal in the Second World War, when the British power was conveniently smashed by Japan, and the French and Dutch faded away before a combination of revolution and attacks by Japanese



# Thailand's Role as U.S. War Base

## Johnson Gilded It in Bangkok; McNamara Camouflaged It in Washington

Lyndon Johnson, great master of ballyhoo and carnival cornpone though he is, was strangely subdued when he visited Thailand last month -- out of respect the reporters said, for the Thais' traditional 'independence' and their almost sacred veneration for their king, who was present during most of Johnson's Thailand performance.

Like most fairy tales, this one has a grain of truth in it, too.

Once upon a time, Thailand was indeed 'independent' -- militarily and politically, if not economically. But it has now been taken over so rapidly by the U.S. that it is necessary to conceal, or at least to play down and soft-pedal the U.S. takeover in the interest of allowing the Thai governmental puppets--royal and otherwise--to maintain some shred of dignity before the masses.

### U.S. TROOPS DOUBLED!

While Thailand's past 'independence' was mainly due to its being an agreed-upon buffer state between the old French and British empires, nevertheless the people as well as their cynical rulers, felt they had some degree of freedom from foreign rule.

But now, as Newsweek said as long ago as January 31, 'Thailand is finding it difficult to adjust to the growing U.S. military presence on their soil.'

Since that observation was made, the 'U.S. military presence' has more than doubled!

(It grew from 12,000 troops to over 25,000. The latter figure includes about 16,000 Air Force personnel. The total is now about the same as that of U.S. forces in Vietnam on February 7, 1965, when the U.S. started bombing North Vietnam.)

### WHAT'S U.S. DOING THERE?

What is the U.S. military doing in Thailand? And why is it straining so hard to wear out its grudging welcome that it doubles itself in less than a year?

Sam Castan, senior editor of Look

Magazine in the Far East, gave a remarkable answer to this question on March 22:

'The American presence here (in Thailand) fits into some grand strategy that we have adopted for Asia. We enjoy outright control of the Western Hemisphere. We are dug well into Vietnam's coastal exterior. With our operational base in Thailand as well, contingencies or no, the United States has Red China pretty well ringed.' (Our emphasis.)

The 'grand strategy' Mr. Castan speaks of is of course not merely the aim to control the western Pacific, which is already pretty much in U.S. hands, but the plan to USE this control for the purpose of penetrating all Asia, including, if possible, China.

'(Thailand) is already playing a crucial role in the battle for control of Asia,' said the Newsweek article. 'All U.S. air strikes against Communist forces in Laos originate in Thailand...'

imperialism.

IT WASN'T JUST PEARL HARBOR!  
They sent tens of thousands of U.S. youth to their death in the 'island-hopping' battles, frantic to get Japan before their 'Allies' possibly could. They turned their backs to the 'Second Front' in Europe for over two years so they could stake out the Far East as an American backyard without complaints or interference from Britain, France, Holland, etc. and the Soviet Union. They occupied Japan exclusively after the war, thumbing their noses at the Allies, and they thought they 'had it made.'

But the Chinese Revolution upset their plans.

This left the world 'unbalanced.' And Johnson, like his predecessors, is out to restore the balance in favor of Standard Oil, General Motors and other purveyors of U.S. democracy in Asia.

His tour of the satellite countries of Eastern Asia was no mere grandstand stunt, but an arrogant Caesar-like gesture, well epitomized by his landing on the national soil of Vietnam itself and his jingoist speeches to the U.S. soldiers there and in South Korea.

He wasn't merely giving the lie to his own repeated words of peace. He was saying that he expected the war to continue in one form or another until the U.S. controls all of Asia. And in saying this, he was speaking for all U.S. big business, none of which repudiated him.  
**EXPAND OR DIE!**

Whatever the immediate perspective in Vietnam, the intentions of the rulers of America are clear. They are on a course for bigger conquest -- a course their profit system drives them to as surely as hunger drives a carnivorous beast to kill.

'Expand or die!' say the means of production to the capitalists who own them. The capitalists have given one answer to this ambiguous command by attempting to expand over the Asian continent.

The Asian and world revolution will give the final answer.

and at least 80 per cent of the bombing raids over North Vietnam.' And last month it was announced that B-52 raids would now start from Thailand rather than Guam.

### SEVEN U.S. BASES!

There are five active U.S. air bases in the country and two others being built. The two -- Khon Kaen in the northeast and Sattahip on the Gulf of Thailand, are among the world's largest. Sattahip is being geared to rival Cam Ranh Bay, the \$500 million armed-to-the-teeth U.S. enclave that Johnson visited in Vietnam.

U.S. News and World Report revealed on July 18:

'The U.S. Army's Ninth Logistical Command at Nakon Ratachasisima (in Thailand) is building up formidable stocks of arms, ammunition and vehicles.'

For what purpose?

### FOR WIDER WAR

These 'formidable stocks', like the 600-foot ammunition pier at Sattahip, the specially deepened harbor to ac-

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# Behind the "Big Shot of World" Carnival New War Build-Up in S. Korea

By MILT SEAMAN

It wasn't far from the 38th Parallel, where the hills and valleys are scarred and stained with the battles of the Korean War, that President Johnson made his speech.

It was November 2, and he was talking to the 36th Engineers Combat Group at Camp Stanley, a U.S. military post near the border of North Korea.

Johnson was on the last leg of his "Manila Conference" journey, a trip which stressed the U.S. commitment in Asia. He spoke to the G.I.'s about this commitment:

"I want to tell the other forty or fifty thousand that can't be within the sound of my voice — your parents and your dependents may not see some of you again."

This was the word from The Man, himself, for a bigger and wider war with more casualties and deaths. Less than twenty-four hours later his words were turned into deeds.

## WHY WERE THEY KILLED?

Twenty miles from where Johnson spoke, on the border of North Korea, a battle was fought. Six American

G.I.'s and one South Korean were dead. An unprovoked attack by the North? Hardly!

Major General Pak Chung Kuk called for an emergency meeting of the Armistice Commission and accused the U.S. of attacking North Korean guard posts fifteen times for the last ten days and correctly charged that the Johnson tour was itself a move to widen the war.

It was Korea 1950 again. At that time, the soon-to-be-appointed Secretary of State, Dulles, had gone to the 38th Parallel just three days before the Korean War began, and conferred secretly with General MacArthur in Tokyo, who had publicly vowed that the 38th Parallel "must and will be torn down."

Dulles' public utterances in Korea were provocative anti-Communist tirades. I.F. Stone has a whole book of documentation that proves the U.S., not North Korea, initiated the Korean War ("Hidden History of the Korean War.")

## MORE THREATENING THAN DULLES

Sixteen years later, with billions of dollars more invested and tens of

thousands more lives lost, U.S. imperialism has not lost its passion to subjugate the Asian masses.

Johnson's 1966 speech to the 50,000 G.I.'s in Korea was more jingoistic, more open and more threatening than Dulles' position before the Korean War in 1950!

But unlike Dulles who carried the U.S. Asian power doctrine in his briefcase, Johnson dresses up his policy Texas style.

In S. Korea, he ordered General Park, the U.S. puppet dictator, to prepare an appropriate welcome.

Over one-quarter of a million dollars was spent to clean up and decorate the city. From Kimpo Airport to the center of Seoul, the ten miles that Johnson's caravan was to travel, eleven arches and nineteen towers were erected and adorned. It put Lady Bird Johnson's beautification program to shame. Thousands of children lined the road alongside of a million Koreans -- all given the day off by a National Holiday ordered by General Park.

## "BIG SHOT OF WORLD"

As Johnson's entourage proceeded, cameras grinding, thousands who had practiced throwing confetti for hours beforehand, threw the confetti. The children who had rehearsed L.B.J.'s favorite, "The Eyes of Texas", sang it with a Korean accent. Giant pictures of Johnson and Park were all over the arches and towers. There were LBJ cigarettes and LBJ postage stamps for the occasion. Brass bands played "The Yellow Rose of Texas," and posters, signs and chants greeted Johnson: "Welcome King of Kings" -- "Texas Bull, We Like" -- "We Like Big Shot of World." There was a monstrous picture of Johnson wearing a cowboy suit and shooting two six-guns, captioned "Texas Bull, We Like."

The next minute Johnson was saying, "The new Asia will remain loyal to its own traditions and culture and values." (!)

## DOUBLE-DEALER

In his speech to the South Korean Assembly, Johnson used the same demagogery, deception and double-dealing as he did when he talked of the culture of South Korea.

He talked of the "economic and social progress" but he didn't mention that one-third of the Korean labor force was unemployed and lived in canvas hovels in the back alleys of Seoul.

He talked of "the record harvest in the last three years," but he didn't mention the one million tenant farmers that are too poor to deal in the commodity market.

He talked of "the rapid rate of industrialization -- one of the highest in the world" but he didn't mention that Korean workers earn one eighth what a Japanese worker makes. He talked about the "growth of commodity exports" but he didn't mention the shelves of Midopa Department store that are bulging with Max Factor Cold Cream (medium size, \$1.40) and Charlton Heston photographs.

South Korea holds a special place in the plans of the billionaire circles in the U.S.

## CARPETBAGGERS ARRIVE

Big business investors, who long ignored South Korea, are rushing in to make lucrative profits from the Korean cheap labor and goods.

U.S. Operations Mission that doles out A.I.D. funds have subsidized such merchandising giants as Sears, Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, W.T. Grant, Macy's and Gimbels. Macy's has opened an office in Seoul and a top executive has enthusiastically compared their take-home profits with their Hong Kong operations.

A South Korean worker makes about one-fourth that of a Hong Kong worker.

Gulf Oil has oil refineries and fertilizer plants. Arthur D. Little and Co. is looking into profit potential for a petro-chemical industry and three U.S. hotel chains are considering building in Seoul.

It is clear what Johnson meant when he said as he prepared to leave South Korea. "I leave today with a deep sense of confidence in the future of Asia and the Pacific."



Thailand is 15 minutes' flying time from Vietnam

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commodate the biggest ships of the 7th Fleet, and the building of the huge new air base in the northeast, are obviously not intended merely to fight another guerrilla war. All logic as well as military history cries out that they are gigantic provocations and open war moves against all Asia.

However, another guerrilla war -- that is, a war of liberation inside Thailand is a strong possibility, too. And there is a big altercation about intervening against it in Washington -- about the tempo, degree and openness of U.S. intervention, that is.

Defense Secretary McNamara apparently "won" his fight for a slower tempo (the "fight" was remarkably well concealed from the public) and on November 2 announced that the U.S. would not dispatch helicopter companies (only the helicopters!) to Thailand and would not assign American military advisers to battalion-level units of the Thai Army.

## THE HOOK

The New York Times of November 3 said:

"He is understood to be reluctant to see the U.S. become physically involved in combating another Communist insurgency on the mainland, unless there is a vital need." (The hook in this pious sentence is of course the clause: "unless there is a vital need"!)

The liberal New York Post editorially congratulated McNamara on Nov. 4 for his restraint, expressed the hope that Thailand would not become "another Vietnam." And it warned that the additional \$20 million that "we" have just committed in increased military "aid" to the Thai Government might increase the war danger.

The Post did not mention that the Sattahip base alone, wholly owned by the U.S., cost five times the above amount -- a somewhat larger commitment to war than the puppet-propping expense the Post is alarmed about.

Neither the Post nor the more conservative Times even hinted that McNamara's motives might be purely tactical, that he might want to delay open U.S. involvement in the war against the rebellious northeast merely because the war in Vietnam could be more effectively dealt with by such a delay.

## 'ADVISERS'... AND ADVISERS

McNamara's "restraint" was also calculated to deceive the American people, who are aware of the fact that "advisers" and helicopter crews were the first real signs of U.S. involvement in the Vietnamese civil war, and who might realize that the U.S. was launching a similar war of oppression in Thailand.

But it so happens that the Thai Army does not require the same type of military advisers that the less professional S. Vietnamese (puppet) Army did.

The Look Magazine story quotes a professional U.S. soldier as saying:



At the U.S. Embassy, Manila, Oct. 24, during Johnson's visit.

## LBJ Opens Big Mouth In "Secret" Manila Confab

MANILA, Nov. 8 — President Johnson's public image at the Manila conference on October 25 as a reasonable, gentle co-partner with the U.S. puppet leaders was demolished the following week in the Manila press.

The Nov. 2nd Manila Daily Mirror carried an article that charged Johnson acted as the "angriest hawk of all" during the secret sessions held by the conference members.

According to the columnist who dug up the information about the secret sessions, Johnson cursed, pounded the table and ridiculed the participants.

The reporter described how Johnson used first or last names, and in an exchange with President Ferdinand

"Americans aren't needed in this country (Thailand) to show anybody how to put a field radio together, or aim a rifle, or get from point A to point B on a map.

No, the U.S. 'advisers' in Thailand are showing the Thais how to handle heavy artillery, fly helicopters and planes, how to spread poison gas and the like. The 'advisers' are at the regimental level, not the battalion level -- that is, they advise colonels and majors, not sergeants and privates. They are preparing for a BIG war.

The 'elements of another Vietnam' are indeed present, as the Post says. And that could be plenty big enough

Marcos of the Philippines over the wording of policy changes on Vietnam, Johnson damned him for insisting upon the inclusion of "in accordance with our respective constitutional processes" in the official communique.

Feeling ran so high against Johnson's conduct that according to a weekly newsletter circulated to Filipino officials, the Philippine government itself was responsible for the "leak" to the newspaper.

The U.S. Embassy denied the story as a "work of fiction." But the real work of fiction was Johnson's description of himself during the conference as a "good listener" and his pretense of letting the puppets lead the puppet master.

by present standards. But the supersonic jet bases and 7th Fleet docks are aimed at bigger targets than the 25 million Thai people.

In the improbable event that the U.S. willingly withdrew its troops from Vietnam, its nearly absolute military control of Thailand would give it a great power for blackmail of Vietnam and still provide a military springboard from which to attack other points in Asia, notably People's China.

Thus, the "American presence" in Thailand is in itself a proof that Johnson has no intention of getting out of Vietnam and that U.S. big business is planning even bigger military adventures in Asia.

# Don't Want to Die for Johnson Why They Protested in Australia

**SOUTHERN ANCHOR OF U. S. "PACIFIC POWER" — BUT  
MASSES DON'T WANT COLONIAL ROLE.**

Even before the heroic outburst against Johnson in Manila last month, the world-wide character of the feeling against the Vietnam war was brought home dramatically when Johnson's car was smacked with paint and he himself was hooted and jeered in Melbourne and Sydney, Australia.

More than revulsion to the war was involved in Australia. More than idealism motivated the great crowds who demonstrated (and whose actions might have been successfully played down in the U.S. were it not for the paint incident and the youths who flung themselves at Johnson's car).

## U.S. TAKEOVER

The fact is that U.S. big business is moving into Australia and taking over its economy at breakneck speed. This does not meet with all the joyful enthusiasm "down under" that the U.S. Chamber of Commerce would like it to.

It has sparked an economic boom, to be sure, with full employment and temporary prosperity (until a recession came this summer). But at the same

time, it compels the Australian Government, which is increasingly servile to Washington, to impose the first peacetime conscription in its history in order to get enough troops to satisfy the U.S. in Vietnam.

Australia has now sent 4,500 to Vietnam and during the summer the first battle deaths of drafted Aussies roused huge protests in several cities. And with all Harold Holt's carefully staged hoopla (giving tens of thousands a day off from work, bringing out the honor guards, etc.) this fact cannot be obliterated from people's minds.

## POUND TO DOLLAR!

Still more thousands, who did not demonstrate, but courteously waved and greeted Johnson in a friendly manner, could not help but remember that only a few months ago, Australia switched from the pound to the DOLLAR. And the chief political representative of that currency was now visiting their shores and grinning at them from his bubble-top triumphal chariot.

True, the Australian dollar is not formally pegged to the U.S. dollar,

and was purportedly adopted only as a convenience in accounting -- with "the more efficient decimal system," etc. However, Australians who are not blind can see that it is also more efficient for U.S. companies in Australia doing business with their home offices in the U.S. and not so efficient for those declining concerns which still have their home offices in London.

## COCA COLA, PEPSI, TOO

In the past decade, scores of well-known U.S. companies have staked out huge new empires in Australia. Ford, GM, Chrysler each have not one, but several big plants there. Borg Warner, Merck Drugs, Crane Plumbing, IBM, General Foods, Goodyear and, of course Coca Cola, are there, with Pepsi breathing down the latter's neck.

Kaiser Aluminum, Alcoa, Reynolds Metals, Heinz Foods, Eastman Kodak, Campbell Soup, Gulf Oil, Standard Oil are also on the scene, TV programs and all.

At Esperance Bay, where the Chase Manhattan Bank may not be such a good "friend," that colossus has acquired 1,400,000 acres of land and has proceeded to muscle in on the century-and-a-half old Australian sheep and wool business.

The Kaisers and the Mellons together are building the biggest aluminum refinery in the world at Gladstone, at a cost of \$112 million. While this will undoubtedly create jobs, it is also designed to take 600,000 tons of aluminum out of Australia each year.

## THE BIG TAKE

GM has added well over \$100 million to its facilities there just since 1960.

But this scarcely delights those Australians who know that GM took \$43 million in profits OUT of Australia in the one year, 1963.

How much high wages the workers get out of all this may be judged from the fact that Chrysler's "Valiants" are exported from Melbourne to England and sell there for \$600 less than American-built Valiants, which are shipped only a third as far. (Lower British import duties enter into this, of course.)

Total U.S. holdings in this country of 11 million people are now around \$1.7 billion and account for about 25 per cent of all manufacturing -- which

is more than the British imperialists, who originally colonized Australia, now have.

The penetration of U.S. capital is constantly deepening. Nearly all the above capital was added during the last nine or ten years, and the investment rate was running at nearly \$5 million per week, when federal export regulations (which will soon be loop-holed!) went into effect.

## NOT LIKE CANADA -- YET

Australia is not so much of an economic satellite and semi-colony of U.S. as Canada, where the U.S. owns about TWO-THIRDS of all manufacturing. But it apparently soon will be. And the speed and tempo of its subjugation may be more significant than the degree.

Even more important than the economic stranglehold are the strategic requirements the U.S. is now imposing on the island continent.

Australia is a tremendously important footstool for U.S. imperialist ambitions in the whole of Asia, as well as a repository for U.S. investment and capital expansion. Britain has been slowly eased out ever since Japan first took Singapore and inadvertently helped the U.S. establish its own "Asian Co-Prosperity Zone." But now it is being dumped out rather than eased.

Australia's army and navy are increasingly responsive to U.S. demands. Its planes and battleships emulate U.S. models (instead of British), where they are not actually made in the U.S. -- as more and more are.

## AUSTRALIANS TO DIE FOR WALL ST.

U.S. plans for Australia's youth are by no means restricted to their working in GM plants and serving Coca Cola at soda fountains.

In January, 1964, Washington sent the State Department's then far Eastern expert, Roger Hilsman, who was supposed to be the soft-sell, sensitive type of diplomat, to give a little lecture to the Australian diplomatic brass.

"You stand as Asia's southern anchor," Hilsman told them at that time. "Asians need your help" and "One of the most helpful facts in Asia today is the fact of Australia's strategic position: you have no choice but to use your power and use it in Asia."

The Australian bourgeoisie have made their "choice."

When Hilsman said these words, Australia had 30 "advisers"; in Vietnam, today it has 4,500 soldiers there. More are on the way.

Australia stands not "as Asia's southern anchor," but as U.S. finance capital's southern pillar of support for its "Pacific power." Some of the Australians have already found this out.



Johnson's car was splattered in Melbourne. U.S. policy needed a new paint job after this one!

## On Veterans' Day, Vets Burn Discharge Papers in Union Sq.

By J. MOORE

NEW YORK, November 12 — A dozen veterans burned their discharge papers in Union Square yesterday as a thousand sympathetic spectators watched them.

The rally was sponsored by Veterans and Reservists against the War in Vietnam. In addition to the discharge burnings there were speakers from several organizations which oppose the war and a colorful satire of a Johnson press conference put on by the Bread and Puppet Theater.

A veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, Robert S. Calese, and his wife Phyllis, a former WAC, were among those who thrust their discharges into the flames as the crowd cheered. An all, over two dozen discharges or separation papers were burned in the protest.

A group of fascists who came to try to disrupt the rally were carefully watched by a defense guard and surrounded when a number of them approached the platform during the burning of the papers. There was no trouble.

The satire by the Bread and Puppet Theater group attracted hundreds of passersby as a grotesque, red clad, masked monster answered the press questions of a corps of two-faced reporters. He cajoled, threatened, played the folksy southern humorist, in a broad and ludicrous way he mixed crude humor with viciousness, but at the end of the play the audience was

informed that the performance was the exact words of an actual Johnson press conference. (of Nov. 5.)

Speakers included Deirdre Griswold for Youth Against War and Fascism; Fred Halstead, a staff member of the Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee; Oliver Leeds, chairman of Brooklyn CORE; the Rev. A. J. Muste, chairman of the Fifth Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee; Dan Shafarman of the Anti-Draft Union, and Robin Palmer, a former paratrooper and a member of the sponsoring group. Ron Wolin was the chairman.

Deirdre Griswold of YAWF pointed to two kinds of veterans: the brass-hats who don't get killed because they are safe in the rear but who are rewarded with big business positions when they retire; and the GIs who live in the mud, do the fighting, and learn enough about what is going on so that many of them oppose the war in Vietnam -- like those who sponsored the meeting.

Oliver Leeds of CORE vehemently denounced the killing of the people of Vietnam. He recalled the picture of a young father who sat with his arms tied behind his back and his tiny son clinging to him, and pointed out that this man did not take his infant son with him to attack someone else but was obviously trying to defend his home. Mr. Leeds scored the dis-



These youths in Sydney aren't thinking of U.S. "Pacific Power"

## -B'flo Students Hit Viet War

BUFFALO, Nov. 6--Students at the University of Buffalo here organized an impressive demonstration against the war in Vietnam at Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Lafayette Square yesterday.

The protest was part of the November 5 - 8 National Days of Protest and was organized by Students for a Democratic Society, Youth Against War and Fascism and the Socialist Club.

Trudging on the snowy Square with heavy jackets and overcoats against Buffalo's early winter, many demonstrated for the first time. In high spirits in spite of the cold, they laughed

at a couple of small boys who threw snowballs. But they made their point clear to the many youths and adults who stared thoughtfully at the protesting throng.

Main speakers at the rally were Gerry Gross and Joel Meyers of Youth Against War and Fascism, and Robin Maisel from the Philadelphia Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

The City Council had at first refused a permit to use the Square. But the Department of Parks later issued a permit after the Corporation Counsel of the city ruled that the Council had no jurisdiction in the matter.

Signs at the rally featured such slogans as: "Johnson Talks Peace, Bombs Hanoi" -- "Corporations Get Rich While G.I.'s Die" -- "Bring the Troops Home Now!"

# Why Didn't Johnson Repudiate Maddox? LBJ Mum on Racist Democrats

By FRED GOLDSTEIN

For a capitalist politician as ambitious as Lyndon Johnson, the restraint on his authority during the long apprenticeship as a Southern representative of Wall Street must have been a time of frustration.

Three decades of dedicated service to a multitude of conflicting corporate benefactors demands enduring patience and cunning well beyond the ordinary, particularly for a racist demagogue nurtured to political maturity in the violently impulsive atmosphere of Texas ruling class society.

Nevertheless, although Johnson did not yet have the authority to set the colonial world afire with napalm, nor to terrorize the black ghettos with federal bayonets, in one respect, the relatively uninhibited Senate days of yore provided certain personal compensations from which Johnson was permanently severed the moment the bullets of assassination suddenly and conveniently removed the last obstacle to his Presidential climb.

Johnson is now the chief executive of U.S. imperialism and such things as voting against anti-lynch laws of purchasing real estate under contract never to yield one square inch to anyone with a black skin and other such forms of racist self expression are no longer politically expedient.

While the favorite son of the Texas cattle barons and oil magnates has now been given the power to massacre the people of Vietnam by the thou-

sands, he can no longer refer to them as he did in his Senate days as "yellow dwarfs with switchblade knives."

As Commander in Chief, Johnson silently authorizes the National Guard to shoot down Afro-Americans in the streets, but at the same time he is compelled to verbally violate his innermost convictions by speaking out in favor of equality of the races.

Indeed, until a few weeks ago this bigot was suffering acutely from an excessive accumulation of unexpressed racist hostility.

But the recent upsurge of the criminal fraternity of violent racists who swept to victory in the southern Democratic gubernatorial primaries on a tide of racist hysteria flowing down from the "liberal" North, has brought a certain alleviation to the sufferer in the White House.

It is true that Johnson must still keep his racist mouth shut. But this time silence has worked all to his advantage. In fact, Johnson has been silent-with-a-vengeance about the takeover of the Georgia state Democratic Party by racist storm trooper Lester Maddox, who wielded a pistol against unarmed Afro-Americans and sold ax handles to Klansmen to keep his Atlanta restaurant segregated.

Maddox's primary victory in Georgia evoked a brief outpouring of comments from all political corners and queries to the White House, not only about the Atlanta ax handle salesman, but also by implication about similar victories by Jim Johnson of Arkansas, the

founder of the White Citizens Council in that state; John Rarick, a rabble rouser in Louisiana; George Mahoney, a racist demagogue in Maryland and George Wallace's proxy in Alabama.

But all the prodding of the most seasoned reporters in Washington could not bring forth one drawled syllable in denunciation of Maddox — not even a half hearted disavowal or a fence straddling evasion. Bill Moyers had explicit instructions — "No comment!" And no comment it was during two days of questioning by White House reporters.

As requests for a White House statement poured in and Johnson's silence rose to crescendo proportions, the message began to seep through to big business' opinion makers.

Commentators began the arduous task of explaining why Johnson "couldn't" speak out against the takeover of a large section of the Democratic Party by a bloc of racists who advertised themselves as leaders of the lynch mob.

It must be remembered, reasoned the gentlemen of the capitalist "free press", that Johnson needs Richard Russell and Herman Talmadge, both of whom are pledged to Maddox's support. And before the columnists had had a chance to take even one bite of their own shoe leather, the obvious question occurred to them: Why would the leader of the "Great Society" possibly "need" two diehard white supremacist "hawks?" and this line

was quickly discarded.

Since Maddox campaigned against Johnson, further pleaded the overburdened apologists in defense of their racist leader, then if Johnson attacks Maddox, LBJ will only be helping his adversary. But the picture of a Democratic President, who is fighting to conquer a billion people in Asia, being unable to have one back-alley politician kicked out of his own party was too ludicrous to uphold.

Some of the pundits thought Johnson took his plane trip around the borders of China at about this time so he could get away from such things as taking a position when Lester Maddox ran against his racist twin, Bo Collo-way.

They were wrong, but not wholly wrong.

Actually, he was showing his colleagues and bosses in the ruling class that he had graduated somewhat beyond Maddox. He wasn't in Asia to keep colored people out of little coffee houses. He was there to get them working for great big U.S. corporations — at right-priced Asian wages.

Johnson does want — and needs to keep his political machine together and working. And his party and the big bosses need Lester Maddox, sheets, pillow cases and all. It's as simple as that — in Georgia.

But for the mass slaughter being planned in Asia, Maddox is still in the bush leagues. Johnson's small-town heart goes out to the likes of Lester, but his mind must again concentrate on world problems.

— Can you imagine Johnson passing out ax handles in Manila instead of bombing planes?

## The West Tried for a Century!

# China Synthesizes Benzene

By BARRY FORD

In the 17 years since the founding of the People's Republic, China has astounded the world with the speed of her scientific and technical development. To the unprecedented rapid growth of nuclear and missile technology, the first synthesis of insulin, and other great achievements, China has added another world first: the synthesis of benzene.

An essential chemical raw material, benzene forms the basis for the production of synthetic rubber, nylon, plastics, detergents, dyes, solvents, explosives and insecticides. For the past century the chemical has been produced as a by-product of the distillation of coal (coking), or oil (fractionalization).

Western scientists have long and unsuccessfully sought a cheaper method of production which would not be limited by the availability of these natural resources. But what they could not do in a hundred years, the Chinese have done in eight! Production of benzene by their new synthetic process requires less investment, gives higher yields, and a higher quality product than that from coking or oil refining.

### SOCIALIST SCIENCE!

The benzene synthesis represents not only a triumph of science, but of socialist ideology as well.

After the recent Chinese missile test, the chauvinist U.S. press, attempting to diminish this great achievement of a socialist country, claimed the advance would have been impossible but for U.S.-trained scientists.

On the contrary, had the advice of some U.S.-trained scientists been taken the synthesis of benzene would never have been accomplished. Spearheading the project, young scientific and technical workers, backed up by the Party, had to carry on a constant struggle against these "authorities" who, in awe of the bourgeois past of science, predicted failure, and insisted the project be abandoned!

The development of a new method of producing benzene was considered so vital to China's growing industry, that the research leadership declared: ". . . even if it takes 15 years to succeed, the time will not be considered long . . ."

The successful completion of the project in eight years was made possible by the directly cooperative efforts of many factories, research and educational institutions.

The U.S., in spite of its 20 or 30

times bigger and more expensive research equipment, is handicapped in this respect. The U.S. scientists are chained, not only by the drive to get more exotic hair-dyes and cosmetics, not only by the drive to get bigger and bigger bombs, but by the antiquated system of production. (The GE labs are often secretly duplicating the tedious, though important, labors of scientists at the AT&T labs!)

When U.S. science is unchained by the socialist revolution, the Chinese promise will be redeemed in the American — and world — performance!



Students at Tarim University leaving their classrooms to work in the fields. These are the new kind of intellectuals that are growing up in People's China today. -- Photo by China Features.

## — Want GIs Home

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What would the newspapers have said if an industrial suburb of Lenin-grad voted 40 per cent for capitalism, or if 14,000 Chinese people came out to demonstrate FOR the U.S. aggression in Vietnam?

Dearborn, of course, is not just a small Midwest 'provincial' city. It is in the heart of the two-and-a-half million population area of the Detroit

## A Modest Proposal

# We Believe You, LBJ— And Want to Help Close Your "Credibility Gap"

"We say to the leaders of North Vietnam: a new Asia is emerging. Your people should be part of it — proud, independent, peaceful — the beneficiaries of a social and scientific revolution that is regenerating the life of man."

So said Lyndon Johnson in New Zealand last month. And in saying it he only repeated what he has been saying off and on the past year and a half, while his bombers have been dropping massive death and destruc-

tion on the country he is so anxious to "regenerate."

Somehow poor Mr. Johnson finds it difficult to get people to believe him — especially in Vietnam. Even Johnson's supporters deplore the "credibility gap" and are searching for ways of convincing the North — and South — Vietnamese that Johnson is indeed sincere about his offers to transform Vietnam into a veritable Garden of Eden.

Our opinion has not been asked, but we herewith cheerfully offer a five point program guaranteed to convince Vietnam and everybody else that Mr. Johnson is all he claims to be. And this program, although admittedly expensive is guaranteed to cost less than the present war:

1. Discharge all the governmental puppets of South Vietnam that are being paid with U. S. money, and who are well known for their opposition to "social revolution."
2. Stop paying the Vietnamese puppet army, which also holds back the social revolution.
3. Remove all U.S. troops from the country, since they are the chief killers of the revolutionists.
4. Spend just half the two billion a month of U.S. money (now spent directly on war costs to destroy the country) to repair the damage American bombs, napalm, defoliation chemicals, etc. have done.
5. Offer the other half of the money for the "scientific and social revolution" Johnson is in such a sweat to get started with. This money to be free of all strings tied to U.S. oil companies, U.S. rubber companies, U.S. banks, etc. — and to be spent entirely by the Vietnamese with no supervision by the U.S.

But somehow, we think, Johnson may not be interested in proving his "credibility" this way.

Can you, Dear Reader, guess why?

auto metropolis. And most of its inhabitants are auto workers at the big Ford plant.

For once, too, the question was posed clearly and honestly, rather than in the 'loaded' way it is in the Harris and Gallup polls. And consequently the vote for outright withdrawal rather than 'negotiations' or 'de-escalation' was higher than in these Madison Avenue 'opinion samples,' which are only a spot-check on the effectiveness of the capitalist propaganda machine at best — and an actual gear in that

machine, at worst.

It is true that many voters may have felt they were voting for Johnson's '6-month withdrawal' fraud. But they had no way of knowing much about the devious designs of Johnson. They were really voting for a genuine withdrawal, not a phony one — for a genuine peace, not a Johnsonian one.

This important and highly optimistic fact should be kept firmly in mind when assessing the undoubted shift to the Right in the elections of ruling class politicians to office.

# China Defended in Buffalo Teach-In by WW Spokesman

Buffalo, Nov. 9 —Over 800 students and faculty members at the University of Buffalo attended a teach-in against the war in Vietnam here this evening.

The program of anti-war speakers which was sponsored by the U.B. chap-

## War Opposition Mounts; 5 Days of Rallies, Sit-Ins, Draft Protests

NEW YORK -- Twenty thousand demonstrated against the war near Times Square here on Nov. 5, marching from various areas of the city through Times Square to a rally at nearby Bryant Park.

Filling up nearly three city blocks -- on Sixth Avenue and 41st Street leading into it, the crowds chanted and shouted their demand for the war to stop and the troops to come back.

Speakers at the rally included Ivanhoe Donaldson of SNCC, Mrs. Grace Mora Newman, sister of one of the Ft. Hood Three, Dave Mitchell and Conor Cruise O'Brien, former Irish Ambassador to the UN.

Called by the Nov. 5-8 Mobilizing Committee, a coalition of 90 groups and organizations, it was part of a five-day program of anti-war action that really began on Nov. 4, when 17 were arrested for 'sitting in' at the Selective Service System, 205 E. 42 St.

On Sunday the sixth, and Tuesday, Election Day, squads of activists distributed many thousands of leaflets calling for more general mass opposition to the war. This included appeals to Service men at bus stations, etc.

On Monday, a large contingent picketed the Federal Courthouse, where Dave Mitchell's case was being heard in an appeal to the U.S. Court of appeals. Mitchell walked on the line himself, after the hearing was over.

Johnson APPOINTED 66,289 persons to office during 1966.

ter of the Students for a Democratic Society, was preceded by the showing of a film produced by the Vietnamese National Liberation Front. The film, which depicted life in the liberated areas of Vietnam and the heroism of the Liberation Army fighters, was roundly applauded by the audience.

The battery of speakers following the film included Deirdre Griswold, editor of the Partisan magazine of Youth Against War and Fascism, Jeff Gordon of SDS (who also identified himself as a member of Progressive Labor), Fred Goldstein, a staff member of Workers World and Ed Wolkenstein, chairman of John Brown Institute.

Miss Griswold began the evening by ridiculing President Johnson's "hypocritical announcements about bringing democracy to Vietnam" and contrasted his words with "the conspiratorial manner in which the Vietnam war was plotted behind the backs of the vast majority of the American people and being relentlessly escalated without their consent." The YAWF speaker condemned the Vietnam war as part of "a much larger U.S. plan to dominate Asia" which she said was illustrated by "the CIA inspired coup d'etat in Indonesia in which a pro-U.S. military junta carried out the slaughter of a million people." She referred to Indonesia as a "second U.S. front in Asia."

Later in the evening Mr. Goldstein warned the audience that the war in Vietnam is likely to be turned into "a holy war against the People's Republic of China" and cautioned them against "being taken in by the massive campaign of slander and vilification in the U.S. press against one quarter of the human race."

The Workers World spokesman described the Red Guards in China as a "movement of workers and peasants who were formerly oppressed by landlords and capitalists and are now fighting against domestic elements of reaction in order to preserve the tremendous social gains achieved by their revolution."

## 150 Picket Court at Dave Mitchell's Anti-U.S.-War Crimes Hearing



Dave Mitchell, Mark Lane talk with press at U.S. Courthouse.

On November 7, 150 pickets marched outside the Court House at Foley Square. Inside attorney Mark Lane argued the case of David Mitchell who has refused to be drafted into the Army because the United States has violated the Nuremberg findings.

David Mitchell had been convicted and sentenced to up to five years and fined \$5,000 because he has refused to cooperate with the U.S. war machine. He was appealing this conviction. He has based his refusal on the finds at Nuremberg which said that Nazis could not be excused on the plea that they only obeyed orders when it was, that court proclaimed, the duty of men to not obey criminal orders of any government.

There were three judges on the bench, three of the most vicious, black-robed tools that the ruling class has managed to hire: Medina, judge at the first trial of Communist Party leaders in 1949; Lombard, judge at the second trial in

1954. and Kaufman, the killer of the Rosenbergs.

While pickets outside chanted, "Fight the draft, end the war, bring the troops home now!" and "Free Mitchell, try Johnson!" Lombard, acting as judge and jury said there would be "anarchy" if all those opposing the draft were given jury trials as the constitution demands.

The argument lasted 40 minutes, after which, the court reserved decision.

Mark Lane, attorney for Mitchell, is also the leading investigator in the assassination of Kennedy and author of the best-selling book concerning his findings, "Rush to Judgement."

Lane said that Mitchell's service in the Armed Forces would make him a war criminal. He said that he and his client were prepared to take the case to the Supreme Court if necessary.

The demonstration was called by the End the Draft Committee.

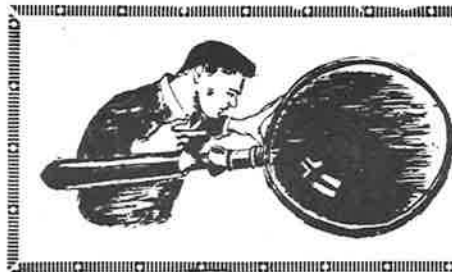
## Grocery Boycott Spreads to NYC

A revolt of housewives against high food prices has spread from the West to New York, bringing boycotts and picketlines to supermarkets in at least three boroughs.

On October 27, Queens women, calling themselves the Pantry Pennypinchers began the first New York boycott, reducing business at three supermarkets in Astoria to practically nothing.

In Brooklyn, the Prospect Heights Women's Association picketed at a Bohack store the first weekend in November. And a Chelsea group, Mothers Against Downright-Outrageous-Prices ("MAD" for short) held a very successful one-day boycott in their neighborhood against Daitch, Finast, and Co-op stores.

In addition to objecting to exorbitant food prices, the women want to eliminate stamps and other gimmicks which increase consumer costs.



## Through the Magnifying Glass

By John Moore

### Johnny's in a Jam

Millions of people in the U.S. are against the war in Vietnam in spite of the daily propaganda (as even the slanted polls reveal), though the only people who got a chance to vote on it were in Dearborn, Michigan, and 40 per cent of them said, "Bring 'em home now!" with no more questions asked.

Many of these millions have young kids in school. They send them there hoping they'll learn to read and write and get what is sometimes called "a quality education." Our kids aren't likely to get that. What they are likely to get is a smooth, artificially-flavored dose of subtle pro-war propaganda especially prepared for them by experts in slipping the standard big lies of the bourgeoisie into kids' minds and making them taste like bubble gum. Some of these lies come in "school-approved" weekly newspapers for kids, put out by big business companies who know exactly what they are trying to do to Johnny. Johnny's teacher, who is likely to be pretty well brainwashed in favor of the war already, takes her cue from these articles and feels free to throw in whatever ignorant anti-Communist propaganda she happens to have around to help the Government's war line along.

Johnny, even if his folks are against the war, at nine, ten or eleven years old, is no match for all this stuff. At home he may hear that the war is bad, but at school he gets the business: slick printed stories presenting the lies in an authoritative way that must be true, backed up with the prestige of a big teacher who must be right. What can he do?

WHAT JOHNNY'S UP AGAINST

Let's look at a few things Johnny is up against. Johnny believes in being fair. It doesn't mean he always is, but he believes in it. Really. Like we do -- down deep. Slick, cynical writers, expert liars for the bourgeoisie, know this and use it to twist him. This is what they tell him when he is nine years old and in fourth grade:

("News Explorer," Sept. 23— published by Scholastic Magazines, Dayton, Ohio — offices at 50 W. 44 St., NYC.)

"A young woman draws water from a well (picture above). A U.S. soldier helps. Any day this woman may have to flee for her life. Any day this soldier may have to fight for his life — and hers."

Johnny wonders who is trying to hurt this nice motherly woman.

"Communist rebels," the slick liars tell him.

And what do these "Communist rebels" do?

"They attack towns and villages, frighten and harm people living there."

"You'd help fight them, wouldn't you?" Johnny's teacher may ask.

How can nine-year-old Johnny (even if he hears at home that the war is bad) stand up to this without help?

THE "PEACE" PITCH

But the main thrust of the article isn't to start Johnny marching in the Johnson Jugen Corps just yet. It's to show him how fair and reasonable "his" President and fuehrer is in trying to have peace (never mind that he is sending troops to invade another country — they're causing the trouble) and if the other side just won't help him stop the war, then, "Johnny, you can see why you'll have to march for me later on. You'll have to fight because they won't let me make peace."

(It was just 27 years ago that German Johnnies read the same line. As Hitler sent his armor and bombers to smash Poland, he wept with Johnson-like eloquence about peace: "You know the endless attempts I made for peaceful clarification... For two whole days I sat with my government and waited to see whether it was convenient for the Polish Government to send a plenipotentiary or not, but I am wrongly judged if my love for peace and my patience are mistaken for weakness, etc., etc....")

The U.S. article for nine-year-old Johnny says: "President Johnson has said that North Vietnam should choose a time and place to discuss peace. Then, he says, he will send his most trusted officials 'in a matter of hours' to discuss peace."

WHO DOES IT AND HOW

Another paper for grade school children of the U.S. is the "Weekly Reader" — controlled by Xerox, which does a fine business with the Government and whose board president, S.M. Linowitz, has just been sworn in (Nov. 9) as Ambassador to the Organization of American States — which helps keep the Western Hemisphere in line for the U.S.

The September 21 "Senior Weekly Reader" for sixth graders ends its pleas for peace this way: President Johnson says, "The U.S. does not want to conquer North Vietnam. It wants North Vietnam to 'let its neighbor alone.' Once North Vietnam agrees to this, he says, U.S. soldiers can come home."

Questions on the back help pound this line home. Says one question under a heading, "Use the facts to Think for Yourself": "Which sentence in the last paragraph of the news story gives the chief aim of the United States in the Vietnam war?"

How does Johnny answer that one?

PARENTS TAKE ACTION

Reported to this writer was a case where parents gave help to their children who were faced with such stuff.

They talked it over and then marched to the school and confronted the principal with the kind of things quoted above. The principal, a true product of the training that U.S. teachers are given, said he couldn't see anything wrong with them. Since an argument with him on that line wouldn't help Johnny, the parents told him that whatever he thought, they wouldn't tolerate their children being taught such lies. That made the issue much clearer. That meant they would cause trouble if something wasn't changed.

The parents demanded and got action: either present nothing or tell the anti-U.S.-war side along with the pro-war propaganda. They also demanded and got an arrangement to address all the children of the school and tell them the truth about U.S. policy in Vietnam.

But that is one school. There are millions of kids all over the country getting this kind of indoctrination and many parents, who oppose the war themselves, don't know it. They should know. They should do something. They should go down to Johnny's school and raise hell about it.

Because Johnny needs our help.

Seen on the picketlines were signs saying, "Give Us Our Daily Bread -- But Not For 37¢ a Pound," "Down With Prices," "Stamp Out Stamps,"

and "I'm Too Young to Remember Bacon" -- carried by a three-year-old.

DON'T WANT HIS BRAND!

President Johnson says, "We're proud to help the freedom-loving people of South Vietnam."

They love freedom so much that they're leaving his U.S.-financed puppet army at the rate of 10,000 a month to get some of it.