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'Onward, free world!'

Rius in Siempre, Mexico City



By Ed Charles

VIETNAM - Inside Story of the Guerilla War by Wilfred G. Burchett.

Burchett is the only Western writer to travel throughout the areas held by the National Liberation Front. His eyewitness account was recommended as "required reading" on the floor of the U. S. Senate, May 12th by Senator Ernest Gruening (D. Alaska). Burchett's book, along with three others, were cited as "required reading for those who wish to understand what is going on in Vietnam and what has been going on there."

Burchett travelled for eight months with the guerilla forces and gives interesting and factual observations of life in the liberated areas.

By jungle trail, over mountains and rice paddies - on foot, horseback, bicycle or by sampan - Burchett travelled with guerilla guides to the very outskirts of Saigon, often within a few yards of enemy posts, which had been "corked up" by the NFL. He talked with the mountain tribespeople and the plainsfolk of Central Vietnam, and saw both "strategic hamlets" and free towns in the Mekong Delta as well. Despite his 52 years, he took forced marches, running for cover from helicopter attacks, crept through the fabulous system of underground tunnels as battles raged - in short, he shared the life of the incredible Liberation fighters who are defeating far superior military forces. He saw jungle arsenals and field hospitals, interviewed American POW's and talked to the heroines of the "Chi-gnon brigades" who spiked enemy cannon. He learned what it meant to "live integrated with the enemy".

In the villages, he saw "self-management" at work, the system of inner democratic rule which prevails in two-thirds of South Vietnam, a government in all but name. He met Nguyen Huu Tho, president of the National Front of Liberation; Tran Nam Trung, its military leader, and many other civilian and partisan leaders, local and national.

Here emerges the first clear account ever presented in the United States of the rise, extent, nature and aims of the Liberation movement. From this picture, it is clear why "special warfare", of which General Maxwell Taylor is the father, is collapsing in its first major test and why each new coup in Saigon will leave matters worse than before until a regime arises that will negotiate with the NFL.

The reasoning for the above is best illustrated by the story of the dog explaining why he had failed in a hard race to catch a hare. "That hare was running for its life, I only for my dinner". The Vietnamese are fighting for their lives, the Americans for their dinners and that means the difference between victory and defeat in the type of struggle being waged in South Vietnam.

Whichever way events may move in Vietnam and Southeast Asia, this book will remain a primary source for the history of the liberation war. It is brilliant and revealing reportage on the level of John Reed and others like him.

This book contains not only facts but moving passages of the daily personal sacrifices and victories of the people of South Vietnam in their just struggle for national independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity.

## ANTI-NAZI RALLY

On Sunday, May 30th, Metropolitan Police broke up an anti-Nazi rally in Toronto's Allan Gardens.

Allan Gardens is the historic site of left-wing gatherings - particularly during the depression years. It was the scene, in the days when it was an Apple orchard, of a meeting under the trees at the first Canadian local of the typographical Workers' Union, more than a century ago. The reason for the Sunday rally was a projected meeting of a newly-launched Nazi party.



Arrogant self-styled Nazi leader, William Beattie, got a taste of the people's anger over the newly-launched Fascist party.



A running fight developed between the would-be Nazis and the protesting citizens. Police demonstrated

their usual "non-partisan" attitude by arresting one Nazi and eight anti-Nazis.

An important feature of the rally was the clear indication that Jewish people, (particularly Jewish workers) are prepared to stand firm in a militant fight-back against the emergence of a Canadian Nazi movement. Having suffered years of persecution, torture and torment in Central Europe, before the Warsaw Ghetto rising gave the signal for Jewish armed resistance, the Jews appear to be determined to fight every Nazi manifestation now and not wait the appearance of concentration camps.

It would be a mistake, however, for non-Jews to be misled by the idea that the Nazi organization is purely an anti-Semitic one. Fascism is the direct outgrowth of the capitalist system which is based on exploitation and war. It is the system of state power toward which the ruling class inevitably move, in a period of mounting political and economic crisis and is designed to head off and defeat the movement of the masses in the direction of Socialism as a solution to their problems. It is by Fascist methods that the capitalists seek to maintain their state power against working-class opposition. All workers need to understand this point, not allow themselves to be diverted from the main arena of struggle and join with all other groups in a determined and militant resistance to every manifestation of the emergence of Nazi-ism.

The May 1st Branch of Progressive Workers Movement, (based in Toronto) joined in the Allan Gardens Rally. The branch members issued a leaflet which presented the Communist viewpoint on the rally and the Nazi threat. This leaflet, while calling for continued struggle against the Nazi groups, drew attention to the real problem, as follows:

"The real problem facing the working people, is not a few lunatics of the right calling themselves Nazis. The question is much deeper than that. The real problem is the crisis of capitalism which creates the conditions for such groups to come into existence."

The leaflet then goes on to point out the fact of U. S. domination of both our economy and our organized labour movement which, together with the development of automated process under private ownership control, is distorting our economic development and preparing the soil for a devastating crisis. This condition, plus the complete support accorded the accelerated war programme of U. S. monopoly, causes Canadian capitalists to advance policies calculated to place restrictions on even the limited democratic rights usually associated with the bourgeois-democratic state. In the days of impending crisis the free-enterprises encourage and support every step taken in the direction of Fascist reaction.

In face of the stepped-up programme of imperialist aggression, the recurring signs of a coming crisis in the nation's economy and the clearly discerned indications that the ruling class is preparing to resort to Fascist methods in an effort to solve the impending crisis, the P. W. M. concludes with the following piece of sage advice:

"While demonstrating against the incipient Fascist and Nazi movements is a good thing in itself, in no way does it solve the cause of these phenomena and the only correct answer to the question is the replacement of the social system that breeds these movements. Our present social system must be changed for one that acts in the interests of the Canadian working people. We believe this is Communism."



## GANGSTERISM AS A WAY OF LIFE

For a great many years past, organized groups of gangsters have run rampant in all the major cities of the United States. Many of these communities, (Chicago and New York being the more notorious) have been so well controlled by the armed mobs of criminals as to be virtually their private estates. The mobs are organized along the lines of miniature empires with their rulers, collectors of revenues and hired killers.

With the wealth obtained from their criminal operations, the mobsters have penetrated into "respectable" circles in the world of business, most often buying into hotels, night clubs and legal gambling casinos.

These elements are inevitably opposed to the formation of a democratic, rank-and-file movement, resorting to all kinds of bribery, corruption and terrorism to weaken the trade unions and render them impotent.

One of the chief means by which the gangster groups accumulated wealth was in the selling of "protection" to the small merchants. In order to convince the merchant that he needed to purchase "protection", the mobs would carry out some acts of terrorism against him or his neighbours and then sell him immunity from attack on the part of the very groups offering him "protection".

If any of the merchants were so bold as to entertain the idea that they could survive without paying protection insurance they would be quickly taught a lesson. Business premises were bombed or put to the torch; friends and close relatives were sadistically beaten, often murdered. Continued resistance would result in an early death for the merchant himself. Citizens were virtually without protection from the vicious racket, as the so-called law enforcers were, in many cases, sharing in the profits of large-scale gangsterism. The various gangs often fought small-scale wars over possession of some particularly lucrative territory.

This characteristic American method of doing business is the model for United States relations with other countries. U. S. actions and attitudes in Vietnam are a vivid example of the application of gangster methods in imperialist foreign policy.

The U. S. sends in its armed gangsters to extend "protection" to the forces of "freedom and the rule of law" - and to see to the regular collection of revenues. When the local citizens fail to demonstrate a proper appreciation and willingness to accept, the proffered "protection", they are taught proper respect through the administration of brutal beatings, tortures and murders. Cosa Nostra is exported to the rice fields of Vietnam and the sugar fields of the Dominican Republic and given the stamp of legality and respectability in the service of imperialism. The mass murder of opponents in the Chicago Valentine's Day Massacre has its counterpart in a thousand places in Vietnam. The tactics are similar, only there are more bodies to count.

The terror bombing of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam; the "pause" in the raids to give the people an opportunity to satisfy the demands of the gangsters; the subsequent renewal of the bombing in an attempt to break the stubborn resistance of the Vietnamese people; are all tactics that are based on those practiced by the lawless gangsters that rule the roost in Chicago and other leading cities. The political outlook is also similar, as evidenced by the following statement made by the notorious Chicago gangster, Al Capone, in 1933:

"Bolshevism is knocking at our gates. We can't afford to let it in. We have got to organize ourselves against it and put our shoulders together and hold fast. We must keep America whole and safe and unspoiled. We must keep the worker away from red literature and red ruses; we must see that his mind remains healthy."

If the above quotation appears incongruous, coming from that source, just remember; the thief is unsurpassed in his concern and zeal for the maintenance of the institution of private property, without it his profession would come to an end and he would find himself faced with the unpleasant necessity of having to work for a living. The much more powerful, and infinitely wealthier thieves who rule America; and who have deployed their armed mobs across the territory of Southeast Asia, in Africa and Latin America, have a concern and a zeal for the maintenance of their system of thievery and armed robbery commensurate with the vast profits involved.

There are, of course, several important differences between the situation that prevails in Vietnam and that which is commonly encountered in the gangster-ridden communities of the United States.

The imperialist gangsters are far more heavily armed than any Chicago mob ever dreamed of being. They have at their command vastly greater, better organized and better trained bands of professional killers who are armed with all the most modern machines for administering death and destruction. Planes, bombs, napalm and poison gas are all in plentiful supply in the arsenals of America's imperialist gangsters and all are used in complete abandon by the hired assassins of U. S. monopoly interests.

Another important difference is that the people of Vietnam - unlike the docile petty merchants of New York and Chicago - have both the determination and ability to resist. The Vietnamese have organized and armed themselves and are in the process of destroying the capacity of the imperialist gangsters to rob and pillage and murder.

During the first three months of the year, the People's Liberation Army of South Vietnam launched 4,831 armed actions, large and small and inflicted the following losses on the enemy:

Annihilated 4 enemy battalions, 51 companies and 94 platoons and routed another 4 battalions, 6 companies and 35 platoons.

45,259 troops, including 1,127 Americans (among them 2 Major-Generals and 6 Majors) were killed, wounded or captured. An additional 12,412 troops deserted their gangster bosses and threw in their lot with the people.

One hundred and eleven aircraft were shot down and several hundred others damaged. Fifty-four naval vessels were sunk or damaged and 275 military vehicles destroyed.

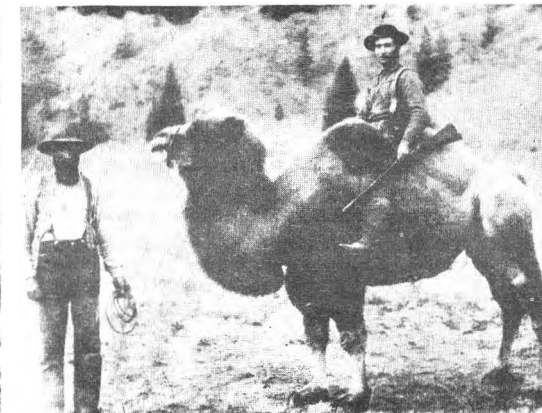
Eighty per cent of the territory of South Vietnam has been cleared of gangster rule.

The imperialist gangsters are headed for certain and ignominious defeat in South Vietnam and in all other areas of the world to which they have dispatched their armed mobs to collect "protection" payments.

## SCENES FROM THE PAST



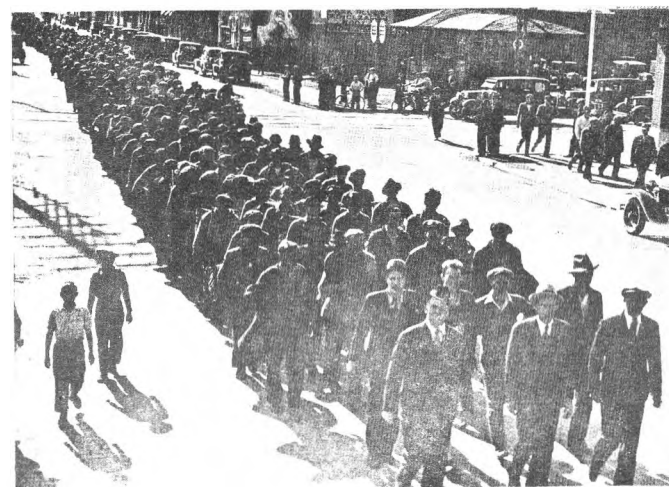
1871: Paris after the fall of the Commune.



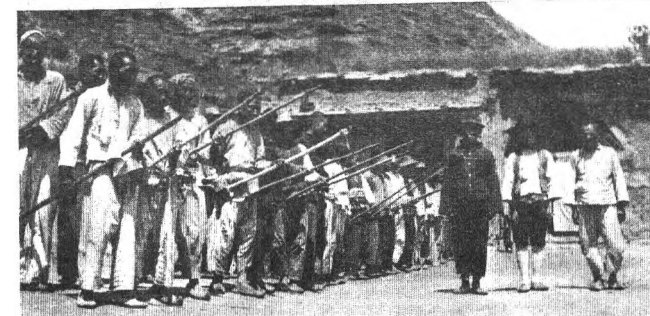
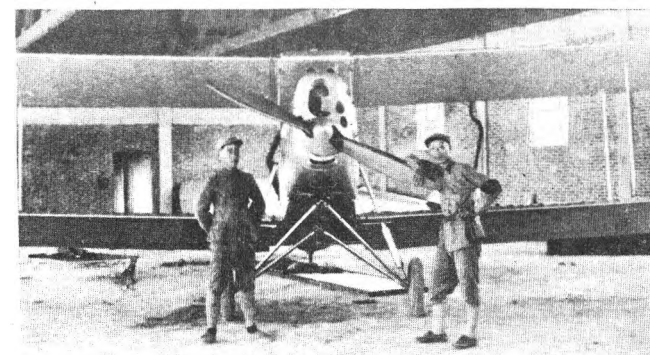
1900: Camels were imported for hauling goods during B. C.'s Cariboo gold rush days.



1937: Birth pangs of an industrial union. Chicago cops charge a peaceful picket line at Republic Steel in the Chicago Memorial Day massacre. Ten were killed by police bullets - seven shot in the back.



1935: The On-To-Ottawa trekkers from British Columbia marching into Calgary. The R. C. M. P. broke up the trek at Regina on the Dominion Day holiday, killing one man in the process.



1937: China. Pikes against guns and a captured plane which was almost the total strength of the Red Air Force. A short twelve years later, the People's Liberation Army had swept the imperialists and reactionaries from the mainland.



1938: Ella Reeve, "Mother" Bloor, veteran American labour leader, flanked by two beauty contestants, at a picnic on her 76th birthday.



1939: The Warsaw business district after the Nazi onslaught.



# ED LAWSON: WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Time and Place:

The Vancouver Sun, Tuesday, May 18th, 1965.

Subject:

A full-page article in defense of International Unions in Canada.

Author:

Ed Lawson, president of the Teamsters Joint Council for British Columbia.

1B) Credit must be given where credit is due and no one will deny that this article was a very clever presentation. What should be pointed out, however, is that those who attempt to fool the workers often make the mistake of assuming that workers are stupid. Without analyzing the pros and cons of Lawson's article, most workers understand that this effort was intended to sell the idea of International Unions to the boss. What is good for the boss isn't necessarily good for the worker and so the question arises; why does the "Sun" give prominence to Lawson's argument precisely at a period when resentment against U. S. control of labour unions is becoming a major issue among the ranks of Canadian workers?

Lawson bases his argument on a series of obvious facts:

- 1) American capital plays a dominant role in the Canadian economy.
- 2) U. S. controlled unions have more money to spend and have more members in Canada than strictly Canadian unions have.
- 3) International unions have a history of progressive activity in Canada and have contributed a great deal to the strength of organized labour in Canada.
- 4) A higher record of gains made without resort to the strike weapon.

These are the positive features of International Unions in Canada and no one quarrels with facts. What



we are interested in is how Lawson deals with these facts and ties them in to strengthen a very negative argument.

Fact No. 1: Influence of U. S. capital in Canada. Lawson lists a number of large companies in Canada that have head offices in other countries. This merely sows confusion because from the worker's point of view, his struggle is with local management and it is with



local management he must deal. Standard Oil, for instance, pays the wages that have been established in a given geographical area. Wages paid by Standard Oil in Vancouver have no relation to where the head office is located any more than has the wages paid by this same company to workers in more backward countries. Wages paid by any large company are based on the degree of successful struggle that has been carried out, in the area where the operation is located.

Lawson ignores the POLITICAL influence of U. S. capital in Canada completely as he also fails to point out the subservience of some International unions to the expansionist programme of U. S. capital and its interference in the political affairs of other countries.

Facts No. 2, 3 and 4 are self-evident and Lawson sums them up for the bosses' approval in the following manner: "I have heard it suggested from some of the employer associations that Canadian unions would be "more responsible" in the conduct of their affairs.

This is inconsistent with labour department statistics which show that the Canadian unions, although representing less than 30% of the organized work force were responsible for approximately 50% of the many lost as a result of work stoppages

"Some of these stoppages were the result of legitimate, necessary strikes but the majority were caused by a few Canadian unions largely composed of super-militants that seem to thrive on or are embroiled in a constant sea of controversy."

It is in this statement that Lawson sums up the meat of his argument and exposes the reasons why the Sun supports him. He also lays bare his own ignorance of labour history in Canada and his lack of knowledge of the developments now taking place. By appealing to the bosses in this way, Lawson illustrates the growing fact of his own isolation from the labour movement.

Under capitalism, the working class never has and never will, make significant gains without mili-

tant struggle. These are the facts of life and it is because of these facts that international unions are now established in Canada. Up until recent times, the bosses hated International unions for the reason that they were able and willing to give support and assistance to militant Canadian workers in a grass roots struggle for better wages and working conditions.

What Lawson fails to realize is that the seething discontent now erupting among the membership of some International Unions is more than a passing phase. It has its base in the failure of these unions to live up to the promises that were made and the fact that they have become instruments under the control of U. S. capitalism in its plan to oppress all workers including those of Canada.

Canadian unions are going to have their own independent trade union centre and this does not mean that all International unions will be driven out of Canada. The realities of life are such that Canadian workers can no longer struggle for significant gains without at the same time conducting a struggle for national independence. Leaders of some International unions realize this and Harry Bridges for one, has repeatedly urged Canadian longshoremen to fight for our independent Canadian centre. He has pledged his support to this end and has never ceased to stress the urgency.

## TIT FOR TAT AT SHELL OIL

Workers at Shell Oil Refinery in Burnaby are in the process of negotiating a new contract. Bargaining has reached the difficult stage and preparations for a strike are under way.

In its usual way, management seeks to divide the workers and is not above using any available tactic. With overtime pay for plant repairs being a continuous issue, the management sought to create division by hiring outside help at almost double the rate it was willing to pay its regular workers.

Mystery pickets appeared to disrupt the Company's plan and the regular shift employees along with the workers who were brought in from outside demonstrated their solidarity with the maintenance men by refusing to cross the picket line.

The Company responded with a letter to each employee in which disciplinary action leading to possible dismissal was threatened. This attempt to create division through intimidation gave rise to another demonstration of solidarity where seventeen wives of oil workers plus a few small children appeared in front of the plant gates with signs denouncing the Company's efforts to intimidate their husbands.

Management at Shell Oil subscribes to the tactic of appealing to the wives of working men and attempts at all times to present an image of fatherly concern for the welfare of the worker's family. Knowledge of this tactic prompted one worker to express concern when the women's demonstration was projected. "Suppose", he said, "that the company brass should invite our wives in for a cup of tea and treat them with dignity and respect. Wouldn't that give the company a chance to boost its image?"

This worker worried needlessly. Confronted with the demonstrating women, management forgot about face-saving and with customary arrogance, ordered them away from company property. Several of the women who were not entirely convinced that the father

The longshoremen's union is not opposed to militancy and for Lawson's information, neither is the Teamster's International. That part of the Teamsters' record which Lawson quotes does not include the record of struggles by the membership of this union in the deep south in civil rights struggles and in numerous other places where militancy meant and still means the very life of the union.

The Teamsters' union did not build up its present strength or earn the enmity of the U. S. government without reason and that reason was its ability to lead a militant struggle.

Lawson has indicated he is out of step and his defense of International unions is clearly an appeal to the boss, for what? Does he seek to follow the path of Rolly Gervin and cross to the other side of the bargaining table? With his abilities, he might do very well there. We venture to suggest he might be wise to seek this way out for we doubt that the Teamsters' membership - in B. C. or the International leadership either will support his ideas much longer.

By Jack Greenall



OIL WORKERS' WIVES

image was a complete fraud, had their eyes opened that morning. Said one of them later, "when my husband would say that the company was more concerned about its profits than it was for the worker, I never quite believed him. Now I understand what he was talking about".

By Jack Greenall



# N.D.P. CONVENTION

The convention of the B. C. section N. D. P. followed a predictable course - long on talk, short on action. Our last issue carried a forecast of the outcome, based on an analysis of documents and resolutions to be debated by the delegates. The forecast proved to be close to actual developments.

The party brass, desperately striving for an image of "respectability", leaned so far to the right as to draw editorial praise from the Vancouver Province, pro-fascist, semi-official organ of the U. S. state department. The Sun, (perhaps alarmed about a possible split in the liberal vote) chided the delegates for making like a convention of the liberal party.

In judging the gathering, there is one thing that can be said with absolute certainty: any similarity between the convention decisions and Socialism is purely accidental.

It was said that Tommy Douglas, in private conversation, expressed himself in terms that indicated he was less than overjoyed at the antics of the low-voltage leadership in B. C. He will not be lonely in the mourner's seat. A lot of B. C. workers are fed up with Strachan's circus.

An official report placed the membership at 6,000 but it seems that even this low figure is far off the truth. One of the union officials who was complaining to some delegates about criticism of trade union domination said: "they blame us for the membership being below 4,000." There is good reason to believe that the latter figure is the correct one.

The party M. L. A.'s found themselves the centre of controversy when Pat O'Neill challenged their support of Bennett's bank on the grounds that it would destroy confederation. O'Neill's stand probably stemmed from the incorrect position of the C. L. C. toward Quebec's right of self-determination and Jodoin's avowal to destroy the C. N. T. U. Whatever might be said in criticism of the M. L. A. support for the Sacred plan, we would certainly not agree to support the basis of opposition advanced by O'Neill.

During the weeks just prior to the convention opening, Canada joined the nuclear powers club with the arrival of the weapons in B. C. The delegates, however, seemed to have no time for discussion of this momentous issue, or to express support for China's proposal for a conference to discuss and arrange the total destruction and banning of all nuclear weapons. They did, however, find time to discuss and pass, by a narrow margin, China's testing of a nuclear bomb, on the grounds that it contaminated the atmosphere. (This question is dealt with, at length, elsewhere in this issue).

There was a bit of a furore over U. S. aggression in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic. But when it came to a question of action, valour took a beating, as the convention decided on discretion; a proposal to demonstrate at the U. S. Consulate was voted down and the delegates confined themselves to a request that the U. N. with its unblemished record in the service of imperialism, should intervene and send a "peacekeeping force" to Vietnam and Santo Domingo.

Most of the items before the convention were not dealt with and were passed on to the incoming committee for decision. We can rest assured, in view of the elected personnel, that if any drop of red, radical

blood has been accidentally left in this cadaver, the committee will squeeze it out.

One item which the bureaucracy found lots of time for was the question of expelling non-conformists from the party.

The world can seethe with wars and crises; membership strength can go into drastic decline; there may be a shortage of time for discussion of a programme to fit the needs of today; but one thing there is always time for: a high-level witch hunt. The brass must have its fun, hunting down radicals - real or fancied.

A number of youth who have been on the inquisition's rack for several years were finally handed their official documents of excommunication by the college of cardinals.

The young people have carried on a pretty stiff fight against the bureaucrats ever since their trial began and it was no doubt mainly due to their efforts that some 80 delegates stood firm in opposition to expulsions.

The same cannot be said of the League for Socialist Action which issued a confused and contradictory statement over the signature of Ruth Bullock. Inherent in this statement was a vital concession: that the party bureaucrats have the right to expel political parties. It is precisely this "right" which the brass appeals to when they expel groups and individuals and when they refuse the affiliation of some unions.

The party constitution, (largely inherited from the C. C. F.) provides for a federated organization to unite divergent groups that may have fundamental differences on a long-range perspective but who are prepared to join together and fight together on a programme of immediate needs. Each group is bound to support the programme agreed to, but also have the right to propagate their own independent views, providing they do not disrupt the established unity. In its early days as the C. C. F., such organizations as the Socialist Party of Canada were affiliates.

The N. D. P. leadership want federation so they can tap the union treasuries and call on the support of bureaucrat-controlled block votes. At the same time, they want to prevent any real and meaningful federation because any of several dynamic groups, left to work in comparative freedom, could drive them from power. What is needed is for the members in convention to clarify their organizational status: either as a federation, or as an individual membership party. We have never challenged the right of the membership to make that decision; we only say that they are called upon to make it. If and when this is done, there can be no further quarrels and each person will know what course they must follow in order to find their own area of activity in the labour movement.

The trouble with the L. S. A. is, they want to be "respectable" and acceptable to the party brass while they maintain a pretense of radicalism. Having conceded the right to expel political groups, they face a difficult problem, hence the contradictions.

The Communist Party leaders who promote exactly the same programme as the L. S. A. (that the social-democrats, in spite of the historical facts to the contrary, will build Socialism) solved the problem in the only way it can be solved - they renounced their past

and embraced social-democratic ideology.

Ruth Bullock first insists that the L. S. A. is not a political party and then goes on to inform the delegates that they have a membership and a political program (a copy of which, she adds, can be obtained for ten cents). Ruth seems to miss the point that where there is a dues-paying membership and a political programme, there you have a political party.

Having got herself into this mess, Ruth tries to extricate herself with the claim that, anyhow, the L. S. A. programme is not in contradiction to the N. D. P. She then turns around and plunges right back in. In the next paragraph, in a desperate attempt to salvage some tattered rags of radicalism, Ruth makes claim that she is in opposition to the N. D. P. programme where she damns it as a reformist document. The L. S. A. difficulty seems to be that of getting the brass to understand their willingness to carry the ball for them in radical circles but that, in order to be successful, they must be free to pretend they are radical opponents of the programme they support.

## WHAT NEXT?

The joining of the C. C. F. in unholy wedlock with the unions, which resulted in the birth of the New Democratic Party, has not lived up to the high hopes predicted by the marriage brokers who brought the union about. Had the plan involved thousands of rank-and-file workers in political activity, as it was claimed it would do, there might have been some reason for optimism and no doubt some gains could have been made.

The real outcome of this adventure in political matrimony was a pact of mutual support between the professional politicians (with a few honourable exceptions) and the trade union brass. The end result has been the exclusion from political activity of thousands of socialist-minded workers who have either dropped out because of the many frustrations encountered, or been expelled for supporting left-wing campaigns.

The party has been taken over by lawyers, doctors, professors, etc. who, in return for financial support from well-stocked union treasuries, work with and support the trade union bureaucrats. The radical-minded and politically-active workers are not likely to become enthused by a party that reserves seats of honour for the functionaries they are growing increasingly distrustful of at the same time it harrasses and expels their most trusted fellow workers.

The great victories forecast for the New Party have not materialized. The electoral position of the N. D. P. is worse than that enjoyed by the C. C. F.

Union membership in Canada, together with their immediate families of voting age, must number at least three million, yet the N. D. P. garners less than one million votes, at least half of which comes from non-union circles. This would seem to indicate a massive disinterest on the part of the working class, especially the organized section.

Unable to dragoon the workers into voting for them and unwilling to advocate the kind of radical programme that could gain support from the worst exploited sections of the working class and the poorer farmers, the dominant group in the party espouse a policy of liberal reforms that are realizable well within the framework of the capitalist system and that appeal to the reform-minded elements of the middle class and a favoured

section of the organized workers. What evolves from this mess is not a working-class party, but what amounts to a caucus of left liberals, hence the look of a second liberal party and the internal pressures for a liberal-N. D. P. merger as a means of obtaining a share of political power instead of being forever in opposition.

The B. C. convention has strengthened the hold of the forces that have led the party to its present dead-end location in the political life of the nation. Expulsions and defections are rapidly denuding the N. D. P. of the rank-and-file members who are responsible for any spark of life that still remains in it. We can expect a speed-up in the decline of the strength and influence of the movement and still more disastrous political defeats bringing increased pressures for merger.

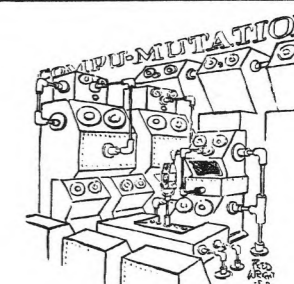
In view of the existing situation, many left-wing workers will be compelled to reassess the question of political action. They will have to ask themselves where they are going since the "political arm of labour" has adopted a programme that is not essentially different from that of the liberals and has dedicated itself to coming into conflict with the fundamental interests of the workers who must destroy that social order before they can advance.

A start on a new line of activity might be made by reviewing the political action committees in the union locals. This move, to be successful, would have to start with a repudiation of the policy that killed the initiative of these once powerful committees, that is, the unqualified support of the N. D. P. as labour's political voice.

These committees could work out an independent political programme for labour and begin to challenge the present social system. Instead of blanket approval of a single group, the committees could present all groups with the opportunity to present their views and contend for the worker's support.

Initial steps would, no doubt, be hesitant and some set-backs experienced in the formative period, but it would be a break with the status quo and provide a basis for unity of the left around a common programme which could mobilize large sections of the workers for independent political action.

It is vital that new avenues be opened to allow for the political awakening and advance of labour. The reformist-minded, bureaucrat-dominated N. D. P. will not make the changes necessary to turn it into a real party of the working class. Instead of wasting our time and energy on useless efforts to "win the N. D. P. for Socialism", we must turn toward a policy and programme designed to win the working class for Socialism.



"The entire staff is hereby discharged... this is a pre-recorded message".

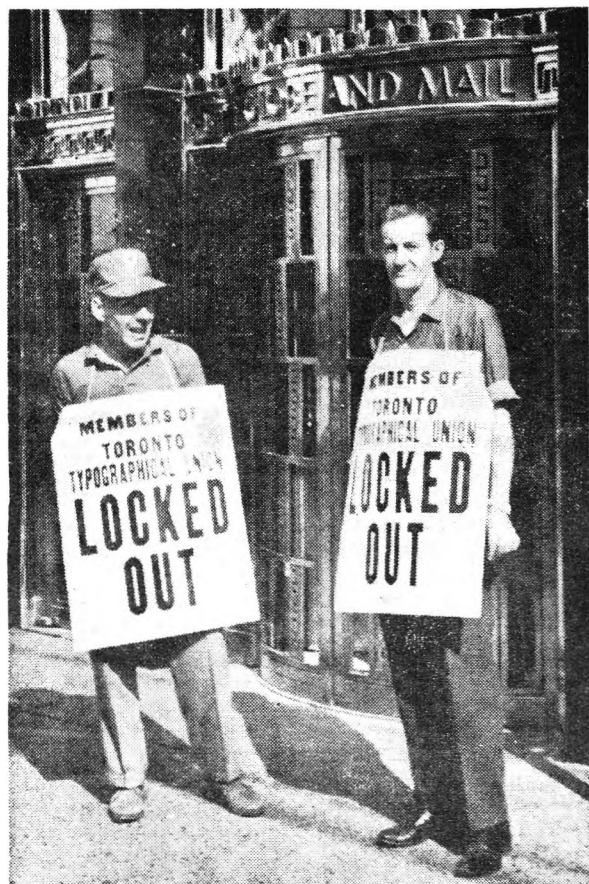


"Great machine, Fogburt... It raised production 100 percent while it increased accidents only 50 percent."



## TORONTO PRINTERS STRIKE

The strike being conducted against the three Toronto daily newspapers by the International Typographical Union is in danger of degenerating into the same type of fiasco as the strike at the Royal York Hotel in 1962. The parallels are there and only the most backward can fail to recognize the trend.



Two members of the International Typographers Union manning picketlines at the Globe and Mail

Outside of the Teamsters, who are not part of the "official" (C. L. C.) labour movement, there has been precious little militant leadership or support from the C. L. C., O. F. L. and the Toronto Labour Council.

Admittedly, there has been the usual horn-blowing by the labour brass concerning the nasty, nasty bosses and their refusal to negotiate in good faith with the striking workers but there has been no significant leadership or calls for united working-class action to stop the dailies from publishing.

When the proposal for mass pickets or mass demonstrations are advanced by some of the more militant rank-and-filers, the labour 'fakers' are a sight to see. Their eyeballs roll, their faces twitch, they stammer and stutter, their hands shake and no doubt their fat bellies churn with fear. After getting over the initial shock that some worker should suggest more militant action, they, the 'leaders' go back to the same old swan song, "we got to get the companies to negotiate". After all, according to the brass, we are living in a period of management labour co-operation.

This attitude upsets the workers on the picket lines and leads to their demoralization. But even with all the mis-leadership and the demoralization that has set

in, the printers are far from defeated. Even at this late date in the strike, if proper leadership was forthcoming, the workers would go to great length and sacrifices to beat the capitalist dailies.

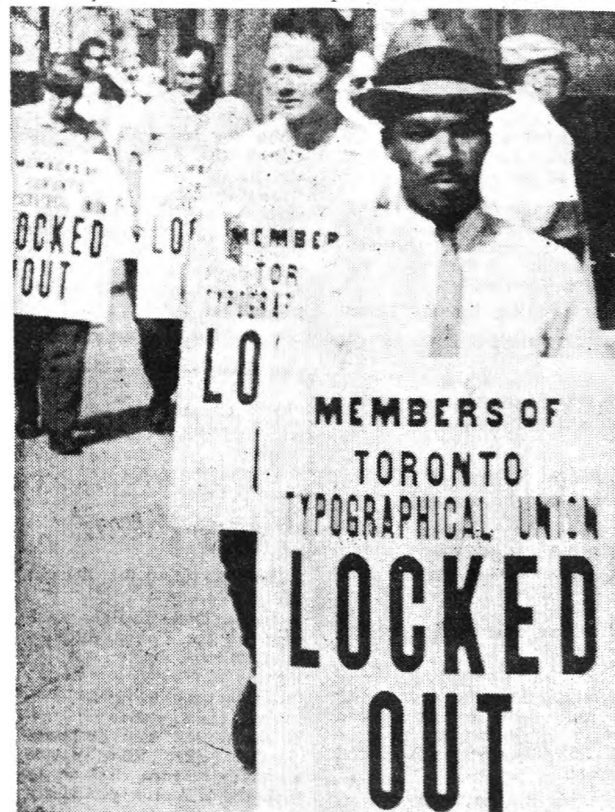
It appears that if the strike is going to be won or salvaged to some degree, the leadership will have to come from the most militant section of the union, the rank-and-file. Of course, victory or defeat will depend upon the support the militants will get from their brothers in the union.

The best tactics to use in any strike situation depends upon the workers coming up with the correct answers themselves in that particular industry or profession that is on strike but by studying the history of other union struggles, valuable lessons can be learned.

A number of strikes have been won by workers appealing directly to other workers on the job, this can be done by handing out leaflets on the job site where the real allies are to be found, or there can be an appeal to all organizations of the working class to come down and help to picket en masse.

There are a host of avenues that can be pursued once the striking workers take the bit and show they are desirous of carrying the strike to its logical end, Victory!

Will this happen with the printers in Toronto? Only the strikers themselves have the answer to this question, but this we do know, the strikers have many allies they have not called upon and how these forces



Hugh Daley, hand compositor, leads fellow workers on the picket line outside the Globe and Mail. Hugh is one of hundreds of men who are being denied any share of the benefits of automation.

can best be utilized to win the strike depends upon the leadership of the printers, for it is their strike and the call must come from them.

By J. H. - Toronto

## SOUTH VIETNAMESE FIGHT BACK

(This letter was written by a woman guerrilla in South Vietnam to her brother, one of the many resistance fighters who regrouped and went to the north following the signing of the Geneva agreements in 1954. It is taken from the book, "Letters From South Vietnam", published in Hanoi). Thu Dau Mot Village

My Dear B.,

Our village has been liberated! Father, Mother and all of us have joined the National Liberation Front, to carry on the struggle against the U. S. - puppet clique and bring nearer the reunification of our country.

The land the Revolution gave us was grabbed away by the enemy the moment our troops went to regroup in the north. It has now been handed back to the people. Poor peasant households like ours received much more than we ever had before. Everybody went wild with joy on the day land was redistributed.

In spite of raids and bombing by the enemy, the people here have enough for their needs and for the Liberation troops. Of the villagers, young M. is the only one still in the puppet army; his family keeps trying to persuade him to come home but so far he has not had a chance to get away.

Nearly all the young men in our village have gone to join the Liberation Army and those who have stayed are members of the guerrilla unit. The older people join in the work of building up "fighting villages".

You remember how, in the Resistance (against the French - editors), we had only a few shelters and secret dug-outs. Now there are communication and shelter trenches everywhere. The hamlets have solid fences to protect them and so many spiked traps that, to get about safely, you need the help of a local guide. The enemy troops find themselves caught in a maze and are always falling into our pit traps.

Aunt Bay is a great fighter, considering how old she is. When the enemy troops come, she stays at home and watches their movements. When she gets the chance, she puts down a few more spiked boards in their path. Once, they caught her doing it. They threatened to shoot her, but she told them indignantly, "I am taking away the spiked boards the guerrillas put here last night. You should be grateful instead of threatening me. Do you want to go back home with broken legs?" Then she showed them another pit trap. Scared stiff, they asked her, "Are there many of these around?" She said there must be a lot, as she had seen a great number of guerrillas digging the previous night. The puppet troops thanked her and beat a hasty retreat.

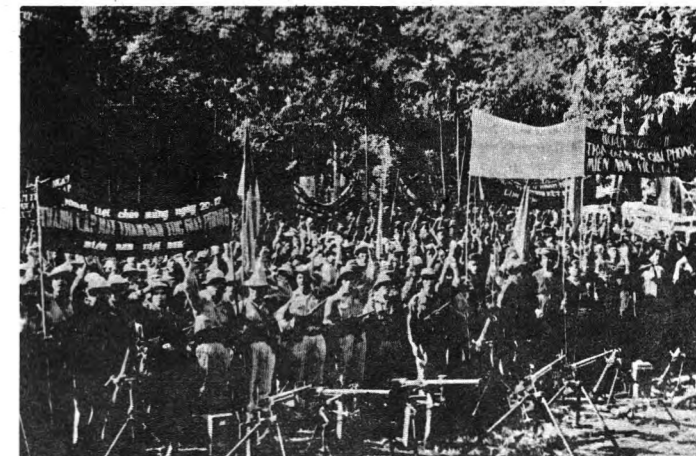
The guerrillas open fire on the enemy troops with home-made shotguns and as they run for cover, they fall into these traps. I once saw an American "adviser" being carried away, wounded by our spikes.

We often organize demonstrations and some of them have been very successful. During one of them several soldiers of the puppet army left their post and came home with us, bringing their carbines.

The wife of one of the puppet soldiers was shot dead during a demonstration. We carried her body to the enemy district office and then to the provincial office. The special police tried to stop us. Some of the enemy soldiers threatened to shoot the police if they continued to obstruct us. We talked to the soldiers and many of them were moved to tears and joined us when we went home. They said, "Our wives and

children at home have to submit to this kind of savagery. It's time we stop serving the enemy."

Early last May, they launched a big "mopping-up" operation against the northern part of our district. An enemy column, headed by amphibious tanks ran up against our men at Bo Trang.



The growing people's liberation army in South Vietnam.

We knocked out the first tank. Two others had to turn off onto the paddy fields, where one got bogged down. A dozen helicopters came and hovered over it, and the guerrillas shot one down. Enemy troops stood by to protect the tank, but that night our men attacked and wiped out nearly a hundred of them.

Another enemy column came and moved about outside our lines. They seemed to be scared of our women's unit. Our guerrillas and army men killed about 300 of those enemy soldiers.

While the enemy were attacking, our troops went down Highway 15 and wiped out the Cau Dinh post. Do you remember that post, and how our Battalion destroyed it twice during the Resistance? This time, we knocked out the Tan Dinh "strategic hamlet" as well as the post and captured all the weapons.

Later our armed units raided Dau Tieng "strategic hamlet", captured 13 enemy soldiers, many weapons and a radio transmitter.

There are many experienced women guerrillas in our village now. I work in the peasant union and as a leader of a guerrilla platoon.

When you left home, Mother planted a durian tree for you in the old garden. It has begun to bear fruit. Mother has only two wishes - to meet Uncle Ho (President Ho Chi Minh - editor) and to see you again. Do your best in your studies and work to help the reunification of our country.

Your sister, T.



# NUCLEAR TESTING-AND NUCLEAR ARMS

## MUDDIED WATERS!

Communist Party members who hold posts on the executive of the Vancouver Labour Council, seeking to promote the anti-China programme of the Party leaders, co-operated with right-wing labour officials in recommending a resolution protesting the second testing of a nuclear device by China. This particular question is one which is favoured by the leadership for scare-mongering and appeals to base prejudice.

The particular moment chosen for the introduction of this resolution was a singularly un-propitious one.

Just a few score miles removed from the spot where the anti-China resolution was debated, Canada marked her entry into membership in the nuclear powers club with the installation of U. S.-owned and controlled atomic weapons. The C. P. members and their right-wing associates in the Council, busy with their hate-China line, had no time for even a whisper of protest against this abuse of Canada's sovereignty and flagrant disregard of the expressed wishes of the majority of our people to remain a non-nuclear power.

Canadian government: unqualified support for U. S. aggression in Asia makes even more incongruous the Council's expressed opposition to China's efforts to make more effective her capacity for defence against that aggression. Labour Council delegates would be rendering more effective service to the workers by mounting a more aggressive campaign to force the Pearson government to reverse its policy of assisting U. S. imperialists in opposing the liberation struggle in Asia and other parts of the world.

## THE NUCLEAR DANGER!

The special appeal of the promoters of the so-called test-ban treaty is based on their claims of the great threat to health involved in nuclear testing. Since Khrushchev's capitulation to U. S. pressure and his acceptance of the Eisenhower plan for a partial test-ban, the C. P. leaders have gone all-out to prove that this hazard to health is the paramount threat inherent in the existence of nuclear weapons.

No one denies that there are certain risks to health in the testing of nuclear weapons. We must remind the C. P. leaders that there are other enormous and avoidable health hazards in addition to that involved in pollution of the atmosphere as a result of nuclear tests.

There are such things as the pollution of our water supply and the air by industrial wastes and chemicals. The wide-spread use of pesticides in America constitute a menace to health with far-ranging consequences. The fishing grounds off Iceland, for example, are known to be extensively infected by chemicals and pesticides originating in the U. S. A reading of Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" will give anyone a graphic picture of this largely unexplored threat to life and health.

Is it not natural to conclude that, if the C. P. leaders were really concerned with hazards to health, they would campaign on the whole broad field instead of restricting themselves to atmospheric pollution arising from nuclear tests? The fact is, these people are not concerned with the hazards to health. The plan is to play on the justified fears of the people in an unprincipled campaign to have their scheme for monopoly control of nuclear weapons accepted without question or reasoning.

The real and vital danger arising from the fact of the existence of nuclear arms is not atmospheric pollu-

tion but the ever-present threat of their use in a war started by aggressive imperialism. The real danger is in the gigantic and growing stockpiles of weapons in the hands of imperialist gangsters and the very real possibility of them being used in aggressive imperialist war.

It is the existence of this threat and the undoubted devastating consequences of such a development that caused the Communists to decide that nothing, no trips up blind alleys should be allowed to detract from the all-important fight to secure the total destruction and banning of nuclear weapons. The achievement of this objective would, of course, also solve the problem of air pollution from testing.

The leaders of the C. P. S. U., prior to abandoning Socialist principles in favour of reaching an "understanding" with imperialists, vigorously rejected the U. S. spawned treaty. Here is what Khrushchev said of this document in 1961:

"Having worked out a programme for producing new nuclear weapon types, which required a series of underground tests, the U. S. A. would not agree at this conference to banning all nuclear explosions, but only to stopping tests in the atmosphere. Thereby, it sought to make the Soviet Union sanction with its own signature the execution of the United States' present programme of further nuclear weapons development.

"While the Geneva negotiations went on, they did not discontinue but intensified their armament build-up, stockpiling immense quantities of nuclear, chemical and bacteriological weapons. Under these conditions, without a treaty of general and complete disarmament an agreement on stoppage of atomic weapons tests would have done the cause of peace an ill-service. It would only have bred a false illusion of security. People would have thought the danger of war was lessening; whereas such an agreement would not in the least have checked the stockpiling of nuclear weapons and certainly would not have prevented their being used in the war the imperialist powers threaten". (Letter to Kaoru Yasui, Chairman of the Japan Council against A and H bombs).

This remained the announced position of the Soviet Union until Khrushchev capitulated to U. S. pressure, accepted Eisenhower's grand design for nuclear monopoly and tore up the treaties with the People's Republic of China.

Canadian C. P. leaders, obedient to the demands of the C. P. S. U. abandoned the fight for destruction of nuclear weapons, concentrated on enforcing the U. S.-U. S. S. R. agreement on monopoly control and joined with the imperialists in slandering China who had maintained a correct stand on the question of nuclear arms.

Our warnings against chasing after will-o'-the-wisps have proven all too correct.

Tests have not ceased. The U. S. alone has conducted 46 tests since the treaty was signed.

The imperialists continue to enlarge their stockpile of nuclear weapons and threaten the peoples with their use in war.

A feeling of false security has been bred amongst the people.

Instead of leading a campaign for the destruction of nuclear weapons, the C. P. leaders concentrate their time and energy in trying to force China to accept the U. S.-U. S. S. R. monopoly control. In pursuit of this objective, they slander People's China with the accusation of being aggressive. In this way, they provide a cloak of respectability for the U. S. gangsters and do a signal service for the imperialists.

## WHO THREATENS?

Until now there have been only two real nuclear powers in the world - the U. S. and the U. S. S. R. From whence, then, have the nuclear threats been emanating during the years that China possessed no nuclear arms!

China has been denied her rightful place in the U. N. and her seat given to a U. S. puppet.

Taiwan, a part of Chinese territory, has been turned into an armed camp equipped with nuclear arms aimed at China.

The U. S. has alienated 60% of the land on Okinawa to military use and turned it into a nuclear base.

Japan, with the connivance of the ruling class and over the opposition of the mass of the people, has become an anti-China base under control of the U. S. militarists.

U. S. nuclear-armed ships and planes roam the seas and air space adjacent to China and intrude on the sovereign territory of China.

We are advised to accept the proposition that this threatened nation, which embraces about one-fourth of the world's people, should not be allowed to take the necessary steps to enlarge her capacity for defense against aggressive imperialism with its nuclear blackmail.

## ON PROLIFERATION!

The advocates of the so-called test-ban treaty express great anxiety about the possibility of additional nations acquiring nuclear weapons. It seems that exactly two nations is just the right number to possess nuclear arms.

We have yet to hear any convincing arguments as to why this magic number two is just right. The advocates of the number two school studiously avoid any reference to the fact that one of the two is the most aggressive imperialist power in the world and that their policy means defending the "right" of that power to possess these weapons while they attack People's China for daring to perfect nuclear devices for the defence of Socialism.

We are of the opinion that nuclear weapons in the possession of just ONE imperialist state is too much to stand for.

In any event, the monopoly treaty is unworkable. So long as nuclear weapons exist, every nation will

strive to possess them. And indeed, so long as these weapons are allowed to exist, every nation has a right to possess them.

As in the case of atmospheric pollution, so it is in the case of proliferation; the only way to stop it is by total banning and destruction.

## CHINA'S CONSISTENT POSITION!

China's clearly enunciated policy on nuclear weapons has not changed and is one which has received and still receives the full support of the Progressive Workers Movement.

Spokesmen for the People's Republic of China have stated: "Under no circumstances and at no time shall we be the first to use nuclear weapons". No other power has yet given such a definite undertaking to the peoples of the world.

China has proposed: "A conference of leaders of the world should be convened to discuss the problem how to prohibit totally and destroy completely all nuclear weapons and agree, as a first step, that no nuclear weapons be used".

This is the only correct and realistic policy to pursue. Only by enforcing this programme can we rid ourselves of the threat of nuclear war.

The stronger China becomes politically, economically and militarily, the more effect she will be in the fight for the abolition of nuclear arms.

When China tests a nuclear device, she is strengthening the fight for peace and the abolition of nuclear arms. The idea of a nuclear monopoly is also, by this act, shown to be a fallacy, and the fight for destruction and banning once more occupies its rightful place - the centre of the stage.

Instead of passing resolutions of protest, we should greet China's great achievement as a strong blow in the cause of world peace and for Socialism.





# LATIN AMERICA

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Prior to the arrival of the U. S. Marines in Santo Domingo, there were virtually no casualties and the military dictatorship over the island nation had virtually collapsed. Within hours of the arrival of the



U. S. Marines in Santo Domingo.

marines, there were more than 2,000 casualties - about 1,000 dead and the militarists, with U. S. assistance, were riveting the shackles back on the people.

Johnson, "explaining" the intervention to the nation, made the clearest declaration of his position that we have heard to date, when he said:

"The American nations cannot, must not and will not permit the establishment of another Communist government in the Western Hemisphere".

So Johnson openly declares himself Hitler's heir, and takes up the mission that led to the destruction of Germany and the devastation of all Europe.

## O. A. S.

The technical two-thirds majority that the U. S. obtained in the O. A. S. in favour of intervention in the Dominican Republic was a pyrrhic victory indeed.

Church and State against the people.



MEETING in Santo Domingo. O.A.S.'s Dr. José Mora, left, and U.S. special envoy John B. Martin, right, talk with Msgr. Emmanuel Clarizio, Papal Nuncio to Dominican Republic.

The bare two-thirds was obtained only by depriving Cuba of a vote, giving a vote to the already defeated Dominican junta and, most ridiculous note of all, appropriating to themselves a vote to cast in favour of their own intervention.

In spite of the manufactured majority, a number of leading nations in Latin America have declared they will have no part in the intervention.

## UNITED NATIONS

The security council covered itself with its own particular brand of glory when it refused to name the U. S. as the aggressor. The U. N. has maintained intact its unblemished record in the service of imperialism.

## POLICE FORCE

The already dim hopes of the U. S. for assistance from a force provided by the O. A. S. are daily slipping further into oblivion.

Five leading nations stated from the outset they would have no part of intervention. Most of the remaining nations are faced with an increasing tempo of opposition from their own people.

Bolivia, with thousands of armed workers locked in combat with the military, is on the verge of full-scale civil war.

There is an intensification of guerilla activity in Venezuela and Guatemala.

Brazil, Argentina and Peru have had great mass demonstrations in opposition to intervention and all appear to be heading into serious economic and political crises.

Militant opposition to U. S. imperialist plans is the story in all of the Latin-American countries. The U. S. plot against the people will come to naught.

## CANADA'S STAKE

Johnson's doctrine for the Americas obviously applies to Canada as well as to Latin America. In the event we should elect a government that proved unsatisfactory to the U. S. monopolists, we would find ourselves playing unwilling hosts to a bunch of uninvited U. S. marines. In view of the U. S. reaction to the Diefenbaker-Green-Hamilton Tories, several years ago, it would appear to be a comparatively simple matter to elect an unsatisfactory government.

The general trend of events in the Hemisphere, the increasing aggressiveness of U. S. imperialism, the rapid unfolding of U. S. tactics and the general attitude of subservience of the Pearson government, all combined, make the joint U. S.-Canada anti-guerilla exercises of a few weeks ago appear vastly more significant than they appeared at the time.

It should be more obvious than ever before that our first line of defense against U. S. imperialism is in Vietnam and Santo Domingo. We need to step up the tempo of our solidarity actions.



# AN ASTONISHING INTERVIEW

An astonishing interview was recently held with one Mr. Harman Khan, novelist, adviser to the U. S. government on questions of defense and atomic strategy. Besides making the absurd statement that; "roughly one to two hundred thousand combat troops" could



HERMAN KAHN

probably occupy all of Vietnam - north and south, (a task that proved impossible to 450,000 crack French troops). He also predicts that nuclear weapons are likely to be used.

"So you use two nuclear weapons - the Russians would blow up two bridges also. And then they would say: 'let us talk about it.' Both sides would likely be petrified and stop right there. The first use of nuclear weapons would be very successful. It is likely to be tried a second time; the third would be when the roof blows off."

Khan seems to place great hope in the Washington-Moscow "hot line" telephone. He says: "You think twice about pressing buttons, you stay cool. McNamara

says that, if we pushed a lot of buttons, there would be 150 million U. S. dead that morning.

"If we hit Moscow, Brezhnev takes Philadelphia or some other center. One can imagine cities being traded and then the thing stopping without further escalation, not that everybody isn't mad about the millions killed. I would normally never hit Moscow or Leningrad until very late in the war. They are my two most important assets. You use them, let's say, to protect New York, Chicago, etc. The criteria is no longer killing Russians but limiting damage and saving American lives. People literally don't believe that war can happen; they're too complacent".

It is apes like Khan who usually do Johnson's talking when unpopular tactics are being considered. This is in order to preserve the kindly, hand-shaking, cattle-baron image which the president tries to project to the public at large. About the only one fooled by this phoney masquerade is the president himself.

The key to the new strategy is Johnson's almost religious belief that the Moscow revisionists will play his weird bridge-for-bridge, City-for-City, kind of nuclear game according to "hot line" rulers and call it off when the world has been reduced to a few rat-infested sanctuaries. But capitalism, revisionism and dictatorship are fast being overthrown and destroyed by the peoples of the world. The next few years will see the end of exploitation of man by man.

Only the working people can change the course of events. We must unite to stop these nuts before they go too far. We must use any means necessary to destroy world reaction and put revolutionary leaders in all the important positions. Our very existence is being threatened by the mad dogs of imperialism. We must clean up our own area and extend mutual assistance to others fighting for peace and liberty.

By Jack Maley

# INDONESIA

When a colonial nation has carried through a political revolution, it has by no means ended its work. This political upheaval has merely put the state in the hands of the revolutionary people to be used as a weapon to extend the revolution into all areas of the nation's life - particularly to control the economy. If the economy is left in the hands of the enemy for any great length of time, he will find new strength and may well succeed in administering a set-back to the progress of the revolution.

Indonesia has been engaged in a protracted revolutionary struggle. The great strength and enthusiasm of the people has been mobilized and united under the leadership of their revolutionary government. The imperialists and reactionaries have been routed. It is true that Indonesia is being harrassed along her borders by colonialists and their puppets who seek to weaken the revolutionary will of the Indonesian people and strengthen the internal reactionaries who seek to halt the further advance of the revolution. The army and people of Indonesia have readily demonstrated their ability to defend their land and repel the aggressors.

Workers, peasants, students and intellectuals in Indonesia, formerly supported by their Revolutionary Government and armed forces have recently made great advances in taking control of large-scale enterprises that had been held by the colonialists. The imperialists are infuriated but are completely impotent before the

revolutionary determination of the people who have decided to rely mainly on their own efforts and resources in building a great Indonesia.



demonstrations against Malaysia

We rejoice in the great victories of the Indonesian people. Our joy is not only because life can become easier for the people; but also because their advance has been of immeasurable help to the struggle for freedom everywhere. The imperialists who were, under the guise of "containing Communism", going to hold the line against the liberation struggle in Southeast Asia, now find themselves outflanked with the revolutionary people of Indonesia striking at their rear.

Our greetings go out to Indonesia and we await with interest further news of new victories.



# ANTI GUERRILLA EXERCISES

At mid-May, several members of Youth Against War and Fascism went to Coquitlam to picket joint anti-guerrilla training exercises being held in British Columbia with the participation of U. S. Marines and Canadian infantrymen. Even though Canada is not in the O. A. S., it is quite apparent that the "blessings" of the Monroe Doctrine and Johnson's militant anti-communism are to be extended to cover Canadian territory.



U. S. Marines and local troops on joint exercises in the Canal Zone.....



.....and in British Columbia.



The real thing in Santo Domingo.

Joint anti-guerrilla training - being carried out in all Latin-American nations except Cuba - is designed to serve but one purpose: to prepare U. S. Marines and pliant puppet troops to work together in blocking any movement of the people toward progressive action. We are not only on the U. S. list for "protection against Communism", it seems we are not lacking for political and military puppets who are willing to conspire with the U. S. imperialists against the common people of this nation. We have been graduated into

the ranks of the "banana republics".

A good indication of what the U. S. strategists consider to be a "communist menace" can be seen in their hysterical reaction to the Diefenbaker-Green-Hamilton wing of the Tory party. When this group attempted to make political capital out of the question of Canadian independence and opposition to nuclear weapons on Canadian soil, the U. S. indulged in the most flagrant interference in our internal affairs and openly touted Pearson as their "man in Ottawa".

The intervening years have witnessed an increase in the crisis of world capitalism and in further advances for the people's movements. This situation has resulted in an increase of hysteria in U. S. political-military-business circles. The presence of a Tommy Douglas, Social-Democratic majority in Ottawa would be looked upon as the consummation of a "Castro-type" revolution. It is not inconceivable that a Diefenbaker majority, elected on a relatively mild and narrow program of Canadian independence would be declared pro-communist and a menace to American security. The U. S. could be expected to send in the marines to maintain their liberal party friends in power, receiving support from the "jointly-trained" Canadian troops. Is this, in fact, what Pearson has in mind when he consents to joint anti-guerrilla training?

Our local groups that become so excited about China's acquisition of the atomic bomb might better concern themselves with their own entry to the nuclear power group via the back door and the now unassailable evidence of the existence of forces in high places who are prepared to subvert and betray the nation to U. S. imperialist interests.

## A STUDY IN HYPOCRISY!

Over a period of years, Canada has sold large quantities of uranium to both the U. S. and Britain. This profitable traffic in the material for making nuclear weapons was carried on during the eleven years that witnessed 337 U. S. nuclear tests. The self-proclaimed humanitarians and peacemakers in Ottawa were never known to have shown any qualms about providing U. S. imperialism with the material to befoul the atmosphere and stockpile weapons for the destruction of the world.

Recently, Uncle Sam decided he had a sufficient supply of uranium to fill his needs and cancelled all contracts with Canada. Profits disappeared and communities that depended on uranium production for their existence became ghost towns. Canada began to look elsewhere for markets.

France expressed interest in a long-term contract for uranium to use in generation of electric power. But France is also in the process of acquiring nuclear arms and Canada demanded the right of inspection to ensure that no Canadian uranium would be used in making arms. The fact that the availability of Canadian uranium might release supplies from other sources to be used for military purposes did not appear to disturb Canadian policy makers.

On France's complaint of discrimination, Canadian spokesmen said they would put the U. S. on an "equal" footing. Our bravuras in Ottawa are going to inspect the now non-existent purchases from the U. S.; when that country has already acquired all the supplies she needs and has unilaterally cancelled contracts.

What a study in hypocrisy!

# TOO LAZY TO WORK?

You often hear it said that the reason there are so many persons unemployed is that people, especially young people, are too lazy to go out and look for work. Is it true? NO! It's just another lie which has been fabricated and spread by the capitalist class. This class, because they own the means of production, (factories, education facilities, tools, etc.) and control the money and economy, also controls the lives of the people.

Now Marxists, being scientists, know that there is a cause for everything that happens and a reason for everything we say or do; the cause or reason being found by studying the material, or factual conditions and circumstances involved.

So, what are the facts which contributed to the birth and spreading of lies such as this one?

In the first place, because the capitalist economy is based on private profit and the needs of the people are not even considered, a situation is repeatedly brought about in which there is an over-abundance of production. This, plus the fact that they are able to produce the product cheaper by automating, motivates the bosses to replace men with machines. Counting jobs which are coming into existence with the existing ones being lost by machines, the total, at present, amounts to about 4,000 jobs per week that the employers are taking away from the workers for the sake of making BIGGER profits. And if you will check the financial pages of the daily press, you will soon see that they are making bigger profits every year. But what about the working people? Are we sharing in the profits?

Secondly, young people aren't becoming lazy. But I think it is true to say that a lot of young people are becoming apathetic and irresponsible toward life in general. Still, they are a minority and the cause is the social conditions they are engulfed in. One of these

## HELLO!

It was estimated that an operator, in the days of the manually operated telephone, could make 4,800,000 connections in a lifetime.

Electronic switching, now in use in the U. S. A., to be introduced in Canada by 1967, will make the same 4,800,000 connections in 12 seconds. This is 33,000,000 times faster than the manual switching which returned the telephone companies a handsome profit for many years.

Telephones and newspapers are entering the age of automation with a phenomenal rush - and catching the workers largely unprepared.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Please send me a subscription to the Progressive Worker for one year. Also, if possible, I would like two copies of each issue for distribution.

I learned of your publication from some kids I met at the March on Washington last month protesting the war in Vietnam. They described it as one of the "best Socialist publications".

I will be looking forward to receiving it.

R. M., Richmond, Va., U.S.A.

Social conditions being the lack of jobs which thousands of young people coming out of school are faced with. Especially the ones with less than high school graduation. Because there are no jobs and no one, including mom and dad, has any solution to their problems, the effect on these young people is frustration and confusion which leads to irresponsibility. No one seems to understand or even wants to understand their problems so they are left to fight the world alone. The pressures that build up are released in antagonism toward the society (drinking, fighting, theft, hooliganism, etc.) After all, how else can a person react in an environment where we are an island to ourselves, where the law of the jungle prevails.

Another fact which contributes to apathy and irresponsibility is that our government agencies, which are actually tools of the ruling class, do not help us by putting out educational material and information as to our rights by law. Instead they just keep on passing the buck, putting the onus on the individual. One of our rights by law which very few people I've talked to have known of is:

A person collecting unemployment insurance is entitled to the difference from the Welfare Department between a amount of compensation due if that person were on welfare instead.

This is one example. There are many more.

As was said earlier, there is a cause for everything. When the cause is found, steps can be taken to advance a solution. What's the solution? In the final analysis, the only solution is the replacement of capitalism with Socialism. But, before we move to correct something, we have to be convinced of the cause. Is the cause Capitalism? Why not find out?

By Rolly Lindgren

## GEMS OF WISDOM

"It is clearly in the interests of the working people of the two nations that the highest degree of unity possible be established. Therefore, it would be folly not to recognize that there is very grave danger of rupture of that unity because the French-Canadian nation is becoming conscious of the fact that it has been exploited and denied the right to self-determination!" (Sam Walsh - reporting to the National Committee of the C. P. on French Canada. Viewpoint Vol. 2, #2, Page 11).

According to the fuzzy thinking of the C. P. leaders, it is not the FACT of exploitation, but the CONSCIOUSNESS of exploitation that threatens to rupture Canadian unity. If only those French-Canadians were not so smart as to recognize national oppression when they see it, everything would be alright.

### Ed. Note:

We have received many letters, but due to the lack of space we are only able to print a small number of them. We call upon our readers to continue to write and voice their criticisms of our paper and our policy.

A. J. B. says Stardust gift  
Will give the Press a Mighty Lift.  
All our Thanks.



## "REASONABLE MEN"?

The U. S. is continuing and stepping up its criminal aggression against the peoples of Southeast Asia and particularly against the people of Vietnam.

Gangsters from the home of the brave are inflicting numerous atrocities on peaceful peasants. Arbitrary arrests are being made and the victims subjected to brutal beatings and tortures. Napalm, poi-



A young woman and her daughters killed during the March 15 U.S. raid on the D.R.V.

Johnson said: "American targets in the North are concrete and steel and not human life".

son gas and death-dealing chemicals are being rained on the heads of peaceful villagers. Homes, schools and hospitals are being destroyed; women, children and the aged being killed in indiscriminate bombing raids.

The imperialist U. S. government, (run by the "Liberal Doves" so beloved by certain pseudo radicals) are still demanding the unconditional submission of the Vietnamese to U. S. military rule as the price for an end to mass atrocities and murders.

Adlai Stevenson, the great American liberal, insulted the intelligence of Canadians when he used a convocation at the University of Toronto as a tribune from which to chide critics and opponents of U. S. policy and to lecture them on the point that support of military dictatorships and massive doses of torture, murder and rape, (particularly in Vietnam and Santo Domingo) is all in the interests of peace, freedom and the dignity of man.

Those who still promote the idea of working together with some imaginary group of 'sane and sensible' U. S. imperialists for the common good of humanity need only take a look at Stevenson, the dean of American liberals, to realize how futile are their dreams.

The policy of the U. S. ruling class is in no way different than that of any other exploiters. That policy is based on violence against the people, conquest of peaceful nations and the maintenance and expansion of colonial rule in opposition to the forces striving for national liberation and Socialism. It makes no essential difference whether it is a Johnson or a Goldwater who occupies the seat of executive authority; so long as the system of exploitation of man by man remains the ruling class policy of violent suppression of the people will be carried out by whoever occupies the position of authority. Johnson, who was touted as a liberal by the Pacific Tribune and other journals that make a pretense of radicalism, has donned the

mantle of Hitler, placed himself astride the avenues of social advance and proclaimed that all efforts for social progress will be resisted by the armed might of U. S. imperialism.

The avowed policy of the American imperialists - to resist with violence all efforts at social progress - places the question of fundamental methods of struggle well beyond the realm of debate. If a people desire to free themselves from the domination of the U. S. monopolists and their puppets, it is clearly evident that they will have to take up arms in preparation for the certain onslaught of U. S. violence. Santo Domingo was the final requiem for the fallacy of peaceful advance.

The struggle against imperialist reaction is broadening and deepening. Even in the U. S. itself, the opposition to imperialist violence and aggression is reaching new heights, both in numbers and in militancy. It was around the demand for an end to U. S. aggression in Vietnam that tens of thousands massed in Washington, in the largest U. S. demonstration in years. This growing struggle against the imperialist war is beginning to show some indications of merging with the dynamic struggle of the American Negroes.

In Vietnam, great victories are being won over the aggressors. Several hundreds of planes have been shot down and additional hundreds have been damaged. Thousands of U. S. mercenaries and puppets have been put out of action. The South Vietnam Liberation front is expanding its area of control and now occupies at least 80% of the territory. The defeated and discredited puppets in Saigon, even with massive U. S. financial and military support are unable to produce a stable regime to rule over the tiny fraction of South Vietnam which they claim control over.

The occasional boasts of U. S. successes are quickly given the lie by events and in stories that leak into the press.

One example of this is when the U. S. propaganda agency handed out a story that enough rice was being grown locally to supply the needs of the occupied area and leave some over for export. About one week later, the business pages of U. S. journals reported the export of large stocks of U. S. grown rice to South Vietnam.

Another exploded fable is the one about great military successes against the Liberation Army and in the rallying of thousands of puppet troops for armed service. If this tale were true, the forces now in action would be more than adequate to secure the intended objectives. But we read every day of the landing of additional thousands of U. S. troops in South Vietnam; a clear indication that all is not well with the aggressor. We come across frequent reports of planes destroyed and buildings wrecked in the very heart of the occupied territory. Even the sacrosanct U. S. embassy is not immune from attack. The dispatch of thousands of additional troops is evidence of a desperate effort to turn the tide of defeat.

Growing numbers of people in Africa, Asia and Latin America are resorting to armed struggle to oppose the imperialist marauders - and they are winning decisive victories. The rising resentment against blatant U. S. aggression is causing thousands of young people, in many countries around the world, to volunteer to go to Vietnam to lend assistance to the people and drive the aggressor off the land. U. S. aggression will certainly be defeated - the people will win.

## A BETTER WORLD'S IN BIRTH

In Canada today, the working class is dominated by the Capitalist class. Using their agents, the police, the courts, the politicians and the armed forces; the rich, the monopolists and international financiers convert our country's natural resources and the productive capacity of the working class to their own narrow selfish interests. This system of economics and government, is based on the rule of exploitation of man by man. It is called Capitalism.

Socialism is the opposite of Capitalism. Under Socialism, all power will be in the hands of the working class. We, the workers, will be the government, the police, the courts and the armed forces - we will control our nation's natural resources, the factories, and the banks and foreign trade. A new way of life will be born; a way of life that will forever end the system of exploitation of man by man.

In this issue of Progressive Worker, we will show what Capitalism has to offer the workers and what the alternative will be under Socialism.

### CAPITALISM

Under capitalism today, it is a crime to grow old. Elderly people are the forgotten people in our present society. Too old to work for the boss, but too young to die, they are given a miserable pension of \$75.00 and sent on their way to fight for a meagre existence.

Just stop and think of what an elderly person must do with this pension. Food, rent, clothing and medical expenses which usually accompany old age. There is little left for a pack of cigarettes, the odd movie, or some other form of simple entertainment. But the ugliest of capitalism's shortcomings for the old people is loneliness. How many times have you seen an elderly man sitting alone on a bench blankly staring at the faces of the people passing by, or walking slowly down the street vainly searching for a familiar face. This is the loneliness that most elderly people must face. They must look forward to spending their declining years alone in a dingy room with a few sticks of old furniture and memories of perhaps a happier youth. "Respect your elders", a phrase which is often quoted in our society is a farce. This just points out the true nature of capitalism. Work them while they're young and strong, for when they grow old, they will cease to reap profits for the boss and capitalism and will become a burden to society.

With this dismal future facing people, no wonder many people fear old age under capitalism.

### THE WHISKEY STRIKE

The Hiram Walker Distillery has been on strike for three weeks (as of the end of May - ed). This is the first strike in the 107-year history of the company and the international union that holds the certification is marking the historic event with a refusal of strike pay or support.

The membership flatly refused to accept a sweetheart agreement the international had made with the company and the negotiating committee tried to sell them. A big wheel was sent in from the States to put on the heat but the members rejected his advice with an overwhelming majority.

The international is threatening to put the local under receivership but the boys are sticking to their guns.

The Yankee carpet-baggers do a job for the boss and collect their well-filled pay envelope from the boss.

By Trevelyn Brown, Windsor

### SOCIALISM

Under Socialism, it will not be a crime or disgrace to grow old. A worker will retire with a large pension knowing that he can spend his latter years in health, comfort and security. Excellent homes in pleasant surroundings will be available for pensioners, with little or no rent. Medical attention will be readily available for those who require it, according to their need, not ability to pay. Most important, they will not be without companionship of other people. Activities, both social and educational will be many and varied. It is said that experience is born of old age, under Socialism, elderly people will have the opportunity to practise the experience gained through many years of life to benefit all people in a Socialist society. "Respect your elders" will at last become a reality under Socialism, when elderly people will be given the right to live out their lives in dignity, security and peace.



### PROFITS AND WAGES

The complete profit picture for 57 leading companies in the fiscal year 1964 shows an enormous gain in net profit in virtually every case. These 57 leaders had a combined net profit of \$1,025,209,010 in 1964 in contrast to a net profit of \$880,196,816 for 59 leading companies in 1963. Going a little farther back, we find the net profit for 52 leaders, in 1952, was \$448,568,448.

Average weekly earnings for the same period were : 1952 - \$53.62; 1963 - \$86.17; 1964 - \$89.82.

Comparative increases as a percentage

	Wages	Profits
1952 - 1963	61.4%	96.25%
1963 - 1964	4.2%	16.5%
1952 - 1964	68%	128.5%

So there goes the chestnut about labour pricing itself out of the markets of the world. Attention Mr. Winch.



# "MONTAGE OF A DREAM DEFERRED"

Here is a poem that speaks loudly of today's Harlem rent strikes. It is, in fact, a fragment from "Montage of a Dream Deferred" which was written by the great Negro poet, Langston Hughes, in 1951.

Landlord, landlord,  
My roof has sprung a leak.  
Don't you 'member I told you about it  
Way last week?  
Landlord, Landlord,  
These steps is broken down.  
When you come up yourself  
It's a wonder you don't fall down.

Ten Bucks you say I owe you?  
Ten Bucks you say is due?  
Well, that's Ten Bucks more'n I'll pay you  
Till you fix this house up new.  
What? You gonna get eviction orders?  
You gonna cut off my heat?  
You gonna take my furniture and  
throw it in the street?

Um-huh! You talking high and mighty  
Talk on - till you get through.  
You ain't gonna be able to say a word  
If I land my fist on you.

Police! Police!  
Come and get this man!  
He's trying to ruin the government  
and overturn the land  
Copper's whistle!  
Patrol bell!  
Arrest.  
Precinct Station.  
Iron Cell.  
Headlines in press:

MAN THREATENS LANDLORD  
TENANT HELD NO BAIL  
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