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## WORKER'S JOURNAL

By Charles Denby, Editor

### Auto Workers Won't See Money Gains, Will See Worse Conditions

Many public officials and business people are raving over the recent contract that was negotiated by the U.A.W. and the auto companies. They point to the high rate of pay the union got for workers. Some, in teaching professions, say that now production workers' salaries are as high as theirs, and they spent so much money and so many years in college to obtain their degrees.

In discussing this with other production workers, one worker said, "I have news to tell them, automobile making in this country today is just as important to society as teaching. So why is it our wages should be second to their wages? Those in teaching and other professions could not last one day on these production lines in auto factories."

#### WORKING CONDITIONS THE SAME

Another worker said we needed the higher pay and all that we got out of this last contract, but what we were yelling for first and foremost were working conditions in these shops. This would mean more to us than the money we are going to receive in the next three years as contract gains. With all the yelling by the labor leaders and promises of changes in our condition of work, with all the strikes that workers had prior to and during the contract bargaining, working conditions remain the same, and some places worse than they were before the recent contract.

Our union representatives in the shops are less effective than they were before the contract; workers will be speeded up to produce more; and the companies will regain all the money they will pay out in wages to workers. They will raise the prices of their cars, and the teachers and businessmen, as well as workers will buy them.

#### FORCED OVERTIME IN CONTRACT

The U.A.W. leaders also gave the company more rights over the workers. Our old contract stated that workers were forced to work overtime if the company notified the workers in time and posted the notice on bulletin boards. When it came to overtime in all previous years, this meant a worker had an extra hour or more; when it was less, the workers always refused the overtime.

Since the new agreement, Chrysler scheduled a half-hour overtime. The majority of workers in the department refused it and said they would punch out at the end of their regular eight hour shift. The committeeman and steward called in the local union officials. The president said that all workers would have to work the extra half-hour, or they would be fired.

A worker yelled and said, "Man, this is forced labor, something we did not have in the old contract. Now you are saying that if the company wants five, ten or fifteen minutes more production we are forced to stay here and make it up. Many of us ride together to and from work, so it also means that many other workers that depend on others for a ride home will have to take a bus or stay here in this plant for 30 minutes. You say you represent us, but you are more concerned with this company's production than the workers!"

#### MONEY NOT ALL IMPORTANT

Many professional people think all that is important to human life is money and more money. There is more to human life than money. For working men and women, the conditions under which they must work is just as important. The pressure and intimidation that is forced upon them by management have caused many to quit their jobs and say, "To hell with this pay. Life means more to me than this."

What we need most is some control of our lives in this shop. We need to say something about how much a man produces. Now when we go home after a days work, we can do nothing else except fall into bed, to rest.

The union leaders know that workers will never oppose the higher wages and fringe benefits in the contract, some of which many workers never get. But in exchange for these wages and benefits, it means more sweat and blood coming from the production workers to compensate for what the companies pay out in wages.

#### PUSH OLDER WORKERS OUT

They are trying and hoping to get older workers out on early retirement. Then they can really drive the younger workers in the mad rush for production. The younger workers did not come up through the struggling days of the union, and in those struggling days the workers had some right to determine how much a man should produce. You would do a day's work and when work was over you could go out visiting friends.

Today you not only cannot go out visiting after work, but you get angry if friends come to visit you and sit too long, because you know that you must get to sleep to be able to get to the job the following day, all because those top union leaders have negotiated away all the rights workers had for a few dimes more pay and fringe benefits—and as soon as they are announced, every commodity goes up in price, and the few dimes are taken away.

It is like the spinning wheel, when they say round and round it goes, where it stops nobody knows. If this mad rush for production is to stop, the production workers will have to put the brakes on it, with the help and support of all other workers.

## State of the Union Is the State of the War — and Its Opposition

By O. Domanski

The Johnson Administration delivered its true "state of the union message" to the nation the very first week of the new year when it indicted five men, including pediatrician Dr. Benjamin Spock and chaplain of Yale University, Rev. William Coffin, Jr.—who, by no stretch of the imagination can be called "Communists," "beatniks" or "extremists"—for "conspiring to counsel young men to violate the draft laws." The message was clear: the state of the union is the state of the war, and the Administration has no intentions of ending it.



It is no accident that the move against anti-war fighters at home was followed by a move further to expand the Vietnam war. Thus, LBJ sent Chester Bowles to Cambodia to try to push that neutral country into the war by forcing Prince Sihanouk to permit "hot pursuit" of those who seek refuge from the barbaric war America is waging in a land not its own.

At the same time, the unctuous Dean Rusk once again revealed the hypocrisy of all the talk about "wanting peace" by claiming that he cannot say what his attitude is to the Hanoi radio's contention that it "will hold talks with the U.S." once the bombing stops, until he finds out what Hanoi really "means".

It seems clear that the Administration does not want peace at any price, and is in Southeast Asia to stay, one way or the other.

#### POINT, COUNTER-POINT

As against the double-talk where peace is concerned, LBJ was his most hawkish self when he addressed the AFL-CIO convention in December. He had no small help in this from George Meany and his bureaucratic cohorts who created the platform for him. It is, indeed, the shame of organized labor that this was so, but nothing could be further from the truth than to identify the labor bureaucracy with the rank-and-file.

Those delegates were not, in any way, representative of the ranks. The most recent Gallup poll, for example, has shown that union members across the nation are as closely divided on the question of the war as is the nation as a whole.

Meany's attack on a Chicago meeting of trade unionists (including everyone from the UAW's Emil Mazey to officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the Amalgamated Meat Cutters) as having been "planned in Hanoi", when they appealed for a discussion on the war within the union movement, shows the desperation of his efforts to stifle the mounting opposition in the labor movement.

But while the AFL-CIO leadership is preparing all-out support for the re-election of President Johnson, they know that a large number of rank-and-file workers may register their protest in the voting booths this November.

#### OPPOSITION MOUNTS

How widespread is the anti-war feeling throughout the land can be seen in the fact that the 1968 elections are crystallizing the opposition in both major parties in an effort to win voters. Thus, an opportunist like Gov. Romney, now that he is a presidential hopeful, feels compelled to claim he had been "brain-washed" when he seemed to be for the Vietnam war.

Much more significant, of course, is the real opposition to the war is the appearance of the Peace and Freedom Party, which

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## Czech Student Protest Exposes Hypocrisy of State Rulers

—PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia—Late in the evening of Oct. 31, between 1,500-2,000 students went demonstrating near the Prague royal castle of Hradcany in which high above the town the president (and Communist Party first secretary in one person) now lives. Turning along the castle through the narrow streets down towards the old city, the demonstrators were savagely attacked by police, afoot and in cars. Dozens of students—boys and girls—were wounded and several of them arrested. As the students testify, police forced the arrested to sign confessions that the demonstration had had political aims—although this was not so.

In fact, the students, all of them living in a dormitory area near the castle on one of the hills overlooking the city, had been driven mad by the situation they were experiencing. For many months, the supply of electricity and heat had been extremely unsatisfactory. In the last weeks, it failed regularly several times a week.

#### COLD AND SICK

Most of the students had been studying at Prague Technical College — yet they had not been able to pursue their studies and froze. Also, the faulty supply had been partly responsible for the canteen (student cafeteria) causing diarrhea, since many appliances had not worked.

At nine that evening, light once again had failed — and students rose. With burning candles, they marched shouting We Want Light! We want to study!

The march was entirely peaceful, turned bloody, however, when the police attacked the marchers with clubs.

#### SILENT PRESS

The Czechoslovak press silenced the affair, though both the scale of the demonstration and the number of wounded are unique in the history of post-war Czechoslovakia.

Representatives of the faculty of philosophy of the Charles Uni-

versity called on the Minister of Interior to resign. Similar positions were taken by members of other faculties and colleges and even most of the party cells there professed their solidarity with the afflicted colleagues.

Czechoslovak authorities proclaim at any opportunity their belief in the necessity of a scientific and technological revolution being the main condition of communism as the age of plenty. In their opinion the first step towards this revolution should be higher qualification of manpower, higher standard of learning, science in every corner of life.

#### RADICAL STUDENTS

At the same time, however, these same authorities — of both party and state — fear the students because of their alleged radicalism, of their — underground at least — opposition to the present regime that stiffens any sign of intellectual or political dissent.

Students in Czechoslovakia — as in any other country — are a favorite scapegoat for the ruling party.

Among much talk about "extending socialist democracy" and preparations for next year's elections getting in full swing, the blood and wounds of the students' demonstration unveiled the actual, brutal face of the Czechoslovak "power elite".

# Way of the World

By Ethel Dunbar

## Who Are the Law Breakers?

Let's face the truth about people breaking the law. Who do you think breaks the law most and then goes free in the end?

So many whites think that black people should not notice this. But they do. This is why everything happened in the riot.

### STILL INVESTIGATE

White people think that nothing in the world could be worse than that the Negro destroyed their businesses. They can't forget it and they are still investigating to see if the Negro was organized to get all of this done in five or six days.

They feel it would take months and years to organize a big group of people to do something like that. At least that's how long they feel it would take white people, and they're supposed to have more sense than the Negro.

Maybe now they can see that the Negro is going all out to think for himself. If he is doing to the white man what the white man has been doing to him, isn't he just showing what "do unto others what you would have them do unto you" means?

### WHO STARTED?

This government says that the crime rate will have to stop going up even if it takes guns and dogs to stop it. But they forgot who started all of these crimes in the beginning.

They started the killing of the Negro; they started the burning of Negro churches, homes and children; the robbing and all this gang fighting. But since Negroes have started to do the same thing back to them, they ask: What can we do to stop the Negro from burning up our cities and our businesses.

But so many never give a thought to how bad they have been treating black people for these hundreds of years. They make the law and never use it to do anything about a white person killing, burning and robbing the black man. If they would have justice for all races of people there would be no violence today.

### KNOWS TRICKS

But the Negro has learned all the tricks. The whites think that they are going to use guns and dogs to stop the black man and still let the Ku Klux Klan do as they please.

No, those days are over. No white judge is going to tell the government to stop the Negro and let the whites continue doing as they please. No, that will not happen any longer.

If they get the white back under control, you can bet your life that the Negro will follow and obey the law just like the rest. If the white man obeys his law, the Negro will do the same.

## Urges Stopping 'C-O Game'

In October 1966 I requested form SSS 150—the CO (Conscientious Objector) form—and applied for "1-0" classification. In late December I will know the answer of the Appeal Board to my application.

More than a year of my life was spent playing the C-O game with the establishment, and it appears that my "1-0" status will not be granted. If I am asked how others should proceed to personally combat the imperialist wars of the United States, I can say one thing for sure—my example should not be followed.

### NOTHING GOES

I have worked for more than a year within the Selective Service law without any positive result: I have not been recognized as a C.O.; I have not shaken the Selective Service System; I have not affected the war in Vietnam. From my experience, I now believe that any participation in

the Selective Service System should be refused.

How can a man allow the present government of the U.S. to judge him? If he had judged it and found it to be bankrupt and devoid of reason, how can he expect just treatment from such a government?

### EXILE IN CANADA

I will soon go into exile in Canada to continue the struggle for a new man in a new world. I will not go to prison in the U.S., because I do not see how to make the three to five years I would lose worth the price. I will become a Canadian citizen and continue to work for the revolution which must come before I and my comrades can really be free. This is one man's experience—others must choose their own paths.

One lesson must be remembered: the goal must be the revolution—and revolution cannot be achieved through cooperation with the existing order.

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## Joins Spock, Others, in Anti-War Sit-In

New York, N.Y.—On Dec. 5, I joined Dr. Benjamin Spock, the pediatrician and peace leader, Allan Ginsburg, Connor Cruise O'Brien, Susan Sontag and about 300 others in a symbolic attempt to close the Induction Center at Whitehall St. in New York City. We were all arrested. About 3,000 picketers supported our protest outside.

The action, which came on the Tuesday of End the Draft Week, was sponsored by a long list of N.Y. intellectual luminaries, including Dwight MacDonald, which read like a contributor's list to the N.Y. Review of Books and was entitled "Resistance in Support." It was designed as a purely symbolic act of solidarity with those of draft age who are actually refusing to fight in Vietnam, to be performed by those who, like this writer, are over draft age.

Our statements of complicity and arrests were to serve notice on the power structure that if they wanted to jail all these kids, they would have to jail some of their more prominent teachers, writers and philosophers too.

I joined it for two reasons. One, because I felt it was a healthy sign that at least some respectable adults were willing to break the law (however symbolically)

## 'Black Power' in Blood from Smashed Head

Madison, Wis. — Father Groppi spoke here to a packed church. People were pounding (and I mean pounding) the door down to get in. A few times we couldn't even hear him speak because the noise was so loud.

He looked very ill when he got up to speak. I thought he would never finish, since he was losing his voice. But as he spoke, it seemed as if he became stronger and stronger. He began to shout at these good Christian people. Oh, it was magnificent.

### TEMPTATION

He talked about the temptation to change the tactics to violence, since marching did not seem to be accomplishing anything. (A housing bill was passed, but it was no better than the state open-housing law, which means nothing.)

He also talked about the church and civil rights. He said the church should be the most radical civil rights group but it refused to face reality. Jesus Christ was probably the most radical person that ever lived, and if the church supported civil rights we wouldn't have all the trouble we have now. But the church is afraid of offending fine white Christians.

He told a story that really shook the audience up. Dick Gregory was arrested with a youth whose head had been smashed open. He was thrown in jail with no medical attention. You know what he did? With his blood he wrote "Black Power, Black Power" on the walls of the jail.

I went with a very middle class girl from the dorm. She felt everything Father Groppi said should be taken with a grain of salt and that he was not giving facts, but only appealing to the emotions.

### LOOK!

What is wrong with these people? It is so easy to see these things happening all around. Why don't people look? How can they let beatings and tear gas happen when they see it right on TV? How can they be so inhuman?

over this miserable war and I was personally tired of just speaking and marching and being ignored.

### PREDAWN PROTEST

We gathered at 5 a.m. That's when they draft people. Four groups walked, one to each of the four doors of the Center. I was at the front door, where we were almost trampled to death by reporters trying to interview Dr. Spock while Spock, 6 foot 2 and nearly 70, engaged in a friendly hand-to-hand scuffle with the Tactical Police Force under the personal command of Sanford Garelik, the Chief Inspector.

For half an hour, it looked like we were not going to be allowed to approach the Center. There were 3,000 TPF cops, all 6-footers. Finally, we were let in, in groups of 10, to sit for 30 seconds before jovial officers, addressing most of the celebrities among us by name, then, they carted us off.

### ANOTHER FACE

Meanwhile, at the back entrance, the police showed another face to a second group of demonstrators, led by Mrs. Grace Paley of the Greenwich Village Peace center and Connor Cruise O'Brien, former U.N. Ambassador to the Congo, former Rector of Ghana U., and current Albert Schweitzer Professor at N.Y.U.

While all the reporters besieged Dr. Spock out front, there was no one to watch the back. Here, police charged with horses and clubs and beat up the symbolic, middle-aged sit-inners in a symbolic show of what O'Brien called "moderate violence."

No one was killed. One skull was cracked. O'Brien was hospitalized, but not seriously injured. It lasted only a few minutes. Then the polite treatment was applied. It was merely a reminder. What the 18th century called "a whiff of grape." It may discourage future demon-

strators who imagine they can still hold a symbolic sit-in with dignity.

(Later in the week, plain-clothes finks, dressed as beatniks, joined the mass-demonstrators to provoke violence. Obviously, the cops want to encourage extremism, the better to isolate and crush the movement. But that is not my story).

### WIDE PUBLICITY

In retrospect I'm glad I went. The afternoon paper came out while we were in the can, and we had a good press — much better than we expected. We also never expected 300 arrestees. By its own standards, the action was a success.

Moreover, since the rest of End the Draft Week rather fizzled, it was doubly important. Perhaps it shows that we intellectuals should have the good sense to keep our symbolic actions symbolic, saving the adjective "mass" for the masses themselves, who will perform whatever "mass actions" they deem appropriate at the appropriate time and, I hope, with better success.

Now that the N.Y. intellectual circle has put bodies and names on the line, I would like to ask about their minds. What about a serious attempt to rethink a society that can provide nothing more illuminating for its citizens to ponder than this Vietnam war, a war which is neither "incredible" nor accidental, but is this society's truest expression?

### ANY TAKERS

What about working out a new philosophy of freedom, in the tradition of Marx (who did all his "sitting" in the British Museum but who was a revolutionary) which we will need before symbolic actions become mass actions? The columns of this journal are open. Any takers?

W. H. Hertz

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**MEXICAN REPORT**

**New Revolutionary Labor Group Organized**

Mexico — A new labor union announced its formation, apparently aimed at maintaining the "class struggle" principle. At least that is what they say.

It is to be known as the Revolutionary Workers Federation (COR—in Spanish), and the first manifesto declared it would seek to join forces with other labor groups.

**STATE GOALS**

One of its main goals, it added, will be recruiting labor organizations not now members of other federations or confederations. It also advocated more government intervention in the economy, and expansion of SONASUPO (a government agency with a fleet of trucks to distribute food at low prices — generally basic food-stuffs, rice, beans, cereals, flour, soap—at 1 peso, or 8c U. S.) as a distributor of consumer goods at lower prices, a housing law to protect tenants, and an "end to discrimination against women workers."

The COR announced it will "oppose labor movements of an international nature that do not accept the basic principle of class struggle, support colonialism and accept the intervention of government into the internal affairs of another country."

**LOW WAGES**

Labor unions in Mexico City are pressing hard to set the 1968-

69 minimum wage (a daily wage) at 45 pesos (\$3.60 U.S.), and have expressed concern that it may be only 30 pesos (\$2.40 U.S.) compared to the current 25 pesos (\$2 U.S.).

Feliciano Sanchez Huerta, secretary-general of the Plastic Workers Union, said the normal needs of a family at current prices come to more than 35 pesos a day.

The Mexican equivalent of the American Manufacturers Association announced today "More production with the same amount of labor should be the goal of a developing economy."

An 18 year old worker tried to organize a union in his factory. When he didn't return home one day his mother went to the factory to investigate.

She learned that her son had had an argument with the employers who took him out of the plant. District Attorney investigators reported the body of the young worker had been found shortly after his killers strangled him and dumped the body in a shallow ravine near the Cuernavaca highway.

He had apparently been killed because he had been brewing trouble for the company and arousing the workers.

Railroad workers on Nov. 15 attacked the union building to

oust the Secretary-General. They fought for several hours.

An election was coming up and the workers felt that the Secretary-General was misusing funds.

The police were called to protect the union leaders from the workers. The workers were jailed.

Mexico — Somewhat indignantly the Mexican Chamber of Deputies passed a resolution that there are no race problems in Mexico.

It says in part "the great mass of the indigenous population is incorporated into the national public life with equality of rights. It has not been necessary for any Mexican to place himself in defense of racial relations within Mexico." This was the reaction when the Jamaican government requested nominees for the "Marcus Garvey Human Rights Prize."

**SOME PROBLEMS**

It is true there are no race problems—except if you are poor and an Indian. On Nov. 22 federal troops ousted 1,500 squatters who took control of a tract of land near Acapulco.

Two weeks before, their leader Alfonso Cisners was shot down in an ambush by Federals. Now Acapulco is safe again for rich Mexicans and North Americans.

Meanwhile more than one billion pesos are being spent on the 1968 Olympics. Half of this amount is going into physical installations.

**Auto Workers Eye Grievances After Contract Signing**

DETROIT, MICH. — A General Motors worker reports that not only are working conditions the same or worse under the new contract, but the attitudes of the foremen are worse. Some GM workers were asking about their retroactive pay, which Chrysler workers received from the date of the expiration of the contract in October, 1967, and which they are entitled to also.

The GM foreman yelled and said to the workers, "You may never get it. If you do it, it won't be until after all local grievances are solved, and I do not think the union and the company will ever solve all of them. So instead of worrying about back pay, do more worrying about getting out more production!"

The foreman may know what he's talking about, because at just one Fisher body plant in Flint, there are 3,000 workers — and 2,700 unsettled grievances. And in the nation, there are at least 20,000 unsettled GM grievances.

**FROM A WOBBLY**

Fellow workers, we have got a lot of politicians and not much unionism. The union leaders want the governments to do everything for them so they will not have to do anything.

These fakers sign contracts from one year to 10 years. So these unions are getting good to the boss. And the wages are the same.

In most places the women do not get as much as the men working on the same job. But business is business with these fakers.

I have talked I.W.W. to a lot of them, about the one big union. Well, it will have to come in time, even if not now.

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Vancouver, B.C.

**ON THE LINE**

**Auto Strikes Are Coming**

By John Allison

At this very hour, conditions of work are such in all auto factories that I can tell you right now that there will be more local union strikes than you can shake a stick at. And if any auto worker didn't know it before, he knows now that the contract is the big club that management uses to beat him to death with.

Yes indeed, things have changed drastically in the shops since the national and local supplementary agreements have been signed. And I'm sure that the conditions we have at the Chrysler Highland Park plant are the same as they are in Fords and GM.

For example, before the agreements were signed, if local union officials called on any International Union or top management representatives to come in on a problem that couldn't be solved, they'd be there at any time of day or night. But try to get hold of them now, and they're all deaf, dumb and blind. Just forget it.

**MANY CHANGES**

Before the contract was signed, if a worker was held up a few minutes and came to work a little late, nothing was said. Now, if he's a minute late, he's sent back home and given the day off and written up by his foreman.

Before, the company was hiring practically everyone off of the street who came in looking for a job, and not one worker was laid off. Now, in just the few weeks since we've been under the contract, at least a dozen workers have been fired. This firing is so bad and the workers have been raising so much hell with the local union officials to do something, and do something fast, that the officials have tried to set meetings with management to try to discuss this issue.

So far, management has refused to meet with local officials on this score. It looks like we're going to be taking a strike vote to force the company to take another look at how we're being treated.

In another area, the one involving supplemental agreements, there is a great deal of anger developing on the part of the workers. Many things of practical concern to workers have not been done by management—and management agreed to do them in the supplemental agreements. Where it comes to those things the union officers agreed to in the horse trading between the local union and management, management insisted immediately that the union live up to its end of the bargain. But if anything is mentioned about what the company agreed to and hasn't done yet (and maybe won't ever do), the company says it takes time. It always takes time in anything as far as the company is concerned, and their time is forever if they have their way.

**DENY RELIEF TIME**

Maybe one illustration will help clear up what is going on and what the rank-and-file workers are up against. In Plant No. 6 there is a torque converter line. It is what is called a continuous line, and meets all of the conditions set forth in the national agreement for the workers on this line to qualify for the new 10 minutes of relief time negotiated in the contract between Reuther and Chrysler.

However, the corporation says the workers on this line are not entitled to this relief time—because the production is set for workers to get the production out in an eight hour period. The thing about this is that if this was the rule, no worker in any plant would ever get a second of relief time. So far as the company is concerned, it always sets production standards it thinks should be gotten out in an eight hour period.

The fact that a worker would have to kill himself to keep up with what the company considers production doesn't make any dif-

ference to the company at all. It never has, and it never will.

It is always true that the company is always looking at ways to create dissension between the workers and the union, and management at Chrysler Highland Park has put in a new wrinkle on this one. It has checked off initiation dues from the paychecks of workers who have been working at the plant for many years.

The workers involved are naturally angry. They paid their initiation dues to the union many years ago, and naturally raise hell with the union officials for having this money—money they have earned from hard labor and that they need—checked off of their pay.

**WORKER IS DIRT**

These workers will get their money back, of course. But only in time, that same old time that it takes everything where the company is concerned. And in the meantime, the worker stew and does without the use of the money that he needs for keeping his family going. If it takes one, two or three weeks for the company to get around to straightening things out, so what? They could care less.

In the meantime, however, the worker is getting madder and madder and he is right to be so. What this shows is just exactly what the company tries to pound into every worker's head: that the worker is dirt, that he doesn't amount to a hill of beans so far as the company is concerned. And if the company wants to inconvenience the worker, he just has to take it and shut up about it.

But just have the worker try to inconvenience the company for anything—and I mean anything, big, little or in-between—and you will see how quick they will be down on that worker's neck.

**WHERE'S CONTRACT**

To really show how fouled up things really are in the situation we face on the line, nobody except management has a copy of the complete contract. Committeemen have a partial contract, but stewards don't even have that, and the stewards are the ones who need the contract more than anyone else!

Look at it: the steward is the one who is first involved in the grievance procedure. He is at the point of production with the other workers in his jurisdiction, and when a grievance comes up, he is the one who is contacted. But if he doesn't know what's in the contract, how can he possibly know what he can and what he can't do? He obviously can't do anything.

Now I've heard of ridiculous situations in the shop, and practically every worker knows plenty of them too. But can you think of anything as bad as this. The International says there has been a holdup in getting the contract printed and that's why we don't have them for everyone who needs them. But in the meantime, the management and foremen are getting away with murder insofar as the workers are concerned.

These are among the thousands of daily reasons why you can expect plenty of authorized and wildcat strikes in auto. It's the same thing for workers this year as it is every year: working conditions are more important than anything else.

**Worker Sees No Way Out for Labor in Capitalist Parties**

Camden, N.J.—It's a little early for the 1968 national elections, but this worker is already perplexed. Historically—if our imagination and knowledge is anywhere correct — the American economic-political stage should be entirely revolutionized.

However, the fact is, the American worker is still within the folds of the Liberal-Conservative political system of the capitalist class—and will be in the 1968 elections.

**LABOR ACTION VOIDED**

At the end of World War II a newly formed group, the Political Action Committee, in some localities of the C.I.O., asserted some pressure within the Democratic Party to bring to the fore progressive candidates and liberal legislation.

However, even this token labor leadership and pioneering has given way to full support of whatever President Johnson wants. And all independent action on the part of labor is voided and no doubt will be further silenced and subverted in the interest of Johnson's war effort.

There is ever-growing knowledge that the actions taken by the President, in calling for the Great Society, the War on Poverty and Civil Rights are only words—like a parent does to a child who has fallen down and hurt himself—only a soothing action, words only, and no deeds.

All this has thrown the liberals at loose ends. It seems that the truth is dawning upon them. The truth that the last Democratic Convention, which seemingly was continuing the Roosevelt tradition, was instead captured by the very same people who would have been delighted with Mr. Goldwater.

**HEADS OR TAILS—WE LOST**

As we look back, we were fooled. We thought we were voting for the lesser of two evils, that we were supporting the liberal progressive vs. the conserva-

tive reactionary within the capitalist economy—political democracy. But now it seems that some forces had "heads I win with Goldwater, tails you lose with Johnson."

What seems to trouble some of our liberal intellectuals now is: Can we find a room for ourselves within the Democratic Party? Thus there are now voices calling for the independent Peace Party—although for this election they could not get on the ballots in many states.

Their only value would be to raise the question of peace on the political spectrum in some localities—most likely without going into any full-depth study of our foreign policy. Such a study has been political taboo with the American political parties for the past three of four national elections.

Also, it now appears that there may be some division among the Northern Democrats as I cannot see any Southerner going along with a citizens movement for a Kennedy-Fulbright Ticket.

**REFORM OR REVOLUTION?**

As a worker I think we have to come to realize in our everyday life that we may get some reforms from liberals in government, but what we get is suddenly lost. The Wagner Act, Social Security, etc. are eroded by inflation and our real economic problems will not be solved, short of a revolutionary economic change in our daily lives.

If we consider the whole world picture of our times, we see that it is a time that should bring about the vast political-economic change of the ages. There is no vital difference between the political leadership of the U.S. under Johnson or Kennedy or men from the other political camp.

I realize I have not mentioned Mr. Wallace, and what his entry could mean and do. My only question is: what can the radical or liberal do—or where does he see a room in the coming 1968 elections?

## EDITORIAL

**Devaluation: Pound or Workers?**

BY HARRY McSHANE  
Glasgow, Scotland

"Prices are bound to go up to some extent as a result of devaluation. If incomes went up by the same amount we would rapidly lose the advantage of devaluation.

"The benefits of sacrifice now will be great in the near future. Economic expansion will begin to increase next year."

Mr. Gordon Walker, Secretary of Education and Science, 11th December, 1967.

"The potential advantages of devaluation will be lost if wages costs rise, so success also turns on the patience with which hardship in the form of higher prices and taxation, and of postponements of public sector programmes are tolerated."

Sir Leslie O'Brien, governor of the Bank of England, 11th December, 1967.

There never was a time when Britain's Parliament contained so many slick economists. They knew all the answers during their election campaigns, but they became dumb-struck when brought face to face with the reality of Britain's position in the capitalist world. If embarrassed by having to vote for devaluation, that is nothing to the embarrassment that lies in front of them. The pound has been devalued, and a further devaluation is predicted, but such steps can only be "successful" if the producers of wealth are ready and willing to tighten their belts.

**ARMS CUT RIDICULOUS**

Devaluation is a logical step for those to take who aim at preserving the capitalist system at all costs, but what are we to think of the "Lefts" in Parliament who voted for it? It cannot be that they were fooled by the farcical and fraudulent statement about a coming cut in arms expenditure. This is said to amount to 100 million pounds, but when examined it comes to little more than half that figure, out of a total of 2 billion pounds. The arms cut accepted by the "Lefts" is so ridiculous that, out of sheer necessity, further cuts will be introduced.

Hand in hand with devaluation the government has borrowed a large sum of money from the International Monetary Fund, but in doing so has ceded something of its sovereignty to its creditors. A tough budget is expected in the spring, but before then, in February to be exact, the government will require to report progress to the creditors. The conditions attached to the loan were kept a secret until after the vote in the House of Commons on devaluation. It was then that some of the "Lefts" made a gesture of opposition.

The conditions were outlined in the "Letter of Intent" sent to the director of the International Monetary Fund. The budget deficit is to be reduced, within the year, to one billion pounds instead of Britain's original suggestion of 1.4 billion. The conditions contain decisions about the balance of payments, an increased circulation of money not to be allowed, the special tax rebate to exporting industries to be brought to an end in March, and a number of other conditions.

**HARDER WORK, HIGHER PRICES**

Devaluation will work miracles—so we are told—if the workers of Britain pay higher prices for food, work harder and don't ask for rises in wages. In other words, the workers of Britain must scrap their traditional readiness to oppose all attempts to lower their living standards. That is something that cannot happen even if the British T.U.C. gives its blessing to such a policy a thousand times over. The acceptance of such a policy by the workers would be a betrayal of everything the working class movement has stood for since its inception.

It is possible that the Labour and Tory parties will now come closer together in face of the economic crisis. The hope is that the workers will support their policy by under-cutting the workers of other countries. Many suggestions have been made by the economists, but the one that matters in the eyes of all is that the workers in the factories must tighten their belts. That would be a real miracle, but it will not happen.

While the financial experts are discussing reserve currencies, the role of gold, and many similar questions, we should start thinking about the lack of an international movement to prevent the workers of one country being used against the workers of another country. We can then go forward to the society in which the fate of the workers will not be decided by either industrial or financial magnates.

The role of the leaders in this situation gives emphasis to the need for the workers to emancipate themselves. Until they do they will be made to carry the burden in every crisis. They can, of course, resist. They will do just that in Britain.

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**Readers'****THE MIDDLE-EAST**

Now that the Russian fleet is also in the Mediterranean with the American 6th Fleet—and things look even more dangerous in the Middle East than they did back in June—I decided to go back and re-read Raya Dunayevskaya's Political Letter on the "Arab-Israeli Collision." I was amazed at how much more it meant to me now, even though I had been very much impressed with it at the time it was written, before the June war was even over.

I really believe that you were the only ones who analyzed the Arab-Israeli conflict in a genuinely world context. I was particularly struck with such statements as: "Arab socialism... becomes only a pawn in the struggle between U.S. and Russia for world domination." And your warning to the anti-war movement that "what must concern us is that the movement is not drawn into taking 'the progressive cause' and thus fails to reveal the global struggle and 'both sides' compulsion toward a nuclear Gottadamerung."

Would it be too late for me to order a small bundle of the letters? I feel impelled to make my friends read it now.

Anti-warrior  
Berkeley, California

Editor's Note: We still have copies on hand, at 25c a copy or bundles of five for \$1.

**WAR AND ANTI-WAR**

Clifton Thurley Haywood, a 24-year-old Afro-American, has recently received the heaviest sentence meted out to a draft refuser since World War I. The judge is Frank Scarlett of Brunswick, Georgia.

Haywood's religious conviction as a Muslim forbade him to serve in the military. Judge Scarlett sentenced him to two consecutive maximum sentences, meaning 10 years behind bars and \$20,000 fine for a poor man to pay! This despite Haywood's breaking down and saying he would be willing to go into the military.

Only judge Scarlett can change the sentence. Please write to him asking him to have mercy and shorten, drastically, this outrageous sentence.

Student  
Wisconsin

I have heard it said that Negroes have not joined the anti-war movement in any great numbers, and I guess that is true, if you mean they have not been participating in the demonstrations and marches. But I can vouch for the fact that the majority of the Negroes in the shop and the black community are opposed to the war. I would say that at least 80% of the older workers in my shop—and I think 100% of the younger workers—speak against it.

Negro Worker  
Detroit

Did you hear that Bob Hope complained after his annual patriotic Christmas trip to Vietnam that the troops didn't laugh at his best jokes. Those were his digs against the anti-war demonstrators.

One of his co-workers was quoted as complaining: "You'd

think jibes at demonstrators and draft-card burners would get big yuks, but they didn't from the Marines at Danang."

Reader  
Los Angeles

Our Committee is sending nearly one thousand copies of this letter to 'little magazines,' 'underground papers,' peace groups, and draft resisters' committees in the United States. Our single purpose for doing so is to communicate to young Americans that there is a real alternative to the draft.

Our Toronto and Hamilton programmes are ambitious. Our main purpose is to supply legal aid and information and psychological support to draft age Americans who have made the decision to immigrate to Canada. We can house and feed immigrants. We can help them find jobs and in some cases we can help finance their expenses.

Write for information to:  
The Southern Ontario Committee on War Immigrants  
c/o Jim Cairns  
1 Mountain Ave.,  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

or  
The Toronto Anti-Draft Programme  
2279 Yonge Street North  
No. 1  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

While I well understand the feelings of those youth who are escaping to Canada rather than either going to fight in Vietnam or giving up several of the most important years of their lives in jail—I really feel that those with deep revolutionary convictions should stay here to fight it out, even if it means going to jail.

I was very much impressed with Dr. Spock's statement that five years of his life (he is 64) is little compared to five years sacrificed by a youth for his beliefs. But I was even more impressed with what Fred Brooks said when he was arrested for refusing to submit to induction. When asked what he would do if convicted Brooks said he would spend his time organizing the inmates of the prison. "You can organize in jail as well as you can out," he said. "They'll be getting out some day."

Activist  
Detroit

Editor's Note: Fred Brooks, 22, is the leader of Nashville's Liberation School, which was cut off from OEO funds after a local police official told a senate committee in Washington that it was "teaching hatred of whites." Brooks subsequently discovered that he had been dismissed from Tennessee State A & I University for "gross disrespect" to university officials, when he was immediately reclassified 1-A by his draft board. He has filed a civil suit against the draft board because their membership is predominantly white, as well as a suit seeking re-instatement at the university, where he was in his senior year.

On Feb. 15 the Women's League for Peace will hold an Anti-Vietnam War march in Washington, D.C. In April, Rev. King will lead a March on Washington, D.C. encompassing the anti-war movement and Civil Rights.

The sentiment for peace and

freedom is evident, yet the Administration continues accelerating its inhuman imperialistic efforts of conquest.

The year 1968 may be the year that will bring either total annihilation or complete social revolution. A status quo existence cannot be tolerated much longer. Time and the masses will give the final answer.

Working Mother  
Detroit

**I. F. STONE**

I. F. Stone must think he's pretty profound. He's come up with the idea that the Jews should spread out through the world to be Witnesses to mankind.

Actually all it is is some weird sort of chauvinism, a new edition of the "chosen people" concept. The Gentiles have given us so much trouble about that concept for so long that I don't see why he's so interested in reviving it.

The Jewish people did not appoint Stone to assign them a special mission. Nor did the non-Jews come begging us to play such a role. And if they had, we'd be damn fools to accept.

As far as I'm concerned, the Jew should be accepted as a man, the Jewish as a woman, and the Jewish nation as a human nation.

Jewish Youth  
Philadelphia

**THE BLACK REVOLT**

Black Christmas was a success. It seems that sales were down at least 30 percent in Milwaukee. Christmas was not celebrated in the inner core. No shopping was done downtown.

The homes that showed Christmas decorations had windows broken and trees wrecked. They tried to blame it on the Commandos but anyone who knows their code, knows that they were not responsible.

The Deacons for Defense (they have no charter with the national organizations) and a white group said that they were going to fight against the "fear instilled in the black people by the Milwaukee NAACP Council." They paraded down Wisconsin Ave. with white armbands that had Merry Christmas written on them, to protect shoppers if somebody tried to stop them from shopping.

I don't know how effective they were, but I believe that most of the black people adhered to Black Christmas without fear or intimidation.

Student  
Wisconsin

Some white people think that because they learned to read and write before the Negro had a chance, they should still be leaders over the black race. A white woman I know told me one day that it didn't seem to matter how good a Negro was at anything; the whites hated to give him a chance because they didn't want to think that a Negro could come from so far behind and catch up with the whites.

It seems as though some whites would rather be killed by a white person living by him than to live a block from

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a Negro. At least, that's what's been happening.

Just look at the bank robberies in the all white areas, and the killing of the police that are guarding the far-away all-white banks. When will they see that the whites are doing more dirt to themselves than the blacks have ever done to them?

**Negro Mother  
Detroit**

Are the Negroes organized, or are they unorganized? I think it would be better if the Negro could be organized for then they could know better what to do. They could try and get their fellow workers, white workers, with them.

I know it is a hard job to organize the workers. I think we have too many unions and too many leaders. If the workers would try and run their own union I think they would be better off.

**Old Wobbly  
Vancouver, B.C.**

## DEVALUATION

In July of last year, Wilson raised taxes and froze wages and prices, in a massive "austerity program", taking steps he claimed "have not been taken by any democratic government in the world." This involuntary tightening of the workers' belts not only failed to solve the problems, it helped push the unemployment up, and slow Britain's industrial growth to its present pitiful 1.5%.

The talk now is about the need for British management to "modernize" production and get "labor productivity" up. The attacks on the "English break for tea" that have been going on for years will be small potatoes compared to the drive for speed-up in the form of the all-out introduction of Automation that is now in store for the British workers. The American workers could tell them plenty!

**Reader  
Detroit**

What is there to say about devaluation? The night of the announcement, 10 Downing was thick with picketers, but not as many as the anti-war count!

Poor Mr. Wilson—he remained inside for over 24 hours. And in the midst of all the commotion and the serious protests, in popped several DAR types, charity workers, etc.—for tea!

Everyone stops for tea here, regardless of what happens. But the U.S. factories here don't go for the tradition. It cuts down on production.

**American in  
London**

Some contend that Wilson has no philosophy and lives from day to day. On returning from Russia, before Khrushchev was removed, he said that Khrushchev, like himself, was not greatly concerned about theory.

He has boasted about giving up the reading of *Capital* after going through three pages. His closest Cabinet colleagues are in the same boat.

Like every prime minister who went before him, he is only concerned about preserving the present social order.

**H.M.  
Scotland**

The politicians are really devalued. This has helped the narrow Scottish Nationalists to make a splash and cause diversion. They made many young people believe that Scotland could go it alone. We could all live on the exports of whiskey.

They want a separate capitalist Scotland. It just happens that some Scottish politicians are trying to jump on the band-wagon but the Scottish Nationalists are pushing them off.

**Observer  
Scotland**

## JEANNETTE RANKIN

It was wonderful to see the protest of women against the war, organized by Jeannette Rankin, that greeted Congress the first day of its new session. Not only was that grand woman the only one to have voted against both World War I and World War II when she was in Congress, but she was active in the suffragette movement as well.

Her ceaseless activity against war and for women's freedom is a demonstration of the role women have played in all the progressive movements this country has ever seen. In fact, the suffragette movement grew out of the role women played in the Abolitionist movement. It's good to see the link with that historic past being made again today.

**Working Mother  
Philadelphia**

## BETTER TOMORROW

Having worked with "the workers" myself for several summers, and having seen them cheat on punching a time-clock, take home materials from the shop, goof off on the job, etc., I seriously doubt that they have such a monopoly on honesty and sincerity that they are the only ones fit to lead us to a better tomorrow.

More and more I feel that people are not being "exploited" as much as they are being "ignored" (the much greater evil by far, since it implies a lack of concern one way or the other.)

**Intellectual  
Penna.**

I am convinced that the political apparatus we labor under will never solve the problems of the working class. Be it NAACP, or Democratic Party, or Black Power — if they ever got to the position of setting up their own good rules by which to rule, all would be guilty of wanting a one-party system.

If I were to advance a notion of a new, better society, I would have to base it on Marxist-Humanist philosophy because that is the only idea I have heard that puts the human being in the center of the universe. All other ideas revolve about islands of "power."

We will never have a new society until every man becomes a full man, and ideas are given a means of escape. If I were to give a gift to the world I would want it to be the Humanist philosophy.

So many people think that some groundlaws are the first necessity of life. A lot of organizations never had any by-

laws or constitution when they began. The idea of "law and order" is not always what it seems.

One of the things that makes workers angrier than anything else is bringing out the little book. Your whole life in the shop is set down in rules; when and where you can go get a drink of water; when and where you can go to a restroom; when and where you can eat your lunch.

Human needs cannot be satisfied by prescribed rules. They can only be satisfied with a humanist philosophy that frees the human being, and makes him a full man.

**Worker  
Detroit**

## INTERNATIONAL MAILBAG

I live on the coast here next to the iron and oil industries. In my city, the proletariat is young and works in the fish industry (canning special sardines) and the chemical industry (salt).

I want to subscribe to your newspaper and publications. I have read some publications of yours, "Workers Battle Automation", "Freedom Riders. Speak For Themselves", "Free Speech Movement".

I think with your help I and others can let the workers of Venezuela know what the revolutionary workers of the USA are thinking and doing.

**Youth  
Venezuela**

I am very interested in what happens in the States to-day, but in France there is a terrible lack of information on this subject. This is the reason I decided to write in hopes of getting some direct contact.

I should like to get information on the following points:

1) Negro movement — what is exactly the "Black Power"? Do some of these people understand the "liason" between racism, Vietnam War, and capitalist exploitation?

2) The "Berkeley Students Movement" — what are exactly the purposes of those "angry students"?

3) Among the people who fight against the Vietnam war, are there only pacifists, humanists, etc., or does this opposition let some more fundamental opposition appear?

4) Last summer French papers told us that in the Detroit riots, some white people rose up with Negroes; what exactly about that? And what kind of white people?

I look forward to receiving some copies of your paper that will tell about these things.

**Student  
France**

I had thought that revolution would start God knows where, but not in America, though I knew we were already in a revolution. But I felt that this revolution was not achieving as much as I wanted it to. Now I am beginning to think that America is the revolutionary country, because nowhere else is there such a movement among the youth.

**American in Europe**

# TWO WORLDS

By Raya Dunayevskaya,  
Author of *Marxism and Freedom*

## Nigeria: A Retreat, Not A Victory

The following is a letter, unpublished as we go to press, sent to the editors of the *New York Review of Books* by Raya Dunayevskaya in response to a recent article.

Conor Cruise O'Brien's brilliant article (NYR, 12/21) does much both to correct the one-sided press coverage of the tragedy of Biafra and to undermine the spurious reasoning by analogies. Mr. O'Brien has turned away the blanket of abstractions about "Federation" vs. "Balkanization", "nationalism" vs. "tribalism", and laid bare the ugly reality of Northern emir-dominated, neo-colonialist Nigeria where some 30,000 Ibos were massacred last July and two million more driven back to the Eastern Region only to be invaded by genocidal-minded "Federal" troops soon after the Region declared its independence under the name of the Republic of Biafra.

Just before the fall of Enugu I received a letter from a friend there who fully confirms Mr. O'Brien's statement that, for the Ibos, the choice concerned, not ideological abstractions, but a matter of survival or extermination. The writer of that letter had always called himself a Marxist-Humanist. At the time of the July 1966 massacre he had been a trade union organizer in the Middle Belt, and barely escaped with his life. This young man in his later twenties, though an Ibo, had not previously lived in the East Region. Yet he now wrote: "I shall never move outside the Eastern-Region so long as I live." This letter is representative of what had been Nigerian nationalism.

WHY, however, must Mr. O'Brien turn the tragic situation into a virtuous one by transforming the forced compulsion to secede into still another abstraction — "Now that they (the Ibos) have in very truth formed a nation on their own soil under the pressures of history" — and pit the Ibo "nation" against the "mystique of 'Nigeria'" as if Nigerian nationalism was only something the Ibos "invented" in the 1950's? "The irony," writes Mr. O'Brien, "is that the mystique of 'Nigeria', under which they are now being crushed, was in large part their own creation. The Ibos were once proud to call themselves Nigerian nationalists although there was no Nigerian nation and although at that time — some years before independence — no one else thought in such terms."

Now, it is true that the Ibos were in the forefront of the struggle for the freedom of Nigeria from British imperialism. They began that struggle for the freedom in the 1930's, not in the 1950's. In the full tradition of African nationalism which had always been universalist, Nnamdi Azikiwe (Zik), who can rightly be called the father of Nigerian nationalism, at first condemned territorial nationalism.

WHETHER he propagated for Nigerian independence from his self-exile in Accra in 1935, or from Lagos (1937 and thereafter), the spirit that animated both his activity and the papers he founded was that which he first comprehensively expressed in his book, *Renascent Africa*—the freedom of the continent of Africa from European colonialism.

The uniqueness of African nationalism was not lost when the realities and complexities of the freedom struggle made it necessary to conduct the actual struggles within the "national" boundaries erected by Western imperialism. And it did not change its character when, from an idea propagated by small groups of intellectuals, African nationalism became a mass movement. This is especially true of Nigeria where Zik, from the start, concentrated his attention on the multi-tribal militant youth, the new generation that, under the impact of World War II, wanted "freedom now."

BY 1945 a new force — organized labor — swept onto the historic stage with a general strike. Of all the leaders of Nigerian nationalism, including the Yorubas who preferred "cultural nationalism" and regionalism, Zik alone came out in support of the general strike, thereby imparting a new, a proletarian quality to his Nigerian nationalism.

He at once became a national hero. Needless to say, it was not because he alone or the Ibos as a whole "invented" Nigerian nationalism. The truth is both less magical and more powerful. The alignment with labor disclosed a new unifying force in Nigerian nationalism present within the colonial entity called Nigeria.

ALTHOUGH only a few Northerners had participated in the general strike, it was the beginning of a Nigerian nationalist movement in the North, one not led by the conservatives only in order to oppose militant "Southern" nationalism, but one led by Northern militants. It was aided in its work by the fact that one page of Zik's paper was written in Hausa. It was, naturally, not a question only of language, but of the nationalism propagated in that language — a nationalism that opposed both British imperialism and their own ruling class.

It is true that Nigerian nationalism in the North never had the mass support it had in the South and especially the East. It is true that when the North "as a whole" embraced "nationalism" it was only because it was sure that it was favored by British imperialism to be the rulers of an "independent" Nigeria, and that, once in power, Zik worked hand in glove with Balewa to deny democracy to the Midwest, to the Yorubas.

IT IS not true that that is all there was to Nigerian nationalism. One event of my 1962 trip to Nigeria stands out especially in my mind — a mass rally called by the National Trades Union Congress, the Nigerian Youth Congress and the Lagos Tenants Council to protest the government's austerity budget. The speaker who got the biggest applause was a Hausa youth who described the conditions of life and labor of the talakawa (peasant masses) in the North where conditions were "no different than when we were a colony" because now, "with Zik's help" the stranglehold of "our

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## NEW BEGINNINGS

by Eugene Walker

### Community Organizing: Tactics or Philosophy?

From a number of articles in various radical papers across the country it is evident that there is a great deal of discussion occurring about how to organize people into a movement to change America.

Much of the discussion revolves around the problem of students organizing working class communities. Each article has its own set of experiences for analysis. One group want to begin by immediately organizing a project—anti-draft, slum clean-up, etc.—another feels that one must submerge into the community for six months or so to learn about the people, perhaps work where they work, and then begin the organizing campaign.

#### WRONG DEBATE

Unfortunately the debate is thus only one of tactics. Let's face it, in some cases one approach would be better and in other circumstances the other. But meanwhile what needs to be discussed and thought about gets lost in discussing this or that tactic of community organizing.

What has to be decided is whether you are organizing with

human beings as objects to be organized, or if you are organizing in such a manner that the human beings are viewed as the subject who must participate in the organizing themselves.

This society has developed in a way that almost everything we come in contact with, and everyone, is viewed as object. It can be seen most obviously in a factory owner who utilizes and views his workers not as human beings but as so much labor power which represents so much profit if they are worked hard. The commander in chief, LBJ, views both the American soldiers he sends to Vietnam and the Vietnamese that he orders killed as objects to be utilized to keep the system going.

#### SAME CATEGORIES

But the phenomena is not restricted to those who wish to preserve this society. It is also within many who wish to change the society. Among many there is a great desire to destroy the old and yet they use the same categories in viewing human beings. A group of people should be organized so that we can beat the cops. A powerful anti-war movement should be built to force Johnson out of Vietnam.

In each case the attitude is that one is organizing a counter force, a power to match and eventually overthrow the society. What is happening is that the person being organized is not looked upon as a subject, as a self-developing thinking subject who is the real key to organizing a movement to change America.

The key here is one's attitude to the people you are working with. Are the ideas for organizing, for doing away with this society and building a new one, a one-way street or must the educator himself be educated?

The organizer has a role, an important and necessary role; but it is not to substitute himself for what only the masses can do—tear down society root and branch and rebuild it on new grounds. Rather his first task is to have confidence that the masses are capable of this task and to elicit from them their thoughts and aspirations concerning the direction the movement should be going.

#### HUMAN SUBJECT

It means that the human subject has to immediately begin practicing their role as subject of the revolution and that the organizer must aid in this. It begins with as seemingly simple things as writing their own leaflets for a given activity, instead of this being done by the "better educated" organizer. And it continues through all the tasks and problems of building a serious movement.

Only in this manner can we hope to throw off all the concepts of the backwardness of human beings which this society constantly teaches us, and get to the job that needs to be done.

## Japanese Demonstrators Protest War

Tokyo, Japan — When prime minister Sato was to leave Haneda airport in the south of Tokyo, 3,000 Zengakuren students and 2,000 workers of the Anti-War Youth Committee assembled in the Haginaka park near the airport to protest the im-

perialist intention of the Japanese ruling class to become an active aggressor in Vietnam together with the U.S. imperialists.

Just at this moment, the Japan Communist Party was holding "Autumn Festival (Akshata Matsuri)" far away from the Haneda airport in the Tama lake park, to the astonishment of the serious people all over Japan. To Haneda airport, JCP only sent "representatives" and news reporters.

#### POLICE CORDON

Police cordons were drawn on three bridges over the small muddy river which separates the whole area of the airport from the neighboring place. Police, astonished with the determination of the students, began to attack them with fire hoses. Police used clubs openly on resisting students in an indiscriminate brutality.

Captured by several policemen, students were beaten severely on the head and chest almost to unconsciousness. It was in the midst of this assault that one student, Yamazaki, was killed by police. His body was carried away by police in haste.

Now 5,000 students and workers tried to resume the resolute march into the airport. Overpowered by mighty and determined demonstrators, riot police shot tear gas bombs and rushed into the bewildered demonstrators, attacking them with clubs.

Mass arrests took place and the demonstrators were pushed back to Haginaka park from where they started. Inhabitants near the airport kindly offered refuge to the wounded workers and students.

#### STATE ATTACKS

As Zengakuren has emerged on the forefront of Japanese class struggle through its organized mass militancy and uncompromising antagonism against the ruling class, the state power has turned to a systematic attack on Zengakuren.

Mass arrest has become almost an "ordinary incident" accompanying demonstrations: 285 students' arrest in Hosei University on Sept. 14th was soon surpassed by 333 students' arrest in the Haneda struggle on Nov. 12th. More than half of the arrested students have been sued and surprisingly large amounts of money are requested for bail.

Police violence is becoming more and more brutal in each demonstration. Skull injuries, apparently caused by repeated beating by clubs, are common. Many students are lynched by police on the spot and during arrest.

Formerly, university administration had relative independence from the state and "autonomy of the university community" has long been regarded as democratic advantage for students' and academic life in the university. But recently university administrations are gradually surrendering to threats by state power.

#### HIT UNIVERSITIES

Riot police were introduced into universities more than seven times during the year: Hosei University (two times), Chuo, Meiji, Waseda, Takasaki, Sage Universities were all attacked by police.

The state power intends to destroy the student movement itself through suppressing the organizational activity of Zengakuren and even dissolving Zengakuren as a national organization.

Since the two Haneda struggles this year, government has begun to refer quite openly to application of the Subversive Activities Prevention Law on Zengakuren, which was made in 1952 during the period of the witch-hunt (or Red purge) in order to disband the Japan Communist Party. But it has never been applied actually in any case up till today.

Police are exercising pressure even on parents of the arrested students. All of these measures, however, are confronting popular resistance. The Japanese people are showing hearty support to Zengakuren in many ways, even though they may have differing views on the student movement.

#### PREPARE PROTEST

As 1968 begins, the Japanese government has decided to accept the U.S. nuclear aircraft carrier Enterprise, the so-called "Floating Nuclear Base for North Bombing," in the Japanese harbor of Sasebo in Kyushu in the middle of January.

Zengakuren is already preparing a protest at Sasebo with the students of Kyushu University. The student group under the direction of the Japan Communist Party, has already begun its disruptive activity against the Sasebo struggle.

## Youth Call for Working Organization

Los Angeles, Calif. — This country, with all its countless groups, lacks a national Marxist-Humanist Youth organization, an organization explicitly committed to both revolution and humanism.

It is for the purpose of laying the foundations for such an organization that we, the group that publishes the *Young Marxist Humanist* (which would become the official organ of the organization), have organized ourselves as the Temporary Committee for the Formation of a National Marxist-Humanist Youth Organization.

#### YOUTH INVITED

We invite all Marxist-Humanist youth interested in a total revolution in the country and in the world to join us in forming this organization. As a working group, it would strive to inject the Marxist-Humanist perspective into the youth sections of the revolutionary movement and try to bring the movement for student power closer to those for black power and workers' power.

The movement in this country lacks unity and we feel that the necessary unifying element is the total philosophy of Marxist Humanism.

For a movement to be unified after victory it must be for the same thing. As its name indicates, Marxist Humanism is the unity of a revolutionary critique of the old society and the humanist basis for a new one.

#### YOUTH TO BUILD

We are only a Temporary Committee because we intend to be consistent with our principles and want the youth organization to be built by the members themselves. We have set March 1 as the provisional date at which time the Temporary Committee will cease to exist and the actual organization will come into being.

All interested people please contact: B. Wendell, 358 S. Doheny Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212.

—B. Wendell

#### For a Month

### Students in Italy Occupy Main Building

Turin, Italy—Here in Italy class struggle is nearing a standstill, at least for an outside onlooker. I'm sure it never really stops inside the shops, from Turin's FIAT to Taranto's Italsider.

Furthermore one may expect some new explosions in spring. But the fact remains that the whole movement is now in the hands of the socialist and Communist parties and of their trade unions, with hardly any sign of an autonomous movement of the workers, as happened in 1960, in 1962-63-64.

#### STUDENT ACTIVITY

Perhaps the most interesting things of these last months have happened in the universities (and, with this, all is said!). The centre-left government wishes to pass a new law on public instruction (all universities, except one or two, are state ones) before spring (parliament will probably close in March, so that general elections may be held before summer).

This new law is nothing better than the old one; and this was to be expected, since half of the government and I don't know how many M.P.s are university professors (meaning barons of one great mafia): how could they prepare a law which might hurt their own interests?

So we've had many student demonstrations, several sit-ins, and lately, the most important experience, here in Turin.

#### OCCUPY BUILDING

Students occupied the main central building of the university, and held it for more than one month; just after Christmas they were thrown out by the police, called in by the Rettore (director elected by ordinary professors, the mafia).

During the occupation, students advanced many requests; particularly they insisted that professors should no longer have the immense power they have today; that professors should discuss programs with students, before starting lessons; that students should be accepted in universities as equals by the professors, and not as babies who must be paternally taught to, if they are good, and mercilessly knocked down, if they start to protest and to talk back.

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# N.Y. Mobile Tactics Score One Success, One Failure

New York, N.Y. — We've used mobile tactics twice now in New York—once when Dean Rusk was here on Nov. 14, and again in Stop the Draft Week, Dec. 4-8. Once it worked well and once it was a real failure.

The idea of mobile tactics — disrupting an area of the city by hitting fast and in several places at once — this is a powerful idea to those of us who are sick and tired of being herded behind barricades like cattle while the things we're protesting go on unmolested.

### TACTIC A DEFENSE

Mobile tactics also is a defense against police savagery. If you have a large, compact group, the police can surround it and either beat or arrest the demonstrators (sometimes for variety they do both). The people who are for mobile tactics say: stay in small groups, keep on the move, disrupt the normal commercial operations (traffic, especially trucking).

On Nov. 14, Dean Rusk came to explain America's foreign policy at the NY Hilton Hotel. The police set up seven blocks of barricades (none of them in sight of the hotel), so that the demonstrators could quietly picket behind them, and Rusk would be undisturbed. Then they massed 1,000 cops in front of the Hilton, in case we tried to rush the entrance, like the Pentagon. Well, a whole lot of us didn't want to walk behind the barricades, and didn't want to rush 1,000 cops either.

So we went a few blocks from the hotel and started blocking intersections, disrupting trucking, calling out the fire engines and trying to catch the limousines of the fat cats who were arriving to hear Dean Rusk. We know that at least three of the Rolls Royces didn't make it to the Hilton that night.

### NO LEADERS

The word spread to the people on the picket line and soon over

1,000 people were in the streets, in countless small groups. The idea really caught on — and the cops were bewildered.

There were no leaders to catch, no one to negotiate with. People would block a corner, then fade into the crowd, only to reappear a few minutes later at another intersection. But the idea was perhaps a little too good, because all the "big-names-and-a-mimeo machine" groups with no membership decided that they would have to sponsor a mobile tactics demonstration.

A few problems arose: mobile tactics need spontaneity, and they had it all written out on paper; mobile tactics need small groups, and they planned on "parade contingents" of 500 each; mobile tactics can't have leaders, and they had a whole action committee (they appointed themselves) WHICH NEGOTIATED ALL THE PLANS WITH THE POLICE!

Wednesday, Dec. 6, was the day we were scheduled to stop the inductions at Whitehall St. in lower Manhattan. About 3,000 demonstrators met in Battery Park. While we waited in the cold at 5:30 a.m., the organizers put us into "troops" with letters from A. to F. Each troop had its marshalls and its "chief marsh-all" (the latter with a red star.)

### MOBILITY IMPAIRED

The groups of 500 or so each were finally sent out in lines of eight across, arms linked. Not exactly mobile. We walked up one street and then stopped in front of a police barricade with only 20 cops in back of it. The marshalls held people back and told us to wait. We waited 30 minutes.

Then we moved up Broadway until we blocked it for 12 blocks. The police asked us to move, and the "chief marshall" was agreeing when we began shouting "Peace Now!" so they couldn't hear. The leader then announced that we would stay in the street until they let us go to Whitehall, in front of the induction center. But we had made the decision to stay in the street and we knew they weren't going to let us go to Whitehall anyway.

Sure enough, in about ten minutes, the cops came in strength, along with their horses, clubs, and gas. Since we were in such a large group, and since the police knew our plans anyway, we couldn't breakup and regroup the way we did at the Dean Rusk demonstration. So we were pushed back and back until we found ourselves in Battery Park along with all the other "troops." The leaders then decided to have what we called a "defeat rally."

They tried to explain the disaster away. But the crowd was yelling "No More Marshalls!" and one marshall got up and burhed his armband, yelling, "This thing has been a sellout from start to finish." When another marshall tried to get up to denounce the leadership, they cut the power off the microphone.

One of the chief marshalls was complaining that "The police reneged on everything they promised!" And people yelled back — "You believed them? You made a deal with them?"

### LEARN LESSONS

One thing we all learned — if you are going to have mobile tactics, you can't have a big bureaucracy and a lot of pre-planning. It has to really be what you say it is — united individuals, each his own leader, but working together. Otherwise it just plays into the hands of the cops.

## TWO WORLDS

# Nigeria: A Retreat, Not A Victory

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emirs" over the talakawa is anointed as "nationalism." "What we need," he concluded, "is a real revolution. We need to get rid of the scoundrels in Parliament."

It is true that, along with the "new" military junta in Lagos (who now get aid also from Russia) British imperialism wants Nigeria intact for what Marx in his day called "order mongering" purposes. It is not true that neo-colonialism emerged out of Nigerian nationalism. The truth is that by the 1950's the Cold War had reached the shores of Africa and the global conflict between the two nuclear thins affected drastically the character not only of Nigerian nationalism but the whole of African nationalism.

UP TO the fifties, even when a founder like Zik moved away from the high point reached in 1945-48 and began to play the game of nationalism according to the rules set by British imperialism, this did not affect the Zikist youth movement which continued to function without him. Indeed the revolutionary activity at first intensified so that when the Zikist movement was banned by British imperialism, it simply renamed itself the Freedom Movement and continued its struggle against "all forms of imperialism and for the establishment of a free socialist Republic of Nigeria, fighting in and out of parliament, employing non-violent revolutionary tactics."

By the end of the 1950's, on the other hand, the pull of the objective forces (both of the vortex of the world market and the new stage of imperialist struggle for world mastery politically) became irresistible to the nationalist leaders who moved away from dependence on the spontaneity, the self-activity of the masses that had made political independence a reality, and, instead, began "choosing sides" — "the East" or "the West" — as a substitute for the deepening of the African Revolution.

UNDER the circumstances, to date the movement for Nigerian independence to the Fifties is not only an historical inaccuracy, but, what is far worse, blinds us to the historical distinction between the independence movement "As Reason" and its regression into state power, and thereby makes it impossible to draw any lessons from history for today, which was, rightly, Mr. O'Brien's pre-occupation.

There has always been a dualism in "the pressures of history" and it will not do to cover up this dualism with phrases like "in very truth" and "on their own soil." In coming to the support of Biafra—and world opinion must be mobilized to stop the slaughter and the cowering of the Ibos in the name of a non-existent "Nigerian nation", in the name of "order mongering" — let's not, for heaven's sake, elevate the new nation of Biafra to where we forget that it is a retreat, a necessary, an imperative retreat, but a retreat nevertheless, and not a victory for African nationalism, for the African Revolution that remains unfinished.

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### RELEASE REACTIONARIES

The list of 300 is made up almost exclusively of royalist and reactionary factionalists. One of the few exceptions is Andreas Papandreu, the liberal Center Unionist who has a legion of friends in American universities who have worked ceaselessly for his release. Not a single trade unionist has been released. Not a single artist has been freed. Not a single leftist has been given the hint of liberty.

The prisoners are in the same concentration camps utilized by the Nazis. Most of them were fighters in the Resistance and participants in the lost social revolution of the late forties. Their jailers are the old collaborators.

### NEED MONEY

One of the few ways that the prisoners can be helped is by sending money to their families. To facilitate this aid our committee has produced an album entitled Romiosini, The Story of the Greeks. The music is by Mikis Theodorakis (composer of Zorba the Greek) with words from a poem by Marxist poet Yannis Ritsos. The songs are a series of connected eulogies to the guerilla. The singing style, musical instruments, and words fuse to form a masterpiece of the demotic. Inside the album is a small booklet with a thumbnail history of Greece, biographies, translations, and the April 23 Resistance Manifesto of Theodorakis.

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The album costs \$5, with all profits going to the anti-fascist struggle. We ask you to come to the aid of the embattled Greek people by supporting us in our efforts to aid the prisoners and by circulating the revolutionary works of the imprisoned artists.

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# The State of the Union Is the State of the War

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—contrary to all expectations—got well over the 66,000 petition signatures needed by Jan. 2 to put it on the ballot in California.

Most significant of all, however, is the attitude of the youth, who are being asked to die but are not even old enough to vote. In San Francisco where 40 percent voted on Nov. 7 for immediate withdrawal of the troops a straw vote was held for 18 to 20 year olds at 15 polling places throughout the city. Their vote was 2,912 to 272 for immediate withdrawal.

Four 19 and 20 year olds voted with their feet and accomplished their own immediate withdrawal—the four American sailors who, in protest against the war, left their ship, the U.S. aircraft carrier *Intrepid*, on Oct. 23, when it docked in Japan, and have been given political asylum in Sweden. **"TYPICAL FOUR"**

The Administration cannot claim that these four had either been captured and brainwashed by the enemy, nor that they were "radicals" with any political affiliation. None had even been to college. They came from "typical American families." One was the son of a Navy commander.

They simply could no longer stand being part of the barbarism. Moreover, as of the time we go to press, there are 12 more who have left the armed forces and fled to Sweden to protest against the slaughter in Vietnam.

The U.S. claims by now to have killed 200,000 Vietcong. How many civilians have been casualties has never been counted, though Sen. Ted Kennedy has reported that it is close to 150,000 this year alone, and various officials have estimated it may be half a million since the war began.

The ever-increasing escalation can be seen in the fact that of the 16,000 American troops killed in the past seven years of the war, well over half, over 9,000, were killed in the last year alone. **"MY BITCH IS WITH THE WHOLE SOCIETY"**

It was because they were "worried about the United States," that the four young sailors said they left the *Intrepid*.

"It's becoming a military government," said one. "It's hypocritical", another. And, to emphasize that being opposed to the U.S. policies did not mean being for Russia, and that they were in Moscow only while waiting for asylum in a neutral country, the Navy commander's son explained: "Actually my bitch is with the whole society. How could I stay here? I haven't progressed any. I've gone nowhere except to the other side of the lake."

**WAR AND PROSPERITY**  
The degeneracy of capitalism is seen in its claim of "81 months of unbroken prosperity" since Vietnam. It is better, according to the economists, than even the record set in the war period of 1939 to 1945.

Not only is it a fake prosperity built on armaments and death—but it is a prosperity that millions of Americans, both black and white have never seen.

The revolts in 126 cities during 1967-75 of them "major" ones—gave eloquent testimony to the existence of "two Americas" with

in the nation. Yet, even though industry, labor and government all acknowledged at the end of the summer that "more jobs" had top priority in attempts to prevent more revolts next year, unemployment far from declining has actually increased, and among black workers most of all.

**WORK GAP WIDENS**  
The unemployment rate among Negroes has been double that among white workers ever since the Korean War, but federal figures now show the gap widening abruptly. Between August and December white joblessness climbed from 3.5 to 3.8 percent. During the same period, Negro joblessness climbed from 6.9 to 8.8 percent. In many of the largest cities, including Detroit, non-white employment passed the 10 percent point. And the rate for Negro teenagers climbed from 25 to 35 percent.

Since the revolts of the summer not a thing has been done by anyone to alleviate the conditions of life in the ghetto. Instead Congress has passed, and LBJ signed into Law, new Social Security Act Amendments slashing welfare payments so brutally that Sen. Harris of Oklahoma predicted some 300,000 children will be forced off relief next July alone.

In addition, states will be allowed to throw parents off relief if they do not take jobs the state recommends—and one need not wonder what this will mean for black workers in states like Mississippi or Alabama.

**INFLATION BITE**  
Even for those workers with jobs, the ever-increasing inflation has absorbed any gains they might have seen from the month-long strikes that became the pattern for 1967, a year which saw some of the hardest bargaining and the most strikes in 14 years. One strike that is already six months long and affects 60,000 copper workers is still nowhere near settlement.

In 1968, contracts covering four million more workers expire, and long-term strikes loom as definite possibilities for steelworkers, railroad workers, longshoremen, and soft-coal miners, as well as aerospace, telephone, construction and aluminum workers.

This is the real state of the union as we pass into 1968. All the crises of capitalism not only remain but promise to intensify, as the war expands.

**WHAT'S AHEAD?**  
If the Administration thinks it will silence opposition to the war by the move against Dr. Spock, it only shows how far removed it is from the mood of the masses. Already the indictment has solidified opposition among the clergy who are making plans to gather in Washington, D.C. to protest the government's action.

Washington is also the place where, in April, Dr. King will launch his civil disobedience campaign. Long before the Democratic Party meets in convention in Chicago next August both the anti-war movement and the black revolt will converge for their battles with the Administration.

One thing is clear. The long hot summer will start in early spring this year.

# Our Life and Times

By Peter Mallory

## Globalized Capitalism — U.S. Style

The devaluation of the British pound, followed by the devaluation of the currencies of 22 other countries, has brought into question the value of the American dollar and the problem of U.S. balance of payments abroad.

In 1945 the total of U.S. investment abroad amounted to only \$8.4 billion, the accumulated total of the previous 100 years of U.S. investment abroad.

Last year alone American capitalism invested \$10.2 billion abroad, bringing their present total to \$64.8 billion. In the past year, 14% of all U.S. capital invested in plants and equipment was spent outside the U.S.

One single U.S. corporation, Standard Oil of N.J., has \$13.8 billion invested abroad in over 300 diversified companies — or \$800 million more than all the gold in Fort Knox.

It is obvious that U.S. capitalism has become globalized to the extent that they operate empires larger than many governments, control their own means of communication, operate fleets of ships larger than many navies and conduct their operations in so many countries as to be independent of being completely controlled by any single country.

When the Suez Canal was cut off, the oil and shipping companies diverted their tankers at sea to other ports, sent American oil to Europe and re-directed the flow of goods and materials between countries to keep their vast empires supplied with no loss of time. The governments involved had little or nothing to say about it.

Globalized capital took care of its own problems, insured its own profits and illustrated as never before the international character of its operations.

Ford Europe has linked its engineering centers in Dunton, England and Cologne, Germany, by telephone cable with the computer system at the home office in Detroit, Mich. to solve problems on an international scale. I.B.M. has diverted two important research projects on computers to its European laboratories, while Standard Oil of N.J. has set up a 50 acre research center in Brussels, Belgium, which employs scientists from 11 nations to work on their problems.

The globalization of capital, as carried on today, makes it sound like "The Man From U.N.C.L.E." or is it in reality more like THURSH?

In the field of high finance the devices of Eurodollars and Eurobonds permit the profits from U.S. investment abroad to accumulate abroad without paying U.S. taxes. Only about 50% of these profits return to the U.S. About \$4 billion of these profits are used to buy up industries throughout the world and put them under the domination of U.S. globalized capitalism. DeGaulle complains that it is like a "lien weighing heavily on our national patrimony". Wilson calls it "industrial helotry".

Hard fact shows it to be a drain on the American economy that could well, after the next election, lead to an increase in the price of gold and to the de-

valuation of the American dollar which could cut the savings of all American workers by 10%.

To maintain these private empires of invested capital, the U.S. maintains organizations like NATO, the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean, vast military establishments around the world and carries on the barbaric and useless war in Viet Nam. Any seizure of any part of the domain of the globalizers is met by the military force of the United States or its C.I.A. agents, who conveniently arrange the overthrow of the government in question. Witness the fate of Sukarno in Indonesia, Nkrumah in Ghana. Latin American governments rise and fall at the drop of a C.I.A. hat.

Mike Haider, head of Standard Oil of N.J., states quite frankly, "I see no limit to the globalization of American business." He and his accumulation of finance capital is truly beyond government control.

He can, if he wishes, pick up his files and staff, move anywhere on the planet and continue his operations. Hundreds of his counterparts can do likewise. The sales and operations of many U.S. corporations abroad are greater than they are in the U.S.

There is no simple solution to the globalization of finance capital. There is certainly no globalization of organized labor to combat it. Cutting off a finger, an arm or a leg does not destroy the creature. Only the destruction of capitalism on a world scale can restore to man the fruits of his own labor.

### GREECE

Former President Truman's Greek chickens have come home to roost. The "military aid" which Harry Truman poured into Greece after World War II in order to prevent the Greek people from making a free choice in their form of government has led from one military dictatorship to another.

The tragedy of Greece lies in the misdirected efforts of the United States government's intervention in the internal affairs of that country. U.S. efforts were directed to build up a military clique, give them unlimited money, arms and political support against the people who were tired of living under a monarchy, in abject poverty, under the domination of a medieval church structure more interested in political power than the saving of souls.

Once the United States had built an all powerful military structure, as it has in so many undemocratic countries, the power structure became all sufficient unto itself. Any democratic institutions that stood in the way were first abolished, and finally the

monarchy itself was forced to flee.

At present no government recognizes the Greek regime, but the same regime has been previously recognized by Washington, the guns they use were provided by the U.S. military budget, their officers and leaders were trained by Washington and there is no question in my mind that the ugly fascist regime in Greece is a creature born in the Pentagon — and like Medusa, the mother must be slain to prevent any more of these bastards from being let loose upon the world.

### VIET NAM

General David M. Shoup is the retired Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps with plenty of experience in Viet Nam and hardly considered to be either a long bearded hippie or a member of the radical left. In a recent interview he stated that the conflict was actually a civil war between "those crooks in Saigon" and Vietnamese nationalists seeking a better life.

IN A RADIO interview laced with sarcasm, he said: "They just keep trying to keep

the people worried about the communists crawling up the banks of Pearl Harbor, or crawling up the Palisades, or crawling up the beaches of Los Angeles, which, of course is a bunch of pure unadulterated poppycock.

"It's about 8,000 miles over the water, and as I have said before, I don't think we have a record of but two people walking on water (Jesus and His disciple Peter) and one of them fell. They won't have enough ships, or enough planes to get over. I don't know what they are going to get here with."

A MEDAL OF HONOR winner, the 63-year-old general said the only way to win the war was through negotiated settlement. He said the only way the United States could win a military victory over North Vietnam in the foreseeable future would be "to commit genocide on that poor little country."

Shoup suggested that President Johnson should promise in advance to end all military offensives when peace talks began, and call on North Vietnam's President Ho Chi Minh to set the time and place for peace talks.

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