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International Woes Beset U.S. Economy

By Art Preis

"Perhaps the most comfort businessmen can derive from this week's presidential news conference is that for the first time in a long spell there weren't any questions about the state of the economy," wrote Sam Dawson, *Associated Press Business Analyst*, on Aug. 31. "All hands seem willing to let lie, for the moment at least, all the summer's built-up fears about whither are we going."

At the risk of being accused of a breach of good taste, I feel obliged to raise certain questions about the state of the economy as depicted by Kennedy in his Aug. 13 broadcast, some aspects of which I discussed in the Aug. 27 *Militant*.

Most of Kennedy's talk was devoted, I pointed out, to domestic aspects of the economy. He sought to demonstrate through limited and carefully-selected economic data that the U.S. profit-economy is in robust health. I took note of some significant statistics that Kennedy excluded from his speech and which put

the economic picture in a somewhat more somber light.

What struck me most on hearing Kennedy's talk was his failure to relate the U.S. economic situation in any significant way to international developments. He touched on international economic problems in only the briefest and most perfunctory fashion — and then only to reassure us that these problems are on the way to speedy solution. Only in six scattered paragraphs of his 107-paragraph speech did he make any references to the international aspects of the economic dilemma of U.S. capitalism. But it is precisely in the international sphere that the contradictions of U.S. capitalism are finding their most acute expression.

It is not my intention, nor do I even have the space, more than to indicate the scope and acuteness of the international problems affecting the stability of the U.S. economy. It will suffice for the purposes of this article to present briefly a few problems which Kennedy either omitted or touched upon only in an utterly light-minded and misleading fashion.

The only big international problem that Kennedy was bold enough to approach directly was the international balance of payments — the difference between the total funds flowing out of the country and those flowing in. Since the U.S. government is obligated to redeem on demand foreign-held U.S. dollars in a

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John F. Kennedy

U.S. Newspapers Whip Up War Hysteria Against Cuba

By George Lavan

Never, save, perhaps in Hitlerite Germany, has a public been subjected to such a press campaign of crude lies and distortions designed to create a war psychosis as have the American people in the past two weeks.

Headlines screamed, "Castro Gets Red Missiles" and "Russian Troops Mass in Cuba," while senators from both big-business parties clamored for immediate invasion of the revolutionary island.

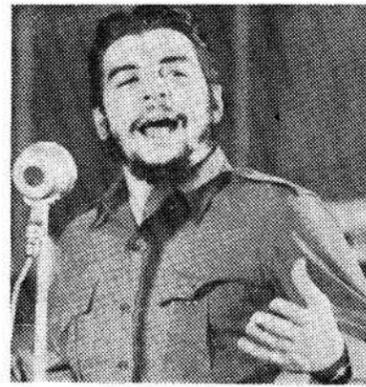
The vast propaganda machine for mass producing lies was put into high gear because Cuba had obtained large-scale assistance in strengthening its anti-aircraft and shore defenses.

Following a mission of Cuban Industries Minister Che Guevara and Chief of Military Personnel Emilio Aragonés Navarro to the USSR, large shipments of equipment and instructors to teach its use began to arrive in Cuba. Immediately the U.S. press launched scare-headlines about a build-up in Cuba for invasion or rocket-bombardment of the U.S. or South America.

Recognizing the favorable situation, Cuban counter-revolutionaries on Aug. 24 shelled a Havana suburb from two vessels and then raced back to their base in Florida. Rather than being punished for this flagrant violation of the U.S. Neutrality Law (which like the Rio Pact, Bogota Charter and UN Charter, to which the U.S. is a signatory, is a dead letter as far as attacks on Cuba are concerned), these counter-revolutionaries were lionized and put on television programs. A *New York Times* editorial (Aug. 28) correctly described the State Department's statement on the incident as "a slap on the wrist to the young Cubans . . . not couched in terms effectively to discourage repetition."

The equipment received by Cuba includes some fast patrol boats, electronically-aimed anti-aircraft guns and radar equipment. Indeed, Cuba's lack of radar until now has left it open to sea attacks and flights by U-2 and other U.S. reconnaissance planes as well as

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Che Guevara

Harlem Rally Planned On Worthy Case

A mass outdoor meeting in Harlem on Sept. 15 has been called by the Committee for the Freedom of William Worthy. Worthy is the noted Negro foreign correspondent who was convicted in Miami Aug. 8 of re-entering the U.S. from Cuba without a passport. He is the first American ever to be tried on such a charge and his case is a test of the constitutional right to travel.

Worthy is appealing and sentencing has been deferred. Maximum penalty is five years imprisonment and \$5,000 fine. He attributes his prosecution by the federal government to his outspokenness in defense of the Cuban Revolution and his criticisms of the FBI for its lethargy in civil-rights cases.

Co-chairmen of the rally are AFL-CIO Vice President A. Philip Randolph and Bishop D. Ward Nichols. Speakers will include James Farmer, executive director of CORE, civil-rights attorney Paul Zuber, and Attorney William Raines, "locality mayor of Harlem."

The meeting will be held at 7th Ave. and 125th St. from 3 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15.

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KKK Threat On Increase In the South

By Fred Halstead

Sept. 5 — The Klu Klux Klan is mobilizing, burning crosses and threatening renewed bloody violence against the growing Negro mass movement for integration in the South. Klansmen in Louisiana set crosses afire in over a dozen towns and in the state capital the night of Sept. 1 in anticipation of the fall school term and attempts by Negroes to integrate schools.

Operating with immunity from the local police, who have arrested hundreds of Negroes peacefully demonstrating for their rights, the hooded Klansmen openly burned huge crosses in front of the state capitol in Baton Rouge as well as on the grounds of Negro homes and schools. A Klan spokesman said: "We want everyone to know that the Klu Klux has been reactivated in Louisiana."

Threaten Albany Movement

KKK racists gathered from Georgia, Alabama and Florida to attend a rally in a pasture outside Albany, Ga., the night of Sept. 3, on the eve of the opening of public schools in the area. Robert M. Shelton, an "Imperial Wizard" of the KKK, told the crowd of 3,000 that "bloodshed" would be involved in the Klan's fight against the integration drive of Albany's Negroes.

At the same time, a mass meeting of Negroes, sponsored by the Albany Movement, was held in a church in the city. The meeting greeted 16 religious leaders who had just been released from Albany jails. They were part of a group of 70 ministers and laymen from various states who were arrested Aug. 28 in another of the anti-segregation demonstrations which have hit Albany since the Movement began last November.

Another Court Case

The meeting resolved to continue the struggle and to attempt to integrate Albany's white high school the following day despite Klan threats of violence. On Sept. 4, 19 Negro youths attempted to enroll in the high school and junior high but were refused entry by the school principals. Albany Movement President Dr. W. G. Anderson said a suit to integrate the school would be filed in the federal courts. Meanwhile, a boycott of downtown stores continues, the local bus line remains closed by boycott, and the city's public parks and libraries have also been closed by police to forestall integration attempts.

Reported Peking-Formosa Pact

By Joseph Hansen

LONDON, Aug. 20 — Dennis Bloodworth, Singapore correspondent of the weekly *Observer*, is standing pat on his report of a week ago that Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Tse-tung have made a deal on the fate of Formosa.

In yesterday's *Observer* Bloodworth answered the various efforts to refute his sensational report.

The denials from Chiang's representatives in Taipei, Washington and elsewhere, he said, were to be expected. "Chinese spokesmen, however, are not privy to confidential, if indirect, negotiations between Chiang's family and no more than seven top Communist leaders."

In any case it is "their duty to toe the Government line, which must stick to a 'return-to-the-mainland' theme if the Kuomintang is to retain its international standing, and if the confidence of anti-Communist states in the Far East is not to be undermined."

Bloodworth asserted that this information "came from live sources, most of whom — but not all — were at least as anti-Communist as the Government spokesmen in Taipei [British spelling of Taipei]. None of the confirmatory documentary evidence was more than one month old."

The deal as reported by Bloodworth in the Aug. 12 *Observer* is as follows:

"That neither side will launch any serious attack against the other during Chiang Kai-shek's lifetime;

"That after his death, his family will seize the first available opportunity to implement an accord with the Communists whereby Formosa will remain under Kuomintang control but will formally become an Autonomous Region of Communist China, enjoying a status similar to that held by Tibet;

"That between 10 and 20 years later, a 'referendum' will be organized to determine whether Formosa should be an independent

State or part of Communist China proper;

"That in the meanwhile the Nationalists may safely reduce to nominal proportions their heavy garrisons on the offshore islands, since these will not be attacked. As soon as practicable, Quemoy and the Communist-held port of Amoy on the mainland opposite should be integrated into a buffer administrative district, and free movement allowed between them."

The motives in Peking for the deal, according to Bloodworth, were that this "prepares the ground for an ultimate take-over and at the same time deflects Chiang Kai-shek from any single-minded attachment to the U.S."

As for "the Generalissimo," he has "more complex motives." He is old and sick.

"Chinese experts compare him to an aging and unfortunate multimillionaire whose unwise speculations have reduced him to his last million. Having lost all China, he does not intend to gamble away Formosa on a risky military adventure against the mainland during his declining years, an investment for which he knows Washington will neither advance credit nor stand guarantor.

"His main concern is to hold what he has, to preserve his regime on Formosa intact, prefera-

bly with American military and economic support.

"But he is too canny to put all his eggs into the American basket, for he is aware that Washington's attitude towards his stand against the Communists will fluctuate in accordance with developments in international relations that are beyond his control; that if the U.S. and the Soviet Union reached a global settlement, for example, Formosa might be sacrificed as one of several bargaining counters.

"He is therefore prepared to re-insure the Kuomintang's hold on Formosa by an agreement with Peking that would leave the island to himself and to his successors, even if the Americans abandoned him."

What Chiang is after, in short, is to secure the future of his son, General Chian Ching-kuo. The deal is intended to get Peking to guarantee a Chiang dynasty on the island. This is now being done under auspices of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, but Chiang is looking way ahead.

The question arises: If even Chiang Kai-shek is capable of recognizing reality; that is, recognizing the Mao government as the one that must be dealt with in the final analysis, why can't Washington follow suit?

Beginning With The Next Issue: The 8-Page Militant

The Ban on British Fascists Boomerangs

By Ross Dowson

LONDON — British Liberal and Labour opinion has demanded action against the fascists by Macmillan's Tory government and now they have the first fruits. Trafalgar Square, the site of the most massive popular demonstrations yet seen in the West, has been closed down to the anti-fascists.

Trafalgar Square is an imposing expansive area in the heart of London. I went there on the day of my arrival to see Committee for Nuclear Disarmament supporters gathered around the base of Nelson's column for shots being taken for a movie that they are producing. It was here that the British working class rallied to protest the assault on Suez that posed the threat of World War III. The square is looked upon as a symbol of freedom of speech. But ironically, through the government's barring it to several tiny fascist groups, it is now barred to the left.

Ministry's Statement

The Minister of Works, at the same time as he announced his decision to withhold permits for three fascist meetings for this and next month, expounded a policy which would enforce a ban on meetings by any other minority, any unpopular or anti-government group. The ministry's statement reads that "It would not be right to grant facilities for these meetings to be held in Trafalgar Square at a time of year when there are likely to be numbers of holiday makers and other visitors in the square" with the additional comment that it proposes to follow the same policy for the time being in dealing with other applications for the use of the square which "seem likely to cause grave inconvenience to the public."

All the applications from conservative and religious associations for the year have been granted. But among them are two that have been marked "under consideration," — the Ex-Service Movement for Peace application for Sept. 2 and the Irish Political Prisoners' Release Committee's for Oct. 14.

Thus we have an answer to the very serious question that in the past few months has increasingly come to plague anti-fascists in Britain. How to fight it? Can fascism be fought by seeking to deny its mouthpieces the elementary democratic rights that we have established for ourselves in long, hard-fought struggle? With

what has happened to freedom of speech in Trafalgar Square the answer would obviously appear to be no. To be sure, the fascists have been barred — but far more serious, an important precedent has been established against freedom of speech itself in Britain.

For some 14 years now the tiny group of fascists headed by the aging Sir Oswald Mosley has been holding meetings in one London area, with several in Trafalgar Square since 1959. But in the last month his National Union Movement and Colin Jordan's National Socialists have been making a big publicity play. They are no doubt attempting to take advantage of the crisis that has been developing for the right in Britain — the ranks of the Tories are undergoing wide splits on a whole series of questions. Then, too, there is rising unemployment — lumpen elements have been taking it out on Negroes who had been coming to England from the West Indies in increasingly large waves of immigration. The government fed the racists with its discriminatory bar on further immigration and its empowering of magistrates' courts to recommend the deportation of immigrants for infractions of the law.

Widespread Publicity

The fascist grouplets have been moving out to hold meetings in areas where they could anticipate opposition and widespread publicity. And they have been getting all kinds of publicity. Counter-demonstrations have brought an end to Mosley's meetings before he could even get on the platform and have resulted in numerous arrests by the police and harsh sentences by the courts.

The recent breakup of a National Socialist encampment by townfolk — the American Nazi Party leader Rockwell was a featured guest — got a tremendous play from the press. The *Daily Mirror* apparently donated from 400 to 500 pounds [\$1,100 to \$1,400] to the National Socialist treasury for a picture of Jordan



An anti-war rally in London's Trafalgar Square, traditional scene of rallies by labor, socialist, and peace forces in Britain. Fear is expressed that recent government ban of fascist meetings in the square may be thin edge of a wedge aimed at banning all "controversial" demonstrations there.

and Rockwell shaking hands. The manhunt for Rockwell, which for inexplicable reasons extended into days, ended with his expulsion from the country in the glare of extravagant publicity. Rockwell's deportation served the Tories another purpose. It silenced possible protests against their refusal to grant the traditional right of asylum to the dying Dr. Robert Soblen — a victim of the U.S. witch hunt.

Labour blindly strode into this situation with appeals for government action against the fascists. The Labour Party representative from Islington East challenged the government — since it could be anticipated that fascist meetings would cause disturbance — that they should be banned. The Labour representative from Hack-

ney urged that there should be a ban on public meetings in such areas as Ridley Road, where there are concentrated colored and Jewish populations. The deputy leader of the party, George Brown, joined in, possibly with other aims in view too. He has been smarting under the pressure of meetings held by Labour Party rank and filers against policies he has been advocating in the House. In his speech on Aug. 3, in which he praised the police for their tolerance, he called for stringent action against the hoodlum element, and challenged the government to implement a ban. "The Home Secretary has, under the 1936 Act, all the powers he needs to ban anything in the nature of a procession," he declared.

But this was not only the policy

of the right in the Labour Party. It took the well-known *Tribune* correspondent and Member of Parliament, Tom Driberg, to spell it out even more precisely.

He challenged the Home Secretary, who had been declaring his inability to ban a meeting in advance, that the Ministry of Works does have the power with regards to Trafalgar Square and demanded that the government tell the House whether the Jordan meeting was going to be allowed to be held.

With the appearance of extreme reluctance, as defenders of free speech, the Tories have established a precedent that can be used against the left. It took a Tory minister to point out the danger — that meetings planned by anybody can be frustrated by some newspaper or periodical announcing in advance that if a meeting is held they will break it up.

A Lesson to Learn

The fascists have gained tremendously through this episode. They have taken on some semblance of what they want to appear as — the only effective alternative to the left. Some will no doubt now believe that they are a force that all others fear to face. There is little doubt that they will cash in on their martyrdom.

The British left has made a serious error here. It is one that could have been avoided if it had been acquainted with a similar situation which confronted New York anti-fascists last year when Rockwell announced his intention to speak there. This problem was thrashed out in the pages of *The Militant*. That socialist paper and many other anti-fascists in New York opposed any government ban on Rockwell's meeting, proposing instead united anti-fascist counter-demonstrations to handle the Rockwell threat. This shows that while American labor has much to learn from the British labor movement, it's a two way street.

... International Ills Afflict U.S. Economy

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fixed quantity of gold (\$35 per ounce), an "unfavorable" balance of payments leads to a greater withdrawal of gold from the country than is returned. If the government's gold reserve is reduced too much, it can lead to devaluation of the dollar. In order to conserve the dwindling gold supply, Kennedy might, as did Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934, declare that it takes a lot more dollars to secure an ounce of gold. This would greatly lower the value, or the purchasing power, of the dollar and result in accelerated price inflation.

Back in 1949, the U.S. federal gold reserve was at a peak of \$24.5 billion. It fell one-third by May of this year, more than half of the loss occurring since Dec. 31, 1958. After the climax of the recent U.S. stock-market plunge, the June 11 *Wall Street Journal* in its lead story reported that the question of a "fresh danger to the dollar" and "a new drain on U.S. gold" was the topic of "a subtle but significant debate now going on among the powerful men of finance, governmental and private, American and European."

Balance of Payments

In his Aug. 13 talk, Kennedy asserted that "we can be proud also of balancing our international payments, at least of the progress we've made, but we still have some distance to go." He added that "we hope by the end of 1963 to bring our balance of payments into balance."

This can be accomplished only by greatly reducing the outflow of funds from the U.S., including

aid to foreign lands, military supplies sent abroad, private U.S. capital invested internationally, and payments for imports of foreign goods, or by greatly increasing the export of U.S. commodities. But exports are already running at about \$5 billion a year more than imports so the export avenue of escape doesn't look too promising. And any reduction of U.S. foreign aid, which has been the great prop of world capitalism, including Western Europe and Japan, will only reduce the prospects of the export trade.

Declining Gold Supply

Kennedy's assurances about solving the balance of payments problem and halting the decline of the U.S. Treasury's gold stock have been gainsaid in the past two weeks by the still further decline of the gold supply. The Aug. 31 *New York Times* reported that as of Aug. 29 the gold stock had fallen to \$16,098,000,000 — the lowest level since June 28, 1939, before the start of World War II. The total gold loss for the year so far is \$792 million compared to \$315 million in the corresponding 1961 period. It need only be added that last May outstanding foreign claims against the U.S. gold stock amounted to \$20.4 billion and that at that time the excess of claims over the total gold supply was \$3.9 billion. U.S. law requires a minimum of \$11.7 billion in the gold reserve to back the dollar.

I have given but the barest summary of this stupendous problem which Kennedy brushed over so lightly — perhaps because he

felt that only Harvard graduates are equipped to grasp its complexities.

There is a further and deeper problem confronting U.S. capitalism in the international sphere. It is the competition of its own capitalist allies. Kennedy's speech scarcely hinted at this problem. He had an oblique reference to the "need to enlarge our export markets" so that "we can sell abroad, so that we can get into the great Common Market which is being built up, so that we won't have our money going abroad to invest in plants overseas, but invest here in this country."

This reference to the "great Common Market" is actually a nod toward the most ferocious trade competition faced by U.S. capitalism. The Common Market countries — the "enemy" countries of World War II, Germany and Italy, as well as France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg — were rehabilitated with a large share of the \$93 billion of foreign aid spent by the U.S. since World War II. Now, united in an economic bloc, these countries are foremost economic competitors of U.S. business. In 1961, Common Market exports totaling \$20.4 billion almost equalled U.S. exports of \$20.7 billion. Whereas the U.S. had 44 per cent of world trade in 1948, today it has 27 per cent.

Savage Competition

James Reston, Washington commentator of the *New York Times*, wrote in an Aug. 9 dispatch that the U.S. faces not only a "hostile Communist world and an unpredictable . . . under-developed

world but savage commercial competition from the new mass-production and lower-wage industries of the rest of the free world." The July 13 *Wall Street Journal* headlined a "Global Sales War" by the industrial capitalist countries with U.S. trade "squarely caught in the crossfire." This is the economic reality — not Kennedy's pretty word-picture framed in gilded statistics.

To Mix A Metaphor — At a KKK rally staged in Albany, Ga., one of the Imperial Wizards asserted that the Klan is the only effective means of combating "this blackboard jungle that is creeping up on the chastity of Southern womanhood." Quite a feat for either a blackboard or a jungle!

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Los Angeles Police Report

In the adjoining columns we reprint a confidential memorandum of the Los Angeles Police on the Black Muslims. We have no doubt about the document's genuineness. It has already been printed in *Correspondence*, a monthly publication, whose editors assure us of its *bona fide* character though, naturally, they do not want their source publicized. In addition, the internal evidence of its genuineness is overwhelming for anyone, familiar with the police mind, who has followed events in Los Angeles.

There, a steadily increasing wave of police brutality against Negroes culminated April 27 in a murderous shooting spree against unarmed Black Muslim members. One man, Ronald T.X. Stokes, was killed and six others wounded. A photo next day in the *Los Angeles Times* showed wounded Muslims, their hands shackled behind their backs, lying all over the street. An accompanying story likened it to "a modern-day street-scene in Algiers." Black Muslim spokesman Malcolm X has given additional details about acts of police brutality to the wounded.

Since that bloody day, the Los Angeles police department has engaged in a propaganda campaign to "justify" its lawless attack on the Muslims, to intensify the persecution of them locally and nationally. Negro-hating congressmen from the South have responded to the bid and an "investigation" of the Black Muslims by the House Un-American Activities Committee is underway.

The wild fabrications in the Los Angeles police document are preparations for further attacks on the persecuted Muslim sect. Let the "clean-cut" Negro on the streets of Los Angeles beware — cops, already filled with anti-Negro prejudice, will be all the more trigger-happy now that they have been officially told that Black Muslims are out to kill cops.

As for the recommended reading put into the police document to give it a verisimilitude of research and scholarliness, both of these articles were exposed in *The Militant* of Sept. 7, 1959. Suffice it to note the following here. *U.S. News & World Report* is the most blatantly anti-Negro of any major national publication. The type of journalistic hatchet-job done by *Time* magazine may be well illustrated by one item. It listed as part of the police record of the Black Muslims' top leader, Elijah Muhammed, a charge of "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" (a journalistic euphemism which if not further explained is interpreted by readers as sexual abuse of a child) without any mention of the fact that the charge was based on his refusal to send his grandchild to a public school of which he disapproved.

For socialists and other champions of civil rights, the question of agreement or disagreement with the Black Muslims' demands for racial separation should in no way becloud the main issue — defense of the rights of the Black Muslims against police and political persecution. Such defense is today's acid test of the sincerity of people who claim to favor full and equal rights for the Negro people, just as defense of the rights of the persecuted Communist Party is today's acid test for those who claim to be for civil liberties and political freedom.

Schwarz, the Slippery "Crusader"

The medicine show called the "Christian Anti-Communist Crusade" came to New York City last week. Apparently in recognition of the area's large Jewish population the word "Christian" was temporarily deleted from the billing. In connection with the New York stand, the show's chief snake-oil salesman, Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, was interviewed Aug. 26 on the TV program "Meet the Press," and he displayed some of the tricks of the trade.

He was asked about a story which appeared in the *New York Times* of April 30, 1961 in which he was quoted as making a friendly reference to the activities of Robert Welch, head of the ultra-right John Birch Society.

"That was a false statement made by Cabell Phillips in an article for which I have since had an apology from the *New York Times*," replied Schwarz, keeping a straight face. After the program, Clifton Daniel, assistant managing editor of the *Times* explained the "apology" as follows:

"I apologized to Dr. Schwarz for our delay in replying to a letter from him. I did not apologize for any error in Cabell Phillips' article because in our opinion the article was correct in all important details." We cite this simply as an example of Schwarz's chicanery, an example which is documented and was quickly exposed because it involved a powerful newspaper.

On the same TV program, Schwarz boasted that the United States Information Agency was "co-operating" with his organization in the distribution of a Schwarz book among Koreans. The USIA confirms this. The quality of the "information" spread by this government agency may be gauged by the mere fact of its involvement with this con man.

What is even worse, is the fact that the government-sponsored witch hunt against radicals has created the hysterical atmosphere in which such dealers in sinister chicanery can and have become significant factors in American political life.

Secret Report of L.A. Police On Black Muslim Movement

[The following is an exact reprinting (including emphases, misspellings and grammatical errors) of a confidential memorandum from the Los Angeles Superintendent of Police to district and field captains and district lieutenants of the department. For additional information and our comment, see editorial on this page.]

THE MUSLUM-ISLAM SECT

The intent of this memorandum is to provide confidential information to departmental field personnel for their guidance and safety should situations occur wherein the circumstances indicate a contact may have been made with possible members of this sect. A brief summary of this organization, its development and aims, is herein set forth:

Since about 700 A.D. there has existed in the Middle East a religion known variously as Mohammedanism, Moslemism (also spelled Muslumism) or Islam; all of which are recognized religious organizations. There exists in the United States (and has existed since 1931) a pseudo-religious organization which has used the name "THE MOSLEMS"; in and around Los Angeles, this sect calls itself the Muslum-Islam sect. The organization is NOT a legitimate member of the Moslem religion and its existence is decried by the leaders of the true Moslem Church in the United States.

Until recently, the sect (referred to hereafter as the MUSLUM-ISLAMIS) has been a secret organization with only shadowy information known about it. It has now been determined that the sect is nation-wide, organized and financed well, militant and growing. Known membership in New York is over 3,000, in Indianapolis over 500 and in Los Angeles over 600. **It should be stressed that these are known members.**

The sect is of concern to law enforcement officers for several reasons. They are as follows:

1. It is a "hate" organization; that is, its dogma and doctrine are based upon the pitting of one group against another. History has shown that to maintain itself, any "hate" group must take aggressive action to satisfy members.

2. The organization is composed of non-caucasians, chiefly Negroes of African ancestry, and the hate campaigns are directed against all caucasians and many non-conformist non-whites. It is not merely a campaign of vilification, but one of organized efforts at murder, **chief victims are and have been police officers.**

3. The elite of the organization are the 20 to 40 year old men who are selected for physical prowess and trained in weaponless aggressive tactics. The members of the whole organization and these "Fruit of Islam" (as the men are called) particularly, **have stated that they will kill any police officer when the opportunity presents itself, no matter what the circumstances.**

4. There is presently no way to combat the organization as a whole, as it has not violated any of the various sedition laws.

5. The great danger to law enforcement personnel will come, not from large riots, but from small (three to five) groups of members, well-trained, leading police units into isolated areas and attacking the officers.

6. It is believed that in the City of Los Angeles proper, and in several of the surrounding communities, the sect can muster over 100 members at a given time and in a very brief interval.

7. When mass action is taken by the sect, it is not at the most likely places such as labor dispute areas, etc. but at routine warrant or subpoena services and court order evictions.

8. Any publicity given the sect tends to increase its membership, **AND ANY SPECIAL EMPHASIS**



Malcolm X

ON THE PROBLEM WHICH THE SECT MIGHT POSE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL ONLY TEND TO MAKE THEM MORE BOLD.

9. The men of this group are extremely dangerous; further, they are a type of fanatic, and are willing to die for their cause, content if they can take a caucasian, preferably a police officer (and this includes Negro police officers too), with them when they are killed.

The Muslum-Islams in the Los Angeles area, like their brethren elsewhere, are highly disciplined. The "clean-cut" Negro, well dressed and groomed, is the most likely member of the organization; many are well educated, all are well trained. In addition to the good clothing, members may be distinguished by a lapel pin or signet ring which they wear which is composed of a five-pointed star surmounting a crescent moon (this is also the insignia of the legitimate Islamic movements.)

Only slender hope can be extended insofar as the cult's reaching vast numbers. The secondary tenet of the Muslum-Islams is anti-Christ and anti-Semitism. Because many (if not most) American Negroes embrace Christianity in one form or another, they will be opposed to the actions of the sect on religious grounds. Well-informed members of the Negro race will unquestionably apprehend the damage done to the improving conditions current in race relations by the efforts of such a fanatic group.

In field contacts, it must be borne in mind that, even if the total membership in the Los Angeles area totals 2,000, it is but a small fraction of the total Negro population. No different treatment should be accorded the average citizen because of the hazards presented by a few fanatics; however, no unnecessary chances should be taken.

Members of this organization may be identified in some instances by the following:

1. A lapel pin or identification card.

2. In some instances, members have shaven heads.

3. Members use the regular handshake, but in addition place the left hand on the other person's forearm.

4. They are immaculate dressers.

5. Female members are forbidden to wear cosmetics; however, this rule is not strictly adhered to.

This organization has temples at the following locations:

Long Beach, 1345½ California Street (Howard's Hall).

Los Angeles, 1106½ East Vernon St., and 1480 West Jefferson Blvd.

Oakland, 1653 Seventh Street San Diego, 526 So. 36th St.

For additional information relative to this sect, recent magazine articles have been published. One article appears in U.S. NEWS

AND WORLD REPORT, August 3, 1959, issue, entitled "IS NEW YORK SITTING ON A POWDER KEG?" Another appears in TIME MAGAZINE, August 10, 1959, entitled "THE BLACK SUPREMACIST."

Because of the complexity of our society, situations arise whereby only through knowledge of the circumstances may the officer be alerted to the possibility of a potential danger. This memorandum has been prepared by the Department in an attempt to better inform its field personnel so as to enable them to cope with the ever present hazards of law enforcement.

TO: ALL DISTRICT AND FIELD CAPTAINS AND DISTRICT LIEUTENANTS
FROM: WILLIAM H. MORRIS, SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: BLACK MUSLUM (MUSLUM-ISLAM SECT)

The above is for your information and should be brought to the attention of all personnel under your command.

W.H.M.

HWM:HAB-whs
cc: All District Five Personnel
May 11, 1962.

War Hysteria Against Cuba

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those which drop saboteurs and arms. The Cuban government has protested 149 violations of its air space since July.

In view of the U.S.-launched invasion of April 1961, continued U.S. support of counter-revolutionaries, and talk in Washington that Cuba's economic difficulties make it ripe for another invasion, the Castro government is perfectly justified in taking all the military aid it can get. The U.S. has no legal or moral grounds on which to object.

President Kennedy made the following revealing slip at his Aug. 29 press conference: "I'm not for invading Cuba [pause] at this time. [Laughter from reporters] No, I don't have any, the words do not have some secondary meaning. I think it would be a mistake to invade Cuba."

Having burnt his fingers once, Kennedy is inclined to proceed cautiously. Moreover, military experts advise him that, as Sen. Wayne Morse has revealed, in its initial stages alone such an invasion "would cost a minimum of 40,000 lives of American boys." Nonetheless Kennedy allows the war hysteria against Cuba to be built up, and even feeds it, so that U.S. public opinion will be conditioned to accept whatever anti-Cuba measures he undertakes.

Thus Kennedy issued a warning Sept. 4 about steps this country would take against any Cuban aggression — though the aggression has all been the other way. The administration also chose to inflate a highly dubious charge, denied by Havana, of Cubans firing at a U.S. plane.

The Navy says the plane, a Grumman attack bomber, was on a "routine training" flight 15 miles from the Cuban port of Cardenas. It buzzed ("swooped down on," say the papers) two vessels. "It was at this point the Navy fliers believe they were fired on," says the Sept. 2 *Miami Herald*. "But when they reported the incident, higher U.S. authorities at first were skeptical." After all, there were no bullet holes in the planes, no photos had been taken, nor had the pilots seen tracer bullets. But even higher authorities grabbed onto this dubious incident which produced incendiary headlines, bellicose statements from the White House and an official warning to the Cuban government.

BOOK REVIEW

A Socialist Classic

THE RAGGED TROUSERED PHILANTHROPISTS. By Robert Tressell. New York: Monthly Review Press, 1962, 633 pp., \$6.00.

Early in this century Robert Noonan, an English housepainter, began, in his spare time, to write this famous novel under the pen name Robert Tressell. The "philanthropists" of the title are those good-hearted souls who sweat and struggle for existence when there is work, starve when there is none, and end up in the poor house when they get old — all for the charitable aim of maintaining their employers, preachers and politicians in a style befitting those superior beings of the upper class.

Noonan died of tuberculosis in 1911 without ever having his work published. By fortunate circumstance the manuscript reached the right people and the book went to print in 1914 — although, unfortunately, in an edited and abridged form. It immediately became a classic in the British socialist movement and has maintained its popularity ever since. Monthly Review Press has done the working class of this country a service by reprinting it in its complete unexpurgated form.

The descriptions in it of painters at work could have been written only by an experienced journeyman with a keen eye for detail. What surprised me was not the difference between the period described and today but the similarities. Pressure for and techniques of speed-up, tricks in cutting corners (the British term "scamping" is very appropriate), the way the foremen try to divide the men, even the characters of the foremen themselves, will be very familiar to today's building-trades worker. Capitalism has not changed its spots.

Differences, of course, are also quite apparent. In over a half-century of struggle the working class has won shorter hours, more healthful work conditions, unemployment insurance, pensions, and some medical care. Technical changes in methods of work and living standards are brought home by Tressell's descriptions of conditions at the turn of the century.

The author chronicles a year in the life of a group of housepaint-

ers in the mythical town of Mugsborough. He indicates that while the plot is fictitious, every character is taken from life. Owen, the central figure, carries on a battle to raise the consciousness of his fellow workmen despite the sneers and opposition of Crass, the foreman, and his religious cohort, Slyme.

Others, like Harlow, Sawkins, Philpot and Payne, form a typical cross-section of men on a job. Their discussions range all the way from petty grievances to politics. The arguments for socialism raised by Owen and the counter-arguments raised by others are still heard today.

With the exception of Hunter, the supervisor, the bosses and their henchmen are not so intimately drawn. The "forty thieves" — Rushton, Sweater, Grinder and Didlum — as well as the preacher, Mr. Belcher, and the Tory politician, Sir Graball D'Encloeland, are types rather than individuals.

A thought-provoking parallel can be drawn between the think-

ing of the British workers in 1910 and their American counterparts today. Then, British capitalism had experienced over two-thirds of a century of world economic domination. Unionism was at a low ebb and class collaboration in politics was the norm. Tory and liberal politicians shared election demagoguery, victories and the spoils. Individual socialists carried on an uphill fight to raise the class consciousness of the working class despite its apparent indifference, cynicism or open hostility. Yet, in the next decade, under the shocks of national and world crises, that same working class turned leftward and built the powerful Labor Party that contended for national power.

Despite its style, which by present day standards would be considered old-fashioned, this book is well worth reading for the picture it presents of the working class in what has been euphemistically called Britain's "better days."

Robert Chester

The Sound of Albany

ATLANTA, Aug. 20 — James Forman, executive secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, announced today the publication of a record depicting the songs and spirit of the Albany Movement.

The record, entitled *Freedom In The Air*, is a documentary on Albany, Georgia, 1961-2. Original idea and field work is by Guy Carawan, a folk-singer close to the sit-in movement since its inception in 1960. Carawan also produced the record along with Alan Lomax, well-known folk-music historian.

Participants in the Albany demonstrations — which began in November, 1961, and continue to this day — tell the story of Albany in songs interspersed with actual tapes recorded on the scene.

Songs of freedom on this record include, "We Shall Overcome," which has become the unofficial anthem of civil-rights demonstrators throughout the country, "Woke Up This Morning with My

Mind Stayed on Freedom," "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," "Over My Head I See Freedom in the Air," and "Oh, Pritchett, Oh, Kelley." The last song was written by Bertha Gober, a 21-year old student from Albany State College who was one of those first arrested testing the Interstate Commerce Commission's bus-station ruling last November. Miss Gober, later expelled from Albany State, wrote the song while in jail.

Also included in the record is the tape of a sermon given in Albany during the winter of 1961-2 by Rev. Ben Gay, a local minister.

The album, produced by SNCC, sells for \$3.98. Its proceeds will go toward the upkeep of 30 full and part-time field secretaries, who like those in Albany, work in the toughest hard-core areas of the Deep South — in Mississippi, Alabama, and South Georgia. Most of the field staff receives a subsistence pay of \$15-\$40 per week — when there is money enough to pay them.

It Was Reported in the Press

Workers Getting Uppity — Some 4,000 hotel workers in New York City staged a half-hour work stoppage Aug. 29, protesting managements' stalling on contract negotiations with ten unions of the Hotel Trades Council. Not content to stop the manifold services, the chambermaids, waiters, dishwashers, etc. etc., paraded into the main lobby in such swank hotels as the Waldorf-Astoria, plumped themselves down on sofas and chairs, smoked, talked and enjoyed themselves, thus forcing the shocked guests to actually rub shoulders socially with the *hoi polloi*.

Candid — "Next fall, Pennsylvania State University will change the name of one of its courses from Advertising to Paid Propaganda." — *New York Times*, July 19.

An Enemy of the People — This is the title of Henrik Ibsen's famous play in which a doctor was so branded by the leaders of a community. His "crime" was wanting to warn publicly that the curative waters of the town, which promised to bring much profit, had been so polluted by local industries that they might spread disease rather than cure. In St. Petersburg, Fla., where an encephalitis (sleeping sickness) epidemic has already hospitalized 111 people and killed eleven, the latest death being that of a 16-year-old Maryland boy who had visited the city,

Dr. Harry C. Oard, director of the county health department's section on communicable diseases, has resigned, citing "tremendous pressures" to withhold information. According to the Sept. 1 *New York Times*, "Dr. Oard believed that his primary duty as a health officer was to inform residents of developments and of the dangers and the necessary precautions." But newspaper accounts of the epidemic (the third known outbreak in the area since 1959) "has brought considerable criticism from Chambers of Commerce and hotel and motel interests, who say the reports are hurting business."

Condemns HUAC — The recent convention of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL-CIO) passed a resolution calling for the abolition of the witch-hunting House Un-American Activities Committee.

Wants to Censor Bible — Rev. Leslie Weatherhead, former president of the Methodist Conference in Great Britain says he would like to go through the bible and "be very free with a blue pencil." Asked what he would cut, the minister replied: "A lot of bloody massacres and a lot of smutty little pieces that choir boys read on the quiet. They read the rapes and the massacres which are supposed to have been ordered by God. What's the point of reading them?" — AP dispatch from London.

It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog — The U.S. advisory group in South Vietnam decided they would need 1,000 German shepherd dogs to "advise" the Diem government on how to fight communism. "Most of the dogs that reached South Vietnam are sick. Of the five dogs assigned to the Seventh Division, four were sick and so was their trainer. It was reported that they needed three months to adjust to the tropics. Meanwhile, someone discovered that each dog required \$1.20 worth of frozen horse meat a day; a Vietnamese soldier gets by on 19 cents worth of rice."

Dirty Dollars — In its annual report for the year ended June 30, 1961, Richardson-Merrell, Inc. (formerly Vick Chemical Co.) boasted to its stockholders that sales had reached a new high — \$151.5 million, or \$19.2 million more than in the previous 1959-60 fiscal year. Richardson-Merrell, Inc. is the parent company of Wm. S. Merrell Co., conscienceless purveyors of cataract-inducing MER/29 and foetus-deforming thalidomide. Sales of the former, widely-touted as "Merrell's unique cholesterol-lowering drug," and introduced into the U.S. and 15 foreign countries during that fiscal period, accounted for a substantial portion of the \$19.2 million increase.

Letters From Our Readers

To U.S. Intellectuals

New York, N.Y.

At this crucial historical moment the United States of America faces a challenge which may bring it glory or shame. It is, therefore, the responsibility of every American, and especially of American intellectuals, to rise up to this challenge and reactivate the principles of freedom which lie in the very foundation of this Country.

Within a month or so, at the United Nations, the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — known as the Committee of 17 — will resume work on the liquidation of Colonialism.

On that occasion the United States of America will be charged with holding Puerto Rico under colonial rule.

The so-called "plebiscite for Puerto Rico," advocated by the president of this country and the colonial governor of the island, is just another maneuver calculated to divert attention from the true status of Puerto Rico, and a plot to frustrate the aims set forth by United Nations Resolution 1514 (XV), of Dec. 14, 1960, against colonialism in all its forms and manifestations. But it is obvious that neither the government of the United States of America nor its spokesman in Puerto Rico will be able to fool the world — not at this stage of world events! Attempts to block or delay the onrush of freedom will only expose the enemies of freedom. In the end truth will win.

This being the situation, we call upon you, intellectuals of America, to review the facts on the Puerto Rican situation. We trust that you will be objective and impartial in your judgment. We urge you to speak up valiantly as you have done on other issues.

It is in the nature of intellectuals to be on the side of freedom, and to safeguard it.

COMITE PRO CONSERVACION DE LA CULTURA PUERTORRIQUENA
Francisca Santos
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A Suggestion

Astoria, N.Y.

May I suggest that the petitioning readers of Newton Centre, Mass., (*Militant* Aug. 13) subscribe to and support "Amnesty"; a newly formed world organization for the protection of human rights. For further information write to: "Amnesty," I Mitre Court Buildings, Temple, London E.C. 4, England.

J.C.

Time for Action

Santa Cruz, Calif.

There are untold numbers of well-meaning groups who talk themselves to death about peace and progress through reforming our national internal and foreign policies. However, they remain static because they don't recognize the facts and organize a program collectively, with an objective.

Many, like the labor unions, say they're for peace and a better life. Many are Marxist at heart but cheat their own conscience by soft-pedaling for fear of their neighbors' or government agencies' disapproval.

Liberals should draft a program

Thought for the Week

"While the young exiles apparently planned their attack [in which they shelled Havana from the sea on Aug. 24 of this year] in this country, it is not certain that they violated the law, informed sources said . . . Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy ruled, for example, that the 1,000-man rebel landing in April 1961 did not constitute a military invasion. There were no Neutrality Act prosecutions of persons who engaged in that attempt to overthrow the regime of Premier Fidel Castro." — Washington dispatch in *New York Times* of Aug. 27.

on a national scale, to meet their needs and state their objective.

Then consider the matter of assuming the offensive as a responsibility of self government. Up 'til now, mostly all movements have been on the defensive — asking or even demanding that their entrenched political officials "do something" for them, but with no organized power to back it up — so the politicians laugh for four years and by that time they've made "theirs."

The fascists are organizing and, however screwball you may think them, they have the courage to stand up and be counted and also publicize their programs. They have quite a head start from a slow beginning and may, if we stay static and continue our talk-fest, overwhelm us. Remember what was said of Hitler — even in Germany — "the man is crazy and can't last long."

There is no longer time to debate "only." Action is now on the must list. There are thousands of intelligent people who may agree that we start to build a power bloc or face another Hitler.

Think it over.

H.B.

Depends on Us

Oxford, Pa.

It is a matter of regret to me that the socialist movement which claims to be scientific, has divisions based on the support of different leaders, whose principles are often hard to identify. Marx, for instance, once said that he was not a Marxist, probably because he had learned something since the first volume of *Das Kapital* came out.

The editor of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation will have no good words for the Russian Communists, because he says they are not democratic, and have minority rule. Apparently he would like to see the peasant majority go back to the private ownership of land, abandoning socialism in order to be democratic, so that Russia would soon fall under another minority and become like South America.

I cannot depend on the Russians to tell the truth, because like other governments their first interest is to keep in power. But if it succeeds in raising the standard of living in Russia above America, democracy will be possible there, and the workers of the world will try to imitate them. Even the wicked Stalin preserved a unity that drove off the Germans.

So I depend on *The Militant*, which has no government to defend, and does not cater to labor unions, to tell the truth about Cuba. Are the Chinese any worse off than they were under the Christian dictator? Or is their trouble due to better sanitation, which lowers the death rate? There is so much wishful thinking in the news that it is hard to guess the truth. I am depending on you. Yours for the revolution.

A. Craig

New Reader

New Haven, Conn.

I am one of your new subscribers, never before finding such a paper with every article so completely interesting. I anticipate being a lifetime reader of your wonderful paper.

Please continue to report the true facts of the Albany, Ga., situation.

J.A.