Doves Into Hawks; A Lesson for the Peace Movement

By Harry Ring

JUNE 7 — The eruption of the Israel-Arab conflict has been accompanied by the spectacle of a remarkably swift transformation of leading Vietnam “doves” into proud “hawks.”

A Washington correspondent of the New York Post, Mary McGregor, reported June 3: “President Johnson is having the unwelcome experience of hearing all of his rejected rhetoric on the Far East coming back to him in force in the Middle East. Phrases like ‘commitment,’ ‘pledge,’ ‘resistance to aggression’ are being used freely by his critics in the Israeli-Egyptian confrontation.”

She cites the example of Senator Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.), a Vietnam dove, who told a Jewish Memorial Day rally in Washington that there could be no question of U.S. obligation to support Israel and, “if military action is necessary to obtain order and quiet in the Middle East, that action should be taken by the U.S. in concert with other nations. Yet there remains, if these efforts fail, a clear obligation for us to fulfill our own commitments.”

Miss McGregor further reports that while Senator Robert Kennedy (D-N.Y.) has thus far taken the relatively dovish position of favoring dispatching a multilateral army patroled by the Middle East, Senator Warren Morse, a long-time critic of Vietnam, favors sending the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

In a May 26 congressional speech that sounded like Mendele Rivers discussing Vietnam, Morse declared: “Nasser’s record of international relations... is characterized by trickery. Therefore any country that wants to protect its rights on the high seas ought to see to it that its ships, with their flags flying, go through the Strait of Tiran now.”

The pressure on this issue has been so strong that even Rev. Martin Luther King, a leading advocate of nonviolence, signed a television advertisement which appeared in the June 4 New York Times.

Signed by clergymen of various faiths, it declared in part: “President Nasser of Egypt has initiated a blockade of an international waterway—the Straits of Tiran, Israel’s sea lane to Africa and Asia... President Johnson has called the blockade ‘illegal and potentially disastrous to world peace.’ We therefore call on the United States government steadfastly to honor its commitments to the freedom of international waterways. We call on our fellow Americans... and on the administration to support the independence, integrity and freedom of Israel.”

The New York Times itself has been a prime example of dove turned hawk.

Endorsing the charge that Egypt was inciting to “genocide” against Israel, the paper declared in a June 6 editorial euphemistically entitled “The Search for Peace”: “In these circumstances — and despite the later White House statement that there is no intention to interfere with the State Department’s description of the administration’s position as ‘neutral’ in ‘thought, word and deed’...”

Gamal Abdel Nasser

Arab Nations: Flay U.S. for Colonial Role

By Dick Roberts

UNITED NATIONS, June 6 — The Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Middle East without any pullback by Israeli troops was vigorously opposed here by Israeli and Syrian representatives.

Sponsored by Washington, the mandate was passed unanimously when Moscow retreated from the position of calling for a troop pullback it held earlier in the day.

The resolution called for an immediate cease-fire and did not demand that Israel withdraw from the region already occupied on the Sinai Peninsula. Israeli Foreign Minister Parchachi declared: “The cease-fire resolution... is a complete surrender to Israel.”

For two days there have been negotiations to see whether a cease-fire resolution would be adopted that would be accompanied by a call for the withdrawal of forces back to the points from which hostilities started. That was not done because of the fact that certain states, and I mention the U.S. in particular, refused to go along with it.”

Foreign Minister Parchachi and Syrian Ambassador George J. Tomesh compared Washington’s roles in Vietnam and the Middle East. They demonstrated how Washington could not be trusted in any international action, and exposed the Security Council’s role as an agent of Washington’s demands.

“Accused in this case are the United Kingdom and the United States,” Ambassador Tomesh stated. “But their representatives sit here in the Council as judges. Thus, we have the unique situation that I, as a plaintiff, must accept the answer of the accuser.”

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Gain Over Jim Crow Won By San Francisco Painters

On May 29 an historic 30-year flight of the United Steel Workers Union was won when the Mesta Steel Corporation, also the Mesta Steel sister company, was organized. The company finally gave in after a card check against the contract provisions on the subject of the substantial majority of the workers were members of the union.

The contract between the company and the union will run three years, its termination date to coincide with the end of a forthcoming Big Steel contract (still to be negotiated) which, it is assumed, will terminate on May 27, 1970. The current Big Steel-USW contract expires as Aug. 1967. The terms of the Mesta contract will follow the lines of those arrived at in the current negotiations. Meanwhile the workers will be covered by the terms of the existing agreement.

The United Steel Workers first tried to organize the Mesta Steel Corpoator in 1937. Repeat attempts to sign up these workers were countered by company union-busting tactics and further complicated by intraclass jurisdictional fights between the Steel Workers and craft AFL unions. The latest of these attempts was in 1966 when a jurisdictional battle was fought in a steel mill in Milwaukee. This time, the Mesta Steel Corporation opened fire on strikers, killing several. The strike was finally broken when the governor called in the National Guard.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Mesta plant lost 8.3 percent in April, 1967. The greatest jump in unemployment in the same source, more than 1 million workers will get laid off, an average of about 3 centers per hour based on the April Consumer Price Index.

A study conducted for the Social Security Administration by Dr. A. J. Jaffe, director of the manpower and population program at Columbia University has recommended that the nation's security and railway labor pensions have automatic escalator provision so that pensions do not fall below 75 percent of prevailing wages.

The report confirms what no pensioner ever doubted — that more than half of the 2 million old people who exist on social security pensions live in poverty, according to U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare figures, the poverty line is drawn at $3,000 annual income. In New York City, the figure is $4,000. The average social security pension is still only $85 per month, or roughly $1,000 per year.

Dr. Jaffe blames the worsening conditions among the nation's old people primarily on continual inflation only partially offset by relatively beneficent increases in 1964, 1965 and 1966.

On June 1 the Labor Department revealed "a marked increase in the number of pension plans going out of business." Some 14,000 workers each year for the past 10 years have lost their pensions when their employers went out of business. A total of 225,000 workers have been affected by the 4,285 terminated pension plans. Financial difficulties were responsible for dissolving only one out of four pension plans studied. Merger with the pension funds transferred to the new companies, accounted for the major portion of the rest. According to the Department of Labor, "Unemployment of most companies and contributions to the pension plans, so workers generally could not find for repayment from other assets the company going out of business.

Six transport workers unions have launched an attack on the airline industry strike insurance pact, which expires on July 10. Striking is the International Asn. of Machinists, the Airline Pilots Asn., the Flight Engineers Int'l Asn., the Airline Dispatchers Union, the Trans- port Workers Union and the Air Traffic Controllers.

The "strike insurance pact" signed by all major airlines before the long machinist strike in 1966, now operates to strip the transportation of $44 million from four operating carriers.

P. L. Stiemler, president of the Machinists, told a Chicago press conference that it had been filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board asking that the carrier's demand for renewal of their antistrike pact be denied. The Machinists called the "line's agreement...a strike-breaking device, which should be outlawed." The strike insurance pact "encouraged carriers to force a strike, delay picketing and thus violate federal law designed to preserve airline peace."

—Marvin Seboll

San Francisco, May 29 — The Painters' Union (Local 4) of San Francisco scored a victory over racism this week. The victory was won over the mighty Golden Gate Bridge Authority.

The Bridge Authority had followed an all-white hiring policy for painters for 28 years — since it was opened, in fact — until the Painters' Union began its battle.

Two years ago, the Bridge Authority demanded new training for some new men from the union. Of the men supplied, the Bridge Authority hired five and turned away one — James Hougebook, a Negro painter. At that point, Hougebook and the union decided it was time to put a step to Jim Crow on the Golden Gate. They went to the Fair Employment Practices Commission. Local 4 there had been engaged in a struggle with the Interna- tional over issues of union democracy and autonomy. One of the International's men on the Bay Area district council decided to help the Bridge Authority out. He supplied the Bridge with another Negro painter, Jimmie Lee Wil- kins, who had been a carver the day before. The Bridge thought that this move would make them look OK for the FEPC hearings.

But this maneuver didn't work. After five months of haggling, Hougebook was put to work on the bridge. The Bridge Authority responded by firing Wilkins. Since Wilkins was now a member of the union, Local 4 went to bat for him too. Under threat of new hire- ings, the Bridge relented. Wilkins is still there. Now there were two black paint- ers working on the bridge. The Bridge Authority began to com- pile dossiers on Wilkins and Hougebook, and on the shop stew- ard who had fought for them — Paul Powell, who is white.

On April 28, 1967, the Bridge fired all three men — Hougebook, Wilkins and Powell. This decision was made "incompetent." Hougebook now worked on the bridge almost two years; Houge- book had worked there 18 months — and it took the Bridge six years to discover that Paul Powell was Negro. "At this phony "hearing" held by the Bridge Authority," the Painters' Union lawyers were not allowed to bring in testimony on the Bridge Authority's Records. When they tried to do this, the Bridge Authority Terminated the hearing.

The Painters' Union went to work to have the three men rehired and to end racism and anti- unionism on the bridge. The Bridge Authority announced that it was going to celebrate its 30th anniversary with a fancy luncheon in a Hilton hotel, the union got together with many local lead- ers, civil rights groups, and stu- dent organizations to build a big demonstration outside the hotel.

The three-man demonstration — were to be held May 28 — was supposed to be a show of power at the luncheon. But according to the Painters Union statement — were to be held May 28 — was supposed to be a show of power at the luncheon, the luncheon would have looked pretty pitiful, since many of the local leaders who had been invited decided not to go and face the Painters' demonstration.

A small demonstration was held that day. The union brought out the Golden Gate Bridge itself. The union has strike sanction from the district councils, and the Painters' Union has the power to organize without the consent of the local. The union would have traveled to the new site of the Bridge Authority.

New York Forum Slates Mideast Discussion

NEW YORK — The Mideast crisis will be the subject of discussion at a meeting of the Mili- tary Crisis Issue, scheduled for Mon- day, June 16, at 872 Broadway. The speakers will be Peter Suck, member of the staff of the Spring Mobilization Committee, Buch, a former left-wing Zionist. Prior to adhering to revolutionary so- cialism in the 1960s, Buch was a former left-wing Zionist. Prior to adhering to revolutionary so- cialism in the 1960s, Buch, a former left-wing Zionist, joined the Israeli Labor party in the 1960s, Buch, a former left-wing Zionist, joined the Israeli Labor party in 1960.

He spent six months in Israel in 1951 and worked on a kibbutz, a cooperative farm, near Balf. He then re-emerged as a leadership training seminar. Al- though he broke with Zionism a year later, Buch has continued to follow political developments in Israel and the Mideast.
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PHILADELPHIA — A memorial meeting for John Chelstrom was held here on May 28, 1967, and was killed on May 13 in a tragic automobile accident involving a car carrying three调士 activities to the Student Mobilization Committee in Chicago. The speakers at the memorial meeting included Lewis Jones, national chairman of the Young Socialist Alliance; Pearl Chertoff, Philadelphia member of the PLA, and John Chelstrom, Philadelphia member of the Young Socialist Alliance.

John Chelstrom had been a member of the socialist movement for seven years, since his 18th birthday. All three of the speakers took the opportunity to devote a discussion to the struggle for socialism.

Lewis Jones explained that John Chelstrom had been both a close friend and a personal friend, and that "his death was a great loss to every person who knew him and a tragic loss to the cause of socialism.

"We win for socialism," Lewis Jones said, "we are struggling for the world in which more people are dedicated to the betterment of all — in which there are more John Chelstroms.

The speakers recounted anec
dotes of John Chelstrom's dedication to the cause of socialism, and John Chelstrom, the man whom they knew. It was called that John loved music, that he was a good musician, and that he had an "endearing kind of smile or a friendly joke for everyday.

John Chelstrom was a member of the Socialist Workers Party in Philadelphia, and was a member of the Young Socialist Alliance.

John Bohnen talked about John's dedication to the antirates movement, which took up most of his time during the past two years. He focused on the "Bring the Troops Home Now" campaign and organized the antiwar movement. He was en route to an important event when he died.

Pearl Chertoff spoke of John as being both an active member of the Socialist Workers Party, and an active member of the Young Socialist Alliance.

The speakers agreed that John Chelstrom's death was a great loss to the socialist movement and to the cause of socialism.

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world war is above all true because of the Johnson administra
tion's betrayal of the people of the Middle East. The danger is that they're in so deep that even when this occurs, they won't be able to draw back.

At the same time, we seem to justify Moscow and Peking's present policies. Preventing World War III seems to hinge on their not making such a response. But this viewpoint is totally unrealistic. It fails to take account of what is happening fact that workers nations do not respond, the next escalation is bigger and more dangerous. There is more and more talk of a "preemptive" or "surprise" attack. The trouble with the Pentagon judgment is that Moscow and Peking are not weak. They have huge standing armies; Moscow has immense air power.

And furthermore, it is unlikely that they will refrain indefinitely from defending themselves. A vigorous response by the Soviet Union and China, an upsurge in the colonial revolution, developments in the Middle East — any one of those things could deliver a major blow to imperialism.

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Cuba's Answer to Venezuelan Charges

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In terms that can only be called shameless, reference is made to naval and air blockade, illegal seizures, collective armed attack, economic boycott against countries that trade with Cuba, etc., etc., other words, the most vulgar threats and the most vicious and warlike campaign against our country.

And what has aroused this par

[...]

It is, by chance, that the "illustrious" governments of Latin America and the Caribbean are so firm in support of the Dominican people who are suffering occupation by Yankee troops?

Is it to demand an end to the occupation of the Dominican Republic, and to seek punishment for the insane folly, in order to have that whole country carried out in the recent past by sadists of the United States?

Vietnam?

Is it to condemn the barbarous and brutal bombardments of Vietnamese and the genocide committed against the people of South Vietnam?

Is it to protest against the United States and the open participation of personnel of its "special forces" in the armed occupation of revolutionary movements of Latin America and the Caribbean, putting down of the military training schools that have not come to an end, imperialism, in Panama and the United States itself, to train thousands of antirevolutionary mercenaries and armed in the technique of pernicious activities of re

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[The Logic Of Marxism]

By George Novack

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through dividends received in Europe from the exploitation of workers in England, France, Germany, and elsewhere. Imperialism, Holland, etc., but (as some financial authorities have pointed out) whatever the case, a large part of these countries themselves since their monetary holdings are, to a great extent, in U.S. currency, the dollar is gold remains in U.S. Vaults.

And in all European enterprises in which we play a dominant role or are decisive, the policy of the government of the United States is imposed on the rest of the world by the power of each country. None of these industrial enterprises, with a t

Yankee Objectives

Nor does the United States hide its real objectives: conquer, penetrate, weaken, demorich, corrupt and split the socialist countries and the actual act of Yankee international policy is, in fact, contrary to this policy, with these strategic objectives.

The U.S.-sponsored coup d'état in Greece shows that not even Europe is exempt from Yankee imperialism in Asia, Africa and the Americas.

But it is the small, militarily weak countries in the Third World which suffer the most brutal, aggressive and bellicose persecution.

No system exists that can offer these peoples guarantees against such criminal acts. The United Nations itself has been totally unable to give these peoples the slightest security, and, much to the shame of the world, it has been used as an instrument to validate the illegitimate acts of Yankee imperialism. And it could not be otherwise, for the UN was created by the same law that imperialism has imposed on the world represented in this world organization.

Our Policy

This reality—above all for the regions of the world that suffer most directly and painfully the consequences of Yankee monopoly-capitalism are forced to wage a firm and decided fight against imperialism under the most difficult of conditions, in what determines our international policies.

That is why we Cuban revolutionaries have not subscribed to, nor will we subscribe to, any agreement concerning the cessation or banning of nuclear weapons, such as those made under the auspices of the United Nations, even if they were based on undemocratic and technological development this country, as a means of imposing our principles.

The Yankee imperialists not only step by step development of their nuclear armaments, but also develop, at full speed, the production of the most dangerous weapons, the raging of chemical and bacteriological warfare. In this way, they could the peoples' renunciation of the traditional arms of the people, which means have but to afford the imperialists ideal conditions for the assertion and realization of their world of death.

As long as there is no system for the whole of humanity to offer all people, without exception, and effective guarantees of security, with privileges for none, the right of just peoples and oppressed countries to develop their means
of defense, whatever these may be, cannot be renounced.

For this reason, we refuse to accept any United Nations international agreements which serve as yet another instrument of aggression in the hands of Yankee imperialism.

For this reason, we refuse to recognize the so-called ‘humanitarian’ imperialist States to dictate as was the case during the October Crisis — the type of international dictate, under constant threat of aggression. This was the dictate which would agree to an inspection of our territory, which would be tantamount to an invitation of aggressors to decide the wea-

without the United Nations, one may not possess

Solidarity

We consider it not only a revolutionary moral duty, but also a vital need of the present hour: the necessity of the imperialist policy of re-

pact and militarism, against the strategy of the Yankee imperialism. We believe that the Yankee imperialism is powerful, but they are neither invincible nor ready to commit suicide. The real threat to the world will lead to solution of the communist revolution, which will be a threat to the Yankee imperialism are powerful, but they are neither invincible nor ready to commit suicide. The real threat to the world will lead to solution of the communist revolution, which will be a threat to the Yankee imperialism.

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L.A. Black Power Parley

By Eleanor Broady

L.A. crowd of 1,500 people attended a black power conference held here May 27 and 28, when more than 300 speakers advocated a "total liberation" and "independent action" for the black community, according to participation in the war in Vietnam and the struggle against the ghetto. The registration fee for each participant was $5.

The speakers at the conference, which was called the "Survivor's Action Committee," addressed "The Survival of Black People in a White Racist Society." It was about 300 people. The speakers were women, all white, including students who had been barred from the auditorium, and there was not a white person who was able to be seen among the audience. There was a preponderance of native hair styles or fashion and a sharp rejection of white culture.

Organizers of the meeting included the "Survivor's Action Committee," the Congress of Racial Equality, the National Welfare Rights Organi-
sist, and Democratic Party representa-
tives.

The greatest unity at the conference was on the question of total liberation of black people from the war. A number of speakers drew an analogy between the bombing of the Johnson administration and the bombing of the peace program in South Vietnam.

Another central topic of discussion was black political action. State Senator Thomas Bradley and Assemblyman William Greene spoke in favor of black political action before the general meeting.

A political "force" would support each other's initiatives, agreed the speakers, maneuvering between the two. The speaker aroused a cool re-

States by Stokely Car

Michael, Rap Brown of SNCC, and Floyd McKissick of CORE, speaking for independent black political action, were greeted with thunderous applause.

Rap Brown, the new chairman of SNCC, spoke about "the two party myth." He said that there is only one party, with two names - Democrat and Republican. He called for "black political action independent of both wings of this one party wherever we constitute a majority." Brown also made a plea for blacks to read, study, and become political - to learn to distinguish the "good guys" from the "bad guys". The political program are, to see whether it benef-

icits black people or white people. He got a standing ovation after his talk which ended with the slogan, "Hell No! We Won't Go!"

HIP IDEAS LIVE. Conference opened with moment of silence in honor of Malcolm X. Ideas of late black leader were quoted by many speakers.

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"Riot," a new giant of the Los Angeles riots, reported that his use of violence was justified, but there was no violence in SNCC, he said. "The police were not trying to stop the riot. They were trying to stop the riot from spreading."

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A number of black leaders were present, including black women and blacks who had been in jail. Among them was Lord Ronnie, who was released from jail. "Lord Ronnie, who was released from jail."

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The Mothers for Adequate Welf are have insisted that the city meet their demands for reform of the welfare system as a neces-
sary prerequisite to restoring peace in the ghetto.

The welfare department has set aside the requirements of Daniel J. Crim, the welfare director; no denial of aid "based on hearsay evidence"; the availability of welfare workers every morn-
ing; not just one day a week; treatment of welfare clients as equal human beings; and appointment of members of welfare to all policy-making boards of the Welf-

some 150 black Democratic Party office holders went to Wash-
ington last week for a conference to rally support for President John-
son, who was facing a crisis in the Democratic national committee, was the subject of the meeting.

The June 1 New York Post outlined the reasons why the confer-
ence was called. The Post quoted a statement said, "Implicit in the meeting - first of its kind - is the recogni-
tion that President Johnson faces serious problems in holding the overwhelming share of the Negro electorate he received in 1964."

The point is that "Prom-
inent Negroes from black power" approximately Stokely Carmichael of Rev. Martin Luther King have criticized the administration for its Vietnam war politics and its alleged failings in the area of civil rights. There has been a scat-
tered talk of a Negro-led third party.

The Census Bureau reports that black people are 13.7 percent of the popula-
tion. In 1960, according to bureau statistics, African Americans made up 1.3 percent of the population. Black people have now become a major voting group.

Five Texas Southern University students have been indicted in Houston for the slaying of a patrol-
man during a protest march for a student dormitory May 17.

The District Attorney for Harris County said that the students were not being accused of the shootings, but of starting the riot.

The trial is set for Sept. 27. Louis Raymond Kahn by shooting into the crowd.

Three of the students are still in jail and have been re-

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Ultra-Left Upheaval

New York, N.Y.

The current generation of ultra-leftists seem to be reaching the time to justify Lenin’s description of ultra-leftism as “infantility.” Russian revolutionaries are becoming more and more obvious in hot competition to see which can concoct the most worst per- cherish leftist slogans.

“Betcha anything twice my slogan is more radical than what you got. Look at my slogan: ‘Victory for the NLRB!!’ Let the Vietnam drive the GIs into the sea!” Try and top that.”

“Yeah, see you Betcha a million dollars my slogan is more revolutionary than yours. Look at my slogan: ‘Soviet H-bombs for North Vietnam’s defense!!!’

“Yeah, that doesn’t do. Look at my slogan! The Soviet satirists and the American imperialists are two sides of the same coin, have every right to laugh at each other of them!!! Nothing could be more revolutionary than the current content of ‘Soviet H-bombs for North Vietnam’s defense!!!’

The most pathetic pettiness’s that I’ve ever seen is the war in Laos. I can’t even bring down a prostrating section of do-nothing spectators forming at the mouth — so not exactly what the embattled Vietnamese need most for allies. The American ‘soldiers’ are not geared to raising the level of understanding or participation in the anti-war activity of any sector of the American population. I’ve heard this for too long, and I’m sick of it.

Weekly Calendar

The next calendar for this column is 40 cents a line. Display ads are 8 cents a column. There is a limit of 14 lines, so expect for regular advertising, Advertising must reach us by Monday prior to the date of publication.

RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN Cuba, Speaker, Harry Ring, shall write a column of 14 lines and 660 words, Pdbs Hacl. 3773 Woodward. Every Friday night, from 6 to 8.

LOS ANGELES


NEW YORK

THE MIDWEST CRISIS — A. Backwash. Chicago, Peter Broth., Friday, June 14, 10:00 p.m. 879 Broadway, 20th St. Asilir. Militant Labor Forum.

It Was Reported in the Press

In Slow Motion — WABC-TV is now showing the film “Psycho” next month but put a limit on its more graphic scenes of dismembering a young married couple. The film is being cut down somewhat “to show possibly three states instead of the entire movie.”

Progress in Wasteland — The Admiral Corporation is withdrawing its advertising from television in protest against the poor quality of the average television program. The company spokesmen said they felt it would be possible to cut costs without sacrificing quality of the programs.

Non-Conformist—Leslie Worth- man, President of L.A. City Council, takes a nonconformist view of our city’s political scene. Everyone knows is based on un-谲tered individual initiative as the only way to reverse the status quo and to achieve social reform.

Economic Forecast — UAW President Walter Reuther says that “23 to 26 years old,” automobile workers will be knocking down $100,000 a week, on average. This is the same ratio of advancement this man says his efforts are worth $200,000, $20,000, $100,000, it would be in the $700,000 bracket.

French Fashion — French clothing designers are preparing to in- vade the U.S. clothing market. They have been kept so sophisticated than usual, one to one basis, and are quite simple and wearable. “Chili” designer, who explained, don’t have much to conceal. The dresses don’t have too much fabric and don’t have to be held in place by the plicility of design and limited use of materials. It would be simple to pick up a swinging Parisian tunic for a few dollars.

New Democracy — The military dictatorship in Argentina says it will have complete control of the oil and political polls as a substitute for such a control. The Argentine Congress and banned political parties. Commenting on this, the government would manipulate controlled public media, a spokesman for the dictatorship said such control was necessary because “if don’t make the government will have a totalitarian regime...”

A Canard — The press secre- tary to Claude Kirk, high-flying governor of Florida, denied a press report that the governor is running up bills with local liquor stores. All such bills, he stated, are being paid promptly. Now we suppose that someone will assert that this explains why the Florida governor was quoted as saying he was planning to run for a secret ballot by mail. And that is when all of course just about guaranteed the acceptance of such a contract, which provides raises of about an average of three percent for three years.

This three percent is chicken feed when compared with the profits of the top 550 corporations which have been increasing each year since 1958 by leaps and bounds, culminating with a 16.1 percent increase in 1965, which was the seventh consecutive “best year” in history.

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Letters From Our Readers

Thinking of the Week

"But I do wish to state that it is unfeasible for members of the United Nations to intercede in our domestic affairs. We would not presume to do that with respect to any country in the world." — Arthur Goldberg, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, June 6, 1947.

N. E. L. War Danger Houston, Texas

Enclosed is $3 in a subscrip- tion to The Militant. I subscribed to the Militant because of personal and financial reasons. However the rapid flow of events toward World War III makes my need for new contact with the left more urgent than the all-mighty left all the more acute. Even as I write, events in the Middle East or in Vietnam may have already sparked the begin- ning of the war.

E. L.

Funny Socialist? Berkeley, Calif.

Just want to let you know how much I enjoy The Militant, espe- cially Harry Ring’s "It Was Re- ported in the Press." Harry’s col- umn has given socialists a sense of humor.

P. S. Please renew my subscrip- tion.


While driving down the street the other day I spotted a car with a Delaware license plate. Written quite plainly on the plate in big, bold letters was the unpunctuated slogan: "Slap a war tax on Delaware, is The Militant, the only in the United States that would do that.

Veteran Antiwar Fighter Lancaster, Calif.

Much as I would like to help financial, and to get the paper out of others, I am not situated so as to be able to do so. But I feel that it is my duty to try to do what I can from my position with literature — mostly antiwar, of course.

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Yeast, your paper is good and it contained some news items that hadn’t reached me previously. Especially interested in articles on Cuba, Vietnam, bring the troops home now, the Mobilization effort, students in France, the Howard Patrici case, what the YSA is doing, I feel that the unity peace orga- nizations are not united in one fighting force.

The time to work effectively against the war may be short as there is a possibility that the Establishment is going to declare a National Emergency there- fore putting all political groups under ban. Of course that means that the N.Y. Militant is becoming more and more desperate and there is no longer any chance of us getting any more work than we may impress on all of us. What then can we do?

R. L.

Teamsters’ Negotiations San Francisco, Calif.

The negotiations between the Teamsters Union and the trucking industry provide an excellent ex- ample of how “labor fakers” circ- umvent their agreements and short- iced and militant unionists.

The first speaker, who was called to act upon the original “negotiated” offer, was the representatives of the union. The other, more militant, the trucking company who had negotiated with the Teamsters Union. The latter, he was called to consider the offer went pretty much the same as the first, and the offer was rejected by the mem- berhip with the upholding of the execu- tive leadership by a vote of 125 to three. Reports from locals through- out the nation indicated the same overwhelming rejection,

It was at this juncture that the International, under the leadership of the executive vice president, Frank Fitzsimmons, started play- ing games.

Fitzsimmons had already recom- mended acceptance of the truck- ers offer, which was only 10 cents more than the previous one that the membership had so over- whelmingly rejected.

He then proceeded to hold a press conference a few days after the second vote, at which he claimed that the previous vote was run- ning well in favor of acceptance! This trial balloon apparently got a negative reaction, and the trucking leaders around the country because it was shelled for~-secret ballot by mail. The majority of the mail of course just about guar- anteed the acceptance of this con- tract, which provides raises of about an average of three percent for three years.

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MY CONCERN

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Big Cleveland Vote For U.S. Pullout

The Militant

Monday, June 12, 1967

Readers of the Cleveland Plain Dealer who participated in a ballot sponsored by the paper voted overwhelmingly in favor of withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam.

More than 9,000 readers took part in the poll which offered them three choices: withdrawal, escalation or de-escalation.

Readers were asked to mail in their ballots on the basis of three articles published in the paper May 28. The article in favor of escalation was by Rep. L. Mendel Rivers (D-Ala.), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. The one in favor of de-escalation was by Senator William Proxmire (D-Wis.). The middle article, on the logic of withdrawal, was by John K. Zinn of Boston University, author of the book, Vietnam: The Logic of Withdrawal.

It was reported several days later that 9,163 readers had mailed in ballots. Of these, 5,756 favored withdrawal, 1,740 favored escalation, and 1,644 favored de-escalation.

Latin Aid Group Puts Out First News Bulletin

The U.S. Committee for Justice to Latin American Political Prisoners has begun publication of a new bulletin, Latin Aid News.

The first number dated May 6 and contains a full report on the jurying in Mexico of Adolfo Gilly and Victor Razo Galan, the well-known radical journalists. There is a message from Mexican political prisoners, an account of the conditions in Bolivian prison camps, and news of the imprisonment of Peruvian peasant leader Hugo Bazarco.

In a letter released the committee announced that 112 participants were present at the Spring Mobilization Committee's league committee protest against the torture of Hugo Bazarco.

The USLA Reporter sells for 10 cents and may be obtained from the USLA Committee, 833 E. 125th, Box 2803, New York, N.Y. 10029.

Viet War Lashed By General Here

Hughes Calls It Immoral

B R O U G H T

IN V A I N

Blasé LBJ. Demonstrators at New York's Hotel Americana June 2. Later, 4,000 marched to Waldorf Astoria, headquarters of Democratic Party "unity" meet. Other signs declared "Support our boys, not those who send them there."

The war in Vietnam was blasted by the principal speaker, Brig. Gen. Robert L. Hughes, U.S. Army Reserve, at a Memorial Day meet in Madison, Wis. The audience "was stunned into thoughtful silence" said the Madison Capital Times, "as a distinguished army general made a fervent plea for an end to the war."

Gen. Hughes, wearing a cluster of medals, spoke of the American dead in Vietnam. They died in support of an unstable foreign government that is maintained only by the strength of the United States.

Hughes called the war "a primitive form of death fighting. The United States should withdraw its forces from a country that is a dictatorship by design. It represents nothing but a ruling clique and is composed of murder-rigged leaders who act here to a warlord philosophy."

Gen. Hughes said, "In this new era of political unrest, we cannot police the world, we cannot impose our social system on other nations."

"We stand alone in Vietnam and are cut off from some other countries and mercenaries from Korea paid by the United States, he continued.

"We are losing the flower of American youth in a war that could stretch into perpetuity. After four years of fighting, we cannot be sure of the security of villages three miles from Saigon, because we cannot tell the good guys from the bad guys. We are in that position because we selected sides in a civil war."

This is one hell of a war to be fighting. We must disengage from this tragic war," the general said.

"We should recognize our errors in judgment," he continued, and not compound them by trying to police the world. We shall cease as a political force if we don't follow a policy of coexistence with other nations.

"We cannot afford a major confrontation with the people of Asia if we want to dedicate this country to our sons and future generations," he concluded.

Accordng to the Capital Times, a reporter circulating through the crowd "found general approval of his address, with some reservations."

This was particularly interesting, since the audience consisted of some 500 veterans and their families, as well as citizens generally.

"Somebody has to say these things," was one comment.

"This was a surprise package but I agree with him entirely," was another.

Those who disagreed added that they would "defend the right" of Hughes to state his opinions. One veteran said, "It was shocking, but he gave me something to think about."

"Where there was dissent," the Capital Times reported, "there was that acknowledgment of doubt also."

NEW YORK, July 7 — The city council capitulated last night after a taken fight, to the demands of rent-gouging landlords for an unscratched rent increase in rent-controlled apartments. The landlords claimed they needed the increase to "labor costs" after the recent strike of building service employees. Landlords will have to raise rents by two and a half percent a year for three years.

Socialist and Peace Offices Are Vandalized in Detroit

Detroit — During the night of May 22 the offices of the Detroit Committee to End the War in Vietnam and the Socialist Workers Party were broken into and vandalized. At the SWP head- quarters, located in Debs Hall, the vandals smashed a plate glass door to get in. Coffee and sugar were dumped from the kitchen floor. Magazines, newspapers, office supplies and mimeograph materials were strewn over the floor and floors.

A similar rampage took place at the antiwar committee's office. The literature rack had been dumped over so that antia war books and leaflets were scattered across the floor, desk drawers were emptied out onto the floor, pictures were taken down from the walls and a large Veterans Against the War poster was ripped to pieces. A flyer was found in the type writer reading, "Enjoy life now for tomorrow you will surely be dead I HOPE."

The DCEW office has been the target of many attacks in the last two years; almost all of the windows have been broken at one time or another.

As Debs Hall that a right- wing gaunt murdered SWP member Leo Bernard and wound- ed another, Greg Arnett and Walter Graham May 16, 1966. Michael SWP Chairman Frank Lovell commented on the May 23 break-ins: "The cooperation between the right-wing forces, the police and the courts proves that we cannot depend on these forces to protect us. We must depend upon our own resources to guard our constitutional rights."