

MISSISSIPPI AND THE CONGO

An African leader, Mali's foreign minister, Mr. Onsmeno Ba, said concerning the actions of President Johnson in the Congo, "what can we say of those who with cynicism and premeditation massacred the African national hero, Patrice Lumumba, of those responsible for the death of Dag Hammarskjold, of those who did not hesitate to commit the cowardly assassination of John Kennedy?"

Another African leader, the foreign minister of Guinea, asked if the 10,000 Congolese men, women and children were butchered by the Johnson forces and the Belgians because they "had dark skins just like the colored U.S. citizens murdered in Mississippi."

The white mercenaries, including German nazis, Italian and Cuban fascists, hired by Tshombe and financed by L.B. Johnson were killing all prisoners, murdering and torturing civilians before the missionary tale was used. The traditional excuse for imperialism and genocide in Africa has been "rescuing white missionaries." It was used during the Belgian conquest when King Leopold supervised the extinction of 10 million Congolese in order to rob the country of its great riches. Now Johnson hopes to be another Leopold as he tries to grab the uranium and other minerals.

The Congolese are fighting back. Africa is uniting against his aggression. In many nations, millions are condemning the U.S. government including 700 million Chinese who are solidly supporting Mao Tse-tung's call to back the Congolese. ANOTHER KOREA, ANOTHER VIETNAM, ANOTHER DEFEAT AWAITS JOHNSON IN THE CONGO!

By his actions in the Congo, by his policy in Mississippi, Johnson has shown his determination to maintain by demagogy and brutality the oppression of black Americans. By showing on television the torture and murder of Congolese, Johnson and Stevenson hope to brutalize the white people of the U.S. so they can be used for cannon fodder in Africa and Asia and for genocide against the Afro-Americans at home.

Some leaders try to tell Afro-Americans that they should support white supremacy in the Congo. Dr. King said nothing concerning the mass murder of Congolese when he received his Nobel peace prize. Dr. King is being used by Johnson to mislead the people concerning U.S. imperialism and its government. Yet the same enemy is oppressing the Vietnamese, the Congolese, the Afro-Americans. It is the same enemy that exploits the U.S. working class--the 50 billionaire families who own most of the U.S. and who own L.B. Johnson.

The Afro-American should lend all support to the Gbenye government in the Congo fighting U.S. and Belgian imperialism. Only in this way can they gain strength, win allies and advance their own cause.

Black and white workers in their own class interests must unite and support both Congolese and Afro-American liberation.

DEMAND: AN END TO JOHNSON'S POLICY OF GENOCIDE AND IMPERIALISM IN THE CONGO--IN VIETNAM--IN MISSISSIPPI!

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