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The trial of the Communist Party of the U.S. is over. The verdict was guilty.

No defense witness was put on the stand. Kennedy's attack on Marxism-Leninism as a foreign product was not answered.

The jury was out 35 minutes. Since they had heard no defense witnesses there was little to consider even if one or more had doubts as to the path toward fascism taken by Kennedy.

The Hall-Davis defense committee has raised over \$100,000.00. What for? Why this mockery of a defense?

We assume that a political organization's actions in court reflect its activity outside the courtroom.

Here is an associate of Davis and Hall, a self-described Communist spokesman--Robert Thompson--speaking on Cuba. The quotes are from the Nov. 25 Worker which printed his speech. Having JFK in power "meant the difference between a path still open to the achievement of peaceful coexistence; of settlement of international disputes by negotiations; of social and revolutionary advance by democratic means."

Thompson warned against Castro, Mao Tse Tung and Marxist-Leninists in this country who rejected his evaluation of Kennedy as a peace dove. "It can be said with mathematical certainty that the great cities of our land.....would today be great metropolitan grave yards. The same is true of Havana, of the great population centers of civilization and culture such as Peking, Shanghai, Bombay, Tokyo, London and Paris."

In the same speech Thompson hailed Khrushchev's attempted betrayal of Socialist Cuba. Hall, Davis and Thompson have justified every attempt by Khrushchev to

betray the national liberation movement in the Congo, in Laos, on the Sino-Indian frontier as well as Cuba. They have joined his Titoite efforts in slandering Albania and China; in attempting to divide the Socialist camp and thereby strengthen Kennedy and U.S. imperialism.

Thompson's speech bristles with white and great power chauvinism. Note the non-white character of Bombay, Tokyo, Havana, Peking and Shanghai. Paris and London are the capitols of two capitalist nations that Kennedy wishes to whip into line at the moment.

It has been correct to say that U.S. revisionists were capitulating to H-bomb blackmail--now it is necessary to state, after Thompson's speech, that they are participating in it.

If there are any who doubt that the ideological supporters of Tito-Khrushchev in the U.S. soon degenerate into supporters of Kennedy and U.S. imperialism we call their attention to a story in the National Guardian of Oct. 29, 1962. It is a story on Gus Hall and the FBI. "He (Hall) said that the C.P. sees many of the informers reports before they go to the FBI." The administration must consider Hall as useful as J. Edgar Hoover if he is allowed to see FBI reports.

N. E. Marxist-Leninists proposed a National Control Commission in 1960 to guard against the infiltration of the Party by enemy agents. Hall moved against those who proposed the commission and welcomed in the enemy agents.

The reactionary nature of U.S. imperialism is world wide. The defense against frameups has to be world wide also. This is one aspect of international solidarity. The defense campaigns of Mooney, Sacco-Vanzetti, Herndon and the Scottsboro boys were powerful because they included demonstrations in Rome, Paris and Moscow.

A representative of N. E. Marxist-Leninists appealed to Hall to call for demonstrations against Kennedy in France after the first invasion of Cuba. When Hall

refused, an appeal was made to the French Party. They also refused.

It must be said that some non-Marxists are taking a courageous stand against Kennedy while Hall, Davis and Thompson are aiding him.

For example, James Hoffa, head of the teamsters union has warned that Kennedy is a union buster and is attempting to create a police state. The Women Strike For Peace showed more courage before the HUAC than is to be found in a car load of revisionists.

Pravda tells us that the conviction of the CPUSA in court shows that imperialists talk one way and act another. Indeed. Why then do the editors of Pravda hail Kennedy's tongue in cheek promise not to invade Cuba?

We would conclude that:

The Tito-Khrushchev line of capitulation to H-bombs, when applied to U.S. conditions, results in capitulation on civil liberties as well. People make H-bombs and are therefore more powerful than any destructive forces. It is necessary to rely on the people, to deal both the H-bomb threats of Kennedy and his fascist court actions blow for blow. Any other course increases the war and fascist danger.

It is necessary to return to the Dimitrov type of defense in the courtroom. Hall and Davis come closer to Van der Lubbe than Dimitrov.

It is necessary to fight revisionism in order to fight Kennedy's fascist acts. The unity of the left-progressive camp in the USA requires a Marxist-Leninist Party which bases its line on the teachings of Lenin, Stalin and Mao Tse Tung. Such a Party can reestablish the traditions of struggle which U.S. workers and allies showed in the past against frameups.

The warlike fascist acts of Kennedy flow out of difficulties, out of weakness. His election promises of 1960 have clashed with the realities of 1962.

We must mobilize the greatest possible unity and strength to defeat his present reactionary attacks. Respect U.S. imperialisms strength in immediate struggles, i.e. tactically. In order to do this successfully we must recognize that Kennedy and his class have no chance of maintaining power in the future, i.e. we must slight them strategically.

Miss Florence Luscomb, long time worker for civil liberties and peace, has recently returned from China. She has compiled a useful document, "The China-India Border Dispute". She has announced that more copies will be available on Jan. 20 by writing her at: 10 Kirkland Road, Cambridge 38, Mass.

Our advertisement in the Guardian on "Toward a Marxist-Leninist Party in the U.S." brought many requests. So did the New York Times, Nov. 23 story on our Nov. (Cuba) Newsletter. We now have many more readers. These documents are still available for distribution.

Many requests enclosed donations. Many of you realize the importance of HAMMER & STEEL's contribution to the great task of organizing a Marxist-Leninist Party in the U.S. Please join those who have already sent us funds.

With optimism for victory over U.S. imperialism and the establishment of Socialism in our country, HAMMER & STEEL greets the New Year.

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