

Thousands of Arab Refugees Flee In Wake of Israel's "Blitzkrieg"

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Johnson Scores Double Gain with Israel's Victory

By Harry Ring

JUNE 14 — The victory of the Israeli army over the Arab peoples is proving a many-sided blessing for the Johnson administration and a spur to its program to secure the domination of the U.S. throughout the world. For a brief moment, when the Israeli army first swept into the Arab countries, Washington felt it might have to intervene with its own forces. But the Israeli success achieved Johnson's aim and — as a bonus — while doing so left him looking like a man of peace and moderation.

Since its inception, Israel has enjoyed a flow of U.S. dollars and guns. Like all U.S. foreign aid, this aid had a very concrete purpose — one that was in no way predicated on the welfare of the Jewish people. The purpose, simply put, has been to utilize Israel as a means of thwarting any anti-imperialist development in the Arab world that could threaten the U.S. hold on that oil-rich area.

The stakes are high for U.S. capitalism in the Mideast, in some

ways higher than in Southeast Asia. That's why, if the Israeli forces had faltered, the U.S. stood ready to move in militarily even though already pinned down in a major war in Vietnam. And despite the double-talk emanating from Washington, the rulers of the U.S. were and are ready to escalate their aggression into the Mideast if need be.

The assurance being shown on the Mideast by the Johnson administration today is by no means what prevailed in the initial stage of the crisis. The outlook then was summed up by the *Wall Street Journal*. On June 6, the day after the Israeli forces plunged beyond their boundaries, a bank of headlines on the front page of the *Journal* declared:

"Neutral' — to a Point; U.S. Hinges Its Policy on Hopes that Israel Will Win — And Quickly; Washington Fears It Will Be Forced to Intervene Alone If Arabs Get Upper Hand; A Vietnam in the Middle East?"

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Black Panther Leader Beaten

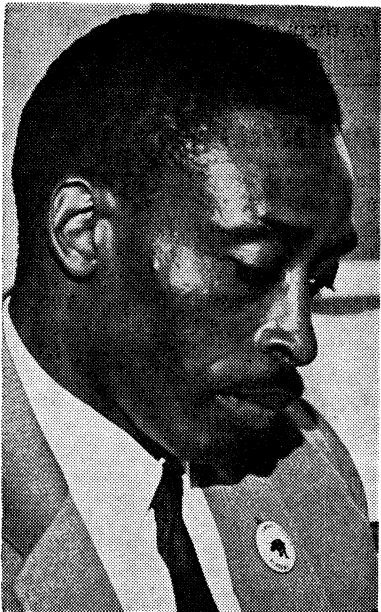
[John Hulett, chairman of the Lowndes County Freedom Party, was badly beaten in Prattville, Alabama on June 13. The beating was part of a wholesale attack on SNCC members and black citizens carried out by Prattville police and the Alabama State Patrol. The following is from the statement released by SNCC detailing the events.]

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 12, a meeting of black people to discuss political organizing was held on the grounds of St. Mark's church in Prattville, Ala. Prattville is a small town about 40 miles from Montgomery. It is in this county that Ladybird Johnson has extensive land holdings.

The meeting was being addressed by former SNCC chairman Stokely Carmichael when a police car drove up and an officer began harassing Brother Carmichael for speaking of "Black Power" to the gathering. After continuing the harassment for some time, the officer arrested Carmichael on charges of disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.

Black people in Prattville, angered by the arrest, moved swiftly to protest it at the jail and else-

where. Gunfire was exchanged by black and white residents. Later that evening, a meeting of black people was taking place in the home of Mr. Daniel Houser, a local resident. Ku Klux Klansmen and other whites began firing on the



John Hulett

Use of Napalm Inflicts Heavy Toll in Jordan



FLEE ISRAELI BLITZKRIEG. Arab refugees on road to Amman, Jordan, after crossing Jordan River. Reports indicate that more than 100,000 have fled Israeli aggression in western Jordan.

By Barry Sheppard

JUNE 14 — In a gloating pro-Israel editorial on June 9, the *New York Times* described the Israeli attack on the Arab countries as a "blitzkrieg" — Israel's "own version of Pearl Harbor."

Scattered reports are just beginning to come in concerning the nature of that blitzkrieg attack.

In the section of Jordan now occupied by the Israelis, reports place the number of Jordanian dead between 10,000 and 25,000.

The June 13 *Christian Science Monitor* reports: "A team of 24

doctors from the American University Hospital in Beirut, which has returned here from the Syrian and Jordan fronts, estimated that... napalm bombs were responsible for 75 percent of the casualties."

Dr. Kemal Bikhazi, leader of the American University Hospital team, "said he treated only second-degree cases," according to the June 11 *New York Times*. Third-degree burn cases had to be left on the battlefields because the chances of saving them were too small.

"The casualties were fearsome. Many were burned to death," Dr. Bikhazi reported.

"He recounted that wounded soldiers could talk of nothing but 'firebombs, firebombs,' which, they said, spread flames for 100 yards, incinerating whole units. At the one hospital in Amman, he said, one entire floor was filled with burned soldiers," the *Times* said.

"As he returned to Amman from Zatqua," the *Times* continues, "Dr. Bakhazi reported, he saw remains of a mobil medical unit destroyed by napalm. He said the unit had been marked with a red cross."

The same dispatch added, "West-

ern diplomatic sources reported from Jordan said that in Jerusalem Tuesday night there had been a full-scale Israeli mortar assault on the Augusta Victoria Hospital in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem. According to the reports, the mortar fire was directed against the hospital, which was put under a strong searchlight glare from the dominating Israeli position on Mount Scopus."

In this sector of Jordan west of the Jordan River, resided many of the refugees driven from their homes in Palestine by the Zionists in the 1948 war. In addition to Jordanian soldiers and civilians, these refugees were also victims of the systematic blitzkrieg and napalm attack. "There seems to be little doubt that the 60,000 inhabitants of the three big United Nations camps around Jericho," the *Times* reported on June 12, "were attacked by planes on the second day of the fighting."

As the Jordanian army and civilians retreated, the June 13 *Times* reported: "On Wednesday morning, after the Israeli forces had taken Jerusalem, their Mirage jets streaked over the Judeean

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U.S. Planes Step Up Bombing of Vietnam

JUNE 14 — With the eyes of the world turned toward the Middle East crisis, Washington took the opportunity to escalate the bombing of North Vietnam. On June 10 and 11, U.S. bombers struck deep into that country hitting Hanoi and the port of Haiphong.

The North Vietnamese Kep air base was bombed for the eighth time since April 24. B-52 bombers attacked near the demilitarized zone for the first time in more than six weeks, according to the Pentagon.

Meanwhile, Washington revealed the second record week of American casualties, May 25. In the week reported that day, 337 American troops were killed in combat, 2,282 were wounded, and 31 missing.

This brought the total of GI combat deaths over the ten thousand mark to 10,253, and the total of wounded to 61,425, according to the *New York Post*. Casualties have not been reported during the Mideast crisis, but heavy fighting appears to be continuing in and near the demilitarized zone.

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THE NATIONAL PICKET LINE

NEW YORK, June 9 — The Social Service Employees Union voted overwhelmingly today in a city-wide referendum to conduct a "work-in" June 19 — doing other than regular work — unless the city of New York honors a commitment made to the union to bring all issues unresolved by the January strike to fact-finding.

The "work-in," similar to the action at the Non-Residence Welfare Center last February, has been provoked by the city's disregard of their public agreement with the SSEU, and is the city's most blatant union-busting position yet.

Not only was it reported in the Jan. 19 *New York Times* and *Post* that all unresolved issues would go to fact-finding, but the report of fact-finder Benjamin Wolf, March 15, 1967 clearly stated that one of the conditions for the union going back to work after the strike was the bringing of all unsettled issues to fact-finding.

Among these issues is the question of paid overtime, which the city refuses to grant; automatic clothing grants to clients, which the city opposes; and the continuation of the 4 p.m. quitting time during the summer, which the city is trying to eliminate.

It is generally felt throughout the union that an important reason for the city's intransigent attitude is the onerous new RAT antistrike law, which is even harsher toward public employees than the previous Condin-Wadlin law. The city is trying to use the SSEU as an example of what will happen to other unions that fight against the law.

However, the SSEU has gained important labor support during the last week. Matthew Guinan, international president of the Transport Workers Union, AFL-CIO, and Douglas L. Macmahon, international secretary-treasurer said last week that they "strongly urged the city to honor its com-

mitment with the SSEU to enter fact-finding." They further stated that this attack on the SSEU represented an attack on all labor.

Dr. Israel Kugler, president of the United Federation of College Teachers, AFL-CIO, sent a similar letter to the mayor, and stated further that "there is no reason for the city to refuse fact-finding, unless its position is indeed untenable."

Welfare Local 371, of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, which bargains for clerks and supervisors in the Welfare Department, said today that it was the policy of their local not to perform case workers' tasks, and specifically, no supervisor should do a caseworker's work on June 19.

Local 259, United Automobile Workers, in New York called upon the city to "drop its union-busting position" at once. Leon Davis of Local 1199 of the Hospital Workers, and Barry Feinstein, president of Teamsters Municipal Local 237 also sent messages of support.

In addition, the union has received support from important civil rights and community organizations, such as Harlem CORE, and various tenant councils in New York.

—Howard Reed

Germ-Warfare Research, Anyone?

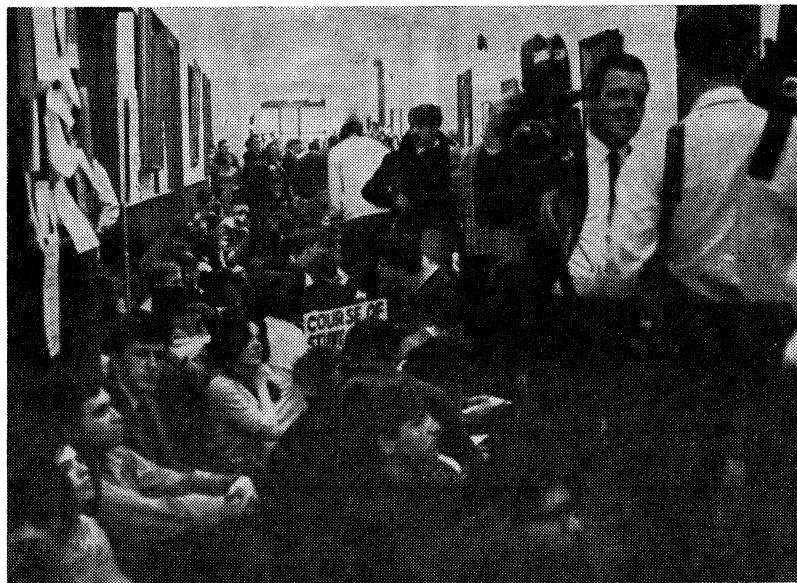
Penn Tries to Unload Spicerack

By Joel Aber

PHILADELPHIA, June 12 — Five weeks ago, a two-year battle by antiwar activists culminated in victory when the University of Pennsylvania board of trustees was forced to accede to student and faculty demands that Penn get out of the germ warfare research business. The trustees' decision that germ warfare research was no longer a profitable investment for Penn was only the beginning of difficulties for the Pentagon.

On Sunday, May 14, the *Philadelphia Bulletin* reported that the Army and Air Force, contractors for Projects Summit and Spicerack, were having their problems in trying to find a new home for the contracts: "There were reports of 'feelers' to other institutions in the area. A spokesman for the Franklin Institute Research Laboratories, which had been mentioned as a possible candidate for the work, said 'we wouldn't touch it with a ten-foot pole.' He explained that the Franklin Institute depends on membership fees and public subscriptions to help meet operating deficits. 'Getting involved in this kind of controversy would be cutting our own throats,' he said, 'even though it's a nice chunk of money, and we could handle the work.'"

Dr. Gaylord P. Harnwell, president of the University of Pennsylvania, explained to the reporter from the *Bulletin* that he had



MADE THEIR POINT. U of Penn students held sit-in at university administration offices last month, successfully culminating two years of struggle against germ and chemical warfare research at Penn.

initially desired to transfer the germ warfare projects to the University City Science Center, a private corporation in which Penn owns 53 percent of the stock, and in which most other Philadelphia area colleges are minority stockholders. Originally, Dr. Harnwell had conceived of the transfer to the Science Center as a way to quell the controversy, but he became afraid that the protests would continue even afterward.

In fact, Dr. Harnwell indicated that transfer to the Science Center would compound his troubles because the protests would spread to other colleges that participate in the Science Center. According to the *Bulletin* article, Harnwell said that the presidents of Swarthmore, Haverford and Bryn Mawr had met with him and "warned of picketing and controversies on their campuses if the Science Center got the contracts.

Meanwhile, Dr. Jean Paul Mather, executive director of the Science Center, and, according to the *Bulletin* article, a direct lineal descendant of Cotton Mather, the notorious prosecutor in the Salem witchcraft trials, was very bitter that the college presidents had acceded to the demands of the protestors: "Those beatniks on the street can go climb a tree as far as I'm concerned . . . If pickets show up, I'm going to have them arrested as trespassers," Dr. Mather was quoted in the *Bulletin*.

Dr. Mather's frustration at losing the \$945,000 germ warfare plum is no doubt exceeded by the frustration of the U.S. Army and Air Force. "We could get along without Penn, but we wouldn't like to try," a Pentagon bigwig told *Science* magazine last January. The military establishment needs the cover of respectable institutions like the University of Pennsylvania. Penn was only one of dozens of institutions exposed for their complicity in the Vietnam war and their development of

Pentagon blueprints for crushing the colonial revolution.

Some, like Michigan State and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, have been involved in a direct political sense, working hand in glove with the CIA to run puppet dictatorships and to develop "contingency plans" for the war in Vietnam. Others, like Cornell, Maryland, NYU and Johns Hopkins, have helped develop the weapons necessary to starve and kill the peasants of colonial countries that become "trouble spots."

Every top university is part of government plans to the extent that the universities are needed to train the brains to run the capitalist system. Many of these brains remain on university campuses after their training. So what could be a better location than a large university for Projects Summit and Spicerack? According to an old University of Pennsylvania brochure, these projects are "interdisciplinary."

Cooperation

In other words, computer scientists busily correlate the information fed in by biologists working on the most virulent strains of bacteria; chemists and toxicologists create the most effective poisons; geographers provide statistics on the terrain of such hypothetical places as Vietnam; meteorologists study weather conditions and the types of wind likely to prevail in certain geographic localities; physicists study the aerodynamics of dispersal of small particles; psychologists, sociologists and political scientists determine the possible effects of starvation, death and disease upon the morale and fighting ability of certain peasant populations.

A large university is needed to plan genocide effectively and scientifically. And the exposure and embarrassing publicity which result when such projects are discovered by the antiwar movement decrease the likelihood that any large university will want either Project Spicerack or any new project cooked up by the Pentagon brass as long as the antiwar movement remains strong on American campuses.

The lead editorial in the May 8 *St. Petersburg Times* (Florida) gives credit to student activists for forcing the U of Penn trustees to drop "the black art of government-financed germ warfare research."

"Hopefully," the editorial continues, "this example will cause agonizing among other universities which have compacted with the Pentagon to delve into the abominable ways of inflicting mass human suffering, terror and death. Hopefully, it will produce a national assessment of how far this morbid work has spread."

Socialist Fund

Support from Old-Timers

By Marvel Scholl
Fund Director

I would like to take this opportunity to send special thanks to three elderly friends from Plentywood, Montana who each sent in \$10 to the SWP Party Building Fund.

In making these contributions W.L., J.B., and A. R. are upholding a socialist tradition in that small Montana town. Many years ago there was a strong socialist movement in that area. A socialist sheriff, Rodney Salsbury, now dead, used his jail for a very unique purpose — he kept the doors open, beds ready, and the kettle boiling to feed hungry men who, in those days, "rode the rods" during wheat harvest.

These Knights of the Road proudly called themselves hobos and they formed the backbone of the then powerful IWW. Today that area with its vast wheat fields is owned by corporations, the wheat is harvested with huge machines, the itinerant farm laborers follow the crops for miserably low wages. But the socialist tradition is still alive and will remain alive so long as there are people like our friends to teach the youth the lessons of the past and the tasks of today.

We also thank two other old friends for contributions received this week. I.H.R. from Rutland, Vt., sent in \$50! Another check

came from Mrs. V.G. of Fresno, Calif.

Today the membership of the SWP is young. During the past few years the average age of our members has dropped drastically. It doesn't show on the scoreboard but the truth is that all those branches now in the 100% and 83% bracket have a large component of their members in the under-30 age group — away under. The performance of these branches is an indication that the young people understand fully their financial as well as political responsibilities to the movement.

But among *Militant* readers are many people who are no longer able to be active in the movement because of increasing age with all its attendant limitation on physical activity. However, since no one ever "retires" as a socialist, there is still a way older socialists can do their share. And that is by supplying the wherewithall (monee) to keep these youngsters busy spreading the SWP program, building the party, participating in antiwar and other work.

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Cuba's Mideast Declaration: Solidarity with Arab Nations

[When the Soviet delegation at the United Nations capitulated to Washington and voted for a cease-fire resolution that did not demand the immediate withdrawal of Israeli armies that had invaded neighboring countries, the Cuban government issued a statement characterizing such a cease-fire as tantamount to imposing surrender on the victim in face of imperialist aggression.]

[A translation of the statement, which was issued June 7, follows.]

Analysis of all the news, data and facts related to the initiation and development of the dramatic events in the Middle East prove beyond doubt that the United Arab Republic and the other Arab peoples were victims of a treacherous surprise assault by the armed forces of Israel, which instigated and supported by imperialism, perpetrated this aggression that threatens the freedom and integrity of the Arab nations.

The Arab nations today constitute fresh victims of the global strategy of world imperialism. These events, which have aroused indignation among peoples everywhere, are but part of a series of unending aggressive moves by the imperialists carried out in various parts of the world.

It is the same policy and strategy of global piracy and crime that is being inflicted on the peoples of Vietnam and Laos; it is the same hypocritical and criminal policy that resulted in the military intervention in Santo Domingo, in provocations against the Democra-

tic People's Republic of Korea, and in the use of the "green berets" as military adjuncts and props of the dictatorial, military "gorilla" governments of the Americas in an effort to halt the advance of the liberation movement in our continent.

The central committee of our party, in a declaration May 18, 1967, warned the world against the dangers that this imperialist policy represented for all the peoples. No country can feel secure because Yankee imperialism can tomorrow launch new aggres-



Osvaldo Dorticos
President of Cuba

sions in Korea, in Cambodia, Syria, the UAR, Algeria or Cuba, to mention only a few examples.

The prediction made by the central committee of our party has been proved right in the Middle East today. For this reason, the Cuban Revolutionary Government, fully aware of the principles formulated in this declaration of our party, reiterates its strongest solidarity with the Arab nations facing imperialist aggression today, and condemns this aggression.

The Cuban Revolutionary Government states its support of the UAR delegation's rejection of the Security Council's agreement to limit itself to ordering a cease-fire without condemning the aggressor and holding responsible the imperialism that armed and instigated it. This is tantamount, as stated by the UAR delegation, to imposing surrender in face of imperialist aggression.

The Cuban government will support the government of the UAR in any attitude of resistance that it may adopt in face of the shameful and bungling agreement of the United Nations Security Council.

[The government of the United Arab Republic subsequently felt forced to accept the cease-fire.]

It is very painful for the peoples of the world to observe the government of the United States demonstrating joy over what it no doubt considers to be a political, diplomatic and military victory for imperialism.

Role of Anti-Semitism in Mideast

By Barry Sheppard

The swift success of the Israeli aggression against the Arab countries brings into sharp focus the crisis of leadership of the Arab peoples.

Many of the Arab countries are ruled by feudal potentates like King Faisal of Saudi Arabia and King Hussein of Jordan. These reactionary regimes are propped up and supported by U.S. and British imperialism, and used by the imperialist powers as counters to the left nationalist regimes in Algeria, Syria and Egypt. Such feudal lords, living in fear of a popular uprising of their own people, cannot be expected to lead their people in a resolute struggle against imperialism and its Zionist agents.

More important is the leadership of the left nationalists. What was their record in the crisis? It was dismal. In a number of important areas their policies proved to be inadequate or wrong.

These areas include the military failures themselves; the lack of Arab unity; the failure to inspire and mobilize the masses the way, for example, Fidel Castro has done in Cuba; and, related to these, the

failure to carry through a consistent struggle against capitalism and imperialism on all fronts, including in their own countries.

This article will discuss only one aspect of this problem, the attitude of the Arab leaders to the Israeli masses.

The Egyptian and other Arab leaders have approached this question on strictly nationalist terms. They have called for a "jihad" or holy war against Israel. This call, combined with anti-Jewish propaganda and the fact of discrimination against Jews in Arab countries, leads the Israeli Jewish masses to fear that a successful Arab struggle against Zionism would result in the extermination or suppression of the Jews in the Middle East.

Strengthens Zionism

This fear serves to unite the Jewish Israeli masses behind the reactionary Zionist government. Arab strategy should be just the opposite — to split the enemy, and isolate the Zionists from mass Israeli support as much as possible.

It is a mistake to view Israel as a monolithic country. Like every capitalist country, Israel is divided into classes, into exploiters and exploited. The real interests of the Jewish workers and peasants in Israel are not at all identical with Zionism, but in fact are opposed to it.

Zionism will keep Israel a hostile beachhead for foreign colonization in the Middle East, cut off from her neighbors, in a hostile environment, and completely dependent upon U.S. and British imperialism for its political, military and economic existence. The Israeli masses have nothing to gain from this course.

The workers and peasants of Israel, if they are to survive, must break with Zionism and imperialism, and turn toward integration in a free and independent Middle

East through support to the Arab revolution. But until progressive Arab leaders offer the Israeli masses the prospect of coexistence without national oppression, it will be difficult to win them away from Zionism to this course.

The Zionists also use the call for a "holy war" to cover up their aggression against the Arabs. Israel is only "defending" herself, they claim.

In addition Arab anti-Semitism is used to divert attention from the virulent anti-Arab racism the Zionists have pumped into the Israeli masses, so evident in the swagger and contempt of the Israeli generals, their use of napalm against the Arabs, the attacks upon the Arab refugee camps, etc.

Finally, by rejecting anti-Semitism, the Arab leaders would make it clear that their object is to destroy Zionist colonialism, and not to subjugate the Jewish people in the Middle East. This would help expose the true role and aims of Zionism, and aid in mobilizing opposition to it.



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Enduring Mideast Peace?

Intoxicated by military victory, many partisans of Israel now believe that the Arab nations are vanquished for a long time to come and that the extension of Israeli borders will ensure a long period of peace in the area. This is a utopian notion.

Even if Israel were an independent power there would be little realism to such a belief. A nation of 2.5 million cannot indefinitely hold back an opposing force of 80 million. And the hard fact is that despite its victory Israel remains but a pawn in the hands of the imperialist powers that brought it into being — most specifically, the United States. Israel's financial stability and military supplies are derived not from any independent productive resources but from the aid given by the U.S. and, to a lesser extent, Great Britain.

Any nation in such a state of dependency is in a precarious position. Israel could smash ahead today because its desire to do so coincided with the interests and desires of U.S. ruling circles. But that could easily change. It need only be recalled that in 1956 when the Israelis joined hands with the British and French to attack Egypt, they were forced to retreat. It was not in accord with the interests or wishes of the U.S. to see the French and British gain a renewed foothold in the area.

Nor will the Arab people long accept defeat. The record of the Israelis in creating a vast multitude of Arab refugees, first in 1948 and again in this war, and the napalm-blitzkrieg attack on the Jordanians, can only promote Arab hatred.

And, the terrible exploitation visited on the impoverished Arab masses by oil imperialism drives them toward struggle with imperialism and its agents, including the Israeli ruling circles.

The Israeli masses, if they are to avoid the death-trap being laid for them by Zionist policies, must break with U.S. and British imperialism, break with Zionist colonization at the expense of the Arabs, and turn toward integration into the Arab revolution for a socialist and united Middle East.

... Plight of Arab Refugees

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hills and down the length of the road [from Jericho into Jordan] bombing everything that moved."

Just as in Vietnam, such terror is producing new refugees. The *Christian Science Monitor* reports that the first wave of refugees streaming into Jordan is more than 100,000 in spite of Jordanian pleas that they stay in their homes.

In a June 12 dispatch in the *Times*, Terence Smith writing from Jericho says, "According to Shihaden Dajani, the director of the nearby Boys Town farm, the refugees were hit by Israeli fighters. 'They came in flights of 40 planes each,' he said. 'They came in low, shooting their machine gun bullets all along the road.'"

Further Evidence

Smith says, "On the road leading out of Jericho to the Jordan there was evidence that not all the refugees heading for the eastern bank [of the Jordan River] made it. The bodies of at least a dozen men and women were lying next to a barbed wire fence about 15 yards back from the road."

Along the road, "Even private cars, many of which may have been carrying soldiers," Smith says, "were hit. The squashed, gutted remains still dot the gullies on either side of the broad asphalt highway."

"Once the air force had done its work, Israeli armored units poured down the road, finishing off what little resistance remained."

Almost the entire population of Jericho and the refugee camps around the city has fled.

The Israelis are also forcibly driving out those who do not flee. The *Times* reports on June 12: "Senior United Nations officials who have sifted many reports from

the refugees believe that a pattern of expulsion is emerging. They say the Israelis appear to be concentrating on pushing out the inhabitants of the big refugee camps . . .

"In the frontier villages, they say, soldiers have ordered people out of their homes to police stations, where they have been picked up by buses, bound for a place called Wadi Baden. From there they have been obliged to walk to the river, the officials said."

"In some other places, they added, loudspeakers warned the inhabitants: 'You have two hours to leave. After that we cannot guarantee your safety.' . . .

Some Drowned

"United Nations officials who drove down to the Jordan bridges said that the King Abdullah bridge had been so badly damaged by bombs that it was impassable and that people were wading across the river."

"Some women were said to have been drowned in places where the bottom is slippery and muddy."

Reports from the other Arab countries are more scanty. One story in the June 14 *Times* indicated that Egyptian prisoners in the Sinai desert are not receiving water. "The Israelis were reported to have provided a ration of a quart a day for their troops and none for the Egyptian civilians" of Qantara, the *Times* reports.

"According to a Reuters report yesterday, some Egyptian prisoners kissed the hands of Israeli soldiers in Qantara as they begged for water after being marched across the desert . . .

"The Israeli commanding officer, Major Joseph Koller, was quoted as having said that some prisoners who had retained their arms 'tried to shoot their way to a drink' and 'we had to kill two of them like that.'"

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Palestine Arab Refugees Victims of Zionist Politics

By Les Evans

Israel's recent attack on the Arab states has uprooted more than 100,000 Arabs and forced them across the Jordan River. These people are now homeless and stripped of everything they owned. What does the future hold for them? We can gather some idea of that by examining the plight of the 1,317,000 Palestinian Arab refugees of the 1948 war still in camps throughout the Middle East.

Crowded into United Nations camps in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the Gaza Strip, these hapless victims live in mud huts and shacks, subsisting on a basic ration of 1,500 calories a day. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency admits "The ration is dietetically unbalanced and inadequate." To stay alive they depend on what little food they can grow on the arid land, or the limited income brought in by those who can find work.

Destitute

The UNRWA report for 1966 describes a typical "home": "The average hut is no more than a 10-foot-square room in which a family of five lives, eats and sleeps."

The UNRWA spends about 10 cents a day for each refugee.

The refugees constitute an immense block of destitute people for the backward, poverty stricken Arab economies to absorb. In Syria they constitute 3 percent of the total population; in Lebanon 8 percent; in Jordan, 37 percent; and in the Gaza Strip 69 percent (as of June, 1966, UNRWA figures).

Where did the refugees come from and why? Israel is a "new" country. Where in the twentieth century is one to find a "new" country ready for settlement where nobody already lives? Short of Antarctica it should be apparent that there is no such place.

In 1919 the Jewish minority in Palestine amounted to seven percent of the population. During and after World War II there was a vast influx of Jewish immigrants into Palestine. They were entering one of the areas of the world least able to absorb such an influx. The Western "democracies" were totally unconcerned by that, however. They calculatingly closed their doors to the flood of Jewish refugees and encouraged the move that would inevitably pit Jew against Arab in the barren lands of the Middle East.

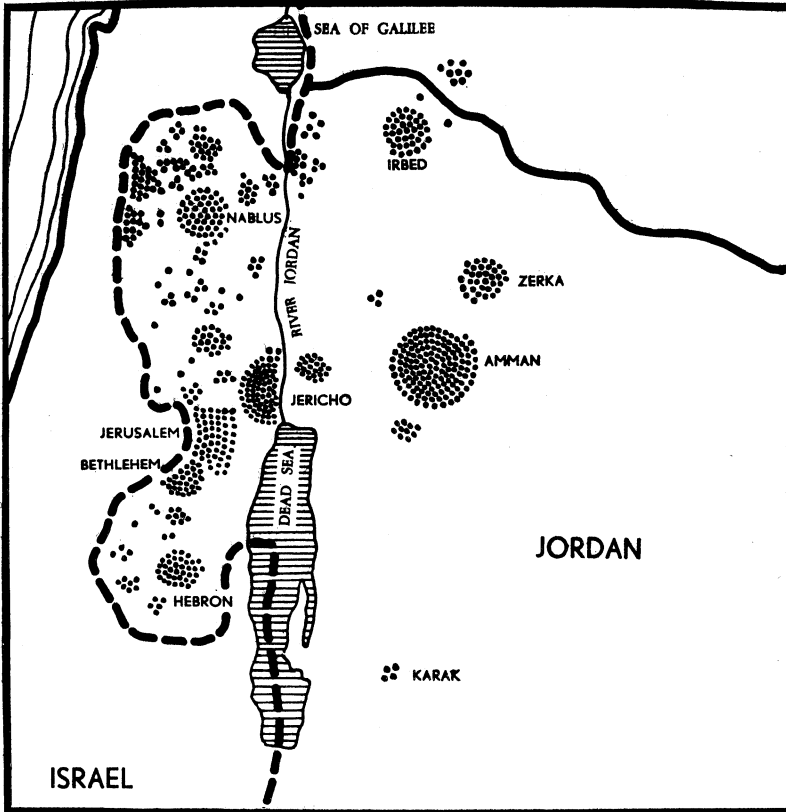
Zionism

The one hope of the Jews in the Middle East to live in peace with their Arab neighbors was in a multiracial Palestine based on the people who lived there — after all, the Arabs had lived there for centuries, it was their land and homes, and they were a clear majority in Palestine.

It was here that the utterly reactionary policies of Zionism betrayed the only long-term hope of the Jewish masses in Palestine. They were opposed on principle to anything but a Jewish state, encouraging colonization by Jews from all over the world, which meant in practice that the Arabs must be driven from their homes and land regardless of whether or not they were willing to live in peace with the Jews.

The scope of the land confiscation is indicated by estimates by the UN's Conciliation Commission for Palestine in the early fifties that the amount of Israel's cultivable "abandoned" Arab land was nearly two and a half times the total area of Jewish-owned property at the end of the mandate in 1948.

Today official Zionist propaganda claims that the Palestine



ARAB REFUGEES. Palestinian Arabs were forced to flee their homes during 1948 war. Many have been living in camps in western Jordan. Each dot on this map represent 1,000 refugees, as of June, 1966. Area of Jordan west of Jordan River is now occupied by Israeli army. Map was prepared by UN Relief and Works Agency.

Arabs fled at the outbreak of the 1948 war in response to appeals broadcast by the Arab League; that they were enemies of Israel who chose to join the other side in the war. This argument was invented after the war was over to justify an immense land-grab by the Zionist organizations.

On the basis of these claims, the Israeli government refuses to allow the Arab refugees to return to Israel, refuses to compensate them for the property seized, and disclaims any responsibility for the refugees themselves.

The falsity of the Israeli charges against the refugees was admitted to by Ben-Gurion himself when he wrote just before the war broke out that "... the Arab villages have in their overwhelming majority kept aloof from the struggle." ("The Fight for Freedom," *Palestine and Middle East*, Jan.-Feb. 1948) This was before the land-grab gave the Zionist leaders a reason to rewrite history.

It was the Zionist organizations themselves that sought to drive the Arabs from their land. As war approached, many of the upper-class Arabs fled, but the great mass of poor peasants and workers remained. On April 9, 1948 the Irgun, a Zionist terrorist organization, attacked the Arab village of Deir Yassin near Jerusalem on the highway to Tel-Aviv.

Jon Kimche, a well-known British Zionist, testifies that in this assault the Irgun murdered "some 250 innocent Arabs, among them more than a hundred women and children." (*Seven Fallen Pillars — The Middle East 1945-52*.)

Was this in retaliation for some act of the Arabs? Was Deir Yassin hostile to the Jews? On the contrary. Again the testimony of Jon Kimche:

"Deir Yassin was one of the few Arab villages whose inhabitants had refused permission for foreign Arab volunteers to use it as a base of operations against the Jewish life-line into Jerusalem; they had on occasions collaborated with the Jewish Agency."

The Haganah, the official Zionist army, claimed the Irgun had attacked Deir Yassin without any military authorization, but the Irgun then published the text of

the letter from the regional Haganah commander agreeing to the attack.

The same month the Irgun attacked Jaffa, the Arab twin city to Tel-Aviv, which had maintained friendly relations with Jewish authorities.

The message was plain: No display of friendship on the part of Arabs could save them from the slaughter. Israel was going to be an all-Jewish state. At this point panic struck the Arab villages and the flight became massive.

The British Middle East expert, George Kirk, has added that "... The Israeli armed forces did not confine their pressure on the Arab civilian population to playing upon their fears. They forcibly expelled them: for example, the population of 'Akka (including the refugees from Haifa) in May [1948]; the population of Lydda and Ramla ... in July; and the population of Beersheba and western Galilee in October."

"Smashed the Place"

In 1949 Hal Lehrman wrote in the liberal Jewish magazine *Commentary*:

"Now that I've traveled every corner of this country [Israel] it has become clear that the Israeli troops must have been decidedly tough even with non-combatant Arabs during the war. There are, for instance, too many dynamited, desolated native villages where little or no fighting ever occurred. The Jews simply came in and smashed the place ... it is obvious, too, that the Israelis ... did an extra-thorough job of destruction to make sure that the Arabs would have nothing to come back to."

More than 250,000 Arabs still remain in Israel, not counting the hundreds of thousands conquered last week. They are victims of severe economic, civil and national oppression.

The Palestinian Arabs are the first and greatest casualty of Zionism, but they promise not to be the last. In the long run the racist and reactionary program of Zionism is sowing such seeds of hatred for Israel in the Middle East that it promises to turn Israel into a death trap for the Jewish masses themselves.

[The following document, written last January, was submitted for discussion among the members of the Israeli Socialist Organization. As outlined in a statement published in *The Militant*, June 5, this grouping stands in opposition to the Israeli government. It advocates taking the road to socialism and forging Israeli-Arab unity in the framework of a socialist federation in the Middle East.

[We are publishing the full text of this document in two installments due to its interest in the light of the current crisis in the Middle East.]

The left-wing parties existing today in Israel were all founded before the state of Israel came into existence; no new left party was formed after 1948 (apart from splits which had a brief existence before joining another party.) Therefore, in order to understand these parties one must analyze their history prior to 1948.

This history is (exempting one notable case: the CP [Communist Party]) the history of the Zionist left; i.e., the history of a nationalist left.

In order to give the reader an idea of the unusual character of Zionism and its left wing consider the following fact:

All Zionist parties, from the rightist "Herut" ["Freedom"] to the leftist "Mapam" ["United Workers Party"], whatever their enmity on the Israeli political arena, are members of "The Jewish Agency." This agency is the organizational backbone of Zion-

Arab Spokesman Tells Militant of LBJ's Double-Talk

NEW YORK, June 9 — A spokesman for the Arab States Delegations office raised some important questions when interviewed by *The Militant* today in regard to American and Israeli intentions in the Middle East after the cease-fire. Tahseen M. Basheer pointed out that on June 5 Israeli officials said "Israel did not covet one inch of Arab territory." Now Moshe Dayan says "Jerusalem is united never to be parted."

Mr. Basheer said that a recent issue of the *Manchester Guardian* reported that the Israeli Ambassador told a meeting of the Anglo-Israeli Committee that Israel started the attack. Later this admission was denied to save the United States the embarrassment of having to declare Israel an aggressor.

"On Monday," Mr. Basheer commented, "Johnson talked of preserving the territorial integrity of all states in the area. This was before he was sure that Israel was winning. The statements of Mr. Goldberg in the UN and the statement submitted yesterday did not say one word about the territorial integrity of states.

"The U.S. is dumping the American 'commitment' repeated with such vehemence until the day before yesterday.

"There is no mention of Palestinian refugees. All of them are now under Israeli control — very few have been able to flee. Now we will see how Israel will try to push the refugees across the Jordan River. Israel will try to keep the Gaza Strip, but it will have to get rid of the Arab refugees.

"It is alarming that the United States has said nothing in the United Nations about returning to the situation prior to the aggression."

Mr. Basheer commented that there was disappointment that the Soviet Union did not take a stronger stand.

ism. One of its various activities is fund-raising among Jewish communities all over the world. (Although we do not possess exact figures it is not exaggerated to say that it raises sums of the order of \$112 million annually.)

This money finances all Zionist activities; a considerable part goes to subsidize the Israeli economy (mostly the agricultural sector, the Kibbutzim, etc.), another part to finance the Zionist parties, all of them — from Herut to Mapam.

These parties receive according to their size and bargaining power between \$840,000 to \$2,240,000 annually, each.

Thus, a Zionist party can finance a large daily paper, pay wages to many party officials, and keep a whole political organization running although the rank and file hardly pay membership fees or their newspaper subscriptions.

This peculiar circumstance enables political parties to exist long after the social forces that brought them into existence ceased to exist.

The Zionist left originated in czarist Russia (mostly Poland) in the closing decades of the 19th century and the early 20th.

The Russian Jews participated actively in all anti-czarist parties, in the Social Revolutionary, Menshevik, Bolshevik, and others. Martov and Dan, Radek and Zinoviev, Trotsky and Rosa Luxemburg, are only a few of the revolutionaries of Jewish origin who participated in the revolutions of 1905, February 1917 and October 1917. (These revolutionaries were, of course, anti-Zionists.)

The percentage of Jews among the revolutionaries was always greater than their percentage in the population. This was the result of a few factors: (1) Jews tended to concentrate in the urban areas. (2) A large Jewish proletariat existed in Poland (mostly in the textile industry). (3) There was a large Jewish intelligentsia in Russia. (4) The Jews were oppressed by the czarist regime not only as proletarians, but also as a national minority.

Political Parties

The persecution of the Jews gave rise to social and economic interests, which eventually gave birth to a number of political parties.

A whole spectrum of left-wing parties came into existence, all seeking to alleviate the plight of the Jews as proletarians as well as members of a national minority group.

The main difference between these parties was between Zionists (a minority) and non-Zionists.

The largest party was the Bund ["Fraternity"]. This was basically a Social Democratic party of the Second International, which, under the conditions of czarist Russia, was driven to the revolutionary side. The Bund never aimed at political power, only at improving the lot of the Jewish proletariat.

Lenin waged a long ideological struggle against the Bund, insisting that the proletariat must be organized on a territorial basis (i.e., all proletarians living and working in the same region or country, irrespective of their nationality) whereas the Bund claimed that existing circumstances of national persecution forced the Jewish proletariat to defend their daily rights as a national minority especially as considerable parts of the Polish proletariat participated in anti-Jewish riots.

The Bund, however, never accepted the Zionist principle that only in an independent national Jewish state can the Jewish proletariat become free. The Bund was nationalist but not Zionist.

When Hitler exterminated East European Jewry, the Bund was

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exterminated, too. Remnants still exist in the USA, Latin America and Canada as a result of mass immigration of Jewish proletarians in the first decades of this century.

The ideologist of the Zionist left, who contested the ideas of the Bund as well as those of Lenin, was Ber Borochow.

He formulated the idea of the "Inverted Pyramid," meaning, briefly, the following: every nation consists of a pyramid of social layers; a broad basis of peasants, a layer of proletarians, then a layer of transport and services, **civil servants; on top of this — the self-employed, artisans, doctors, lawyers, intellectuals, scientists.**

In the Jewish case this pyramid

overcome anti-Semitism.

They considered the persecution of national minorities to be a permanent feature of mankind (a view which the revolutionaries strongly opposed). Politically they diverted many people from participating in revolutionary politics by their "emigrate to Palestine" policy.

When the founder of political Zionism, T. Herzl, met the czarist foreign minister Plehve (a notorious anti-Semite), he mentioned explicitly the last point in order to persuade him to grant permission for mass emigration of Jews from Russia.

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The primary division in Israeli politics is between the Zionists and non- or anti-Zionists.

their jobs, salaries, possibly houses and health insurance, by voting otherwise.

Mapam is the second largest party of the Zionist left. It was formed in the forties as a bloc of bodies, the most important of which was Hashomer Hatzair.

Mapam is torn between nationalist Zionist practices (e.g., expropriating fellahin [Arab peasants], as in the case of the village Biri'm in 1952) and internationalist slogans. This is reflected in the slogan in the heading of Mapam's daily paper *Al-Hamishmar* [*The Guardian*] which reads: "To Zionism, Socialism, and friendship between nations."

The order is significant. Whenever Mapam was forced to choose between Zionism and socialism, or

In Israeli politics Mapam does not play an independent role; it follows the lead of Mapai (sometimes reluctantly, but always submitting in the end). However, it does play a significant role in presenting Zionism to socialists and left-wing intellectuals in both the East and the West.

Thus Mapam publishes a special periodical in English (*New Outlook*) for the West; also, Israeli ambassadors to Eastern countries like Poland or Yugoslavia are often Mapam leaders, whereas negotiations with right elements the Israeli government sends a right winger, and to Afro-Asian conferences — (often) a dark-skinned Jew.

Mapam's name is often connected with Kibbutzim, although most other parties (including the extreme rightist Herut and the religious parties) run a few Kibbutzim of their own.

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A Kibbutz is a communal agricultural settlement. Its members join it voluntarily and are free to leave at any time. The members do not own anything privately except a few clothes. The land belongs to the Zionist organization, the means of production, too — but they are donated to the Kibbutz. All labor is carried out communally, decisions on policy, development, investment, election of chairman, secretary, treasurer, etc., are made by the general meeting of all members.

These elements of "Free Socialism" fascinated many intellectuals and socialists in the West, and are much advertised by Mapam all over the world.

A closer scrutiny reveals some flaws:

Lack of Democracy

(1) The Kibbutz is usually a one-party affair, people voting Communist were expelled from Kibbutzim of Hashomer Hatzair and those voting Mapam — from Kibbutzim run by Mapai, etc. There is little political tolerance in the Kibbutz.

(2) The Kibbutz is part of a whole ideological setup. Namely: "From the Commune — to Communism"; or — let us fill the country with Kibbutzim [Communes] and eventually the majority of the population and economy will be of the Kibbutz type; i.e., a peaceful transition to Communism.

Reality proved this to be a fallacy. All Kibbutzim are in debt to the government, private banks and firms. Without constant subsidies from Zionist institutions they would have been unable to exist. Fuel, cash, fertilizers, water, electricity, and machinery, have to be bought from sources external to the Kibbutz, and the products must compete in the market with goods produced by others, sometimes — by Arab fellahin. The Kibbutz (whose creation was largely motivated by the Borochow ideology) proved to be uncompetitive and was kept alive by Zionist subsidies.

Kibbutz Capitalism

(3) Faced with this reality, the Kibbutz turned to industrial activity, at first processing its agricultural products but gradually moving into other fields such as plastics, crockery, furniture and a host of other light industry products. However, the small population of a Kibbutz (a few hundred) could not provide the labor force for both agriculture and industry.

Since giving up the agricultural activity would be tantamount to betrayal of the principles of Zionist socialism, the Kibbutz was forced to employ hired labor from nearby towns. Thus the communal Kibbutz society became a communal exploiter of hired labor.

Usually the Kibbutz members act as overseers in their factories while the hired men do the less

professional jobs. When work is over, the hired men go back to town. For them the Kibbutz is an employer like any other capitalist, except that capitalists don't preach socialism.

When a strike occurs in a Kibbutz factory, the owners call in the police without scruples.

The slogan "From the Commune — to Communism" proved doubly false. It did not bring about a transformation of Israeli society to socialism, let alone communism. Instead, the communes themselves were transformed from phalansteries [utopian socialist communities] into collective exploiters, profiting from hired labor. The history of the Kibbutz (indeed the history of the whole Zionist left) is the history of a Social Democracy corrupted by nationalism and the harsh economic realities of capitalist economy.

A point often overlooked is the significance of the Kibbutz for Zionist colonization. A spirit of pioneering, collective, organized labor, a social structure specially suited to absorb newcomers, to defend itself, to carry out, through great personal sacrifices, unprofitable economic tasks in order to establish Zionist presence in a hostile area — these are the reasons why Zionist institutions financed the Kibbutzim, whether they belong to Mapai, Mapam, Herut, or the religious parties.

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Detroit YSA Holds Forum On Mideast

DETROIT — More than 60 students took time out June 7 from preparation for finals at Wayne State University to participate in a symposium on the Middle East crisis sponsored by the campus Young Socialist Alliance.

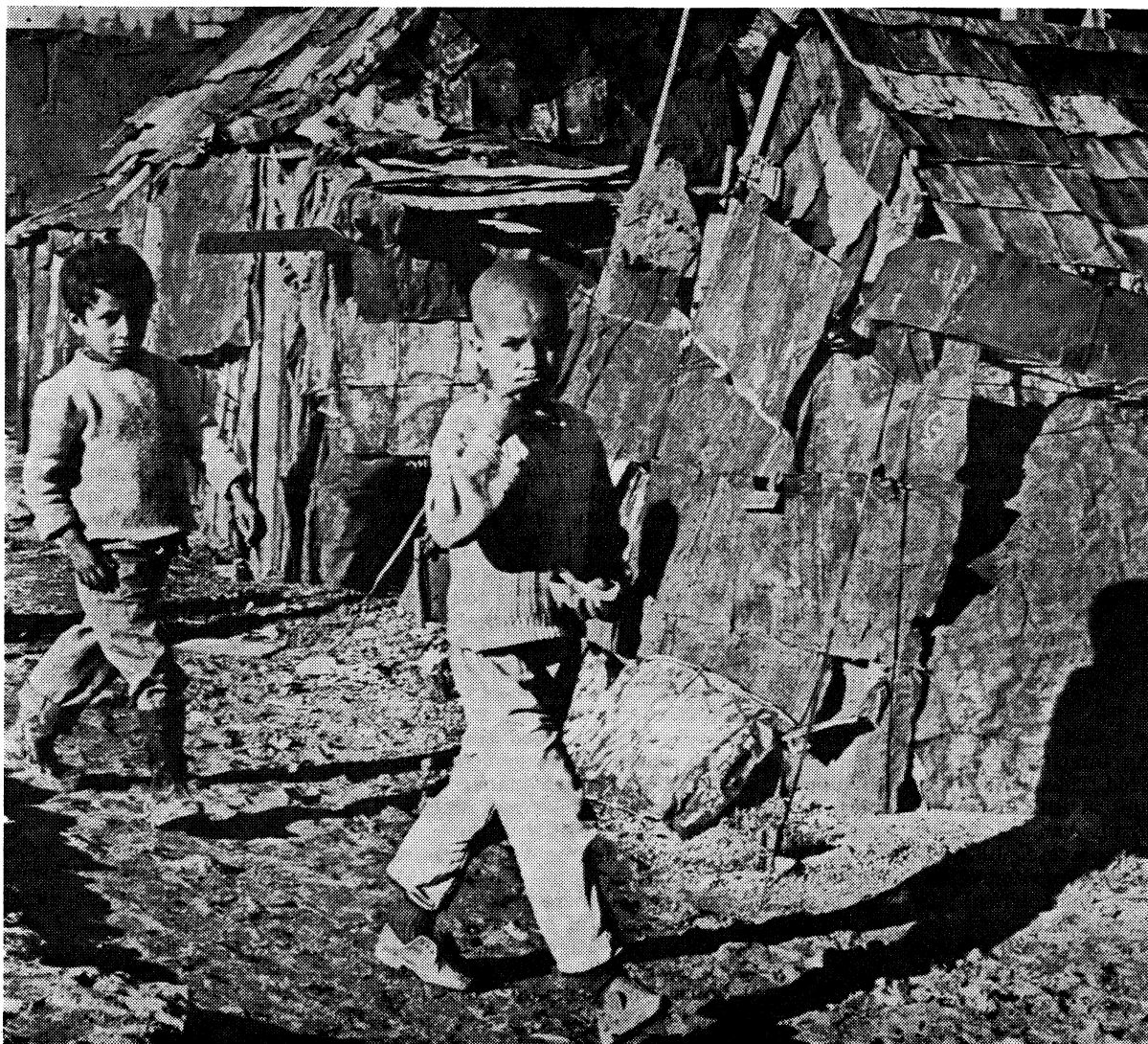
Carol Lipman of Detroit YSA introduced the symposium by saying that, while YSA does not underestimate the seriousness of the divisions in the Middle East, it hoped that the symposium would contribute to clarifying an issue dividing many people otherwise united in the anti-Vietnam-war movement.

Role of U.S.

YSA national committee member Jan Garrett pointed out the role of the U.S. government in the formation of Israel and the creation of the plight of the Arab refugees; he argued that all Americans should demand that the U.S. keep its military forces out of the Middle East, which serve mainly to protect the investments of the oil monopolists. He read the position paper of the Israeli Socialist Organization, which proposed a solution of the crisis in terms of the de-Zionization of Israel and the integration of the Hebrew nation into a socialist Middle Eastern Union.

The Arab speaker, Hasan Newash, outlined the origin of the Palestine problem. He denied the Zionist charges that the purpose of the Arabs was to "drive the Jews into the sea." Newash did not outline a separate solution, saying that he felt the general outline of the Israeli Socialists' proposal was acceptable.

A heated debate followed in which North American socialists, Afro-American and Armenian-American students and Arab foreign students opposed the Zionist contention that the Middle East situation was in no way analogous to the one in Vietnam.



UN Relief and Works Agency photo

REFUGEES' "HOMES." Two youngsters in front of hovels in Palestinian refugee camp in Beirut, Lebanon.

was deformed; many lawyers, doctors, intellectuals, and other middle-class occupations, with few, if any peasants, and little proletarians. Therefore he claimed that the social structure of the Jewish people must first be rectified before it could undergo a transformation to socialism. This meant that the Jews must first establish a national state and therein become peasants and proletarians and only after accomplishing this step could they proceed to the step of revolution. (Theory of Steps.)

Following this theory in daily practice, the Zionist left preached and practiced emigration. After a period of training and indoctrination they sent their recruits to Palestine, mostly to the agricultural settlements. Ben-Gurion, Eshkol, Lavon, and many other prominent Zionist socialists who later became leaders in Israel came from these parties.

Some of these parties continue these practices even today in the U.S. and Latin America. We refer to Habonim ["the Builders," affiliated to Mapai], and Hashomer Hatzair ["the Young Guardian," affiliated to Mapam].

These parties had sharp political conflicts with all those parties which aimed at a transformation of their own societies; ideologically they upheld the principle that no transformation of society can ever

The division into right and left is of secondary importance (both subjectively and objectively).

The division inside the Zionist left is a family affair. Once, there was a considerable gap between the Social Democrats (Mapai) and those who considered themselves revolutionaries (Mapam), but in the last decade it narrowed so much, and the whole political spectrum of the left shifted so much to the right that ideological and political feuds gave way to a squabble for economic benefits.

Mapai ["the Palestine Workers Party"] has, for the last three decades, been the central party in Israeli politics (for reasons we shall explain later). Originally it was a Social Democratic party preaching gradual and peaceful transition to socialism. About a decade ago it dropped this aim in order not to antagonize the USA, on whose direct and indirect support Israel depends for its existence.

In Israel there exist three major power structures: the Histadrut, the Jewish Agency, and the official government. Mapai was always the largest in the first two, hence — also in the third.

Its main asset is the fact that it is in power, thereby possessing all benefits resulting from power, which in the special case of Israel are all-embracing. Its voters are, mostly, people who might lose

between Zionism and internationalism (and this happens quite often in Palestine), it chose Zionism, justifying this by the "uniqueness of the Jewish case."

One has to remember that the internationalism of a party like Mapam has to be tested not by its policies toward the U.S. but first of all by its policies and practices toward the Palestinian Arabs.

In words Mapam supports socialism, the USSR, Cuba, the people of Vietnam. Once in a while it organizes a demonstration; but the nearer the issues come to Palestine — the more nationalistic it becomes.

Thus, Mapam supported the Suez campaign to the full, its ministers stayed in Ben-Gurion's Suez cabinet and justified (they still do!) the Israeli aggression. Later, when Ben-Gurion was forced to withdraw from Sinai and the Gaza Strip, Mapam organized mass demonstrations against the withdrawal, insisting on the annexation of the Gaza Strip to Israel.

Mapam refuses to recognize the right to self-determination of the Palestinian Arabs, or the right of the Palestinian refugees to repatriation; recently it went so far as to oppose a UN proposal to hold a referendum among the refugees to find out whether they prefer restitution payment to repatriation.

...Johnson's Mideast Gain

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 Six days later, on June 12, the same paper reported: "The political view from the top has brightened. More specifically, President Johnson and his top political lieutenants are considerably more optimistic than a few months ago about LBJ's 1968 prospects . . . The latest lift to White House spirits springs from a feeling that the president has emerged from the Middle East crisis with his prestige enhanced . . ."

While Johnson was ready to take the fateful military plunge if the situation demanded, he didn't want to look eager. William Shannon, member of the editorial board of the *New York Times* explained June 12, "If American military involvement occurred he did not want it thought that he had left any peaceful alternative unexplored."

Those who were critical of Johnson's alleged neutral stance, Shannon said, were rather foolish "inasmuch as his fundamental determination to take overt action, if necessary, was not really in doubt."

Dual Victory

"As events developed," Shannon added, "Israel's swift victory and the Soviet Union's refusal to support its Arab clients took the president off the hook politically."

The victory was, in fact, a dual one for Johnson. He shored up the oil magnates in the Mideast by helping unleash a military force that dealt a heavy blow to the development of the Pan-Arab movement. (And after the way U.S. planes were repainted with Cuban markings during the invasion of Cuba, the Arab charges that U.S. planes were involved cannot be dismissed out of hand.)

At home, LBJ racked up an added gain. To a significant degree, the Mideast events helped to restore the Johnson "consensus" which played such a big role in helping him to carry through his barbarous escalation in Vietnam. As in the days of the "stop Goldwater" drive, forces from right to left were cheering him and the Israeli army on.

Shannon writes, somewhat in-

dignantly, "There has been considerable cheap amusement in recent days at the spectacle of Senators Kennedy, Clark, Morse and the others who are doves over Vietnam suddenly becoming hawks over Israel."

Admittedly, he states, some congressmen are concerned in terms of Jewish voters. But, Shannon explains, this is only one side of the story. "Last week," he points out, "when Colonel Nasser's armies were getting mauled, there was vicarious satisfaction on Capitol Hill, and it extended from Brooklyn Democrats to Iowa Republicans who have scarcely a Jewish voter in their district."

Similarly on the general political front, the consensus covered a wide spectrum.

A three-quarter page ad in the June 7 *New York Times* called on President Johnson to break the blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba. It urged that LBJ "act now with courage and conviction, with nerve and firmness of intent, to maintain free passage in those waters . . ."

Among the public figures who signed this strident appeal were numerous critics of Johnson's Vietnam intervention. Included were Socialist Party leader Michael Harrington; H. Stuart Hughes, former peace candidate for governor of Massachusetts; author Hannah Arendt; columnist Murray Kempton and writer Dwight MacDonald.

"Doves for War"

Charles Silberman, author of *Crisis in Black and White*, who initiated the ad, said that John P. Roche, Johnson's house intellectual, had ironically suggested that the ad be signed "doves for war."

But it wasn't simply congressmen and liberal-minded doves who were beating the war drums. Israel suddenly found it had staunch and even rabid supporters among such figures as George Meany (he took a two-column ad in the *Times* to state his pro-Israel view); the oily-mouthed racist egg-head of the right, William Buckley, who chortled at the inconsistency of the liberals; South Vietnamese dictator Ky; U.S. puppet warlord Chiang Kai-shek and, last but not least, *Life* magazine.

Life, too, invested in a full-page *Times* ad to declare its solidarity with Israel against the Arabs. The Israelis it declared, are "patriotic, brave and skillful soldiers, brilliantly led." Of the Arabs, *Life* sternly enquires: "Was there ever a people so bellicose in politics, so reckless and raucous in hostility — and then so unpugnacious in pitched combat — as Nasser's Egyptians?" To round out this declaration of alignment with

"progress" the Arabs are likened to whiskey-drinking Irishmen.

Radical-minded Americans who align themselves with Israel against the Arabs should ponder the question of why it is that on this issue they find themselves in the same camp as the most reactionary forces in the country. Can they seriously believe that through some mysterious process *Life*, William Buckley, George Meany and Lyndon Johnson are supporting a progressive cause?

For those who are active in the movement to stop the U.S. war machine the issue is particularly urgent. The hard fact is that the right-wingers have lined up behind Johnson and the Israeli government because they understand that a heavy blow is being dealt to the Arab revolution. Such a blow is a setback to the struggle against imperialism and to the struggle against war. The upsurge of the colonial movement has been a major deterrent to Washington's plans for global war. The U.S. victory in the Mideast strengthens its hand on a world scale, specifically in Vietnam.

Danger for China

Moreover, the success of the Israeli "blitzkrieg" serves as a potent shot in the arm for the Washington hawks who would escalate the war in Vietnam into a direct attack on China. After all, if tiny Israel can deliver a lightning blow to such a numerically superior foe, why can't the mighty U.S. pull the same kind of blitz attack on the Chinese?

This mood is strengthened by the incredible Soviet cop-out in the Mideast. After that performance, Washington is not likely to be particularly impressed by Soviet declarations on where it draws the line on Vietnam escalations. This, too, intensifies the danger of world war.

Equally important, jingoism is an infection that cannot be localized. The chauvinist spirit whipped up in this country against the Arabs can be directed toward the Vietnamese. Like it or not, the right-wing demagogues make a telling point when they assert you can't be a hawk in the Mideast and a dove in Vietnam.

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Lowndes County Freedom Party, was badly beaten in front of the Houser home; Mr. Houser himself was also picked up and beaten; SNCC worker Worth Long was beaten.

Throughout the night, SNCC officials had made appeals to the Justice Department for federal protection. Mr. John Doar of that department informed the national office of SNCC in Atlanta that people were "bothering" him. Doar's response typifies the attitude of the federal government in this and similar situations which have faced black people.

Ataugua County, in which Prattville is located, is adjacent to Lowndes County, where the first county Freedom Organization ran candidates under the black panther ballot symbol November, 1966. They won sufficient votes to become an official county political party.

At a press conference in Atlanta, Rap Brown, chairman of SNCC, said "We will no longer sit back and let black people be killed by murderers who hide behind sheets or behind the badge of the law. It is clear that the law cannot and will not protect black people . . . We extend a call for black brothers now serving in Vietnam to come home to the defense of their mothers and families. This is their fight. We say to brothers in the armed forces: If you can die defending your motherland, you can die defending your mother."

The Black Struggle

Black Power Conference Draws 500 in D. C.

Approximately 500 delegates attended a black power conference held in Washington, D.C., May 19-20. The conference was called and organized by Howard University Professor Nathan Hare and Howard students.

Among the topics discussed were the establishment of a national black power organization, independent political action, black participation in the antiwar movement, antidraft organization and community control of ghetto social and economic institutions.

The delegates came from black campuses and from the major northern ghettos, as well as areas in the South including Lowndes County, Ala.

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A picket line in support of Muhammad Ali was held in Cleveland, Ohio, June 3. Over 50 people participated in the demonstration held at the Federal Building. The demonstrators chanted, "Fight, Fight for Muhammad's Rights," and "Fight, Fight, for G.I.'s Rights, Bring the Troops Home Now." Passers-by were generally sympathetic to the marchers, and several of them joined the picket line.

Among the organizations supporting the demonstration were: Cleveland Committee to End the War in Vietnam, United Black Youth, Young Socialist Alliance, Socialist Workers Party, Draft Resisters Union, and Committee Against War and Fascism.

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Intimidation and violence against SNCC staff members in Atlanta has been stepped up during the past weeks. Friday, June 2, a SNCC car occupied by Cleveland Sellers and other SNCC workers was followed closely by police. The apartment of Fay Bellamy, SNCC office manager, has been broken into three times — the second time it was ransacked and the third time a fire was set in the closet.

On June 4 there was a fire in the apartment of a popular black singer — the Mighty Hannibal — who along with SNCC has been involved in picketing and protests in Atlanta.

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On June 13 an all-white federal jury acquitted eight white men charged with attacking black children on their way to a desegregated school in Grenada, Miss., last fall. The white racist mob threatened and beat the children. One boy suffered a broken leg. Among those attacked was a child crippled by polio who was unable to run from the mob.

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The Supreme Court ruled on June 12 that states cannot outlaw marriages between whites and non-whites.

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The Supreme Court has refused to speed up consideration of Adam Clayton Powell's legal attempts to be reelected in Congress. The ruling means that the Powell suit for reinstatement cannot be fin-



SON FRAMED-UP. Mrs. Mildred Thomas, mother of one of Harlem Six.

ally resolved until next fall at the earliest.

Powell's lawyers asked the Supreme Court to invoke a rule under which it could review a case still unresolved in a lower court if the case was of "imperative public importance." The Supreme Court decided that Powell's suit was not such a case.

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On June 1, the mothers of the Harlem Six submitted a petition to the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court. They protested the failure of court-appointed lawyers to notify the defendants of an appeal hearing May 11, 1967. Counsel for one of the youths did not even appear in court.

The teenage young men, known as the Harlem Six, were framed-up on a murder charge in the spring of 1964.

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At a recent Philadelphia seminar on equal employment, the chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charged that one out of every three persons in the North Philadelphia ghetto has a serious unemployment problem.

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Truckloads of Alabama Guardsmen turned back about 120 black demonstrators who were marching on the state capitol in Montgomery June 12 to protest the attacks on the black community by police and the Ku Klux Klan in Prattville, Ala.

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Four Afro-American organizations in Boston have issued a statement in support of black people attacked by police in the four day Roxbury uprising. The statement was signed by Boston SNCC, United Militant Headquarters, Afro-Americans Against the War in Vietnam, and Rebellion News.

—Elizabeth Barnes

Black Students At Columbia Act On Racial Jibe

By Robert Gebert

Black students at Columbia University recently seized over 1,500 copies of *Jester*, a campus humor magazine, in protest against an article which referred to Afro-Americans as "black ants in purple beanies," and the "noble black savage."

About 30 black students were involved in the incident which led to a meeting between the students and Dean Truman.

An informal committee of 45 students presented the dean with a wide range of demands including the appointment of an Afro-American advisor and Afro-American faculty members. They also demanded the creation of a course in Afro-American history.

The spokesman for the group, who asked to be unnamed, was quoted by the *Columbia Daily Spectator* as saying, "How can we respect the law when we can't ever get a fair deal? We won't compromise our basic rights as people . . . If we hadn't confiscated the *Jesters*, nothing would have been done about them or any of the other issues we raised."

According to several witnesses, the meeting with the dean resulted in his acceding to most of the group's demands, although Truman subsequently denied some of the most important agreements they reported.

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By George Novack

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Letters From Our Readers

[This column is an open forum for all viewpoints on subjects of general interest to our readers. Please keep your letters brief. Where necessary they will be abridged. Writers' initials will be used, names being withheld unless authorization is given for use.]

Gets Green Beret Appeal

Reed College
Portland, Ore.

Less than a year ago I saw a friend off to the wars. He was eager to get to Vietnam and become a Special Forces Ace fighting man. This week he finally wrote me:

Please do two things for me: (1) need the address of the American Civil Liberties Union headquarters. (2) need the address of the VISTA. I would like (1) because I want to send this blood money to a worthy cause. I want (2) because I desire to atone for the vicarious murders I am committing in the name of democracy. I need your help.

Needless to say, the terse note indicated neither time nor place. How appropriate that we young men are called upon, without so much as asking our opinion, to divorce ourselves from the world in time and in space. How else would it be possible to ignore the young lives we are sacrificing so blindly and religiously?

We are shown pictures (in the popular magazines) of enemy dead, but apparently our victims are not photogenic, or any more so than the bombed civilians. As war becomes the policy of our people, untruth and thoughtless propaganda will be our daily diet. If the youth who resist the draft have a message, it is that one need not go into war (as my friend did) to learn what millions learned several times in this century. The medium, in this ignoble case, is definitely not the message.

D. B.

P.S. Here's a dollar for a couple months of *The Militant*.

Disagrees on Mideast

Rego Park, N.Y.

I have been a reader of *The Militant* for several months now, and in that time I have found it extremely interesting and informative on matters concerning socialism. However, after reading your

issue of June 5th, I felt that I could not, in the interests of truth and justice, allow you to remain uncorrected and your readers misinformed on matters concerning Israel and the Arab nations.

The June 5th issue had two articles on the Middle East; the first issued by the Israeli Socialist Organization and the second ("Background Analysis") by one of your correspondents. The former repeatedly claimed: "The majority of Palestine's Arabs were dispossessed of their homes and fields during and after the 1948 war..." It is the author's use of the word "dispossessed" that I object to.

In May, 1948, when the British withdrew and the State of Israel was proclaimed, the Jews of Palestine were perfectly willing to let the Arabs remain and participate fully in the rebuilding of the land. But the Arab leaders, in particular the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, spiritual leader of the area, told the Arabs of Palestine to leave their homes and fields and go to Arab-controlled areas. They left Israel on their own free will, fully expecting to return to their homes in a few weeks after the victorious Arab armies had pushed the Jews into the area.

But the Arabs were defeated by a people fighting for their families and homes, and the refugees did not re-enter Israel. As for Israel letting them return today, such an action would be impossible. There are over one million refugees today, and about two and a half million Israelis. To let into Israel so many people who supported the attempted destruction of Israel less than two decades ago would be ridiculous and an act of suicide for Israel.

A more practicable solution would be for Israel, her Arab neighbors and other nations to contribute jointly to an international monetary fund to train and rehabilitate the refugees, and then to resettle them in Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon.

As for the quarter-million Arabs who remained in Israel in 1948, they are certainly not "victims of severe economic, civil and national oppression." While there is some discrimination practiced by those few Israelis who view all Arabs as their enemies, the Israeli Arabs enjoy the same rights as all other citizens of the State of Israel, and live in better economic conditions than the Arab peasants of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan or Saudi Arabia.

It is hard to see, also, how a socialist party like the Socialist Workers Party can be against Zionism, and the State of Israel, and call Israel the aggressor. Israel was willing to live in peace with her neighbors; it is the Arab nations who have provoked the present war in the Middle East. It was only after President Nasser of the United Arab Republic decided to violate international law by blockading the Strait of Tiran, after repeated Syrian border provocations, after futile appeals to the United Nations, after exercising the utmost restraint that Israel was forced into military action.

I therefore think it is incorrect for you to call the State of Israel an imperialist agent and aggressor, to blame the international Zionist movement for the evils of the world or to place the blame using subjective evidence alone.

Z. L.

[Regarding Z.L.'s contention that the Arabs were not driven out of Palestine, see Les Evans' article on page 4. On the charge that the remaining Arabs are not discriminated against, here is one key fact: Histadrut, the Zionist labor organization, which controls the bulk of the country's jobs, bars Arabs from membership. EDITOR.]

San Francisco Referendum

San Francisco, Calif.

Some weeks ago I read an article in *The Militant* about a group being formed here in San Francisco to put a referendum on the Vietnam war on the ballot. I thought other readers of *The Militant* would be interested to know that the group, Citizens for a Vote on Vietnam, has been sponsoring very successful mobilizations to get 20,000 signatures on their petition, which calls for an immediate cease-fire and withdrawal of American troops.

People who are interested in helping can come down to 55 Colton Street at 10 a.m. Saturdays — or call the office (431-9771) for further details. The committee has meetings Monday evenings, 8 p.m. at Colton St.

J. V.

Draft Resistance

New York, N.Y.

At one point in his very fine article, "Draft Resistance: A Marxist View," Harry Ring deals with the choice confronting the individual opponent of the war: either to go to prison or accept induction into the Army and take part in a reactionary war. Ring points to the basis on which this choice must be made by the anti-war draftee: concern for the "purity of his own conscience or with taking effective action to help end the war."

It Was Reported in the Press

Original Hippies — Other commitments prevented us from attending the Fat-In at New York's Central Park which assembled under such banners as "Fat Power," "Buddha Was Fat" and "Help Cure Emaciation." One participant explained to newsmen that if everyone was fat there'd be no war since no one would be able to pass the physical.

None of That Nonsense — Free world sub-leader Ky said criticism of candidates would not be permitted in the coming "election" for the national assembly. "I don't think its nice to allow people to use the free press to issue criticisms of each other because it creates more confusion and division among the people," he explained.

Capitalist Confrontation — A New York reader, who should be chastized for negligence, fished out of his wallet a tattered March 12 New York Times item that had escaped us. It reported the success of Ralston, the cereal empire, as explained by its president, R. Hal Dean. Ralston's business, he explained, "is simply to put food into the mouths of people and make a profit doing it. This means belly-to-belly selling in a volatile industry."

Savings Plan — Recently we reported that what with skyrocketing prices there has been a marked increase in the hijacking of meat trucks. Now two brothers have been arrested in Brooklyn and charged with amassing a stock of 150,000 pills with a value estimated at \$200,000. Police claimed the two men, employees of a drug company, patiently accumulated the stock over a five-year period by walking out with 150 barbituate and pep pills a day.

Questionable Doctrine — Rep. Davis Satterfield waxed indignant at a Federal Communications Commission ruling that radio and television stations must make equal commercial time available to antismoking groups. "The ruling," declared Satterfield, "constitutes a shocking abuse of power which strikes at the very heart of the advertising industry, the

Thought for the Week

"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." Annin & Co., flag manufacturers.

Because the article then goes on to explain how significant anti-war activity can be continued within the Army, this statement might be misread to the effect that some necessary sacrifice of "purity," i.e., political principle, is involved when one wishes to be "effective."

Is it, then, a compromise with principle when a young man enters the U.S. Army knowing that it is an imperialist murder machine? Regardless of his "effectiveness" in convincing his fellow soldiers about the war, the draftee may ponder whether he is not implicated as long as he serves in the Army which is carrying on a bloody racist conquest. Isn't he helping kill Vietnamese and isn't he bloodying his hands while talking to his fellow soldiers?

Ring's article answers this type of question implicitly by posing the task of stopping the war as a task for masses of people, not isolated individuals. I would say further that antiwar soldiers who convince their fellow citizen-soldiers that the war is wrong help to make it impossible for LBJ to go on wasting American and Vietnamese lives.

Instead of isolating themselves in prison or exile to avoid their individual involvement in the killing, such soldiers would be in a position to help end the involvement of the thousands of other young men who are now being ordered to kill. I think they will be judged, especially by the Vietnamese, to have lived up to the highest standards of moral conduct because they worked to reach a part of the population, i.e., the soldiers, who are in a particularly good position to stop the war.

Peter Buch

Legal Precedent

Montreal, Canada

The May 27 Montreal *Star* reported: "An attempt by the last descendant of coal and steel baron Henry Clay Frick to suppress a textbook which described him as a wage-cutting industrial autocrat was dismissed in the court of common pleas in Carlisle, Pa. The judgment vindicated the right of scholars to make judgments on the basis of reasonable research."

Don't you think the judgment protects *The Militant* from libel suits?

Reader

In Memory of Dachau? — The West German government agreed to sell 20,000 gas masks to the government of Israel.

Pro-Celibacy — By a slim majority, New York area Catholic priests voted in favor of the church's policy of celibacy. Curiously, the poll takers found that older priests favored celibacy and younger ones did not. Meanwhile, church officials in Rome disciplined a priest for psychoanalyzing monks at a Mexican monastery. He was trying to determine if they were fit for monastic life.

Loan Agency — Members of the Florida House of Representatives debated an "ethics" bill that would require lobbyists to make known their expenditures. An amendment would have exempted the first \$500 a week of a lobbyist's spending. One solon indignantly inquired if anyone thought that members of so august a body could be "bought" for \$500. Another replied: Perhaps not, but they could be rented.

New York Special — Our spirit of New York patriotism was swelled by a *Village Voice* classified ad which illustrated what Our Town has to offer. It stated: "Three rooms. Quaint. Tub in kitchen. \$100 a month."

For Dad — As usual they're offering a lot of silly junk for Father's Day. The only useful, budget-priced item we've seen so far is a set of 14-karat, adjustable collar stays. Only \$15.

—Harry Ring

Weekly Calendar

The rate for advertising in this column is 40 cents a line. Display ads are \$2 a column inch. There is a ten percent discount for regular advertisers. Advertising must reach us by the Monday prior to the date of publication.

CLEVELAND

THE CASE OF PFC. HOWARD PETRICK — The Right of Free Speech for GIs. Speaker: Lew Jones, Sun., June 25, 7:30 p.m. 9801 Euclid Ave. Contrib. 50 cents. Aisp. Young Socialist Alliance.

LOS ANGELES

WEST COAST RECEPTION FOR LBJ. Antiwar Rally (6 p.m.), March, and Peace-in (12 noon). Speakers include: Dr. Benjamin Spock and H. Rap Brown, new SNCC national chairman. Fri., June 23, Cheviot Hills Park (on Motor Ave., near Pico, West Los Angeles). Peace-in features: Barbara Dane, Phil Ochs, others. Call: 462-8188 or 467-3744. Peace Action Council of Southern California.

MARXIST COMMENTARY.

A bi-weekly analysis of the news by Theodore Edwards, a member of the Socialist Workers Party. Mon., June 26, 6:45 p.m. (repeated Thurs., June 29, 9:45 a.m.) KPFF-FM (90.7 on your dial.)

NEW YORK

CURRENT SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CUBA. Speaker: Harry Ring, staff writer, *The Militant*. Fri., June 23, 8:30 p.m. 873 Broadway at 18th St. Contrib. \$1. Aisp. Militant Labor Forum.

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N.Y. Meeting Demands Release of Hugo Blanco

NEW YORK — A protest meeting to free the imprisoned Peruvian peasant leader Hugo Blanco was held here June 9. A large number of speakers representing a broad cross section of the American left addressed the audience of 135, demanding freedom for the revolutionary leader who is threatened with the death sentence. The meeting was sponsored by the Militant Labor Forum.

The meeting was chaired by George Novack, the well-known Marxist philosopher and author. In opening the meeting he drew special attention to the cases of other political prisoners in Latin America, particularly Régis Debray in Bolivia; Víctor Galán and Adolfo Gilly, and a number of Trotskyists in Mexico.

The first speaker was Edward Boorstein of the U.S. Committee for Justice to Latin American Political Prisoners.

He pointed out that "Hugo Blanco has been fighting our battle, because anybody who is fighting in Peru, in Cuba, in Africa or in Asia, is taking a chunk out of imperialism."

Empathy

Ron Clark of CORE was quite ill but said he felt so strongly on the subject that he got out of bed to come. He said that "Black people have empathy for Hugo Blanco. We are the only group who, like Hugo Blanco, are fighting for survival."

John Wilson of SNCC spoke of the world as a big plantation run by American oppressors. He said "There is trouble down on the plantation, and one of the biggest troublemakers is Hugo Blanco."

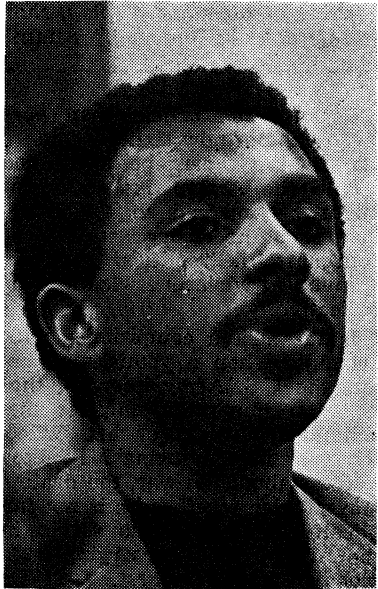
Melissa Singler of the Young Socialist Alliance read a letter to the YSA from Hugo Blanco written in prison.

Pedro Juan Rua, New York organizer for the Puerto Rican Pro-Independence Movement declared:

"It is gratifying for us to come today and see that a representative section of the U.S. left speaks out against the brutal repression of Latin-American freedom fighters... Hugo Blanco represents, like many others, the courage and 200-year-long struggle of the Latin-American masses against class oppression, colonialism and racism..."

Enselmo Rodriguez, a spokesman for the Casa de las Americas, said, "We Cubans in New York — I refer to those who are with the Cuban Revolution — we give our whole support to this campaign to liberate Hugo Blanco."

Irving Beinin, of the coordinating committee of the *National Guardian*, said, "We have a big debt to Hugo Blanco. We owe a debt of struggle to the oppressed



John Wilson

of the colonial world."

Other speakers included Peter Henig of Students for a Democratic Society; Theodore Torre-Bueno, a Peruvian-American; and Richard Garza of the Socialist Workers Party.

A number of messages were received from important figures who were unable to attend in person. Many of these were copies of cables sent to Peruvian President Fernando Belaúnde Terry.

Such a message sent June 6 by Paul J. Lyons, executive director of Amnesty International of the USA declared:

"Amnesty International strongly opposes abuses of political prisoners. We are highly disturbed over reports of beatings of Hugo Blanco by military guards."

Paul Sweezy, co-editor of *Monthly Review* sent a message which read in part: "It would be advisable for you to release Hugo Blanco, not simply as a matter of elementary justice but for the sake of the reputation of yourself and the government you head."

Other messages were received from John Gerassi, former editor for *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines and correspondent for the *New York Times* now teaching at New York University; Dr. James Petras, University of California at Berkeley; Dr. Connor Cruise O'Brien, former high official of the United Nations in the Congo now teaching at New York University; Michael Myerson of the Tri-Continental Information Service; and Professor Louis Menashe of the Columbia University Science Department.

The audience voted to send a message to Belaúnde Terry demanding amnesty for Hugo Blanco.

Calif. Parents Protest Death Of Son — An "Average GI"

[The following advertisement was run on Memorial Day in *The Press and Enterprise of Hemet, Calif.*, and in the *Riverside, Calif.*, county paper. It was placed by Al and Virginia Troelstrup of Hemet whose son, Tom, was the first soldier from Riverside County killed in Vietnam, in early January.]

The Pentagon's computers say that an average casualty, of the over 10,000 boys killed "assisting" in Vietnam, is most likely to be 20 years old, from California, an E3 in rank. Our son was about as average as a casualty could be.

The computers, the Pentagon, and the President do not accept that as well as being a hole in a punch card he was a living,

breathing, human being to whom life was the ultimate value.

Tom was a gentle giant of a boy who loved his country with a warmth and affection that only intimacy could bring. He had been in 46 of its states and personally compared it with half a dozen foreign countries.

He loved life and freedom the same way, but he died, denied them and denying them to others, for the whim of a politician who saw a chance to strut the stage of history as a power in Asia.

Ten thousand more boys like him will surely die in the next year unless the individuals who do not think this war is in our national interest have the courage to speak out.

Fla. Police Occupy Ghetto After Killing Tampa Youth

JUNE 13 — Ghetto areas in Tampa, Fla., were under siege by police this week after residents rebelled against the shooting of a black youth. The victim, 19-year-old Martin Chambers, was killed when fleeing from the scene of a burglary June 11.

According to James Hamilton, an administrator of the Tampa Commission on Community Relations, some of the young people involved in the rebellion were friends of Martin Chambers. The mayor of Tampa has agreed to suspend the patrolman who did the shooting pending an investigation.

Over 80 black people were arrested during the two nights of confrontation between ghetto residents and police which followed the shooting. There were many black casualties including Bobbie Johnson, 24 years old, who is in the hospital in fair condition as a result of multiple gun-shot wounds. Another black youth was stabbed by a police bayonet, and a boy of 15 caught a buck-shot blast from a policeman's riot gun.

There were no police casualties outside of a deputy sheriff who died of a heart attack while in the ghetto during the rebellion.

Police said that after news first

came of looting in the ghetto, the "riot" squad moved in, marching through the streets with automatic weapons, bayonets, and police dogs. A six-ton vehicle known as a "riotmobile" was moved in. It is equipped with tear gas, guns and a cannon that shoots water at great pressure; and its bottom edge is razor sharp so that it cannot be tipped.

On Sunday, June 12, the confrontation was confined mainly to an area near the center of the

city called the Central Village, but Monday it spread to other areas. Over 1,000 guardsmen and police were moved into the ghetto. According to police, black residents set approximately 18 fires.

Accompanied by police, Florida Gov. Kirk visited the Central Village area on Monday and talked to a crowd of about 200 people including the mother of Martin Chambers. After telling the tense crowd that there must be calm, and that "justice must prevail" he walked through the crowd shaking hands with those who would shake. Many simply turned their backs on him.

Police marched through the area after Kirk left, followed by guardsmen riding jeeps with mounted machine guns.

According to Robert L. Gilder, president of the Tampa branch of the NAACP, many blacks were demanding to see the mayor about the problems of unemployment and police brutality, but the NAACP head said he was unable to persuade Mayor Nuccio to go to the ghetto area.

A rebellion in Cincinnati, Ohio, followed the conviction of a black man, Postel Laskey, for the murder of a white woman.

The chief of police signaled a "mobilization alert" and rushed 100 squad cars into the ghetto when, according to the June 13 *New York Post*, "carloads of young Negroes cruised and crowds gathered ominously for five hours."

A number of fires were started and there was some looting and smashing of store windows. Three black youths were arrested and charged with damaging a news car. Helmeted policemen, accompanied by dogs and armed with three-foot clubs, tear gas and riot guns, sealed off an eight-block area.

Changes Stripes? Hitler-Loving Ky Plumps for Israel

Positions on the Middle East crisis are quite clear in Vietnam. In Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh issued a statement supporting the Arabs and condemning the U.S. and Britain.

In Saigon, on the other hand, Nguyen Cao Ky said June 8: "I'm for Israel. As we live far from Israel, we do not know what part America and England played in this but we see that Israel alone is fighting many other countries."

He maintained that the Arabs were backed by "international Communism" in a plot to involve the U.S. in another war. Ky praised the Israeli armed forces, saying he thought they "did a wonderful job."

In July 1965, the Saigon puppet won world notoriety when he said, "People ask me who my heroes are. I have only one — Hitler." He admired Hitler, he said, because of the way the dictator "pulled his country together..." Ky added, "We need four or five Hitlers in Vietnam."

"The Johnson administration is studying proposals that could result in a sharp escalation of the war in Vietnam... Some planners said that a bit more audacity of the type shown by Israel last week might pay big dividends in Vietnam." From a June 13 Washington dispatch to the *New York Times*.



Fort Hood Three Appeal Goes Before Army Court

The case of the Fort Hood Three, the three GIs from Ft. Hood, Texas, who opposed being sent to Vietnam, is coming up before the Army review board on appeal on June 21.

Pfc. James Johnson and Pvt. David Samas were sentenced to five years in prison each, and Pvt. Dennis Mora, to three years, after a court-martial last September.

The Fort Hood Three had attempted to obtain an injunction preventing the Army from ordering them to go to Vietnam, on the grounds that the war is illegal, immoral and unjust. This action was in the civilian courts when the Army moved to block it by arresting the men while on leave and then swiftly ordering them to go to Vietnam. When they refused, they were charged with disobeying an order.

At their courts-martial, counsel for the three GIs attempted to introduce evidence that the war is illegal. Unlike the recent court-martial of Capt. Howard Levy,

the defense was denied permission to introduce such evidence. This will be one of the grounds of the appeal.

The defense will also argue a number of other points. It will contend that the war in Vietnam is illegal and therefore the order to go to Vietnam was not a lawful command.

The U.S. action, the GIs will argue, violates the laws of land warfare and their participation in it would make them guilty of violation of international law.

Also, the defense will contend, the Army was guilty of illegally restraining the defendants' constitutional rights of free speech. They were arrested without cause while on leave, just before they were scheduled to address a public meeting in New York last summer.

The appeal will be heard in Bailey's Crossroads, Va., a suburb of Washington, D.C.

For further information, contact the Fort Hood Three Defense Committee, 22 E. 17 St., New York, N.Y. 10003.



FORT HOOD THREE. Pvt. Dennis Mora (left), Pfc. James Johnson and Pvt. David Samas.