

NEW STAGE IN NEGRO STRUGGLE

American Negroes' struggle for freedom and democratic rights has entered a new stage.

This unparalleled upsurge in their struggle shows that the American Negro masses, suffering both racial and class oppression, are experiencing a new awakening. The aim of their struggle has become clearer; their will to struggle has grown more resolute, and their methods of struggle have become sharper. The 20 million American Negroes, whose level of political consciousness is being enhanced every day, have become an important revolutionary force in the United States, a force that cannot be overlooked. Their unyielding struggle has dealt ever more powerful blows at the reactionary rule of U.S. monopoly capital and has shaken the very foundation of U.S. imperialism.

A most important feature of this new awakening of the American Negroes is that more and more of them have come to realize through their experience in struggle that they must oppose counter-revolutionary violence with revolutionary violence.

In the Negro movement in the United States, barbarous racist persecution and brutal suppression by the authorities are being met with collective self-defense and counter-attack. This is a new trend. The Negroes in Los Angeles, not hesitating to shed their blood and ready to make any sacrifice, advanced wave after wave in their heroic struggle against the reactionary troops and police. They showed the growing militant spirit of the American Negroes.

For one hundred years the American Negroes have on countless occasions petitioned and protested, and have tried in all kinds of ways to oppose racial discrimination and win equality and freedom.

But, discriminated against, oppressed and exploited, there has been no alleviation of their misery and suffering. Grim reality has taught the broad masses of the Negroes. They have started to cast aside illusions and to go out into the streets and wage resolute struggles. In face of this daily growing movement, the U.S. ruling circles have cunningly resorted to counter-revolutionary dual tactics in their attempt to hold back and undermine the struggle. Facts have proved that all the "promises," "bills" and "programmes" of Kennedy, Johnson

and their like about improving the status of the Negroes are all swindles. Ruthless persecution and suppression have not diminished but greatly increased.

With the hypocritical features of the Johnson Administration being daily more exposed, the masses of the American Negroes have become increasingly resolute in abandoning the road of "non-violence" of the Right-wing leadership in the Negro movement and taking to the road of struggle in "meeting violence with violence." Not long ago the American Negro leader Robert Williams expressed the will of the broad masses of the American Negroes when he said: "... let us not be so naive as to believe that we can conduct a revolution without violence. Let us not be so asinine as to believe that we can appeal to the conscience of a brutal oppressor to the extent that he will voluntarily release our people from almost 400 years of shackles and the dark dungeon of slavery and misery." The recent frenzied and

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The People Speak Out

FEELINGS OF PRIDE!

(This is the first in a series of articles on what the people of the areas involved in the uprising of August 11-15 are saying.

—Editor)

Now that the brutality, exploitation, and inhuman domination that existed before the heroic August 11-15 uprising have been restored by the police and National Guard in the working class ghetto areas of Los Angeles "leaders" and government officials, the news media, Negro

pressing relief and gratification that 32 innocent, unarmed citizens have been murdered and that "law and order has been restored to Los Angeles." But how do the people—the citizens of this police state—feel? Their true feelings and comments are either ignored or inaccurately reported in the press, radio and T.V.

To ascertain the true feelings of these citizens in the affected areas, reporters from the People's Voice conducted a series of interviews with citizens in the Watts, South Central and Compton areas.

The feeling one finds in these areas is one of pride in the ability of the people to liberate themselves and to throw off for an initial period of one day and two nights the most direct sources of their exploitation and oppression: the police, the absentee landlords and shopowners. Many citizens said that the uprising had convinced them that the theory of non-violence was bankrupt and that the only way to fight the exploitation and force directed against them was to employ force to protect their own interests. Most people were sorry that the uprising did not have better organization and more political direction. As one resident in the Jordan Downs housing project in Watts said, "Next time Mister Charlie better watch it because we're going to be a lot better prepared to meet his cream puff army! And next time there's going to be certain demands that will have to be met before we stop. This country needs changing and we're going to change it because we've had enough!"

Another attitude which was echoed over and over again was a disillusionment and disappointment with certain Negro "leaders," and especially with Martin Luther King. Many persons said

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THE "BRAVE" LOS ANGELES POLICE—AUGUST, 1965
An unarmed, 12-year old child becomes a man as he faces without fear a Los Angeles cop who attempts to maintain imperialist "law and order" by threatening with a drawn and cocked revolver in each hand.

"VIET NAM BOOM"

WALL STREET DAY DREAM

(Reprinted from Peking Review, August 20, 1965)

Johnson's announcement on July 28 that he was sending bigger reinforcements to south Viet Nam and increasing military expenditure was cheering news to the crisis-haunted Wall street. Big business hopes that Johnson's announcement will usher in a "Viet Nam boom" no less profitable than the "boom" Harry Truman gave them with the Korean war. In fact, Johnson's policy of "escalation" and his readiness to fight a "Korean-type" war in Viet Nam are tailored to meet the needs of the U.S. monopoly capitalists. They calculate that "the additional defense outlays will bolster economic activity and should offset any sagging tendencies that might have appeared otherwise," and that "an increase in defense spending next year can be a useful stimulant to business activity."

Actually, orders for arms and equipment such as helicopters, bombs and boots are being placed in a steady flow. Aircraft, automobile, electronic, canning, and textile industries and railway transport — all connected with war activities — have suddenly become more active.

For the big monopoly capitalists, war is a shortcut to super-riches and an indispensable way to get rid of economic crisis. But the Johnson Administra-

tion's dream of repeating the "Korean boom" will not be easily realized. On the eve of the Korean war, the United States dominated the capitalist world and its financial position was strong. It held 70 per cent of the capitalist world's gold. At that time the U.S. economy had not been militarized to such an extent as it is today. Military expenditures accounted for about 30 per cent of the U.S. budget and so it was possible to increase it sharply — from more than \$10,000 million to over 50,000 million.

That "shot in the arm" for the economy led to the "war boom." But today, the United States no longer holds the predominant position it then held in the capitalist world. Its gold reserves are dwindling and the dollar is shaky. Military expenditure already makes up 80 per cent of the budget and it is exceedingly difficult to multiply it as Truman did during the Korean war.

Under these circumstances, reliance on the stimulant of military orders to maintain and boost a "war boom" will worsen the chronic ills of the U.S. economy. It will also arouse bitter opposition from the American people who will have to bear the increased burden of war.

STATEMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BLACK LIBERATION FRONT COESTAB)

... We call upon the militants, revolutionary nationalists, freedom fighters, enlightened sections of the patriotic black bourgeoisie, genuine Communists and all the anti-imperialist forces to unite in the broadest possible front against U.S. imperialism, its running dogs and lackeys, renegades of the "left," the modern revisionists and their Trotskyites running dogs; struggle for liberation of the Negro nation and its right to self-determination. ("Observer," Black Flag No. 15).

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In memorium

It is with extreme sadness that the People's Voice notes the death of Mr. Michael McCreery in Christchurch, New Zealand, on April 10 of this year. As Secretary of the Committee for Communist Unity, Mr. McCreery was a staunch fighter for Marxism-Leninism and an uncompromising combatant against revisionism and Trotskyism.

Facing death from cancer, and bedridden during his final days, Mr. McCreery nonetheless carried forward in his own nation the task of strengthening and broadening the forces of Marxism-Leninism. We express our thanks to the working class of Britain for giving the world a Communist of Mr. McCreery's calibre, and we join with our fraternal brothers throughout the world in expressing sorrow at Mr. McCreery's passing.

Revisionist Leadership

Expelled From

Colombian C.P.

The Colombian Communist Party held its 10th Congress in the middle of July, according to a report from Bogota. The congress was attended by representatives from various parts of Colombia and from some fraternal Parties.

The congress expelled the revisionist leading group led by Gilberto Vieira from the Party, adopted a Party programme, a Party Constitution and a political resolution, and elected a new leading organ.

The congress decided that united front work should be carried out through the Patriotic Front for Liberation.

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Revolutionary Storm

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brutal suppression of the Negro people in Los Angeles by the U.S. authorities once again proves the truth of this.

The American Negroes are linking up their struggle for freedom and equal rights more closely with the revolutionary struggles of the oppressed nations and peoples of the world against U.S. imperialist aggression.

This is another important characteristic of the new awakening of the American Negroes. They are coming to see more and more clearly that the U.S. imperialism which oppresses them is the same U.S. imperialism which carries out aggression in every part of the world. The fascist policies which the U.S. ruling circles carry out at home are closely linked with their policies of aggression and war abroad. Some advanced American Negro leaders have already raised the clarion call for struggle: Build a new world free of colonialism, racism, imperialism, exploitation and national oppression!

Since the beginning of this year, the American Negroes, while carrying on the struggle to win and safeguard their own rights, have at the same time taken an active part in the widespread struggle in the United States to oppose the U.S. Government's aggression against Viet Nam. The Chicago Negroes in their recent struggle against tyranny explicitly proclaimed: "After years of frame-ups, brutalities and intimidations, the Black people are throwing off control of the same rulers who are making war on people throughout the world—in Viet Nam, the Dominican Republic and the Congo." This important development in the American Negro movement marks a big advance in the revolutionary level of their struggle for liberation.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung, in his statement supporting the American Negroes' just struggle two years ago, said: "The fascist atrocities committed by the U.S. imperialists against the Negro people have laid bare the true nature of the so-called democracy and freedom in the United States and revealed the inner link between the reactionary policies pursued by the U.S. Government at home and its policies of aggression abroad." More and more facts have proved the correctness of this thesis.

U.S. imperialism has always

styled itself the defender of "democracy and freedom" and "law and order." But the misery to which the American Negroes have been condemned clearly shows what kind of "democracy and freedom" U.S. imperialism wants to defend and what kind of "law and order" it wants to establish throughout the world. How can anybody imagine the U.S. ruling circles which relentlessly persecute and suppress the 20 million Negroes at home can possibly follow a peaceful foreign policy of cooperation with other countries on an equal footing? How can anybody imagine that the implacable enemy of the American Negroes can be the true friend of the people in Africa?

It is clear that just as it practices racial discrimination and oppression at home, U.S. Imperialism pursues a policy of aggression against other countries and of enslavement of other nations. It's the same Johnson administration which bloodily suppressed the Negro people in Los Angeles and carried out armer aggression against the Congo (Leopoldville) and subversive and sabotage activities against the Congo (Brazzaville). Facts prove that the United States is the chief bulwark of racial discrimination, and that U.S. imperialism is the ringleader in the brutal persecution of Negroes and in pursuing policies of national oppression and aggression everywhere in the world. The American Negroes and the people of the world face the same common enemy. The Johnson Administration's victimization and killing of American Negroes is not only a provocation against 20 million Negroes but also a provocation against the 300 million Africans, against all oppressed nations, and against the people of the world as a whole.

The African people and all the people of the world who cherish peace and uphold justice must stand firmly with the American Negroes and the other Americans who oppose racial discrimination, and fight to the end against the U.S. imperialist policies of racial oppression, aggression, and war.

The American Negroes' struggle against racial discrimination is an inseparable part of the revolutionary struggle of the oppressed peoples and nations of the world.

Our American Negro brothers who are shedding their blood in the streets of Los Angeles are standing on the same battlefield

as and are closely related to the south Vietnamese people who are fighting in the Mekong Delta and the Congolese (L) patriots who are steadfastly carrying on the armed struggle in the jungles of the Congo (L). Every blow dealt and every victory scored by the American Negroes is a blow that weakens U.S. imperialism, and a powerful support for the revolutionary struggles of the people in other parts of the world. The revolutionary people of the whole world stand firmly by the American Negroes. The bonds which link them in their common struggle will be strengthened as the Negro movement grows in the United States.

The Johnson Administration is sending large numbers of troops and police to bloodily suppress the Negroes' anti-tyranny struggles in Los Angeles, Chicago and other cities. Johnson has raved repeatedly about "relentless" suppression of Negro "violence." The utter brutality of the Johnson Administration reveals its extreme weakness. It had to dispatch tens of thousands of troops to oppose the Negroes' struggle against tyranny in Los Angeles. Should the revolutionary storm of the American Negroes spread fiercely throughout the United States, how many more troops has it at its disposal to use as weapons to suppress the revolution?

As the Chinese saying goes: "The roof leaks and the rain pours down day and night without end!" With its policy of aggression abroad suffering defeat after defeat, the badly harassed Johnson Administration is living through increasingly difficult days.

The ruling circles in the United States control the military machine and can use the most brutal methods of terror to suppress the Negroes' struggle. They may gain the upper hand for a time, but they can never subdue the awakened Negroes. On the contrary, their ruthless suppression can only further awaken the mass of the Negro people, the mass of Negro people.

Comrade Mao Tse-tung pointed out long ago: "All reactionaries attempt to stamp out revolution by mass murder and think that the more people they massacre, the weaker the revolution will become. But, contrary to this reactionary wishful thinking, the fact is that the more people the reactionaries massacre, the greater becomes the strength of the revolution and the nearer the reactionaries come

to their doom. This is an irresistible law."

The Chinese saying aptly puts it: "Fire cannot kill the prairie grass which will grow again when the spring breeze blows." The tide of the revolutionary struggle of the American Negroes for emancipation cannot be dammed. The road of their struggle may be arduous and tortuous and beset with difficulties and obstacles, but so long as they strengthen their unity and persist in the struggle, they will overcome all difficulties and emerge victorious in the struggle for complete emancipation.

("Renmin Ribao" editorial, August 19, 1965)

Feelings of pride

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they had heard of the little 10 year old child who went up to Mr. King when King was visiting Watts and who said: "Why have you come here to apologize for us Mr. King? We don't need you to apologize for us."

One 23-year old laborer who was shot in the arm by a Los Angeles cop said that he saw the same cop helping to protect King when King visited Watts. "Evidently," this individual stated angrily, "King must not have much faith and trust in his people, because they now certainly know who he speaks for and which side he is on. When he 'criticizes' the cops it's like he is hitting a brick wall with a feather. The trouble with King is that he's gotten too damn rich off of our misery."

These are just a few of the comments that the working people of Los Angeles are making. In the subsequent issues of the People's Voice this series shall be continued and further reports on what the people are saying will be made.

The new storm of the Negro people's struggle against racial discrimination and persecution in the United States has risen to unprecedented heights. The Negroes in Los Angeles staunchly resisted bloody suppression by 20,000 troops and police; they wrote an epic page in the annals of the American Negro movement. In Chicago, too, their struggle against tyranny has developed on an unparalleled scale. In New York, Springfield and other cities, Negro demonstrations against racial discrimination are surging forward. The angry flames of their fight against tyranny are spreading to more and more cities.

FREEDOM NOW PARTY DISSOLVES!

Revisionists & Trotskyites Exposed Black Liberation Forces Move Forward

The following article is composed of excerpts from the final issue of the **MALLET**, the organ of the San Francisco Freedom Now Party. In this article the San Francisco FNP is calling on all branches of the FNP to dissolve their organization as a necessary first step toward the establishment of a Negro National Liberation front in the U.S. We are reprinting excerpts from this article because this represents a new stage in the struggle for a Negro Liberation front.

This article exposes the FNP as doomed creation of the Trotskyites, the agents of U.S. imperialism. This is a very significant step because it signals the coalescence of forces necessary for a Negro National Liberation front in the U.S.

The Black liberation struggle in the United States like every other fight for freedom all over the world can never remain still, but move forward if it is to maintain the support of the masses and be with them instead of against them. The Freedom Now Party was born in 1963. It was the idea of William Worthy, Conrad Lynn and other Afro-Americans (American Negroes—editor) whose dedication to the cause of Black Freedom must be questioned. Recent events plus the increased intensity of the struggle have clouded the position of the Freedom Now Party as a vehicle for struggle and raised serious questions of as to whether the Freedom Now Party

served the cause which is uppermost at this time, that is, the fight to destroy American imperialism and the systems it maintains.

We of the Bay Area chapter of the Freedom Now Party have come to the conclusion that the struggle against American imperialism (which is the main force

blocking the National Liberation struggles all over the world) can best be aided by disbanding the Freedom Now Party and pursuing new forms of struggle.

We feel compelled at this time to give our reasons for this action taking into consideration the historic forces that forged this new outlook.

The first question we must

ask ourselves is what was the Freedom Now Party and what were its contributions to the national liberation struggle in the United States and all over the world. The Freedom Now Party was first and foremost an appeal to black nationalism.

The FNP pamphlet handed out on August 28, 1963, in Washington, D.C., at the Failure to "March on Washington" called for "an all-Black Slate and a platform for Liberation." It would "create the basic economic changes needed to guarantee well-paid jobs for all." "Our African brothers have shown us how to win freedom." Their principal technique: "all-Black political action." This is self-reliance, not racism." Notice that nothing says anything about the basic defects inherent in living in the center of the greatest imperialist power in the world. Nothing has since been said about the platform for the Freedom Now Party.

Why is this so? Why was the Freedom Now Party doomed before it had a chance to get off the ground?

The first step in clearing this doubt is to look at the men who

first formulated the idea of the FNP. William Worthy since his trip to China in 1957 has a close tie with the Trotskyite SWP who have sponsored his trips around the nation. He has never played the role of a Black nationalist writer dedicated to Black liberation. He has never openly attacked the corrupt capitalist system nor taken imperialism to task for its basic evils.

The concrete contribution of Conrad Lynn to the Black liberation struggle was his legal service to Black Freedom fighters in the fascist jails although there is grave doubt as to his aid to the Monroe defenders.

It must be recorded that neither William Worthy nor Conrad Lynn gave leadership to the Freedom Now Party.

FNP was really a move to crush the Black Liberation Front in the United States before it could get off the ground; it was an attempt like the March on Washington, to curb revolutionary trends

by calling on Black Prophets, false prophets, Black carpetbaggers of a phony controlled Black fourth estate to abort Revolutionary Black nationalist trends.

By the time of the Harlem uprisings of 1964, the New York branch of the FNP was not sep-

arate in platform or ideology from any other Black nationalist groups in Harlem. Afro-Americans died during the long hot summer of 1964. So did the East Coast branch of the FNP, when its national leadership found that their interests lay in other areas. Conrad Lynn plied his profession as a political lawyer for PL and Harlem Defense council members caught in the police roundup of Black militants. William Worthy was in the process of writing his expose of Revolutionary Black nationalism and their so-called plan of action for the pro-imperialist Esquire magazine. Sections of this article were later to appear in the Detroit Free Press as evidence for condemning militant Black nationalists in that area.

The Freedom Now Party is a sinister force and must be buried forever along with the vicious notion that non-violence, patience and loving your enemy can bring results.

The Bay Area section of the Freedom Now Party has not been a total failure. We have seen how the white liberal, the phony FBI controlled left—the Trotskyites (SWP, WW), the DuBois-ers and other lackeys of U.S. imperialism—exploit the need for unity for their own advantage.

The Freedom Now Party in the Bay Area and in Los Angeles became the godchild of the Trotskyite SWP with all the trappings of paternalism

The revolt in Watts is a clear case for the establishment of a **National Liberation Front**.

The national liberation struggle is here; the forces for sustaining the battle must be organized. Our fight is for National liberation. Our enemy is U.S. imperialism. We oppose the white ruling class and its Black Tshombes, running dogs and traitors as tools of imperialism. We must fight with all our might against any phony left or right-wing groups that seek by hidden or false means to hinder the fight for national liberation by playing down the true evil of U.S. imperialism.

With this issue the Mallet will cease publication; but we shall create new forms of communication to maintain our dialogue and to fight the fight against U.S. imperialism.

REFER ALL FUTURE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BLACK LIBERATION FRONT (COESTAB.)



EUROPE IN 1940 OR AMERICA IN 1965?
This is not Paris occupied by the German Imperialist Fascists but Los Angeles occupied by the American fascist imperialists.