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Wants to Pay For Better Office

BROOKLYN

To the DW Staff:

I would just like to pledge a contribution as soon as I start working. The paper has meant a great deal to me.

I wish you a beautiful office, as such work deserves the best. One visit to the DW office shocked me — i.e., to see how really poorly things are. Apparently there is little realization of this fact.

Would just like say I enjoy Alan Max's column, plus the educational articles. To me the paper is very important and I hope the financial drive and the circulation drive are successful, as I am sure they will be, in spite of the difficult struggle.

With deep feeling for the Communist Party, the hope of suffering humanity, and its great work, I am,

E. A.
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'Free World' Indifference To Bombs on Oman

LOS ANGELES

Editor, Daily Worker:

Free World spokesmen and propagandists have repetitiously assured us that Hungary is a satellite of the Soviet Union while Oman, Algeria, Kenya, Mississippi, racist South Africa and fascist Spain are respectable members of the Free World. It is therefore quite proper that the Free World which went into a dither last Fall over Soviet armed intervention in Hungary should not view with serene indifference the raining of British bombs on the people of the tiny Arab sultanate of Muscat and Oman on the Arabian Sea.

It is only proper, too, that the Hungarian rebels should have been eulogized as "Freedom Fighters" while today the anti-imperialist fighters in Oman are regarded as simple bandits incapable, like other involuntary hosts of the Free World, of appreciating the blessings of subordination to the economic interests of that eminently moral and freedom-loving Free World whose colonial slave pens girdle the globe.

It is true that there is a certain similarity in the Hungarian and Oman events. The governments of both countries called in foreign troops to crush a revolt. The Hungarian government invoked the Warsaw Pact to call on its Soviet ally for aid. The Sultan of Oman, a most worthy and dependable servant of the British sector of the Free World, called on Britain to send jets to bomb his rebellious subjects.

Manifestly, the wicked Russians committed a criminal act in going to the aid of their Socialist ally, against an attempt by local fascists and U. S. secret

agents to turn popular protest demonstrations into a counter-revolution. And quite as manifestly the British acted with typical dedication to freedom, justice and righteousness in rushing to the aid of their unpopular feudal protege.

It is understandable, then, that in the case of Hungary, Washington should have let out anguish howls and demand the United Nations take drastic action against the Soviet Union and its "satellite Hungarian government," but should now view with tacit approval the British aggression against the people of Oman, while secretly working to undermine the British position in that sultanate.

Liberty and justice are, as is well known, sacred principles with the imperialists. They partitioned Africa in the 19th century solely to carry the blessings of civilization and Christianity to the benighted and hedonistic pagans of that continent. Their earlier slave trade served the high purpose of affording the relatively small number of kidnapped Africans who survived the Middle Passage the benefit of contact with Christian slave-owners and the disciplines of the Ku Klux Klan. Their innumerable wars of conquest in Asia and Africa were unselfishly conducted to open those continents to the light and sweetness of European civilization and its unique by-product, syphilis.

If they looted those contin-

ents and decimated the population of Africa, it was in accordance with their self-imposed mission of bearing "the white man's burden" — a most crushing burden, indeed, considering the massive wealth contributed willily-nilly by the peoples of Asia, Africa and the islands of the seas to the development of the capitalist system, and the enrichment of the carriers of "the white man's burden." But, then, of course, such nobility and unselfishness deserved the richest rewards.

If today they answer the demands of colonial peoples for independence with bombs, napalm (flaming gasoline jelly), conduct wars of annihilation in Korea, Kenya, Algeria and conspire to destroy the newly-won independence of Egypt and other ex-colonial countries, it is merely to save the darker brother from the conjured evils of Communism and the even greater evils of a misguided desire for national independence — the silly notion of being masters in their own countries.

Truly, the darker peoples of the world owe a colossal debt to these noble gentlemen whom some rude people, myself included I must confess, have variously characterized as profit-grabbing monopolists, bandits, atomaniacs and obscene mass murderers.

CYRIL BRIGGS
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Thimble of Thunder

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

When 60 percent of Hiroshima—more than four square miles—was blasted off the face of the earth by a single explosion, on the morning of Aug. 6, 1945, it was accomplished by changing a small bit of matter into energy a bit so small it could be held in a thimble.

For some time scientists had known that matter and energy were not different things, only different forms of the same thing. Energy was ability to do work—like electricity or heat. The mystery of matter was something they speculated on, but they knew that locked within the atom—from the Greek word indivisible as it was once thought to be—was tremendous energy.

Science knew matter cannot be created nor destroyed, nor can energy. But scientists felt sure one could be transformed into the other. They still have to find how energy can be converted into matter.

And learning how matter can be turned into energy, and the atom unlocked, did not come about in one step, even after they had a formula.

Forty years before the A-bomb, Albert Einstein gave the world his formula for the conversion of matter to energy. (This is the famous "energy equals mass times the

speed of light squared.")

It seemed pretty fantastic so long as it was just theory—that if one pound of matter could be completely converted into energy it would be enough to burn 1½ million tons of coal.

And they were a long time in finding any matter converting itself to energy—except the Sun. But radium was found to do just that. It had been doing it since the world began, although it was not known until Marie Sklodowska Curie and her husband, Pierre Curie, discovered it. Later Marie Curie was, like her daughter, Irene Joliot-Curie, to die of cancer—a martyr to her work with penetrating radiation, as were many of the pioneers in the discovery of nuclear fission.

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EVENTUALLY Marie Curie was honored by many governments including our own, and became the first person to receive a Nobel prize twice. But she was a poor and unknown refugee student, driven by political oppression from her home in Warsaw, paying for her studies by washing bottles in a Paris laboratory, when Prof. Curie fell in love with her.

She was still an unknown chemist when, excited by French physics (Continued on Page 7)