

HANDS OFF CUBA!



—Jack Arnold
UNION SQUARE JAMMED: Some 5000 demonstrators joined a rally called by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New York's famed meeting place. YSA'er Camejo (shown above) denounced the U.S. intervention in Cuba.

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U.S. STUDENTS DECRY CUBA INVASION:

'Kennedy: We Condemn You'

In every corner of the world, angry people have gathered in demonstrations protesting the Yankee-sponsored invasion of revolutionary Cuba. The United States, with Kennedy at the top proudly claiming full responsibility for the crime, and with the unanimous support of Congress from Mike Mansfield to Barry Goldwater, stands alone and condemned.

Fortunately, the U.S. Government cannot claim to represent the views of the entire population. Despite the almost universal smears of the Cuban Revolution in the daily press; despite the direct pressure of the witchhunt on supporters of the Cuban Revolution; despite the State Department ban on travel to Cuba — growing numbers of Americans are speaking, writing and acting to protest the cynical policy of "their" government which would risk a full scale war to defend the interests of a small minority.

Some of the U.S. demonstrations are described below:

Washington, D. C.—

May 13, Saturday, Fair Play for Cuba has called a mass picket line in front of the CIA headquarters in Washington, D.C. Buses and carloads of picketers will arrive from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other Eastern areas. Fair Play campus chapters will mobilize student participations. On April 30, 150 picketers in front of the CIA building were

Witchunt Hits Fair Play Secretary

Richard Gibson, Acting Executive Secretary of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, was handed a subpoena to appear before the Eastland Committee as he finished addressing a protest rally at Union Square April 21. Mr. Gibson issued a statement in which he said: "Instead of investigating the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, I would suggest that you investigate the patently un-American activities of the White Citizens Councils and the Ku Klux Klan. . . . And why not investigate the Mississippi police who last month unleashed savage dogs on Negro students in Jackson, Mississippi?"

greeted by Lincoln Rockwell and about 10 of his supporters, dressed in full regalia including paratroop boots and swastika armbands. The two FPCC picket lines were called to support a two-week hunger strike by a newly formed group, the Non-Violent Committee for Cuban Independence.

FPCC has called rallies and picket lines in a number of cities, including Berkeley, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Chicago, Denver, Minneapolis, Detroit, Boston and New York. Fair Play student chapters on several campuses have organized meetings, protest demonstrations and other actions

in support of the Cuban Revolution. At City College of New York, for example, the Fair Play Student Council set up a literature table for two days during the week after the invasion and reported a "fantastic response."

The Bay Area has been the scene of the most intensive student activity against the Cuban invasion thus far (see story page 3).

Students at Cornell, Oberlin, the University of Wisconsin, and Antioch have also demonstrated.

U. of Minnesota—

The campus was sharply divided on the Cuba question. 1,200 students attended a rally sponsored by the FPCC on April 18; Fair Play speakers were heckled, jeered at, and snowballed by a vociferous group of anti-Castro students. After hearing speakers on both sides of the question, the meeting broke up, but small groups stayed on for several hours in heated discussion. As a result, a number of students joined Fair Play.

U. of Washington—

Seattle students have been active also. A protest was held under Fair Play auspices on April 29 in front of the Federal Office Building. Anvil club, on campus, also held a meeting that day. "The Crime Against Cuba," addressed by John Caughlin, Seattle attorney

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Stand With Cuba!

The United States Government organized, planned, financed and led an invasion force to crush the sovereignty and independence of the people of Cuba. In doing so, it brought the American people to the very brink of a global war, threatening the life of all humanity. This is not an idle unsubstantiated charge but the terrible truth.

In the United Nations, Adlai Stevenson—the beacon light of U.S. liberals—categorically denied Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa's charge that the U.S. was directly involved in the ill-fated invasion of Cuba. However, as the Cuban workers and peasants came forth to crush this imperialist attack, the U.S. press itself blurted out the whole story bit by bit.

The day after the invasion, April 18th, the N.Y. Times stated in its editorial: "It is also no secret that the U.S. Government has been helping the Cuban exiles over a period of many months with arms, training and facilities on American soil and in Guatemala. This has been too well publicized to be ignored today." The U.S. Government operated through the cloak and dagger CIA in its attacks against Cuba. It should be quite clear, however, that the CIA does not operate independently of the American ruling class. The plan to invade Cuba was initiated with Eisenhower's approval and the final orders came directly from President Kennedy.

Kennedy, himself, now claims full responsibility for the Cuban invasion and U.S. involvement is freely admitted. This is an open confession by the President that he and the CIA have violated the treaty obligations of the Organization of American States, the agreements in the United Nations charter, and the law of the land—the same law under which Batista henchman Rolando Masferrer was convicted only a few weeks ago when he tried to launch his own "unauthorized" invasion.

Yet the only "crime" which has apparently outraged the major press, Congressmen, Senators and other high officials is that the CIA bungled the job and did not succeed in overthrowing the Cuban Revolution. The "right" of U.S. imperialism to interfere economically, politically and militarily in the affairs of another nation is taken for granted by these great "democrats" and the American people are given a hard sell job to accept it.

The truth is that millions of people throughout the world now stand up to condemn U.S. imperialism for committing one of the most criminal and heinous acts in this hemisphere.

The fact that the CIA could not carry through its malicious plot is testimony to the fact that the workers and peasants of Cuba are solidly in support of their revolution and are ready to defend it even at the price of death against the "liberating army" from the North. Kennedy and his big-business administration have thus far shown no concern for the wishes of the Cuban people. They are not willing to accept the democratic decision of an armed populace as it was exercised last month. The new "liberal" frontier, like the old, offers us horizons of nuclear destruction.

While speaking before the American Newspaper Publishers Association on April 27th, President Kennedy urged the press to cooperate voluntarily with the government as it does in war time to prevent the disclosure of news helpful to the enemy. Our long cherished right of

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YOUTH FRUSTRATE COPS:

New Yorkers Protest CD Drills

by Jack Arnold

For seven years the Civil Defense people have staged drills. For seven years the citizens of New York have been required to take shelter when the siren sounds. For seven years there have been protests at City Hall against this law. In the last two drills, the latest of which was staged April 28th, the small number of pacifists of earlier demonstrations swelled into a mass protest of thousands.

As the sirens sounded, a police official mounted a bench and asked everyone to take shelter. The crowd, the great bulk of which was composed of students, some of whom had come from hundreds of miles away, greeted him with hoots of laughter. He appealed to them in the interest of the nation's welfare and the hoots came again, louder. He waved his arms and placed all 3,000 under arrest.

SOME POLICE APATHETIC

Talk of arresting us was easier than the doing. While we stood

our ground and sang such songs as "We Shall Not Be Moved," and "We Shall Overcome," the police managed to arrest nearly 50 participants. Even that was not so easy. Before they could haul their prisoners away in the wagons they had to arrest three more young men who obstructed this task by laying down in front of the wheels. The reason that more weren't arrested was no doubt due to some police officers who apparently were not convinced that the situation was serious and tended to try and blend into the crowd rather than act in an aggressive manner.

Those who participated as members of the New York Young Socialist Alliance distributed, among other items, a statement that linked the causes of war with the economic interests of the capitalist class which rules this country. As proof the YSA offered "the speech and actions of the

U.S. government toward Cuba," pointing out that "the U.S. government is considering direct intervention in Cuba." The YSA asked, "What threat does a free Cuba present to the 'security' of the U.S.?" The answer, it said, could be found in the relationship of the interests of the different segments of the American people to the actions of the Cuban government. Hence those of us who own nothing and must pay high rents and utility rates would find no threat in a government which cut rents and utility rates through nationalization. "But for those who stand to lose from such actions," the holders of capital investments, "these changes could only be a 'menace' and a 'threat to democracy,' democracy to invest and exploit." "This threat," the YSA said, "is driving the capitalists toward war in Cuba, in hope of salvaging those vested interests that are endangered throughout Latin America and the

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FOLK SINGERS WIN A BATTLE: N.Y.C. officials' attempts to drive folk singers out of Greenwich Villages' Washington Square, where they have held forth for 17 years, suffered a temporary setback, when the singers rallied and returned after police had driven them out earlier. In the picture they signify victory with the traditional symbol.

ALDERMASTON, YS CONFERENCE:

British Youth Demand End to NATO

by Earl Owens

LONDON—To the accompaniment of dixieland jazz and bagpipes, the fourth annual Aldermaston march protesting nuclear armaments began. Simultaneously, marching from the Wethersfield air base, another contingent of bomb protesters advanced on London.

Under the symbol of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, (which has an uncanny resemblance to the Mercedes-Benz trademark) marched students from Oxford, trade union branches, mothers with prams, Young Socialist branches, beatniks in sunglasses and derby hats, Young Communists, grandmothers.

Preceded by a truck from the Empire Loyalists that kept repeating, "Keep the Bomb," the procession, four and five abreast, several miles long, weaved through the countryside.

'VIVA FIDEL'

Among the 30,000 marchers were international contingents ranging from Germany's 500 marchers to one marcher from Cuba with Viva Fidel" on his placard.

Living on sandwiches and hard-boiled eggs, sleeping on hard floors, marching with rain pouring down their cheeks, singing and yelling slogans, they arrived in Trafalgar Square to listen to speeches from Canon Collins and Bertrand Russell.

Not satisfied, some marchers decided to demonstrate in a sit-down outside the American Embassy. Attacked by the police, apparently some of the demonstrators defended themselves and 31 were arrested. A group demonstrating outside the Russian Embassy, though, was unmolested. Canon Collins, as the "leader" of the CND movement, disowned the arrested demonstrators on the grounds that they had not been sufficiently nonviolent and they had taken publicity away from the "official" demonstration.

BLP YOUTH MEET

Following on the heels of the massive bomb protest, in the same hall where the 1945 Labor government was formed, 350 delegates met in the first National Conference of Young Socialists. Twice previously the Labor Party has dissolved its own youth organization for rebelliousness. But not deterred, by large majorities the Conference called for the resignation of Gaitskell as leader of the Labor Party and for a policy of unilateralism, including withdrawal from NATO.

The middle-aged chairman, not elected by the delegates but sent to preside by the Executive Committee of the Labor Party, commented several times: "That's carried too. I'm afraid..." or "We seem to have a lot of trouble getting this through."

Delegates severely criticized

New Advance, the Right wing's official organ of the Young Socialists. Before the session began, Roger Protz, 22-year-old editor who had been appointed by the Labor Party NEC, issued a statement: "The NEC is the Editor of New Advance, not me... 1. It is not democratically controlled by its readers. 2. It does not campaign for conference decisions." When Protz then attempted to speak from the rostrum he was pushed back by officials and a number of scuffles broke out. He has since been fired and the editorship been given to a middle-aged right winger.

The only success the Right wing had at the Conference was in its campaign against **Keep Left**, principal youth newspaper supporting the Scarborough decisions. Through charges that **Keep Left** is opposed to the United Nations and had once attacked Bevan, the Right wing was able to confuse some delegates and won on a resolution expressing "concern."

AGE OF PIANOLAS

Richard Crossman M.P., author of a compromise platform to achieve unity in the Labor Party which the Right wing suddenly finds acceptable, addressed the conference in the name of "unity." Unity is necessary, according to him, if Labor is to achieve power in the next election and questions of program were secondary. "I'm part of the age when the pianola was the latest discovery," he added, but drew no conclusions from it.

The Labor Party leadership is now in the embarrassing position of having a youth movement which it would rather not have, but can't do without. But this leadership faces an even more formidable enemy: the Labor Party annual conference, which will be even more overwhelmingly unilateralist than it was last year.

But the Right wing will not stay in a Labor Party controlled by the Left. It will then be up to the leaders of the Left to decide whether they want to win the next elections or whether they want to win Socialism.

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freedom of the press is now, apparently, too expensive a luxury for the imperialists to contend with in their plans for the "survival and success of our system, regardless of the cost and regardless of the peril."

What is the "crime" committed by the Cuban people and Fidel Castro for which Kennedy wants to punish them? It is the crime of ridding their country of poverty, of unemployment, of race hatred, of illiteracy and of all aspects of domination by U.S. big business. In short, Fidel Castro committed the "crime" of not betraying the Cuban people and their revolution.

The Cubans rid themselves of all those evils concomitant with the needs of American capitalism so prevalent throughout all of Latin America. Major Ernesto (Che) Guevara explained to a rally of Cuban workers on March 28: "The North Americans are aware, they are well aware, companeros, that the victory of the Cuban Revolution will not be just a simple defeat for the Empire, will not be just one more link in the long chain of defeats which its policy of force and oppression of the peoples has been dragging it to in recent years; the victory of the Cuban Revolution will be a tangible demonstration before all America that the peoples are capable of rising up, and that they can rise up independent in the very fangs of the monster; it will mean the beginning of the end of colonial domination in America, i.e., the definite beginning of the end for North American imperialism."

UN LOOKS AWAY

Perhaps that would explain the failure on the part of the United Nations to condemn the United States for its open and admitted intervention in Cuba. Thus, it has been clearly demonstrated that the Cuban Revolution cannot depend on the U.N. for its survival. Just as it stood by while the murder of Patrice Lumumba enraged the world, now it is ready to stand by while the United States plots the murder of 6 million Cubans.

The "liberal" governments of Mexico and Brazil have likewise shown their true colors in the face of the open intentions of the Kennedy administration to prepare a direct invasion of Cuba. Both governments failed to vote against the U.S. move to block Cuba's participation in the recent meeting of the Organization of American States. Lazaro Cardenas was denied permission to go to Cuba during the recent invasion. The Mexican government thereby indicated it would in no way intervene to counter U.S. aggression. The workers and peasants of the countries represented in the U.N., as in Mexico, however, have demonstrated they are forces upon which Cuba can depend.

In Cuba itself—as its government and people well understand—the defense of their country rests upon themselves. "Patria or Muerte" is not an expression lightly spoken.

However, the imperialist weight that is brought to bear against Cuba in such hysterical intensity threatens not only the Cubans, but the world working class. The Soviet Union has stated it will come to the defense of Cuba. But it is not enough to depend on this aid. All nations and people who believe in the right of a country to determine its own way of life, its own economy and social values, have a responsibility both to Cuba and themselves to come to the aid of this revolution which is under such brutal physical attack.

Ultimately the defense of Cuba rests in the establishment of a socialist United States of the Americas. Therein also lies the defense and salvation of our own country.

We, as youth, are the future soldiers of a direct military invasion of Cuba—or any other country daring to move out of the imperialist orbit. We do not want to shoot down our revolutionary brothers, but rather to follow them and thus pull ourselves out of this insane world of Big Brothers with nuclear toys.

We demand an end to the imperialist aggression against Cuba!
HANDS OFF CUBA!

Negro Militant Scoffs at Kennedy

The following telegram was sent to Dr. Paul Roa, Cuba's Foreign Minister, and read in the course of U.N. debate on the invasion of Cuba. It was sent by Robert F. Williams, Negro leader in North Carolina.

"To Dr. Raul Roa, United Nations. Please convey to Mr. Adlai Stevenson this message: Now that the United States has proclaimed military support for people willing to rebel against oppression, oppressed Negroes in the South urgently request tanks, artillery, bombs, money, use of American air fields and white mercenaries to crush racist tyrants who have betrayed the American Revolution and Civil War. We also request prayers for this noble undertaking."

New Yorkers Protest CD . . .

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rest of the Colonial World."

In addition to the demonstration at City Hall, students in the city's high schools and colleges also protested the drill by refusing to take shelter. Notably, at some colleges the students were joined by a few of their instructors, one of whom summed it up by saying,

"I couldn't face my students if I didn't join with them in this protest." At the time of this writing it appears as though the school administrations will take no punitive action against the protesters. We have yet to see what action the courts will take against those arrested at City Hall.

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YS TOUR REPORT:

New Left Faces New Right

An increased tempo of political activity and action is to be noted on the campus this spring, according to James Robertson who is currently on a nationwide tour for the Young Socialist Alliance. This is shown by a growth in political activity on both the right and the left, Robertson notes. "The militant right is really mobilizing. Every area I have visited has experienced new and unprecedented incidents of violence and/or overt rightist organization," he states. "There is a danger," Robertson warns, "among some radical students of exaggerating this development — leaping from identifying a menace to belief that the enormously powerful existing political-social structure is in some serious danger of toppling to the right; i.e. fascist-type elements are a menace to us,

breaking up meetings, etc. Fascism is not."

WHY THE RIGHT?

This rightist activity is largely in response both to the growth of leftist activity on the campus and a certain sense of insecurity in the capitalist class and its supporters because of its defeats throughout the world, Robertson feels. In every area he visited, Robertson found some sort of increased student activity on the left. This included activity in the civil liberties field primarily around the anti-HUAC campaign, continued civil rights actions, and a growth in a number of different campuses of anti-administration student parties. Above all the Cuban Revolution and other world events such as the execution of Lumumba are making a section of the student population more politically aware and radical in temper.

James Robertson's main tour address was directly related to the upsurge of the colonial revolution — "Yanqui Imperialism—Myth or Reality?"—Very good sized audiences on campuses throughout the country turned out for these meetings. Also interesting was the fact that Robertson's other tour topic, "The Genesis of American Communism," which was a review of the works of Theodore Draper, also caused a good deal of interest. This illustrated that a small but significant stratum of intellectuals on campus is again becoming interested in serious Marxist thought and analysts.

Among the campuses that Robertson spoke on are: Los Angeles City College, East L.A. Junior College, University of California at Berkeley, University of Washington, Denver University, University of Colorado, University of Minnesota, Carleton College, Roosevelt University, University of Chicago, University of Indiana, Antioch College, University of Michigan. Robertson also plans to speak at a number of universities on the East Coast during the month of May.

YSA GROWS

Robertson also reported that the Young Socialist Alliance is experiencing a period of significant and solid growth throughout the country. Particularly interesting has been the growth of YSA locals in the two key West Coast campus communities of California and the University of Washington. Our friends in the Canadian Young Socialist Alliance are also experiencing growth both in Vancouver and Toronto.

The Young Socialist Alliance has also had other speakers touring in different parts of the country. On April 14th Tim Wohlforth, National Chairman of the YSA, debated the question of Peaceful Coexistence with Daniel Rubin, editor of *New Horizons* and representing the Progressive Youth Organizing Committee. The debate was sponsored by the Wisconsin Socialist Club at the University of Wisconsin. This was the first confrontation of views between the YSA and the newly organized PYOC and it produced a very fruitful discussion. Wohlforth expressed the hope that more debates of this type could be arranged with representatives of the PYOC as well as those of YPSL.

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CHICAGO CAMPUS SCENE:

Youth and Cuba, NSA, Peace Corps

by Mack Davis

CHICAGO — At the University of Chicago here, there has been a complete reorganization of the student political system, resulting in a new progressively oriented student party called POLIT which won a majority of seats in the recent Student Government elections.

The new party is on record against the House Un-American Activities Committee and has the endorsement of the campus newspaper, *Maroon*, which has expressed editorial approval of its stand on both campus and off-campus issues. On campus issues, the party aims at giving the students more power over the administration and over all aspects of student life.

Off campus, POLIT promises to "sponsor resolutions to increase communications and improve relations between the U.S. and the Revolutionary Government of Cuba."

ROOSEVELT U. BOILS

At Roosevelt University, where the campus newspaper, *Torch*, is conservative, a left-wing grouping has started publication of a paper of its own, *Icanoclast*. The Fair Play for Cuba Committee is well established at the University. However, since its organization, a lunatic-fringe rightist organization called SOC (Stamp Out Communism) was set up to fight it.

Smarter reactionaries, however, are attempting to dull the knife of increasing student protest with promises and concessions, and where possible, they hope to channel it into service of those interested in preserving the status quo. One part of this effort is Kennedy's "Peace Corps." The college administrators are pushing this with all their might, and unfortunately many students are proving susceptible.

NSA HITS 'SECURITY'

The National Student Association

has endorsed the Peace Corps proposal and sponsored a National Conference on Youth Service Abroad which was held in Washington, D.C., on March 29-31. It is no coincidence that the dominant position of the delegates was to make the corps into something which would be a real aid to underdeveloped countries and not serve merely as a propaganda arm of U.S. foreign policy. A resolution along these lines were passed, calling for the removal of all "security clearance" clauses now imposed on the corps plan.

The true nature of the Peace Corps was brought out in a recent meeting at the University of Chicago, sponsored by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, featuring talks by students who had recently visited Cuoa.

'CORPS' TO CUBA?

Someone suggested that a good way to help Cuba would be for the Peace Corps to send some people there. An immediate outburst of snickering followed from people who quickly sensed the absurdity of the idea that the Peace Corps would be sent to a place like Cuba. One of the speakers remarked that the People's Republic of China needs technical assistance also, but it is unlikely that a contingent would be sent there. Kennedy has already landed one "corps" in Cuba and its purpose may not be too far from the one to which he is trying to recruit American youth.

The question is thereby raised of whether Kennedy is serious about peace and aid to underdeveloped peoples when he is training counterrevolutionaries in Florida and Guatemala and sending troops and guns to Laos for the purpose of making war to prevent poverty-stricken peoples from helping themselves; when he continues to prevent Americans even

from visiting Cuba and China for fear of their seeing that the only way to help the hungry and illiterate peoples of the world is to support such movements and events as the revolutions which the people of those countries have made.

The conclusion easily suggests itself that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is doing far more for peace than Kennedy's so-called "Peace Corps" can ever do, by defending the Cuban revolution against Kennedy and his likes.

Bay Area Rallies To Defend Cuba

by Lee Mayfield

SAN FRANCISCO—Some 1,000 demonstrators met here at the Civic Center Plaza at a rally organized by the Bay Area Fair Play for Cuba Committee to protest U.S. intervention in Cuba. Despite wind, rain and dripping signs, the crowd listened for an hour as speakers—Asher Harer, Exec. Secretary, Bay Area Fair Play for Cuba Committee; Patrick Hallinan, Hastings law student; Maurice Zeitlin, of the University of California Cuba Forum; Bernardo Garcia, Cuban student — condemned U.S. backing and organization of the counterrevolutionary invaders and praised the gains made by the Cuban Revolution.

News of the invasion of Cuba galvanized students from Berkeley and San Francisco into feverish activity. The Bay Area Students Committee to Oppose U.S. Intervention in Cuba was formed immediately and organized campus rallies in preparation for a big Union Square rally. The committee had representatives from five campuses and included James Petras of the Berkeley YSA. The committee is working closely with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

Meanwhile a counter-demonstration was staged by a newly formed group called "Students Associated Against Totalitarianism." Eighteen rightists marched around the plaza, held their own little rally, and the remaining 15 resumed their lonely march.

After the rally the dripping demonstrators marched, chanting HANDS OFF CUBA, to the Federal Building where they were joined by still more picketers. After about an hour of picketing and shouting, the demonstrators were still fresh and eager.

At this point they staged a spontaneous march down Market Street to picket the S. F. Examiner to protest the lies about Cuba printed in the U.S. press. Here they changed their chants to "No More Lies," "Print the Truth," and "Cuba Si, Hearst No!"

Molina Witness Spills Beans About CIA Frame of Cuban

On April 7th Francisco Molina, a young pro-Castro Cuban, was found guilty of second degree murder and first and second degree assault in the death of a young Venezuelan girl last fall.

One of the chief prosecution witnesses against Molina, Humberto Triano, a counter-revolutionary Cuban was captured in the U.S. organized invasion of Cuba. He testified in N.Y. Court that he saw Molina with a gun and thus was one of the state's most crucial witnesses. Triano has now admitted to the Cuban authorities that he was one of a group of five Cubans who went to the El Prado restaurant in N.Y.C. last September with chains, knives and guns deliberately intending to provoke a fight.

WITNESS LIES

While Triano had testified he saw Molina with a gun, he now admits that this was a lie urged on him by District Attorney Herman, and that he never saw Molina with a gun.

During the trial itself an unnamed U.S. government agency (charged by the Molina Defense Comm. to be the CIA) intervened to prevent the questioning of prosecution witnesses by the District Attorney beyond the actual alleged events in the restaurant.

Triano further revealed that another prosecution witness, Jesus Artigas, had been released from a Guatemalan training camp by the CIA in order to testify at the trial.

In his summation to the jury Asst. D.A. Werman indicated that

if he and detective Weber were guilty of the miscarriages of justice charged by Defense Attorney Neuberger, they would be liable for prosecution. Triano's new statements raise the question once again even more urgently.

Molina was charged with the murder of the young girl who was shot in the course of the fight in the El Prado restaurant between pro and anti-Castro Cubans.

DEFENSE COMM.

The Molina Defense Comm. with offices at 154 Nassau St., Rm. 832, N.Y.C., is attempting to win freedom for this political prisoner. Included in its national committee are such prominent people as Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Saul Landeau, Marvin Gettleman, Dr. Lonnie Cross and Rt. Rev. Clarence E. Duffy.

Molina is to be sentenced May 26th at 10:30 A.M. at the Criminal Courts Building, 100 Centre St., N.Y.C. The committee is organizing a protest picket to be held at the time of sentencing.

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Cuba Protests . . .

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ney; Lynne Weigert and John Severn, members of the Seattle Fair Play student chapter.

New York—

New York has been the scene of pro-Cuba activities too numerous to recount in detail. The highlight was the rally in Union Square on Friday, April 21, sponsored by Fair Play. Five thousand people listened to speeches by Richard Gibson, Acting National Executive Secretary of FPCC who was handed a subpoena to appear before Eastland's committee as he stepped down from the platform), Julio Medina of the 26th of July Mvt., Mike Stein from Advance, Pete Camejo of the YSA, and a number of other speakers. They did more than listen, however; they chanted and cheered throughout. No more than a hundred well-organized reactionaries tried to disrupt the meeting with chants of "We Want Kennedy."

The first week after the invasion saw daily picket lines at the United Nations; anti-Castro pickets have also been present. The pro-Cuba picket lines reached 3,000 on the day of the invasion, of which 2,500 marched across the city to Times Square, defying heavy traffic, shouting "Hands off Cuba," until they were dispersed by mounted policemen.

Providence—

Students at Brown University and Rhode Island School of Design took part in a picket line in downtown Providence called by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Policemen seized picket signs from the demonstrators on the pretext that they should have obtained a parade permit. That night anti-Castro people congregated and hung Castro in effigy. The Brown chapter of Fair Play set up an information booth at which over \$30 worth of literature was sold.

If you want to add your voice to the thousands of protesters throughout the country, join the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Send your name now to the Committee at 799 Broadway, Room 326, New York 3, N.Y.

In addition, if you believe, along with us, that the Cuban revolution can be defended in the long run only by its extension to the rest of the world; if you believe a lasting peace can be secured only by ending of the major cause of war, the profit system; if you believe that the majority of people in the world—the working class—must control society or else be destroyed by it; then your place is in the Young Socialist Alliance.

THE CUBAN INVASION:

Social Democrats Flirt with Counter Revolution

by Martha Curti

When the political struggle for freedom from foreign domination takes the form of an armed conflict, a political person or a political group must take sides. There is no neutral ground to stand on; whoever tries to equivocate, whoever seeks to take cover under a "third force" specially constructed for the occasion, is in reality supporting one side or the other.

So it is with a number of liberals and radicals who claim to have inside information on what the Cuban people want. The Cuban people need no intellectuals to interpret what they want; they have made their wishes clear beyond a possibility of doubt.

American intellectuals have— with a few outstanding exceptions like C. Wright Mills—served a very useful purpose for Kennedy, presently a very unpopular man. Intellectuals flocked, at the last minute to be sure, to Kennedy's banner last fall. An impressive phalanx of professors was recruited to Kennedy's brain trust (high school boys on the make are all applying to Harvard these days). Since the invasion of Cuba, though, Kennedy's stock has plummeted even among his own supporters. Witness the telegram a group of Harvard graduate students sent to their former professor and mentor, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.: "Nixon or Kennedy: Was There a Difference?"

MAX LERNER'S IMPATIENCE

Liberal supporters of Kennedy such as Max Lerner, Brandeis professor and New York *Post* columnist, have talked themselves into the existence of a "democratic" opposition to Castro. Lerner wrote on May 1: "I have written in earlier columns about my impatience with pro-Castro American liberal intellectuals who have always supported revolutionary nationalist movements sponsored by the totalitarian left, and now fail to support an anti-Castro revolutionary nationalist movement sponsored by the democratic left." The labelling, with total disregard for fact, of the Cuban revolution as "sponsored by the totalitarian left," and the concocting of a "democratic left" opposition to Castro, are figments of the imagination which are very current among liberals now. These figments salve the conscience of their creators, who can now support armed intervention in Cuba on the pretext of supporting "democracy" against "totalitarianism."

What force within Cuba can they point to, for their "democratic left"? Can anyone have a single illusion about mass dissatisfaction with the gains of the revolution, after the remarkable repelling of the invasion?

What force outside of Cuba can they point to? The Cuban exiles? But why are they exiles? They left Cuba precisely because they opposed the extension of democracy in Cuba. The newspaper editors and publishers opposed the

printers taking over control of the press. The professors opposed the students taking over control of the universities.

These and other middle-class professionals left Cuba because things had gone "too far." Most of them had opposed Batista. Most of them realize that the Old Order cannot be restored; the land reform cannot be undone; the industries cannot be denationalized. They wish to compensate the former owners of nationalized property, which would place Cuba again under imperialist domination in a new guise. The decisive point, however is that they organized an armed invasion of Cuba in cooperation with the CIA! What kind of "democrats" are these, who by force seek to deny Cuba its basic democratic right of self-determination?

WHAT ABOUT HUNGARY

But, the supporters of the "democratic left" answer, you didn't apply that same criterion of self-determination to Hungary in 1956.

But we did! Mr. Lerner and his friends make a mistake unbecoming to self-styled scholars. Of the American supporters of the Cuban revolution, the Stalinists, who did indeed defend the Soviet intervention into the Hungarian revolution, are a minority. The vast majority of us condemned the Soviet intervention; and the YOUNG SOCIALIST and the Socialist Workers Party called for the coming to power of the workers councils in Hungary. Mr. Lerner, who is not so naive as to believe that the supporters of the Cuban revolution are all Stalinists, has distorted reality to fit his view of things.

Within the radical community, Theodore Draper has done Kennedy the same service that Lerner has done among the liberals. In his article "Castro's Cuba—A Revolution Betrayed?", published as a pamphlet by the New Leader, organ of the extreme right wing of the social democracy, Draper provides a theoretical justification of the U.S.-backed intervention in Cuba. Utilizing some bits and shreds of Marxist theory which he picked up somehow from his studies of American communism, Draper dredges up the same "democratic opposition to Castro," and bemoans the same "totalitarian dictatorship" which has befallen Cuba, as his liberal counterparts have done. He has echoed, albeit cloaked with pseudo-Marxist phraseology, the same charge of Castro's "betrayal" of the original aims of the revolution



Mills: 'I Would Fight With Fidel'

"Kennedy and company have returned us to barbarism. Schlesinger and company have disgraced us intellectually and morally. I feel a desperate shame for my country. Sorry I cannot be with you. Were I physically able to do so, I would at this moment be fighting alongside Fidel Castro."—Telegram from C. Wright Mills to an April 22 San Francisco Fair Play for Cuba rally.

that Kennedy's White Paper, written by Schlesinger, is centered on. Castro has "betrayed" a great deal, to be sure. He has betrayed the best interests of Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., A. A. Berle, Max Lerner, and J. F. Kennedy—the interests of preserving the capitalist system at all costs. Castro felt it was more important not to betray the interests of the Cuban workers and peasants. For a detailed refutation of Draper's (article, see "In Defense of the Cuban Revolution" by Joseph Hansen, available for 25c from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

ENTER YPSL

Draper's whole theoretical structure comes in handy for the "socialist" adherents of the Schlesinger-Lerner school—the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation (SP-SDF) and the Young Peoples Socialist League (YPSL).

The support and hard work of some individual YPSL members who have joined and worked with the Fair Play for Cuba committee is very much welcomed. The fact that Norman Thomas was a signer of the public statement by the Fellowship of Reconciliation attacking the intervention is also welcome. But as organizations, these groups have done nothing on behalf of the Cuban revolution except mutter about "lack of democracy" and "encroaching bureaucracy," while very gingerly stating that they defended the Cuban Revolution. As organizations, on a national, local and campus scale, they have done not one thing, to help build the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. When the Cuban Revolution was in grave danger, these people abstained from coming to its aid. Indeed, in certain cases YPSL and SP members have rebaited and smeared the FPCC, tried to prevent college administrations from recognizing FP chapters and tried to prevent FP speakers from getting campus sponsorship.

The organizational abstentionism (and in individual cases, sabotage) of the YPSL and SP to the Cuban revolution is an accurate reflection of their political and theoretical abstentionism. And as we pointed out above, in the struggle between Cuba and the U.S., to abstain amounts to supporting the armed invasion.

A year ago, the SP at its May convention passed a resolution in defense of the Cuban revolution. In December, 1960 this paper stated in an editorial: "However, with the intensification of the U.S. drive against the Cuban Revolution, the SP seems to be

unable to act upon this resolution. For instance its new paper, *New America*, rather than taking a militant stand in defense of the Cuban Revolution, straddles the fence by printing a debate on the question. The YPSL held its convention in late August when U.S.-Cuban relations were far more tense than when the SP convention was held. It passed a resolution on Cuba that is considerably more equivocal in its support to Cuba than was the SP one. While this resolution supports Cuba as against U.S. intervention, most of the resolution is made up of warnings over 'any extensions of influence of the Communist Party of Cuba' and over alleged 'bureaucratic and authoritarian tendencies' of the Castro regime."

This editorial called upon YPSL, even with its criticisms and reservations of the Castro regime, to support the Fair Play for Cuba committee as the only united action group in the field, and to "make defense of the Cuban Revolution their primary concern."

SP SUPPORTS INVASION

How have the social-democratic organizations responded to the Kennedy-sponsored invasion of Cuba?

The National Action Committee of the SP-SDF passed a resolution on April 20, 1961 on the intervention in Cuba. It stated that the SP-SDF is "opposed to the American intervention in Cuba.

The last paragraph of the resolution, however, directly contradicts this statement of opposition to the intervention: "We do not condemn those democratic Cubans who have taken the road of open opposition. We sympathize with all Cubans who seek a return to the original democratic aspirations of the Revolution, with those who have gone into armed rebellion, as well as with those who continue to work for change by other means." What is this, if it is not that "democratic left" opposition to Castro which Max Lerner is so fond of?

And the Schlesinger-Draper thesis of a "Revolution Betrayed?" Thus have spoken the great authorities on revolution, on the aspirations of the Cuban masses.

SHACHTMAN'S ROLE

On Monday, April 22, shortly after the invasion, the YPSL in the Bay Area sponsored a meeting at which Max Shachtman, member of the National Committee of the SP-SDF, spoke. He called for support to the "trade union" section of Miro Cardona's Revolutionary Council, claiming that these "democratic trade un-

ionists" were the forces which could restore "democracy" to "totalitarian Cuba." In other words, he supported the invasion!!

The next day the Berkeley YPSL refused to allow Shachtman to address a scheduled meeting on the Cal campus. Instead Hal Draper, of the SP-SDF, spoke. His position as expressed in a five-page mimeographed statement, is not very different from that of Shachtman; but it does fall on the other side of a razor-sharp line. Draper protests the intervention in Cuba despite his sharp criticisms of the Castro regime, drawing an analogy with the defense of the slaveholding state of Ethiopia against the invasion by Mussolini.

Draper's statement ends with an appeal to help the SP with its campaign against intervention. It is doubtful if a greater height of hypocrisy can be attained. Where was YPSL, where was the SP, for the past six months? The hundreds and thousands of people who have been working hard in defense of the Cuban revolution through the Fair Play for Cuba Committee are not going to take kindly to this sudden interest of the SP-YPSL in the Cuban Revolution. They will view it correctly as an opportunistic attempt to "cash in" on the tremendous current interest in Cuba.

REAL BROADNESS

The SP and the YPSL have made much of the fact that they are a "broad" organization. We now have a graphic picture of what this broadness means: members of the same organization can shoot it out with each other at Cochinos Bay!

Those members of YPSL and the SP who feel strongly about the defense of Cuba—without regard to any criticisms they may have of Castro—against U.S. intervention, directly or indirectly, should give full and active support to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, the only American organization which has been consistently working for such goals, and which welcomes the support of all who agree with these goals regardless of their views on other questions. They should also demand, if they wish their organization to continue to lay claim to being socialist, that the SP throw out Shachtman and anyone else who supports counterrevolutionary invasion of Cuba. Until this is done we cannot consider YPSL-SP-SDF to be socialist organizations.

An unaffiliated student socialist recently made what may become a classic remark: Just as the Hungarian revolution finished Stalinism, the Cuban revolution will finish the social democracy.

Jury Acquits S.F. Student

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3—A Superior Court jury verdict of not guilty returned in the case of Robert J. Meisenbach, University of California senior, was a final vindication of the students who demonstrated against the House Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco last May. The students had been accused of rioting and 64 had been arrested. Charges against all but Meisenbach, who had been accused of hitting a cop with the latter's club, were dismissed for

lack of evidence.

With the acquittal of Meisenbach it becomes quite clear charges that students were responsible for the riots are unfounded. This is a final blow struck at the film "Operation Abolition" which has been widely attacked as a film based on distortion rather than truth.

Jurors said that they had not been impressed with contradictory testimony on the part of prosecution witness. Appearing for the prosecution were FBI and police witnesses.

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