

## THAI RADIO EXPO

THAILAND, (Third World Press) -- The "Voice of the People of Thailand" radio, in an article in December 13, exposed U.S. imperialist aggression against the control of Thailand, and called upon the Thai people to persevere in their armed struggle to overthrow the reactionary rule of the U.S.-Thanom clique.

The article said that the United States had concluded a so-called agreement on "economic and technical assistance" with the reactionary clique of Thailand solely for the purpose of covering up the nature of the aggressors and traitors. An A.P. report admitted that 85% of the U.S. "economic and technical assistance" given to the traitorous Thanom clique was earmarked for the suppression of the patriotic Thai people. The U.S. "economic aid" is in essence a help to the Thanom clique to suppress the people so as to bolster the reactionary rule of this U.S. lackey. At the same time, it was aimed at perpetuating the U.S. occupation of Thailand and turning it into a new colony.

The article continued: through the dispatch of "advisors" and "experts" to Thailand, the U.S. imperialism has already controlled the affairs of the country. Puppet Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn revealed that in 1967 alone, U.S. imperialism sent 512 so-called experts to Thailand. The Thanom-Prapas clique formulated its policies in accordance with the dictate of the U.S. "advisors" and "experts" thus putting Thailand completely under U.S. imperialist domination.

The article bitterly denounced U.S. imperialism for arming the Thai reactionaries on the pretext of "economic aid" for frenzied suppression of the vigorously developing patriotic armed struggle of the Thai people. According to a Reuter report, it said more than 22 million U.S. dollars of the "economic aid" given to Thailand by U.S. imperialism last year which exceeded 35 million dollars in toto were spent on expanding the police force.

Supplying money and weapons, U.S. imperialism instructed the traitorous Thanom clique to form the "village security force" to massacre the Thai people. Local officials of this clique, from provincial governors, district magistrates down to village chiefs, have undergone anti-communist training either in the United States or under U.S. "advisors" in Thailand. The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has controlled all the intelligence information on Thailand.

The article pointed out that under the iron heels of U.S. imperialism Thailand has completely lost its independence and sovereignty and become a new colony of U.S. imperialism. This is a monstrous crime committed by the U.S.-Thanom clique.

The Thai people are determined to respond to the call of the Communist Party of Thailand and wage unflinchingly a people's war so as to drive out the U.S. AGGRESSORS, TO OVERTHROW FASCIST, DICTATORIAL, TR/Thanom clique which has usurped state power and brought misery to the people, and to set up a really independent, democratic new Thailand under the leadership of the Communist Party of Thailand.

## MOBIL SCHOOL

A primary school set up by the poor and lower-middle peasants of a production brigade deep in the mountains of Hopei Province has played a big role in promoting Universal Primary School Education and in training worthy successors to the proletarian revolutionary cause.

The Tayingtzu production brigade set up a primary school in 1964, but within six months it was closed down by the capitalist-roaders in the county and district on the pretext that it was irregular. The production brigades in Lwanping County consists of 173 households living in 13 villages and other scattered localities.

In 1966 they set up a school in which they studied and applied the thoughts of Chairman Mao. But this was not enough. This only made it possible for forty or more students of one team to learn. There were other teams who lived too far often over mountains who needed to be taught that couldn't come to the school.

The people decided to have a revolutionary school where the school would come to the students instead of the students coming to the school. Two teachers traveled from team to team over mountains, carrying small blackboards, in the summer and the winter to give daily lessons in peasants homes.

One teacher visits seven villages and some scattered households each day, teaching 69 children. Another goes to six villages and teaches 54 students.



Teachers, pupils and former poor and lower-middle peasants of Sungshu Primary School, Yingkou County, Liaoning Province, criticizing the revisionist line in education. The school, which is run by the former poor and lower-middle peasants, has since its establishment in 1964 followed Chairman Mao's proletarian line in education. It has all along served proletarian politics and the former poor and lower-middle peasants, integrating with productive labor and thus enjoying great popularity. Most of the school-age children of the production brigade where the school is located have entered the school.

—Hsinhua Radiophoto, Peking

## FRENCH FINANCIAL SITUATION DETERIORATES SHARPLY

December 23, 1968

PARIS -- The French franc bears the brunt of the violent attack and is becoming extremely shaky as a new storm of financial and monetary crisis is sweeping the capitalist world.

The present crisis of the franc is a new proof that imperialism is rotting with each passing day; it is also a striking manifestation of the rapid deterioration of France's financial and economic situation.

The present crisis of the franc came with a terrific force. In a few days, hectic selling of the franc and buying of gold and the west German mark which is comparatively stable hit the main financial centres in West Europe and the United States. The franc dropped drastically below the lowest official rate. The bank of France had to dispose of a large amount of gold and foreign exchange to buy the franc to prop up its position. In a little more than a week, the French government lost about 1,000 million U.S. dollars worth of gold and foreign exchange, equivalent to a quarter of its total gold and foreign exchange reserves. The crisis of the franc has not only made the French ruling circles panicky, but has also directly brought about a new storm of financial crisis in the capitalist world, throwing it into utter confusion.

The present currency crisis in France is the result of the further deterioration of its financial and economic situation. The strike by more than 10 million French workers last May and June, in particular, dealt a severe blow at the capitalist economy in France, greatly of the French franc.

The past six months or more has found France's industrial production stagnant, its number of unemployed rising, its commodity prices soaring, its foreign trade and financial deficits steadily growing and its gold and foreign exchange losing in large amounts. It was precisely in these circumstances that the confidence of the western financial circles in the French economy ebbed constantly, thereby greatly aggravating the crisis of the franc.

In the past few months, the French government has resorted to every conceivable means to extricate itself from the grave economic difficulties, especially to improve its foreign exchange, so as to stabilize the franc. At the end of May, it announced a foreign exchange, exceeding 50 per cent of France's reserves at the beginning of May.

To eliminate its trade deficit and improve its payments position, the French government began in early July to restrain imports of textiles, steel products and automobiles and subsidize exports despite objections from other West European countries and the United States. However, there was still no improvement in its foreign trade. From May to October, the trade deficit went above 522 million dollars.

Meanwhile, the measure to stimulate production by more government investment has brought about mounting financial deficit and another spiral of inflation and soaring prices. France's financial deficit this year has already reached 10,500 million francs. The rise

in prices has far surpassed the government ceiling of 5 per cent. Recently French minister of economy and finance Francois Ortoli openly expressed his apprehensions over the inflation and price rise in France.

All this shows that despite all its struggle, the French government has failed to avert the trend of drastic deterioration of France's finance and economy. The current storm of financial crisis in the western world touched off by the crisis of the franc has in turn dealt a new blow at France's finance and economy and the position of the franc. The United States, Britain, West Germany, and other major capitalist countries have been trying their utmost to bring pressure to bear upon France for a devaluation of the franc so as to tide over the present storm of crisis. The French ruling circles are facing a situation more difficult than before.

In order to avoid incalculable political losses that will result from devaluation of the country, the French ruling circles are going in for more fierce overt or covert struggle with other major capitalist countries in an attempt to shift the ruthless extortion from the French people.

In his television speech on the crisis of the franc on November 24, French president De Gaulle turned down the request of the United States, Britain and West Germany for a devaluation of the franc. He stresses that the devaluation, if made, would be a "bonus paid to those who have wagered on our decline". At the same time, the French president indicated that a host of measures would be adopted to pass the difficulties onto the French working people. He also proclaimed that "necessary measures" would be taken to cope with the resistance of the workers, peasants and students and to put an end to "all agitations and demonstrations, all tumults and processions".

When submitting his "austerity" programme to the French national assembly on November 26, prime minister Maurice Couve De Murville indicated once again that the French people would be made to undergo more "suffering". He announced, among other things, a tax increase of more than 2,500 million francs, the raising of electricity and gas rates and railway fares and the freezing of workers' wages.

As all the imperialist countries are now in a grave crisis, the measure taken by the French ruling circles out of desperation can only further aggravate France's political-economic crisis. The Western Bourgeois Press pointed out that the series of "austerity" measures taken by the French government recently would undoubtedly make the picture of stagnant industrial production, huge unemployment and soaring prices in France still worse. It admitted that the French people, who had been tempered during the revolutionary storm last May and June, would probably start a new wave of powerful struggle to deal a still heavier blow to the rule of the French monopoly capitalist class.

## ITALIANS EXPERIENCE NEW AWAKENING

ROME (Hsinhua Correspondent) -- The revolutionary mass movement in Italy has surged to new heights this year. Intertwined with each other, the movements of the students, workers and farmers are sweeping like raging waves across the whole of Italy and fiercely pounding at the reactionary rule of the monopoly capitalist class. This shows that the class contradictions in the country are fast sharpening and that the Italian people who have a glorious anti-fascist tradition are in a state of new awakening.

Progressive Italian students have stood at the forefront of the surging revolutionary mass movement. Their struggles against decadent capitalist educational and social systems and against the reactionary authorities' suppression

of the mass movement twice spread to the whole country, once at the beginning of this year and the other time in last May and June. Recently, they launched a new wave of vast struggle and more and more universities and high school students have plunged themselves into the fight. In scores of Italian cities, many universities and high school were occupied by the striking students in November and December. Thousands of students again and again held massive demonstrations and engaged in bloody battles with the police who called out to suppress them. The heroic and stubborn struggle of the Italian students has rendered a strong support to and forcefully promoted the Italian workers and farmers' movements.

## ARABS PROTEST U.N. PARTITIONING OF PALESTINE

CAIRO (Pan. African Press) -- The Iraqi news agency and the Arab Lawyers' Federation recently protested against the resolution on so-called partitioning of Palestine formed through the United Nations 21 years ago under the manipulation of imperialism headed by the United States. Their protest is against the so-called peaceful solution of the Middle East issue. They pointed out that the Palestine issue could only be solved by the Palestinian people through an armed liberation struggle.

A commentary published by the Iraqi news agency said: "We consider the peaceful solution, the security council's unjust resolutions and Jarring's negotiations an extension of the imperialist conspiracies against the existence of the Arabs. Our heroic people are determined to throw into the wastepaper basket of history all

the peaceful solutions and unjust resolutions, from the resolution on the partitioning (of Palestine) to the security council's resolution last year and Jarring's mission."

The commentary said that today the Arab people were resolved to wage an armed liberation struggle. They had rejected all bargains represented in "peaceful solutions" which meant nothing but surrender to the imperialist criminal schemes and which enabled the Nazi gangsters to dictate the lives of the Palestinian people and to plunder the wealth of Palestine.

The Palestine issue, the commentary stressed, could not be solved by resolutions of the United Nations and its security council which are dominated by U.S. imperialism, nor could it be solved through negotiations, political speeches or maneuvers. It can be solved only through the path of our people's armed struggle on the land of Palestine.

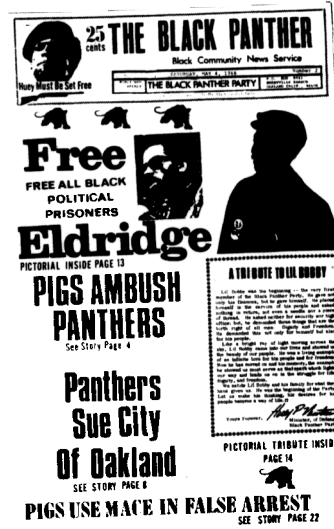
The commentary declared that the Arab people would persist in the path of armed struggle until the occupied Arab territories were totally recovered from the clutches of the evil pig invaders, enemies of the people.

In a statement issued in Cairo regarding the so-called U.N. resolution on the partitioning of Palestine, the Arab Lawyers' Federation said that the Arab people should have no illusion about the United Nations.

The Arab people, the statement went on, were increasingly certain from day to day that Israel was using the United Nations and its "envoy," Jarring, to maintain its demands and to consolidate its occupation of the Arab land.

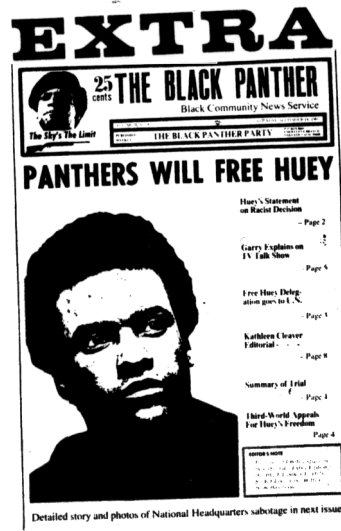
Stressing the necessity to liberate the occupied Arab land, the statement declared: "The only way to attain liberation is by armed struggle which the Palestinian guerrillas are carrying out against the Zionist aggression and Israeli occupation."

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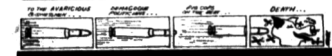
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EDITORIAL: By RAYMOND LEWIS Through the course of the struggle...



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RACIST ETHNIC GROUPS BATTLE FOR PIG POWER



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# REVIEW OF PANTHER GROWTH AND HARRASSMENT <sup>4</sup>

October, 1966 to May, 1967

The Black Panther Party started armed patrols in the black community and, as a result of their activities, were subjected to continuous harassment by the pigs.

May 2, 1967

Thirty members of the Black Panther Party carried firearms to Sacramento. The brothers carried their weapons into the Capitol to protest the state assembly's attempt to pass a bill infringing upon the Panther's right to bear arms as guaranteed by the 2nd amendment to the Constitution.

May 22, 1967

Chairman Bobby Seale was arrested and charged with an obscure law making it a crime to possess a weapon in the vicinity of a jail. The law dated back to the 1800's.



**HUEY**

October 28, 1967

Huey P. Newton was wounded and arrested following a shooting incident in Oakland. One pig died as a result of the shooting and another was wounded.

January 15, 1968

National Captain David Hilliard arrested while passing out leaflets at Oakland Tech.

January 16, 1968

At 3:30 am, San Francisco pigs broke down the door of Eldridge Cleaver's apartment at 850 Oak St., San Francisco, and searched the apartment--without a warrant. Eldridge, his wife Kathleen, and Panther Revolutionary Artist Emory Douglas were present.

February 5, 1968

At 1:00 am, a Panther and his girlfriend were arrested for "disturbing the peace," after a rally at which Dr. Spock spoke. They were beaten in jail.

February 17, 1968

A "Free Huey" rally was held at the Oakland Auditorium on Huey's birthday. The rally was an outstanding success, attended by over 5,000 people. Eldridge Cleaver was the master of ceremonies.

February 24, 1968

Panther Jimmy Charley approached a pig who was in the act of assaulting a black person, and questioned the officer. He was promptly arrested and charged with "resisting arrest."

February 25, 1968

At 3:30 am pigs broke down the door of Bobby Seale's home, where Bobby and his wife, Artie, were in bed asleep. There was no warrant. The pigs said they were acting on a



**BOBBY**

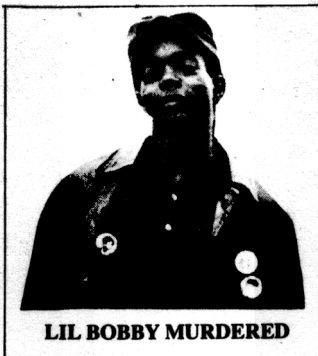
complaint indicating Bobby in a vague "conspiracy to commit murder" charge, which was promptly dropped for lack of evidence. Shotgun-toting pigs confiscated weapons and arrested Mr. and Mrs. Seale. Four other Panthers, in a car nearby, were also arrested a short time later, and charged with misdemeanors.

Third & fourth weeks of February, 1968

A rash of arrests of black men, either in the Panthers or identified with them. One of the incidents took place in front of the Natural shop on San Pablo St., in Oakland. This incident happened when the pigs stopped the car of a black youth on an alleged traffic violation in front of the shop. The pig pulled the youth from the car, threw him against the car door and beat him brutally. About ten Panthers and their associates gathered around to protest and were arrested. This rash of arrests coincided with the visit of Stokely Carmichael to the Bay Area.

April 3, 1968

The pigs entered Father Neil's church in Oakland where the Panthers were holding a meeting. A black youth associated with the Panthers (but not authorized by them to possess a gun) was, according to the pigs, drunk and waving a gun outside the church. The pigs surrounded the church and entered it, about twelve of them, with 12 gauge shotguns held in front of them in a threatening manner. They were accompanied, inexplicably, by a white Catholic priest and a black clergyman, both from Oakland. David Hilliard came out of the sanctuary and refused to allow police to enter the sanctuary. Upon seeing Hilliard, the pigs lowered their guns and cast their eyes about, looking for someone else. The Panthers are convinced they were looking for Bobby Seale.



**LIL BOBBY MURDERED**

April 6, 1968

Several Panthers in cars in west Oakland on Saturday night, April 6, were approached by two pigs and menaced with guns. When the Panthers tried to defend themselves, shooting began, and the Panthers ran into a nearby house. After about 90 minutes of shooting by some 50 members of the Oakland pig department, who set fire to the house and filled it with tear gas, the Panthers were forced to surrender. With floodlights covering the house, Bobby Hutton walked out with his hands up. Someone yelled that he had a gun and he was shot. He was not armed; no gun was found anywhere near his body. Eldridge Cleaver, wounded in the leg, and eyes badly burned by tear gas, came out. In total, nine persons were arrested, including Panther National Captain David Hilliard. Two pigs were wounded slightly.

April 9, 1968

Two Black Panther women were going about Oakland in a car putting up posters announcing the candidacy of Huey Newton for Congress and Bobby Seale for Assembly on the Peace and Freedom ticket. Twelve pigs with shotguns stopped their car and searched it--without probable cause. Throughout the day, patrol cars circled the Newton-Seale campaign head-



quarters. Sam Napier and other Panthers were physically stopped by the pigs from putting up campaign posters. The pigs have been spotted by Oakland residents tearing down Newton-Seale posters.

April 13, 1968

Four members of the Black Panther party were returning from Bobby Hutton's funeral when they were arrested on suspicion of robbery. Since it was Friday, they were to be kept over the weekend before they could be arraigned. This is a typical pig procedure--it means three days detention instead of overnight before a court appearance. The robbery took place on Monday. Furthermore the robbery car was driven by one person with one passenger. Four people were arrested Friday. The car was in the shop being repaired at the time of the alleged robbery. On Sunday, after a weekend of work by Attorney Alex Hoffman, the "suspects" were released--they couldn't be identified as having even a remote connection with the alleged robbery. When arrested they were maced; they were taken in with drawn guns.

May 1, 1968

A sixteen year old girl was arrested for extortion for selling Huey buttons.

June 8, 1968

Bobby Seale was convicted of carrying a loaded shotgun near a jail. Chairman Bobby was sentenced to three years probation.

June 12, 1968

Eldridge Cleaver was released from Vacaville prison where he had been held as a political prisoner.

July 13, 1968

HUEY NEWTON was charged with murder. Judge Friedman denied a motion to strike a prior conviction of assault with a deadly weapon after HUEY had pleaded self-defense. HUEY P. NEWTON'S attorney, Charles R. Garry, went to the State District Court of Appeal for a right to dismiss the prior conviction. It was denied.

July 15, 1968 & July 16, 1968

More than 6,000 people came out in support of Huey Newton at his trial. There were shouts of FREE HUEY, BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL SET OUR WARRIOR FREE and many others showing the feelings of the people that HUEY should be set free. The crowd was so enormous and the chants so thundering that the employees in the building found it difficult to concentrate.

July 17, 1968

HUEY P. NEWTON took the stand for the first time in his own defense, but only to say that he is a pauper. That he has no money and cannot afford to have people flown from out of town to testify at his trial. The purpose of the testimony was to make it possible for Garry to submit two affidavits from Pan-

tern doctors that testified to the fact that certain persons should not be allowed to serve on the jury of brother HUEY P. NEWTON.

HUEY took the stand and said that he was a pauper that he did not have a biscuit or a dime, that he did not have access to the HUEY P. NEWTON DEFENSE FUND, that he did not know much about it but if they would permit him to be free for a couple of days he could investigate.

July 18, 1968

Garry motioned that the jury for HUEY'S trial should be selected from his peers. He motioned that the panel in which they were going to select HUEY'S jury be dismissed. He called a number of witnesses to the stand to testify.

August 15, 1968

Yesterday three Black Panthers were kidnapped by pigs of several nations in Mexico City as they tried to fly to Cuba. The three



**DAVID**

were David Hilliard, National Captain; George Murray, Minister of Education, and Landon Williams, a brother being trained for captain.

August 16, 1968

Chairman Bobby Seale and Captain David Hilliard of the Black Panther Party were in Chicago speaking to crowds of 5,000 across the street from the Democratic Convention.

August 17, 1968

Communications Secretary of the Black Panther Party Kathleen Cleaver was refused the right to enter Japan.



**KATHLEEN**

September 5, 1968

The final arguments by opposing attorneys in HUEY'S trial today. Attorney Charles Garry said that the trial of HUEY was a diabolical attempt to put an innocent man in the gas chamber or jail.

September 8, 1968

Black Panther Minister of Defense HUEY P. NEWTON was convicted of voluntary manslaughter.

September 28, 1968

HUEY P. NEWTON was sentenced to 2 to 15 years in state prison and removed from Oakland in five minutes. Judge Friedman refused all motions for granting a mistrial of freeing HUEY. ELDRIDGE CLEAVER'S parole was revoked. His parole was revoked the day that the sentence came down on HUEY P. NEWTON as a measure to try and keep him from organizing anyone to act against the court's decision.





# 1969: YEAR OF THE PANTHER

BY **RAYMOND LEWIS**  
Deputy Minister of Information  
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Our honorable brother, Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information of the BLACK PANTHER PARTY, in one of his memorable public addresses stated a very simple fact, that the people of the Black community seem to be overlooking: "It's time to intensify the struggle!" Black people have become aware that progress-- to use the word loosely--has been made. Not through or by the efforts of the oppressing mother country, but through community unification and by the efforts of black revolutionary groups; revolutionary political groups such as the BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

Eldridge Cleaver has stated:

"The basic factor that needs to be understood clearly is that we are dealing with a pigish power structure that has a reputation for having never been turned around. Supposedly it has never lost a war, never lost a battle, never lost an argument. But--the truth of the matter is that it has lost many wars, it has lost many battles, it has lost all of its arguments--except that it uses a slick, euphemistically enriched or polluted jargon and rhetoric to cover its losses: to make its defeats look like victories.

"All that these pigs ask is that they appear to be winning; when, in fact, they could be losing. And if no one is hip to their game, they know how to use it (these devices of mass media deception), to their advantage (against the masses)."

1969: Year of the Panther. The pig power structure is uptight. Political pressure has been escalated and intensified against BLACK PANTHERS nationwide. But the power structure is only sickened with its failure to intimidate the BLACK PANTHER PARTY or make PANTHERS respond in a reactionary manner.

This editorial was not completed because Brother Raymond Lewis has been hospitalized with a serious but undetermined illness. This unfinished editorial is being published as a tribute to Brother Raymond Lewis' revolutionary work and to symbolize our unfinished revolution.

October 1, 1968  
Ronald Reagan, the racist governor of California, intervened and said that he felt that ELDRIDGE CLEAVER should not be allowed to give any lectures on any campuses. Of course since the students at U.C. made it known that they wanted ELDRIDGE to lecture regardless of the remarks made by pig RONALD REAGAN, ELDRIDGE said that he would give them 30 lectures just to spite Reagan.

October 9, 1968  
ELDRIDGE gave the first of his lectures on the UC-Berkeley campus. In an interview afterward by several newsmen who asked questions like was your lecture good, Eldridge told them that they would have to ask the students that.

October 15, 1968  
A warrant for the arrest of ELDRIDGE CLEAVER was issued because of his failure to appear at a hearing about the pig plot against him at the time the pigs murdered Bobby Hutton. He was speaking on a campus in Cambridge, Mass. at the time. Garry, his attorney, explained to the court that he had forgotten to tell ELDRIDGE of his scheduled court appearance.

November 15, 1968  
Black Panther Party commenced its national retreat. Brothers and sisters from all chapters came to Berkeley to receive more education and instructions from the National Office and to "intensify the struggle."

November 28, 1968  
Minister of Information ELDRIDGE CLEAVER defied the establishment and refused to yield to their pigish attempts to imprison and kill him. ELDRIDGE went into self-imposed exile rather than return to prison.

December 1, 1968  
Panther Chairman Bobby Seale, Chief of Staff, David Hilliard, and a number of Black Panthers, attended the Hemispheric Conference on Vietnam in Montreal, Canada.

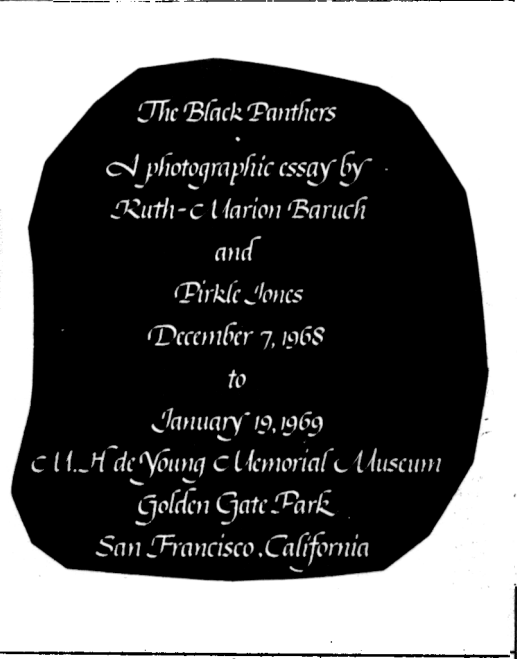
The participation of the Panthers in the Conference turned out to be the determining factor in whether or not the delegates passed a resolution in support of National Liberation Front (NLF).

Bobby Seale told the Hemispheric Conference to End the War in Vietnam that the BLACK PANTHER PARTY was formed to resist police brutality and murder of black people in the same manner that the Vietnamese people were resisting U.S. imperialist aggression--by violence if necessary!

December 31, 1968-January 1, 1969  
Panthers make resolution: To continue and intensify the struggle.

Even though the above review is not complete (E.G. the pig attack on the National Office and Allot's request for a grand jury indictment), it is easy to see that the Black Panther Party has withstood seemingly irrestible harassment from the establishment and has continued to "intensify the struggle." The power structure is beginning to weaken, and the Black Panther Party is growing stronger with each encounter. We cannot be denied a victorious ending for our struggle. Huey will be set free, Eldridge will be free to return from his self-imposed political exile. The establishment will crumble before the wrath of the people, 1969 is the Year of the Panther.

(The next issue of the BLACK PANTHER PAPER will depict the nationwide harassment of PANTHERS)



*The Black Panthers*  
*A photographic essay by*  
*Ruth-Marion Baruch*  
*and*  
*Pirkle Jones*  
*December 7, 1968*  
*to*  
*January 19, 1969*  
*at U. H. de Young Memorial Museum*  
*Golden Gate Park*  
*San Francisco, California*



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## THE NATIONS' DEFENSE

If we must die — let it not be like hogs  
Hunted and penned in an inglorious spot.  
While round us bark the mad and hungry dogs  
Making their mock at our accused lot.  
If we must die — oh, let us nobly die,  
So that our precious blood may not be shed  
In vain; then even the monsters we defy  
Shall be constrained to honor us, though dead!  
Oh, Kinsmen! We must meet the common foe;  
Though far outnumbered, let us show we're brave  
And for their thousand blows deal one deathblow!  
What though before us lies the open grave?  
Like men will face the murderous, cowardly pack,  
Pressed to the wall, dying but fighting back!

## Breakfast for School Children

OAKLAND, California -- The National Advisory Cabinet to the Black Panther Party is working with and for St. Augustine Episcopal Church to provide breakfast in the morning for Oakland's school children in the black community.

All children in grammar schools and growing young adults in Junior High Schools can receive free, FULL BREAKFASTS in the mornings before they go to school. The first of these breakfasts will exist one hour before school hours at St. Augustine's Church, 27th and West, and the Black Community Center, at 42nd and Grove Streets, EVERY SCHOOL MORNING.

The National Advisory Cabinet and church members are calling on all mothers and others who want to work with this revolutionary program of making sure that our young have full stomachs before going to school. The schools and the Board of Education should have had this program instituted a long time ago. How can our children learn anything when most of their stomachs are empty? Black people in the Black Community-mothers, welfare recipients, grandmothers, guardians, and others who are trying to raise children in the black community where racists oppress us - are asked to come forth to work and support this needed program. Soul food: grits, eggs, bread, and meat for the stomachs is where it's at when it comes to properly preparing our children for education. LET'S DO IT NOW. Support this community program.

Those who want to volunteer their work every morning or every other morning can come to the BLACK PANTHER PARTY CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS at 3106 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley or contact Father Niel at these numbers: 534-6684, 893-1016. Interested persons may also contact Ruth Beckford Smith at 893-8211 or sign up with other community peoples and citizens for full stomachs and better education of black children.

We urge as many mothers and other black citizens as possible to unite with this COMMUNITY-BLACK PANTHER PROGRAM. We are also asking all businesses throughout the black community to donate the necessary food and utensils to prepare the foods for our children. Call the Black Panther Office at 845-0103 or 845-0104. Everything of value donated to BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN is tax deductible. Items or funds may be sent c/o St. Augustine Episcopal Church. Just let us know, both black and white communities and citizens, what you can donate in money, time, etc.

Thank you

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## BLACK (and Beautiful) REVOL- UTIONARY

## POCKET LAWYER OF LEGAL FIRST AID

This pocket lawyer is provided as a means of keeping black people up to date on their rights. We are always the first to be arrested and the racist police forces are constantly trying to pretend that rights are extended equally to all people. Cut this out, brothers and sisters, and carry it with you. Until we arm ourselves to righteously take care of our own, the pocket lawyer is what's happening.

1. If you are stopped and/or arrested by the police, you may remain silent; you do not have to answer any questions about alleged crimes, you should provide your name and address only if requested (although it is not absolutely clear that you must do so.) But then do so, and at all time remember the fifth amendment.

2. If a police officer is not in uniform, ask him to show his identification. He has no authority over you unless he properly identifies himself. Beware of persons posing as police officers. Always get his badge number and his name.

3. Police have no right to search your car or your home unless they have a search warrant, probable cause or your consent. They may conduct no exploratory search, that is, one for evidence of crime generally or for evidence of a crime unconnected with the one you are being questioned about. (Thus, a stop for an auto violation does not give the right to search the auto.) You are not required to consent to a search; therefore, you should not consent and should state clearly and unequivocally that you do not consent, in front of witnesses if possible. If you do not consent, the police will have the burden in court of showing probable cause. Arrest may be corrected later.

4. You may not resist arrest forcibly or by going limp, even if you are innocent. To do so is a separate crime of which you can be convicted even if you are acquitted of the original charge. Do not resist arrest under any circumstances.

5. If you are stopped and/or arrested, the police may search you by patting you on the outside of your clothing. You can be stripped of your personal possessions. Do not carry anything that includes the name of your employer or friends.

7. Do not engage in "friendly" conversation with officers on the way to or at the station. Once you are arrested, there is little likelihood that anything you say will get you released.

8. As soon as you have been booked, you have the right to complete at least two phone calls--one to a relative, friend or attorney, the other to a bail bondsman. If you can, call the Black Panther Party, 654-2003, and the Party will post bail if possible.

9. You must be allowed to hire and see an attorney immediately.

10. You do not have to give any statement to the police, nor do you have to sign any statement you might give them, and therefore you should not sign anything. Take the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, because you cannot be forced to testify against yourself.

11. You must be allowed to post bail in most cases, but you must be able to pay the bail bondsmen's fee. If you cannot pay the fee, you may ask the judge to release you from custody without bail or to lower your bail, but he does not have to do so.

12. The police must bring you into court or release you within 48 hours after your arrest (unless the time ends on a week-end or a holiday, and they must bring you before a judge the first day court is in session.)

13. If you do not have the money to hire an attorney, immediately ask the police to get you an attorney without charge.

14. If you have the money to hire a private attorney, but do not know of one, call the National Lawyers' Guild or the Alameda County Bar Association (or the Bar Association of your county) and furnish you with the name of an attorney who practices criminal law.

They built barricades of cars, trucks and trash in the streets, over \$250,000 just to keep the Induction Center open that week.

That was the week before Huey Newton was shot down and arrested. When Huey was in the hospital, the leaders of Stop the Draft

Week were the first to hold a press conference in support of the Free Huey campaign. In April, when the second Stop the Draft Week was held, their slogan was not just "Hell No, Nobody Goes," but also, "Free Huey," "Cops Out of the Ghetto," "Seven of these militant white brothers were arrested in January and charged with "conspiracy." The pigs Gain, Knowland, Reagan and Coakley organized a campaign to put them in jail.

These seven, the Oakland Seven, are Frank Bardacke, Bob Mandel, Terry Cannon, Reese Erlich, Steve Hamilton, Jeff Segal and Mike Smith.

If there's anything that puts the pig power structure upright, it's the fear that white revolutionaries like the Oakland Seven and the black revolutionary vanguard will join together.

They've got a real reason to do it. The same Governor, Mayor and District Attorney are the ones who tried to assassinate Huey Newton and are now trying to put the Oakland Seven away for trying to shut down the Oakland Induction Center.

Pig Reagan said that the Stop the Draft Week demonstrations were out to "destroy the fabric of our society." Pig Coakley used the fascist radio commentator Pat Michaels to drum up public support for indicting the Oakland Seven. Pig Gain had to call in the pigs of 13 Bay Area communities to stop, Stop the Draft Week, and even then he wasn't very successful.

There are other reasons why the Panthers and the Oakland Seven are supporting each other. Both are opposed to the Imperialist war in Vietnam. Point 6 of the Panther Platform says "We want all black men to be exempt from military service." The Oakland Seven say "NO ONE should be in army that is used to put down the people's revolutions in the Third World."

The Black Panther Party says, "We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails." The Oakland Seven say, "We want freedom for all political prisoners now in jail for opposing the policies of Imperialist America."

Both say, "We want Huey Newton freed immediately."

Stop the Draft Week was the first white anti-draft action in the streets that said the students had the right to defend themselves against attacks by pigs. They broke completely with the pacifists who wanted to meet pig violence with passive non-violence. The Oakland Seven stand for the right of self-defense and self-determination.

Since Stop the Draft Week, the pigs haven't left the Seven alone. One of the Oakland Seven, Terry Cannon, was arrested by the San Francisco pigs last summer taken to the precinct station and beaten in a back room, resulting in a broken rib. Bob Mandel was arrested for doing high school organizing. The draft pigs tried to put Reese Erlich in the Army, but then they thought better because he'd make too much trouble there. Jeff Segal is now serving a four year sentence in prison; the pigs pulled a "Huey" on Jeff and refused to give him an appeal bail.

The Oakland Seven go to trial in Alameda County Superior Court on January 13--the same court that tried to MURDER Huey legally. Following the path of Minister Newton they are not going to sit still and take what the power structure dishes out.

The Oakland Seven are bringing militants and revolutionaries from the Bay Area and around the country into town for a Commission of Inquiry from January 16 to 20. These brothers and sisters will testify publicly before a panel including Captain David Hillard. They will expose the forces behind the war in Vietnam--who gets the money from it (the businessmen), who pays for it (the people). They will also show how the pigs of Alameda County are oppressing both whites and blacks--



## THE OAKLAND SEVEN

The first militant street action against America's war on the Vietnamese people took place here in Oakland a year ago in October 1967. For one week 10,000 white students and their supporters took the streets around the Oakland Induction Center.

They fought over 2000 pigs brought in from all over the Bay Area. They blocked the Army buses bringing Pauley Ballroom on the Berkeley draftees to be shanghaied into fight-camp.

The lawyers for the Oakland Seven anyone they can get their hands on. This commission will be held in Many were hurt and many more are arrested, but for one week they Huey Newton, Eldridge Cleaver and messed over our "fair" city and Warren Wells, together with Attorney's pigs and the draft board, cost-neys Richard Hodge and Malcolm ing the racists who run the city Bernstein.

1903—"The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line."



1953—"I still think today as yesterday, that the color line is a great problem of this century. But today I see more clearly than yesterday that back of the problem of race and color, lies a greater problem which both obscures and implements it, and that is the fact that so many civilized persons are willing to live in comfort even if the price of this is poverty, ignorance and disease of the majority of their fellow men, that to maintain this privilege men have waged war until today war tends to become universal and continuous, and the excuse for this war continues largely to be color and race."

W. E. B. DuBois

# PALESTINE GUERRILLAS VS ISRAELI PIGS

Submitted by P. Schoner  
Special Correspondent

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted on behalf of the Palestine National Liberation Movement, AL-FATAH, in order to clarify its stand vis-a-vis the fascist Israeli D.F. occupying its country and enlighten world public opinion as to the present dimensions of its struggle for its liberation of Palestine.)

The Palestine Revolutionary Liberation Movement (Al-Fatah), in this first general international communique to the world press, wishes to clarify certain misunderstandings concerning its operations and the nature of the struggle now being waged by the Arab Palestinian people against the Israeli invader.

The Palestine problem is essentially the problem of an entire people, the Arab majority of Palestine, uprooted and expelled from their homeland in order to permit the establishment of Israel. As a result, before the June 1967 aggression, nearly a million and a half Arab Palestinians were being forced to live as refugees in numerous camps throughout the Arab World, surviving on United Nations subsistence rations. The remaining 300,000 inside Israel have been grossly discriminated against by that regime and denied jobs and educational opportunities and every human right. For two decades Israel has denied the Arab refugees' continual requests to return to their homeland.

At first the expelled, suffering Palestinian people looked to the United Nations to resolve their tragedy. However in 20 years this international organization has failed to resolve their problem. Moreover, its many resolutions stating that refugees should be allowed to return to their country or receive compensation were never implemented. All this time, Israel continued to elaborate and perfect its expansionist plans. These were expressed in the 1956 Tripartite aggression when Israel occupied Sinai and the Gaza Strip for four months in defiance of the U.N.'s admonition to withdraw. They were revealed beyond a doubt once again after the June aggression when Israel occupied and boasted of its unlawful annexation of the Western Bank of the Jordan River, the Gaza Strip, the southern portion of Syria and the Holy city of Jerusalem in defiance of all international law and in complete contempt of the Charter of the United Nations, the Geneva Conventions and the Declaration of Human Rights. Today the United Nations has revealed its inability to impose a just solution to the Palestinian tragedy, by failing to reach an agreement concerning the withdrawal of the aggressor from the occupied territories.

It must be admitted that over the years several Arab leaders have exploited the Palestine problem for their own benefit. Moreover the successive Arab Summit Conferences have failed to give the Palestinian people their due support. Similarly, it must be acknowledged that the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) headed by Ahmed Shukairy failed to liberate Palestine. Although progressive Palestinian elements genuinely wanted the latter organization to represent the Palestinian people, certain reactionary forces tried to use it to dominate the Palestinians. Today the PLO, this pseudo-liberation organization, is no longer playing any significant role in the liberation of Palestine. The reason being that it did not spring from the masses themselves but was artificially imposed from above.

The suffering and frustration of the Palestinian people over the years gave rise to a new, truly popular dynamic Palestinian liberation movement which expressed the people's revolt against the Israeli invader. Al Fatah (the Palestine National Liberation Movement) which was forced to operate clandestinely in the occupied land, began in 1965 to carry out overt guerrilla operations sabotaging Israeli military and strategic installations in order to weaken and unnerve the oppressor who was threatening our people's very existence as a nation as well as menacing the entire Arab World. Until, the June 1967 aggression, these operations -- which received immediately the enthusiastic support of the Palestinian Arabs throughout the Arab World -- had to be waged from outside. However, the Six-Day War and the catastrophic effects it had on the entire Palestinian population inside and outside Israel brought about new conditions in their struggle to liberate their homeland. Ironically enough, due to the new border which Israel now claims for itself, the Palestinians found themselves confronting a common Zionist enemy entirely within the territorial boundaries of former Palestine. Moreover, the fascist-type repression which Israel began to implement against the Arab inhabitants after the cease-fire engendered a resistance movement similar to that in Vietnam. This popular rebellion against repression is being admitted by Israel. Its proportions and concrete manifestations can no longer be ignored or denied by Israeli spokesmen.

Immediately after the aggression, Al-Fatah began clandestinely organizing the Arab people in the newly occupied as well as formerly occupied territories, and encouraged them to have confidence in their own ability to liberate their homeland. Led by their vanguard, the Palestine National Liberation Movement (Al-Fatah), they are now resisting a vastly superior militarily enemy in their midst by every means at their disposal.

Strikes, non-cooperation, boycotts of Israeli goods, denunciation of repressive measures and annexations, etc. Under Al-Fatah's coordination, political and religious personalities have refused to implement the enemy's decrees, teachers are refusing to reopen the schools and school-children are staying away from classes so long as their homeland is dominated by this hostile power.

During this post-aggression period, Al-Fatah's armed wing, Al-Assifa, has also been intensifying its military and sabotage operations against Israeli installations including military camps and stores, electric power plants and railways, in order to undermine the enemy's economy and weaken its ability to dominate our people. Israel's industrial plants, printing-presses, administrative centres and paramilitary kibbutzim now being implanted in the newly-occupied zones are also being attacked by Al-Fatah's commandos causing great damage and casualties and increasing tension in Israel. Our people have realized that no other course is open to them if they are not to live in slavery.

The occupation of all Palestine by Israel made possible one of Al-Fatah's most important long-range objectives -- the transference of all its military bases into the occupied homeland. This transference has now been completed. From these many well-hidden, well-stocked bases, Palestinian commandos -- most of them dedicated peasants and students -- are now operating dozens of times daily throughout the old and newly occupied areas. No part of Israel, no Israeli installation, no Israeli target is out of their reach and that regime may henceforth expect the steadily increasing disruption of its colonialist existence in the weeks and months to come. This undermining of the Israeli Zionist existence will continue until Palestine has been restored to its rightful owners, the Palestine Arabs, who have lived on this land alongside Jewish minority uninterruptedly for 4,000 years.

Al-Fatah, the Palestine National Liberation Movement, wishes to point out, however, that its operations -- which today enjoy the support of the entire Palestinian people, -- are in no way aimed at the Jewish people as such with whom they lived in harmony in the past for so many centuries. Nor does it intend to "push them into the sea." This resistance and the liberation movement

fascist regime which has usurped our homeland and expelled and repressed our two million people, condemning them to a life of destitution and misery.

Al Fatah also wishes to correct once and for all the Zionist insinuation that this "terrorist" movement is inspired and directed from outside by such countries as Syria, Jordan and Algeria. Under the conditions existing in the Middle East today, no such foreign-imposed (movement) could long survive for it would soon be rejected by the people. On the other hand, the Palestinian people's liberation movement has arisen out of their desperate frustration and deep aspirations for liberty, justice and dignity in their own self-administered historical homeland. To this it owes its strength.

The world should recall that those who have suffered most of all from the Israeli existence for the last two decades are the Palestinian people. And the world should note that those who are today taking up arms to engage wholeheartedly, unitedly and courageously in combating the brutal Israeli oppressor in guerrilla warfare, under the leadership of Al-Fatah, are the Palestinian people. Their reaction to the napalm bombings, strafings, evictions, summary executions, plundering, brutality, imprisonment, desecration violations and countless other crimes of fascist Israel in recent months has been this spontaneous people's armed upsurge in defence of their dignity and their usurped rights. The movement Al-Fatah is leading is the organized expression of this people's liberation struggle whose counterparts are to be found throughout the world, wherever fascist and imperialist aggression is being waged -- in Vietnam, South Africa, Angola, Bolivia or elsewhere. In occupied Palestine as in these countries the humble, ordinary subjugated people are taking up arms in self-defence and for the eventual liberation of their homeland.

Today, the Arab people of Palestine have decided to take their destiny into their own hands. Today, with arms and courage they are restoring their own lost dignity. Tomorrow, following a long tenacious struggle at the cost of many martyrs, -- a struggle which will undoubtedly have the support of the entire Arab liberation movement and the progressive peoples of the world -- they will restore their beloved homeland, Palestine. Al-Fatah and the entire Palestinian people wholly believe in their just cause and their ultimate victory. And they also know that on the day the flag of Palestine is hoisted over their freed, democratic, peaceful land, a new era will begin in which the Palestinian Jews will again live in harmony, side by side with the original owners of the land, the Arab Palestinians.



## JAPANESE ANTI-U.S. RALLY

TOKYO -- 13,000 patriotic Japanese workers and students held a mammoth anti-U.S. rally and demonstration last week, in Sasebo Port City, strongly protesting against the presence of the U.S. nuclear submarine "plunger" in the port.

The rally held at Matsura Park was attended by patriotic workers and students from Kyushu, Kansai and other parts of Japan besides those of Sasebo. A declaration passed at the rally voiced the determination to smash the Japan-U.S. "security treaty" and the U.S. imperialists' intrigue of turning Japan into a nuclear war base.

Most of the workers and students participating in the rally wore helmets, held placards and banners and were in militant spirits. Some of them held portraits of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung and some of the banners read: "Long Live Mao Tse-Tung's thought!" -- many placards were inscribed with "down with U.S. imperialism!" "smash Soviet Modern Revisionism!" and "down with the Miyamoto revisionist clique in the Japanese Communist Party!"

Representatives from various circles who spoke at the rally condemned U.S. imperialism for its criminal dispatch of the nuclear submarine to Japan. They also indignantly denounced the reactionary sato government for following U.S. imperialism and trying to drive the Japanese people on to the path of aggressive war. The reactionary police authorities were strongly condemned for their savage suppression of the heroic struggle of the students and young workers. The Miyamoto revisionist clique also came under fire from the speakers for its ignominious conduct of sabotaging the Japanese people's anti-U.S. struggle.

After the rally, the workers and students began a vigorous demonstration march towards the U.S. military base at Sasebo. The U.S. - Japanese reactionaries sent some 5,000 police to guard the U.S. base on all sides. As soon as the demonstration started, the reactionary police frantically attacked those workers and students marching in front, and injured many of them. However, the heroic young workers and students, in defiance of the police violence, persisted in the struggle and marched forward arm in arm.

The demonstrators surrounded closely the U.S. Base. Standing on top of a propaganda van, a worker pointed at the yankees hiding behind the barbed wire entanglement of the base which was protected by the police, and shouted: "Look at their pale faces. Whatever weapons they may have, they are not at all powerful," he added, "so long as the Japanese people boldly rise up and persist in resolute struggle, defying any violence and suppression, they will certainly be able to smash the "security treaty" and drive the U.S. imperialists out of Japan."

After their demonstration around the base, the workers and students marched onward, shouting repeatedly: "nuclear submarine go home!" "return Okinawa!" "Yankees go home!" Sasebo citizens

## HEAVY DAMAGE BY P.N.L.M.

DAMACUS (Third - World Press) -- Palestinian guerrillas killed or wounded more than 1,300 officers and men of the Israeli aggressor troops in about 170 attacks last month. According to military communiques issued here by "Al Fatah" (the Palestine National Liberation Movement) and other Palestinian nationalist organizations.

The area attacked by Palestinian guerrillas included Israeli-occupied territories -- the west bank of the Jordan river, the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula -- and inside Israel.

The Palestinian guerrillas have attacked the Israeli military headquarters of Rafah, Nablus and Alghwar area and a tank battalion in Beisan Valley; they have shelled a helicopter airport in Alghwar area and the Al Jiftlik Military Airport on the west bank of the Jordan river, and set fire for the second time to Lydda Airport -- the biggest Israeli airport only 11 miles from Tel Aviv. They have twice attacked Eilat Port and the cities of the Belt Shean and Samakh with rockets.

A round-up military communique issued by "Al Fatah" declared that the Assifa commandos had launched 91 attacks last month, killing or wounding about 650 Israeli aggressors. They destroyed 12 enemy strongpoints and five Israeli camps, 22 tanks, 59 military vehicles, and 26 Israeli vital installations, blew up one train, four sections of railways and an ammunition dump, and captured two machineguns and large quantities of ammunition.

The Palestine Liberation Organization's communique said that its commandos had launched 23 attacks last month, killing or wounding 214 Israeli troops. They destroyed 23 Israeli military vehicles, two Israeli observation posts, one ammunition dump, two bridges and a section of railway.

## FATAH'S SPOKESMAN

BAGHDAD -- Yaser Arafat, spokesman of "Al Fatah" (the Palestine National Liberation Movement), has declared that the Palestinian people have understood from their own experience that in their struggle for the liberation of Palestine, final victory will surely belong to them so long as they rely on themselves and on the rifles in their hands and persevere in their armed struggle against U.S. imperialism and Israeli aggressors.

This statement was made in a recent interview with a correspondent of the Iraqi newspaper "al Jumhooriyah", which published it today.

Arafat reiterated the Palestinian people's determination to reject all plots of so-called "peaceful solution" and to carry their armed struggle through to the end.

Emphasizing the protracted nature of the Palestinian people's liberation cause, Arafat said: "We are in need of still more steadfastness and further mobilization of our potentials for the battle."

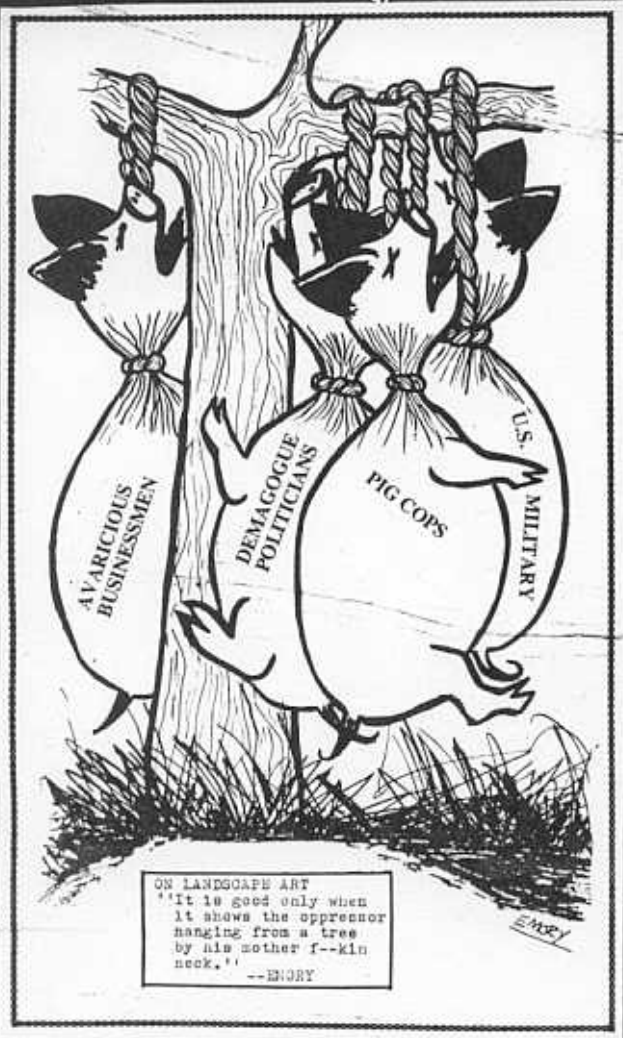
He condemned U.S. imperialism and other imperialist states for their support of Israel in its criminal occupation of the Palestinian land and its aggression against the Arab people. "Western imperialists regard Israel as their base for plundering the riches of Israel's neighboring countries. In return, Israel helps world imperialism in carrying out its conspiracies and schemes against the Arab nation," he said.

Arafat also denounced William Scranton, "Special Envoy" of U.S. "president-elect" Richard Nixon, for his recent conspiratorial tour of the middle east.

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# VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S ARMIES 24TH ANNIV.



PEKING (Hsinhua) -- The Chinese Ministry of National Defense held a meeting here today to celebrate the 24th anniversary of the founding of the Viet Nam People's Army.

Ngo Minh Loan, ambassador to China of the democratic republic of Viet Nam, and colonel Tran Van Binh, military attache of the Vietnamese embassy in China, attended on invitation.

Military attache Tran Van Binh delivered a report amidst warm applause. He spoke of the brilliant history of the Viet Nam's people's army which grew in strength under the leadership of the Viet Nam workers' party and president Ho Chi Minh. He also mentioned the military feats performed by the army in fighting against colonialism and imperialism.

He said that the Vietnamese people "have won and are still winning tremendous victories in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. U.S. imperialism has suffered ignominious defeat in south and north Viet Nam. But its reactionary, aggressive nature will never change. Unwilling to give up its aggressive designs in Viet Nam, it is still intensifying its war of aggression against south Viet Nam."

"We, army men and civilians in the north," Tran Van Binh declared, "are energetically supporting the army men and civilians in the south with the resolve to fight and to win and in the spirit of revolutionary offensive. At the same time, we are prepared at all times to defeat any new military adventure of U.S. imperialism against North Viet Nam, and in firm response to president Ho Chi Minh's appeal, keep firm hold of the guns in our hands and defeat the U.S. aggressors thoroughly."

Referring to the friendship between the Vietnamese and Chinese people and their armies, the Vietnamese military attache said: "The seven hundred million Chinese people who are led by the glorious communist party of China headed by respected and beloved Chairman Mao, have given the Vietnamese people gigantic assistance and support in all fields. This assistance and support is still being enhanced every day."

He stressed: "Chairman Mao Tse-tung's statement issued in August, 1963 and the message of greetings sent to President Nguyen Huu Tho by Chairman Mao, Vice-Chairman Lin Biao and Premier Chou En-lai on December 19, 1963 are concrete expressions of the militant solidarity between China and Viet Nam, embodying the iron will of the seven hundred million fraternal Chinese people resolutely to support the Vietnamese people in carrying their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation through to the end."

One thousand commanders and fighters of the three services of the Chinese people's liberation army attended the report meeting. Among them were Wang Hsin-Ting, deputy chief of the general staff, and Han Chen-Chi, deputy director of the general logistics department, of the Chinese people's liberation army; and responsible members of the various services of the P.L.A. and the P.L.A. units stationed in the Peking area.

Pan Chen-Wu, Deputy Director of the General Office of the Ministry of National Defense, addressed the meeting. He spoke warmly of the people and the armed forces of Viet Nam who, under the leadership of president Ho Chi-Minh, the great leader of the Vietnamese people, had brought into full play the immense power of the people's war. They had waged a heroic and stubborn fight against U.S. imperialism, the most ferocious enemy of the present time, badly battered the U.S. aggressors and their vassal troops and driven them into an impasse, winning tremendous victories in battle.

Pan Chen-Wu declared: "The Chinese people, who have grown stronger through the tempering of the great proletarian cultural revolution, will act in line with the teachings of our great leader Chairman Mao and resolutely support the heroic Vietnamese people in carrying their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation through to the end".

## ITALIANS STRIKE AGAINST EXPLOITATION

ROME -- The Italian workers' strikes against ruthless exploitation by monopoly capitalist class and for their own vital interests is continuing to develop while the struggle of the Italian students against the decadent educational system and government suppression is surging forward. The struggles of the workers and students have formed a revolutionary torrent fiercely dashing at the reactionary rule of Italian monopoly capital, according to reports from Rome.

Over one million metal and machine-building workers and 900,000 textile and garment workers started alternate work stoppage on a nation-wide scale recently to press their demands for wage increases. 120,000 textile and garment workers downed tools in Biella, Pavia, Florence and Prato yesterday. Metal and machine -- building workers walked out in Terni on December 17th and in Pesaro on the 19th.

A general strike for higher wages and full employment completely paralyzed the city and Province of Rieti, Lazio region, on December 18th. The strikers also held demonstrations. General strikes for pressing the same demands were held in Ascoli and Iesi, Marche region, yesterday.

A nation-wide strike against dismissal was staged by sugar mill workers on December 18th and 19th.

In Vicenza province, Northern Italy, factories of the "Marzotto" textile concern were paralyzed by a strike on December 18th. The 5,000 strikers fought for higher wages, shorter working hours and democratic rights in their plants.

Over 60,000 university and high school students in Rome went on strike in strong protest against the decadent educational system and the reactionary government policies. They held a mammoth demonstration which disrupted downtown traffic. Students of Rome University occupied the arts faculty, the engineering faculty and the faculty of physiology in protest against fascist police atrocities.

Defying police threats, university students in Milan, Trento and many other cities continued to occupy their universities.

Meanwhile, in various parts of Italy, more and more high school students rose up and fought side by side with university students and workers. In the city of Ferrara, Emilia region, Northern Italy, a general strike for an indefinite period was called in all high schools. Street demonstrations were held by several thousand students

for three days running beginning on December 17th.

In Leghorn, Tuscany region, Central Italy, the students reoccupied the technical institute of industry after the police had forced them to withdraw from it. High school students occupied all the high schools in the city on December 18 to support the students' struggle in the institute and protest against police outrages. The longshoremen in the city stopped work for half an hour in solidarity with the students' just struggle.

At Viareggio, north of Leghorn, all high schools were occupied by the students on December 16. Two days later, the students demonstrated in the streets against the police attempt to drive them out of their schools.

In Pisa, another important city in Tuscany region, the technical Institute of Industry was occupied again on December 18 after the police had driven the students out by force. Meanwhile a general strike was held in all trade schools.

In the Suleis Coal basin at Carbonia, Sardinia region, all secondary school students went on strike on December 18 to protest against mass unemployment of young graduates. Inspired by the unprecedented upsurge of the mass movement, primary school students also took part in the struggle. At Rieti, a small town in Sicily Region, Children of a primary school went on strike and demonstrated on December 14. They demanded that their school be better equipped and a road leading to the school be built.

On December 18 students' just struggles also took place in Cagliari, Arezzo, Ancona, Assisi and other Italian cities.

To put down the mounting mass movement, the Italian ruling clique again tried to deceive the masses by promising to make "reforms". At the same time, it stepped up the suppression of the masses by the police, the courts and other arms of the state apparatus. After instructing the police to kill or wound large numbers of demonstrating workers and students, the Italian government now made "charges" against hundreds of students in an attempt to persecute them under the bourgeois Law.

In Milan alone, "charges" were brought against 70 students for participation in strikes and demonstrations. The prevented action of the Italian government is arousing greater indignation and resistance from the Italian people.

### NEW ITALIANS

ROME -- The Italian monopoly capitalist class has recently made a coalition government of the Christian Democratic Party, The United Socialist Party and the Republican Party.

The change took place while contradictions between classes were sharpening and the troubles of the people were sweeping the whole country.

Mariano Rumor, Secretary General of the Christian Democratic Party, was appointed Premier and Pietro Nenni of the United Socialist Party its foreign Minister. The new government took office on December 15th.

Under the impact of the workers' and the students' gigantic movements, the Italian political situation has been unstable since the beginning of this year and the political-economic crisis in the country has been worsening all the time.

### U.S. IMPERIALISM

WASHINGTON -- U.S. imperialism, which is at the end of its rope, is stepping up its development of nuclear weapons in an attempt to further carry out nuclear blackmail against the revolutionary people of the world.

According to an announcement by the U.S. atomic energy commission, the U.S. government yesterday conducted its biggest underground nuclear test at the Nevada testing site. The test took place in spite of the protest from the local residents.

The incessant U.S. underground nuclear tests have long exposed the big fraud of the partial nuclear test ban treaty cooked up by the United States and the Soviet Union in 1963.

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