to accept their vindication. Floyd B. McKissick, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality, quoted in the New York Times, March 2, said, "We're on our way to reaching the moment of truth. It's the first time whites have said: 'We're racists.'" Whitney Young, Jr., executive director of the National Urban League, said the report proved that the nation "stands on the brink of disaster. The answer to whether we have riots this summer depends on whether the nation adopts the cures recommended by the commission, cures," he said, "which the National Urban League called for four years ago." But H. Rap Brown, Black Power leader, according to the New York Times, "issued a curt statement through his lawyer, William Kuntsler, in a telephone conversation from the Orleans Parish jail in New Orleans. Brown, head of the Student-Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, is being held on $100,000 bail in connection with a Federal gun charge. 'The members of the commission,' he said, 'should be put in jail under $100,000 bail each, because they're saying essentially what I've been saying.'"

All of the activity of the National Council of Churches in the latest meeting of its General Board, February 20-22, in San Diego, California, became of the greatest significance when the New York Times reported: "Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of the National Council of Churches, hailed the findings as 'courageous' and pledged that the federation of 34 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations would give 'vigorous support' to implement its basic recommendations." The National Council's General Board sought to reorganize the entire Council's activities and they gave what is tantamount to dictator powers to its president to direct the whole work of the Council in the next few months to the end the country politically will support these demands of the Black Power Negro leaders.

The Anti-Defamation League, which has done so much in recent months to attack the Bible-believing Christians and whose legal department in New York City initiated and planned the attack upon Radio Station WXUR, Media, Pennsylvania, to have its license not renewed, spoke through their chairman, Dore Schary. The New York Times said, "Dore Schary, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said his organization 'stands squarely behind the commission's analysis of the causes of our 1967 summer violence and its recommendations for changing the present suicidal course of American society.'" These developments are of the greatest significance to Christians.

Since Roy Wilkins was a member of the Commission and he is the executive director of the NAACP, his own comment is significant, "It's a good report. If I wasn't so modest I'd say it was an excellent report."

I am also reproducing for you the statement about the National Council meeting in San Diego as it appeared on the front page of the Communist Worker, February 27. This is music to the Communist ears. Here is a direct quote from the National Council action on East-West trade: "We recommend that our nation's trade policies be expanded to encourage trade with what were once called 'Iron Curtain' countries as the best way to sweep away what is left of

## Comment on 'Riot' Report

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COMMENTS by Civil Rights leaders include:

*Floyd McKissick*, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality:

"It's the first time whites have said 'We're racists,' Now's the time to seek common truths."

*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr:*

"This is why we have called on all Americans to go to Washington (in April) to demand that Congress address itself to this problem."

*H. Rap Brown*, chairman of the Student-Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC):

"The members of the commission should be put in jail under $100,000 bail each, because they're saying essentially what I've been saying."

*Whitney Young, Jr.* executive director of the National Urban League:

"The answer to whether we have riots this summer depends on whether the nation adopts the cures recommended by the commission . . ."

*Rev. James Groppi* white Roman Catholic priest, leader of Milwaukee open housing struggle:

"I would concur that white supremacy and racism is the cause of all the problems and that we need as much money as we're burning up in Vietnam for a no-holds-barred program for the inner city and the elimination of poverty."

*Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth*, chairman of the Southern Conference Educational Fund:

"It proposes realistic solutions to eradicate the situation of the ghettos. I don't think arming of police forces is an answer to the problem that the nation faces—racism."



the iron curtains. Restrictions on imports from such countries should be removed (as has already been done for Poland and Yugoslavia), and in exports of non-military, non-strategic goods to such countries. Our government should negotiate trade agreements with these nations, encourage trade and investment by private firms, and offer to collaborate with them in the development of less developed countries." And all this while the Communists are using the gain that they have gotten from us to prepare their weapons of war to kill our boys in Vietnam.

e following article, here photographically reproduced, appeared on ront page of the Communist *Worker*, February 27, 1968.

## National Council of Churches Urges LBJ to Halt Bombing

**THE NATIONAL Council of Churches last Wednesday called on President Johnson to halt the bombing of North Vietnam to clear the way for a negotiated peace in Southeast Asia. The proposal came in a far-reaching statement entitled "Imperatives of Peace and Responsibilities of Power."**

**The church group, which represents most of the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in the U.S., urged Washington to stop relying on the military as the basis for its foreign policy and make the changes necessary to create the possibility of world peace.**

**Among other proposals of the church council, which met in San Diego, were creation of conditions for cooperation with the Soviet Union, Cuba and the socialist countries of eastern Europe and the German Democratic Republic; admission of People's China to the United Nations; ban provocative military action against China; remove restrictions on import from the Soviet Union and other socialist countries.**

Dr. Arthur Flemming's endorsement of the findings of the President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders takes its significance from the General Board's "Special Order on Crisis in the Nation," February 20-22, San Diego, which gave to the president of the National Council of Churches virtually unlimited power. I quote: "To permit prompt and effective action by the Council the following special order is adopted: Role of the President The General Board requests and authorizes the President to act in its behalf in connection with the areas of activity identified in this order, including involvement in the National Urban Coalition and other cooperative enterprises." In regard to the use of funds the special order said, "In the light of both the need and urgency of this crisis, the President, the General Secretary, and the Office of Administration are authorized to seek funds for the purpose of this special action program, and to seek approval of appropriate organizational units to transfer funds for this purpose." The General Secretary of the NCC, in the special order, was "authorized and directed to carry out the action program with wide latitude for the exercise of initiative and interpretation," and he was also authorized, "The General Secretary may delegate the authority here conferred, and may permit such redelegation as he wishes."

The National Council of Churches is organizing and going all out to implement the findings of the President's Commission to seek to lead the churches and the church people of this country to accept these findings and make this the order of the United States.

The Consultation on United Action on the Crisis in the Nation, to which reference is made in the order, has a section entitled, "Action by the Churches in Communities," which calls for "Support for the inclusion of black-power and black-nationalist organizations in local task-groups seeking action and solution to problems," and "Funds for local black groups to strategize for the summer."

I have taken steps to organize a National Christian Commission for Study of the Riots and have requested a number of our leaders, who are in no way associated with the National Council of Churches, to join with me. This Commission will make a thorough study from the standpoint of the spiritual, moral, and religious aspects and make a report by the 15th of June, 1968.

A great vacuum exists at the present time and a good report dealing with all of these questions and challenging what the President's National Advisory Commission has produced can indeed be helpful.