on the stage in Conway Hall to witness and participate in the discussions of this splendid gathering of socialists from all over Great Britain. And in the days that followed we were able to personally meet comrades of all ages from mere youngsters to the comrade of 53 years standing in the Party and the comrade of the distaff side who boasts a 50-year membership. They and many others travelled long distances from the Provinces to attend the Conference.

It was a pleasure to witness these human dynamos, constantly at work spreading the socialist message. In fact, some of the members we met at the Conference did not attend all the sessions in order that they might carry on their usual meetings in various cities such as Manchester, Bristol, Nottingham, etc.

I spoke at three open air and six indoor meetings to attentive audiences. Comrade Fenton addressed as many but at different places. In particular, the mass meeting at Trafalgar Square will live forever in our memory. From atop the ten-foot high marble base from which rises the huge figure of Horatio Nelson, Party speakers followed one another to state their case for socialism. It was a thrill, indeed, to look out beyond the solid row of London bobbies upon a thousand faces that extended to the grounds of the National Museum. And our electrician comrades had made it possible for our voices to carry into every corner. Lennie Fenton, Ann Fenton (who delivered a successful appeal for a good collection), and I were all a part of this magnificent effort for socialism in Great Britain, and the numerous activities — propagandistic and social — which we participated in, in the three weeks we spent in and around London will never be forgotten.

The hospitality of our British comrades did not let up until Ida and I stepped on the gang plank in Southhampton where the Comrades Edmund, who had come down from London to see us off, invited us to hurry back.

Space does not permit us to deal with all of the splendid comrades who devoted so much time to making our stay interesting and comfortable, for example the Weavers who provided us with splendid sleeping accommodations and excellent meals prepared by Comrade Rose Weaver; the hospitality of such comrades as D'Arcy, May, Anne Waite who guided us on Museum trips and through Soho for the interesting sights including Dean St. where Marx lived, Arthur and Phyllis George who extended themselves to see that we were taken care of, and a host of others too numerous to mention. We shall always remember our socialist trip to Britain.

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CALLOUS CAPITALISM LAID BARE

Nothing could better emphasize the callous nature of capitalism than the lead article in the "Science Section" of the July 9, 1965 issue of Time, the newsmagazine. The theme of the article is: "Vietnam has become a veritable jungle proving ground for new weapons and novel equipment." Such is Time's concept of "science."

Whilst Uncle Sam's primary objective is to control the Vietnamese gateway to Southeast Asia in the interest of American capitalism, a superb opportunity exists to test out its latest military advance in weapons, against the "enemy": the women children and peasants seen in the much-publicized news photos.

Already In Use

Lazy Dogs which explode in air and spray the ground with small, razorsharp projectiles; Cluster Bombs, loaded with hundreds of small bombs, explode after they penetrate the "jungle canopy"; Shrike and Bullpup air-to-ground guided missiles that zero on preselected targets; and Snakeye, a bomb that upon release opens an assembly of metal ribs like an umbrella skeleton — the sudden increase of air resistence retards the falling bomb and thus permits the jet that drops it to escape the blast of detonation. Then there is an 18-oz. radio transmitter that emits a siren-like radio beacon on preset frequencies, in the hands of airmen downed in the jungles it will enable rescuers to home in on these survivors. Finally, there is new bullet-proof vest and seat protector for helicopter pilots. It is made of classified materials, weighing half as much as steel. The vest will absorb the full impact of a rifle or bullet shot, shredding the bullet as it pierces the outer layer of plating.

Now Undergoing Advanced Testing

A radio navigational system that enables troops to triangulate their position in unmapped areas; an 8-oz. radio receiver, clipped on a GI's helmet; allowing him to hear his commanding officer's voice at all times; A Redeye antiaircraft missile that an infantryman can fire from his shoulder and which is capable of finding its target by sensing the heat of the airplane's engine; a Mini gun, its six barrels can fire up to 6000 rounds of ammunition per minute; and a portable fuse jammer, still classified, offers protection by sending out electronic signals that cause artillery shells containing proximity fuses to explode prematurely.

In the Experimental Stage

A newly developed recoilless pistol that fires a tiny rocket with twice the wallop of a .45 and is simple to operate. It costs only 85¢ each for these tiny rockets. They are loaded with six 13 mm. rounds, each of them an inch and a half long. The gun ignites the rocket's solid fuel to fire the projectile toward the target. Also, there is a Ping-pong reconnaissance missile, fired with a bazookalike launcher, is programmed to zoom over an enemy position, take pictures, then fire reverse rockets to fly back to the launch site and land by parachute.

But this is on old story. The Bolshevik and Fascist rulers as well as their "Democratic" counterparts utilized the Spanish Civil War to test out their latest military developments, in anticipation of World War II. Possibly the most horrifying example of such "scientific" experiments ever conducted by a world power was the bombing of Nagasaki. The first bombing of Hiroshima is difficult to rationalize since the evidence is now convincing that Japan had been suing for peace at the time.* But, there was no other way to "scientifically" test the effectiveness of the newly-developed A Bomb. Having gone that far, why not test out further improvement in the A Bomb with a second bomb at Nagasaki?

This is capitalism, the system still supported by the great majority. There is no substitute for learning the lessons of experience:

Just as soon as the vast majority wake up, there will be an end to the callousness of capitalism.

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