

# The War Bases in Pakistan

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THE MOST IMPORTANT single ideological task in the world today for militant workers is to make the great masses of the peoples understand clearly that the gigantic military preparations now being carried on by the U. S. are for an aggressive imperialist war against the Soviet Union, People's China, and the European Peoples' Democracies. Hitler, in his day, peddled many a big lie, but none that could compare with the propaganda of American warmongers to the effect that the enormous worldwide military machine of the U. S. is being constructed for peaceful and defensive purposes.



The latest aggressive step in the building of Wall Street's war machine is exposed by last Thursday's announcement that President Eisenhower, in agreement with the reactionary government of Pakistan, is about

to authorize the building of a series of American air-bases in that country. Of course, this war provocation is veiled under the usual lying pretenses that it has for its purpose the general aim of the defense of the free world.

The Pakistan bases proposition is a direct act of aggression against two countries which refuse to bow to the wishes of Wall Street—the Soviet Union and India. As things now stand, the U. S. has, scattered all over the world, several hundred heavily armed air-bases, all obviously directed against the USSR. The Pakistan bases are being particularly aimed against vital Soviet industrial centers in Siberia. It was no doubt with such sinister facts in mind that Marshal Sokolovsky of the Red Army the other day called attention again to the obvious fact that "U. S. imperialists have taken the course of preparing a new war against the USSR and the Peoples' Democracies." Mr. Nehru also said recently that Pakistan military aid signified

American preparation for war.

THE ESTABLISHMENT of American military bases in Pakistan is a no less arrogant provocation against peace-loving India. Premier Nehru, responding to the pressure of the great popular masses in his country, has dared to refuse to be a war puppet of the U. S.; therefore, Wall Street has marked him for destruction, in one way or another. So it proceeds to furnish arms, in their most lethal forms to Pakistan, an avowed enemy of India. This is an insolent attempt to force India to drop its independent political stand and to come crawling for American blessings and dollars, as so many other countries have done.

The Pakistan bases are designed, so to speak, to kill two birds with one stone—the USSR and India. But it is safe to say they will accomplish neither end. These bases are only one more example of the arrogant course of the Eisenhower Administration in world affairs that is making this country hated and feared everywhere.

The effects of the Pakistan bases, if the democratic forces of the world are alert to the situation, will serve to still further arouse the peace-loving masses of the world to the war danger involved in the military program of American imperialism. As for India, one needs but little imagination to understand the wave of outrage and indignation that will sweep that country at this insolent attempt to threaten its peace and to strip it of its national independence.

ABOVE ALL it is the duty of organized labor in the U. S. to protest against this latest outrage of U. S. air bases in Pakistan. For in the long run, the American people will be the main sufferers from them.

Those labor leaders open or covert supporters of the Eisenhower-Dulles program of imperialist aggression, are deeply in error if they think that the American labor movement can with impunity ignore such attack upon world peace as that embodied in the establishment of Wall Street's air bases in Pakistan.

## PEACE NOTEBOOK:

### Vital Admissions On Indo-China

IF YOU GO BACK just to September, 1946, in the files of the New York Times, you get some measure of the gigantic hoax that the war of the French colonialists and John Foster Dulles against the people of Indochina is really a war of democracy against "communist aggression."

In an editorial on Sept. 21, 1946, the Times said of Ho Chi Min: "Ho is Viet Nam. That strange little figure, so meek in appearance yet so determined in purpose, embodies the spirit, the aspirations and probably the future of the new state. He molded it, he put it through the fire and he will guide it."

Why not repeat that again today, Times?

But now. Ah, now we "cannot permit" the people of Viet Nam to guide Viet Nam. And we are keeping the reluctant French in the hopeless war which they never can win, because as the Times said in a moment of truth seven years ago, Ho is indeed Viet Nam, just as George Washington was the United States.

### Akron Paper: Too Many Asians on Other Side

AS THE administration discovered when it put its feelers toward sending American boys as 20th Century Hessians to that faroff land, there is no enthusiasm whatsoever for involvement in this dirty war. When Korea broke out, most Americans were initially sold in a confused sort of way on the notion that we were resisting aggression in a just cause. Experience is a bitter but effective teacher.

Even many of the newspapers which you don't ordinarily find saying anything honest on foreign affairs are sounding off in warning on Indochina, a real measure of the unmistakable 100 percent unpopularity of the idea of sending our boys to another place they