

The Dulles Skullduggery

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JOHN FOSTER DULLES' alleged policy of bringing the world to the edge of a great atomic war in order to preserve international peace is a Big Lie, one of the most brazen falsehoods of this whole period. It is a lie, not only with regard to its explanation of past U.S. foreign policy, but also in its implications for current and future policy. The real truth of Dulles' activities is that they constitute a war policy, in the past, in the present, and for the future.



It was the reckless action of Dulles and his pals that Premier Bulganin of the USSR, in his speech of Dec. 29, characterized as "aggravating international tension" and "increasing the danger of a new war," and which Secretary Krushchev of the Soviet Communist Party at the same time criticized as tending to foment passions and consequently to a new arms race and the threat of a new war." New millions all over the world are also getting a true understanding of Dulles' sinister scheming.

As for the past, Dulles' policy, as continually exposed by the *Daily Worker*, was not one designed to lead the country only to the brink of war in the name of saving world peace, but into actual war itself; for the purpose of advancing the world conquest program of Wall Street.

If Dulles did not succeed in forcing widespread hostilities, this was because of the insurmountable obstacles that he ran into, in the shape of the peace-will of the people of the world, the solid peace policies and skillful diplomacy of the Socialist nations, and the desertion of his supposed allies, Great Britain,

France, Canada, and others.

AS FOR THE PRESENT, the essential purpose of Mr. Dulles' "brink of war" policy is to throw dust in the eyes of the American people, in order to confuse and undermine their peace spirit, and to delude them into accepting as effective peace steps, the huge armaments and arrogant foreign policies that Dulles has in mind for this country. This attempted deceit is one of the most dangerous features of the generally lying "brink-of-war" program of Secretary Dulles.

As for the future, the treacherous policy is a sinister snare. It is a clumsy attempt to trick the Socialist bloc of nations into taking aggressive actions by making them first believe that, despite all its signs of belligerency, the U.S., in any event will go no further than the war's edge. But naturally the peace-loving Socialist states cannot be deceived by such transparent skullduggery. The very fact that Mr. Dulles has "exposed" his so-called brink-of-war scheme, is proof enough in itself that it is not real U.S. foreign policy. For if it were the actual policy it would be kept a matter of the closest top secrecy; because the moment it was exposed would be the absolute end of its effectiveness. It would, imperatively, have to be discarded at once, as all the hypothetical "enemies" would henceforth be on guard against it. The fact is, of course, that Dulles' policy is not a brink-of-war policy at all, but one of real war.

EVER SINCE Geneva, Dulles has been seeking to undermine the Geneva spirit and destroy the great hopes for peace and disarmament it aroused in the American people. In this Dulles will not and cannot succeed. Though he can worsen tensions for a time, he cannot turn back the tide of world events.

Dulles must be actively condemned on the basis of his own brink-of-war admission. The masses sense the danger of all this and they are thoroughly damning. But the people must be told the reality, which is even worse; namely, that the Eisenhower Administration, through its man Friday, Dulles, has been carrying on a policy actually aimed at precipitating a great atomic war.

Large sections of American and world opinion are amazed, disgusted, and outraged at Dulles' irresponsible pro-war pronouncement. These statements are made far more shocking because the pseudo-peace advocate, President Eisenhower, has so far failed to say a single word in criticism of them. This is because the President is as deep in the mud as Dulles is in the mire in the whole question.

Dulles, with his bull-in-the-China-shop article in *Life*, has opened the national elections to a victory by the Democrats, if the latter have the understanding and courage to grasp the issue firmly. Dulles has definitely exposed the Republican Party, including President Eisenhower, as a war party. Adlai Stevenson is basically correct in demanding that Eisenhower repudiate and fire Dulles.

The basic meaning of the Dulles issue must be made clear to the working class and to the whole American people, so that, in the coming national elections, they can drive from office those professional warmongers who, on behalf of reactionary circles in Wall Street, have been striving by their own admission to plunge the United States into atomic war. In the necessary work of clarification, the *Daily Worker* has both a heavy responsibility to the people and a splendid opportunity to give political leadership to powerful masses of peace-loving workers and other citizens.