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## KOREA AND WORLD PEACE

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NOW CIRCULATING in Berkeley and around the UC campus is the so-called "Stockholm Peace Pledge" which would outlaw use of atomic weapons by all countries of the world.

THE WAR IN KOREA, is the latest and most serious "incident" in the struggle between Russian and American imperialism. That it is being fought on far flung Asiatic soil and by limited means still makes of it a major step on the part of the two world powers in preparation for World War III.

THIS "PLEDGE" is a demagogical device of the Stalinists playing upon the genuine fear of atomic weapons by the peoples of the world. It is demagogical because (1) it masquerades under the sponsorship of a neutral "World Committee in Defense of Peace"...whereas even a casual investigation will show this to be a Stalinist synthesis from its inception, and because (2) its stated purpose, which cannot be realized, is subsidiary to its real purpose.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, the Korean people themselves have no "their" war. Both the Northern and Southern governments are puppets at the beck and call of foreign masters. The fact that North Korea is more industrialized and better armed and that the Syngman Rhee government in the South is especially vile and disorganized has led to the necessity for American intervention with supplies and troops.

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## KOREA IS THIS IT?

Have we already entered World War III? Why do American students now face a possible draft to fight in the mud of Korea?

Hear Bob Martinson, organizer of the Berkeley Socialist Youth League speak on the meaning of Korea to YOU!

Questions will be taken afterwards.

## TODAY NOON SATUR GATE

TW LIES must be exposed in this imperialist adventure which threatens the world with extermination; the Russians and their American agents are yelling about American intervention. They accuse the Syngman Rhee government of invading North Korea. How this nonsense is to be reconciled with the fact that all the fighting has taken place below the 38th parallel may well be left to the deft Stalinist propaganda agents throughout the world.

THE REAL PURPOSE of the "pledge" is to gain political support for the Stalinist regime in Russia the most militaristic government in the world, which IN WORDS pretends to stand for peace. No other government has such a large land army now mobilized; no other government has an economy so geared for war; no other government has so accustomed its people to blindly following its directives in these war preparations....as Stalinist Russia.

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT and its supporters, on the other hand, accuse the North Koreans of invading South Korea (which is correct) and then proceed to cover their own open military intervention with the flag of the United Nations. This "police action", however, merely openly proclaims the death of an organization which was never more than an instrument of inter-imperialist rivalry. It's time somebody said it -- THE UNITED NAT-

ONLY IN NON-STALINIZED countries can the Russian government PRETEND to seek peace. In these countries -- such as Indo-China, Greece, Turkey, South Korea...and even the United States -- the reactionary and arms laden hand of the U.S. government is so evident to all people with eyes to see, that the Stalinists can present themselves as a "progressive" force, or at least a "lesser evil". BEHIND the iron curtain, the Stalinist regime is known for what it is, on the basis of its ACTS...an authoritarian and imperialist government.

THE "PEACE" OF STALIN is the bloody brother of the Pax Germanica that Hitler would have settled for. A peace by world domination cannot find genuine support among people afraid of war and disillusion-

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IONS IS DEAD; THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS ACTING IN ITS OWN IMPERIALIST INTEREST.

THUS BOTH world powers cover and justify their open drives for world hegemony. The fact that Russia made the first move and has not found it necessary to use her own troops is an unimportant episode of merely diplomatic and propagandistic importance. The fact that Truman has used this situation to proclaim American hegemony over Formosa is merely additional evidence of the world nature of the conflict and its imperialist basis.

WHAT MUST BE proclaimed first of all, then, is that no solution to the problem of war can result from the conflict. As in the Second World War, the ground is being laid for further wars. Totalitarianism, poverty, pestilence continue to beset the world. Within the framework of capitalism and Stalinism nothing can be done.

TO THOSE DUPES who still believe that Russia is a socialist or progressive society little can be added to what we have said before. Russia is a totalitarian, class-ruled society. Stalin is the new Pope-Czar of the Russian Empire. To those who maintain that the United States is fighting for "democracy" and "freedom" we have more to say.

AS FAR AS FOREIGN POLICY is concerned "democracy" is a concept taken out of the trunk and brushed-off for holidays. The USA is now openly and unashamedly backing three of the vilest puppet regimes on record: the Syngman Rhee government of South Korea, Chiang Kai Shok on Formosa, and the French puppet Bao Dai in Indochina. Overtures have been made to Franco Spain and Tito's totalitarian regime in Yugoslavia. It is obvious enough that the US State Dept. seeks its allies wherever they are anti-Stalinist and not where they are pro-democratic.

AS THE STUDENT SOCIALIST has often said this is not only a power struggle but a world conflict between two social systems -- Stalinism and Capitalism. The Russian police state, wherever it conquers, constructs totalitarian states in its own image; American capitalism can do nothing but rely on unpopular and reactionary regimes for capitalism as a viable social force is dead. Although socially different these two systems use the same political and military means in their defense.

THE EVIDENCE for this is overwhelming. The Government loyalty purge. Supreme Court decisions, the Stalinist Trial, the nationwide attacks on academic freedom, of which the Univ. of Calif. represents only the beginning, all these point but in one direction---a police state.

TO THOSE who doubt this perspective we have one thing to say: what does it mean  
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ned with war's results.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to give any support to such a hypocritical and warlike state power and think that it will in any way help achieve peace. When YOU are approached with this petition, DON'T SIGN!  
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in the history of the American republic when such measures as the Mundt-Ferguson bill are proposed? Why must loyalty oaths, wire-tapping, by the FBI, purges political trials and witchhunts replace discussion and debate in the democratic process? The answer that exceptional times call for exceptional measures is not sufficient, for these measures have no military or espionage significance. They are specifically and primarily political measures designed to silence any and all effective opposition to the policies of the powers-that-be.

TO THOSE who are waving the flag and making the speeches let it be said once and for all: You are the propagandists for capitalist imperialism not the warriors of democratic progress. ~~To those who will be unwillingly drafted into the coming conflict over which you have no control.~~ To consciously choose either Stalinism or capitalism is not to be "realistic" but to add your weight to the world conflagration.

WE AS SOCIALISTS have made our choice. We shall press the struggle for democratic socialism the world over. We shall give no support to the imperialist policies of American capitalism in its struggle for world domination.

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