

Get Out of Asia! That Would Be a Real Cease-Fire

An Editorial

What will a cease-fire in Korea bring? Will it be only the prelude to another "open-fire"? Or will it bring permanent peace to Asia?

As cease-fire arrangements enter their final stages in Korea, these questions become more pressing. All of us have a vital interest in the answer to them. We know that renewed war in Asia will mean increased privation for us here at home, and slaughter of innocent young men, as well as innocent civilian women, children and old people. We know that renewed war in Asia would also probably mean World War, and that means atomic war.

How can the war in Asia really be brought to a close, a permanent close? Only by the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea, and for that matter, from all of Asia.

It is absolutely impossible that a permanent peace will come to Asia as long as there are foreign troops, or naval forces maintained there. When we look at Asia today, the most striking and undeniable fact that meets the eye is the determination of the Asian people to be rid of all foreign oppressors, occupiers and exploiters. If you read the roll of Asia, from India to China, through the nations of Southeast Asia such as Burma, Malaya, Indo-China and Indonesia, out to "our own" Philippines, and then on up to Korea, you will find that the peoples of these nations have expressed a universal determination to clean out the gangs that have ridden their backs for so long. They have expressed that determination with arms in hand, and with their lives staked upon the outcome.

They will never make peace with foreign imperialism, and they are right. In their places, we would act the same way, and did act that way in 1776. If their leaders betray them to foreign imperialism, they will dump these leaders and get others. This too has been clearly shown by the events of the past ten years. Washington is trying with might and main to teach Mao-Tse-tung to act like Chiang-Kai-shek used to and crawl on his belly to imperialism. And Washington may succeed in doing this. But if this does happen, the Chinese people will find other leaders, and the same thing will happen to Mao as happened to Chiang.

There is no basis for a permanent cease-fire other than the withdrawal of all U.S. troops, battleships, airplanes from Korea, and from all of Asia. But Truman and the Pentagon warlords have made it quite plain that they have no such intentions, and that they therefore don't intend permanent peace. They balk at withdrawing the troops even from Korea alone; they announce a war budget \$30 billions higher than the last, and they make it plain in every word and deed that they mean to "stay in" Asia. This may be what Big Business needs, but it is suicide for the American people.

The American people have made it clear, in polls, letters and actions, what kind of a foreign policy they want. They want the troops withdrawn from Korea and fair recognition of the existing governments in Asia including the New China. Short of this foreign policy, we do not have any chance for peace. A real cease-fire must include these conditions as the only safeguards against a renewed "open-fire."

AMERICAN TROOPS IN KOREA WANT TO COME HOME AT ONCE

Above everything else, American troops in Korea want to go home.

This is made clear in an Associated Press dispatch from Kaesong, July 22.

"American soldiers in Korea," the dispatch states, "using a parody on the 'Prisoners Song' that goes like this:

"Now if I had ten thousand dollars,

"I'd go to the general and say:
"I'm leaving Korea tomorrow,
"Because no boats are leaving today."

But the reporter continues, "Peace in Korea will not mean that Johnny will be marching home right away. Even after withdrawal from Korea, the

chances are that the U.S. Eighth Army will move to Japan and Okinawa. The latter is being developed as a U.S. base and a treaty is in the works with Japan on stationing American troops in Japan after the occupation ends."

Since the beginning of the Korean war the American troops have told reporters that they did not know why they were there, and that they did not believe in the war. Both the soldiers themselves and the overwhelming majority of the American people have wanted to bring the troops home and end the war.

But U.S. imperialism has by no means given up its plan to dominate Asia, to suppress and destroy the independence of the Asian peoples.

Gladys Barker Endorses Socialist Candidate to Head N. Y. City Council

NEW YORK, July 25 — An appeal to the people of Harlem to lend their support to the drive to secure the petitions necessary to nominate Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party candidate for President of the City Council, was issued today Gladys Barker. Miss Barker is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Lenox-Fifth Ave. Tenants League. In 1950 she ran for Lt. Governor on the Socialist Workers Party ticket.

In a statement issued today, Miss Barker declared, "The Negro people of this city have a vital stake in the outcome of the election of the President of the City Council. The issue of police brutality in this city will be a major one in the coming campaign. For the Negro people it is literally a life and death question. The cold blooded murders

of John Derrick in Harlem and Henry Fields in Brownsville by trigger-happy, Negro-hating cops, who walk their beats unpunished to this day, demonstrate the crying need to elect a champion of Negro rights as the next President of the City Council."

"Bartell's personal record, and that of his party," the statement concluded, "as militant and effective opponents of jim crow clearly point him out as the only candidate worthy of the support of the Negro people. Every signature on his petition is a blow against police brutality."

In order to win a place on the ballot Bartell must file a nominating petition signed by 7,500 qualified voters. His campaign committee has announced its intention to secure at least 12,000 such signatures.



GLADYS BARKER



MICHAEL BARTELL

Detroit Dodge Strikers Fight Speedup Drive

DETROIT, July 23 — 12,000 workers in the Dodge main plant of the Chrysler corporation struck the plant last Thursday morning in protest against the speed-up drive of the company.

Disciplinary measures taken against workers in the trim shop for failure to meet company quotas provoked the strike action. The department walked out immediately in response to the disciplinary action, and the company then shut down the plant.

The next morning Dodge workers were greeted by a picket line and a leaflet issued by Dodge Local 3 Executive Board calling the strike. The leaflet called attention to the "intimidation of Dodge workers" and to the fact that "workers have been ordered to get 25 percent to 50 percent more production or go home."

Pointing out that "a number of workers have been sent home" the Board leaflet stated "this situation can be tolerated no longer." The statement continued, "If speed-up is not controlled in the Dodge plant more than 2,000 workers stand to lose their jobs."

This firm stand by the Local 3 Executive Board came in response to increasing demands from the membership for action against the speed-up. The company drive had been stepped up as production cutbacks and layoffs offered the corporations an opportunity to starve the workers into submission. As the speed-up drive developed in department after department, plant after plant, and corporation after corporation, the anger of the workers has mounted.

Hudson workers have averaged less than 10 hours per week for the past six weeks.

Norman Matthews, Regional Director of the UAW-CIO and head of the union's Chrysler department, charged that the corporations were misusing the recent 4 percent per hour annual improvement factor wage increase as an excuse for increasing production demands upon the workers. He threatened authorized strike action should this policy continue.

But this threat was not carried through. At a mass meeting of striking Dodge workers, International union representatives branded the strike as unauthorized, and ordered the workers to return to their jobs.

But the Dodge workers, who recently witnessed the discharge of three stewards during a fight on working conditions, lack confidence in this method of meeting the speed-up problem. They feel action is necessary.

DeSoto workers also walked out as the company disciplined 22 workers. They are to take a strike vote this week to force reinstatement of the disciplined members and to end the speed-up drive.

A recent conference of Chrysler Local union representatives called for corporation-wide strike action. They seconded the call of Ford Local 600 for an emergency conference of the UAW-CIO to map an all-out fight against speed-up.

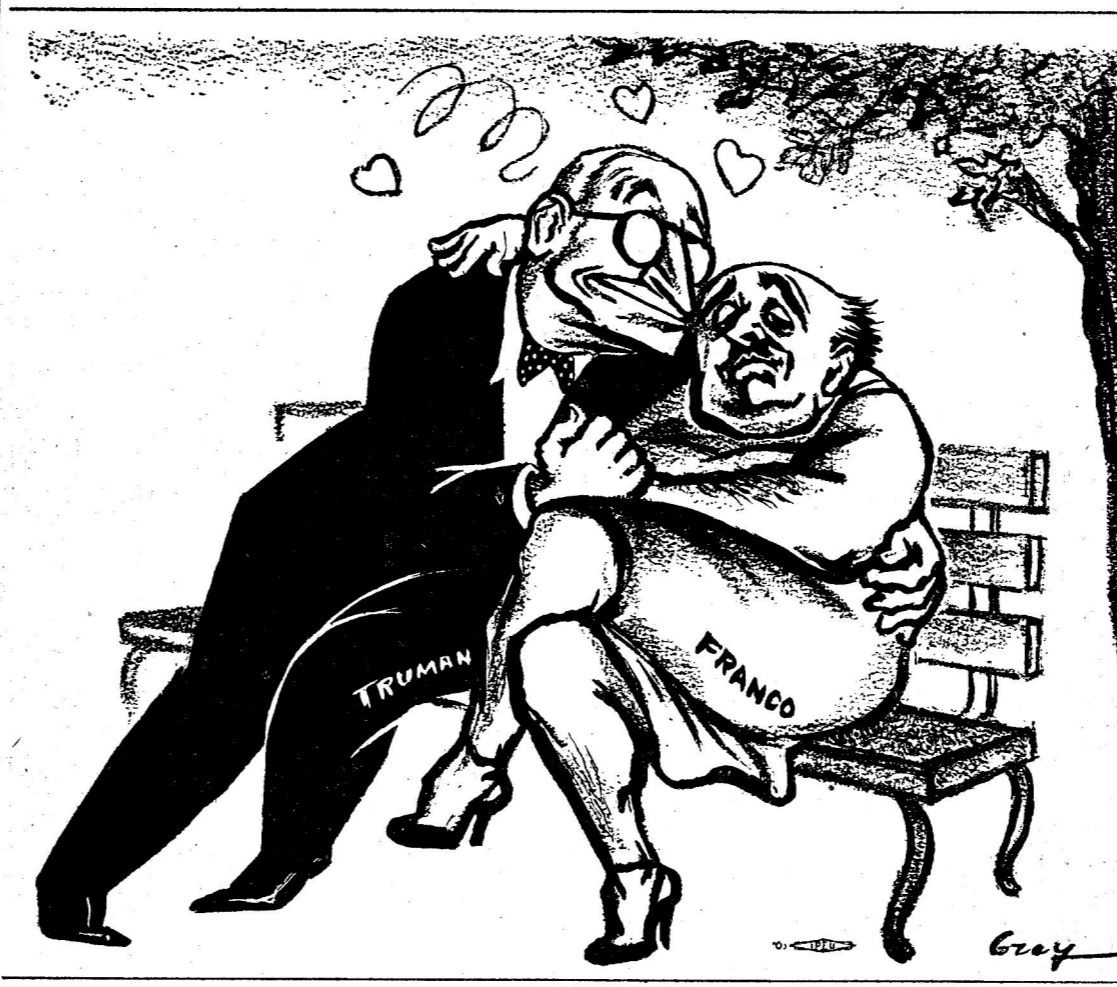
(See page 4 for additional Detroit labor news.)

'Nation' Condemns Government's Purge of the Legless Veteran

The Nation, liberal weekly magazine, has joined the Washington Post and numerous other publications and organizations in denouncing the government's purge of James Kutcher as an attack on democratic rights. An editorial in the July 21 issue of the Nation says:

"Federal Judge Edward M. Curran has ruled that the Veterans Administration acted properly when it dismissed James Kutcher in 1948 from the position of clerk in the Newark, New Jersey, branch office. Kutcher, who lost both legs in the battle of San Pietro in 1943, admitted membership in the anti-Stalinist Socialist Workers Party. Apparently no one in the Department of Justice entertained any serious doubt as to Kutcher's personal loyalty or thought that he might take advantage of his position to injure the United States, but since he admitted that 'force and violence' might have to be used to overcome 'a minority of capitalists' in order to usher in the socialist regime in which he believes, he has been denied employment and branded as 'disloyal.' As the Washington Post has pointed out, the process by which Kutcher has been ousted from his job 'seems to have about as much relation to reality as the voodoo rites which primitive tribes devised to ward off evil spirits. And it entails, besides, an immeasurable corruption of cherished American institutions.'"

Increased War Budget Means New Tax Boost



U.S. Woos Franco Spain With Arms, Bases Pact

By Fred Hart

Washington is negotiating a military agreement with the Franco Government: It is reported that the United States will send arms to the butcher of the Spanish workers and train officers for his army, while the U.S. Navy and Air Force will get Spanish bases.

The plan to train higher Spanish officers in this country has been disclosed in the New York Times of July 23. And, according to the N. Y. Herald Tribune of July 24, Generalissimo Franco told a group of seven American senators he would "put a 2,000,000 man army in the field and be willing to use it outside of Spain if the United States would provide arms and heavy equipment."

Democrats and Republicans alike try to justify an alliance with the totalitarian fascist dictator by the alleged military necessity of using his army and bases in the defense against "Russian totalitarianism." It is, however, difficult for those who repeatedly declare that they oppose both communism and fascism to excuse this alliance.

MILITARY VALUE?

The American imperialists have already obtained bases in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and North Africa. Do they really need bases in Spain too? What is the real

military value of Franco's ill-equipped army? Several military specialists have pointed out that morale in the dictator's army is very low. Eye-witnesses report they saw, during the recent strikes, many Spanish soldiers who sympathized with the strikers. Even among the officers there exists no enthusiasm for any war outside Spain. One officer said in March 1951: "The Franco gang sees in a world war the only chance to save its regime. How stupid! Who would fight the Russians in order to defend Franco?"

Of the 6000 miles of Spanish railroads, only 600 are fit for military traffic. For transportation, the Spanish army relies on horses and mules to a large extent, although the Madrid government spends 60% of its budget on the armed forces and police.

Why then does Washington want an agreement with so doubtful a military power whose "2,000,000" men are as big a bluff as Mussolini's non-existent "8,000,000 bayonets" that so impressed Hitler before World War II?

Is it a mere coincidence that

negotiations with Franco were decided upon shortly after the Spanish people started to move against the Falangist fascist tyranny and the corruption and rapacity of Franco's administration — when the dictator in his "El Pardo" palace began to tremble as news of a big strike wave proved to the world the indomitable courage of the Spanish workers?

Wall Street does not want a revolution anywhere in Europe or Asia. American capitalism prefers Franco's capitalist totalitarianism to a socialist Spain.

This is one of the main reasons why they now openly try to strengthen the rotten Franco regime despite protests from Britain and France. Their aim is to preserve Spain as a bulwark of conservatism by arming Franco and by the threatening presence of American warships and planes.

CONDITIONS IN SPAIN

No legal opposition is possible in Spain. No party is tolerated except the fascist Falange. There are no free unions. There exists no genuine religious freedom, for

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'Wetbacks' Used As Slave Labor

By Murry Weiss

On July 12, Truman signed a Dixiecrat-Republican sponsored Bill, S. 984, which is supposed to relieve the appalling conditions of migratory agricultural labor in Southwest United States.

But Truman admitted, in his message to Congress the next day, that this Bill "hardly touches our basic farm labor problems." Moreover, "this Act 'scarcely faces' the 'really crucial point,' the so-called 'wetback' problem (Mexican workers transported illegally across the Rio Grande river by rich farmers in collusion with federal border patrols in order to mass large supplies of 'cheap labor')."

LEGALIZES MISERY

The truth of the matter is much worse than Truman pretends; the Bill he signed virtually legalizes misery and exploitation for millions of workers so horrible they have been characterized by conservative sociologists as "slavery and peonage." The Bill deals with the problem of "legal" traffic in

labor with Mexico. But the real problem is the "unofficial" recruitment of an enormous number of workers across the border in order to create the situation all capitalists dream about — an oversupply of labor without union organization.

This is the situation that is shocking the conscience of the whole country; American capitalism's version of slave labor camps with a few diabolical twists added by the perverted racist-lynchers, who own the huge and profitable "factory" farms of Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and California.

Every year, according to official reports, over 1,000,000 poverty-stricken Mexican workers and farmers are deliberately lured across the border by the cruel promise of high wages. This system operates openly with the cooperation of local, state and federal agencies in the South. It is tied in with Draft Boards and Social Security offices which issue fake registration cards. Border patrols wink at the prac-

Labor Conference Is Needed To Protect Living Standards

The big push against the standard of living of the working people of this country has only begun. The tax steal and the rent gouge, runaway prices and the wage freeze will all take a heavy toll of workers' incomes in the coming year.

This is clearly shown in the plans outlined in Truman's mid-year economic report to Congress July 23.

In this message Truman announced a \$30 billion increase in

military expenditures by the middle of 1952.

BIG WAR PRODUCTION

While Korean cease-fire negotiations raise the people's hopes for peace, Truman outlined a stepped-up war preparation plan, which would triple plane production and quadruple tank production.

These tremendous increases in war production are only "interim goals," Truman said. "These goals may need to be raised."

These plans would bring the total annual war output to \$65 billion.

Who will pay for this program? The same people who have been paying for the war up to now — the low income working men and women.

Included in Truman's proposals is a \$10 billion increase in income taxes. Plans are already under way to put the heaviest burden of this tax hike on the low income section of the population.

The United Automobile Worker (July issue) states the American people are in for:

1. Price increases of 320 dollars a year for a family of four;
2. Rent increases of 20 percent over 1947;
3. No effective control over prices of beef and other meats, because of the prohibition against OPC slaughtering quotas. . . .
4. Depressions and soft spots of unemployment in the midst of an inflationary boom because consumers will be priced out of the market.

The auto workers' paper called attention to an editorial in Life magazine arguing that only "an honest universal sales tax" can provide the \$90 billion in federal revenue needed for the coming year.

On top of all this, the wage freeze will continue, to make sure that the workers will not be able to compensate themselves for higher prices, the tax and rent gouge.

INSULT TO CIO

The CIO and AFL have been lobbying for a more equitable tax, price and wage program. But, the CIO News reported July 23, that when their representatives went to speak before the Senate Finance Committee, only three of the 13-man committee members

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Akron Preacher Tries to Whip Up Anti-Negro Feeling

By Lou Cooper

AKRON, July 18 — Attacking the desire of Akron Negroes for equality, Baptist preacher Billington spoke to an all-white congregation last week on the "controversial Negro question." "We will never allow them on this hill" (where the "Temple" is located), boasted Billington.

"Put the different races together and you have bloodshed," he said. What a slanderous lie this is to the rubber workers of Akron, who work in harmony in the plants.

Attacking the NAACP for "defending the rights of Negroes in court," Billington echoed the recent editorial of the Akron Beacon Journal for sterner judicial punishment for "Negroes committing crimes against Negroes." He implied that Negroes are on the prowl, and that if he came into his home and found a "rapist," he "would call the undertaker, not the police."

IN HEAVEN

Announcing that he had invited a "small group of intelligent Negroes into the balcony," Billington told them "that in heaven we would all be one race" (he didn't say which race), but on earth we must be segregated.

The Negro people of Akron seek an end to jim crow, such as in the case of Helen Fikes of 278 Otis St., who was ousted from the Holland Mills Restaurant, 1075 S. Main St., when she asked for service last week.

Actually, although he does not dare say so to his predominantly rubber unionist audience, Billington would like to develop his race chasing activities to industrial plants in Akron. Akron workers would do well to beware of this enemy of labor unity and Negro social and political rights.

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miles south of the border. He had walked across the line in the desert and worked intermittently in cotton and vegetables in the six months since. In his pocket he had 20 cents."

HUGE PROFITS

No wonder then that a recent statistical study showed that the valley farmers had raked in a minimum extra profit of \$5,000,000 due to these illegal wages.

By importing this mass of cheap labor, the Southern farmers create an additional advantage for themselves. They acquire a powerful weapon against the 3,000,000 Mexican-Americans who live in the Southwest. The long struggle of the Mexican-Americans for economic, political and social equality is undermined and opportunities for whipping up prejudice increase.

The artificially created "oversupply" of labor operates like a chain reaction throughout a vast region. Every year 10,000 Texans and additional thousands from

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Why Cicero Culprits Go Scot-Free

Trial of 117 persons arrested during the anti-Negro rioting in Cicero, Ill., has been postponed to Aug. 6. No one seriously expects that the court will impose severe sentences on the 117; in fact, it is most likely that they will get off with suspended sentences and reprimands.

It won't matter much either way. Most of these people were the unwitting tools of the forces really responsible.

Walter White, secretary of the NAACP, who is by no means a radical, went to Cicero to make an investigation and came to the conclusion that:

"The real culprits in the savage Cicero outbreak are (1) the bankers, real estate interests and mortgage companies who, despite invalidation of judicial enforcement of racial restrictive covenants, block every attempt of Negroes to escape the ghetto; (2) the big employers in the township, who disavow any responsibility to maintain ordinary observance of civil rights in Cicero; and (3) corrupt local politicians who have more than a nodding acquaintance with the notorious gang leaders who infest the township."

White should have added: (4) the Cook County law enforcement officers, who refused to nip the riot in the bud in the early stages, when this was still easily possible; (5) the State's Attorney office, which took the same hands-off attitude toward the hoodlums; and (6) the FBI and the Department of Justice, who also

looked the other way and to this day still claim to be pondering whether or not the case comes under their "jurisdiction."

Equally culpable are the press, the schools and the other Big Business-dominated educational and information agencies which promote race prejudice and hatred in both crude and subtle forms.

If these are "the real culprits," then what is being done by the government to punish them and to prevent them from repeating their crimes? Nothing at all.

This is not because the government lacks the means for taking effective measures against the guilty parties. When it wants to stamp out "communism," it shows that it has real coercive powers. The government's failure to try to stamp out racism proves that it doesn't want to stamp it out, even though events like the Cicero riot, by thoroughly refuting its claim to be the champion of democracy, serve as an acute embarrassment to American imperialism in all parts of the world.

And the government doesn't want to stamp out racism because it is profitable to the ruling class whose interests the government protects. That is why the struggle against Jim Crow goes hand in hand with the struggle to end the power of the ruling class and institute a socialist society.

Rats Bite Children-Still No Housing

Startling facts about the housing situation of soldiers and their families have been revealed by a Senate preparedness subcommittee. The subcommittee cites the landlords near military installations for "cruel indignity, irresponsible greed and casual disdain for the self-respect of our men in uniform."

Among cases cited by the committee is that of a \$25 a month apartment rented by a parson, and partly occupied by him. It seems that the pious man of God rents out the remainder of the apartment to two soldiers and their families for a total of \$149 per month! Further cited are a corporal and his family of three who live in a house made of whiskey bottles and empty beer cans held together with mortar. This doll house for a child was built measuring 14' x 9' and occupied by a family of 5 people, at the cost of \$45 per month, a chicken coop that brings \$27.50, without water but with all the rain you want.

Near one army post, a garage was "converted" into two apartments by means of a cardboard partition down the center. In this "home" a baby was bitten by a rat 3 times in one night last May, and is still under medical care.

The Senate subcommittee is planning to make recommendations on this situa-

tion. We suggest that some attention be paid to the following thoughts:

1. First of all, the landlords directly involved should not be made the sole target for the indignation of the committee. Equally guilty is every Congressman and Senator who has helped to scuttle the low-rent housing program, every mogul and lawyer of the real estate lobby, and every builder, contractor and builder's supplier who has diverted his capital into more profitable high rent home, apartment and commercial building. The real estate interests and the contractors, are even more guilty than the landlords cited in the committee report. Their actions make it possible for the rapacious landlords to charge high rents for such hovels, and are committed for the same reason: to make more money, without regard for human welfare.
2. We further recommend to the subcommittee that it begin a real drive for a revival of the plans for a low rent, absolutely non-profit housing program. We doubt, however, that this senatorial committee will do this, because the whole of Congress is so completely under the thumb of the real estate lobby by this time.
3. We propose a housing program on the basis of the appropriation of as much money as is required to solve the present gruesome housing mess.

Bill of Rights Too Radical Now

In Madison, Wis., a reporter of the Capital-Times drew up a petition which consisted exclusively of excerpts from the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. Then he went out on the street to get people to sign it. He approached 112 people; 111 of these refused to sign. Some of them called it "subversive," but even those who did not share this view felt it would be wiser for them not to sign it.

The Washington Post, commenting on the report, said: "Anyway, in Sen. McCarthy's part of the country it isn't considered safe any longer to sign a petition for anything."

That's true enough. But why limit such a comment to the Wisconsin area alone? How about Washington, D. C., which is Truman's part of the country? Could the Post contend that the effects of the witch-hunt — originally initiated by the Truman administration, it must not be forgotten — are any less pernicious?

The truth is that the fundamental principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights have been virtually outlawed in this country.

By Murry Weiss

In the July 16 issue of Labor Action — the Shachtmanite almost revolutionary but slightly patriotic paper — Hal Draper raises an extremely serious question in his characteristic frivolous manner. He devotes half a printed page to jibes at us for not coming out with the slogans: "Down with the cease-fire!" and, "North Korean revolutionary comrades! On with the war — we mean, the Revolution!"

According to Draper's reasoning, The Militant is in principle bound to oppose the cease-fire "as such" since it believes that the fundamental nature of the Korean war is that of a colonial people fighting for their liberation from imperialism. Draper of course doesn't see any revolution in Asia — only the spread of Stalinism, and therefore he has nothing to say to the Korean and Chinese peoples. In his eyes they are merely puppets of the Kremlin. Draper cannot resist instructing us on how to carry out a revolutionary position consistently. Quivering with shrill laughter at his own wit, Draper gasps, Can it be that it (The Militant) is permitting the Revolution to be betrayed, for lack of its advice, merely because a denunciation of cease-fire AS SUCH would be somewhat unpopular? Let us see.

NOT AGAINST CEASE-FIRE

We are not opposed to a cease-fire "as such" — why should we be? We are for the cease-fire with the removal of imperialist troops from Korea. That is the demand of the Chinese and Koreans and for our part we fully support that demand. As a matter of fact, if a democratic referendum were taken in the country today and

among the American troops in Korea, they would be in favor of such a cease-fire by an overwhelming majority.

In any case, it is utterly false to oppose a truce, armistice or any other temporary agreement between the working class the colonial people and the imperialists — as a principle. There is no such principle in the program of revolutionary socialism. Only the ultra-left caricatures of Marxism have made a principle of "no compromise."

CONCRETE CONDITIONS

For us it is always a question of the concrete conditions under which a compromise is made, who makes it and why. That is why in this situation the Militant has been warning that the Kremlin wants to make a diplomatic settlement and if it gets the chance will make it at the expense of the Korean and Chinese just as they made their previous deals at the expense of the European and Asian masses.

Are we for a cease-fire under conditions dictated by American imperialism? Of course not. These are conditions of imperialist marauders they spell the continued enslavement of the South Koreans and the threat of further military moves against the North and China.

But if the Koreans accept a compromise, should't we say that they have betrayed the revolution against American imperialism? That depends. We don't need any Draper to tell us that the leaders of the Chinese and North Koreans are Stalinists and under the pressure of the Kremlin. This opens up the danger we have consistently warned about — that the Kremlin will exert all its power under certain conditions to make a deal with the American imperialists at the expense of the Asian peoples.

OTHER VARIANT

But a Kremlin sellout is not the only variant. The Militant has also pointed out that there is a

profound difference between the Chinese and Koreans and the Kremlin. The difference is based on the fact that the Asian Communist parties, despite their Stalinist leadership and program, are also mass parties lifted to power by a revolutionary upsurge. That is why the possibility for a cleavage between the Kremlin and these parties on the one hand, and the formation of left wing groups within these parties on the other, must not be overlooked at any stage of the development. Revolutionary workers in every country are working for such a cleavage as part of the struggle to advance the socialist revolution in Asia. This is the only way to guarantee a complete victory of the anti-imperialist struggle.

We don't know what the relations between the Kremlin and the Asian Communist parties are in these cease-fire negotiations. There is no way of estimating exactly to what extent the Kremlin sell-out line plays a role in the situation. But we are

guided by a class line which enables us to mark out the basic tendencies of the process and help us achieve the role we must play — the struggle against our own imperialism. Along this line their are two fundamental points to keep in mind:

1. We distinguish between the permissibility of the Chinese and Koreans compromising with the imperialists due to temporary exigencies of the struggle and a Kremlin sell-out.
2. There is a great difference between the acceptance of the harshest terms of a truce by the oppressed of Asia and the support of such a truce by the so-called friends of the Asian people in the imperialist countries. An example will suffice. If a man is forced to hand over his belongings to a bandit who holds a pistol to his head, it is a terrible mockery for the victims "friend" to support the "settlement" because both parties "agreed" to the transaction.

The Stalinist Peace Program -- VII What Washington Wants

By James P. Cannon

If one understands bourgeois diplomacy as the art of straight-faced lying, of proclaiming high-sounding principles in order to prepare the moral climate for a military struggle for practical aims and needs — and this is generally taken for granted by grown-up people — then it is necessary to look behind the official statements, speeches, prayers and pronouncements emanating from Washington and examine the economic necessities and drives of American imperialism. The real program is rooted there, and it cannot be replaced by any alternative program motivated by other considerations as long as the U.S. government remains what it is — the executive committee of the ruling capitalist class.

The cold war of economic sanctions and propaganda malarkey — with the occasional and incidental slaughter of a couple of million people, as in Korea — is allegedly waged in behalf of a "free world." The money-sharks who decide American policy have dedicated it, so they say, to a high-toned crusade for "democracy against totalitarianism." The labor skates and the social-democrats of all grades and breeds, for their part, second the motion. Some of them even claim they invented the phony formula.

The "free world" we are supposed to be defending just accidentally happens to include Spain, Greece, Turkey, and Portugal, and all the lands of colonial slavery where the word freedom is not even in the dictionary and the word democracy has not yet been coined. And our precious allies in the fight against "totalitarianism," include, by mere coincidence, Chiang Kai-shek, Syngman Rhee, Franco, Salazar, the fascist king of Greece, the colonial overlords, the Latin-American dictators and other blood-smearing tyrants who have been admitted into the free world on a pass.

Diplomatic double-talk aside, what is really involved in the cold war is a conflict of class interests and social and economic systems, which cannot be reconciled. American imperialism, the main representative of a decayed social system, whose fate is inextricably tied to the fate of capitalism on a world scale, is of necessity the ally of reactionary capitalists, landlords, usurers and colonial exploiters everywhere. It is the mortal enemy of every manifestation of new and more progressive economic forms, of every revolutionary movement of the workers, and of every struggle of the colonial peoples for national independence and freedom anywhere in the world, regardless of the leadership of these movements at the moment. That is the real line-up. That is the real content of American diplomacy, stripped of its hypocritical verbiage. Freedom and democracy have nothing whatever to do with it.

one of the important aims of American foreign policy the introduction of "orderly representative processes" into "the old group of countries we are accustomed to thinking of as the satellite area." These are none other than the buffer states of Eastern Europe, which were solemnly recognized as in "the sphere of influence" of the Soviet Union at Yalta.

Acheson ostensibly is not satisfied with the degree of "democracy" prevailing in the "Peoples Democracies" dominated by the Kremlin. It can be admitted in passing that he has something there, for all the democracy you find in these "Peoples Democracies" you could put in your eye. But that complaint is only window dressing on Acheson's part. They were all police states before the war, and neither he nor his predecessors lost any sleep about it. Washington is not worried about the democracy or the lack of it in Greece, Spain, Turkey, South Korea, Latin America, or any place else open to American trade and investment. The real grievance which American foreign policy aims to redress is the new economic system established in these countries of Eastern Europe under pressure of necessity, and the political control which closes them off from American exploitation. The real meaning of this point in Washington's program is to push the Soviet political influence out and replace it by American influence, to restore the system of private property and landlordism, and open up the countries in general to the exploitation of foreign capital.

THE CONQUEST OF THE WORLD

But the satellite states of Eastern Europe are only the starting point of the new program enunciated more than a year ago and consistently adhered to ever since. It is not only Eastern Europe. Now it is the vast market of China, the prize for which the war with Japan was fought, the prize which slipped away and which they hope to regain. The frank speech of Assistant Secretary Rusk in New York recently is only a public announcement of this aim which has been implicit in Washington's refusal to recognize the new revolutionary government and establish normal relations with it. It is Korea. It is Indo-China where Eisenhower in a recent radio speech saw the "aggression of Communist imperialism" in the struggle of the Indo-Chinese people for independence against their French overlords. It is the colonial revolutions and workers' movements everywhere in the world. That is what is meant by Point 5 of Acheson's Berkeley program, in which he demands that the Soviet Union "cooperate in efforts to prevent indirect aggression across national frontiers" — the diplomatic definition of popular movements against capitalism and colonialism anywhere.

And even all this does not measure the full scope of the aims of American foreign policy as it is now fixed. The ultimate aim is nothing less than the overthrow of the Soviet Union, its dismemberment, and the re-establishment of the private property and landlord system, overthrown by the Revolution in 1917. The United States is driven, as the price of its own existence as the leading imperialist power of the world, to include all these aims in its program. That is what its diplomacy works for and that is what they are aiming for.

Pacifist sermons will not deflect them from their course. Pseudo-serious chatter about the "necessity and desirability of peaceful co-existence" can deceive and disarm workers and sincere but impractical people who think the boon of peace can be bought with shibboleths. But peace cannot be secured that way. The only road to a stable and enduring peace for the people of the world is the hard road of struggle pointed out by Lenin.

Next Week: The Road of Lenin.

This Is the Kind of Foreign Policy The American People Really Want

1. Stop the war now. Don't let it spread!
2. Withdraw all American troops from Korea!
3. Recognize the government of New China!
4. Let the American people vote on the issue of war and peace in a national referendum!

'Wetbacks' Used As Slave Labor

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other "wetback" states migrate to work at living wages. This serves to maintain a constant industrial reserve army for the factories in the fields and to exert a threatening pressure on other industries. Gladwin Hill observes that "It is possibly more than a coincidence that the number of migrant farm workers who course the nation annually has been independently estimated at 1,000,000 — on the order of a conservative estimate of the number of 'wetbacks.'"

WEAK UNIONS

It is not surprising that the Southwest is therefore extremely weak in trade union organization. Gladwin Hill shows that "even such nationally powerful unions as the teamsters' and the building trades' are only sketchily organized."

In the face of this menacing pattern of Southern Style conditions of labor, which if unchecked can only continue to spread deeper into the country, the leadership of the labor movement stands impotent. William Green of the AFL addressed a letter to Truman before he signed this bill calling upon him to veto it. With this we have no quarrel. Green points out that the bill "is a thinly disguised subsidy for a large number of agricultural and processing employers who hire

seasonal labor." Likewise correct. But what does Green propose? He calls for carrying out the proposals of the President's Commission on agricultural labor; this boils down to putting an army at the border to stop the migration and the improvement of the "legal" machinery for importing a labor supply.

THE HIRING HALL

This leaves the solution of the problem in the hands of the very people who created it and profit by it. That's not the way to do the job. The whole control of the problem must be torn out of the hands of the wealthy farmers and their agents — the government apparatus.

The seamen and longshoreman pointed the way to the solution in their own industry. As a result of their militant struggles there are now a network of union controlled hiring halls on all three coasts. The same thing can and must be done in agriculture.

If Green, Murray and the rest did something more than write letters to Truman, and allowed the organized power of the American labor movement to exert itself, the conditions of the migratory agricultural worker could be brought up to union standards in short order.

How would this plan work? In every important agricultural community that engages in seasonal

crops and processing, a union hiring hall would be the sole agency for securing labor. These halls would be connected, like the maritime unions, by telephone and teletype communications. The supply of labor could then be rationally planned and routed to meet the real needs of production instead of the schemes of the growers. By taking the mechanism of agricultural labor supply out of the hands of those who profit by fostering planlessness and anarchy, the unions will be in a position to come to an understanding with the Mexican workers on a firm basis of common class interests and solidarity.

HOUSING PROBLEM

Working in conjunction with these hiring halls a system of government subsidized and union controlled modern housing units and camps could be established. The big farm owners would then have to pay decent wages and transportation costs to all workers.

This solution of course requires militant organization and action by the powerful forces of labor, such as they took in the 30's to build the CIO.

It may be objected that this plan is revolutionary. What's wrong with that? That's just what is needed; the technological revolution in agriculture must now be followed by a revolution

in the conditions and organizational methods of the agricultural workers. Remember that they called the sit-down strikes and the CIO a revolution — and in a sense they were right.

But won't this plan put the big farmers out of business? In the first place, the profits to these wealthy parasites are so fabulous that decent pay and conditions for the agricultural worker would only take a bite out of the enormous wealth they accumulate annually. In the second place, why not put them out of business? These are not working farmers. The vast industry they own should, like the whole basic food producing industry and all big industry and banking, be nationalized and then operated under workers control.

If the big farmers say that they can't run these farms without slave labor conditions then let's introduce a new system so they can be run in a decent and human way.

Apples Dumped

Apple growers near Yakima, Washington, are unable to find buyers for their bumper crop this year. Even at 50 cents a box, between 2,000 and 3,000 carloads remained on their hands. They used a bulldozer to push them into a dump.

