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War Reporters Describe U.S. Atrocities in Korea

"It Has Gone Too Far When We Are Shooting Children!"

By Art Preis

American imperialism is waging a barbaric war of utmost brutality against the whole Korean people.

These facts about Truman's "police action" in Korea have emerged piecemeal up to now from bits and hints slipped into reports by American war correspondents.

Osborne's extensive account in the Aug. 21 Life, under the title, "Report from the Orient: Guns Are Not Enough," needs no embellishment. It speaks for itself.

IMPERIAL JAPAN BACKS U.S. ACTION IN KOREA

By Paul Abbott

Another vote in favor of Truman's undeclared war in Korea has come in — the vote of imperial Japan.

This new blow against the Korean people was hailed in the American press as another victory in the process of lining up world capitalism for Wall Street's military drive in the Far East.

The declaration of the Japanese government was not simply a result of prodding from MacArthur. It represents a straight continuation of Japan's own imperialist policy in Korea, as a glance at the record will show.

The Korean people long ago achieved national unification and built up a civilization of high order. It is enough to mention that the Koreans invented movable metal type 50 years before Gutenberg and iron-clad ships as early as 1592.

Japan, emerging upon the scene as a rapacious world power, set its sights upon this peaceful land. In the Sino-Japanese war of 1894-95 it broke the ancient ties between Korea and China.

Ten years later in the Russo-Japanese war Japan ousted the influence of Czarist Russia and then won the consent of Great Britain and Theodore Roosevelt as spokesman for American imperialism to take over Korea.

"God Save Us From 'Liberation' By U.S. Bombers"

By Joseph Keller

Fleets of American war planes are relentlessly pouring thousands of tons of high explosives and ghastly napalm fire bombs upon cities, towns and villages throughout Korea.

"SAVAGERY IN DETAIL"

"This means not the usual, inevitable savagery of combat in the field but savagery in detail—the blotting out of villages where the enemy MAY be hiding; the shooting and shelling of refugees who MAY include North Koreans in the anonymous white clothing of the Korean countryside, or who MAY be screening an enemy march upon our positions, or who MAY be carrying broken-down rifles or ammunition clips or walkie-talkie parts in their packs and under their trousers or skirts."

The reference to "skirts" makes it clear that in the "shooting and shelling of refugees" the U.S. forces are no respecters of sex.

Combined with the savagery of the American troops, Osborne continues, "there is savagery by proxy, the savagery of the South Korean police and (in some sectors) South Korean marines upon whom we rely for contact with the population and for ferreting out hidden enemies."

Recently, the American daily press screamed jubilantly about the bombing of a 26-square mile area around Waegwan, near Taegu, where some 100 B29's dropped about 4,000 bombs in a few hours.

MURDEROUS BRUTES "The South Korean police and the South Korean marines whom (Continued on page 3)

Korea Debate Spurred By Letters to Congress

By Joseph Hansen

SWP Candidate for U. S. Senator from New York

You are not alone in your resentment over Truman's plunging America into an undeclared war in Korea. Already, no doubt, you are well aware that most of your friends and neighbors feel much the same way.

Most Canadians Are Against Korea War

The Canadian people, according to a Gallup Poll released on July 29, are opposed by an overwhelming majority to Canada's participation in the Korean war.

The ruthless blasting and burning of defenseless population centers from one end of the Korean peninsula to the other is having repercussions throughout the world.

LIPPMAN'S WARNING This fact is attested to by leading political commentators of the capitalist press itself. Walter (Continued on page 3)

Shall Freedom Perish in the United States?

By Albert Parker

Shall freedom perish in the United States? That this is no longer an idle question is plainly demonstrated by the widespread fears expressed over the threatened passage of the swarm of "anti-communist" bills now being considered in Washington.

In a leading editorial on Aug. 22 the N. Y. Times comes out in opposition to the passage of the Mundt-Ferguson and McCarran bills in these bills making it a crime to conspire to perform any act that would "substantially contribute" to the establishment in the U. S. of a totalitarian dictatorship under foreign control.

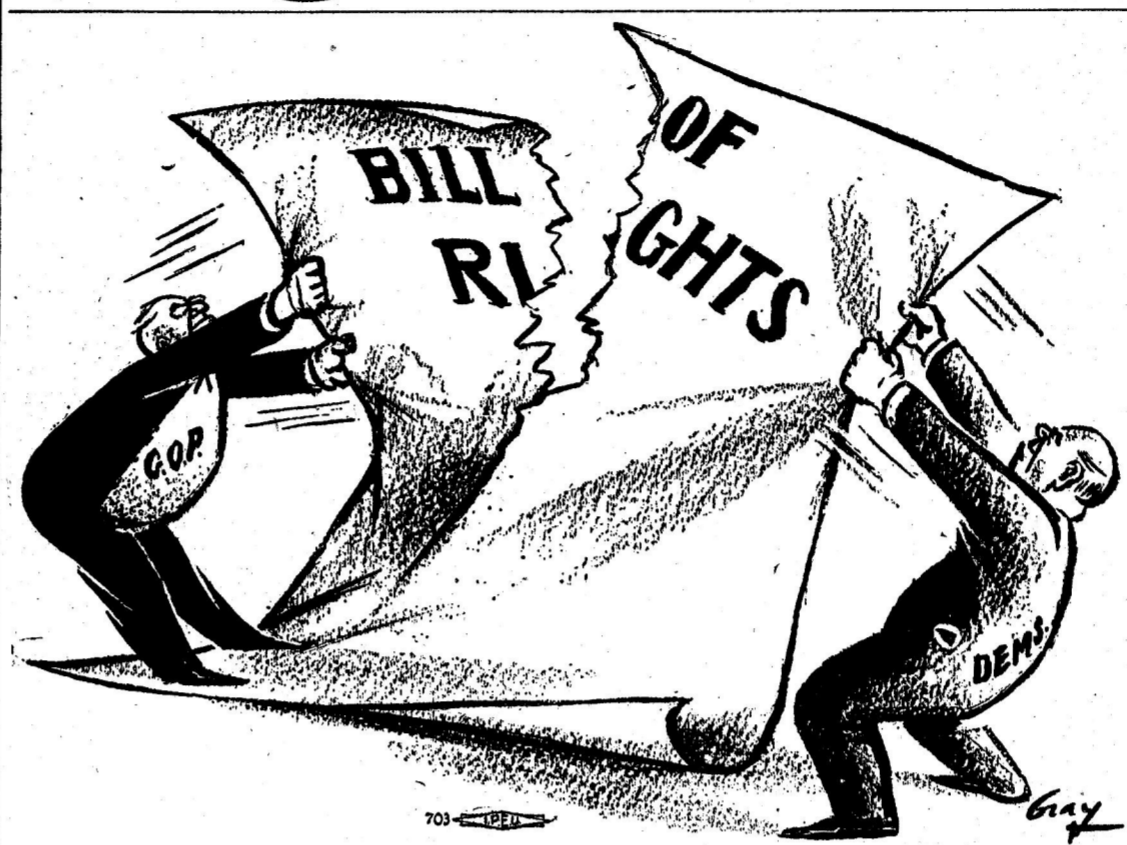
In conclusion, the Times cautions against such legislation "at the present time" because it "could seriously infringe upon individual liberty" and "could set a precedent for interference with the traditional freedom of political parties or political organization." Instead, it favors the approach taken in the Truman adminis-

tration's "substitute" for these bills.

And of the registration requirements which these bills would impose on communist and communist-front organizations, the Times says they "might be used to destroy incipient political parties or even existing organizations advocating unpopular causes which may or may not be on the Communist fringe. This in our opinion approaches too closely to a possible regimentation of the American political structure along more or less orthodox party lines."

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ing the first pinch of rising prices are beginning to get hot under the collar. Some feel frustrated or apathetic. But it's difficult to find anyone at all who is enthusiastic about the war.

This feeling is nationwide. One of its first reflections has been a deluge of letters to Congress. They ask in increasing numbers "why American boys are fighting in a distant land," reports the Washington correspondent Marquis Childs, "and why taxes are going to have to be increased so drastically." (N. Y. Post, Aug. 17.)

When the capitalist politicians sense a shift like that in grass roots sentiment, they prick up their ears. For the Democrats it means an added problem in the November elections. For the Republicans it appears a chance to retrieve lost ground.

That is why the Republicans, after following a "me too" policy in foreign affairs since the opening of World War II ten years ago, have ventured to express a few criticisms. After their dismal ten-year record, if they now said nothing they might as well get the box ready for the political graveyard. If they can make people believe, however, that they're going along with the anti-war sentiment, chances are they'll cash in on election day.

Thus Kenneth S. Wherry, Republican of Nebraska, got up in the Senate Aug. 17 to take a

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WATERFRONT PURGE IS MENACE TO ALL LABOR

The current Coast Guard purge on the waterfront is a cause for the gravest alarm in the labor movement. This is no seamen's problem alone; it is a police state plague

which can, if unchecked, infect and destroy the American trade union movement. Consider for a moment what is happening:

In every U. S. port Coast Guard inquisitors are boarding privately-owned American ships—all ships, those bound on pleasure cruises, those carrying bananas or lumber as well as those carrying arms. Here they set up a "screen" of the merchant seamen employed. These, remember, are civilians, not soldiers, sailors or marines,

The gold braid then picks up the certificates all seamen are required to have by law and they are taken into a secluded room for inspection. No one knows who is behind that locked door or what is done and said there; the seamen are kept out. It is reported that those present, in addition to the Coast Guard, include the FBI, representatives of the shipowners, sometimes the master of the vessel and purge-mad union officials. It is also reported that the papers are checked against lists prepared from FBI files, company blacklists and lists of those who have opposed the union officialdom.

NO TRIAL The victim — their numbers now run well over a hundred — is then notified that he is fired. No trial, no evidence, no accusers, no witnesses, no reason for punishment except the blanket charge "poor security risk." The victim is through so far as the maritime industry is concerned. He presumably has a court of appeals in a tripartite board.

Consisting of a representative of the shipowners, of the Coast Guard and of the unions, the board is stacked two to one against a union seaman in the best case and three to nothing if he is a militant opponent of the union bureaucrat. But even this kangaroo court has not yet been set up although scores of men have already been pulled off the ships.

By these methods, unionism is (Continued on Page 4)

An Answer to Budenz's Latest Frame-up

By James P. Cannon

National Secretary, Socialist Workers Party

The well-known professional perjurer, Louis F. Budenz, who was denounced on the Senate floor by Senator Chavez as a character assassin who manufactures "anti-Communist" sensations and peddles them for money, and whose "identification" of Professor Owen Lattimore as a Soviet agent was rejected by the U. S. Senate Committee as a hoax and a fraud, has now come out with a "Latimore" case against the Socialist Workers Party.



LOUIS F. BUDENZ

In his recently published book, *Men Without Faces*, now being serialized in the Hearst press, he states that one of the party members who formerly worked in the secretarial department of the Socialist Workers Party, whom he identifies as "Helen," was a Stalinist agent who "made available to the Soviet secret police all the correspondence with Trotsky in Mexico and with other Trotskyists throughout the world."

This story, published by Budenz for the first time in the middle of the year 1950, has been known to us for more than three years. In the early part of 1947 we received a "tip," purportedly emanating from the first instance from circles close to the FBI, that one of the secretarial workers in the National Office, who was identified by name and specifically by previous occupation and biographical details, was an agent of the Stalinists.

This report was promptly handed over to the party Control Commission for investigation according to the established principles of the revolutionary workers' movement, which read as follows:

ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES

1. Any accusation or even any rumor affecting the loyalty of a party member must be promptly investigated and a decision rendered which either accepts or rejects the accusation, or the rumor. Character assassins are more dangerous than spies. Those who make false accusations or circulate slanderous rumors must be thrown out.

2. Any accused party member is entitled to a fair trial and to confront and cross-examine the accuser or any others claiming to have information in the case.

3. Even though our party is a propaganda-political organization, which is engaged in no conspiracies, it has a right and a duty to protect itself against spies and alien agents of any kind and to expose and eject them wherever they may be found. This is one of the functions of the party Control Commission.

4. A "spy scare" caused by planted "disinformation" can do a hundred times more damage than any spies by undermining the confidence of comrades in each other and disrupting the comradely collaboration which is necessary for fruitful work.

The investigation conducted by the Control Commission at that time established that the "in-

formation" given to identify the accused comrade as to her biography, her previous occupation, and her personal life, was false. It was evident to us then that the accusation was based either on mistaken identity, or was a deliberately planted story designed to create a spy-scare in the organization.

The Control Commission rejected the accusation and exonerated the accused comrade, who had fully cooperated with the investigation, answered all the questions put to her and supplied the Control Commission with all the data relating to her biography and previous occupations, which were subject to verification.

Nevertheless, we began to hear from time to time that the same accusation was being industriously circulated in the New York circles of renegades and ex-radical traitors, always with the same details as to the biography and previous occupation of the accused comrade. About a year ago I had a conversation with a former Hearst journalist who also specializes in the publication of "anti-Communist" sensations and scandals, true, half-true, or manufactured, as the occasion and the market may demand.

He solemnly repeated to me the identical original story about the alleged Stalinist agent in our National Office, giving the same biographic details and insisting particularly on her previous occupation as a doctor's assistant in Chicago. He asked if I would cooperate in a thorough investigation and exposure of the role of the GPU in this affair.

ROLE OF BUDENZ

I informed him that we had already investigated the story and that his specific information as to the previous occupation of the accused person had been investigated and proved to be false by our Control Commission. He asked me if I would be willing to talk to Budenz about the matter. I answered that I would be willing to talk to anybody, even Budenz, if he could supply us with any facts which would be useful in protecting our movement against Stalinist agents; but that the "facts" adduced in this case had already been proved to be false. He said he would see Budenz and arrange a meeting and give me a call. That is how we learned for the first time that Budenz was the author of the story; and it confirmed the first report that the information originated in some kind of "leak" from FBI circles, for Budenz, as is well known, is professional stoolpigeon and perjurer right out of the stables of the FBI.

The proposed meeting with Budenz never materialized and we heard nothing further from him until he exploded his "sensation" in his recently published book. In his first book, *This Is My Story*, published in 1947, in which he told all he knew about the Stalinists, Budenz made a brief allusion to a young Stalinist "whose wife was working among the Trotskyites." That is obviously all he knew about the matter at the time, and that much may well have been true; and it would be no disgrace for us, for we always took it for granted that the Stalinists would try to plant agents in our organization as they do in all others. This allusion of Budenz, however, gained no publicity; the mere fact that an "unidentified" Stalinist agent was "working" somewhere in the ranks of our organization had no sales value as a sensation, and even Budenz did not find it worthy of embellishment at that time.

MORE SALEABLE

But if this anonymous and obscure person "working among the Trotskyites" could be transplanted from somewhere in the ranks into the secretarial department of the National Office and even — to quote Budenz — become "a close friend of James Cannon and his wife, Rose Karsner" — as the accused person was and remains — that would be a more saleable revelation. This inspiration obviously came to Budenz, or was suggested to him, after he had written his first book in 1947, which was two years after he had left the service of the Stalinists and, consequently, cut himself off from all sources of direct information about their business.

In his new book Budenz relates with considerable detail and embellishment the story originally reported to us early in 1947 and repeated about a year ago in my conversation with the former Hearst journalist. But the version this time contains significant changes which are in themselves a dead give-away. The published version of Budenz's story has been fixed up and changed to conform with the facts established by the investigation of our Control Commission as to the previous occupation of the accused person. The original story was anchored to the identification of the accused as formerly a doctor's assistant in Chicago.

THE NEW VERSION

This identification did not fit the facts, as the Control Commission established, and as we reported to all our informants. In Budenz's published version this indispensable Chicago "doctor" disappears entirely from the scene and the accused person is identified as having had an entirely different professional occupation; which is precisely what we reported to our informants and what some of them undoubtedly informed Budenz in time for him to fix up the story for publication.

After correcting his original miscalculation about the occupation of the accused in Chicago, Budenz goes on to extend his story with detailed information as to where the accused lived and what she worked at in New York before going to work full-time in the National Office of the Socialist Workers Party. But in padding out his story with these new details Budenz fell into a trap of his own making. For this additional "information" has also been checked, and each and every one of these details as to where and how the accused person lived in New York, where she worked, etc., is false. They do not apply to this particular person or to anyone else who ever worked in the National Office of the Socialist Workers Party.

A DOUBLE MOTIVE

In concocting his latest perjury, Budenz was undoubtedly actuated by a double motive. First, to produce a saleable sensation; and second, to deal a blow at the movement of honest revolutionaries — in this instance, to demoralize it with a "spy scare." His first aim was successful, but the second one will fail.

Budenz and all the Budenzites — this FBI agent has a large and loquacious following among the renegades — will not succeed, in this case, in smearing our movement and scandalizing an honest comrade who gave years of valued service to the cause. The Socialist Workers Party will fight this frame-up. The case of the Stalinist agent in the National Office of the Socialist Workers Party — as related by Budenz and his disciples — is, to quote the verdict of the U. S. Senate Committee in the Lattimore case, "a hoax and a fraud."

McLEVY EMBARRASSES SOCIALIST PARTY TOPS

Jasper McLevy, who as Mayor of Bridgeport, Conn., has long been one of the Socialist Party's brightest showpieces, has thrown the SP leaders into a veritable tizzy. To their acute embarrassment, McLevy, who is the Connecticut SP candidate for governor, has also been nominated by the newly-founded Independence Party, a dissident Republican group whose chief ornament is Miss Vivian Kellems, reactionary industrialist whom the IP is running for U. S. Senator.

Miss Kellems, in a debate with Norman Thomas, once called the late Republican President Taft and the income tax "socialistic."

A meeting of the SP national committee sent a plea to McLevy not to accept the IP nomination. "You will recall our party constitution provides that acceptance of any such nomination requires approval of national executive committee," they wired McLevy. "This emphatically we cannot give. We anticipate that as a lifelong Socialist you will refuse to run with Miss Vivian Kellems on the published platform of the ultra-reactionary Independence Party."

After wrestling with his "socialist" conscience for a couple of days, McLevy accepted the Independence Party endorsement, with the approval of the State Committee of the Connecticut SP. Miss Kellems wired McLevy that she was "honored to run on the same ticket" and told the press that "Jasper McLevy and I stand for the same things."

Darlington Hoopes, SP National Chairman, and Norman Thomas, its chief standard-bearer, then issued a statement that the "responsible authorities" of the SP "find it difficult to believe" that McLevy, whom they had touted for years as the very model of a "socialist" in office, could take an action "completely out of line with the constitution

of the Party and the principles of socialism."

The SP leaders were filled with "amazement" that McLevy and the Connecticut State Committee did not think it any violation of "socialist" principles to "accept this nomination from a party established by dissident ultra-conservative Republicans to support Vivian Kellems, who in public debate has described and denounced socialism in fantastic terms."

We are amazed only that the SP leaders "find it difficult to believe" that McLevy took the action he has. That's the easiest thing in the world to believe.

"NO ONE CAN POINT"

Nelson A. Parker, a leader of the Independence Party and once a Republican opponent of McLevy's, has affirmed: "They call Jasper a Socialist but he is the best Republican mayor Bridgeport has had in a good many years. No one can point to one Socialist thing the mayor has done in Bridgeport."

The fact that McLevy was the "best Republican mayor in years" never disturbed Hoopes and Thomas. They still boasted about him. Nor are they now disturbed by the fact that he accepted the nomination of a capitalist party. That's not against SP principles, provided it's done with "national committee approval." Norman Thomas himself led a sizeable minority fight at the last SP convention to abandon its independent electoral activity altogether and to support capitalist candidates, let alone accept capitalist party support for "socialist" candidates.

What embarrasses Hoopes and Thomas is that McLevy accepted the support of a capitalist party that doesn't have the OK of the liberals and union bureaucrats. Had McLevy been endorsed by the official Democratic machine, say, the SP leaders might easily have found a formula to fit in such an endorsement with their "socialist" principles.

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JASPER McLEVY

SWP Mourns Death Of Indian SP Leader

The Socialist Workers Party last week sent a letter to the Socialist Party of India expressing its regrets over the death of Yusuf Meherally, former Mayor of Bombay. "On his visits to the United States, we came to know him as a representative leader of the liberation movement in India and a fellow worker for the freedom of all mankind through socialism," said the SWP letter. "His warm-hearted and courageous personality deeply impressed all the American Trotskyists who had the opportunity to exchange ideas with him. We mourn with the Socialists of India in their loss of a fine leader."

North African Leader Predicts A New "Korea"

Abd-el Kr'm, leader of the North African independence struggle who is now in exile in Egypt, last week warned that smoldering revolt in North Africa would explode into a new "Korea" unless its 30,000,000 people won their independence from France and Spain. He said the people in Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco would not fight alongside the Western powers in a new war so long as their countries were under foreign control. He said the Korean war was the result of the Western policy of imposing "counterfeit governments that thrive only on corruption and oppression," leaving the people with no cause to fight for. He said that the people of Indo-China "will not fight against their brethren attempting to liberate the country from the imperialists and their puppet Bao Dai regime."

Inspiring Meeting Held In Tribute to Trotsky

AUG. 20 — "Trotsky's assassination was one of the most monstrous acts of a monstrous decade — a decade spawned in violence and deceit and spattered with blood from its beginning in the Second World War to the present slaughter of the Korean people," stated William F. Warde, National Educational Director of the Socialist Workers Party to members and friends of the East Coast branches of the party who had gathered to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the death of the founder of the Fourth International. The meeting was held at Mountain Spring Camp, whose facilities had been rented for the week-end.

"That is the capitalist side of the world situation. But these ten dreadful years have been no less the scene of heroic resistance to reaction, of fidelity to the truth and to the cause of the oppressed, of resurgence of the world labor movement and the colonial peoples. That is our side of the picture," Warde continued. "These conflicting features express the nature of our times when everything inherited from the past is hit by the impact of the creative forces driving toward a new social system. Stalin's stealthy thrust at Trotsky's brain most sharply symbolized the ruthless struggle for survival waged by agents of the outlived inequality against the finest representatives of the communist future. Stalin aimed to deprive the world working class of its chief source of enlightenment and courage in its darkest hour."

STATE OF CAPITALISM

Reviewing the course of the Second World War and its results, Warde pointed out the precise respects in which events had confirmed or fallen short of Trotsky's ideas and outlook. "America emerged far stronger, but the capitalist world system came out of the war much weaker," he said. "The most that can be said is that capitalism, apart from America, managed to survive. That was due, not so much to its inner powers as to the policies imposed on the masses by their misleaders."

"Capitalism writhing in its death agony can, as Trotsky foretold, only go from bad to worse. It cannot recover its balance or restore its strength.

"The anti-imperialist movements in Asia, Yugoslavia's split with the Kremlin, and the recent upris-

ing in Belgium against King Leopold's return give cause for optimism about the prospects for socialism. Even the editors of the N. Y. Times cried out in regard to the Belgian events: 'Revolutionary feelings are alarmingly close to the surface.' What is alarming for the spokesmen of U. S. capitalism can only be encouraging to us."

NEWS OF TAN MALAKKA

The audience applauded when Warde reported the news from Holland that Tan Malakka, revolutionary leader in Indonesia "remains alive and fighting for a workers' and peasants republic there." In conclusion, he declared that the American Trotskyists are responsible for carrying through a task of surpassing historical importance:

"If U. S. imperialism is today the dominant power and mainstay of capitalism; if American labor and its allies are the sole force that can eliminate it; if the workers can do this only through the leadership of a revolutionary party — then no party ever had a greater mission to perform. It amounts to nothing less than clearing away the main roadblock to socialism and to the full material and spiritual liberation of mankind."

Chairman Arne Swabeck showed how the revolutionary labor movement in the United States was indebted to the teachings and advice of the martyred leader of world socialism. Greetings were sent from the meeting to Comrade Trotsky's widow, Natalia, in Mexico.

Minnesotans Honor Memory Of Leon Trotsky

By Winifred Nelson

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 20 — Many Minnesota comrades and friends gathered in SWP state headquarters here tonight to pay tribute to the memory of Leon Trotsky. The large meeting hall was filled when Vincent R. Dunne, chairman, opened the meeting.

Speaker of the evening was Joseph Andrews, who discussed Trotsky's theories on the colonial revolution and the correctness of his predictions. "The Korean war is part of this gigantic movement," Andrews stated. "The intervention of the United States is clearly an attempt by an imperialist nation to stem the tide of colonial revolt. The Korean war is the bloodiest and most rapacious kind of intervention in history," he declared.

Greatest tribute to Trotsky on this anniversary, Andrews said, is the Trotskyist movement in 20 colonial countries today. "Trotskyism will emerge as the leader of the colonial masses — three-fourths of humanity," he said, "because we are the only ones forward with a program to lead them forward from the struggle for independence to socialism."

A display of the writings of Trotsky decorated the front of the hall. Flanked by two red flags were pictures of Marx, Lenin and Trotsky. To continue publication of Trotsky's works, the audience contributed generously. Literature was sold, as well as subscriptions to *The Militant* and *Fourth International*.

Singing of the Internationale concluded the meeting, from which the following telegram was sent to Natalia Trotsky in Mexico:

"Ten years ago, Stalin's hired assassin struck the blow that removed from our midst, the great revolutionary teacher and leader, Leon Trotsky. But Trotsky's ideas live on! Trotskyist internationalism makes steady gains in its struggles against both capitalist imperialism and Stalinism. Members and friends of the Minnesota section of the Socialist Workers Party in a public memorial meeting here tonight reaffirm their support of the ideas and program of Leon Trotsky and send to you our warmest sympathy and best comradesly greetings."

'Common Man' Is Getting Out of Line, Wallace Complains

"I have made it clear again and again that while the common man undoubtedly would be on the march — I put that out in my speech in May of 1942 when we were in the midst of another war — while he would be on the march it is exceedingly important that as the common man marches he observes the principles of humanity and the rights of man. And as I have seen the development in Czechoslovakia and the development in Korea, I have become greatly disturbed that the common man is going to get definitely out of line and engage in all kinds of brutality and I want to let the common men of the world know exactly where I stand with regard to that." — Henry Wallace in radio interview over Mutual Broadcasting System on Aug. 10.

Stalinist Yugoslav-Americans Forced To Reduce Their Daily to a Weekly

An indication of how low the morale of the remaining Stalinist Yugoslav-Americans has fallen was provided this week in the announcement that their daily newspaper, *Narodni Glasnik*, has been reduced to a weekly newspaper for the first time in 30 years. Headlines in the Aug. 14 issue stated that as of Aug. 28 the paper will be a weekly.

Daily publication was ended upon the failure of a fund drive and subscription campaign begun seven months ago. Despite several extensions of the drive originally scheduled to last three months, only 60 new subscriptions were secured. In Pennsylvania, with almost 200,000 Yugoslav-Americans, only five new subs were sold.

Started 44 years ago as *Radnick Astra*, the Croatian paper published weekly until it was stopped by the government in 1917 for its opposition to World War I. It resumed publication a few months later under a new name, *Znanje*. In 1920 the paper emerged as a daily, changing its name to *Radnik (Worker)*. It was published continuously with one further change to its current title, *Narodni Glasnik*.

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THE MILITANT ARMY

Glad There Is One Paper in America With Some 'Guts'

This week we want to introduce one of our new readers, C. D. of Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

Two short months ago C. D. didn't know that *The Militant* existed. But last month he was one of the large radio audience who tuned in to the national broadcasts presenting the ideas of the *Socialist Workers Party*.

C. D. was very interested in what he heard. He was one of the hundreds of listeners who decided to write for copies of the radio speech.

We don't remember particularly noting his letter then; we were swamped with work seeing that all the letters were answered and that copies of *The Militant* containing the speech were promptly mailed. But after he read the copies sent him, C. D. wrote us again. This time his letter stood out from the rest.

"Please enter my subscription to *The Militant* for six months. I must say that I am certainly glad that some one is doing the job you are doing and doing it so very well. It certainly takes plenty of guts to talk out loud in opposition like you are doing in *The Militant*."

"I have been a socialist all my life and have been sorely disappointed down through the years, but I always felt the right leaders would eventually come along. I hope you are the right ones.

"Anyway, I like *The Militant* very much and I hope you will be able to print it without interruption in the future. I received the program but it cannot compare with *The Militant*, which I did not know was printed. I'm very glad I found a fighting paper that's not afraid to speak out with what certainly seems to me to be the truth."

"I read the three copies you sent me from front page to back. Very interesting reading. I'll be looking with interest to my first subscription copy.

"If possible please send me six copies of each issue of *The Militant* from July 17 to July 31. I would like to pass them to my friends."

"I saw Debs' name mentioned in *The Militant*. I heard him speak many times and always thought he was the most wonderful man alive at his time.

"I enclose check for \$1.54 for the subscription and 18 copies as above. If you cannot send the copies I want, send other copies. They are all good reading."

To us this letter is but another indication that all over the country there are workers and students and housewives — some who knew Debs and those who never heard his name — who are ready to enthusiastically accept *The Militant* as "our paper." It's a satisfy-

ing experience to help bring the revolutionary socialist voice of *The Militant* to such people.

Oakland Literature Agent Lillian Russell reports that she and Willie "sold 12 copies of *The Militant* at a Warehouse Union meeting last Thursday night. Every experience these days points to the fact that the workers are looking for the answer to the war in Korea."

"The enclosed sub was gotten as a result of the worker having read Jim Cannon's Letter to the President."

"Am enclosing a \$2 money order for a year subscription to *The Militant*," writes J. C. of New Haven, Conn. "Have tried the *Daily Worker* but find that it does not 'hue true to Lenin. . . Am willing to try *The Militant* to see if it has a more scholarly approach."

We assume that when J. C. says "scholarly" he means "true to the principles of Marxism." If this is what J. C. means, we enter a plea of guilty.

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"The Fourth International sweeps away the quacks, charlatans and unsolicited teachers of morals. In a society based upon exploitation, the highest moral is that of the social revolution. All methods are good which raise the class consciousness of the workers, their trust in their own forces, their readiness for self-sacrifice in the struggle. The impermissible methods are those which implant fear and submission in the oppressed before their oppressors, which crush the spirit of protest and indignation or substitute for the will of the masses the will of the leaders; for conviction — compulsion; for an analysis of reality — demagoguery and frame-up. That is why Social Democracy, prostituting Marxism, and Stalinism — the antithesis of Bolshevism — are both mortal enemies of the proletarian revolution and its morals."

— Leon Trotsky, The Death Agony of Capitalism, 1938.



TROTSKY



LENIN

Let the Conscience of America Speak!

"Much of this war is alien to the American tradition and shocking to the American mind," says Life correspondent John Osborne in his graphic description of U.S. atrocities against Korean civilians, which we report on Page 1. Certainly, decent Americans can feel only revulsion and shame for what Osborne calls the "utmost savagery" of the American armed forces against the populace of Korea.

And they must feel an equal loathing when they read the admissions by columnists like Walter Lippman and Hanson W. Baldwin, which we also report on Page 1, about the systematic extermination bombings of Korean civilian centers. These will recall to many the world's cries of outraged horror at Hitler's terror bombing of Warsaw and Rotterdam, Mussolini's terrible visitation on the people of Abyssinia and the death rained down on the Spanish people by Axis bombers practicing for the Second World War.

Such abominable crimes against humanity are indeed "shocking to the American mind," whether perpetrated against Poles, Dutchmen, Ethiopians, Spaniards — or Koreans. The slaughter of thousands of defenseless Korean civilians by U.S. bombs comes as a greater shock because the American people have been told that U.S. intervention is designed as an act of "friendship" and "humanitarianism" to "defend" these same Koreans from "aggression."

The American people, of course, have no responsibility for the abominations committed in their name in Korea. They were permitted no say whatsoever about going to war in Korea. Truman did not even ask leave of Congress when he ordered U.S. troops and bombers to the

other side of the world to shoot down defenseless civilians and refugees, to blow up or burn alive thousands of men, women and children and leave to their survivors only a land of charred ruins.

Nor can responsibility be placed on the American boys sent against their will to Korea, where each "feels himself a stranger in a war he doesn't know much about," as AP correspondent Hal Boyle has put it. Surrounded by a hostile populace which regards them as foreign invaders, unable to "tell friend from foe," the American soldiers are reduced by fear, misery and bewilderment to acts which they would normally view with utter detestation.

Those responsible for these vile deeds are the handful of men in Washington and the top capitalist circles who have plunged this country into an undeclared war to dictate to the Korean people the kind of government and the way of life they must follow.

U.S. intervention in Korea, with its shooting and bombing of helpless civilians, is making the name of America a curse on the lips of hundreds of millions in Asia and Europe. This country is fast becoming the most hated and despised nation the world has ever known. That is a fact that the leading capitalist newspaper commentators themselves admit. But it is a fact that the American people dare not ignore.

The conscience of America must speak out against Washington's "utmost savagery" in Korea, demand an immediate end to these atrocities and brand the scoundrels in high places who are dragging the honor of the American people into the bloody mire.

Defense Against Inflation

The value of the escalator cost-of-living wage clause in union contracts has just been concretely demonstrated by the 5-cent an hour wage increase which the 335,000 General Motors production workers will receive automatically starting Sept. 1.

This increase is based on the rise in the cost of living between April 15 and July 15 as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Every three months, GM wages are moved up or down according to the changes in the government's cost-of-living index. The downward movement cannot go below the basic wage scale.

Wholesale commodity prices have soared almost 20% since the start of the Korean war. It can be expected, therefore, that the biggest retail price leaps are yet to come and that the next period of wage adjustment will see the GM workers get another cost-of-living wage boost.

The GM escalator wage clause is by no means a complete protection against the

rising cost of living. For one thing, the government's BLS index is doctored and does not reflect the real rise in prices. It does not take into account deterioration of commodities and other "hidden" forms of price increases.

Moreover, if government price controls are put into effect, the BLS figures, as in the last war, will reflect the official price "ceilings" and not the actual black market prices the workers will have to pay for the things they need.

A completely effective sliding scale of wages would have to be based on a cost-of-living index maintained by the unions themselves through consumers committees of workers, farmers and housewives which keep their own direct check on prices.

Nevertheless, the present operation of the GM escalator clause suffices to illustrate what an effective means such clauses, properly written with all safeguards, can be in protecting real wages in a period of inflation. No union contract should be without one.

The Great Pay-triot

To most of us, Andrew J. May is the low and contemptible political specimen who is now incarcerated in a federal prison for accepting war-contract bribes of \$53,000 while he was chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee during the last war. But to the capitalist politicians who make the laws in Washington, Democrat May is nothing less than a model of a "great American."

When his name came up on Aug. 15 in connection with a war construction program being discussed on the House floor, the occasion was turned into a demonstrative tribute to this bribe-taker now happily lodged behind bars. Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts rose to say that he could not resist the opportunity to pay tribute to May, whom he called a "great American" whose constituents "are justified in being proud of him." The House applauded vigorously.

Just to prove this was not mere partisan sentiment, the ranking Republican

member of the Armed Services Committee, Representative Dewey Short of Missouri, praised May's "great and honorable service" during the last war and found only that May "might have been indiscreet." Once more the House assented with loud applause.

This should surprise no one. From the average capitalist politician's point of view, May did nothing particularly wrong. How many of them would be left outside prison if their own shady deals were made known? May's only failing was that he was "indiscreet" — that is, he was clumsy enough to get caught.

Besides, they really believe May is a "great American." Applauding him, they applauded themselves. For their idea of a "great American" is one who faithfully and effectively serves Big Business and its imperialist war program. Be a "patriot" in this sense, and they will overlook any crime, even to lining one's own pockets in war contract deals while helping to send other people's boys off to be killed in war.

Yugoslavs Are Revising Views on Trotskyism

Perhaps the most rounded report that has yet appeared in the capitalist press on the relationship between Trotskyism and Titoism is the dispatch by Gaston Coblenz in the Aug. 13 N. Y. Herald Tribune. Writing from Belgrade, he says:

"The relationship between the two heretical Communist creeds of Titoism and Trotskyism could scarcely be discussed in a calm manner with Marshal Tito's followers in Belgrade as little as six months ago. The Yugoslav Communists were still under the influence of years of Stalinist training in which they had been taught to regard the 'traitor' Trotskyites as renegades to be guarded against, extirpated and destroyed. Many Communists here undoubtedly still feel the same way. But recently it has become possible to find individual Titoists on the upper level of the Yugoslav party who no longer are angered at the mention of Trotskyism and who are willing to discuss its ideological similarities and contrasts with Marshal Tito's two-year-old anti-Soviet Communist movement."

POINTS IN COMMON

Coblenz then reports an interview he had with "an articulate theoretician" on this subject. "He stated that there is not and probably never will be any political link between Belgrade and the feeble Fourth International. But he coolly listed four ideological points that he said Titoism and Trotskyism had in common as well as four in which he said they differed."

Titoism and Trotskyism agree in repudiating Stalin's pretensions as a Marxist theorist.

They both oppose "the dictator-

ship of the world Communist movement by the Soviet Politburo."

"They assail the 'bureaucratic centralism' of the Soviet Union. The Titoists favor decentralization in Communist domestic rule to prevent the development of what the Belgrade press calls the 'traitorous bureaucratic caste' which holds power in Moscow."

And, according to Coblenz's report of the views of "the theoretician," Titoism and Trotskyism "agree to a large extent on what a 'real socialist society' based on Marxist principles should be like." They both favor workers' councils, for example, to rule the factories.

FOUR DIFFERENCES

On the differences, the Yugoslav spokesman said that "Unlike the Trotskyites, Marshal Tito does not appear to favor a 'centralized' international body to run the Communist world, but prefers independent Communist movements in every state co-operating with each other with a minimum of central control."

Secondly, Trotskyism holds that it is impossible to build socialism in a single country ringed by hostile capitalist nations. "Tito maintains communism can be created in Yugoslavia even under the present unfavorable international circumstances. In this respect, Tito is nearer to Stalin than to the Trotskyites."

Third, the Trotskyists do not believe it is possible for "Communist and capitalist states" to co-exist peacefully. "Marshal Tito on the other hand maintains, perhaps with the same cynicism as Premier Stalin, that they can get along fine."

Finally, "There is a slight dif-

ference in their analysis in the type of society now in operation in Russia. The Trotskyites still speak of it as a 'degenerated' worker-state and maintain that it still has communist economic foundations. They call its foreign policy 'expansionist.' The Titoists go further by calling Soviet foreign policy 'imperialist.'

PRINT IS ANSWER

Coblenz adds that the only public speech made by a Yugoslav Communist leader specifically referring to the relationship between Trotskyism and Titoism that has been reported in Belgrade was made last November by Velko Vlahovitch, a member of the Central Committee. It was an hostile speech, rejecting the idea of an international political party of the working class and striking at the Trotskyists as "sinister figures."

The International Secretariat of the Fourth International answered this speech at some length in an open letter to the leaders and members of the Yugoslav CP. (See summary in Jan. 2, 1950 Militant.) The letter, sharp in tone, defended the need for an international Marxist program and organization and refuted the slanders about "sinister figures" and "international spies" by reciting the heroic record of Trotskyists who have been persecuted by reaction throughout the world.

This letter, reports Coblenz, was "reprinted in a special news bulletin circulated in limited Communist party circles. ... Quite a few Titoists were reported to have been well impressed and to have slowly begun revising their opinion of the Trotskyites as the scum of the earth."

"IT HAS GONE TOO FAR WHEN WE ARE SHOOTING DOWN CHILDREN"

(Continued from Page 1)

I observed in front line areas are brutal. They murder to save themselves the trouble of escorting prisoners to the rear; they murder civilians simply to get them out of the way or to avoid the trouble of searching and cross-examining them. And they extort information — information our forces need and require of the South Koreans interrogators — by means so brutal they cannot be described. Too often they murder prisoners of war and civilians before they have had a chance to give any information they may have.

Osborne emphasizes that "all that is said here is based either on what I myself have seen or on the first-hand testimony of men who participated in the episodes described." He merely thinks that "if our forces had been accompanied into Korea by an adequate staff of political officers who could talk to the people of Korea" then "many American soldiers who are dead today would be alive" and "our men would have been spared the necessities that have been forced upon them, and the American record need not have been blotted by our reliance on, or passive acquiescence in, the murderous habits and methods of our South Korean helpers."

Osborne, of course, does not tell us that it is precisely these "murderous habits and methods of our South Korean helpers" against which the Korean people are waging civil war and that "our South Korean helpers" were put in power to begin with by the U.S. occupation government after Truman and Stalin agreed to slice Korea into two at the 38th Parallel.

"God Save Us from 'Liberation'"

(Continued from Page 1)

Lippman wrote in his Aug. 17 N. Y. Herald-Tribune column:

"We do not have to prove to the world that the United States, supported by the British Commonwealth, is able to defeat Korea. What we do have to prove to the world is that we can help a country without destroying it. If we have to spend a year building up ground forces in the beachhead while the Air Force demolishes the roads, bridges, public utilities and factories of all of Korea, the 'victory' when it comes will indeed be Pyrrhic. Even if the operation is successful, the patient will be dead. We shall not have proved that we can contain aggression but only that we can wreck a country. ..."

The effect of these bombings is described even more frankly and bluntly by Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert of the N.Y. Times. On Aug. 21 he wrote of "the importance of the spirit, or of the ideological, ... in fighting zones such as Korea," where "we have not weighed the political and moral disadvantages of strategic bombing against the military advantages." He observes:

"Strategic bombing, ... is a two-edged sword. Inevitably, we kill and maim civilians, including women and children, for civilians live near freight yards and industrial areas. We are indignant, and rightly so, about North Korean atrocities against our prisoners. Yet as North Koreans, would we not be equally indignant against Americans if our women and children were slain by American bombs?

"The effect of these bombings already has helped to arouse considerable anti-American sentiment in India, and even a British newspaper has commented adversely. How immense will be our task in Korea, if we finally win there, after we have ravaged the land? Bombs are a bad way to win friends and influence people."

One false impression is left by Baldwin. It is not only in North Korea that American bombs are slaughtering helpless civilians. They are being blown to bits and roasted to death in most of South Korea. Thus, an Aug. 8 AP dispatch reported that Capt. Kenneth R. Cornell, American liaison officer with the South Korean forces, disclosed that information

ready. Here there is none of the camaraderie of GI and child found everywhere else that the American Army has gone. Here, on our side, there is only a palpable fear, almost a hatred, of the unknown and unknowable.

"A detachment of South Korean police turns up. As they approach, the refugees show a 'lively and unmistakable fear.' Osborne is 'reminded of some show horses I once saw in training, beaten into a chronic submission that could never be forgotten.' The police detachment brutally herds the refugees down the road and out of sight. 'Seeing all this,' says Osborne, 'I believed what I had been told by many of our soldiers of their finding clumps of civilian dead back in the hills, shot where they had been caught out of sight of our units.'

In South Korea, even the possession of a mirror may mean execution for a refugee, all of whom are thoroughly searched, down to the tiniest tot. "Even children have been found in possession of mirrors which are used for signaling," says a caption on one of the photographs illustrating Osborne's article.

"FIRE INTO THEM"

All the killing of refugees is not turned over to the South Korean police and marines. Osborne recounts an episode of a column of some 400 refugees caught between American and North Korean fire. They try to get through the American lines. The colonel instructs his aides not to let them through, to tell them to go back. "Yeah," says one of the little staff group, 'but what if they don't go back?'

"Well, then,' the colonel says, as though dragging himself toward some pit, 'then fire over their heads.'

"Okay," an officer says, 'we fire over their heads. Then what?'

"The colonel seems to brace himself in the semidarkness of the blacked-out tent.

"Well, then, fire into them if you have to. If you have to, I said."

"IT'S GONE TOO FAR"

Several hours later, reports Osborne, "a report has come that our riflemen have had to fire into another party of refugees who march at them, against shouted warnings and wavings. From the command post an urgent and remonstrating voice speaks over the wire into the hills, 'My God, John, it's gone too far when we are shooting children.' There is some reply from the hills, unheard by all save the officers on the telephone, and at the end the officer says, 'Watch it, John, watch it! But don't take any chances.'

This is the kind of war American imperialism is waging in Korea, where the whole populace is against the foreign invader — an invader who can't "take any chances" and must slay whoever crosses his path in fear lest even the blouse of a little child conceal "aid to the enemy."

DEAR STOOLPIGEON

A Letter to Joseph Curran

It's no surprise to see you turn stoolpigeon. The record shows that you've been working up to that role for years. There always was something phony, something yellow about you. The current purge of union militants on American ships is only the dirtiest chapter in a record that no decent, self-respecting union man would care to have.

You were a company stiff when the Stalinists snatched you out of obscurity in 1936. A sailor who knew you as a bos'n in those days once told me that it wasn't accurate to call you "No-Coffee-Time-Joe." You did knock off the gang for coffee, he said — when you thought they had really put out for "Joe Shipowner."

The Stalinists built you up, as they have built up hundreds of phonies. You became a hero — a paper hero. They knew you were lacking in guts, that there was rubber where a backbone should be. But they wouldn't have lit on you for "leader" if you had been any different. Your favorite fighting position in every battle the seamen have been up against in the last fifteen years was on your knees when you weren't crawling on your belly.

You caved in when the heat was on in 1936 and the Roosevelt administration was trying to force the seamen to carry the Copeland Fink Book. If it hadn't been for the militant West Coast seamen who refused to throw in the towel by following your advice to "take the fink book and burn it on the steps of the Capitol" and who instead threatened to tie up the ships, the hiring hall would have been doomed a long time ago.

Pages from a Shabby Record

You caved in when the government tried to establish its own fink halls in 1938. Your formula for capitulation was to "pack the fink hall with union men." Lucky thing for the hiring hall at the time that the West Coast unions steered clear of your formula and smashed the fink hall by boycott and picket line.

Then there was your notorious surrender in the Standard Oil beef in 1939. You were ready to fight everywhere — before every gas station in Kansas and Iowa — everywhere but on the waterfront. There you had NMU seamen scabbing on their own striking brothers by permitting NMU contract ships to fuel with Standard's "hot oil."

These are only a few soiled pages out of your record but they are typical. Wherever there was a fight against the shipowner or the government, you marched at the rear of the column carrying a big white flag.

When you sold out the hiring hall to the Coast Guard a few weeks ago, you were acting strictly in line with your past. You don't fool anyone, brother stoolpigeon, by becoming the biggest "commie-killer" on the waterfront. The had conscience and the zeal of the new convert are so obvious as to even embarrass your callous counterparts in the AFL seafaring unions. For at least half the 14 years of your career as "labor leader" you were thick as thieves with the "Commies." Every crime, every sellout — you shared with them. Together with them you broke up the movement for unification of all maritime unions. Together with them you sabotaged the fight to defend the hiring hall. Together with them, you were cheek-by-jowl with the shipowners during the war and permitted them to punch the union agreement as full of holes as a sieve. Together you tried to stab the wartime miners' strike in the back.

Like a good stooge for Uncle Joe, you took every zigzag on the Kremlin highway — from "collective security" to "the Yanks are not coming" to the "Second Front" — without a murmur. For all your patriotic bluster, the only change there has been in that you have a new boss. Washington instead of Moscow is giving the orders on how best to betray the seamen.

You Disgrace the NMU's Name

In all fairness, I should mention that there was one brief moment in your life when you took a progressive stand. That was when you joined with the rank and file against the Stalinist hacks to restore democracy in the NMU. But it didn't last long. When you saw that the rank and file was serious, that it didn't mean to exchange a Stalinist dictatorship for a Curran dictatorship, you resumed your natural finky course. You went out all right — by bringing the cops into the hall and into the meetings, by goon squads, dumpings and purges — by terrorizing the seamen with lead pipes and victimization — by disgracing the name of the NMU in the labor movement.

Don't try to pull the wool over anybody's eyes by peddling the lie that "the Stalinists will expose the Trotskyites and the Trotskyites will be glad to expose the Stalinists." Everybody knows that it is you and your gang who are doing the fingering to the Coast Guard, officially committed to this stoolpigeon course by a resolution of the National Council, that the Coast Guard is working with your "advice" and with lists supplied by you.

And don't hold your breath waiting for the Trotskyists to "hit the sawdust trail" and recant. There aren't enough cops and goons and Coast Guard "admirals" in the whole country for that. But there are plenty of seamen who are now making mental comparisons — if you could only stop them from thinking! — between you and the old ISU fakers, who were honest men compared to you. We'll be with them when they get ready to send you down the same trail they once sent the Scharrenbergs, the Granges and the Hunters.

Please forgive me for the trouble I may cause you and the Coast Guard by signing myself

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Just to prove this was not mere partisan sentiment, the ranking Republican

By William E. Bohannon

A lot of publicity has been and will be given to President Truman's prospective appointment of Mrs. Edith Sampson as a member of the United States delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations.



There is no secret about the reason for her appointment. According to the AP dispatch announcing her coming appointment, it was "proposed by the State Department as a way of striking back at Soviet propaganda that Negroes were an oppressed people without opportunity, influence or position in the United States."

In short, it is a good propaganda move for the U. S. government. And that is all it is. It does not signify the slightest change in the conditions of the Negro people at home.

Tragic and Pitiful

By James Kutcher

The national convention of the Disabled American Veterans, held in San Francisco last week, strikes me as a tragic and pitiful affair.

At the convention session on Aug. 17, for example, the delegates adopted a resolution calling for the death penalty "in extreme cases" for "subversives."

Another resolution passed at this session demanded that all persons known to the FBI as members of the Communist Party be placed in "security camps," that is, concentration camps.

A third resolution called for the registration with the federal government and local police of all persons who had belonged to the Communist Party during the last six years.

Their Civil War and Ours

By John F. Petrone

The imperialists don't like to admit the existence of a civil war in Korea because their own United Nations charter forbids the UN "to interfere in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state."

There are others — mainly the Stalinophobic muddleheads — who, if not denying the existence of a civil war, at any rate minimize it and shove it into the background of their considerations so that they can justify their positions of "neutrality" or outright support of the imperialists.

Whatever the relations are between the Kremlin and the regime which it installed in North Korea — and these relations have undoubtedly been modified as a result of the events since June 25 — class-conscious American workers can see for themselves that the predominant element in the Korean war is the anti-imperialist struggle of the people combined with civil war by the workers and peasants against a reactionary capitalist-landlord regime.

Who Said That?

By Fred Hart

"Viewing the events in Korea as a 'police action,' the Government contents itself with piddling steps like calling up a few tens of thousands of National Guardsmen, reservists and draftees. Does it not occur to anyone in the White House that Korea may be only the commencement of something far bigger? And does it not occur to them that, in consequence, it might be the better part of optimism to take no chances whatsoever? The very announcement that the Government is striving to create an armed establishment numbering, say five to six or seven million — rather than a force of two to three — would in itself create that atmosphere of urgency without

a Negro as window-dressing for the criminal Jim Crow system! While Truman's other appointees in the UN will be pointing ostentatious fingers at Mrs. Sampson every time the Negro question is raised by the Stalinists, unscrupulous Negro politicians and wardheelers will be doing the same among the Negro masses in this country every time they start to ask why neither the Democrats nor the Republicans have fulfilled a single one of the civil rights pledges on which they were elected to office.

Naturally, the Negro masses do want "some representation." But it is becoming clear that this kind of representation is invariably offered to them not as a component part of the equality and civil rights they seek, but as a substitute for equality and civil rights.

This shell game yields a certain amount of benefit to the upper class Negroes, the "talented tenth," because they stand to get these window-dressing appointments. But all it offers to the Negro rank and file is frustration, disappointment and despair.

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Genora Johnson Dollinger Is SWP Candidate for Congress

FLINT, Aug. 21 — The Socialist Workers Party announced that Genora Johnson Dollinger has been chosen to run as SWP candidate for Congress in the Sixth Congressional District of Michigan.

Mrs. Dollinger, a life-long resident of Flint, was a pioneer leader of the UAW-CIO in the 1937 sitdown strikes. She led the famous Women's Emergency Brigade during those momentous days.

NEW YORK SWP PETITION CAMPAIGN MOVES TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

By Ben Stone

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 — The campaign to put the Socialist Workers Party on the ballot in New York State will close with a bang next Saturday night when a victory celebration will be held at the Downtown Headquarters.

The final score will be announced at that time as well as the two leading pace-setters for New York City, whose prize will be a free week-end at Mountain Spring Camp.

The SWP has already exceeded the legal requirements in this State and the Saturday night celebration will be preceded by an all-day city mobilization which is expected to bring our final score to a total of 16,000 signatures, which is 4,000 above the legal minimum.

This represents a tremendous victory for the Socialist Workers Party in view of the virtual reign of terror which has been unleashed upon the American people. Readers of The Militant are by now familiar with the unholy alliance of employers, county officials, state police, and fascist riffraff, which sought to frighten off the petition workers with threats, intimidation, and at times, outright force.

LETTERS TO CONGRESS SPUR DEBATE ON KOREA

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half billion dollars in direct preparations for the war in Korea. This was revealed by Senator Millard E. Tydings, Democrat of Maryland, in reply to Wherry.

Quoting from a "top secret analysis," Tydings listed among the items sent the Syngman Rhee puppet government, 49,000 carbines, 58,000 rifles, 43,000 rockets, 170,000 rifle grenades, 25 yard mine sweepers and scores of other small craft.

And Life magazine, which does not customarily toss bouquets to the Truman administration, declared in its Aug. 21 issue: "In the first weeks of defeat and retreat . . . it was easy to think that once again the U. S. was caught . . . without arms and perhaps without the will to use what little we had. Nothing could be further from the truth."

The heroic example of the British working class during the American Civil War can help the American working class to understand the issues at stake in the civil war in Korea. In their spirit, we should speak out against imperialist intervention in Korea, calling for the withdrawal of American troops and defending the right of the Korean people to determine their own fate.

If the war in Korea were popular there can be no doubt that the Republicans would be lustily claiming their share of the credit for the preparations. And they could do so without distorting the facts. They have run cheek to jowl with the Democrats at the head of the war-mongering pack which has converted America into the greatest military camp in history.

The truth is that on all fundamental questions relating to war and conquest, the Republicans are in solid agreement with the Democrats. Bi-partisan policy basically still remains in full force.

Guy C. Gabrielson, Chairman of

Flint Candidate



GENORA J. DOLLINGER

miserable record of the last two years.

"There can be no turning back to the Republicans. I am running to give labor a chance to vote independently of the two-party system, a chance to vote for genuine labor policies.

"The Democrats have failed miserably on their civil rights legislation. This is understandable for a party of Big Business. It is not understandable that PAC should defend this party and its

Mass Meeting Protests Phila. Police Brutality

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18 — The largest and most successful meeting sponsored by the NAACP in Philadelphia in many years took place last Monday night at St. Mary's Chapel, in the heart of this city's densest Negro neighborhood.

Over 400 Negro and white workers came to protest vigorously against police brutality in Negro districts throughout the city.

The meeting, called on a few days' notice, was held to protest the unwarranted beating of Oscar Williams by eight policemen on July 29, and the invasion of the home of Mrs. Barbara Smith, and her sister, Miss Alice Smith, by plainclothesmen on Aug. 4.

Unable to find any trace of the still they were supposed to be seeking, they dragged the two sisters into the street and beat them anyway.

Thomas Reed, NAACP attorney defending Williams, described in graphic terms to the silent and resentful hall the actual story of the Williams beating. He had been arrested during a dispute with a friend and put in a police car to be taken to the local station house. The car suddenly stopped in an exclusively white district, where the two cops guarding Williams were joined by six others, who then dragged Williams from the car and beat him mercilessly with their nightsticks.

WHITEWASH ATTEMPT

Acting Inspector Gibbons, who had returned from vacation to investigate the Williams case, then asked permission to speak. When the meeting voted to permit it, Gibbons got up to make some promises that his investigation would not end in a whitewash, but this was received skeptically by the meeting, particularly when it came out that he had no intention of personally questioning the officers involved in the beating.

The feelings of the audience were made completely clear when a resolution was introduced from the floor calling for the immediate dismissal from the police force of those responsible for the attack. The ovation that greeted this motion, which was adopted, lasted for over five minutes.

William Gardner Smith, author of "Last of the Conquerors" and reporter for the Pittsburgh Courier, opened his remarks by referring to the presence of Acting Police Inspector Thomas Gibbons, who had appeared uninvited and asked the right to speak.

Dependence on the present leaders of the Negro people will not solve the problem of brutality, he warned. "It is necessary for the people to rely on themselves," he said, stressing the need to hold more such public protest meetings.

He concluded by proposing that a delegation be sent to see the Director of Public Safety, but added that a protest demonstration around City Hall was also very much in order.

William Gray, Philadelphia editor of the Afro-American, also declared that police brutality would not be abolished until the Negro community showed it would not be cowed and intimidated. He pledged the full support of the NAACP in this area.

MARITIME IS TESTING GROUND FOR UNION-BUSTING FORCES

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being killed in the maritime industry. The Coast Guard now has final control over hiring and firing, which means that the shipowner — leaving the dirty work to the Coast Guard — can get rid of any militant he wants to without making a move in public. The loyal unionist is effectively gagged, fearful of fighting a grievance or defending union conditions because he may be stigmatized a "poor security risk."

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We warned two years ago when Truman instituted his "loyalty" purge of government employees that it was only a matter of time before this Gestapo system would spread into private industry. There were many indications of this when entire departments of plants were isolated as "sensitive" and here and there a militant was removed from that area as a "poor security risk."

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Murray, Reuther, Green and the other bureaucrats have led the unions directly into this terrible trap. Their behavior has not been one white different from that of their counterparts in Germany who greased the skids for the unions straight into a concentration camp — and even tried at the last moment to compromise with Hitler himself.

It is time for the great rank and file of American labor to speak out — and to act. Your unions, your livelihood, your freedom is at stake. Defense of the seamen against the government-corporation Gestapo system and the police-informer union officials is the imperative need of the hour.

A strong stand by the union officers and committeemen could end the violence inspired by the company in short order. So far these officers have not seen fit to do their duty as union men and publicly pin the responsibility for these flare-ups on management, right where it belongs.