

# Hands Off Korean People's Right To Decide Own Fate!

By John G. Wright

The "calculated risk" taken by the American imperialists in connection with the Korean events has at a single stroke revealed their true character. They have acted in a way that leaves no doubt about their immediate and predatory aims. Meanwhile, of course, they continue to mouth phrases about "safeguarding world peace," "defending the rights of small nations against aggression," "attempting to implement UN's ceasefire order."

Through the moves of his puppet regime in North Korea, Stalin has supplied the capitalist rulers in this country with the desired pretext. They have eagerly seized upon it not only to force a showdown in Korea "up to the 38th parallel," but also to take simultaneously a whole number of steps, summed up in Truman's enunciation of his "new foreign policy" for the whole of Asia. These new moves go far beyond what they are already doing in Korea.

There American air and naval squadrons — under MacArthur — are now engaged in combat actions. It has been officially announced that not only North Korean armed forces but all cities occupied by them, which naturally includes the South Korean civilian population, will be considered as military targets and bombed.

As we go to press, AP dispatches report the first landings of U. S. ground detachments. Previously announced was the establishment of the first "GHQ echelon" on Korean soil and the appointment of Brigadier General Church as head of all the South Korean forces. A complete war censorship on all news about Korea from Tokyo has been clamped down by MacArthur.

All this has been done without the approval of or even consultation with Congress, let alone the American people as a whole.

But this war in Korea, which some dailies have inadvertently termed an "illegally declared war," is only part of what the people of this country have been committed to by Truman's decrees and arbitrary acts.

There is Formosa, a territory only yesterday acknowledged by the State Department itself as outside U. S. jurisdiction, now encircled by American naval units.

There is the announcement of "more help" for Indo-China, where the people are now fighting arms in hand against the French colonial despots and their puppet Bao Dai, and who are now to be confronted also with the full might of American military intervention.

There are the Philippines who are supposedly independent but over whom Washington has now imposed what amounts to a military protectorate.

## PATTERSON ARRESTED, WILL FIGHT EXTRADITION

Haywood Patterson, the most prominent of the Scottsboro frame-up defendants, was arrested by FBI agents in Detroit on June 27. He was held in the county jail under \$10,000 bail, for extradition to Alabama.

Patterson was first arrested in 1931, together with eight other Negro youths, on a trumped-up rape charge. He was tried four times, sentenced to death three times, and to 75 years imprisonment in the fourth trial. Although the whole world knew he was innocent, he remained in jail for 17 years.

Then, in 1948, he succeeded in escaping from the hellish Kilby Prison in Alabama. Since that time, he has been living underground in the North. Last month, the story of his experiences, written in collaboration with Earl Conrad, was published as a book, *Scottsboro Boy*. Its account of torture, brutality and degradation shocked even a public that was already aware of the terrible conditions in Southern prisons.

### FACES DEATH

Anyone who read that book knows that Patterson's extradition to Alabama will mean his certain murder at the hands of the brutes whose names and crimes he did not hesitate to expose in his book.

Patterson announced through his lawyer that he is going to fight against extradition. It is a sure thing that the Alabama authorities, who regard Patterson as a symbol, will exert every effort to get him back into the hands of the law.

Michigan is the home of a powerful labor movement, which must now be aroused to support Patterson's fight for freedom. The

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Michigan — and the national labor movement must not be permitted to evade its duty in this case on the ground that Patterson is being defended by the Stalinist-dominated Civil Rights Congress. What's at stake in this case is a matter of elementary justice and of labor's solidarity with the victims of Southern lynch law.

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# Truman Usurps Power, Pulls Country Into Undeclared War

## Hear the Program of Socialism Over National Radio Networks

**World Empire or World Socialism**  
Joseph Hansen, SWP Candidate for U. S. Senate  
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**What Next for U. S. Labor?**  
Farrell Dobbs, SWP National Chairman  
Mutual Network, Sun., July 16, 11:15-11:30 P.M. (EDT)

**The Socialist Program for America**  
Farrell Dobbs, SWP National Chairman  
CBS Network, Mon., July 17, 11:15-11:30 P.M. (EDT)  
(Except WCBS, New York, which begins 11:45 P.M.)

## HANSEN, BARTELL HEAD NEW YORK SWP TICKET

NEW YORK — Joseph Hansen, Associate Editor of *The Militant*, and Michael Bartell, New York City Organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, will head the New York State SWP ticket in the fall elections as candidates for United States Senator and Governor, respectively.

Other candidates on the SWP ticket, the New York State Committee announced, will be:

For Lieutenant-Governor:

Gladys Barker, a young factory worker and leading member of the Lenox-Fifth Avenue Tenants League in Harlem. She was the party's candidate for President of the New York City Council in 1949.

For Comptroller: Harry Ring, former shop steward of Local 511, UAW-CIO, and SWP candidate for comptroller of New York City last year.

HANSEN SPEECH

Joseph Hansen will fire the opening gun of the campaign on a coast-to-coast broadcast on July 15 over the ABC network.

He will present the views of the SWP on foreign policy, giving a Marxist analysis of the Korean crisis and defending the Yugoslav revolution, which has offered a progressive, socialist alternative to world imperialism and the counter-revolutionary Kremlin.

The Socialist Workers Party will present the only working-class ticket in this election, in opposition to the capitalist political machines and the cowardly labor leaders supporting them.

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## European Notebook

## The Demand for 'Neutrality' in Europe

By Ernest Germain

The cry for a neutral Europe which is raised in bourgeois circles is nothing more than a blackmail maneuver toward American imperialism. The European capitalists are afraid of being crushed between the supreme powers of the United States and the Soviet Union. They fear that an atomic war will start with the complete destruction of their factories and accumulated wealth. They know that they cannot keep pace with the present armament race of the Big Two and that their capacity to defend themselves declines more and more instead of recovering.

But precisely for this very same reason the "neutrality" they are shouting for is a fake neutrality. In the contest of power between the USA and the USSR, European capitalists cannot be neutral, because their fate as a class is linked to the fate of American imperialism.

## THREE GROUPS

Entirely different are the movements in favor of a neutralization of Europe developing more and more in petty bourgeois and intellectual circles. These are genuine movements of revolt of the petty bourgeoisie against the

present state of world affairs, the cold war, the deadlock between the big powers, the mounting reaction and lack of any constructive perspective. Three different groups have recently come out in favor of a neutral Europe: Progressive intellectuals, like Claude Bourdet and Jean-Paul Sartre (Bourdet made a speech in the New York forum of The Nation in May 1950); crypto-Stalinists, like Gilbert de Chambrun, leader of the "progressive Catholics" and member of the French House of Representatives, and Pietro Nenni, leader of the Stalinist Socialist Party of Italy; intellectuals who broke with Stalinism on the Yugoslav issue like Jean Cassou and Louis Martin-Chauffier.

It might seem surprising that one and the same formula could be used as a common political denominator by politically divergent groupings. In reality, this is a common feature of middle class politics. During the German occupation the "resistance movement" was a similar common denominator for divergent tendencies, each of which filled that notion with its own content. In the same way today "neutrality" means something entirely dif-

ferent to the three groupings mentioned above.

For the progressives, it means independence of the Big Two, clearing of the atmosphere by settling accounts with red-baiting and Stalinist hysteria. For the crypto-Stalinists, it means providing vacillating forces inside the American camp with a convenient bridge to cross over to the opposite side. For the people who recently broke with Stalinism, "neutrality" means getting quietly out of the Russian camp without crossing over into the camp of American imperialism.

## PROGRESSIVE SIGN

There is something fundamentally healthy and progressive in this sudden discovery of the virtues of neutrality by the European middle classes; they are becoming increasingly aware of the hopelessness of all politics centered around the cold war. They understand that Europe is doomed under capitalism; that American charity can never lead to real economic recovery; that Stalinism is incapable of leading the continent towards socialism. They grope for some international solution out of the many conflicts and contradictions which have

brought about the present state of affairs.

But there is a basic and fatal flaw in the solution which they propose: their idea of neutrality is a notion of *passive withdrawal* from world politics, and therefore hopelessly utopian. The growing revolt in the colonies involves European capitalists deeper and deeper in the cold war on the side of American imperialism. Europe cannot become independent from the American camp without making its own colonies independent from Europe.

But this involves not only withdrawal from imperialist politics; it means also active support of the colonial peoples against the attempts of American imperialism to become the successor to the old European masters in the colonies. The fight for a "neutral" Europe thereby automatically becomes a fight against reaction everywhere in the world, in the first place a fight against American imperialism!

## SCARED OF IMPLICATIONS

It is therefore no accident that the most verbose defenders of the idea of "neutrality," scared by the revolutionary implications of that idea, shy away to lame apologies

for national and international class collaboration and conciliation. They urge the constitution of coalition governments including the CP in Western Europe and some "democratic forces" in the Eastern European countries. Even some of the more advanced peoples, i.e. an anti-imperialist, revolutionary struggle on a world scale. Only such a struggle can accelerate the decomposition of the imperialist and the Stalinist "blocs" by stimulating the formation of powerful revolutionary working class organizations.

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To this conservative idea of neutrality, based on the status quo and class collaboration, the Fourth International counterposes the revolutionary idea of working class politics independent from Wall Street and the Kremlin. But independence from the Big Two

does not at all mean "neutrality" in the class struggle! On the contrary, independent working class politics in Europe means today the struggle for the Socialist United States of Europe and for complete independence of the colonial peoples, i.e. an anti-imperialist, revolutionary struggle on a world scale. Only such a struggle can accelerate the decomposition of the imperialist and the Stalinist "blocs" by stimulating the formation of powerful revolutionary working class organizations.

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## EXTRA PUSH NEEDED TO FULFILL MILITANT FUND BY JULY 15 DEADLINE

By Reba Aubrey  
Fund Campaign Manager

"The comrades in Flint were prepared for a strike.  
"Stead of overtime hours (which we don't like),  
"But our labor pains shall bring Party gains  
"So we're topping our quota with this much needed hike."

Flint's "hike" of \$25 shot them over their goal — to 121%. "We're not through yet!" says Comrade Genora. She apologizes for the poem, saying it's "corny but six of us comrades got kick out of making it up."

They say their poem is corny;  
We beg to disagree,

A poem that's backed by greenbacks  
Is a poem of high degree.

West Virginia came in with 100% this week, joining the "Big Four" at the top of the scoreboard and winning one of the Militant Chorus records to be awarded to the first ten branches completing their quotas 100%.

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"This \$21 payment brings our total to \$85 or 57% of our quota," says Comrade Virginia for Milwaukee. "Not so good considering the late date. But I know the stragglers will pay up their pledges when they see that the deadline is just around the corner. You can count on Milwaukee for 100% in the final scorecard."

We've been spotlighting those branches that have stayed on schedule throughout the campaign, hoping all the branches would follow the pace setters. Now with only a short time left to complete this \$10,000 fund to help print The Militant, we ought to reverse this pattern. However, we believe every branch on the lower half of the scoreboard is already painfully aware of its position. We also believe that steps are being taken by these branches to fulfill their quotas 100% by July 15.

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St. Louis	50	50	100
West Virginia	25	25	100
Chicago	350	300	86
Connecticut	35	30	86
Buffalo	400	327	82
San Francisco	700	574	82
St. Paul-Minneapolis	750	600	80
New York	2,500	1,963	79
Boston	175	135	77
Seattle	150	115	77
Newark	350	259	74
Philadelphia	300	209	70
Worcester	30	20	67
Youngstown	350	232	66
Akron	75	45	60
Lynn	50	30	60
Los Angeles	1,300	734	57
Milwaukee	150	85	57
Cleveland	250	125	50
Toledo	50	22	45
Detroit	800	330	41
Oakland	100	25	25
Allentown	40	5	13
General	695	538	77
Total through June 27		\$10,000	7,142
			71

## THE MILITANT ARMY

The one-month subscription campaign for The Militant opens this week. At the deadline for this issue we had heard from most of our literature agents and from branches of the Socialist Workers Party on the goals they have decided to shoot for in this campaign. They are as follows:

Branch	Points
Akron	25
Allentown	10
Boston	50
Buffalo	50
Chicago	70
DETROIT	100
Flint	50
Los Angeles	75
Minneapolis	30
Newark	50
New York	150
Oakland	20
Philadelphia	75
St. Paul	40
San Francisco	35
Toledo	28
Youngstown	30

This makes a total of 963 points. One point is scored for each 50¢ three-months introductory subscription. For six-months and one-year subscriptions, two points and four points are chalked up.

Although a summer campaign is not usual, the general response of the literature agents has been enthusiastic. They feel that this is a favorable time to introduce The Militant to new readers as they will be able to read America's leading socialist weekly throughout the election period when interest in politics is highest.

The sudden flaring of war in Korea and the intensified danger of a general conflagration adds a new note of urgency to spreading the Marxist program of peace as widely as possible right now. D. H. of Akron, who has been placed in charge there, writes that he will do his best "to assure the success of the Akron Sub Campaign." The Akron comrades decided to try for 25 points, which is a sizeable figure for their forces.

The Chicago comrades are trying for 70 points. Literature Agent Gus Mason says, "We intend to go over this and already are beginning to talk it up." He mentions that the newsstands in Chicago are "still selling out each issue of The Militant."

The Los Angeles Local of the Socialist Workers Party took a goal of 75 points. The three branches are staging a contest to see who can get the most subs in the 19th Congressional District.

Literature Agent Mari Deck reports that sales continue to be good. "Ruth and I sold 30 papers in Watts. At Vernon and Central, Vivian and I sold 9 Militants and 3 copies of Fourth International in a half hour. On Wednesday I went back and sold 20 Militants in an hour."

Philadelphia took a quota of 75 points. G.L.C. expects that "with any sort of luck we'll go over the top."

Minneapolis likewise is going after 75 points. "This campaign is an excellent means to get The Militant into the hands of new readers," writes Pauline Swanson who is in charge of the campaign, "and we will certainly take advantage of it."

The Milwaukee comrades decided on what they consider a modest goal of 30 points. Their intention is to "make every effort to go over."

The New York sub-getters are laying plans to push through rapidly to completion of their goal of 150 points and promise more information next week about prizes for the highest scorers.

Since this campaign is such a short one, we want to again remind everyone that the old military maxim for success applies here with full force: "Get there firstest with the mostest."

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"The genuinely socialist family, from which society will remove the daily vexation of unbearable and humiliating cares, will have no need for any regimentation, and the very idea of laws about abortion and divorce will sound no better within its walls than the recollection of houses of prostitution or human sacrifice. The October legislation took a bold step in the direction of such a family. Economic and cultural backwardness has produced a cruel reaction. The Thermidorian legislation [of the Stalinist bureaucracy] is beating a retreat to the bourgeois models, covering its retreat with false speeches about the sacredness of the 'new' family. On this question, too, socialist bankruptcy covers itself with hypocritical respectability."

— Leon Trotsky, *The Revolution Betrayed*, 1937.



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## 'National Unity' and Korea

The shouts for "national unity" have already become so loud and domineering that even such a conservative "critic" of the administration as Senator Taft receives severe treatment for his rather cautious remark about Truman's flagrant usurpation of power in connection with the Korean events and is immediately called to order in the press and over the radio.

This clamor for "national unity" is the favorite and most deceptive device of the bitterest enemies of the people, those who would without a scruple sacrifice the vital interests of this country if they or their class benefited personally thereby.

The capitalists of all countries invariably raise this cry in hours of crisis which they themselves have brought about. This small minority tries to pass off its own vested interests for those of the country as a whole; otherwise they could never retain their rule and carry out their policies. Above all, they must beat the workers into line; and this they succeed in doing by beating their leaders into line. It is for these official labor leaders that the entire hue and cry about "national unity" is, in the first instance, intended.

## The Defeat of Senator Graham

The labor and Negro leaders allied with the Democratic Party are getting a sound beating in the first stages of the 1950 election campaign — the primaries which are equivalent to election in the South. First, labor-supported Senator Claude Pepper of Florida was beaten in May by Rep. George A. Smathers, an openly anti-Negro, pro-Taft-Hartley demagogue who ran his campaign along "McCarthyite" lines. And now labor-supported Senator Frank P. Graham of North Carolina has been defeated in a decisive primary runoff by corporation lawyer Willis Smith, whose campaign closely paralleled that of Smathers.

This removes from the Senate two of the three Southern Democrats who have been held up by labor and Negro leaders as the models of "liberalism" and "decency," Southern style. It adds to the Senate two outright reactionaries who don't feel called on to pay even lip-service to the cause of civil and labor rights.

A few more primaries like this, and it will become obvious even to the PAC and LLPE leaders that no matter which party captures Congress next November, it will continue to be controlled by the same kind of conservative, anti-labor coalition that has blocked the passage of

progressive legislation in the 81st Congress.

Even when the PAC-LLPE policy of supporting "liberal" capitalist politicians "works," it doesn't bring any gains to the American workers. And this year, if the primaries properly indicate the trend, the PAC-LLPE policy isn't going to "work" as well as it did in 1948, and the most reactionary forces are going to become stronger and bolder.

There are many reasons but the one that stands out most prominently is the witch-hunt atmosphere which Truman helped to create and which is now being used by Republicans and conservative Democrats alike against the administration and any political figure who ever took a position slightly to the "left of center."

The official labor leaders share responsibility with Truman for these successes of reaction. They not only elected Truman but they refused to put up a fight against his witch-hunt and even imitated it within the unions. The American workers are paying dearly today for the cowardice and stupidity of their leaders, and they will have to pay still more dearly until they succeed in winning their unions over to a program of unambiguous struggle against all forms of capitalist politics and witch-hunts.

## Five Million Times Zero

The Stalinists are busy helping to collect five million American signatures to a petition calling for "prohibition" of atomic weapons and vowing to regard the first government which uses them as a "war criminal." They are also busy — in a Daily Worker column entitled "Questions on Peace" — explaining how the collection of such petitions can prevent war. On June 25, this column ran the following:

Question: How can signing a petition prevent war?

Answer: There's a world-wide campaign on in every land, on every continent, to get hundreds of millions of signatures. Under these circumstances, an individual is multiplied by hundreds of millions — and that's a force to be reckoned with. In other words, war can be prevented if the people's will for peace is organized. Modern war depends on people and the total mobilization of people for war. Total mobilization of the people for peace can therefore prevent the would-be warmakers from carrying out their plans.

Instead of calling that an answer, it should have been labeled as an evasion of the question posed. A petition with one name on it protesting against war is worth zero in the struggle against war. Multiply zero by five million, or by hundreds of millions — it still amounts to zero, and it will still have zero effect on the plans of the warmongers.

## Korean Battleground



South Korean troops are shown during recent maneuvers near the highway and rail junction of Kaesong, a town bordering on North Korea where fighting broke out on June 25 between the puppets of Washington and Moscow.

## Truman Usurps Power, Orders Undeclared War

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into an all-pervasive political police. The courts are grinding out reactionary decisions in contravention of the Bill of Rights, making the expression of minority and dissident opinion a crime.

Meanwhile the monopolies and corporations have exploited this situation to the maximum to wrap a strait-jacket around the trade unions. The Taft-Hartley Law was only the initial step for a series of moves crippling the unions, increasing the scope and rigor of company discipline, pushing speedup to breakneck pace, hounding, discriminating against union militants and gradually reducing union grievance machinery to a fiction. While raking in a golden crop of profits, Big Business has been carrying on its own cold war against the American workers.

With this background of repression at a time when the US arms were not directly involved in conflict, American workers have reason enough to be supremely vigilant of their hard-won rights today. As US planes flew in Korean skies, an official of the government's National Security Resources Board announced that a "master plan" for industrial mobilization is being prepared for presentation to Congress on

the proclamation of a "national emergency."

The plan is nothing short of a blueprint for a military-police state. Among its provisions are the drafting of labor, the freezing of wages, censorship and a drastic curtailment of all freedom. True, the plan is not to be invoked until actual war with the Soviet Union. Its very announcement, today, constitutes a serious threat to the labor movement.

It is issued in the form of a veiled threat against strikes and demands for higher wages and greater security. The initiation of an undeclared war, even against so small a nation as Korea, will place formidable powers in the hands of the Big Brass. The tendency, as we saw during the last war, will be for the generals and admirals — the most venal creatures of the corporations — to become the deciding voice in conflicts between the unions and management. The Money Kings will use the shout of "national unity" to beat down union demands. The alibi of "top security" will undoubtedly be put into effect on a far wider scale in order to victimize militants and radicals.

Despite the great jingo outcry in the country, this program would have tough sledding were it not for the top bureaucrats in

the union movement. The fact, unfortunately, is that the Greens, Murray and Reuthers have sold themselves body and soul to the State Department. They have endorsed the Marshall Plan and the North Atlantic Pact and made them official union policy.

Far from resisting the witch-hunt in the country, they have introduced their own "loyalty" p

urges into the unions. Instead of fighting to preserve democratic rights in the nation, they are making a mockery of democracy in the unions. It is to be expected that they will lose no time climbing aboard the bandwagon of Truman's "war to prevent war" and that they will be as willing to sacrifice the rights of labor as they were in 1941.

The war in Asia is fraught with great dangers for the American people at home. The workers cannot permit the plutocrats and militarists, hell-bent for profits and empire, to decide the destiny of the nation, to take total charge of the foreign policy and the internal affairs of the nation except at the cost of the destruction of our most cherished liberties.

Under guise of battling Stalin in Korea, the Truman-McCarthy coalition will not hesitate to use their most despotic methods in the United States. It must not be permitted to happen.

## LET KOREAN PEOPLE DECIDE OWN FATE FREE FROM U.S. OR KREMLIN

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which virtually all of Asia is now in open revolt.

This series of events is taking place within the broader framework of the struggle for world domination which is the essence of the cold war and of the current new phase of developments.

It is only within this wider framework that the full meaning and implications can be understood and correctly evaluated.

### LIES ABOUT KOREA

As for Korea itself, both sides have been and will continue to lie as only those who pursue great-power politics are capable of lying to their respective peoples.

The contention that either side is concerned with the self-determination of Korea as is foul a lie as Hitler ever concocted. The 30 million inhabitants of both North and South Korea have had no say whatever, especially since their "liberation." Their country was sliced into two segments by secret agreement between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin in the course of their "great friendship" during the last war. Ever since then the population of the South as well as the North have been manipulated like so many cattle by their respective "governments" that is by Washington and the Kremlin.

The American-sponsored regime of Syngman Rhee in the South is a Korean replica of the corrupt and evil Chiang Kai-shek regime in China. It is so discredited that it had to persecute savagely even its most conservative opposition and polled only a small minority in the May elections.

On both counts the present Stalinist "peace" campaign is deficient — and deliberately so. The Stalinists don't want a genuine — that is, a revolutionary — struggle against war. All they want is a movement which can be manipulated and bartered to promote the Kremlin's efforts to secure a deal with Washington. That is why, when it comes to really fighting against war, their campaign isn't worth the paper their petitions are written on.

"neutrality," that is, left open for itself an avenue of retreat. If they decide it best suits their interests and purposes, the Stalinist bureaucracy will try to convert Korea into the same sort of testing ground for war techniques and weapons as was the case in Spain before the last war.

The last world war was a predatory war which led to an equally predatory "peace," which in turn planted all the seeds of future conflict, among which is Korea.

Each side is now busy accusing the other of having provoked the Korean hostilities. It still remains to be seen just who did "provoke" whom and the likelihood is that there was no lack of provocation on both sides. But the most important "provocation" is rooted in the dismembered condition of Korea itself whose living body has been severed in two, like Germany and Austria, and the European continent as a whole.

This division of countries and even whole continents into "spheres of influence" was heralded as the surest basis and firmest guarantee of world peace. And none was louder than Stalin in spreading this criminal lie.

Stalin and his regime bear direct responsibility for the tragic plight in which the Korean people now find themselves. The example of Yugoslavia shows that it is possible for people even in a small country, caught in the very middle between these two giants, to pursue a course independent of both.

### U. S. WORKERS' DUTY

The duty of the workers in this country is to see to it that the Korean people are given that chance, which they will never get unless the American imperialists are made to keep their hands off Korea.

Much more than Korea is actually involved: there are also the people of Formosa, of Indo-China and of the Philippines who are now confronted with the same threat of subjugation as the Koreans, even though in a different form.

The fate of these peoples, singly and collectively, is tied up directly with the issue of world peace or world war. The stormy movement of national liberation which has swept the whole of Asia has been one of the most powerful blocks in the way of the imperialist war-mongers. If they succeed in stemming and crushing this liberationist movement in Asia, the American imperialists and all their allies will be all the more impelled to plunge into World War III.

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## Yugoslavia Today

By Vivienne Goonewardene

### III. The Federated People's Republic

With the complete nationalization of banking and state control of foreign trade, the basis for a socialist economy has been created in Yugoslavia. It was under the leadership of the Communist Party that the working class fought a national liberation war against the fascists and their native allies, the reactionary Serbian and Croatian bourgeoisies, seized the state power and guaranteed the liberation of the masses of Yugoslavia.

The Yugoslav experience demonstrates the truth of the theory of permanent revolution — that the bourgeoisie in this epoch of imperialism cannot lead a national revolutionary war, and that this task devolves on the working masses, and their vanguard, the proletarian party, in the struggle for socialism. It illustrates that in this imperialist epoch the independence of a small country can be achieved only through a social revolution — a class war against fascism, imperialism, and their local agents, the native bourgeoisie.

During the war the Yugoslav Communist Party was under pressure from the Allied governments, including the Russian, to subordinate itself to Mikailovich, who was the representative of the emigre government in London as well as a collaborator of the Nazis, using the arms he obtained from the Allies against the partisan fighters and not against the fascists.

But the stormy development of the struggle prevented this, and the Communist Party followed an independent policy, just as later it resisted the pressure to turn its country into a sphere of interest of the Soviet Union. Instead, in the fire of the national liberation war, the old organs of administration and power were overthrown and supplanted by democratic organs elected by the masses to organize the rear and gear it to the needs of the war. In the midst of the liberation struggle a new Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia was created on the recognition of the socialist right of self-determination of peoples and the right of secession from the federation.

### The Functioning of the New Government

The Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia is governed by two elected assemblies: the House of Nationalities and the Federal Assembly. The former is elected on a Republican basis where every republic sends in 30 deputies, the autonomous provinces 20, and the autonomous regions 15. The latter is elected on the territorial basis of one deputy for 40,000 citizens. Every law has to be approved by both houses.

Election to these assemblies and to all other administrative organs is by adult universal franchise, and every man and woman over 18 years of age has the right to contest an election as well as vote. Though for the economic development of this country there is a centralized administration, whereby the various Republics have the authority to draw up plans for their own development and make their own constitution, while there is a mutual recognition of the necessity of aiding the more backward sections of the country.

It is necessary to stress the attitude of this state toward the men who produce in order to emphasize the difference with the attitude to working class conditions in capitalist countries. Here the new factories are not set up in drab surroundings, but in a beautiful setting, and the factories are equipped with showers, reading rooms, restaurants and rooms for relaxation in sport. The workers' towns that are constructed side by side with the mines and factories are equipped with modern conveniences, and the factory gives a low interest loan to the worker to furnish his flat. Schools, theaters, lecture halls, cinemas, reading rooms and libraries are part and parcel of the preconceived architectural plan.

The cultural life of the workers gets every attention of the trade unions and the state. Culture and art, which were hitherto the monopoly of a privileged few, are now the prerogative of the masses. Dramatic clubs, discussion groups, lectures on literature, music and politics, are organized at the lecture halls and reading rooms. Courses of general education are conducted to liquidate illiteracy. Physical culture organizations at factory and school receive special attention, and the masses participate more and more in this field of activity.

### The Press and the Fight Against Illiteracy

The press in Yugoslavia indicates the rapid progress achieved under the new regime, and the level of cultural life before the war indicates the tempo of development. Over 45% of the people in pre-war Yugoslavia could not read or write; in Macedonia over 67% of the population could not read or write, and had hardly any educational institutions. There were no schools for minorities or for nations like the Macedonians, and hardly any schools were built in the villages. Today the Federal Republics, the trade unions, the People's Front, the anti-fascist women's front and the state all combine in a powerful drive to build more schools, universities, technical colleges and teachers' training institutions.

Newspapers in Serbian, Croatian, Macedonian, Italian, Hungarian, Czech, Slovakian, Rumanian and Russian are published in Yugoslavia, and the press is certainly a popular press. The trade unions have their own paper in every republic, the workers' collectives, technical institutions and literary societies have their own magazines and newspapers. Today the level of illiteracy has been reduced to almost 12%. Over 1,350,000 daily papers are sold and an average edition of a book runs to about 30,000 copies. Even the national minorities have their own schools.

In the reading rooms one can obtain the slanderous Stalinist newspapers. Unlike in Hungary, where it was stated that a government employee speaking to a foreigner can come under the act of treason, one can get about Yugoslavia without the equivalent of an FBI agent following one around. One can speak to anyone, and obtain first-hand information on every matter. And the workers answer you without a trace of fear or embarrassment. Trade unionists and state officials who give courteous attention to delegates from other countries do not attempt to hide the difficulties that the Yugoslav economy has to face.

But what impresses a newcomer to the country most of all is the terrific enthusiasm of the working masses in factories and other enterprises. Many a worker replied: "Can you understand our feelings? We are now working for ourselves, our children. Now we need not be haunted by the nightmare of unemployment and starvation!"

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## PLAN TO EXTEND WORKERS' COUNCILS IN YUGOSLAVIA

Rad, organ of the Trade Union Federation of Yugoslavia, devotes one of its editorials to the tasks of the trade unions in the foundation of workers' councils. These councils are composed of the best workers, engineers and technicians selected by the workers themselves. They participate in the management of the factories in cooperation with the state administrations; they supervise work in the factories; they submit proposals for the improvement of production and for safe working conditions.

The workers' councils were instituted on the basis of a decision of the governmental economic council and of the Central Committee of the Trade Union Federation, a decision adopted last

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## The Fourth of July

By William E. Bohannan  
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To most Americans today the idea of revolution in this country seems impossible or unnecessary — or even "un-American." But the Fourth of July is an annual reminder that the United States was founded by a revolution, and has a proud revolutionary tradition that is not surpassed in many other lands.

The revolution that began in 1776 was not the first on American soil. As William F. Warde pointed out in his brilliant series of articles in the Fourth International last year, the first great social revolution on this continent that we know about was the overthrow of the tribal Indian society that the European immigrants found when they came here. The system of private property was introduced in America as the result of this revolution that crushed the pre-capitalist system of communal property under which the Indians had lived.

The next stage in the revolutionary process which has made the U. S. what it is today was the war and civil war in the 18th century for independence from Britain and for the right of the American colonists to rule themselves and the country's resources as they saw fit.

The "irreversible conflict" that broke out in the 19th century was a revolution against the system of slavery, which was hampering the industrial development of the nation on a capitalist basis and threatening to destroy the hard-won democratic rights of the masses, white as well as black.

Thus we can see from our own national experience that no system is eternal. When conditions demand and opportunity permits, a system which the people regard as outlived gives place to a new system. Sometimes the change is peaceful, sometimes violent; it all depends on the power and ability of the old ruling class to use violence to obstruct the change demanded by the majority of the people.

The present capitalist system owes its existence and power to three victorious revolutions — against Indian tribalism, against British colonialism, against Southern slavery. It seems very imposing today, but we know that it is not eternal, and that it will give way to a better system



## The Taxes You Pay

By Joseph Hansen

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Around election time Congress talks about easing the tax burden for the little fellow. Sometimes they go so far as to knock a few cents off the annual levy. It's a way of softening up the voters.

The shooting in Korea, however, now gives them a convenient pretext for passing up even this small gesture. In fact, if the war-mongering propaganda about "calculated risks" in bringing the cold war to a boil is any indication, we're in for some increases that can finally sink the family budget.

Maybe they'll hold off until after election. But the experience of two world wars should be proof enough that when the bombs begin dropping, no matter what else happens there's one thing you can be sure of — the cost will be passed on down the line until it hits the lowest income levels.

If taxes went for useful things like schools, highways, bridges, hospitals, civic improvements and so on, no one would object to carrying his fair share.

However, only a few pennies out of each dollar you pay in taxes goes for such benefits. Most of that dollar goes down the bottomless drain of war. Wars past, wars present and wars to come.

This is not all. Since the government gets its wars on credit, it's not only the astronomical cost of war but interest on the debt too. Interest is up in the billions a year now and nothing in sight to bring it down.

How are we to get out from under this burden? An immediate obvious remedy is heavier taxes on the giant monopoly corporations. Their profits soared to all-time highs during the war. They came out of the conflict with tremendous new holdings abroad and vast increases in plant equipment built at government expense. Now they're

when the majority of the people want a change and are ready to fight for it. In the opinion of the Socialist Workers Party that day is not far off, and it is being hastened by the social, political, economic and moral bankruptcy of a ruling class that has outlived its usefulness and can only provide us with increasing wars, depressions and invasions of our civil rights.

That is why the Fourth of July is not a day of dead ceremonial for revolutionary socialists, as it is for the capitalist rulers who would like the people to forget the revolutionary origins of the profit system. We honor the revolutionaries of 1776 by trying to emulate them, by seeking to complete the progressive work which they began. And we do so with full confidence in our ability to achieve success because the capitalist class is making life as intolerable for the masses of the people in 1950 as the British rulers did in 1776.

When someone asks us how we, a relatively small and isolated party, can hope to lead the people in such a great undertaking as the establishment of a new social system, we are reminded of the experiences of past American revolutions and encouraged by them.

Every great progressive movement necessarily has to start out as a minority. Sam Adams and his friends who organized the Sons of Liberty and the Committees of Correspondence which played such a decisive role in the revolution against Britain also began as a minority, and even in this minority only a very small fraction were from the beginning consciously in favor of an all-out fight for independence. Similarly, in 1830, the Abolitionists were a tiny handful, despised, ridiculed and persecuted. But these minorities were distinguished by two things — a program that fitted the needs of a nation in crisis, and a dogged determination to keep fighting against all odds. As a result they succeeded in winning the support of the majority of the people, not only in the sense that their ideas were accepted but that they were fought for.

The capitalist class, which favored and benefited from past revolutions, hopes to prevent the next one by using witch-hunts and "subversive" blacklists to suppress the revolutionary minority of our time. But they won't succeed at this in the long run any more than their British, Tory and slaveholding predecessors succeeded in holding back the march of events in previous centuries.

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### Stalinists Concoct Fantastic Charge Against Yugoslavs

By Al Lynn

LOS ANGELES, June 19 — In a most suspicious-sounding story released here in today's Stalinist People's World, "Tito thugs" and the opening of new Yugoslav Consulate in San Francisco were jointly blamed for an alleged beating of the manager of the Stalinist San Francisco book store, on June 13.

In a three column spread, reeking with the odor of familiar Stalinist frame-ups, the story is told of John Voich, manager of the International Book Store, who was beaten and robbed a week ago. It took the Stalinists nearly a week to publish (concoct) what they obviously regard as a very important story.

Voich relates that he received a mysterious phone call on the night of June 13, informing him that the building housing the book store was on fire. He says that as he prepared to leave his house to check on the fire, an automobile appeared at his door with three Yugoslavs who wanted to discuss the question of Yugoslavia with him. They offered to give him a ride downtown to the book store, but when they arrived there was no fire.

Thereupon, according to Voich, they drove around the city for several hours during which they discussed Yugoslavia. Voich says they agreed with everything he had to say against Yugoslavia and Tito. All at once they threw him out of the car, beat him up and robbed him, leaving him a few miles from his home.

#### FANTASTIC CLAIMS

In his People's World statement Voich says he is convinced that the attack was carried out by agents of the Tito government "because it was not done in the fashion of amateurs." "And," he added, "we know that the Tito government has been shipping just such well-trained experts all over the world." He also claimed that there is a "definite link" between the beating and the recent opening of the Yugoslav Consulate in San Francisco, evidently believing that they send a consultant halfway around the world just to take care of him.

There are many discrepancies in the story despite the long time the Stalinists required before they decided to try to fit this case into their anti-Yugoslav slander campaign. If an assault actually took place, it would seem that it was a case of robbery.

Next you add special taxes like those slapped on show tickets, whiskey, cigarettes, the baby's talcum powder and other such luxuries. Then the tax on gasoline, train fares, telegrams, the telephone — so many items that when you figure it up you wonder how the family eats on what's left of that poor, battered pay-check.

Obviously there's a job waiting to be done on taxes. The poor should not have to pay through the nose. The tax load should be placed on the rich. After all they can afford to pay and it was their government that ran up the bills.

Looked at from a dollar and cents view, isn't it about time labor was putting its own tax experts in Congress?



### Hansen, Bartell Head N. Y. Ticket

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elections in this state. In 1946, although the party had overcome all the tremendous obstacles placed in its path by the reactionary election laws, its nominating petition was challenged by the Democratic Party, and its candidates were barred from the ballot on a flimsy, trumped-up pretext. In 1948, however, the SWP succeeded in placing its presidential ticket on the ballot in this state.

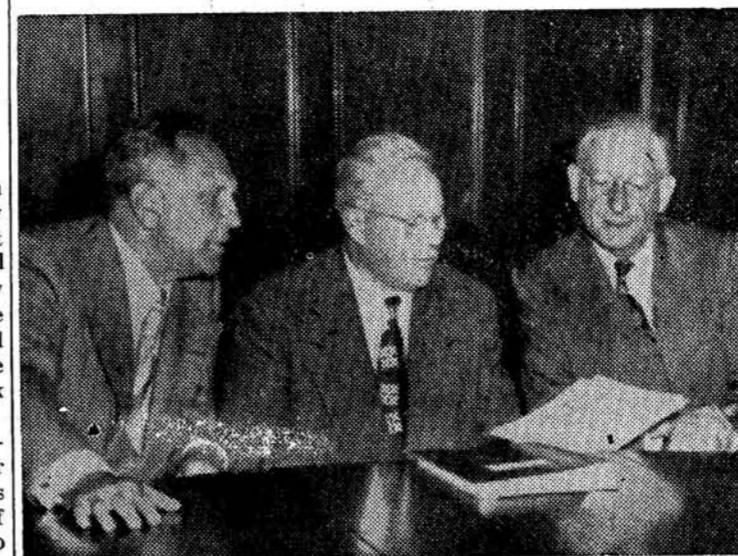
The election law was drafted with the deliberate intention of making it as difficult as possible for minority parties to be listed on the ballot. Signatures are required from all 62 counties in the state except one, including many which are very sparsely settled.

Nevertheless the New York organization is embarking on the campaign with every confidence that it will be able to overcome these obstacles, so that the workers of this state will have the opportunity to vote for a workers' ticket and a socialist program in November.

Back of this change in line, we can see Stalin's desperate fear of Titoist sympathies in the satellite countries. The connection between language and national oppression is excellently presented in a recent pamphlet, *The Russian Language and Great Russian Chauvinism*, written by Radovan Lalic, Professor of Foreign Languages at the University of Belgrade. (Published by the Yugoslav Information Center, New York 10.)

Lalic calls attention to a Moscow order intended to make Russian the prime language of Czechoslovakia. This was not the individual crime of a misguided zealot among the bureaucrats,

### Oust 157 Workers



After a three-hour session, regents of the University of California approved the discharge of 157 university employees for refusal to sign an anti-Communist oath. L. to r.: Lt. Gov. Goodwin Knight, Gov. Earl Warren and University President Robert Sproul.

### REGENTS INITIATE MASS PURGE OF STAFF AT CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY

On June 23 the Board of Regents of the University of California dealt the most damaging blow yet given to the fast-fading academic freedoms in this country and set the pattern for the institution of thought-control in this country's campuses.

The Regents summarily discharged 157 members of the staff who failed to comply with their April 21 order to sign an anti-subversive" declaration (a local form of the "loyalty" oath). 18 others were fired on the pretext that their work was "unsatisfactory." The cases of 81 other "non-signers" will be taken up when the Regents meet again on July 21.

The dispute over the "loyalty" oath has been raging in the University of California for over a year. Staff members by the hundred have protested against it and vowed their determination not to submit.

#### SHABBY RUSE

But the "loyalist" opposition among the members of the Board of Regents was easily beaten into line by the witch-hunting majority by means of a shabby ruse. On April 21 the witch-hunters "withdrew" their demand for a separate "loyalty" oath and ordered instead a "contractual commitment" to exactly the same effect.

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### Rogge Defies CP Pressure, Makes Pro-Yugoslav Speech

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the hotel management to cancel the hall with the threat that demonstrations and violence would take place if the meeting were held. This also blew up in their face when the management decided to cancel the hall rented to the YPA but rented the same hall to the individual members of the Westside Club who were sponsoring the meeting in defiance of what they characterized as a "high-handed, irregular decision by enemies of the new socialist regime in Yugoslavia."

In his speech, Rogge expressed his support of the Tito regime. "They broke from the Cominform because they wanted to make their reforms in their own way," he said, "and they have every right to do so."

During the question period Rogge underscored the many progressive aspects of the new regime. "It's sheer nonsense to call this a fascist state," he told the Stalinists. "They are building socialism for the benefit of the people, but they are intent on doing it their own way. They are resisting dictation from the East and they will resist it from this country."

The bulk of the people are obviously in support of the new regime," he said. "I heard more recent discussion of the problem of human freedom in Yugoslavia than anywhere else I've been. They are bent on developing the freedom of the individual in a collective society, and even those of us who may doubt that this

can be done should support their right to try it."

#### "I WON'T ANSWER"

The scandalous role of the Stalinists in attempting to suppress public discussion of Yugoslavia was bared to the hilt at this meeting. Attempting to skirt the issue, the hack from the YPA County Committee, Joe Kay, declared to the meeting that the issue of Rogge speaking on Yugoslavia was not at all involved in their efforts to prevent the meeting or their expulsion proceedings against those responsible for its organization. "This is simply a case," he asserted, "of people with a public record of disruptive activities and opposition to the program of YPA."

This was blown sky-high when Alexander Jurich, chairman of the editorial board of Novi List, paper of the Friends of New Yugoslavia, rose from the audience and posed the question to Kay:

"Would the YPA sponsor a meeting for Mr. Rogge on the subject of Yugoslavia?" In a pitifully weak voice, Kay replied, "I won't answer that question."

The audience expressed loud approval as Jurich then condemned him as "an agent of the Cominform . . . a group of political gangsters who are opposed to democracy anywhere."

The meeting closed with an appeal by the chairman, Ethel Peterson Weiss, for all YPA members to join the fight against the provocations and "let the vilifiers of Yugoslavia know that we will not be silenced!"

### NAACP Parley Votes to Start Own Witch-Hunt

By J. Blake

BOSTON, June 25 — The 41st annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, concluded here this week, took a long step backwards in the struggle for internal democracy and for civil liberties in general by opening up its own private witch-hunt.

Instead of seriously attempting to analyze the reasons for the failure of the NAACP's political action program to win civil rights legislation, and instead of carefully seeking the cause of the tremendous loss of membership in the past few years, the national officers diverted the dissatisfaction of the delegates into the dangerous course of blaming the "Communists" for all their organizational ills.

After the groundwork had been laid by a barrage of speakers, national officers and guests invited to address the convention, the national board of directors got the resolution they wanted by a vote of 309 to 57, with the rest of the 500 delegates from 38 states either not present or abstaining.

#### SWEEPING POWERS

The resolution empowered the board of directors to appoint a committee "to investigate and study the ideological composition and trends of the membership and leadership of the local branches" and "to suspend and reorganize, or lift the charter and expel any branch which, in the judgment of the Board of Directors . . . comes under Communist or other political control and domination."

On political action, this year's convention decision had nothing more to say than last year's: Both the Democrats and Republicans let us down. "We realize that in the days ahead, attainment of our legislative program will depend largely upon the fullest participation of our membership in a dynamic political action program within the non-partisan policy of the Association."

The witch-hunters have every reason to gloat over the victory they have chalked up. They have in the meantime the most sweeping purge in modern times in an American university, setting the precedent and the pattern for the rest of the country.

With the intensification of the war hysteria, which is bound to continue regardless of the final outcome of the explosion in Korea, the witch-hunters and all the enemies of civil rights will redouble their efforts. Clearly, if the California witch-hunters are not resolutely beaten back, it is merely a question of time before all our schools and universities will be regimented, as happened in Germany under Hitler and in the Mikado's Japan.

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Both Brown and Tenginga opposed rent control. They argued that controls deprived the landlord of full rights in his property, and that they prolonged the housing shortage.

When Brown drew a dismal picture of the landlord's plight, Myer read from a recent statement by H. T. Nelson, head of the National Realty Board, expressing unbounded enthusiasm over the future of property values. Tenginga's answer was that Nelson is not a landlord.

The discussion ranged over the whole field of housing, from the meaning of the building boom to the high cost of apartment buildings.

Brown claimed that the average tenant today spends no more than 25% of his income for rent, and pointed out that this proportion has long been recommended by economists.

Myer challenged this figure, pointing to the redecorating, maintenance and other costs so frequently borne by the tenant today. Further he asked: Why should the 25% figure be permanent? If the standard of living is to rise, why can't a man pay a smaller proportion of his income for rent and have that much more general buying power?

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