

'Operation Killer' Enters Its Second Year

An Editorial

One year ago American imperialism sent its armies to impose its will on the Korean people. From the beginning of this undeclared war the American people could not see why it was necessary to send their sons 10,000 miles away to fight and die. They want the troops brought home.

The GIs who suffer the horrors of this war have made it known that they do not believe either in its necessity or its justice. They feel that they are usurpers in a strange land. They want to go home.

The peoples of Asia, witnessing the ferocious U.S. intervention in the Korean civil war, correctly look upon American imperialism as their main enemy. The systematic extermination of the Korean populace and their towns and villages has aroused deep hatred against the U.S.

The American people hoped that after World War II there would be peace, and friendly cooperation between this country and the rest of the world. They are sorely disillusioned. In prospect is World War III and atomic destruction.

Without question this is the most unpopular war in American history. Yet, Truman, Congress and the Pentagon keep it going. "Victory" is excluded for the imperialists in Korea. The "Great Debate" has shown that none of the spokesmen for American capitalism believe they can come out from this war with any real solution even for their own problems. They confront the titanic power of the Asian revolution which force of arms cannot hold back.

But the American plutocracy cannot allow the Asian peoples to settle their own fate, choose their own governments and achieve their political and economic independence. American monopoly capitalism must try to dominate the world or suffer internal economic collapse.

The people of this country do not share the imperialist ambitions of the ruling class. For them the Korean war, and the coming all-out war, promise nothing but death for the youth, and the loss of their traditional standard of living and democratic freedom.

Already the Korean war — only a preview of all-out war to come — has brought inflation which threatens to drastically lower the standards of life for the masses. Government attempts to freeze wages, the heavy taxation on low incomes, combined with the unrestrained profiteering by the big corporations, forewarn the workers.

The offensive against freedom of expression, backed by the recent decision of the Supreme Court upholding the Smith "Gag" Act, is speeded up. For a war in which they do not believe, the people are already bearing heavy burdens.

After a year of war in Asia, the American people see the government leaders offering none of the things they hope for. There is no prospect of enduring world peace; instead the grim threat of a world-wide atomic war.

What has the past year of Truman's "operation slaughter" shown?

1. The present capitalist rulers of the U.S. are leading this nation down the road to disaster.

2. That the capitalist private profit system can survive only by such murderous means.

3. That the American people need a new hope, a new outlook and a new kind of leadership, to defend their living standards, democratic rights, and secure peace.

4. This new leadership can come only from an independent working class political movement which will strive for a socialist America and a socialist world.

Militant Campaigner

Pace Stepped Up In Sub Campaign

By Joseph Hansen, Business Manager

The pace picked up again in the Big League Militant Circulation and Sales Campaign after last week's lag. The branches of the Socialist Workers Party, which are sponsoring the contest to increase the number of readers of *The Militant*, appear to be opening up for the final spurts down the home stretch. It's still anybody's guess on who will win the grand prizes offered in each League of a trip to New York and week's vacation, expenses paid.

Up to now the score for subscriptions is 1,363; sales of single copies, 18,855.

Seattle, after trailing for many weeks in the Coover League, managed to nose past San Francisco. Chicago increased its lead over Los Angeles and moved up on Detroit close enough to give the auto city cause for concern.

In the Konikow League the hard-fought contest between Youngstown and Cleveland to leave the other in the cellar ended this week by both of them clambering over Milwaukee.

The Kujac League saw something of a shake-up. New Haven pushed Pittsburgh down a notch. Allentown inched ahead of Toledo. And West Virginia dropped into last place.

Among the national pace-setters, the week's sensation was Winifred Nelson of the Twin Cities. She moved from twelfth to seventh place. For the explanation, turn to the excerpts from her diary on page 2 of this issue.

Ernie D. of Detroit likewise made an impressive showing, moving up the ladder from seventh to fifth place.

A few branches failed to make the deadline with their reports. We ask one and all to watch this from here on out. It's Wednesday morning.

(More about campaign in "Militant Army" on page 2.)

MILITANT BIG LEAGUE SCOREBOARD

Branch Scores

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Buffalo	4,614	Harry	1,097
Seattle	3,146	Winifred	1,036
San Francisco	2,886	John	977
Konikow League	2,785	John R.	953
Newark	1,584	Jean	839
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Washington, June 6 (AP) — The Korean Republic's new ambassador, Dr. You Chan Yang, at

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Meat Trust Moves to Halt Beef Supply

Meat Prices Hit Sky-High Levels

With retail beef prices already at three to four times, pre-war levels, the monopoly packers — Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy — have deliberately withdrawn from the market on the pretext that they are unable to buy cattle from dealers, the biggest of whom, especially the ranchers, have been maneuvering hand in glove with the "Big Four" meat gourgers. And this at a time when the largest cattle herds on record are roaming the plains.

For weeks prior to the current shutdown, the big packers systematically curtailed production with a view to squeezing the housewives by artificially created shortages. Their latest move puts finishing touches on this squeeze and acts to further discourage the independent farmers from shipping cattle. This is a repeat performance of the 1946 packers' "sidewalk" and it pursues the same ends — to hike meat prices and packers' profits to the sky. They want to remove federal "controls" imposed by Price Stabilizer DiSalle which are a hoax to begin with.

"We know," correctly states the CIO Packing House Worker, "the reason the 'controls' now in effect aren't working is because they weren't made to work. It's no accident that no housewife knows what the proper ceiling price of meat in her neighborhood shop is — and it's no accident that the packers can't buy meat from the livestock dealers."

THE ROLL BACK

The "roll-back" instituted by DiSalle in prices for live meat, is actually no roll-back at all. Last May Secretary of Agriculture Brennan testified that "on a percentage basis farm prices of meat animals have risen more sharply than retail prices of meat in recent months." Even under DiSalle's "fraudulent" "price-control" program the cattle dealers are guaranteed from one-third up to one-half more than the levels which the government itself calls a "fair return."

In May 1950 the packers paid, on the average, \$29.02 a hundred pounds for choice grade cattle; when the whole order is in effect by October they will be paying \$30.04, or \$1.02 more a hundred-weight than before the imposition of controls.

DiSalle keeps issuing "warnings" to slaughterers not to pay over the ceiling prices otherwise

Korea War a Year Old -- Stop the Slaughter Now

2 Convicted, 4 Freed In Trenton Frame-Up



The world famous Trenton Six. Front row (l. to r.): Collis English, James Thorpe, Horace Wilson, Rear: R. Cooper, McKinley Forrest, J. McKenzie. English and Cooper were convicted on June 14 by an all-white jury in a Jim-crow frame-up.

June 14 — The jury in the Jim-crow frame-up murder trial of six Trenton Negroes today freed four and brought in verdicts of guilty with recommendations of clemency for two other equally innocent defendants. Under New Jersey law the clemency recommendations make life sentences mandatory. The men freed are: Horace Wilson, McKinley For-

rest, James Thorpe and John McKenzie; those now facing life imprisonment are Collis English, 26 year old navy veteran suffering from a rheumatic heart and malaria, and Ralph Cooper.

After a brief charge by Superior Court Judge Smalley the case went to the jury at noon.

time Wednesday, June 13. After twenty hours of deliberation the verdict was brought in, thus closing the 103-day long second trial. Defense counsel announced that they would appeal the conviction of English and Cooper.

The second defense summation was by National Association for the Advancement of Colored People counsel, Raymond Pace Alexander. In a conciliatory address which distributed praise evenly to the other defense lawyers, the judge, the jury, the City of Trenton and even the prosecution — who he stated was making a grave error in this trial — Alexander asked for the acquittal of all defendants. He told how on a trip to Europe shortly before he became associated with the Trenton Six defense he saw articles

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A Series on
The Stalinist
Peace Campaign
By JAMES P. CANNON
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that "prejudice doesn't walk with a placard," but "comes in insidious disguised ways." He also compared the forced "confession" of his client to those produced by the Moscow-trial methods in the Stalinist dominated countries of Eastern Europe.

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Acheson Compelled to Admit 'Police Action' Is Real War; 175,000 U.S. Casualties

Almost one year after the start of the Korean slaughter, Truman's Secretary of State Acheson has reluctantly admitted that this savage conflict is not just a "police action" but an honest-to-God war.

Acheson confessed that "in the usual sense of the word there is a war" only after sharp goading by Senator Byrd, who cross-examined the suave State Department head on June 6 in the Senate hearings on MacArthur's ouster.

Acheson's statement amounts to a confession that when Truman ordered U.S. armed forces to intervene in the Korean civil war last June 25 he clearly violated the U.S. Constitution. This basic law of the land explicitly gives to Congress alone the power to declare war.

Truman has used the cynical and shyster pretext that his Korean intervention is merely a "police action" and not a war in order to circumvent the Constitution and Congress. For its part, Congress has gone along with his abuse of powers.

again their opposition to this war and their desire that it be stopped now and the troops withdrawn from Korea at once.

Here is Acheson's revealing testimony:

Byrd: When does a military action or police action cease to be such and become a war?

Acheson: Well, I think in the ordinary popular sense it is a

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

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

Their Lies About the Korean War

LIE No. 1

That "this is a war for Koreans.... The B-29's are over North Korea this morning on behalf of a little old man named Kim who is plowing a rice paddy." (N. Y. Times, editorial, June 1, 1951.)

THE FACTS: The Korean people, South and North, are being exterminated. Korea is being reduced to grave mounds, tree stumps and ruined homes.

Voice of Korea, organ of the Korean Affairs Institute, Washington, D. C., March 31. Here are some other statements:

Notebook of an Agitator

A WELCOME TO VISITING PREACHERS

I am turning over the soap box today to some visiting divines who have come around, in part, to the position of us heathens and infidels and want to give testimony to their newfound faith. They are reporting straight from the 163rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, just adjourned at Cincinnati, and they are hot as a pistol with new zeal for righteousness engendered there. I am going to let them do the talking at today's session, reserving for myself only the office of moderator with the duty of introducing the orators, and reserving the privilege of interspersing the proceedings with a few side remarks and parenthetical reservations when the visiting men of the cloth, who are only partly reformed, get out of line.

Something struck this General Assembly of the Presbyterian leaders at Cincinnati and moved them profoundly. It may be they woke up in sudden fright, like sleep walkers on the edge of a precipice. It may be their hearts, for a moment, were touched by a pentecostal flame of repentance and consecration. Whatever the reason, the delegates at Cincinnati didn't talk like the general run of preachers who are whooping it up for war in the name of the Prince of Peace and blessing the slaughter in Korea with a bland indifference to their own contention that killing is a sin. No, the Presbyterian ministers assembled at Cincinnati talked a different language, as though they had seen for a moment the frightening splendor of the face of truth, and had received the gift of tongues to tell about it.

WHAT THE PREACHERS SAID

Listen to this — from preachers, mind you — in the social pronouncement adopted at the closing session, as reported by the N.Y. Times: "Under the stimulus of fear, we adopt many forms of oppression and terrorism — the very things we despise in communism." (That's Stalinism, Reverend Sirs, not communism whose ideal is freedom and equality. Outside of this terminological error you are doing fine. Go right ahead.)

"We countenance character assassination which clearly violates the divine law, 'Thou shalt not bear false witness.' Some forms of loyalty oaths are required which stifle freedom of thought and inquiry. People are afraid to speak their convictions for fear of reprisal. Thus is laid the groundwork for a police society which would destroy the very freedom we seek to save." (That's preaching, brothers! Pour it on!)

In an address preceding the adoption of this social pronouncement, the Rev. Dr. Julian Price Love, Professor of Biblical Theology at the Louisville Seminary, denounced the "stumbling

confusion" of President Truman and the "consistently terrible direction" of General MacArthur. "A plague on both your houses," said the Reverend Love. He denounced militarism as the "greatest enemy of the present age." He called on all Christians "to renounce once and for all the whole militaristic method as a way of trying to solve the modern problems of the world."

Dr. Love condemned the exaltation and glorification of the military caste. "If the nation erects into a privileged class men who wear a uniform, then we shall only repeat what Hitler's Germany did and what the Japanese military did and we shall find, nay, we are already finding, right here in America that the setting aside of the professional military as a particular class because we feel more secure on that account, is producing a dominance in our own American life of one kind of thinking." (Amen! Thank you, Dr. Love, for your burning words of wisdom and courage, your words of solemn warning, so badly needed by the people and so seldom heard these days.)

MISSIONARIES AND KOREAN WAR

Up to this point I have been going right along with the alarmed and burned-up Presbyterian ministers, who have graced our forum today. But in winding up the session I feel compelled to make one small exception. Dr. Love's intentions are no doubt of the best, but he is away off base in one of his pronouncements. He says: "It were utterly ill to take our soldiers out of Korea unless we put our missionaries in there in tremendous numbers."

I can't follow you there, Doctor. The American soldiers in Korea should be brought home right away, to save the cruel waste of their lives to no good purpose and to give the Korean people a chance to settle and run their own affairs. They should be let alone in all respects, including matters of religion. Instead of sending more of "our missionaries in there" those who are already in Korea should get the hell out of there. If we are going to stand for freedom and human rights, let's not forget one of the most important rights of all — the right to be left alone.

For all you and I know, Doctor Love, the Koreans may have gods of their own; and they may like them better than the one you want to ship to them. Their gods may be, and probably are, more reasonable and easy-going, and less jealous and vengeful than our harsh Jehovah with his long list of prohibitions and instructions, and his vicious threats of hellfire and damnation for ordinary folk who want a little leeway for fun, sport and amusement. Let the Koreans alone in peace — with their own gods. They will like it better that way. People always prefer their own inventions.

— J.P.C.

World Effects of Korea War

By Michel Pablo

How has the international situation been developing since the Korean war one year ago? Where do matters stand today?

The Korean war initiated a new phase in what is called the "cold war": that of the accelerated material and political preparation for the general war through which imperialism hopes to re-establish its world domination on the ruins of all the gains achieved to date by the proletarian revolution: in the USSR, the "Peoples' Democracies," China, other peoples in Asia, in Indo-China, in Malaya, the Philippines and Korea are fighting arms in hand for liberation from the yoke of imperialism. The Middle East in its turn is entering into struggle.

The whole of Asia, that is to say,

the colonial domain par excellence, upon which the equilibrium and the very existence of the capitalist regime is based, is cracking up.

That is why capitalism has now embarked upon a decisive and active preparation for war. That is also why the Korean war has become an international issue which is no longer easily disposed of.

Through Korea imperialism aims to strike at China and the whole colonial revolution in Asia and naturally in the last analysis at the USSR itself. The "Great Debate" in the United States around MacArthur's dismissal has clearly exposed these designs.

Colossal armaments programs are now being undertaken, sparked by that of the United States, which already absorbs between 4 and 5 billion dollars a month. The consequence is a universal inflation in all capitalist countries which naturally involves constant and more pronounced reduction in the living standards of the masses.

NEW STRUGGLES

The arms economy has already profoundly worsened the precarious economic situation in which the capitalist countries of Western Europe in particular have maintained themselves. These countries now lack raw materials, their exports are again declining and inflation can only constantly engender new struggles by the working masses which imperil both the carrying out of the armaments program and the capitalist regime itself.

Nevertheless, capitalism now has no way out except through war. If the arms program should stop, there would ensue a drop in prices, unemployment, economic crisis.

On the other hand, since the last war, about 800,000,000 people live outside the market controlled by imperialism and of an

open conflict with China, which is even now simmering.

Is it possible that China will agree to fight on without effective aid from the USSR in Korea and without more and more violent protests against the scandalous attitude of the Kremlin? Already the Kremlin has become the target of bitter criticisms among the Chinese masses and even if Mao were willing to sacrifice him

self in Korea for the general strategy of the Kremlin corresponding to the interests of the Soviet bureaucracy, he will have to take into consideration the reactions of his own ranks.

Actually the international situation, viewed both by what is now going on in Korea as well as by the recent turn taken by the conference of the four Deputies of the Foreign Ministers in

Paris, appears to have arrived at another critical turning point.

Either there will soon be some kind of partial and transitory compromise, a truce which will be useful to both sides to better prepare themselves for the last round which is approaching from all sides, or the outbreak of the latter will be speeded up by completing the split even on the formal level of diplomatic parleys.

KOREA WAR ONE YEAR OLD -- STOP THIS IMPERIALIST SLAUGHTER NOW

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war if you have fighting with military formations.

Byrd: You recognize it (Korea) as a war now?

Acheson: Yes, sir, in the usual sense of the word there is a war.

Byrd then pointed out that only Congress can declare war and asked Acheson to name the conditions under which the country can enter a war without Congressional action. Acheson hedged: "I don't think I am able to do that, Senator Byrd."

At the same time as Acheson claimed that U. S. intervention was designed to repulse the attack made against the Republic of Korea, he also said that "a war is declared when somebody attacks us."

U. S. NOT ATTACKED

Of course, everyone knows this country was not attacked when Truman plunged it into war last June. His calling it a "police action" has been a deliberate attempt to deceive the American people. Under cloak of that deception, Truman has committed more than a half million U. S. ground, air and naval personnel to battle at a cost in American casualties for one year of "nearly 175,000," as Senator Bridges has revealed.

This frightful toll must be stopped. Get the U. S. troops out of Korea. Stop the war now. Let the people decide the issue of war and peace by referendum vote.

Among the comrades in the Kujac League who deserve a real round of applause for their efforts in the Big League Militant Circulation and Sales Campaign, we would like to mention D. C. of St. Louis this week. He works methodically and persistently and those are qualities that carry a lot of weight when the going is tough.

"Individual sales I find easy," D. C. writes; "but it takes so long to get enough to really bring up our score. I am doing my most successful sub-getting among my union brothers where I do not lose time on call-backs."

"I visit colored neighborhoods not too far from where I live," he continues. "I concentrate on those where I have a renewal to see about or a prospect to call on. I work on streets where the residential and business districts run together and there are lots of people out on Saturdays. I hardly ever go into a house, but talk to people on the street. Whenever possible I talk to several people who are holding a conversation. It is easy to get discussions started and passersby often join in. This makes for easy sales."

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From Seattle the following note: "B and S. just came back from Minneapolis and carried with them some of the spirit of the Twin Cities. This should show in the closing weeks of the campaign. We have no intention of finishing in the cellar."

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Senator Byrd — have we ever had a war in our history for this length of time without a declaration of war, where we have had casualties of 140,000?

Secretary Acheson — I can't answer that, Senator Byrd. I don't know. (Testimony at Senate hearings.)

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Must recommend this as an excellent refresher to any New York comrades who are wondering how to spend their vacations.

FROM THE DIARY OF A 'MILITANT' CAMPAIGNER

By Winifred Nelson
St. Paul Literature Agent

Paul and I talked it over and decided to take our vacation together and spend our time in the most enjoyable way we could think of.

Monday: To University of Minnesota campus in the morning. Sold 100 copies of the issue telling about the witch-hunt on the campuses of America. Wonderful reaction from students in spite of impending finals. To plant gates in the afternoon but missed them and sold only one Militant. House-to-house and visiting former readers during supper hour till dark. Dinner at 9:30.

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Wednesday: Up early for a nice 165-mile ride to Duluth where a friend took us about town. Four of us sold 59 papers house-to-house. Speedometer shows we drove 100 miles in this sprawling city. Night in Duluth.

Thursday: To campus of Duluth Branch of the University of Minnesota.

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English and Cooper Must Go Free

The fifteen-week trial of the Trenton Six—the longest in New Jersey's court history—ended on June 14 in a shocking and shameful verdict by an all-white jury of six men and six women.

After deliberating for 18½ hours this jury decided to free four of the defendants but found two of them guilty, with a recommendation of "mercy." By this verdict Collis English, 26, and Ralph Cooper, 26, face imprisonment for life at hard labor.

The case of the police and the prosecution against the Trenton Six is as flagrant a frameup as any on record in the Jimcrow-ridden South. The last trial was a third in the series since the Jan. 27, 1948 robbery-killing of an aged Trenton store keeper. The first trial conviction was reversed by the State Supreme Court; the second was declared a mistrial; in the third the defense tore the police and prosecution evidence to shreds, establishing, among other things, that fraudulent confessions had been extorted from five out of the six defendants.

By exonerating four of the defendants, the jury in effect branded the case concocted against them as a police and judicial frameup. But in the instance of the remaining two defendants, the jury reversed itself, siding with these same frameup artists.

The police and the prosecution had no more of a case against English and Cooper than they had against the four whom

Ford Local 600

It was only a few years ago that the big majority of the 90,000 Ford workers at the Detroit River Rouge plant believed that the Ford empire was invincible.

And yet on June 23, Ford Local 600, the largest local union in the world, will hold a mass meeting celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The foundation of this powerful local union is indeed worthy of commemoration. Ford, with Bethlehem Steel, was the last of the great mass production fortresses to fall to the irresistible organizing drive of the CIO.

Henry Ford had repeatedly flouted the union's organizing efforts with the flat statement that he would never sign a union contract. His staff of brass-knuckled gangsters called the "service department" — 3,000 strong — beat down union efforts with physical terror.

Workers were mercilessly driven on the production lines; if a man put on a union button he was escorted out the plant gate, given a brutal beating, and fired. The despotic Ford ran his plants like a potentate, and the overworked, fearful and intimidated workers were all but convinced that this was one company the union could not overcome.

But on April 2, 1941 the mile-square Ford factory was humbled by the workers' solidarity. Workers poured from the dozens of plant gates and formed a picket line of 30,000. The four main highways

the jury declared innocent. More accurately, the police and the prosecution presents one and the same case against all the defendants, and that is—a frameup. What then motivated the jury in bringing in its flagrantly self-contradictory verdict?

It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that the jurors were swayed by the demagogic plea of the New Jersey prosecutor to the effect that the state police and courts would be discredited and rendered "impotent" if a verdict of innocent were brought in for the Trenton Six. Hence the shabby compromise, wholly in the spirit of the "justice" meted out to Negroes in the South.

The case of the Trenton "Two" is as flagrant a miscarriage of the letter and spirit of real justice as was the original case of the Trenton Six. The two young Negroes, English and Cooper, must not be permitted to become the scapegoats in order to cover up the outrages perpetrated by the corrupt and brutal New Jersey police and their juridical accomplices.

The convictions of English and Cooper must be fought through every available channel, by appeals to the higher courts up to the Supreme Court, if necessary. For the struggle to be successful, it is necessary to rally the broadest labor and liberal support behind this nationwide fight to free Collis English and Ralph Cooper.

leading to the plant were blockaded by automobile barricades. No one could get near the plant without union permission.

In a few moments after the strike began it was clear that nothing on earth could defeat the new-found unity of the Ford workers. Pickets danced in the streets; thousands upon thousands lined up at the union offices joining Local 600.

This glorious strike was a symbol of the potentialities of an aroused American workingclass. Once they march, everything falls before them. The puny efforts of the little groups of monopolists who own and control industry cannot hold back the thousands upon thousands who band together in the army of the oppressed.

Ford Local 600 represents one of the supreme victories of the American workers.

The Ford workers wiped out the open shop and learned to stand up as independent men, with their union as their means of emancipation.

The workers who took this great step, will not stop there. They have only begun their struggle. They have only begun to show their power.

Tomorrow, the Ford workers, arm in arm with the giant American working class as a whole, will go forward to new victories—victories on the road toward the full socialist emancipation of their class and all humanity.

Two Justices Voice Dissent On Smith Act

The Supreme Court decision June 5, upholding the Smith "Gag" Act, which makes "dangerous thoughts" a crime, is best characterized in its violation of the constitution by the dissenting opinions of Justices Douglas and Black. Following are excerpts from their opinions:

Justice Black: "No matter how it is worded, this is a virulent form of prior censorship of speech and press which I believe the First Amendment forbids. I would hold (the provision) of the Smith Act authorizing this prior restraint unconstitutional on its face and as applied.

"So long as this court exercises

the power of judicial review of legislation, I cannot agree that the First Amendment permits us to sustain laws suppressing freedom of speech and press on the basis of Congress' or our own notions of more 'reasonableness.' Such a doctrine waters down the First Amendment so that it amounts to little more than an admission to Congress.

"Public opinion being what it now is, few will protest the conviction of these Communist petitioners. There is hope, however, that in calmer times, when present pressures, passions and fears subside, this or some later court will restore the First Amendment liberties to the high preferred place where they belong in a free society."

JUSTICE DOUGLAS

Justice Douglas stated that the First Amendment barring any abridgement of free speech in this country, did not mean that the Government need "hold its hand" until it was too late to save itself from revolution.

"But the command of the First Amendment is so clear that we should not allow Congress to call a halt to free speech except in the extreme case of peril from the speech itself.

"But the record in this case is silent on the facts. If we are to proceed on the basis of judicial notice, it is impossible for me to say that the Communists are so potent or so strategically deployed that they must be suppressed for their speech.

JUSTICE BLACK

Justice Black stated: "But let us assume, contrary to all constitutional ideas of fair criminal procedure, that the petitioners although not indicted for the crime of actual advocacy, may be punished for it. Even on this radical assumption, the only way to affirm these convictions, as the dissent of Justice Douglas shows, is to qualify drastically or wholly repudiate the established 'clear and present danger' rule. This the court does in a way which greatly restricts the protection afforded by the first amendment."

For a Socialist Future
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Support Without Sympathy

(First of a Series)

By James P. Cannon

It isn't planned that way in the present scheme of things, but every once in a while virtue is rewarded; and sometimes bad luck catches up with those who deserve it most. We have an example of the latter before our eyes right now. I am speaking this time about the American Stalinists — not the honest workers they are taking for a ride, but the professional functionaries at the head of the crooked and treacherous outfit operating on behalf of the Kremlin in the American labor movement under the name of the Communist Party and numerous other aliases and fronts.

They prospered in the last half of the Thirties before the newly-organized workers in the CIO got their number. And in the first half of the Forties — the period of the war and the Stalin-Roosevelt Pact — they really rode high with governmental favor and immunity. But look at them now. They are in all kinds of trouble for sure, and nobody seems to care.

Why They Are Discredited

Never, I daresay, have victims of misfortune gone unattended by so many people, with sentiments ranging from indifference to delight, for so many different reasons. The home-grown janizaries of the Kremlin monster find themselves in the position of a scouting party of foreign legionaries, cut off in hostile territory and marked expendable by their high command. Never before in the history of the labor movement has a group under persecution been so discredited, despised and abandoned — with their claim to the honor of martyrdom disallowed and even the grace of commiseration deliberately withheld. These Ishmaels of the labor movement, with every man's hand against them, have to go it alone.

The reasons for their isolation are various. The super-patriots, united by hysteria in a broad, loose coalition, extending in its composition all the way from hinterland kluxers to big city social-democrats — all of them frothing at the mouth with Stalinophobia — applaud the persecution of Stalin's American agents under the gravely mistaken impression that they threaten revolution and constitute a real and present danger to the existing order of things.

The opportunist labor skates, many of whom played footsie with the Stalinists during the war and cooperated with them in enforcing the no-strike pledge, have seized upon the witch-hunt as a heaven-sent opportunity to liquidate the Stalinist influence in the trade unions and cinch up their own monopoly of control, posts and pickings.

Assent and Dissent



Justices Hugo Black (l.) and William Douglas (not shown) were Supreme Court dissenters against majority decision upholding the Smith "Gag" Act. Chief Justice Fred Vinson (r.) wrote opinion supporting the thought-control law.

Fourth International Replies to Natalia Trotsky

(The following statement, is sued by the International Executive Committee of the Fourth International in reply to the statement by Natalia Sedova Trotsky disaffiliating with that organization, is reprinted from *La Verite*, French Trotskyist weekly.)

Natalia Trotsky's break with the Fourth International is a painful incident in its history which will be viewed with regret by revolutionists throughout the world. But it cannot alter their determination to continue the struggle for the ideas of the martyred leader of the October Revolution which she has now abandoned. They will understand that her act, despite the best intentions, is objectively a capitulation before the pressure of world imperialism. Yet it no more invalidates the program of the Fourth International, which was drafted in its main lines by Leon Trotsky, than did the capitulation of his closest collaborators, like Radek, Preobrazhensky and others to Stalin during his lifetime.

POWER OF REACTION
The power of organized reaction has often overwhelmed and crushed the resistance of this or

that individual. But it has never been able, and we are confident it will never prove capable, of crushing the great truths of Marxism elaborated by the genius leaders of the proletarian revolution, Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky and the movement they

— as a result of their backsliding on this decisive question. This was precisely the reason for most of the splits in the ranks of the world Trotskyist movement, splits which moreover proved entirely justified by the subsequent renegacy of those who began with a defeatist position on the Soviet Union.

It is a pitiful sight to see Natalia Trotsky repeating the very arguments against which Trotsky had so long fought, and which he refuted and exposed in all his writings, not least of all those of his last fight against the Shachtman-Burnham petty-bourgeois opposition in the Socialist Workers Party a few months before his assassination.

TROTSKY'S VIEW

Trotsky was well aware of the bestiality and barbarism of the Stalinist regime. He had lived to see its hideous degeneration and to draw the conclusion of the need for a political revolution to overthrow the bureaucratic regime and to re-establish workers' democracy. Yet it was he, the author of the famous parallel between the totalitarianism of the Stalin and the Hitler regimes, who unequivocally rejected all suggestions that the Soviet Union on that account should be abandoned to the mercy of imperialism. He never ceased to repeat that the essence of Marxism was

to see the distinction between the social basis of the society created by the October Revolution and the parasitic caste which had usurped power in the first Workers' State.

Completely aware of the process of degeneration which was unfolding, Trotsky repeated again and again that the class nature of the state was determined by its property forms and that only the (elimination) of the planned economy would alter its class character. There is no new evidence cited by Natalia Trotsky to prove that such a transformation has occurred.

NOT SERIOUS ANALYSIS

On the contrary, her declaration is not a serious analysis of Stalinism or of the situation in the Soviet Union. It remains the kind of emotional reaction to the brutality of the Stalinist regime which has become so familiar in the past years and was not unknown in Trotsky's lifetime. Once again we see the attempt to identify the most consistent revolutionary opponents of the Kremlin with Stalinism because of their defense of the Soviet Union. It is painful that this reproach should be leveled against us by the widow of the man who himself was often the target for such accusations and for the selfsame reasons. The manner of Trotsky's death proved that Stalin least of

all was convinced that there was anything in Trotsky's defense that even faintly indicated capitulation to the autocratic regime in the USSR.

THE MAIN ENEMY

We can well appreciate the justifiable personal reasons for Natalia's bitterness and the immeasurable suffering she has endured at the hands of the Kremlin murderers. But here again we must say with Trotsky that bitterness is no substitute for a policy. Especially in time of war and the approach of war, when the pressures of organized society reach their highest intensity, a revolutionist who loses his head is lost.

For Trotsky in the last war, as for us now, the main enemy of socialism and progress is world imperialism. Only to the extent that this is understood and becomes the foundation for our class strategy—and in no other way—can Stalinism and all other alien tendencies within the working class movement be combated and defeated.

It is not easy to part company with Natalia, who, after so many years of struggle, has fallen victim to pressures stronger than herself. There is no other choice for revolutionists, for the followers of Leon Trotsky. We can only repeat the maxim he was so fond of using: "Neither to laugh, nor to weep, but to understand."

POWER OF TRUTH

But in the end, neither the one nor the other will succeed. The power of truth will withstand these distortions and attacks. Above all, the determination of the revolutionary cadres of the Fourth International to fight side by side with the masses in their struggle against capitalism and imperialism, despite the character of their temporary leaderships, will lead to the final vindication of our martyred leader over all his present-day detractors.

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Vanishing Diplomats

By Fred Hart

A wise man once said that although he did not know whether truth is stranger than fiction, he was sure it is always more disconcerting.

There has been fiction written about the racy plots and adventures of international spies, diplomats-adventurers, Scotland Yard, the French Surete and the FBI. But this literature of the "secret war" between espionage agents, strange though it is, never bothered anyone very much.

But one of these thrillers of international intrigue has become a reality, disconcerting the U.S. State Department and the British Foreign Office to the point of hysteria.

The mysterious disappearance of two British diplomats, implausibly but actually named Guy Francis de Burgess and Donald Duart MacLean, has brought Prime Minister Attlee to the verge of nervous collapse. Secretary of State Acheson is "gravely concerned." Agents of Scotland Yard, the FBI, U.S. and British intelligence, fly back and forth across the Atlantic.

An international dragnet is out. The two foreign office officials, it is said, had access to "highly confidential documents" and were adept in the secret codes by which diplomatic messages are transmitted.

One of these missing diplomats, reportedly known only too well the content of secret messages exchanged between the U.S. and Britain on such questions as the Korean War, the Japanese Peace Treaty, the Iran crisis, and the like. Embarrassing, eh, what?

At first there was some speculation that the two gentlemen may have sojourned to the French Riviera for a bit of "relaxation." This high-jinks theory seems to have been dropped.

What worries the Foreign Office and the State Department is not the safety of these men. Amer-

ican and British government officials are far more worried about themselves. Should these vanished diplomats decide to spill the beans about Secret Diplomacy, all hell might break loose.

The general feeling among government officials on both sides of the Atlantic seems to be that Burgess and MacLean have fled "behind the Iron Curtain."

The British and U.S. rulers do not fear that "secrets" will be given away to the USSR. The schemes and plots between Britain and America against the Soviet Union are probably known in their general outline to Stalin, who knows a thing about secret international dickering and plotting himself.

What they really fear is that official documents will be made public which reveal the truth about the secret diplomacy to the American and British people, and to the people of the whole world.

The reason for the secret codes, the hidden negotiations and sordid maneuvers of international diplomacy is that these underground dealings between imperialist nations are designed to serve the interests of a few powerful capitalists, and to subject the people of all lands to their exploitation and domination. Behind the camouflage of propaganda about "democracy, freedom and peace" are the actual moves toward subjugation of nations, conquest, atomic war.

If for reasons of their own, the two vanishing diplomats should talk, some of the hideous truth behind "international diplomacy" will be revealed.

The furor aroused by this incident, proves by itself that the real aims and the actual moves of the British Foreign Office and the U.S. State Department cannot stand the light of day.

Inside The USSR

By Joseph Hansen

"The Future of the Soviet Union" (As the Capitalist Leaders of America See It — and as a Revolutionary Refugee from the USSR Sees It.) In the May-June Fourth International, theoretical magazine of American Trotskyism.

No matter what your political views may be, this report by a youth born and reared under the Stalin regime should be of top interest. Here are the facts about the feelings of the Soviet peoples toward Stalinism, toward the planned economy and toward the menace of another world war.

W. Wilny is not the real name of the author. It is a pen name used for protection against retaliation by Stalin's dread secret police. But the voice is the genuine voice of the Soviet youth of today. There's no doubt about that.

This article is the most important to come out of the USSR in a long time. After Trotsky's deportation from the Soviet Union, connections with revolutionary socialist opponents of the Stalin regime became more and more slender as the great purges took tens of thousands to untimely graves and the censorship plugged crevices in the prison-wall frontiers.

These conditions made it difficult to get direct verification of the continued validity of Leon

Trotsky's theories about the Soviet Union, particularly his views on the need for defending the planned economy against imperialist pressure as well as Stalinism.

The facts cited by Wilny offer fresh proof of the correctness of Trotsky's position almost 11 years after the revolutionary leader's assassination and thus provide new and brilliant confirmation of the power of the Marxist method.

The brains hired by the State Department to work out plans for a new regime in the Soviet Union will get small comfort out of this report. Wilny proves that their ideas do not reflect the opinion of the Soviet people.

Then he reveals what the Soviet people really think about Stalin, what they learned from their experiences under the Nazi war machine and what changes in government they actually want. Reading this, you get a better appreciation of the fears that haunt the Stalinist bureaucracy and of Moscow's real aims in world politics.

This is not the kind of propaganda you find in the papers day in and day out, cooked up around editorial desks without thought of realities. It's the cold truth.

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The Right To Live

By Marj. Rains

I saw a child killed the other day. One of the many cars racing out of Chicago's loop on Washington Blvd. at quitting time, smashed the life from her body.

Some people tell me that I shouldn't be bothered by it. Many thousands of children are killed in the world every day — don't I read about it? I should be hardened to these things, they tell me. I should be ready to accept death.

I do not think so. One reason for our fight against capitalism is to end its wasteful destruction of life. We fight for a better world because we hold life very dear. We think it's a wonderful thing to be able to laugh, to love and to be loved. We enjoy the sun and the stars. We like to play and to think and to build. And because we like all these things, we think all human creatures should have opportunity to know and enjoy them to the fullest extent possible — free of hunger, free of hurt, free of any hindrance.

This system of capitalism doesn't allow for

such things. It forces the working class families to live in close quarters, in crowded apartment houses — no yards, no sun, no place for a growing child to run and skip rope. And if you chance to be of a minority — Negro, Mexican — your living quarters are older, dirtier; your child has no place but the sidewalks for play.

It is capitalism that holds life so cheap and profit so dear.

It is socialists who esteem life so highly that we seek to change the system in order that we all have a chance to live.

This gives me just reason to say, "I mourn for you, little child, because the system we live in took from you the chance to live a full life." And it gives me just cause to cry out, "Capitalists, I hurl at you this promise — the day is coming shortly when changes will be made. There will be an adding and subtracting. And a new world of socialism will be built where life and human progress are the motivating forces — not profit, not greed!"

Showdown Near in Iran

JUNE 20.—The crisis in Iran is heading for a climax. After vacillating for several weeks, the Iranian government has sent an Iranian delegation of three with instructions to take over the nationalized Anglo-Iranian refinery at Abadan. The members of this oil commission accompanied by Amir Ala, Governor General of Khuzestan province, formally installed themselves last week at the refinery at Abadan and warned the British officials on the premises that "force will be used unless all books, accounts and documents are turned over to them by Thursday morning (June 21)," reported Homer Bigart, N. Y. Herald-Tribune's special correspondent at Teheran.

Mr. Eric Drake, the British general manager of the refinery, persisted in the polite fiction that the Iranian commissioners were "senior government officials" but not the new managers of the enterprise. He was given 48 hours to consult the company headquarters at London. A delegation from this company is scheduled to arrive for "discussions" at Teheran later this week.

The British pretend to be "shocked" by the stiffer attitude of the Iranian government, but have shown no signs of dropping their stalling tactics in preparation of a possible coup by which they still hope to install a "strong government" in Iran.

The Iranian government is receiving strong support from both the peoples and governments of the Near and Far East. The last was paid to Iran.

Secondly, the company has systematically "underestimated" the actual output of oil, and thirdly, it followed the practice of selling to the British Admiralty at prices below the world level, thereby reducing both the reported profits and general reserves to which Iran has a 20 percent claim.

Over and above this, the Iranian government estimates that since 1947 the British monopolists over Iran more than \$280 million.

"The company always strove by restricting our income," charged Premier Mossadegh in his answer to Truman, "to put us under heavy financial pressure, and by disrupting our organizations to force us to its help, and as a consequence to submit to whatever it desired to force upon us."

CORRECTION

Owing to incorrect translation, two serious errors of fact appeared in the article on the persecution of the Bolivian miners in the May 7 *Militant*. It was not the Villarreal regime but the provisional coalition government "of national concentration" which overthrew and replaced it in July 1946 that initiated the massacre of the miners.

2. It was this latter regime which the Stalinists supported through their participation in the pro-Stalinist PIR (Party of the Revolutionary Left) which formed part of the coalition government.

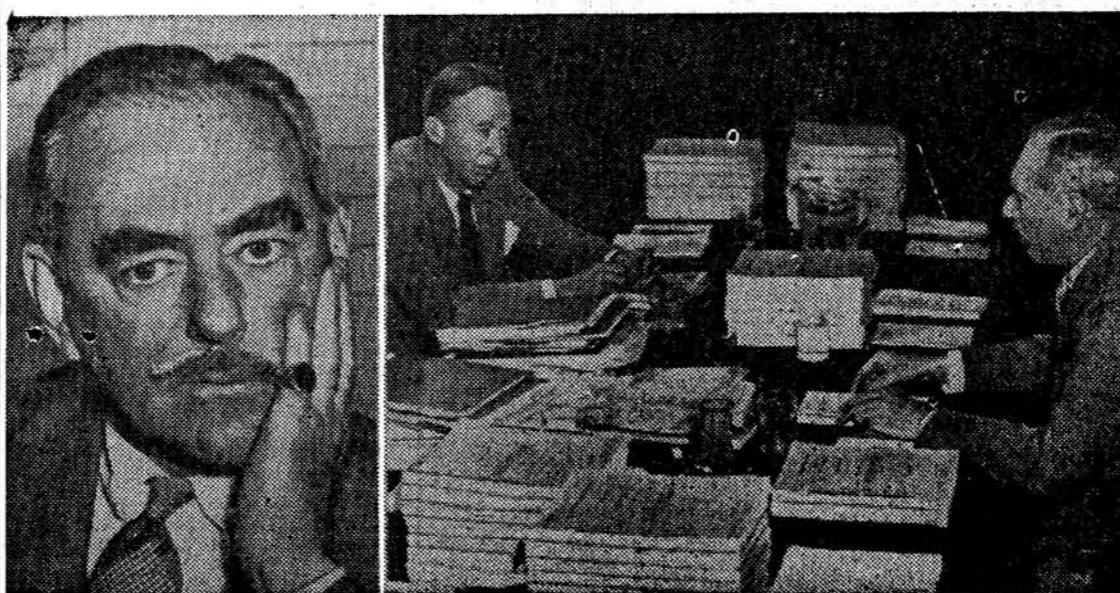
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Acheson on Senate Grill



Secretary of State Dean Acheson in thoughtful pose (l.) is only civilian so far called in Senate hearings on Gen. MacArthur's ouster. At right, Acheson faces hostile Senator Cain (R. Wash.) to defend Administration's Far East policy.

Ford Local 600 To Commemorate 10th Anniversary

DETROIT, Mich., June 11 — Ford Local 600, UAW-CIO, has announced plans for a mammoth celebration of the 10th anniversary of the first Ford union contract, signed June 20, 1941.

could withstand the mighty organizing force of the CIO.

After suffering many years under the terrorism of the Ford Service Department, the Ford workers in their united strength succeeded in defeating the hired gangsters and all the powers which the billion-dollar Ford empire could bring to bear against the union. This victory was the final step of the UAW-CIO in making the auto industry a union industry and making the UAW the largest union in the country.

The militancy shown by the striking Ford workers in 1941 left a permanent imprint on Local 600. Throughout the past ten years this local has maintained its internal democracy, and has withstood all attempts to date to make it the pliant tool of any labor officialdom.

Ford Local 600 has invited all of labor in Detroit to join in celebrating this anniversary. The fighting spirit of the Ford workers rose to destroy the last open-shop stronghold in the United States. This great strike in the largest single plant in the world, destroyed the final hope of the American capitalists that they

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in the papers of France, Belgium and Germany on the case. He warned that conviction would give ammunition to the "subversive" critics of the American government.

DENIED FAIR TRIAL

Alexander then went into an analysis of the case showing how due process of law had been denied the six frame-up victims at every step of their arrest, incommunicado imprisonment and forced "confessions."

In a step-by-step examination of the evidence he showed that not only was there a "reasonable doubt" but absolute refutation of the state's case against the men.

Although the first two summations had taken over seven hours the defense attempted to carry out its original intention of finishing all the summations in one day. After a recess for supper George Pelletieri, local labor attorney and principal lawyer for the Princeton Committee for the Trenton Six, started the final summation. In order to permit this, his associate Arthur Garfield Hays, veteran defender of civil liberties, relinquished his right to speak for an hour. The judge had originally refused Hays permission to sum up. In view of the lateness of the hour Hays felt that another summation could only antagonize the weary jury.

FOR ALL SIX

More than any of the others Pelletieri spoke not merely for the six frame-up victims. He started out by telling the jury: "I don't represent defendants, I represent victims." Throughout his speech he referred to the men who had spent three years and four months in the shadow of the electric chair as "our six innocent victims." He warned lest the jury's decision could only antagonize the weary jury.

It is the obvious duty of the NAACP and the Princeton Committee for the Trenton Six to continue to fight without letup for the two innocent men now condemned to a living death.

FORCED CONFESSIONS

It was such arrests followed by four days and five nights of grilling, intimidation and administering of drugs that produced the "confessions" in this case. Midway in the trial Judge Smalley threw out three of the "confessions." However "confessions" by Cooper and English—the two men found guilty — were not thrown out but left to the judgment of the jury. This, without doubt, had much to do with the jury's findings of guilty for these two men.

In a radio interview from Mercer County jail today as the four men were being released, Pelletieri stated: "We will appeal the conviction of Collis English and Ralph Cooper. In my opinion the jury's decision was a compromise finding. These men, too, are innocent and I hope, in the not too distant future, that they will be completely exonerated."

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'Big Four' Meat Trust Cuts Off Supply of Beef

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they "may be heading" for prosecution and possible cutbacks in future slaughtering quotas. C. E. Wilson who was at a loss for words arrogant enough to deny to the workers their justifiable demands for wage raises earlier this year is remarkably soft-spoken in the face of the brazen actions of the meat trust. He "does not feel good" about this situation, he announced.

As for Congress which invariably froths at the mouth whenever labor moves to defend its living standards, the reaction is typical. A joint Senate-House "watchdog" committee will hold "hearings" to determine whether beef shortages are resulting from a "strike" by the meat packers.

The American people will get nothing but less meat at higher prices and bigger profits for the meat monopolists under the current setup. The thing to do is to nationalize the meat industry and run it under the control of the workers.

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