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WAR OR PEACE ?

"It's up to you!"

"Let's end the war & bring our boys home from Korea!" is the hope & cry of growing numbers of Americans.

Over half of them are now convinced that we never had any business over there in the first place (Gallup Poll, April 2, 1952).

Yet the war drags on. Casualty lists grow; slaughter of unarmed prisoners on Koje Island continues; "anything that moves" is a jelly-bomb target; the methodical leveling of an entire nation is the goal announced by U.S. brass & the truce talks are bogged down over an issue desperately clutched at by Washington to prevent conclusion of a cease-fire.

What's it all about?

The average American, being both peace-loving & generous, assumes that the govt has the same qualities. He likes to believe that none but the highest humanitarian motives guide Wall Street's foreign policy. How long can he afford to remain so deluded & naive without endangering the well-being of the nation & the peace of the world?

"WAR! AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!! NOW!" These insane words were penned by Major-General Robert Grow who used his post as Attache' in Moscow to engage in espionage.

"So what? He's entitled to his own opinion, isn't he?" you protest? Well, we may disagree whether or

not any man has the "right" to advocate world suicide thru war. But Grow is not just "any man". He was the representative of the U.S. govt - he was supposed to represent you! Besides he was in a strategic position to tip the scales in favor of either war or peace. One guess as to which direction he threw his weight?

"Still, he is only one man", you insist? "Besides, he was court-martialed for it, wasn't he?"

Yes he was court-martialed. But he was not charged as a criminal advocate of war. He was tried for keeping a diary & letting it slip from his hands! The govt could obviously find nothing wrong with Grow excepting his "carelessness"! Not one govt spokesman even criticized Grow. Can we not assume therefor that the policy of the govt itself is "War! As soon as possible!! Now!" ?

"A BLESSING IN DISGUISE" is what Gen. Van Fleet, leading U.S. brass-hat termed the war in Korea (N.Y. "Times", 1-20-52). The fact that 17,000 mothers & wives lost their sons & husbands 7000 miles from home is not a tragedy. According to the General it is a disguised blessing!

President Truman did not hasten to dissociate the govt from such a mad view. Stevenson & Eisenhower have not deigned to repudiate those words.

Maybe they believe in free speech? Then why are they rapidly making the advocacy of PEACE a "crime", jailing Communists & others on phony charges because they insist that peace is possible & that the whole "war danger" is built on falsehood? (p2please)



These are but 2 examples of what occurs daily in the halls of Congress, the columns of the newspapers, over the airwaves and thru other media to whip up war sentiment in the U.S.

By contrast & for the record, it should be noted that in March of 1951, the Supreme Soviet of the USSR unanimously passed a law which made propaganda for war a criminal offense & provided that violators "shall be tried as heinous criminals". ("Information Bulletin", USSR Embassy in Washington, DC - since suppressed by the State Department.)

"Huh! Pure propaganda! They don't really mean it." No? Well, let's ask ourselves frankly: Which must be considered more sincere - the one who bans war propaganda, or the one who engages in it? Which is suspect - the one which has already banned use of germ warfare & called for the outlawing of the A-bomb, or the one which vehemently refuses to do so?

The US Congress will not of its own volition pass such a law. But until such time as you along with the millions who do not profit from war compel it to follow a path of peace, it will be obvious to the world - & should become obvious to us - where the threat to the peace of the world lies.

"...today it is possible to paraphrase the once proud British boast to read - 'the sun never sets on the American flag'", crowns the HUMBOLDT "TIMES" of Eureka. "For the American flag, these days, is being flown in virtually every corner of the wide world.." it continued, "...US troops are at war in Asia, on guard in Europe, on duty in the Arctic, S. America, Africa & the Middle East."

"But", you say, "those troops & bases are there for defense! The US has never been an aggressor", you insist? You aren't apt to find it in the school history books, but let's listen to Gen. Smedly D. Butler, who spent over 30 years in the US Marines:

"...during that period I spent most of my time being a high-class muscle man for Big Business, for Wall St. & for the bankers. In short, I was a racketeer for capitalism... Thus, I helped make Mexico, especially Tampico, safe for the American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti & Cuba a decent place for the Nat'l City Bank to collect revenues in.. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Bros. in 1909-12. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. I helped Honduras 'right' for American fruit companies in 1903. In China in 1927 I helped to see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested."

The more than 500 military & air bases of which the 'Times' brags & which ring the USSR, dwarf any aggression in our past history.

It would be obvious to any objective observer that Wall St, with its snout in every nook & cranny is the aggressor & not the Russians who are at home where they belong.

If we would avoid the fate of the German people, we would do well to cease blithely following the dangerous & barbaric course charted by Wall Street.



The atrocities being committed by the U.S. ruling class against the entire Korean population is the result in large part of the cultivation of the racist ideology which is rampant here. Domination of the countries of Asia & Africa by this gangster clique is justified by picturing them as 'inferior' people. This clique is convinced it has a 'manifest destiny' to rule the world in the 'American way'.

The SANTA ROSA 'PRESS DEMOCRAT' gave evidence of this racism in its editorial of 9-4-52, titled "Eyes on Africa". After noting that in South Africa (part of the free-democratic-western-world) the handful of white rulers are developing their own racist laws "to a point that would make Adolph & his followers green with envy", the P.D. would nevertheless frown on any move to oust the Union of S. Africa from the U.N.

"If the U.N. is to become an exclusive club," says the PD, "there are a few other members from the other side of the ideological tracks that we would like to blackball first". We assume that the PD refers to the USSR. By the same token he admits that S. Africa is on "our" side of the ideological fence. This is an admission that the claim that we are engaged with other "free" peoples in a fight for "democracy" is so much hokum.

What is the position of the people on the other side of the tracks on this matter? In Chapter X of the Constitution of the USSR, we find:

ARTICLE 123. Equality of rights of citizens of the U.S.S.R., irrespective of their nationality or race, in all spheres of economic, state, cultural, social and political life, is an infeasible law.

The "war for freedom" which the P.D. tries to peddle is nothing less than a war to enslave entire nations - to preserve tottering colonialism. It is war against men, women & children. Else how explain this? If it is "fear of guerrilla reprisals" that keeps them from talking, then why don't they respond to the real reprisals of the invaders described here by talking?

Any direct or indirect restriction of the rights of, or, conversely, any establishment of direct or indirect privileges for, citizens on account of their race or nationality, as well as any advocacy of racial or national exclusiveness or hatred and contempt, is punishable by law.

So it all boils down to this: Neither the PD nor the clique whose line it follows is concerned with "freedom". Just the opposite. They are concerned with one thing only: the preservation of capitalism - the rule of the banks, trusts & millionaires.

For this they can justify & ally themselves with every decadent spider like Farouk, Chiang, Malan, Rhee, & Franco, every dope peddler, playboy, fascist, or war-lord who can be used to undermine the interests of his own people & to advance the interests of Wall Street imperialism.

Sir Gerald's Terror Plan Is Debated

SINGAPORE (UP) — "Collective punishment," something new in British colonial policy, is forcing Malayan villagers to choose sides in the vicious struggle against Communist guerrillas.

The policy is being carried out by Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, tough British High Commissioner for Malaya, on the theory that no headway could be made against the Reds unless terrified villagers "talked."

An eyewitness to a murder will say only "I saw nothing." Fear of guerrilla reprisals against himself or his family keeps him silent despite the worst threats of authorities.

On Tuesday a week ago, Templer had a whole village sacked and sent 66 of its 79 inhabitants, including weeping women and children, to a detention camp because they defied his ultimatum to inform on a gang of Red terrorists.

HE PERSONALLY had lined up the villagers and given them 4 days to tell what they knew about 2 recent murders and other crimes in the vicinity of the village of Matang Tinggi. No one would speak and Templer carried out his threat. Thursday Templer ordered distribution of questionnaires to

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Perhaps you're thinking now, "What you say may well be true, but don't get excited. Elections are coming & there'll be some changes made!"

Changes? You're thinking that because we got into Korea with Truman & the Democrats we can get out with the General & the Republicans? Or, on the other hand, maybe you consider Stevenson to be less of a danger than Eisenhower the militarist? Wrong on both counts!

Congressman Usher Burdick, a Republican, but responsive to the traditional peace desires of the farmers of his North Dakota district, put it this way:

"Either way we may turn, to Eisenhower or to Stevenson, we meet the same objective: continuation of our present foreign policy."

He then criticized the GOP for calling in John Foster Dulle\$ on foreign policy:

"The Republicans could have called in Acheson, for he & Dulle\$ are like fingers in one glove as far as international meddling is concerned."

Burdick has decided to sit this election out. But have you no other choice? Not only do you have another choice, but you will be wasting your vote if you cast it for either of the old parties, steeped in corruption & inimical to your own interests.

Vincent Hallinan, Presidential candidate of the Independent Progressive Party pointed out that

It is not necessary that we win this election. Every vote cast for the Progressive party is another stone in a road-block in the path of war and fascism. Any substantial number of votes will frighten whichever party is elected and will force an end to the Korean war. The more votes we receive the faster and surer will that purpose be attained.

Mrs. Charlotta Bass, Negro leader and Vice Presidential candidate, is the first woman so honored.

Reuben Borough, candidate for US Senator, is giving the people of California a chance to repudiate the "Senator from Formosa" - William Knowland.

Carl Sullivan, IPP candidate for Representative in our 1st CD, has pledged that he will work for "peace, not cold war; for lower taxes; for the use of public funds for the benefit of the public, not the war profiteers; for American strength through constructive growth."

The Communist Party, illegally deprived of a place on the ballot, will support any candidate - regardless of political affiliation - who will take a position on the side of the people, in defense of their living standards, civil rights, democracy & in defense of peace.

Nothing is inevitable unless the people by their action or apathy make it so.

"I'm not even sure why we are fighting there (in Korea)", said Maj. Gen Daniel Hudelson, Commander of the 40th (Calif.) Division upon his return home.

"The decision on what to do in Korea", he stated, "is entirely up to you, the American citizen. You should let your representative in Congress know what you think."

The elections of November 4th present us with an opportunity to express our thoughts & desires.

Will you acquiesce to war.....or will you demand PEACE? Remember.....IT'S UP TO YOU!!

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