

# Dear Editor

## Letters from Readers

### On Wars and Imperialism

ROCHESTER, Minn.

Dear Editor:

Some comrades hold that, owing to the development of new international conditions since the second World War, wars between capitalist countries have ceased to be inevitable. They consider that the contradictions between the socialist camp and the capitalist camp are more acute than the contradictions among the capitalist countries.

They believe that the United States has brought the other capitalist countries sufficiently under its sway to be able to prevent their going to war among themselves and weakening one another; that the foremost capitalist minds have been sufficiently taught by the two world wars and the severe damage they caused to the whole capitalist world not to venture war with each other again; and that, because of this wars between capitalist countries are no longer inevitable.

These comrades are mistaken. Outwardly everything would seem to be "going well"; the U. S. A. has put Western Europe, Japan and other capitalist countries on rations; Western Germany, Britain, France and Italy have fallen into the clutches of the U. S. A., and are meekly obeying its commands.

But it would be mistaken to think that things can continue to "go well" for "all eternity"; that these countries will tolerate the domination and oppression of the United States endlessly; that they will not endeavor to tear loose from American bondage and take the path of independent development.

Please note that Stalin did not say that world war is inevitable. He said wars are inevitable as long as capitalist imperialism exists. I believe he was right. Perhaps we can say that world war is no longer inevitable, but I think we cannot even be sure of that. I think that in the light of recent events, we should hesitate to make any categorical statements as to the inevitability of war. . . .

No doubt by this time, you have decided that this writer is a "Stalinist." If so, you have made a correct decision. I do not and cannot accept the Krushchev report on Stalin. I cannot believe that for years Sokolsky, Pegler, Fulton Lewis and old Henry Taylor have been right, and we have been wrong. To me it just does not make sense. When I read in our publication of "Stalinist horrors," I wonder who is speaking. Can it be Bill Foster or is it Sokolsky? O. S. CUMMINS.

### A Sequel Proposed To Mideast Story

NEW YORK.

Dear Editor:

Think it would be of great effectiveness that Art Shields contributes as a sequel to his article Our A-Bomb Happy Air Secretary Looks East, another one that would include a graph bearing a caption reading something like this:

"Chronology of a doctrine intended to provoke armed conflict" followed by entries such as:

Nov. 6, 1956—Eisenhower wins reelection by landslide on the strength of having promised PEACE and PROSPERITY and pledging that American troops would not be used in the troubled Egyptian-Israel area.

Jan. 3, 1957—One of several newspaper headlines read: Marines Have Atom Arms in the Mediterranean—Gen. Pate Also Says Two Battalions Headed for Hot Zones in Crisis.

Jan. 5, 1957—An unusual joint session of Congress on a Satur-

day, President Eisenhower, in almost peremptory tones, asked that authority be granted him for the use of military forces in the Middle East at any time he decides.

Jan. 9, 1957—An International News Service dispatch from Washington was headlined: SEE 6th FLEET AS 'BIG STICK' BACKING IKE MIDEAST PLAN.

Jan. (date not remembered)—Secretary Dulles with his characteristic proneness for exaggeration, told the Senate Relations Committee that there was in the Middle East "the most serious threat we have faced over the past 10 years."

Jan. 16, 1957 — President's Budget Message read in Congress calling for total expenditures of 71.8 billions, more than half of it 43.3 billions to be allotted for military purposes.

No doubt Mr. Shields can add one or more entries making the chronology more complete with items of information showing the fatal direction in which the Eisenhower Doctrine can lead the country. -Interested Reader.

### Soil Bank Helps Speculators

MINNEAPOLIS.

Dear Editor:

The drought is already having considerable effect in driving farmers off the land.

One effect of the soil bank in these areas is that while the soil bank payments are too small to provide a living for a farm family so they could stay on the land, they are large enough so the speculators can buy the land at the going prices of land, put the whole farm in the soil bank and have the farm paid for by the government in three to five years. Some farmers are leaving their farms, going some place to get a job and hoping to hold on to the land.

Livestock herds are being reduced sharply in Western North and South Dakota. Reserves of the grain farmers have been reduced terrifically. C.

### Finds He's Not In Battle Alone

DETROIT.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the cause of a free press:

I am proud to acknowledge you as the truly patriotic Americans. I am a Negro born in Louisiana and reared in Mississippi; that in itself is enough to make you understand how I feel about jimcrow and discrimination.

But just about the time I had begun to think that all was lost and American democracy would never have equal justice, I began to read your paper, and for the first time in my life, I realized that although the Negro was up against tremendous odds, he was not in this battle alone.

There is no need of my picking a favorite writer in your paper for I like all of them. I don't agree with all they write, but they must have courage of the lion to write in it at all.

I have already contributed \$37 to your paper—and most assuredly mine—in the name of Billy Allan. But I am sending \$6 more, put this to Abner Berry's name, and the next donation will go to George Morris, credited to that most able labor writer.

I love all of you and in my humble way will fight with you until even Mississippi is a democratic state. But I must confess I like my Michigan buddies a wee bit better. Billy Allan, Carl and Helen Winter are great. Ah! how little the world knows of its truest heroes.

I must close hoping this widow's mite will help in some way. After the way the people of

Montgomery, Ala., and other Southern cities stood up against discrimination, I am truly proud to be a Negro American.

A FOOD WORKER.

### About Ahab And Jezebel

Editor, The Worker:

Abner Berry's story about the conference of Negro ministers, in The Worker Jan. 13, quoted one of them in an interesting reference to Naboth. This is the Old Testament farmer whose vineyard was coveted by King Ahab. The minister described how Ahab's wife, Jezebel, had Naboth stoned to death in order to make it possible for Ahab to seize his property. And then how Elijah confronted Ahab to denounce his act. The minister then drew a fine parallel between Naboth and working men, Negroes, and anyone in the world who is deprived of his rights.

This sent me back to the Old Testament to re-read the story of Naboth (I Kings 21:1-29) and I found it very interesting just how Jezebel went about having the farmer stoned. The King had made what he thought a very reasonable proposition to Naboth, either to buy the vineyard or exchange it for another; but Naboth had refused to let it go. Finding the King upset over this setback to his will, Jezebel advised him, "Arise, eat bread, and let thy heart be merry; I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth." So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his (Naboth's) city . . . saying, 'Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people; and set two men, base fellows, before him, and let them bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst curse God and the King. And then carry him out, and stone him to death.' Sounds quiet modern, doesn't it?

PAULA.

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