

Eisenhower, Taft Split Over Korea Cease-Fire Talks

By Joseph Hansen

The exact status of the negotiations for a truce in Korea are hidden at present behind a veil of secrecy. What concessions have been made by the two sides, what points

of difference remain, how important the differences are, who is to blame for the latest stalling—all the facts about these issues involving the possibility of an armistice or the resumption of full-scale fighting remain unknown. The doors have been closed to public view at Panmunjom in direct violation of the right of the peoples of the world to know the truth and to see for themselves what answers the representatives of the contending powers propose on questions involving the immediate fate of millions of human beings.

The only revelations about the new secret offer made by the Eisenhower administration have come from the highly unreliable Syngman Rhee dictatorship. In this case there may be some truth to Rhee's reports since he is violently opposed to Eisenhower's proposals. He says they involve "concessions" to the North Korean and Chinese negotiators.

According to Henry S. Hayward, Chief Far Eastern Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor, Rhee's "dissatisfaction is at least partly due to belief that the Communists will accept the new truce overtures." (May 27). The South Koreans, he continues, "may have reason to believe that success is

imminent and consequently feel it is time to register complaints as emphatically as possible."

Rhee's threats to continue fighting and explode any truce that might be reached were squelched by a missile to the dictator from Eisenhower, again secret, which probably involved promises of some kind of pay-off to the blood-thirsty little puppet.

More serious than Rhee's frothing at the mouth were the objections voiced by Senator Robert A. Taft. The head of the Republican power machine in Congress said May 26 that if a truce was not secured — on the arbitrary, one-sided terms thus far advanced publicly by Eisenhower — then the U.S. "might as well forget the United Nations as far as the Korean war is concerned."

In Taft's opinion "England and our other allies" should be told "that we are withdrawing from all further peace negotiations in Korea." He added: "I believe we might as well abandon any idea of working with the United Nations in the East, and reserve to ourselves a completely free hand."

These views express the line advocated by the "Pacific First" wing of the American capitalist class. They want extension of the

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SWP Leadership Plans Program of Activities

A rounded program of activities to guide its local branches was adopted by the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party at its plenary session May 21-24.

The program dealt with the type of work to be carried on in the trade unions with special attention given to the poorer-paid, less privileged and more combative workers. It included directives for activities in behalf of the colored people and their organizations, the youth, students and women.

It outlined the record and policy of the party in the fight for civil rights and in defense of all victims of reactionary repression. The program envisages the formation of a Labor Party by the unions as the central need of the American workers in fighting war, McCarthyism and the threat of a depression. It recommends running Socialist candidates for office wherever feasible.

All these tasks are designed to promote the aim of building an independent party of revolutionary Socialists firmly rooted in the main section of the organized working class of the United States.

An \$18,000 fund campaign is to be launched June 15 for party-building purposes and to facilitate the realization of this program of action. Plans were made for celebrating next fall the 25th anniversary of the Socialist Workers Party which traces its origin to the expulsion of the initial Trotskyist group from the

Communist Party on October 27, 1928.

The meeting of the National Committee was preceded by a hard-fought and thoroughgoing discussion throughout the party on a number of political and organizational questions. Debate upon the internal situation occupied the greater part of the plenum. Majority and minority positions were presented on the major political developments since Eisenhower's election and the tasks of the party and on American Stalinism and the correct tactical approach to it.

Following three days of intense debate, a solution of the party situation satisfactory to both sides was reached. The minority agreed to recognize the authority of the National Committee plenum, abide by its decisions, and carry them out loyally in accord with the principle of democratic centralism. The majority agreed to preserve and protect the democratic rights of the minority and to ensure its full integration in the work of the party on all levels. Both factions agreed to concentrate for the coming period upon the practical tasks of building and strengthening the party while objective discussion on all disputed matters proceeds in a regulated manner.

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McCarthy Linked to Catholic Hierarchy

By Joseph Keller

Senator Joseph McCarthy, whose methods remind us of the Spanish Inquisition, is getting more and more open backing from the powerful and authoritarian Catholic hierarchy. For instance, public praise of McCarthy was spoken on May 31 by the Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, president of the International Catholic Truth Society and pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn.

Addressing a communion breakfast of 1,800 firemen, the prominent priest boasted that "out in the forefront of those ferreting out communism is that great American, great Marine and great Catholic, Senator Joe McCarthy."

He claimed that McCarthy, who is detested even by many Eisenhower Republicans, is a "controversial figure only in the minds of Communists and fellow travelers that he has on the run." The Rev. Curran urged his audience to "stop the smear campaign against Joe McCarthy."

This alleged "smear" campaign includes the damning revelations of the Senate Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections about McCarthy's shady financial transactions. One of the matters probed was the mysterious sources of the \$172,623 McCarthy deposited in secret bank accounts from 1948 through 1952 and the addi-

tional sum of \$96,921 banked by the senator's administrative assistant Ray Kiermas.

"GO IT ALONE"

The Rev. Curran's defense of the fascist-like McCarthy was significantly combined with a pronouncement on Far Eastern policy. He urged the U.S. to "go it alone" in Korea if the truce moves fail in Korea and the UN allies of the U.S. decide to pull out. This is along the lines of McCarthy's own provocative proposals for spreading the war in the Far East, even to bombing ships of all countries carrying goods to China.

McCarthy's great initial publicity arose out of his smear campaign against Prof. Owen Lattimore in 1949 and 1950. Lattimore, a Far Eastern expert, was an adviser to the State Department under the Truman administration. The Senator's key witness against Lattimore was Louis Budenz, who deserted the Communist Party in 1945 to rejoin the Catholic Church and secure a well-paying job as a "professor" at Fordham University, a leading Catholic institution.

When Senator Dennis Chavez of New Mexico, himself a Roman Catholic, denounced Budenz in 1950 as a liar, paid informer, bigamist and self-confessed participant in the GPU preparations to murder Leon Trotsky, the Very Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, presi-



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dent of Fordham University, publicly defended McCarthy's odious witness "as a teacher and as a Christian gentleman" and assailed Chavez's statement as "even lower than that reached in the columns of the Daily Worker."

SOURCE OF MATERIAL

The material McCarthy and Budenz used to smear Lattimore had been initially published in China Monthly, published by the American China Policy Association, in which Catholics appeared to be most closely interested. The ACPA president was Mrs. Clare

Booth Luce, prominent Catholic convert now ambassador to Italy and wife of the Time, Life and Fortune publishing tycoon. Another source of McCarthy's material was William J. Goodwin, registered lobbyist and agent for Chiang Kai-shek. Goodwin was once active in the fascist Christian Front organization of Father Coughlin.

Budenz had introduced as the "first corroborative documents" for his testimony against Lattimore an article by Father James F. Kearney, in the December 1948 issue of Columbia, published by the Knights of Columbus. This article by a leading Jesuit was a bitter denunciation of the U.S. State Department for refusing to support intervention in China to aid the disintegrating Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship. It contains the first published attack on Lattimore.

HIERARCHY'S HOLDINGS

The Rev. Kearney indicated that the American Catholic hierarchy's rabid campaign for U.S. military intervention in China is based on vital material interests. He wrote that the Chinese missions of the Vatican face "ruin." The Catholic hierarchy has vast land holdings and investments in the Far East — including Indochina and the Philippines — which it might lose if the colonial revolts continue to spread.

The Catholic hierarchy has long been seeking a national political figure through which it can extend Catholic power in America. In the years of the depression it had Father Coughlin. It would be in keeping with the hierarchy's aims to get behind McCarthy. He has become the spearhead of the political witch hunt in America. Through him the Catholic hierarchy can attempt to discredit and victimize the Protestant clergy and others who stand in the way of Catholic advances.

It is this latter fact which Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam undoubtedly had in mind when he denounced the recent attacks on the loyalty of President Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of the Protestant Episcopal Church and former president of the National Council of Churches.

"Strange, is it not," observed Bishop Oxnam, "that the great Protestant leaders of this nation are under such vicious attack?"

U.S. Casualties Rise To 135,362 Total

A new total of 135,362 United States battle casualties in Korea was announced on June 3, an increase of 199 over the previous week's report. This does not reflect the recent heavier fighting when losses rose sharply.

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Demand Witch-Burners Halt Legal Murder of Rosenbergs

Stop This Political Witch-Burning



Electrocution of Couple Designed To Terrorize Freedom of Thought

By Harry Frankel

Political assassination under cover of "legal" mumbo-jumbo came closer to the Rosenbergs this week as last-minute moves by defense counsel failed to slow down the witch hunters' death drive. Thursday, June 18, is the date set for execution of the courageous couple, and world-wide protest has failed to secure a stay despite the fact that important new evidence indicates that government witnesses, upon whose testimony the hysterical death-sentence was obtained, had perjured themselves.

Labor Must Fight This Injustice

An Editorial

A terrible and irreversible injustice may soon take place in the Rosenberg case. Representatives of all sectors of the nation have rallied to the defense of the Rosenbergs, but labor has not yet been heard from. And the labor movement is the only power strong enough to stay the hand of the executioner.

The official leaders of the trade unions of America may feel that labor has no stake in this case. They may argue that only those who are sympathetic to "communism" or to the Soviet Union need be concerned about the fate of the Rosenbergs. They are wrong.

There is a very strong doubt that justice has been done in the case; strong enough to make the union leaders pause before dismissing it. Furthermore, the case is connected very closely with the McCarthyite method of trial by fury, in an atmosphere of hysteria.

If, in such a case, one which involves the first peacetime use of the death penalty for alleged "espionage," a miscarriage of justice were to occur, this would be an enormous leap forward for McCarthyism.

By the same token, it would be a blow against the labor movement — a setback for labor in its impending fight to defeat American fascism.

Labor must recall the fact that Sacco and Vanzetti were adjudged innocent years after their execution by Felix Frankfurter, who now sits on the Supreme Court which refused to give the Rosenbergs a chance to present new evidence. Labor must recall that Tom Mooney, also sentenced to death in a hysterical atmosphere, was saved by the protest of labor and also later found to be innocent.

Time is short! Labor must act at once. The top leadership of the AFL, the CIO and the independent unions have a clear duty to appeal for a stay of execution and for a new trial. If they fail in this duty, they may help the witch hunters to strike one of the greatest possible blows against labor.

Throughout the world, delegations asking commutation of the death sentence are constantly visiting U.S. embassies. The Women's International Democratic Federation, on the eve of the World Congress of Women opening in Copenhagen on June 5, wired President Eisenhower a demand for clemency and that all new evidence be considered. The Federation represents 135 million women in 65 countries.

MASS RALLIES

In this country, the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case announced a nationwide series of actions including a National Clemency Train to Washington on Sunday, June 14, outdoor meetings and floats in the nation's principal cities, and a mass meeting in Union Square, N. Y., on Thursday, June 11. Militant readers have indicated that they will participate in the demonstrations in an effort to make them as large and forceful as possible.

The biggest new development in the case is that a handwritten document by David Greenglass, on whose unsupported testimony the Rosenbergs were convicted of "espionage," has been uncovered. This document, from the files of Greenglass' own attorney, O. John Rogge, shows that Greenglass substantially changed his testimony in the ten months preceding the trial in March 1951.

"TRIAL" HYSTERIA

The trial itself was held in an atmosphere of hysteria in which the Rosenbergs could not possibly have been given a fair trial. Further, Judge Kaufman who presided gave unmistakable evidence of prejudice. Among other things, he called the Rosenbergs "traitors" when they were not on trial for treason. The government dared not risk a trial for treason since, under the Constitution, this requires the testimony of two witnesses to an overt act, and the government had only the word of stool-pigeon Greenglass, whose testimony is furthermore unreliable since he personally stood to gain from it.

Further, the fantastic allegations in the trial that the Rosenbergs "gave" the atom bomb "secret" away has been exploded by top atomic scientists Urey, Condon, Lapp and Eistein. When the trial opened, the government promised to take three months to present its case, and offered to call 118 witnesses including top atomic scientists. In fact the government took 8 1/2 days to present a vague, weak and self-contradictory case; did not call a single atom scientist. Many physicists whom the government

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HEED THESE VOICES!

The following are some of the outstanding voices representing the growing protest of millions in America and throughout the world against the barbaric death sentence of the Rosenbergs:

Dr. Harold C. Urey, world-famous atomic physicist and Nobel prize winner declared, "Accepting the verdict as correct, I am outraged by the unequal punishment which has been given." The Rosenbergs "were convicted on testimony which I do not believe is conclusive beyond a reasonable doubt. . . . I believe the Rosenbergs are or have been Communists or sympathetic to Communist ideas. I regard such people as unreliable generally, but I do not believe in punishing people unless they commit crimes."

The renowned scientist, Albert Einstein, in a letter to the President stated: "My conscience compels me to urge you to commute the death sentence of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. This appeal to you is prompted by the same reasons which were set forth so convincingly by my distinguished colleague, Harold C. Urey. . . ."

Dr. Edward U. Condon, another leading scientist, punctured a chief prosecution point, Greenglass' story of a "freehand drawing" of a "lens." He said: "The essence of the lens lies in the precise shape which Greenglass did not know and could not have transmitted by a freehand sketch in any case."

Arthur Garfield Hays, general

4th Int'l Pleads For Doomed Pair

The executive committee of the Fourth International has made public the text of a telegram sent to President Eisenhower on May 27 branding the impending execution of the Rosenbergs as a "preparatory act for World War III." The wire, dispatched from Paris by Pierre Frank, follows:

"President Eisenhower, Washington: We protest the projected execution of the Rosenberg couple which we consider a preparatory act for counter-revolutionary third world war. We demand clemency.

"Executive Committee, Fourth International"

