

WHY INDO-CHINESE ARE DETERMINED TO WIN

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Stalinists Help Clear Way for McCarthyism

By Political Committee Of the Socialist Workers Party

The current right swing in the policy of the American Communist Party constitutes a mortal danger to the American working class. The danger is this: The Stalinist policy of support to the Democratic Party and the labor bureaucracy can spell the defeat of the American working class in the struggle with fascist McCarthyism.

The Stalinist policy has been brazenly announced with great fanfare in the "Draft Program of the Communist Party" published in the Daily Worker, March 7, under the title, "The American Way — to Jobs, Peace and Democracy."

Here is the proclaimed policy of the party that dares to call itself "Communist":

- (1) The menace of fascism can be defeated by "a popular coalition movement which unites labor, the working farmers, the Negro people, small and middle-size business and those groups of capital opposed to the McCarthy program of fascism and war."
(2) This coalition must take place within the framework of the capitalist party system because "the two-party system remains the form through which the overwhelming majority of the American people now express themselves in politics."
(3) The organization of an independent Labor Party must be shelved for the next two national elections: "The key to both the crucial 1954 and 1956 elections lies in the ability of organized labor to come forward as a distinct political force even within the framework of the present two-party system..."
(4) The issue is not socialism or fascism but capitalist democracy or fascism: "The Communist Party emphasizes that the issue at the present time is not Communism. The choice before our people today is peace, security, democracy versus the grip which the monopolists have on the country and their plans for fascism and war."

The Socialist Workers Party declares that this program of the American Stalinists is a program of betrayal of the American working class to the fascist hangmen.

It is the same program followed by the labor bureaucracy of Europe, including Social Democrats, Stalinists and trade union officials, which led to the victory of Mussolini in Italy, Hitler in Germany and Franco in Spain. The Stalinist program for uniting the workers with the "good" democratic capitalists to maintain the status quo against the "bad" fascist capitalists is a blueprint for a repetition of the European disasters in the United States.

In the fight against fascism, the class independence of the workers — their unification around the program and perspective of putting a Workers and Farmers Government in power —

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Power Fight over Pentagon Erupts in McCarthy "Trial"

Fascist Senator Gains in TV Bout With GOP-Democratic Opponents

By Daniel Roberts

The current Army-McCarthy hearings represent the airing of a major power conflict raging between the wing of the Republican Party headed by Eisenhower and the fascist forces grouped around Senator McCarthy. The fact that this conflict is being waged in the open is a measure of the strength that has accumulated on the side of

McCarthy. He is not "just a Senator in trouble" as the liberal chatterbox, Max Lerner, calls him in the New York Post of April 26. He is not simply an adventurer caught off base. It is true that in the hearing room itself there are only three open fascists under attack — the

Report New Facts On Murder of Trotsky by Stalin

Additional specific information on how Stalin organized the assassination of Leon Trotsky is reported to have been revealed in detail to U.S. security officers in West Germany by Nikolai Khokhlov, a Soviet secret police captain whose break last February from the Kremlin was made public April 22.

General Leonid Eitingen, of the Soviet Ministry of Interior, was named by the former Soviet agent as the one who selected and trained "Jacques Mornard" for the slaying of Trotsky. Eitingen was executed in late 1953 as a Beria supporter. Khokhlov, a Soviet police agent for thirteen years, described the operations of that section of the secret police set up to assassinate political opponents of Stalin.

Before his death, Trotsky revealed that information had reached him of the creation by Stalin of such an international assassination squad.

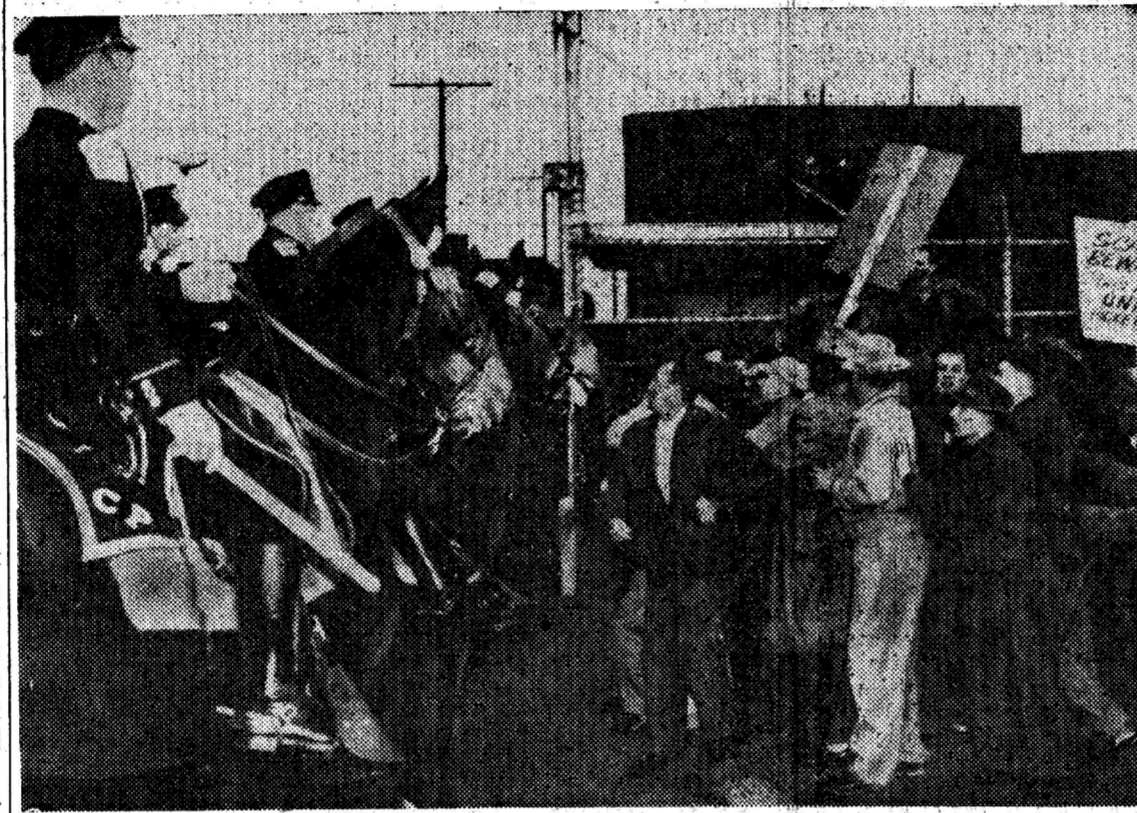
The specific details on the organization of the killing of Trotsky that Khokhlov is reported to have given U.S. officials were not made public. Perhaps the State Department wished to reserve this information in line with its diplomatic jockeying with the Malenkov crew. During the war, it will be recalled, Washington helped cover up Stalin's crimes.

But the few facts that were given to the press further confirm the accuracy of Trotsky's revelations about the murder machine that Stalin set up to silence his political opponents in no matter what country they might live.



McCARTHY

Cleveland Police Attack UAW Pickets



Mounted police form a solid barrier as they drive back some 3,000 CIO United Auto Workers pickets in Cleveland to clear the way for scabs entering the Park Drop Forge Co. plant. Many pickets were knocked down and two were arrested. The plant has been struck since last Oct. 19.

Secret Deal Discussed At Geneva Conference

By Joseph Hansen

APRIL 29 — Two screens have been drawn over the Geneva Conference. One is the TV screen occupied by McCarthy. The other is the screen of secrecy behind which the Allied powers are trying to reach an understanding with Moscow and Peking over settlement of the Indo-Chinese conflict.

Eisenhower on April 26 declared that this is "a time of great decisions" and that he hoped a "modus vivendi" might be reached. Next day he accepted a "bean" cap from a group of admiring bobby-sox Republicans and then on April 28 left for Burning Tree for a round of golf.

What the "great decision" was can be guessed from the abrupt stop that was put to belligerent declarations about sending American troops now to Indo-China and from the report by Edmund Stevens in the April 27 Christian Science Monitor that French Foreign Minister Bidault had begun secret discussions with Molotov

"with carte blanche from France's allies, including the United States, to seek an early cease fire on whatever terms are obtainable."

From the Stalinist side, Malenkov also put out an olive branch on the same day as Eisenhower. He noted that there had been "a certain easing of tension" and he again raised the banner of "peaceful co-existence."

TRADE CONFERENCE

Two other developments are worth noting: (1) Alongside the diplomatic parley at Geneva, a big trade conference between representatives of the Soviet bloc and the Western Powers is being held. The objective is to further lower trade restrictions. These secret discussions are intermeshed with those on Indo-China.

(2) The Indo-Chinese Stalinists are deliberately holding off the capture of Dien Bien Phu. The Stalinist N. Y. Daily Worker published a report April 29 that the Vietminh could actually have captured the French fortress any time within the last five days but

had held off to await developments at Geneva. The meaning of this is obvious. The Stalinists are trying to demonstrate their capacity to control the struggle in Indo-China, and therefore their ability to deliver in a deal. A dispatch from Tokyo April 24 to the Christian Science Monitor made this clear: If the Stalinist Gen. Giap "delays an all out assault... it will be because the Communists hope to use the threat... to obtain concessions at Geneva."

"TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE"

"This, however, presumes Moscow and Peking maintain direct control down to operational levels in Indo-China and can call the signals as they choose.

"This would be almost too good to be true..." The exact nature of the deal that is being secretly discussed at Geneva is of course obscure. Most frequently mentioned are two variants; partition of Indo-China as in Korea, or the setting up of a coalition government.

Anti-McCarthy Campaign News

By Myra Tanner

This week we received almost \$1,000 on the Fund drive. Reports from the branches indicate that with only three weeks to go, everyone is busy making plans to get quotas paid in full and on schedule.

Detroit recaptured first place from Youngstown this week by only a fraction of 1%. The competition for top spot on the scoreboard of the fund drive is really on now. But it's anyone's guess as to which branch will hit 100% first.

We received \$45 from a comrade in one of the Southern states, \$20 of which "came as a pleasant surprise from an old friend who is a reader of the Militant."

The effects of unemployment on pledges is being felt quite heavily by some branches. This will throw an even bigger responsibility on those who are still working, if we are to reach our goal.

Readers of the Militant are invited to participate in our anti-fascist campaign by helping us realize our goal of \$14,000 by May 15. We need your assistance. Every dollar you contribute will be a blow to the whole fascist menace of McCarthyism.

FASCISTS ACTIVE

The importance of our anti-fascist Literature campaign is brought home emphatically, as I look over two pieces of fascist propaganda distributed here in New York. The first is the announcement of a new magazine called "The U.S. Nationalist" to be published in Wilton, Connecticut. The program of the editors is based on McCarthy's charge of 20 years of treason.

Demagogically appealing to the opposition of the American people

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Highlights Of My Tour

By Murry Weiss

I returned to New York April 20 after 74 days of touring the country to open the current Socialist Workers Party campaign against McCarthyism.

Last Saturday at the New York "Welcome Home" party some of my comrades asked me if I intended to report the midwestern, northwestern and west coast parts of my tour to Militant readers in the same way I had reported the first eastern part. I had planned to write two other "division point" reports from the road in addition to the story I filed from Pittsburgh.

But a Militant staff writer runs into a contradiction when he goes on national tour after writing in an office all year. Getting out in the field, meeting our active workers, talking to unionists, students and all kinds of people on trains and in hotels, provides plenty of fresh material for "copy." At the same time the work of a speaking tour is so demanding that it leaves little time for writing.

The result is that I have stored up a lot of impressions and observations that I will be writing about for some time to come. But I will start with a general round-up report of the tour from the time I left Pittsburgh on Feb. 19, to my return to New York on April 20.

YOUNGSTOWN

The Youngstown headquarters of the SWP where my meeting was held is situated on the main street of what is perhaps the most typical steel town in the United States.

No one lives in Youngstown for the fun of it. The town is populated by steel workers or workers in other factory and ser-

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Squeeze Is on the Unemployed

By Robert L. Kern

The Eisenhower administration gave its answer this week to the increasing demand for more liberal unemployment compensation to adjust for the great increase in living costs since insurance amounts were set. Officials of the Bureau of Employment Security of the Labor Department charged April 24 that fraud in the collection of these payments is nation-wide.

Instead of requesting new funds to bring unemployment insurance up to better levels, the Labor Department demands \$2,500,000 more to "investigate" unemployed workers whom they allege are getting unemployment insurance "illegally."

A worker collecting unemployment insurance after being laid off from his job is presumably free to turn down offers of employment at a lower wage scale or under worse conditions than those of his last job. This right, which is written into the Unemployment-Insurance Compensation regulations is now under sustained attack.

After a few weeks, workers who continue to draw their un-

employment insurance are pressed to accept jobs at lower scales. Many have had to give in to this pressure and thus lower their standard of living. Many others, however, refuse to voluntarily cut their standard. It is these workers that the Labor Department is now threatening.

TYPICAL CASE

I interviewed a typical case this week. This man, aged 31, with a wife and two children to support, has now been on unemployment insurance for ten weeks. His story is not much different from that of thousands of others.

He came out of the army in 1946 and went to work as a machine hand in a middle-sized shop in New York. His starting wage scale was \$1.09 an hour. After a series of union-won raises, his scale reached \$1.72 an hour.

During the Korean war, he worked overtime and through a premium incentive plan in his shop, his earnings were considerably increased. Last year the overtime was cut out and then in February of this year he, along with others, was laid off with no promise of re-employment other than the statement, by the fore-

man that a pick-up in orders might be expected around March. This, no doubt, was a reflection of Eisenhower's reassuring statement that he would act in March if things got worse.

OFFERED LOWER PAY

After five weeks of unemployment insurance, he was asked by his interviewer why he didn't take a job at \$1.25 an hour at a shop farther from his home than the old job. He refused.

He told me that it would be too much of a setback to have to go into a new shop at the bottom scale with no seniority and begin a painful accumulation of seniority and possible pay rises. He considered the whole thing to be completely unfair.

In the meantime, he preferred to wait longer on the chance his old shop might rehire him.

WIFE GETS JOB

I asked him how he managed to get by on just unemployment insurance and he told me that his wife took a job in a laundromat. This brought the family income to 55% of what it was a year ago. This is the kind of worker that

NEWARK SWP SUPPORTS CIO, NEGRO CANDIDATES

By George Breitman SWP Candidate for U.S. Senator

NEWARK, April 27 — The Socialist Workers Party today announced support of four candidates for the Newark City Council in the election to be held May 11. Two of these are CIO candidates, and

two are representatives of the Negro community.

The elections are the first to be held under the new Mayor-Council form of government approved in a referendum last November to replace the City Commission form. As was predicted by the SWP last year, the change-over from one form to another has shaken up the local political picture and encouraged the emergence of new political currents and alignments.

The most significant was the decision of the Essex-West Hudson CIO Council to run two CIO leaders for the City Council. They are James T. Callaghan, organization director of District 4, IUE-CIO, running for councilman-at-large; and Jerry Leopaldi, president of the big Federal Local 447, IUE-CIO, running for councilman in the East Ward.

This is not the first time the CIO has endorsed CIO members running for office, usually on the Democratic ticket. What is new in the present situation is that the CIO has SPONSORED Callaghan and Leopaldi and has assumed the major responsibility for financing and running their campaigns.

AGAINST DEMOCRAT SLATE

Municipal elections here are supposed to be "non-partisan" — that is, no regular party label appears on the ballot. But this is a mere technicality, and the Democratic machine gets around it by drawing up its own informal slate and then passing down the word to its wardheelers to support that slate and oppose all others. The significant thing about the Callaghan-Leopaldi candidacies is that they are not included on the Democratic machine's slate for the Council. In fact, the Democratic county boss approached Callaghan and asked him to take a place on his slate. Although CIO candidates generally have accepted such offers in the past, Callaghan turned it down this time.

Thus Callaghan and Leopaldi are running as independent candidates, sponsored by the CIO, and opposed by the corrupt Democratic machine and its candidates. Their election under these circumstances would be a blow against capitalist politics. It would prove that labor can elect its own candidates. It would strengthen the movement for an independent Labor Party by showing that such a party can win office under its own steam. That is why the Socialist Workers Party favors their election. One of Newark's biggest scandals is the fact that the Negro people represent over one-sixth of the population but have never had any top-level representation in the city government. The So-

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