

Indo-China Independence Fighters Win Victory

French Invader Seeks Partition By Geneva Deal

By Daniel Roberts

The fall of the French fortification of Dien Bien Phu on May 7 is an outstanding victory in the Indo-Chinese revolutionary war for independence. The Indo-Chinese peasants and workers have dealt a major political and military blow to French and American imperialism and have further paralyzed Wall Street's ability, for the time being, to intervene with U.S. troops.

Dien Bien Phu had been set up by the French invaders with the deliberate aim of inviting a Viet-minh attack that would provide the basis for a big propaganda campaign to sell American intervention in Indo-China to the American people. At the same time, the French believed they could lure large Viet-minh forces into suicidal attack against overwhelming fire-power, and thus carry out an "operation killer."

Ludwell Penny, Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor, disclosed on April 29 that "the French deliberately invited this battle, with Dien Bien Phu as expendable bait to slaughter Reds."

CROOKED JOURNALISM
Every device of crooked journalism has been used to represent the defense of Dien Bien Phu as another heroic last-ditch stand for freedom and a symbol of courage in the fight for liberty.

Actually, most of the troops at Dien Bien Phu were hired mercenaries, members of the Foreign Legion, whose ranks included thousands of ex-Nazi soldiers. These adventurers and professional killers were described by NEA staff writer Fred Sparks as "professionals who fight the jungle war with cognac in their canteens" and who "were receiving their regular rations and red wine and pernod via fat-bellied planes from Hanoi."

While depicting these liquored-up hirelings as light-hearted, devil-may-care heroes, the same May 7 N. Y. World-Telegram that carried Sparks article also carried an account of the fall of Dien Bien Phu which claimed that "the screaming attackers apparently were 'hopped up' on potent chium (native rice wine)."

"HEROIC" COMMANDER
The commander of the French forces, General de Castries, who was promoted from colonel during the siege, was depicted in glowing terms as an international hero of the "free world," who would go down with his troops

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EISENHOWER leaving press conference after stating opposition to a proposed ban on sending U.S. troops to Indo-China without congressional consent. Americans are overwhelmingly against intervention. (See article on Page 2.)

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McCarthy Admits Having Spy Network inside Government

Kutcher to Challenge M'Carthy on His Tour

By John F. Petrone

NEWARK, May 12 — James Kutcher, the valiant victim of the witch hunt, was excited and happy today as he talked to a Militant reporter about his national speaking tour, which will begin in Buffalo on May 19.

"Sure, I'm excited," he said. "I can't imagine anything more important today than getting out around the country and talking with people about the danger of McCarthyism and what should be done to meet it. I'm very grateful to Pioneer Publishers and the local branches of our committee whose sponsorship has made this tour possible."

Pioneer Publishers is the American distributor of "The Case of the Legless Veteran," Kutcher's book about his victimization by the "loyalty" purge and his six-year fight to recover the Veterans Administration clerical job from which he was fired because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party. The tour will be co-sponsored by local branches of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, the non-partisan group which is handling the veteran's legal case in the courts.

TO CHALLENGE MCCARTHY
"Of course I'm going to talk about my case on this tour, and try to get support for it, and sell as many copies of my book as I can," he explained. "But that's not all. I'm also going to talk about broader questions — about the real meaning and aims of McCarthyism and how the witch hunt affects every American, radical or non-radical. Millions of people are thinking about these questions today, and I hope they'll be interested in hearing my ideas about them."

He laughed, "If you're not careful, I'll try out one of my speeches on you . . . Don't worry, I won't. But one of the things I'm going to do on this tour is throw down a challenge to McCarthy and McCarthyism, and I'm going to urge everybody I talk to to do the same."

TOUR SCHEDULE
We asked how long his tour would last. Kutcher said he didn't know yet. "You know, I went on a similar tour in 1950. I never saw Newark again for six months, and that tour lasted about nine months. I was busy all the time, so busy that I couldn't meet all speaking engagements offered me. This time my schedule is more leisurely. I'll spend more time at each stop, and this time I'm

traveling by car instead of plane and train. Only the first part of the schedule has been completed." As the schedule now stands, Kutcher will arrive in Buffalo (Continued on page 3)

One CIO, 2 Negro Candidates Reach Newark Run-offs

By George Breitman

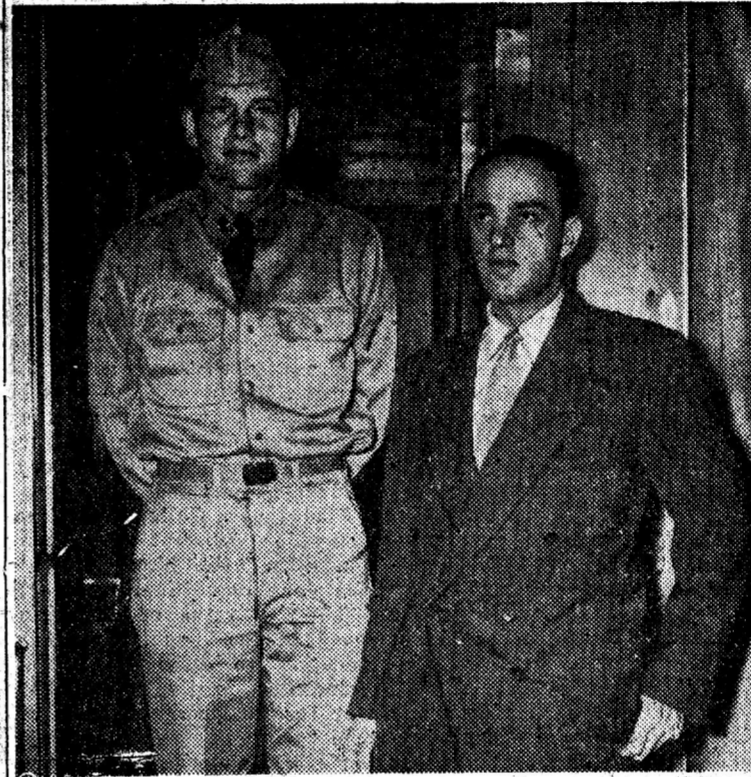
NEWARK, May 12 — One CIO-sponsored candidate and two Negro candidates for Newark City Council received enough votes in yesterday's election to qualify for places on the ballot in the run-off elections to be held on June 15. A second CIO-sponsored candidate did not qualify.

The strongest showing of the four candidates supported by the Socialist Workers Party was made by Irvine I. Turner, Negro candidate for councilman in the Central Ward. He led the ten candidates in this race by a wide margin, receiving 6,110 votes, almost twice the number of John Salvato, a Democratic wardheeler whom he will face in the run-off. Turner's vote was 41% of the total in the ward, but he needed an absolute majority to clinch the election yesterday.

Turner might have been able to win without a run-off if the names of two other Negro candidates had not remained on the ballot. One of these, Roger Yancey, withdrew from the race almost two weeks ago after it became clear that Turner was the overwhelming choice of the Negro community, and after the CIO Council endorsed Turner instead of Yancey.

TURNER'S CHANCES GOOD
But Yancey was unable to get his name off the ballot. In addition, the Newark Citizens Committee, a reform movement, maliciously continued to print advertisements that confused voters by calling on them to vote for Yancey. As a result, Yancey received 910 votes. A third Negro candidate, Samuel Stewart, resisting the pressure of the majority (Continued on page 4)

Fascist McCarthy's Boys



Pvt. G. David Sching and Roy M. Cohn, aides to McCarthy and target of Army charges, arrive together at the Senate hearings on the McCarthy-Army feud. Both have had only brief appearances on the stand at this writing. They did a lot of the spade work in digging up McCarthy's witch-hunt smears.

Score 'Subversive' List Of W. Coast NAACP

LOS ANGELES, May 10 — A strong protest against the so-called "subversive" list compiled by the West Coast Regional Office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People appeared last week in the Assembly, paper of South Gate Local 216, CIO United Auto Workers.

The protest appeared in the form of a report by the local's Fair Employment Practices Committee. It urges the NAACP Regional Office to withdraw the objectionable list (which included The Militant along with five other publications and organizations) and to concentrate on the progressive purposes for which the NAACP was formed. The full text of the report follows:

FULL TEXT
At the very moment your FEP Committee was preparing to launch a recruiting campaign among members of Local 216 as part of the National Membership Drive of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, we received

Uses Fascist Methods To Steal Secrets and Blackmail Opponents

By Fred Hart

MAY 12 — McCarthy's slanderous charge that the Democrats committed "20 years of treason" was taken directly from the Nazi propaganda arsenal or, as ex-President Truman put it on May 10, it was dug up out of "the dungheap of Hitler's writings." Hitler came to power by attacking the German republic for "14 years of shame and treason," and McCarthy is following the same objective by his own variant of this smear.

Not only McCarthy's propaganda but his techniques are typically fascist. Nothing illustrates this better than the source of the FBI memorandum, doctored up as a letter signed by J. Edgar Hoover, that McCarthy introduced at the Senate probe of his dispute with the Army.

Who gave him this secret memorandum? McCarthy refused to say. How did he get hold of it? An officer in the intelligence department of the Army gave it to him, in violation of regulations. Is it unusual for McCarthy to receive secret information in this way? Not at all. McCarthy boasted, "It's a daily and nightly occurrence."

Thus McCarthy admits having a network of spies in various departments of the government, a fifth column stealing secrets and passing them on to him illegally.

LIKE HITLER
This is one of the chief sources of McCarthy's political power (and one reason why he will not be prosecuted as an accessory to the theft of government secrets, or for refusing to name the thief). His fifth column provides him with information that enables him to pressure, blackmail and neutralize his opponents in high places, as well as with information that McCarthy twists to fit his charges of "coddling communists," etc.

Infiltration of the government with spies, agents, purloiners of documents and collectors of scandalous data about official and personal activities of government personnel — all this was standard operating procedure with the Nazis. Hitler was able several times to ward off prosecution and even possible deportation to Austria through this technique. It also enabled him to discredit, weaken and often get completely rid of officials who were opposed to turning over the government to the Nazis.

REASON FOR PROBE
The Eisenhower administration is opposed to turning over the government to the fascist from Wisconsin, at least at present. That's what the televised McCarthy-Army probe is essentially about. The Republican leadership was willing to use McCarthy, and went far out of its way to appease and conciliate him.

But McCarthy has his own fish to fry, and doesn't give a hang for the Republican Party as such. He demanded in effect control of the Army, the largest department under the jurisdiction of the executive branch. If he could win this, the other and smaller departments would be easy game for him. Against their will, the GOP leaders in the White House had to call a stop on his encroachments and infiltration into their preserve.

The aim of the administration in this probe is not to destroy McCarthy, but to curb or contain him. That is why their charges against him skirt the main issue in contention between them and center around picaresque offenses against "normal" relations between Senators and the executive branch. In this sense it is correct (Continued on page 3)

A National Congress of All Labor Needed Now

By the Editors

Emil Rieve, CIO Textile Workers Union President and CIO Senior Vice President, at the TWUA convention on May 5 referred to pending Taft-Hartley amendments as "neo-fascist" and declared if this legislation passes "I would propose . . . to immediately call a conference of unions affiliated to the CIO, the AFL, or independents, and lay plans for drastic measures."

That's a first-rate proposal. We've been urging it for a long time. But why wait until these "neo-fascist" measures are passed? Why wait until the club comes down?

Three Big Reasons to Act Now
There are at least three tremendous reasons why a mighty Congress of Labor, with rank-and-file representation from all bodies of organized labor, should be called in Washington at once. There's the threat of the union-smashing drive, the supreme expression of which is McCarthyite fascism. There's the mass unemployment that is daily sapping the strength of the unions. There's the threat of imperialist war with its danger of H-bomb annihilation. And all these together reflect the mortal menace facing American labor.

On one single day, May 8, 1954, three great bodies of American

labor each set forth public demands for government action to relieve unemployment and aid the unemployed. The AFL, the CIO and the United Mine Workers all issued almost identical demands addressed to the government. They all know that unemployment is a problem of the whole national economy. They all know that only major government action can grapple with it. And yet each of these union bodies spoke merely in its own name, as a separate force, with no real plan of action.

We have another expression of the urgency of the problems pressing on labor in the meeting of David Beck, head of the AFL Teamsters, John L. Lewis, president of the independent miners union, and David J. McDonald, head of the CIO United Steelworkers. They said they discussed the unemployment situation, which is gravely affecting all three unions, and announced that they had reached some sort of accord to deal jointly with the economic situation as it affects their unions.

Let us set aside, for the time being, all speculation about other things they might have discussed, such as jurisdictional matters, raiding of other unions, etc. Just exactly what can three union heads, locked behind closed doors, do about mass unemployment? What is their plan? How do they propose to solve this problem without taking the ranks of their own unions into

their confidence and setting into motion some real mass mobilization, some powerful national union action?

How many more union-busting laws and actions in and out of Congress must there be before all organized labor recognizes that the labor-haters mean business?

How tightly must McCarthyism get its grip on this nation before the labor movement faces up to and challenges this hideous fascist menace?

How large must the unemployed army grow before the whole of the labor movement unites in action to rid the land of insecurity and hunger?

A National Congress of Labor is needed right now. Such a labor gathering would have an immediate profound two-fold effect. It would stiffen the backbones of unions everywhere and put an end to the doubts, hesitations and fears that undermine their morale at the sad spectacle of labor disunited and quiescent before the gigantic threat to unionism. It would serve notice to labor's enemies that the mightiest power on earth, the organized American working class, is mobilizing for combat on the economic and political arena to halt the union-busters and fascists, to end the rule of the billionaire monopolists and to create the conditions for a decent economic and social order.

