

# Huge 1-Day Ruhr Strike Protests Rearming Pact

By Myra Tanner

The militant fighting power of the German workers was seen once again in the 24-hour protest strike of close to a million industrial Ruhr workers on Jan. 22. Despite government efforts to forestall the strike demonstration, the coal miners and steel workers of the Ruhr kept solid ranks and received pledges of support from the Railroad Workers Union and from hundreds of thousands of workers throughout West Germany.



ADENAUER

Officially the strike demonstration was a protest against attempts to deny union representatives voting rights in the co-management holding companies set up in the coal and steel industries after World War II. The unions also protested the arrogant statement of the Ruhr industrialist, Herman Reusch, that the co-management concession won by the workers was obtained by "blackmail" when the government was too weak to resist.

### REARMAMENT FIGHT

While this protest was the immediate issue it was generally recognized that the strike was a part of the growing opposition to the Paris agreements for German rearmament that are now before the Bonn government for ratification.

The struggle against the rearmament program has been conducted under the leadership of the Social Democrats, the second largest political party in West Germany. The Social Democrats and the trade union leaders have fundamentally accepted the line of Adenauer who in turn is firmly allied to the U.S. State Department. Popular indignation at the preparations for a new war has forced the Social Democrats to stand at the head of the movement.

Adenauer, in a special national

broadcast, tried to reassure the Ruhr workers that their right to co-management of industry would not be infringed upon and disassociated the government from the statement of the industrialist, Reusch. However the bulk of his talk consisted of an appeal for support to the Paris agreements. He urged that West Germany spurn the dramatic Soviet offer to reunify Germany on the basis of elections to be held under international supervision.

West Germany figures prominently in the World War III plans of the U.S. State Department. Obviously they forgot to consult the real power in Germany — the industrial workers — when they drew up their plans. That oversight was brought sharply to their attention by the Ruhr strike and the support it received throughout West Germany.

# 'Pre-Dated' War Declaration Is Demanded by Eisenhower

## Risks Another Korea To Gain Formosa as U.S. Military Base

By Joseph Hansen

JAN. 26 — When the House voted yesterday 409 to 3 to back Eisenhower in using U.S. armed forces, if necessary, to protect dictator Chiang Kai-shek from being flushed out of his island rat hole by the Chinese people, it voted to take the risk of plunging America into another Korea, possibly into World War III.

For the truth — openly conceded by the most authoritative capitalist voices — is that the proposed joint resolution of Congress approving Eisenhower's use of military force in "whatever measures as he judges to be required or appropriate for the defense of Formosa and the Pescadores" could mean war with China.

Dulles himself admitted it Jan. 24 when Sen. Barkley (D-Ky.) specifically demanded of the head of the State Department, "I ask you again if this resolution is not, in effect, a predated declaration of war?"

"Yes, it would be construed in that way," Dulles confessed. (Reported by columnist Robert S. Allen.)

Today's Wall Street Journal grants editorially that the resolution is "in effect, a prior 'declaration of war,'" and then brazenly asks, "... is it a bad thing to say that if other nations do certain things the United States will immediately respond?"

### THE FACTS

Before the bar of world opinion, and the Eisenhower administration is in an untenable position.

(1) The Chinese people, some 600,000,000 of them, exercised their right to put a government of their own choice in office. The bloody dictator Chiang Kai-shek resisted their will and backed by American guns and dollars, plunged the country into civil war. He lost in this war and fled to Formosa. But he could not last there two weeks without the support of U.S. military power. This support clearly constitutes interference in the internal affairs of the Chinese people.

(2) Formosa and all the islands occupied by the remnants of Chiang's armies belong to China. This was recognized by the U. S. government itself in an official statement of aims of the Allies in World War II: "It is their purpose that Japan shall be stripped of all the islands in the Pacific which she has seized or occupied since the beginning of the first World War in 1914, and that all the territories Japan has stolen from the Chinese, such as Manchuria, Formosa and the Pescadores, shall be restored to the Republic of China." (Cairo Conference, 1943.)

In 1950, after Chiang had been pushed off the mainland, Truman as President of the United States declared: "The United States Government will not pursue a course which will lead to involvement in the civil conflict in China. Similarly the United States Government will not provide military aid or advice to Chinese forces on Formosa."

Truman, of course, had already involved the United States in China's internal affairs, and at the time of his statement U.S. military figures were advising and aiding Chiang on Formosa. But that makes Truman's statement all the more significant. He felt forced to recognize the principle the U.S. Government should follow even while in practice he was doing the contrary.

### CHOU'S POSITION

Thus when Chou En-lai, Premier of China, broadcast a statement Jan. 24, stating the position of his government, he stood on grounds acknowledged by the

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## 2 Cops in Phony Rape Case Given Citations

By Tom Denver

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 — Last weekend a citation for "meritorious police duty" was awarded to two city cops, Sergeant William P. Carboy and Patrolman Edward M. Caffrey. It reads as follows:

"At about 2:10 A.M., June 25, 1954, while on radio patrol, heard cries of 'help' coming from the vicinity of a wooded area at 88th Street, west of West Drive, Manhattan. Upon arriving at the location, they observed two men who had assaulted and were in the act of raping a woman at the point of a knife. They pursued and captured the two thugs, disarming one of a knife. Both prisoners were under the influence of narcotics."

### HEROES?

The citation would have us believe that the two cops performed an act of heroism. However, closer examination will show that the exact opposite was true.

The "thugs" mentioned in the citation are two Puerto Rican youths, Eneris Santa, and Victor Caban, both only 17 years old. Last Dec. 10, after sitting in jail for five months awaiting trial, their innocence was clearly established and they were set free.

Luckily, there was a witness to the "crime." It's true that this witness was not questioned by the District Attorney's office until five months after the arrests. After all who is going to bother about two "obviously" guilty Puerto Ricans. But when the witness did finally get a chance to

### FBI Funds Hiked In '56 Budget

Eighty-eight million dollars is earmarked for the FBI in Eisenhower's budget for the 1956 fiscal year. This represents a 12% increase over last year in the costs of the "Secret Political Police," as Emil Rieve of the CIO correctly termed them.

Part of the increased cost is due to the fact that the FBI agents will now be paid for overtime and holiday spying on the American people in the search for political dissenters.

## French Trotskyists Persecuted For Defending Colonial People

The French imperialist government of Mendes-France has launched a full-fledged hunt against all French workers who support the Algerian struggle for national independence. Here are the facts as reported by the January issues of La Verite, French Trotskyist paper:

1. The December issues of La Verite were suppressed in Algeria. Also Liberaire, anarchist paper. The French Trotskyists, the anarchist Libertarian Communist Federations and several other organizations collaborate in the Committee of Struggle Against Colonial Repression.

2. A meeting called by this committee for December 9 in Paris, with the noted writer Daniel Guerin as chairman, was banned. The meeting was to hear a written message from Messali Hadj, Algerian nationalist leader held incommunicado in France.

3. French Minister of Interior Mitterand has launched a police "investigation" of the International Communist Party, French section of the Fourth International (Trotskyists) because of its Political Bureau's declaration on Algeria, published in issue No. 343 of La Verite. This issue also contained a statement by Messali Hadj smuggled past his French guards. (The statement was reprinted from La Verite in The Militant, Nov. 22.)

"NO MORE DIRTY WARS"

The Trotskyist statement declared "Remember Indo-China!

No dirty war in Algeria! It urged the French working class to solidarize itself with the struggle of the Moslem masses in Algeria. It called on the working class organizations to struggle for an end to repressive measures against the Algerians and for removal of all French troops.

The French police have also launched an investigation of Daniel Renard, prominent Trotskyist militant, because of two articles he wrote in La Verite giving the facts on the brutal French policy in Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco. The articles charged the Mendes-France government with wanting to launch a Korean-like police action in the mountains of Aures, where Fellagha troops are operating against the French repressive forces.

The government has taken all these witch-hunt measures under Article 80 of the 1947 Algerian statute which permits the imprisonment of thousands of Algerian patriots.

4. Mitterand has taken action against Gilles Martinet, editor of the left-wing publication, France-Observateur, "guilty" of having informed his readers of the true military situation in Indo-China last summer. Recently, France-Observateur published articles exposing French rule in Algeria.

The French Trotskyists link these violations of freedom of speech and press to French imperialist policy, summed up by Mitterand as follows: "The only

negotiation (with the Algerians) is war."

### 45,000 VICTIMS

In Algeria, the French imperialists are visiting savage persecutions on militants of the Movement for the Triumph of Democratic Liberties, Algerian nationalist organization. La Verite reports that Moulay-Merbah, a prominent leader, and thousands of others have been arrested and tortured with the aim of extracting "confessions." The right of habeas corpus and all other democratic safeguards of justice have been brazenly flouted by the police.

La Verite recalls in this connection the bloody repressions of May 1945 when the French imperialists massacred 45,000 Algerians.

Although he persecutes Algerian nationalists and their French defenders, Mitterand states that he wants to bring "reforms" to the African colonies. The French Trotskyists reply: the only genuine reform is independence for Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.

### THE WOMEN OF HONDURAS

The small Central American country, have just won the right to vote and hold office on an equal basis with men.

## The Secret Weapon of the Southern Democrats

By George Lavan

Early in this century John Hay, a Republican bigwig with a literary background gave a definition of the Democratic Party which became celebrated because of all the \$2 words in it. He said: "The Democratic Party is a fortuitous concourse of unrelated prejudices."

Bringing this down to earth it meant that the Democratic Party had no unifying principle but was a hodgepodge coalition of groups opposed to the Republicans. There were the Southern Democrats who opposed the Republican Party because it had led the North during the Civil War; then came the big city machines who opposed the Republicans because they wanted — by graft and patronage — to cut themselves into the wealth Big Business was squeezing out of the people; next came the labor vote

which was opposed to the Republican Party as the avowed party of Big Business.

Today the Democratic Party still remains "a fortuitous concourse of unrelated" elements, though the roster has changed somewhat. The Democratic Party today still has the Southern Democrats, stronger than ever; the big city machines, somewhat weaker; the labor movement, immensely stronger; and the Negro people, who in John Hay's day voted solidly Republican but who since the thirties vote overwhelmingly Democratic.

Statesmanship in the Democratic Party consists in winning elections by not losing any of the disparate elements in the coalition. This is no easy task today. If it could be done by giving each group something, the task would be easy. But this can't be done. For example, the Negro people want legislation for equal rights. But the Democratic chiefs

can't give that (even if they wished to, which is dubious) because it would alienate the South.

Similarly the labor movement can't be given much, if anything, because that would alienate the "right-to-scab" Southern bloc and the Big Business interests who dominate the city and state machines.

The most easily paid off element in the Party are the big city machines — which after all are in politics for only one reason — money — in the form of jobs, "honest" graft and (shhh!) good old-fashioned dishonest boodle.

### SOUTH RIDES HIGH

Today no political observer has any doubt about who is getting what in the Democratic Party. The South is riding high. It controls Congress, stock and barrel. Inside the Democratic national machine it is getting what it demands as was shown in the

recent New Orleans confab of the party leadership. The bosses and ward-healers of the city and state machines are already getting city, state and Congressional patronage and their hopes and appetites are being whetted by thoughts of federal loot if they take over the presidency in 1956.

On the other hand the Negro people — who voted about 80% Democratic in the last two elections — are getting absolutely nothing. The opening day of the 84th Congress made that clear. What about labor? It is still doubtful whether the Democratic congress will give it anything more than Eisenhower has offered. That is in deeds. It may get more in the way of Democratic words and promises, although it appears that the Southern wing of the Democratic Party is even rationing the amount of sweet talk that Northern liberal Democrats want to make with an eye to the labor vote.

## Send Telegrams To Save Irvin!

Walter Lee Irvin, framed-up Negro youth, still waits in the Florida death house. The U.S. Supreme Court's refusal in Jan. to grant him a new trial means that his execution can be ordered any day now.

Irvin's conviction in the infamous Groveland or "Little Scottsboro" case is one of the worst mockeries of justice in the long history of Jim Crow frame-ups. Two of Irvin's fellow defendants are dead. One was killed by a deputized mob. The other, handcuffed at the time, was shot down in cold blood by racist Sheriff Willis McCall. He thought he had killed Irvin, too, at that time but somehow Irvin survived his wounds.

No execution date has yet been set. To save Irvin's life send telegrams, and have your unions and other organizations do likewise, to Governor Leroy Collins, Tallahassee, Florida.

## Otis Elevator Terms Aim to Break Union

Take a big slice in wages and give up your seniority rights — or the plant moves! This is the labor-robbering, union-busting ultimatum issued on Jan. 21 by the Otis Elevator Co. in Yonkers, N. Y., to 2,100 employes, members of Local 453, CIO International Union of Electrical Workers.

These 2,100 union workers and 1,700 others at a non-union plant in Harrison, N.J., had previously been called to mass meetings addressed by Otis' president Le Roy A. Peterson. The meetings had been closed — by invitation only. Peterson had refused to answer questions.

### BOASTS BIG PROFITS

He had arrogantly told the workers that if they did not "co-operate" in cutting costs in line with company demands, the plants would be moved to one single plant in some unspecified town in the "midwest."

Is the company losing money? Not on your life. Peterson boasted that the company is in a highly favorable economic position. "These statements," he said, "should not be interpreted as indicating that the Otis Elevator Company has ceased to be a profitable company or is on the verge of becoming an unprofitable one. On the contrary, it is anticipated that . . . the annual report for 1954 will show an increase over the previous year in sales and earnings. In addition, it is believed that our backlog will assure a profitable level of operations in 1955."

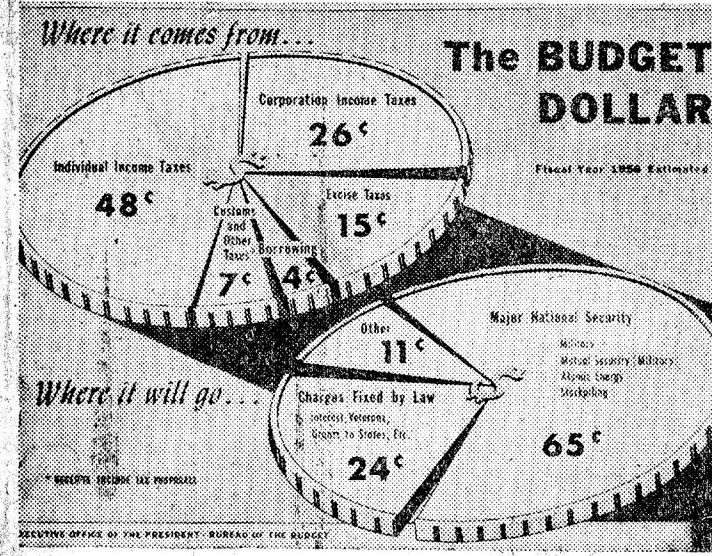
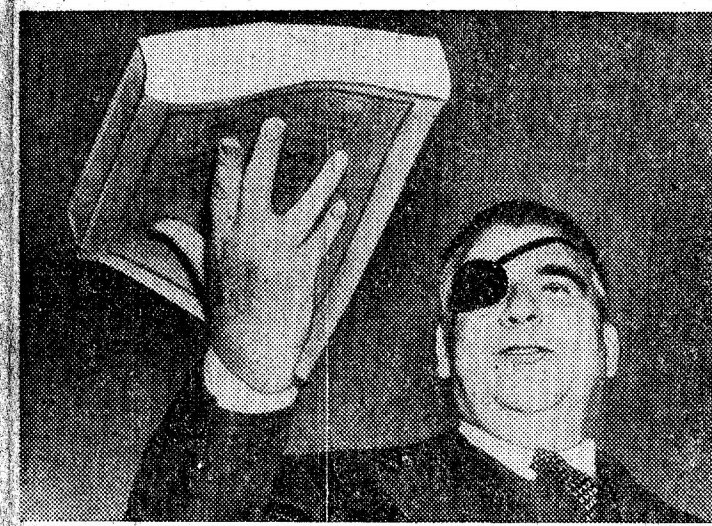
### COMPANY'S TERMS

The conditions for remaining in Yonkers, which company president Peterson disclosed to the union several days later, include: (1) drastic revision of piecework incentive standards; (2) elimination of the day-work bonus for production above the normal schedule; (3) the right to transfer non-union workers from the Harrison plant to the Yonkers plant without regard for the seniority system as embodied in the contract with Local 453.

Otis Elevator has been living off the labor of Yonkers workers for more than a hundred years. It is bitterly anti-union. The threat to move to a low-wage, non-union area follows growing unionization efforts at Harrison.

Ironically, the IUE-CIO, now threatened with plant runaway, had short-sightedly refused to aid the recent battle of the independent United Electrical Workers to stop the runaway of the American Safety Razor plant in Brooklyn.

### Where Your Money Goes



That huge volume being held up by U.S. Budget Director Rowland Hughes is Eisenhower's proposed 1956 federal budget. The chart below shows how each budget dollar will be spent. Direct war costs will take 65 cents; interest on war debts, veterans, etc., take 24 cents; all the rest, including government operations, will receive only 11 cents.

## PIE-IN-THE-SKY IN '65, BUT JOBLESS RISE NOW

Eisenhower's Economic Report of Jan. 20 was tinted with the usual rosy-colored optimism, if it was vague about the next two years, it made up for this by a precise long-

term forecast for "a glorious economic future" in 1965, when Eisenhower is not likely to be in the White House.

In case you can't wait for his promise of a \$500 billion "gross national product" ten years from now, you might take note of the fact that he admits the production decline that followed the end of the Korean War has been made up only 50% so far.

On the most important economic factor, unemployment, Eisenhower's crystal ball became murky. He skipped the preview. This was strange because his own Labor Department had in hand a report that 44 major areas of the country are now on the "substantial" unemployment list, compared to 20 a year ago and that increased unemployment is expected in the next three months in such major industrial areas as Chicago, Ill.; Pittsburg, Johnstown

and York, Pa.; Youngstown, Cincinnati, Canton and Columbus, Ohio; Detroit and Grand Rapids, Mich.; Los Angeles; Baltimore; Seattle, Wash.; and Tulsa, Okla. The report further says that unemployment will rise as much as a million in two months.

New housing starts will not reach the previous peak figure set in 1950, according to the National Association of Home Builders. Auto production is also expected to fall below the figure of five years ago.

Why is Eisenhower "optimistic" about the economy? It was indicated in his real economic report — his budget message. Government war spending, continued at a virtual Korean war level, will rise this year to more than \$40.5 billion. The war machine remains the one solid prop of U.S. capitalism.

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### CAGEY ON EISENHOWER

It is not only this past record of the Southern Democrats that causes the leaders of the party nationally to give them every

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