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EDITORIAL:

## This Is Not Our War

THE WEAPONS FOR THE THIRD WORLD WAR ARE BEING TESTED ON A HELPLESS PEOPLE. This is the meaning of Korea.

The shameful division of Korea at the 38th parallel by the "victors" in the Second World War has proved as illusory and unstable as the armed peace imposed on the world by the naked imperialist conflict between Russia and the United States.

This conflict, written into the Yalta agreements, gaining ever greater momentum during five years of "cold war," has finally exploded into a masked "little hot war" which is smashing to dust the hopes of the world's population for an end to the blood and slaughter of imperialist war.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS UNDECLARED WAR RESTS UPON THE MADMEN WHO SIT IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW! It has absolutely nothing to do

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friday, Sept. 22, 12:00 Noon at Sather Gate, the SYL will hold a street meeting on the war.  
Saturday, Sept. 23, 8:00 PM we are holding a bang-up social. Place to be announced later.

with the legitimate demands of the Korean people for peace and national independence.

This is not a civil war or a war for national liberation of the Koreans as both sides hypocritically proclaim. THE KOREAN PEOPLE ARE NOT REPRESENTED BY A GOVERNMENT OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING, BUT BY PUPPET REGIMES HASTILY INSTALLED BY THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES OF THE U.S. AND RUSSIA.

The Stalinist regime in the North has, by ruthless suppression of all opposition to itself or its Russian masters, forced millions of Koreans to flee to the US zone where they were met by the venal government of Syngman Rhee, weak and despised throughout South Korea. These two regimes represent in miniature the anti-democratic, repressive character of the entire US-Russian conflict and show the completely reactionary nature of its results.

The Russian timetable called for war; Truman answered with armed intervention without congressional authorization. The United Nations has been drawn into the conflict as a figleaf for the arch-reactionary MacArthur who has replaced the defunct Rhee government.

The Socialist Youth League protests against the ravishing of Korea and refuses to take the slightest responsibility for Truman's futile and bloody war. Let the youth of America understand that they are dying in the muck of Korea not to advance liberty and freedom in the world, not to advance democracy or socialism, but to organize the world for exploitation by US capital.

THE EDITORS

# AUTOPSY ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Proof that the derelict and imperious Board of Regents is driving the University of California into academic dismemberment is now evident in the strangulation of the Psychology Department.

Five faculty members, including the eminent Dr. Edward C. Tolman, have been dismissed from this previously vaunted department for failure to sign the regent imposed loyalty oath. Consequently the American Psychological Association in annual convention unanimously urged its 7,000 members to refuse positions at California until tenure conditions meet acceptable standards. This action by the leading organization of psychologists in the country assures the degeneration of the Psychology Department to a mere stunted existence.

As additional academic and professional associations follow the lead of the psychologists, other departments at the University will similarly wane. Moreover, the prospect of the University thereby losing its accredited status is imminent. At any rate the regents will have succeeded in subverting a distinguished faculty to academic servility. All this results from the timid compromise of the Academic Senate in the struggle for academic freedom against the regents.

In August the regents by a 12 to 10 vote brazenly revived the "sign or resign" ultimatum, insisting that non-signers accept the anti-communist loyalty statement. Fifteen months after the original ultimatum the regents reasserted their dogmatic stand, leaving the non-signers with court action as their only recourse. Instead of an open battle for the elemental principles of intellectual freedom essential to academic life, the issue now comes to roost in darkened legal chambers where only the lawyer's mumbo-jumbo prevails. And the control of the university rests completely in an arbitrary and appointed Board of Regents.

The issues involved in the dispute were twofold: (1) should political tests be a condition for employment

at the University, and (2) should the power to fire teachers pass from an Academic Privileges and Tenure Committee to the regents.

The Academic Senate shamefully supported such tests subject to the maintenance of its privileged position-- of policing itself. A minority upheld the principle of no political tests and refused to sign.

The Non-Senate Academic Employees, representing lower ranking faculty members, presented strong opposition to such tests, and watched the number of its non-signers slowly drop to 157. All these have been summarily fired.

Covering its capitulation with a compromise proposal which eliminated the oath only to reinstate it in the contract, the Academic Senate moved to give "hearings" to non-signers. In truly hypocritical trials the non-signers had to prove to the heads of departments, the deans, and the vice-chairman of the Academic Senate that they were not Communists. Thus a more detailed examination of personal political beliefs on the Marshall Plan, FEPC, the Atlantic Pact, etc. replaced their general refusal to take a political oath.

Praise for those who spoke out against the oath and the compromise is in order. Those who eventually signed when the battle was lost also deserve recognition for their good work. But special merit accrues to the last ditch defenders, non-signers who continue to hold out. Here are the bona fide spokesmen for academic freedom, not those who only profess to believe in it, turning their cards in when the chips are down.

A determined faculty-student fight is necessary to avoid inevitable future restrictions and repressions. The tendency to compromise leads at best to "defeats with honor." The point is not to lose with dignity, but to win! To meet future attacks on academic freedom the Socialist Youth League will call for united joint action by both the student body and the entire faculty. #

## COMINGS AND GOINGS IN THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY

The divorce of Henry Wallace from the Communist line on the Korean war characterizes the shameful state of the Progressive party. What began as the CP's most fulsome effort to seduce liberals and "doughfaces" thus ends with the Stalinists alone in an ecstatic self embrace. So another Communist stooge front exists, but without benefit of stooges of national prominence.

Instead of being chagrined in achieving unity only with itself and dropping the PP as an illicit political affair, Stalinism will continue flaunting this miscreant party in America. It will offer frenzied enticements. Only the CP, the Labor Youth League, the Civil Rights Congress and other such fronts will be incited. The spectacle of self-stimulation and autoeroticism is not too queer in political circles, at least not for Stalinists. But heaven help the caught-up innocents. How fast their virtue will be lost.

Merely because Wallace estranged himself from the PP doesn't restore his political chastity. From being the white haired boy of the agents of Moscow he has now snuggled up to the chauvinists and imperialists at Washington, and he covers his exchange of beds with the sheet of UN decency. He himself has said, "when my country is at war and the UN sanctions that I am on the side of my country and the UN."

That the liberal espousing of the Kremlin's "peace" aims was only a misalliance has been apparent for some time. First Glen Taylor, the vice-presidential candidate, attempted to slink back to his senile bride of an earlier date, the Democratic party. But his philandering was not forgiven. Then with Tito's revolt from the Cominform the disaffection became widespread. John Rogge, Louis Adamic, George Seldes, William Gailmor, James W. Wise are only a few of the more outstanding

PP leaders who deserted. This was followed by Wallace, Lee Pressman and Corliss Lamont.

To so brazen a state has the PP been reduced since its flouncing heyday in 1948 that scarcely a stir within its ranks is caused by the final conquest of the party by the Communists and the departure of its national leadership.

The failure of Stalinism to build a mass party in America can be summarized in a few brief lessons:

- (1) No mass party pandering to Moscow can permanently penetrate US political life.
- (2) Totalitarian whip methods in dominating organizations are still alien and repugnant to American liberalism, and
- (3) Russian standards and propaganda have lost their glamor since the 1930's and 1940's.

Now liberalism is confronted with the need of setting up a new alliance with the trade unions for a liberal Labor Party or submitting to further ravishment in the old line parties of American capitalism.#

## CONGRATULATIONS—

to the custodians of the university for their week long successful strike which secured a monthly wage increase of \$20-\$35.

to the summer school student body for its cooperation with the strike in refusing to carry out custodian work in the classrooms and on the campus grounds.

Such continued student-labor unity ensures further successes on the part of both in their struggle against the university administration#

# This Means You!!

(The following are excerpts from "U.S. News & World Report" Sept. 15, 1950.)

"Youths, age 19 through 25, if unmarried, physically fit and not veterans, ALMOST ALL (our emphasis) face induction before 1951."

...GREETINGS!

"Married men in this same group, now deferred, will lose that deferment by presidential order and will begin to be inducted BEFORE MANY MONTHS (our emphasis)."

...FROM THE PRESIDENT

"4-F's no longer can consider themselves safe from rescreening and later induction. Lower physical and mental standards will be forced." (As a RESULT of being drafted?—)

...OF THE UNITED STATES

"Veterans, exempt by law, probably face loss of their blanket exemption early in 1951."

...TO STUDENTS AT CAL!

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Instead of "youth being served," it will be youth that serves.

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Here is the answer to those "abstainers" from politics, those who refuse to enter the political arena because "it might soil them." The soil of KOREA is no less "dirtying," but it is fatal!

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When we, as Socialists, condemned the support given by the U. S. government to reactionary and puppet regimes in Asia, on the grounds that these regimes would not voluntarily solve the problems of the people, and so establish and maintain peace in the world--we were criticized as being impractical and visionary.

TODAY, the "practical" politicians offer us the "practical" course of world conflict with ATOMIC, BIOLOGICAL, and CHEMICAL warfare, as well as the "conventional" armaments--improved by college research financed by army and navy research departments.

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Is this "practical"? ... or is this suicidal?!

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Isn't it more sensible to work for a SOCIALIST way out of this mad scramble? For increasing the standard of living INTERNATIONALLY, while retaining and expanding DEMOCRACY (functioning, not "paper" democracy), and participation in self-government?

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JOIN THE SOCIALIST YOUTH LEAGUE to help bring this to pass!

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