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EDITORIAL:

"WAR IS PEACE"

Any serious thinking about the world crisis and the struggle for peace today must begin with a careful analysis of the two powers struggling for world mastery. Action without theory results either in obfuscation or in narrow impressionism which paralyzes conscious choice. Youth movements which support either Stalinism or American imperialism are notorious for their contempt of theory, their vulgar and pragmatic approach to the problems of the day.

Students acquainted with the Socialist Youth League know that we are deeply concerned in the struggle against the two main enemies of human progress and enlightenment, Stalinism and capitalism. They know that we are undaunted opponents of war, totalitarianism and social injustice. But above all, because we have a clear, consistent understanding of world politics and a viable program, they trust our analysis, theory and

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political leadership.

The attempts by supporters of both capitalism and Stalinism to capture the enormous movement against war are not surprising. The peoples of the world oppose their leaders. The revulsion against the Stalinist invasion of Southern Korea, the American and Chinese intervention and the gigantic armaments drive approaches significant proportions. Mankind feels in its marrow that another war would be too disastrous to contemplate.

Two main "peace" drives merit attention: the Stalinist sparked Stockholm Peace Pledge and the American Crusade for Freedom. Both seem innocent enough. While the American petition spoke bravely against totalitarianism, the Stalinist petition emphasized outlawing Atomic War. Into these pious and hypocritical documents were hauled the same critical issues dividing the world powers. To sign either statement was to aid and abet the war preparations of one side against the other, for both sides know that to fight a war one must sow defeatist propaganda in the opponents' ranks.

Our advice to American students was to refuse openly and adamantly to sign either one. But such a course involved much more than mere abstentionism. It involved a deliberate and conscious rejection of all the so-called peace maneuvers of the big powers. It demanded the level-headed recognition that war between Russia and the United States is inevitable unless the people of the world intervene actively to put an end to exploitation, totalitarianism and imperialist politics. It meant that a real socialist international must lead in the struggle for a new society.

Now that the battle of the petitions is over the Stalinists are once more beginning a drive for "peace."

Their methods are timeworn and simple. Fronts are set up, groups are started and meetings held ostensibly for peace. Another generation of dupes will be sucked into the Stalinist whirlpool only to realize that they are being drowned. They have yet to see that good intentions and honest feelings can be utilized for reactionary ends.

We are not pacifists or Utopians like the World Federalists. Nor are we willing to make a temporary and unstable deal with Russia at the expense of the Europeans. We stand for a militant, democratic, aggressive struggle against imperialism in both its Russian and American varieties. We will co-operate with anyone, despite disagreements on other points, who begins with an open and unavowed rejection of both war camps.

In this spirit with two other socialist groups we signed a manifesto against war. And for this reason we support wholeheartedly the many student clubs who publish the magazine, Anvil. Finally, it is for this reason that we unearth and expose all fraudulent attempts -- either capitalist or Stalinist -- to influence students to support imperialist war. #

THE EDITORS

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OPEN LETTER TO THE 'PEACEMAKER'

Dear Sirs:

We have stated publicly in our editorial that "we will co-operate with anyone, despite disagreements on other points, who begins with an open and avowed rejection of both war camps."

Of the four points in your program, we support "the fight for civil liberties" and "the prohibition of the Atom bomb leading to general disarmament."

We believe that you are mistaken in asserting that "peaceful coexistence of the US and the USSR is possible," and we would like to know how "the admission of the Chinese Govt. to the U.N." will solve the problem of American-Russian aggression in the Far East.

After reading your publication, one gets the impression that it is entirely one-sided in attacking only American Imperialism as a threat to world peace. We believe that Stalinist Russia is also responsible for the present world conflict.

Our disagreements with you on some points should not interfere with genuine co-operation if we are both for peace. In the interests of mutual understanding we would like your answers to the following points:

1. Do you hold both Russia and America responsible for the present world conflict?
2. Do you stand for the removal of Chinese, as well as American troops from Korea?
3. Are you in favor of civil liberties in Russia and in America?

4. Do you favor the disarmament of Eastern Germany as well as opposing rearmament of West Germany?
5. Will you support Durward T. DuRant, anti-war candidate running for City Council?

By publicly stating your views on these matters you will clear up certain ambiguities in your paper and facilitate co-operation with all those who reject both war camps.

THE EDITORS

A VOTE FOR DURANT IS A VOTE AGAINST WAR

The Berkeley City Council elections will take place on April 3 less than two weeks from today. In this election, the voters have a real choice.

Of all the candidates running for office the Berkeley SYL believes that only Durward DuRant merits support. Although DuRant is a member of the Socialist Party, the SYL supports him because he is running on an openly anti-war, third camp program.

The most immediate, practical, and important step that can be taken against war is to build a large representative student movement to support this candidate.

DURWARD DURANT

STANFORD

HAIL TO THE RED & WHITE

Students of Stanford University staged an effective protest against Fascist-principled Dr. Wesley Swift who spoke a few weeks ago in Palo Alto. Questions, jeers and other spontaneous actions from the indignant audience successfully broke up the meeting.

Dr. Swift is reported by the American Civil Liberties Union of Palo Alto to be "...closely connected with Gerald L. K. Smith.... Mr. Swift has admitted publicly his membership in the Ku Klux Klan, the anti-Negro, anti-Catholic organization well known for its burning crosses and white hoods." He is financial and spiritual leader of such West Coast groups as the Great Pyramid Club, the Anglo-Saxon Christian Congregation, the Anglo-American Bible Study Group and the Anti-Communist League. Swift considers the ACLU a Communist front organization.

During Swift's talk on "The Secret Government in America," the audience demanded a question period. This spokesman for reaction considered the demands out of order and attempted to proceed. But the hostile students became rebellious. Many filed out; others heckled, and a few paraded in hoods to demonstrate their contempt. Swift was drowned in a wave of protest.

The Stanford students showed their repugnance toward Fascism. They were not influenced by principles which lead to concentration camps, the crushing of the working class and the denial of civil liberties.

If the students had planned, organized and directed their actions to form picket lines or other organized protests, the effect would have been more successful. However, their spontaneous revolt is commendable. Students interested in freedom should take heed.#

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PRESS CLIPPED

The purge atmosphere in America is bearing fruit! Coinciding with the present trend, two college Dailies have been bureaucratically and arbitrarily reorganized within the last month to fit the prejudices of the pun-dits who run our educational system.

On February twenty-third the entire staff of the UCLA Daily Bruin walked out in protest to an attempt by the Student Executive Council to control directly the newspaper policy. The Council decided to replace the candidate favored by the Bruin staff with an inexperienced but safe outsider for the position of feature editor. The reason given for this action was "the controversial nature of this position."

The resigning Editor's departing words were, "At approximately 1 A. M. Thursday morning the UCLA Daily Bruin, wounded many times during its existence as one of the greatest college dailies in the United States, was killed." A process of screening has gone on in the interim and today the Bruin is run by a staff who can be expected to reflect the powers that be.

An even more blatant and stupid attempt at direct political intervention was the abrupt dismissal of Leonard Saari, editor of the University of Washington Daily, by the school of journalism faculty. Saari, with full rights as editor, was involved in attacking a State bill to set up a new version of the infamous Canwell Committee which harrassed and partially ruined the University in the recent firings of Communist professors.

That Saari was dismissed for directly political

reasons is obvious. Although the formal justification was "a neglect of editorial duties," Professor Everest, journalism school director, stated that, "When (an editor) devotes so much time to the prosecution of one particular issue he cannot effectively serve the student body." The meaning is clear. Accept the journalism department's political ideas or get out! There can be no doubt about the sudden and completely surprising move when it is reported that Professor Astel, one of the purgers, was in Olympia, the State capitol, the day before the firing took place. The professor has proved himself to be no more than a servile messenger boy for the political bosses. Journalism indeed!

These are only the two latest outrages against democracy and the freedom and independence of the press. The identical situation is occurring in university after university throughout the nation. The witchhunters will not rest until they have expunged every last bit of free discussion among the youth. It is time to call a halt!#

THAT MAN TENNEY AGAIN

The SYL would like to call your attention to a more recent manifestation of the drive to suppress civil liberties. Senator Jack B. Tenney has contributed two bills for consideration by the Legislature. The passing of these bills, S.B. 1665 and S.B. 1666, would compel anyone holding a license or permit issued by the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards (approximately 400,000) to take an oath. This oath is almost identical with the Levering Act oath. If you want to eat, to work, to live, you must conform.

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As many anticipated, the losses to the University have been not only in numbers, but in prestige and academic standing as well. Of the staff twenty-six faculty members were ejected, and thirty-seven resigned in protest. These figures represent men of international repute in psychology, history, mathematics, philosophy, physics, classics and others. In addition, there have been forty-seven refusals of appointment resulting in the removal of fifty-five courses from the curriculum. So flagrant a case is this that twenty non-political professional organizations condemned the Regents' action, and twelve-hundred colleagues in more than forty American colleges and universities signed protests. The committee concludes that, "The University is grievously injured, and 'the cream of the profession' no longer (is) attracted."

Unfortunately, the committee has failed to realize that the real issue at stake is not tenure, but academic freedom. With the approaching World War III the state cannot tolerate criticism and political dissidence. Freedom of opinion, freedom of criticism and political association, must be sacrificed. Thus, as the state marched into the classroom, the faculty was whipped into subservience by the Regents. Meanwhile, to quote the committee report, "...there is every indication that the University is fated to continue a tragic course toward bankruptcy in those resources of re-

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pute, intellectual power, and integrity which are its essential treasure."

As the professors are forced to retreat to the inner cells of the ivory tower, US capitalism shows that it can dispense with democracy without trepidation. Democracy to it is a luxury easily replaced by patriotism and militarism. In this epoch of decline of freedom on the campus and elsewhere, there is but one solution. Join the dynamic movement for democratic Socialism!#

YOU TOO CAN HELP

The Berkeley Socialist Youth League and the Oakland Independent Socialist League are now calling upon friends and sympathizers to help us meet our 1951 fund drive quota of \$650.00. This money is needed to continue publishing Labor Action and The New International in the period ahead.

Each time that we have turned to our friends in recent years, these friends have supported this necessary organizational endeavor. We are the only national organization and youth movement that rejects both war camps to build the third camp alternative of international democratic socialism. Our press is indispensable in keeping our ideas alive at home and abroad, and in helping them grow.

We would like our friends to send their contributions in cash, checks or money orders, to 466 10th St., Rm. 218, Oakland, Calif. The few shows missed, or books not bought, will represent an investment in the future. For, the only way out of the approaching holocaust is socialism.

SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TODAY!

THE THIRD CAMP IN EUROPE

Of the various European socialist organizations and groupings of a Third Camp character, two are outstanding: the Spanish Workers' Party of Marxist Unification (POUM) and the Ukrainian Peoples Army (UPA). Both organizations have continued to wage a militant struggle against totalitarianism and imperialism despite the difficulties peculiar to a crushed and impoverished Europe.

The history of the POUM dates from the mid-thirties and Spanish Civil War. During the Civil War the Stalinists and Franco's fascists, in a successful effort to divert the Spanish masses from the path of socialist revolution, murdered many of the POUM's leaders and militants and physically destroyed the organization wherever possible. Since World War II the POUM has maintained an underground inside Spain, is supported by the Spanish refugees still living in Southern France and has regularly published in Paris its paper, La Batalla. Today, as the Franco regime moves more and more into the American war camp, the POUM finds itself increasingly in opposition to American imperialism.

The Ukrainian Peoples' Army has undergone an amazing development since its birth during the second World War. It began as a simple nationalist movement fighting both German and Russian aggression. The UPA has steadily moved in a socialist direction. In addition to continuing its underground in Russia, it has built an emigre base in the DP camps of West Germany and publishes its paper, Vpered, at Munich.

The UPA understands well the impossibility of returning from Stalinism to the old, discredited ways of capitalism. Rather, the UPA's program is one of democratizing and socializing Russian society. For the rural Ukraine this means turning the collective farms into productive units operated by and in the interest

of the peasants.

An insurmountable wall separates such an indigenous movement of the Russian peoples from sympathy and support for American capitalism. For the American aim, as expressed over the Voice of America and through the US sponsored emigre groups is, the restoration of czarism!

These, then, are the groups to which the Socialist Youth League looks with comradely solidarity. Recently, the SYL held a social to benefit these groups. Also news of the West Coast Conference of the SYL, Young Peoples' Socialist League and Libertarian Socialist League was printed in La Battalla, January 25. By cooperating with the POUM, the UPA and other groups, the SYL hopes to build a strong Third Camp movement against both American and Russian imperialism, for democratic socialism!#

REPLY FROM UKRAINIAN UNDERGROUND

Dear Comrades:

We were very glad to receive your letter of December 14, 1950. Many thanks.

The ideas for which our review is fighting did not take their origin from the emigration. These are ideas of our comrades in the Soviet Ukraine who are fighting there under circumstances which nobody may imagine. Their program and ours may be characterized the best by a publisher from the movement of resistance, O. Hornowji, by three items: 1. Freedom for all peoples, 2. Socialised economy, 3. Democracy. He also states: "Return of capitalism in the Ukraine will mean a back-step only." Another publisher from the Ukraine, ...states...: "We are against imperialists of all shades...."

We thank you very much for your letter and your opinion encourages us in our battle for the ideas which are the same to all of us. We send you our best wishes for a successful work.