

The Eisenhower Peace Myth

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AT THE PRESENT TIME the peace-loving peoples of the world, and this characterization embraces the vast majority of humanity, including most Americans, are looking anxiously toward the Big Four Conference that is in the making. They are hoping that this gathering will produce a program that will at least ease the threat of atomic war that is now hanging over the world. As was to be expected, however, President Eisenhower, while loudly proclaiming his love of peace and his willingness to go anywhere or do anything to advance it, is laying all possible obstacles in the way of the conference. He has already let it be known that he expects no concrete results from it; that it is only exploratory in character. Such sabotage is fully in line with Wall Street's war program.



One of the most remarkable political phenomena of the post-war period is the myth that has been built up around President Eisenhower to the effect that he is an ardent champion of peace. All the vast publicity machine of big business is harping upon this theme and millions of people earnestly believe it. The Republican leaders, realizing well the deep peace aspirations of the great masses of the American people, are definitely calculating on putting Eisenhower into the White House again for a second term on the basis that he is the great opponent of war.

The reality, of course, is something fundamentally different. Ever since he became President, Eisenhower has followed definitely a pro-war policy. He took up where Truman left off, except that he even intensified the government's pro-war line. A few of the Eisenhower Administration's more blatant war policies have been: the attempt to prolong and expand the Korean war, the proposed American intervention into the Indo-China war (balked at the last moment by British-French opposition), the Eisenhower-Dulles "liberation" policy, which means the cultivation of civil wars in countries which will not bow to Wall Street, the instigation of the June 17 insurrection in East Germany, the seizure of Formosa and the provocation over Quemoy and Matsu, the intensified drive for the re-arming of Germany and Japan, and the toleration in high places of the War Now atomaniacs and preventive war fanatics, typified by Vice-President Nixon and Sen. Knowland.

IN VIEW OF THIS grossly pro-war line, how then is it possible to present President Eisenhower to the American people and the world as a man of peace? This is a now-you-see-it-and-now-you-don't trick in the political sphere. Eisenhower is thus enabled to eat his cake (as a warmonger) and to have it (as an advocate of peace). The dangerous shell game is worked like this:

Throughout the world there is a huge and ever-rising mass peace sentiment. It was this immense mass protest against war that defeated the Truman-Eisenhower attempt to use the atom bomb during the Korean war, that forced the Korean and Indo-Chinese treaties upon the opposing Washington government, and that is now compelling the unwilling Eisenhower to go into the Big Four Conference.

That is, the world peace forces, in their fight against war, are defeating precisely the Eisenhower war program. Yet Eisenhower, unabashed and in his usual sanctimonious style, steps right in and claims credit for these victories against his own policies. Monopoly capital's control of the press, the radio, the television, and other means of misinforming the people, makes possible this seeming miracle of fact-juggling. Eisenhower is enabled to work

Auto Profit Figures Show Ford, GM Workers V

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT, May 29.—The auto corporations don't like United Auto Workers newspapers are giving to their fans. Look at the great headline in Ford Facts, UAW-CIO Local

Rep. Diggs Warns of Boycott To Fight Bias in Gas Stations

By WILLIAM ALLAN

DETROIT.—Michigan's Negro Congressman, Charles Diggs, Jr., has told the Standard Oil Company that he will lead a national boycott of their gasoline stations unless they stop discriminating against Negroes.

Canceling of a \$2,000 per month gasoline account for the House of Diggs in Detroit (funeral parlors) will launch the initial boycott, the Congressman said.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has criticized the Standard Oil Company for discriminatory practices while holding a federal contract.

Rep. Diggs, while on a recent speaking trip into Mississippi, obtained a affidavit from a Negro school teacher who was dragged from a rest room and was cursed and slugged in a Standard Oil station.

Diggs also announced here that he has protested the discriminatory practices in force in Southern airports against Negroes. He gave an example of how limousine service to and from airports is denied Negro passengers.

He spoke recently to 13,000 people in Mound Bayou at a rally of Negro people, made up of farmers, merchants and other businessmen who have been getting the brunt of the attack by the white supremacists bent on frightening Negroes into ignoring the U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public education.

He said here that he had forwarded letters of protest on discrimination at airports to all major airlines and the Interstate Commerce Commission and President Eisenhower. He asked Eisenhower to send Federal agents into Mississippi to investigate the activities of groups seeking to sabotage the desegregation ruling.

both sides of the street—the side of militant war policies and the side of peace demagogy.

ONE OF THE MAJOR TASKS confronting the American people, particularly the working class, in the next period and especially as the national elections approach, is to tear the mask of hypocrisy and double-dealing from Eisenhower's policy on the question of peace and war. By exposing to the workers and other peace forces the actual realities of Eisenhower's political line, the masses must be made to understand their basic war character. Both President Eisenhower and the Knowland-McCarthy crowd must be revealed in their true light as maneuverers for war. Otherwise, there will be the grave danger of the main spokesman for war-like Wall Street monopoly capital slipping into the Presidency again under the false colors of a pretended fighter for peace. Meanwhile, the workers should categorically demand American participation in the Big Four Conference, not merely to "sound out the Russians," as Eisenhower has announced, but to settle some of the burning political questions now plaguing the world.