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Threat Raised to Plunge U.S. Into New Asia War

Legless Vet Makes Tenth Job Appeal

NEWARK, May 7 — James Kutcher yesterday revealed that he is making his tenth bid to recover the clerical job with the Veterans Administration...

Mother Weeps



Mrs. Elizabeth Jankovits of Philadelphia is overcome at news of release of her 23-year-old son, John, in second contingent of repatriated POWs.

Dulles Rushes Military Aid to French Invaders Of Indo-China Republic

By Joseph Keller

As U.S. negotiators haggled over proposed Korean truce terms, a new threat was raised to involve the American people in another Asian war.

Corporations Hit Profits Jack-Pot in Korean War

"Corporate earnings for the first three months of this year appear to have climbed back up to the third best quarterly rate in the nation's history," reports the lead article of the May 2 Wall Street Journal.

62 Organizations Added To Political Blacklist

By George Lavan

Without trial or jury, the Eisenhower administration has condemned 62 more organizations as "subversive." These organizations will now be subject to political persecution...

torney General, Tom Clark (now Supreme Court Justice). This blacklist was arrived at in secret, with the condemned organizations given no chance to hear the charges or "evidence" against them.

BOLIVIAN MINERS APPEAL FOR AID IN TIN BOYCOTT

A stirring appeal to the "international organizations of Latin America, the people of the United States and the workers of the entire world" to help break the boycott...

Subscription Campaign Winds Up Successfully

By Dorothy Johnson, Campaign Manager

The Militant Subscription Campaign ended with a total of 712 subs and several thousand single copies sold in six weeks time by Militant salesmen to shopmates and friends...

Several hundred people who never read The Militant before will be receiving the paper in their homes for six months or a year. Many old friends renewed their contact with socialist ideas during the campaign.

One of the best aspects of the campaign has been commented on by several literature agents — the good response to The Militant in spite of the witch hunt atmosphere.

The most inspiring example of what can be done was set by the enthusiastic Twin Cities comrades who brought in more and more subs during the weeks of the campaign.

In second place nationally, Chicago did a first-rate job. Not shown on the scoreboard are over 600 points given locally for subscriptions sold to Fourth International, theoretical magazine of American Trotskyism.

Third place honors go to the New York comrades who are extending their drive an extra

No "Freedom Road" for Returned GI Prisoners

By Art Preis

The road down which the released GI prisoners were transported to the transfer point was dubbed "Freedom Road." But at its end they met a McCarthy-type grilling for possible "disloyalty" and "Communist ideology."

The captives were turned over to the U.S. authorities at a place called "Freedom Village." But they were promptly walled off from reporters by armed guards until they could be "examined" and found free of infectious "dangerous thoughts."

They were brought back to this country by a "Freedom Airlift." But some were rushed off in "great secrecy" to a secluded military hospital for compulsory "brain re-washing" to rid them of possible "Communist contamination."

Correspondents and even military officials of countries allied with the U.S. in Korea could scarcely conceal their contempt for the treatment given the repatriated American prisoners.

LIKE PLAGUE BEARERS In response to queries whether it intends to treat released prisoners the way the U.S. brass have, the British War Office studiously disclaimed in a public statement any special "disinfection" for British soldiers.

But this was a mild case, evidently. "There were many Americans no one was permitted to see, and wounds were not the reason," writes this same correspondent. "But I am certain that among the American returned was a number who had been

infected by the Communists. A half dozen of them back in the States might be worth a million dollars to the Red Chinese."

"OPERATION SECRECY" So greatly do the U.S. officials fear the effect that might be created here by some sick and wounded GIs telling the truth about their prison-camp experiences...

BRASS "AT A LOSS" The public kick-back was evidently so great that Army officials tried to disclaim responsibility for the treatment of these soldiers.

EVIDENCE OF "DISEASE" What was the evidence of "Communist indoctrination" that made it imperative to build a "cordon sanitaire" — an iron

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who "suffered many privations and great danger while under Communist control and consequently might have been more susceptible to Communist influence than they might have been under any other circumstances."

One of the men returned under "Operation Secrecy" is Cpl. Paul Schur Jr., of San Francisco, who was separated from the other repatriates on arrival in this country and sent to Letterman Army Hospital.

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ECHOED BY DEMOCRATS

These sentiments are echoed in the Democratic camp by Senators like Paul Douglas of Illinois who last week publicly criticized Eisenhower, as the Christian Science Monitor puts it, "for acting less promptly and effectively in this Indo-Chinese crisis than did President Truman in the Korean aggression in June, 1950."

The fact that the Indo-Chinese freedom fighters have extended their military operations into Laos, another state of Indo-China, has given the Administration the pretext to yell "Communist aggression." Thus, Dulles called the Viet-Minh advance into Laos "another case of ruthless and unprovoked attack upon a country peacefully ruled by a duly constituted government."

But Laos is not another country; it is one of the three Associated States of Indo-China, as Pennsylvania or Ohio are part of the United States of America.

And the "duly constituted government" of Indo-China is the Viet-Minh, led by Dr. Ho Chih Minh. It was founded by the same kind of struggle against colonial despots as the American colonists in 1776 fought against King George III of England.

The French government itself early in 1946 signed a treaty recognizing the Viet-Minh.

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