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Get Out of Indo-China! Don't Let Them Drag Us into Another War Like Korea!

Stand Up and Fight Back Against McCarthyism and Unemployment

War, unemployment and fascism — these three most frightful scourges of capitalism threaten the American workers on May Day, 1954.

Vice President Nixon has affirmed that the Administration is ready to send troops into Indo-China and involve us in another Korea "if necessary."

Nixon's sinister admission is designed in part to "soften up" popular hostility to a U.S. invasion of Indo-China.

They lie when they say we must intervene in Indo-China to prevent Chinese or Russian "aggression."

Why do the French invaders, with their vast superiority in trained military forces and arms, stand on the brink of defeat?

But Eisenhower, Nixon and Dulles say that the Indo-Chinese will not till their land in peace.

Don't let them drag us into another Korea. Tell them: Get out of Indo-China. Not a man, not a bomb, not a cent to aid the French imperialist butchers.

Cops Swing Clubs On Cleveland CIO Auto Pickets

CLEVELAND, April 18—Over 3,000 union members took off from work last week to help the striking Park Drop Forge Local 776, CIO United Auto Workers.

Workers converged on the highly industrialized East 79th St. area before 6 A.M. last Wednesday.

When the first car approached the gate, the mounted police, to everyone's surprise, charged the pickets, seven abreast, with clubs swinging.

The strike at Park Drop Forge is 26 weeks old. For the first 16 weeks a local of the AFL Blacksmiths stayed out on the picket line with the UAW local.

Since the majority of the workers were under UAW jurisdiction and on strike, they would not be allowed to vote in an election under the Taft-Hartley Law.

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Dulles Pushes for Deal At Geneva Conference

By Joseph Hansen

On April 16, speaking before an audience of some 1,000 persons that included the editors of the country's big capitalist newspapers, Vice President Nixon declared that "with or without the support of public opinion, if the situation in Indo-China requires that American troops be sent there to prevent that area from disappearing behind the Iron Curtain, the administration must face the issue and send the troops."

This belligerent declaration was not made on Nixon's own responsibility. Reliable reporters declared that it was inspired by Dulles and had the approval of Eisenhower.

Yet within four days, the same

May Day Rally Against McCarthy In New York City

"Speak Up, — Fight Back — Smash McCarthyism" will be the theme of the May Day anti-McCarthy rally sponsored by the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party Friday night, April 30.

Featured speaker of the evening will be SWP National Committee member Murry Weiss, who has just returned from a coast-to-coast anti-McCarthy tour.

The rally will be at the Grand Ballroom of the Cornish Arms Hotel, 8th Ave. and 23rd St. at 8:15 P.M.

A guitar recital, folksongs and refreshments will follow.

people of Indo-China and Asia run their own affairs and determine their own governments and social systems.

Since the Korean truce, more than five million have been laid off and millions more reduced to part-time. Capitalism once more reveals it cannot provide jobs and security for all under peacetime conditions.

The April Monthly Letter of the National City Bank of New York gives us the real score on the so-called "upturn."

Do you want to rely on "faith" in the rapacious capitalist corporations and their government to guarantee you a job and a living wage?

Demand the 30-hour week at 40 hours' pay. Unemployment compensation equal to full weekly union wages for the entire period of unemployment.

In the form of Senator McCarthy and his growing fascist movement, a Hitlerite shadow is moving across the face of the land.

Labor will be crushed under the Iron Heel unless it mobilizes all its forces and takes the lead in an all-out struggle against McCarthyite fascism.

Smash McCarthyism before it smashes labor. Call a Congress of Labor of all unions to rally the working class for an implacable war on McCarthyism.



Buffalo Union Slugs McCarthyism

BUFFALO, April 20 — The militant membership of Cheektowaga Westinghouse Local 1581, CIO International Union of Electrical Workers, has scored a significant double victory over McCarthyism by twice beating down an Executive Board motion to deny union protection to members penalized by the company for exercising their rights under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution before congressional in-quisition committees.

Shortly before the regular April membership meeting, the Executive Board issued a red-baiting leaflet entitled "The Flyswatter," which fabricated a big, real menace in the local and ignored the real, pressing problems of layoffs, speedup and company

aggression. "The Flyswatter" — to swat the "reds" — announced that the board had passed a motion a week before not to protect members who "hid behind" the Fifth Amendment to "conceal subversion."

CONDITIONS IGNORED

The union was immediately paralyzed. The membership was torn by factionalism and the fight against the company was pushed into second place.

Although a young worker has just been fired for "low productivity" — a thing unprecedented in the Cheektowaga plant and suggesting the menace of a speedup drive, "The Flyswatter" did not mention this firing. Other leaflets over the next couple of weeks

were likewise devoted exclusively to the "red menace."

Some 400 out of 4,000 members (a good turnout for these times) attended the April membership meeting, primarily to settle the so-called "subversive issue."

But the executive board was in for a disappointment. The membership had not forgotten its militant traditions. Member after member rose to speak against the threat of McCarthyism, citing its parallel with Hitlerism. Some felt impelled to preface their remarks by saying

they were not, never had been and never would be members or sympathizers of any "subversive organization." One of these said, however, he felt it was "a damn shame that members felt compelled to make such a statement because of the fear they felt in their hearts."

In response to a question from the floor, International Representative Cliff Haley, while stressing his own anti-Communist record, wound up with the plea: "Don't open the door to something that is evil." He said Congressional committees had never demonstrated they mean any good for labor and he urged the meeting to vote against the executive board's motion. He said explicitly: "This is the position of the International Union."

Finally the vote was called. The motion was defeated resoundingly by a voice vote. Then came the bombshell.

PRESIDENT RESIGNS

President Emery "Rip" Cieslinski, in a quivering, emotional voice, announced he had "a higher duty, a duty to God and country" which made it impossible to continue in office since the members had turned down his pet motion. He therefore announced his immediate resignation.

There was a shocked silence. Many members felt it was high time that not only the president but the whole executive board resign in dealing with the company. A majority, however, seemed to feel it would put the local in a bad light if the president resigned on this issue just two months before his term ended.

A motion was therefore adopted to turn down the resignation and hold another meeting a week later to re-discuss the issue that had just been so soundly defeated.

During the following week, the turmoil increased. But, in spite of the national witch-hunting hysteria as well as local reactionary pressure, more and more influential union members, leaders of caucuses and recognized spokesmen, swung to the side of opposition to the anti-democratic motion of the board.

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McCarthy-Army Probe to Proceed On Fascist Senator's Own Terms

By Daniel Roberts

APRIL 21 — The Army-McCarthy hearings, scheduled to appear on television tomorrow, finds McCarthy in the role of the "accused," charged with seeking to obtain special privileges for his aide, David Schine, who was inducted in the Army last winter.

It is already clear that the McCarthy committee, which is conducting the probe, will make every effort to whitewash its chief.

In the first place, McCarthy will go to "trial" not under the usual rules of procedure by which he harries his own victims but under special rules drawn up for his exclusive benefit.

The fascist senator will not have to confine his questioning of adverse witnesses to written questions submitted to the chairman of the committee — as he would under the regular order of procedure of his committee — but he and his staff members will have equal rights with his accusers and the members of the committee to question all witnesses.

Thus McCarthy will have full opportunity to spring his sensational counter-charges and smears against the Army personnel before the TV audience.

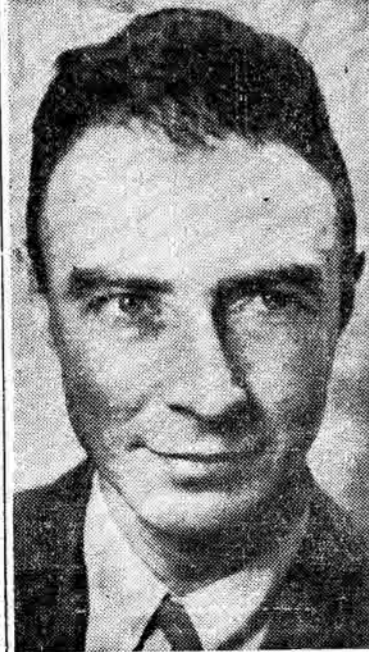
In the second place, McCarthy, while nominally the accused, goes into the hearings with the triumph of the Oppenheimer suspension behind him. This suspension came as the direct product of the McCarthy claim, made over Edward R. Murrow's TV program on April 6, that "Communists"

and "traitors" in government had delayed production of the H-bomb for eighteen months.

When the Eisenhower administration suspended Oppenheimer last week on the grounds that the noted physicist was formerly associated with "Communists" and had opposed the production of the H-bomb, the fascist senator's position was enormously strengthened. And the Eisenhower Administration — which is the accuser against McCarthy in the forthcoming hearings — stands under a cloud, having moved against Oppenheimer only after McCarthy launched his charges.

McCarthy goes into the probe directed against him acting as the accuser rather than the accused. And in the exchange of formal charges and counter-charges between himself and the Army personnel, McCarthy already has the upper hand.

The Army case against McCarthy is confined to the charge of preference-seeking — a minor complaint by the standards of capitalist politics and one which could be leveled against scores of other Congressmen.



DR. OPPENHEIMER

to investigate McCarthy on this count is about as strong as to book a known murderer, arsonist and rapist on the charge of

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May Day and the 30-Hour Week

30-40! Thirty hours work; 40 hours pay! That is the clamor growing throughout the union movement. The slogan is advanced as an immediate answer to mounting unemployment. But it is far more than a temporary expedient.

McCarthy -- Pegler's Bosom Pal

Senator McCarthy, who aims to become the American Hitler, is a bosom pal of Westbrook Pegler, most violently anti-labor columnist of the capitalist press. The close personal tie between McCarthy and Pegler, hitherto kept in the dark, was uncovered last week when reporters sought out vacationing McCarthy for his views on the latest developments of the probe into his feud with the Army.

"Plain Speaking" -- and Plain Speaking

Condemning the "increasingly demagogic, Hitler-like actions of McCarthy," the April 15 issue of Kenosha Labor, voice of the AFL and CIO unions in Kenosha, Wisconsin, announces its support of the petition drive to recall "the junior feurer" from the U.S. Senate.

"Together We Will Push Everything Up"

By Evelyn Reed

The superb motion picture, Salt of the Earth, which was reviewed in the March 29 Militant, marks a new high in labor propaganda, for it takes up where others have left off. All the familiar elements of the class struggle are incorporated in this film.

Salt of the Earth



Rosaura Revueltas and Juan Chacon are the leading players of Salt of the Earth, independently produced full-length motion picture, which depicts the inspiring struggle of southwestern metal miners and their wives in a strike.

He is not around. He is a captive in an auto between two of the company sheriff's cops, his hands handcuffed behind his back. These Southern white supremacists take turns delivering vicious blows to his belly. He, too, calls out the name of his wife. They are equals in suffering.

Immediate demands and the release of the women from the jail. They had discovered the formula for victory in their far-reaching demand: Full equality of the women as part of the struggle for full equality of the whole working class.

For this strike turns out to be one in which the women are obliged to play the decisive role if it is to be won. After weeks of striking, a Taft-Hartley injunction forbids the miners to picket. If they obey the injunction the strike is lost.

Among the men, trained in the class-rule traditions that woman's place is in the home, the majority are opposed to the strike. They are typical rationalizations: "Let's not hide behind women's skirts."

As workers are well aware, on the picket line there are no sex distinctions so far as the bosses are concerned. All blandishments and hypocritical formulas regarding male chivalry toward women cease. These housewives, some of them with children in arms, were subjected to all the open and concealed violence that men strikers go through.

But the women didn't scatter. They presented a solid wall of their bodies against the cars, and remobilized as fast as they were knocked down. They fought the scabs in direct combat and these male heroes lost the battle to the women.

Finally, there came the jailings of the "ring-leaders." These militant women turned out to be so many that it took two trucks to cart them off to jail. But new reinforcements of women rushed up to fill out the depleted picket line.

And these women got the formula. They got not only their own but also the formula of the whole working class. The women and children produced

a new tactic: a "back-to-the-house" movement is begun. Gradually at first, and then with quickening tempo the stuff is carted back into the house as the sheriff's men are carting it out. The striking miners, still pinioned by the law, can only watch.

At this point, with the arrival of carloads of men from the open pit who have nothing to stop them from open battle, the sheriff throws in the sponge. Through the united action of the whole working sector, the strike is won.

From a superficial standpoint, it would seem that these lowly

...M'Carthyism Slugged

(Continued from page 1) port for its position against the decision of the membership meeting, the highest body of the local. This was done on union time at union expense. At one board meeting they went so far as to pass a motion claiming that International Representative Haley had falsely represented his own position against the motion as that of the International Union.

At the special meeting, the board was even better organized to control the discussion than before. Vice President Phil Carino, an arch red-baiter, was prepared to call on speakers in the order best calculated to advance passage of the McCarthyite motion. Nevertheless, once again speaker after speaker spoke in the militant tradition of Local 1581 in defense of all members against the predatory company.

International Representative Haley stood by his former position and read a letter from IUE President James B. Carey which said the union would not go along with any unilateral company action against any union member.

When he lifted his hand as though to strike her, she added for good measure: "Sleep where you wish tonight, but not with me."

On the way, however, Ramon became uneasy and induced the others to return. And they came back at the critical juncture, when the first eviction from the company-owned houses is under way. The bosses had planned this major assault at precisely the time when the men and women would be divided and separated.

Against this threat the whole community mobilizes — a symbol of the might of the whole American working class across this great continent. The unifying power of the strike cuts across all cleavages and antagonisms within the sector.

From near and far the men, women and children move in, assembling around the test house where the sheriff's men are carting out the household goods. As their numbers multiply, their courage and ingenuity mount.

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