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## Geneva Butchers Put Indochina on Chopping Block

Dulle's hasty airplane trip to Paris July 13 appears to have been in response to an urgent request from Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and Pierre Mendes-France, French Premier and Foreign Minister, to pass judgment on a proposed deal with Moscow and Peking on Indo-China.

Dulle is reported to have agreed to support partition of Indo-China so long as he did not have to participate directly in the negotiations.

This compromise was aimed at reassuring the French and British colonial despots that the Eisenhower administration will go along with them in settlement of the conflict in Indo-China. At the same time, by refusing to participate in the Geneva talks, Dulles sought to prevent the McCarthyite axis from accusing him of "selling out" to the "reds."

The exact character of the deal has not yet been reported. While there is still some talk of setting up a coalition government, the greater likelihood appears to be partition of Viet Nam, the southern part going to the French, the northern to the Viet Minh forces.

In addition Laos and Cambodia would remain under French domination.

This division of the country, which is just as artificial as the division of Korea at the 38th parallel, would be guaranteed by the Eisenhower administration. In other words, if the Indo-Chinese people themselves sought to unify their country under a government of their own free choice, the U.S. would be committed to intervene by armed force even at the risk of setting off World War III.

The military successes of the Viet Minh forces have now reached such proportions that there is little doubt they could drive the invading French imperialist armies into the China sea and bring the whole country together under one government.

As Edmund Stevens, staff correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, wrote from Geneva July 13: "...only strong outside deterrents can restrain the Communists from exploiting their successes in the field to the hilt."

The "outside deterrents" are the Kremlin and Peking. The French now depend on them to save as much as possible from the revolutionary wrath of the long-suffering Indo-Chinese people.

Trying to explain why the Viet Minh armies are still pressing on Hanoi, apparently in violation of some kind of assurances given by Chou En-Lai or Molotov, Stevens suggests that "maybe new instructions from above have not had time to percolate down to the field level owing to transmission difficulties."

Another possibility is that under impetus of their successes, the Indo-Chinese people themselves do not take kindly to being carved up like cold mutton at the Geneva conference table and are resolved to carry their struggle for freedom through to the end.

## "Tragic" Job Situation Faces Youth, CIO Leader Declares

### McCarthyism Looms as Key Issue at Polls

By Murry Weiss

It is still months before the November elections but it is already evident that McCarthyism will be the most important issue facing the voters. Why is this so? Aren't there other problems of far greater importance to the people that should be discussed and debated?

The point is that all other issues lead right back to the problem of McCarthyism. If you have a cancer it won't solve your problem to get your teeth repaired or your glasses adjusted. Cancer will still be your main problem. So with McCarthyism. It is a fascist cancer eating at the body of American society and until the issue is decided once and for all — McCarthyism vs. the future health and well-being of America — all other political questions drop into secondary place.

Many anti-McCarthy liberals who take a superficial view of the nature of McCarthyism say that the trouble all stems from McCarthy's dexterity at getting publicity. The Wisconsin Senator is always timing sensational statements to meet the right newspaper headlines, they claim.

However McCarthy has been laying low for the last few weeks, yet every one of the current election contests is pivoting around the issue of McCarthyism. All the top strategists of the two capitalist parties are absorbed with how the fascist demagogue will affect the outcome of the elections.

Richard L. Strout, Washington correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, reports July 13, "Every politician in Washington is aware that important changes are going on along the McCarthy front. Until the politicians can be sure how lasting and far-reaching these changes are, most of them will try to maintain the customary appearance of looking the other way."

But, Strout says, this appearance is deceptive. Actually, the politicians "watch situations like this out of an abnormal sensitivity that operates even when they face the other way. It is the subtle art that allows them to get both ears to the ground."

Here are some of the developments that point up the role McCarthyism is playing:



NEWS ITEM: 21-year-old Rika Dialina, Greece's candidate for the Miss Universe of 1954 beauty contest, was denied a visa to enter the United States because she allegedly once drew an illustration for a book written by a "communist."

### Walter Reuther Warns Not to Draw Comfort From Govt. Statistics

By Joseph Keller

The government's latest unemployment figures, for the period from May 8 to June 12, "paint what is, at best, a picture of economic stagnation," stated CIO President Walter Reuther on July 7. It is "dangerously unrealistic to draw comfort" from these figures, he warned.

According to a July 7 joint release by the Commerce and Labor Departments, unemployment increased by 42,000 for the May-June period, to a total of 3,347,000. This was described as a "smaller-than-expected" increase in jobless and consequently hailed as the sign of an impending "upturn."

"One tragic fact that stands out," Reuther emphasized, "is the denial to thousands of our young people their rightful economic opportunity. It is officially admitted that 300,000 fewer of such young people than usual entered the labor force in June. Failure of the economy to expand as it should has slammed the door to job opportunity in their faces."

Only 1,500,000 students, who had been outside the labor force in May, had jobs or were looking for them at the time of the latest survey on June 12. The comparable average for the past six years has been 1,800,000.

The government's figures on employment and unemployment are derived in such a way as to give the most optimistic—and false—impression of the state of the economy. Administration economists therefore seized on the new figures as "fresh evidence" that the economic decline is about over and a "solid base is being laid for an upturn in the fall."

Labor authorities generally recognize that unemployment has been well over five million for the past six months. Manufacturing layoffs have continued and the overall June unemployment figures, said Reuther, "cannot hide the tragic fact of mass unemployment in America's basic industries... the auto, steel and other industries continue to operate at less than 70% of their productive capacity."

Moreover, the government's joint report concedes that the big summer tide of new unemployment is yet to come, because "some who were interested in summer work but did not have definite jobs in sight may have postponed their entry into the labor market until later in June or until July... We may find the summer seasonal peak in unemployment will come this month (July) instead of June because of the smaller-than-usual influx of students."

Labor cannot afford to put the slightest stock in government assurances on the soundness of the capitalist economy. It is essential for the labor movement to get together for independent joint action, on the economic and political arenas, to fight for its own program against unemployment.

## SWP Protests Velde Probe Set for Newark



Rep. Velde (right), head of the House Un-American Activities witch hunt committee who is scheduled to invade Newark, N. J., shown in a recent smiling handclasp pose with fascist Senator McCarthy, whose smear methods Velde strives to emulate.

NEWARK, July 14 — The Velde committee's decision to investigate "Un-American activities" in this city next month was denounced today by George Breitman, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Senator.

"All working people should refuse to cooperate with the witch-hunting Velde committee," Breitman said. "This committee is anti-labor, anti-Negro and anti-liberal. It is a McCarthyite outfit through and through. Since my Democratic and Republican opponents, Howell and Case, both have announced that they want to fight McCarthyism, I call on them to take a stand against the Velde Committee hearings. This is their opportunity to show whether they mean business."

"Velde wants to stymie the fight against unemployment, Jim Crow and fascism by means of a 'red' scare. He wants to intimidate and silence all dissenters and strengthen the McCarthyite forces in this city. His ultimate aim is to break the unions."

Breitman recalled that in last month's City Council election John Salvato, opponent of Irvine Turner, tried to brand the demand for Negro representation as "communist" inspired, although Turner's campaign was backed by all sections of the Negro community. Salvato's red-baiting was linked to a poisonous campaign of race-baiting. "Salvato and his like were defeated at the polls on June 15," Breitman said. "But through the Velde hearings they will seek their revenge."

Velde, he warned, "will use testimony of professional stool-

## McCarthyism Aims at Fascist Dictatorship, UAW Local Warns

DETROIT — The executive board of Local 212, CIO United Auto Workers, has called on its members and all other defenders of democratic rights "to recognize McCarthyism for the danger that it really is — the danger of reactionary and fascist dictatorship" and to "wage a vigorous fight against McCarthyism in all its forms whenever and wherever it rears its ugly head in American life."

The resolution, printed in the June issue of the local's paper, points to the many similarities between Hitlerism in Germany and McCarthyism in the U.S. "Just as Hitler rode to power in Germany by oppression, intimidation and character assassination, so McCarthy follows the pattern in America." It notes the parallel between McCarthy's and Hitler's infiltration of the army and other government departments with the aim of winning control of them.

"The notable exception to the Hitler pattern," it continues, "is that up to now he (McCarthy) has confined his attacks against workers to the general charge of Communist infiltration in our defense plants." But the resolution warns CIO members, who like others have been taken in by McCarthy's anti-communism, not to be deceived by the deviousness of the ways in which he prepares his assault on labor as a whole.

"If we accept the anti-democratic thinking and methods of McCarthy we must also accept the idea that a policeman on the street has a right to snatch us from the picket line, hold us without charge, or warrant, or right of counsel and ultimately let the leadership of the labor movement rot in the jails exactly as Hitler did."

McCarthyism, it declares, "is a symptom of the erosion process now going on in our democracy. McCarthy is the tool — a cold, cunning, calculating tool, chiseling away at the foundations of our governmental structure, our democratic laws and traditions, upon which free society is based."

For these reasons, Local 212 rejects "the use of totalitarian procedures and the denial of basic individual and democratic rights as a pretext for fighting communism; and insists that all citizens be afforded the personal freedoms guaranteed under the Bill of Rights. We denounce Congressional inquisitors who act as judge, prosecutor and jury, basing their decisions upon charges made by secret witnesses."

The resolution ends by urging the international UAW, Michigan and Wayne County CIO Councils and other UAW locals to "take action of similar nature." This is good and necessary. But even more good and necessary would be a call for the labor movement as a whole to meet in a great united conference to work out a concrete program of action not only to denounce McCarthyism, but to defeat it conclusively.

## Paid Informers -- New "Public Servants"

By Art Preis

"The cult of the paid informer is growing in the Federal Government," reports W.H. Lawrence in the July 7 N. Y. Times. In fact, he writes, the group of professional stoolpigeons in the Department of Justice's anti-"communist" stable "includes about thirty-five 'contractors,' who serve with regularity as witnesses in various Federal cases."

According to the Alsop brothers, N.Y. Herald-Tribune columnists, this "unprecedented group of public servants" are engaged in a "highly peculiar and novel line of government work." Peculiar and novel in some respects it might be, but it can hardly be called work. These "contractors" are listed as "consultants" for the Immigration and Naturalization Services" of the Justice Department. Their sole "public service" is testifying in Smith Act frame-up trials, in deportation cases and in Congressional witch-hunt hearings.

In short, whenever the Department of Justice needs a "good witness" against alleged "com-

munists," it doesn't have to search around or hire unskilled help. It uses the same tried-and-tested stoolpigeons over and over again. Naturally, these "experts" don't come cheap. Two of the "contractors," Paul Crouch and Manning Johnson, have been paid between \$9,000 and \$10,000 each in the past two years. At least twelve members of the stable have received payments in excess of \$1,500 each.

SOME "TEMPTATIONS"

Now, these are not your common or garden variety of stoolpigeons, the type who give occasional secret tips to the Internal Revenue Bureau and FBI or act as undercover agents. These "consultants" are "professional witnesses" who make a living out of testifying publicly in witch-hunt cases, the Alsop brothers point out.

"It is for appearing on the witness stand, remember, that Mr. X (the paid informer) receives \$25 per diem, which is either his main source of income or a very important supplement of his other earnings. Other witnesses called by the government are paid a trifling \$4 per diem, but in order to allow Mr. X to make his living by appearing as a witness, the Justice Department has thoughtfully given him his title of 'consultant to the Immigration Service,' and has thus legalized his reimbursement at the higher rate."

Well, what happens when one of these stoolpigeons, who is being supported in the manner to which he is not accustomed, is called on to testify in a Smith Act or deportation case? If the Justice Department lawyer asks him if he knows the defendants in a case and can testify against them, write the Alsops, and "if Mr. X says 'Yes,' he does know them, he gets his \$25 per diem and earns his living. If he says 'No,' he doesn't know them, he does not get his \$25 per diem and skips payment on a new television set... The resulting temptations, both for the professional witness and the eager-beaver government lawyer, are too obvious to need underlining."

But they have been underlined by the cases of the highest-paid of these professional informers, whose sworn testimony alone has sent numerous persons to prison, caused others to be deported and ruined many professionally.

Manning Johnson, who received \$9,096 in two years as a "consultant," testified falsely in the UN "loyalty" case of Dr. Ralph Bunche. Johnson was asked to explain under oath why he had denied, also under oath, that he was a regular Justice Department informer. He answered he would lie under oath if directed to do so by the Department.

The "temptations" to paid anti-"communist" witnesses are underlined still more in the case of Paul Crouch, highest-paid of all the "consultants," at \$9,675 for two years. Even a slick liar like Crouch could not remember what he had said from case to case, especially since he'd been in the raving business so long and taken the stand so often. He finally slipped up when he testified in detail in the current Smith Act trial in Philadelphia about a certain David Davis, whom Crouch in the 1949 Bridges trial had denied he ever knew.

GROSS INGRATITUDE

When the facts about the glaring discrepancies in Crouch's testimony were pointed out publicly, Attorney General Brownell hastened to clear his own skirts by disavowing Crouch. Brownell piously announced that his own paid stoolpigeon's credibility as a witness was being investigated.

"Blow, blow, thou winter wind! Thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude," Shakespeare wrote. To have the Justice Department head, for whom Crouch had lied, now turn on his faithful minion, was more than Crouch could bear. Besides, his gray train is being derailed. He complained that he was hired "as a fulltime consultant with a guarantee of 18 days a month and maybe more," at \$25 per diem, plus \$10 expenses.

So Crouch is fighting back. He has demanded that the Senate Government Operations Committee (Continued on page 2)

## ARMAS TERROR REGIME RECOGNIZED BY DULLES

The State Department conferred formal "recognition" July 13 on the puppet Armas government which it had succeeded in putting into power in Guatemala after smashing to break the domination of Wall Street.

To meet world-wide objections to the imposition of Armas on the Guatemalan republic the backers of the adventurer arranged for an "election." He was "elected" president unanimously by himself and four other members of the junta that seized power through the aid of U.S. Ambassador Peurifoy.

After making this "democratic" gesture, the junta resigned, making still more absolute the power of the new Latin American dictator. Meanwhile reports sifted through the censorship of firing squads busy at work. Among the main victims are union leaders.

In the various foreign embassies in Guatemala more than 1,000 refugees who have sought political asylum are crowded into every nook and corner. Thus far Armas has refused to grant them safe passage so that they could go into exile. Instead he is seeking to bring them before his drumhead courts.

How greatly Armas depended on treachery within the Arbenz government to seize power is revealed in a story by Hearst correspondent John Wix. In a July 8 dispatch from Honduras, Wix reveals that Armas invaded Guatemala with less than 200 men. These were divided into three groups, two of which were quickly wiped out.

This left Armas with 54 men. These were not met by the Arbenz forces but were allowed to proceed until they finally picked up about 1,000 untrained, undisciplined and poorly armed forces. They had three airplanes.

This was the invading formation to which Diaz and Monzon surrendered after forcing Arbenz to resign.





