

The Hydrogen Bomb Danger

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THE EXPLOSION of the hydrogen bomb on March 26 in the far Pacific brought forth an outcry of horror and indignation from frightened and enraged peoples all over the world. India protested vehemently and demanded that the bomb "tests" be halted, and England and many other European countries went into a near-panic over the matter. The peoples everywhere were afraid that American imperialism, in its mad drive towards war, had at last evolved a weapon capable not only of wiping out civilization, but also of destroying the very planet itself.

Undoubtedly, this wide protest has alarmed the atomaniacs in Washington, for they have launched an extraordinary campaign to allay the fear and anger of the world's peoples at the H-bomb. Every propaganda means is being used to "prove" that the bomb's explosion did not escape from control, that it



cannot injure the structure of the earth, and that the explosion was not nearly so destructive as reported. This is the song being sung by the whole body of capitalist soothsayers, in the press, the radio, television, and everywhere else. And in England Churchill is trying to prevent the great anti-bomb outcry from translating itself into definite peace action.

THE VERY FACT of the existence of such a stupendous bomb in capitalist hands is enough to cause grave alarm, but, what is even worse, although this fact is not yet recognized, is that its control is in the hands of a couple of extreme reactionaries, who virtually have the powers to use it when and if they deem the situation justifies it. That is, the bomb is controlled by President Eisenhower, who is semi-McCarthyite, and Secretary of State Dulles, a many years long pro-fascist. Obviously it is a terrible threat to have the bomb within the control of such reactionaries, doubly so because they are militant supporters of Wall Street's program of world domination.

During the past week, Dulles

has, with his "united action" speech, committed the U. S. to a general war in Indochina. Of course, as Dulles warned us a couple of months ago he would, this step into war was taken without in any way consulting Congress or the people. Who can doubt but that Dulles and Eisenhower would also use the H-bomb, by their own arbitrary action, if they saw fit to do so? Several times they have given us clear warning of this. And behind the Eisenhower Administration looms the powerful influence of McCarthy in Republican circles—imagine him with the bomb under his influence or control.

TWO THINGS are imperatively necessary to be done by the American people. The first is to outlaw the A and H-bombs, to prevent their manufacture and use, including for "test" purposes. This means that the American people must be roused to the deadly menace in these bombs, a menace which is all the greater because the people, as is, have no control whatever over them, this control being in the

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which Prime Minister Winston Churchill said, "that the gulf between the U. S. horror tests in the not do anything to stop them. The committee had introduced a motion on the issue between Churchill, Premier Georgi Malenkov. Churchill said, "that the gulf be-

and the hydrogen bomb.
He added that the Soviets "are much closer on the heels of the U. S. in the development of the hydrogen bombs than they ever were in atomic bombs."

French are justified in their opposition to EDC." Under the vague terms of this bill, said Thomas, he might very well expect prosecution.

Thomas, after inserting the March 15 resolution of the ACLU in the record, argued that while he and the ACLU did regard the Communist movement as "indeed conspiratorial," the party as part of the movement "which holds conventions, adopts platforms nominates and endorses candidates, is engaged in a legitimate and essential feature of our democratic way of life."

The "rash of bills" aimed at outlawing the Communist Party, Thomas said, is "proof of the semi-hysteria that has been whipped up. . . . Powerful interests in America wish to damn everything from TVA to democratic socialism by the false argument that the welfare state necessarily equals or soon will equal socialism—and that socialism already equals communism."

He expressed concern that "martyring" Communists would not only fail to crush the party but would bring it fresh strength.

"I can testify from my own personal contacts that within recent months there is not more but less understanding of the real evils of Communism, not less but more sympathy for it," said Thomas. "That is one of the direct and more unfortunate results of McCarthyism."

Thomas was questioned to the point of heckling by members of the subcommittee, especially by Rep. Francis Walter (D-Penn) Rep. Michael Feighan (D-Ohio) and Rep. Dewitt Hyde (R-Md).

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hands of a couple of reckless reactionaries.

The second thing that must be done is to insure a severe defeat for the warmongering Republicans, especially the McCarthyites among them, in the November elections. Even before the H-bomb explosion there existed the most basic reasons why the pro-McCarthy warmongers should be driven from public office, but now the need is imperative. Only a heavy defeat of the whole clique of warmongering reactionaries by the peace-loving masses can provide real guarantees that the H-bomb, now terrifying the world, will not be used—with resultant catastrophe to our

people and the world.

The American people have the most imperative need to orientate their policy on the basis of peaceful co-existence with the USSR. This is the only sane perspective, and increasing millions of people are coming to understand this elementary fact. To direct our country's policy, as the Eisenhower Administration is now doing, upon the basis of a "preventive" H-bomb war, is utter political madness. The people, especially the labor movement, should eliminate this deadly policy at once.

Leon Josephson To Give Course On Soviet Law

Leon Josephson, attorney, will teach a 10-session course on "Soviet Law" at the Jefferson School in the Spring Term, beginning the week of April 19. It is a course for laymen, and interprets Soviet law regarding the family, housing, labor, crime and punishment, inheritance, insurance, farm, housing and other fields. Actual court cases in the USSR are used throughout as illustrations.

The Spring Term program also includes a course on "Socialism—Its Theory and Practice in the USSR," taught by Doxey A. Wilkerson. Class admission cards for these and 68 other spring courses may be obtained at the Jefferson School, 16th St. and Sixth Ave.

Urge Priority for Needs in New Ho

Demands upon the City Planning Commission, considering a master plan of housing for the city, submitted by the Brooklyn Tenant Welfare and Consumer Councils highlight the city's responsibilities to displaced site dwellers.

The Council urged no more funds be allocated to Title I housing, "which is using up the city's income from taxes paid by the people, is owned privately and rents from \$17 to \$48 a room," until the needs of slum dwellers are met.

Other proposals were for: 70,000 new housing units a year; proj-

JUDGE HITS FASC OF CONGRESS

LOUISVILLE, April 5—Federal Judge Mac Swinford warned here in a speech at the Kentucky Bar Association Convention that many Americans are apparently beginning to "tolerate and actually applaud fascist dictator methods."

"Methods upon which we looked with horror a few years ago," he said, "are now accepted as appropriate when applied to persons brushed with what is termed vaguely as subversion."

He said that Congressional committees have on some occasions relied upon "bullying" tactics rather than the American processes of law.

The American public, Swinford recalls, condemns the "third de-