

# How Stupid Can the State Department Get?

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WITH OVER one-third of the world's population now building or moving toward socialism, the capitalist monopolists can no longer control world politics, as they once did. Constantly, therefore, their foreign policies acquire more and more the quality of unreality. Often they become so stupid as to

be ridiculous. This is particularly true of Wall Street imperialism, which is orientating on the fantastic assumption that it will eventually be able to rule the world.



All this is blind reaction.

One of the most recent examples of the reactionary asininity of State Department policy was the way that President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles reacted toward the just concluded Geneva conference. With the whole world crying out for a cease-fire in the "dirty" Indochina war, Eisenhower and Dulles committed insanity of trying

to kill off the conference and, instead, to launch a "united front" war in Indochina. The result of this reactionary stupidity, which had no more basis to it than empty wishful thinking, was perhaps the most humiliating diplomatic defeat ever experienced by the United States in its entire history.

AT THE GENEVA conference also, Mr. Dulles foolishly tried to "keep People's China in its place" by insisting that its delegates be kept in a sort of advisory capacity and by the American delegates refusing to shake hands with Chou En-lai or to bid him the time of day. But the brilliant Chinese foreign minister busted through all Mr. Dulles' scandalous insults and sanctions. He functioned as one of the most important full delegates at the conference, and let the whole world know dramatically that People's China is a major power determined upon achieving and maintaining world peace.

Another silly and reactionary policy of the same stripe to which the State Department and the entire pro-war propaganda machine in this country is de-

voting major attention, is to keep People's China out of the United Nations. It is hard to understand how rational men ever arrived at such a confused and nonsensical project. It just goes to show how blind the warmongering imperialists can become, with their policies going bankrupt all over the world.

People's China has 600,000,000 people; according to all justice, as well as to the character of the United Nations, it is entitled to a seat in that body; and at least three-fourths of the people of the world are convinced that it must be accorded this representation. But Dulles, Eisenhower and Company, Canute-like, have resolved that it will not be seated.

THE END of this stupid, tory policy, as even a novice should be able to see, will be that Washington's present leadership, in the long run, will be voted down on this matter and Wall Street will have to chalk up another major diplomatic defeat. Senator Knowland, who sees this debacle in the offing, would have the country avoid it by adopting the super-duper asinine policy of quitting the United Nations

if or (when) People's China is admitted.

AFTER THE Wall Street bankruptcy at Geneva, one would think that Dulles and his fellow warmongers had been taught a lesson in the political realities of the world. But not at all. Already they are rushing hell-bent into another foreign policy that will be equally, if not even more, disastrous to them. This is the so-called united front security pact of Southeast Asia, allegedly "to stop the advance of Communism."

But if the Wall Street imperialists had deliberately wanted to antagonize the peoples of Asia and to get themselves ultimately driven out of that continent altogether, they could hardly have settled upon a more effective means to this end than the proposed joint war policy. In a few years people will wonder how anyone could have believed that the imperialist powers, plus a few political bandits and nondescripts like Chiang Kai-shek, Bao Dais, Syngman Rhee, and Magsaysay could turn back the colonial liberation revolution in Asia in such a crazy makeshift "united front."

FIGHTERS FOR PEACE and freedom might laugh at the political antics of the confused and frustrated reactionary Washington policy-makers, but for one major fact. This is that the men committing these reactionary blunders are powerful figures who are in command of the vast strength and resources of the United States. And, worse yet, they have the backing of the labor bureaucracy in all their mad foreign policies.

The Wall St. Administration in Washington is quite capable of throwing this country and the world into an incomparably greater folly than any of those listed above—namely, the crime of launching an atomic world war. This is why, while rejoicing at the mounting defeats of the warmongers on a world scale the peace forces must never relax, but must increase their struggle against all those combined forces of reaction in this country which, however stupidly, are definitely planning and working for war. The only alternative to the present insanely reactionary war policy of the government is a rational American people's policy of peaceful co-existence between the U.S.A. and the USSR.