

AGAIN THE DULLES SPEECH

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NOT ENOUGH ATTENTION has been paid to the sabre-rattling speech by Secretary Dulles on Jan. 12, in which he threatened to make an instant atomic retaliation when in

his opinion an "aggression" has been committed against the "free world." Dr. Harold Urey, Nobel Prize winner and atomic scientist, in taking issue on Jan.

30 with the wisdom of such a swashbuckling speech, is correct in characterizing it as a threat "to launch an atomic World War III."

But what Dr. Urey does not signalize, however, in his protest, is that Dulles' statement was a virtual claim on the part of the President that he has the right, should he see fit to do so, to plunge this country into a great world war without so much as asking the permission of Congress. This was the technique of President Truman in launching the bloody Korean war, so why cannot President Eisenhower, on the same principle, claim the right to let loose a world atomic war if he considers that the "emergency" justifies it?

DULLES SAID that in case of an "aggression" the Administration stands prepared "to retaliate instantly by means and at places of our choosing." The plain English of this arrogant ultimatum to the USSR is that



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the President would decide what constituted an "aggression"; that the retaliation "instantly" means that Congress would not be consulted; that the "means" to be applied would be the atombomb and that "the places of our choosing" to drop the bombs would be the cities of the USSR or People's China, or both.

The Constitution of the United States specifically reserves to the Congress the right "to declare war." But Dulles, taking a leaf out of the Truman book, would kick the Constitution out of the window, by preparing to wage a war without a specific declaration of war.

Dulles claim that the President has the right, if he sees fit, "instantly" to launch a world war, a dreadful atomic

war, is the most arrogant claim for dictatorial military power ever made by a President in the history of the American Republic.

THE MOST ALARMING thing about the shocking Dulles ultimatum is that it has gone virtually unchallenged. So far as I have seen, not a single labor official of standing has raised his voice to take issue with this new, pro-fascist doctrine of John Foster Dulles, to the effect that for all practical purposes the President can, if he sees fit, take away from Congress the right to determine whether or not there should be war.

One of the more important reasons why the Democrats were defeated in the 1952 elections was precisely because of President Truman's plunging the country, without Congressional authorization, into a war that cost 140,000 American casualties, not to mention a million or two more dead on all sides. But now Dulles cynically announces that Eisenhower is prepared to out-Truman Truman by launching, if he deems it necessary, a terrible world war. That he would even dare make such an extravagant announcement shows the extent of the danger of militarism and McCarthy fascism in this country.

All of which is another reason added to the many others that have already piled up, why the workers should demand that Dulles be fired, and therewith warning served upon the Eisenhower Administration that the American people refuse to stand for such outrageous warmongering.