KNOWLAND IN DEMO CLOTHING

CAN ANYONE deny that the American people don’t want their sons to die for Chiang Kai-shek on the Chinese off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu?

Secretary of State Dulles has not been honest enough to say so. But Britain has been hinting all along that he does favor throwing our armed might into battle against China. He would like to do this to keep Chiang Kai-shek on islands as close to the Chinese mainland as States Island is.

But along comes the Disrecrat chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and puts the heat on Dulles. But Britain is still not appeased by the deoccupation of Matsu and Quemoy. The same Richards favored appearing the Nazis before World War II as did Dulles and Knowland.

Richards demands that Dulles be forthright. But what he wants is not that Dulles be forthright about letting China have her islands in the Formosa Straits.

He want Dulles to be forthright in pledging to sacrifice the lives of American youth for Quemoy and Matsu. Is that what the American workers wanted when they turned out in the GOP Congress?

Labor has consistently opposed the policies of Senator Knowland. Now that the Democratic chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee favors the Korean war, it’s up to labor to make clear again its opposition to the Knowland crowd, including those wearing the Democratic label.

BROWNELL STRIKES BACK

WHEN MRS. MARIE NATVIG recanted her testi-
ymony before the Federal Communications Commission in the Lamb case, she said what she had been coerced by FCC attorneys and coached by them. Her testimony was backed by a similar recantation from still another FCC in-
former, Lowell Watson.

Following the recantations, the testimony by Harvey Mato-
sow, involving Boy Cohn when still in the Justice Department, added up to so sodrid and immoral a picture as ever discredited American justice.

Now the Department of Justice has struck back and struck back hard. It has obtained a perjury indictment against Mrs. Natvig. She is not accused of lying against Edward G. Lamb as she admits she did. Oh, no—she is accused of false testimony when she charged that an FCC attorney coached her in her lying.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Brownell is asking Con-
gress for legislation to make it easier to bring perjury charges against people like Matowsow—as a club to prevent other lawyers from admitting their lie.

These desperate efforts to rescue the perjurious in-
former system needs to be countered quickly by all people concerned for democracy—especially for American workers, against which the inforner system is used in “defense” plant frigirs. The Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by Sen. Sherman Minton, has a chance to act. The Senate should act, and the Justice Department’s confession in it. And it should look into the latest frame-ups—like that against Mrs. Nat-
vig—perpetrated to save the odious racket.

TWO HEARINGS

TWO HEARINGS going on at Capitol Hill, which are, strange to say, not related to witchhunting picture the amazing contrast in the "progressive" tradition of today.

One committee, headed by Senator Fulbright, inquir-
ing into the stock market, heard alarming reports of sky-
rocketing prices for stocks owned by big profits. Our Harvard economist observed that speculation has driven up the average price of stocks to the levels of 1929, the year when the market crash signaled the start of the great est crisis in history.

Another committee, headed by Senator Neely of West Virginia, heard that conditions recalling the worst depre-
sions in much of the world and the state that is No. 1 in the output of the country’s wealth.

Last year’s the state’s employer miners decreased by 484,000. Earnings fell steadily. Miners continue to shut down as never before, as huge mechanized equipment replaces men. The committee was also told that in Pennsylvania’s anthracite area, it took so long that they exhausted their insurance checks.

We hope that both hearings will underscore again the importance of NLRB’s program to give workers, as the campaign of the unions should not have been shelved, as it seems to be.

The Formosa War Provocation

by William Z. Foster

WHAT THE EISENHOWER Administration is trying to do by instigating war around Formosa is to set up a stage for an eventual war against People’s China. This is the true threatening grasp of President EISENHOWER.

If a war starts in the Formosa region, the war will be as usual, as with Japan, China and Indochina, a thin veneer of peace.

Their blingblong attitude is not only a plaything of the State Department’s program to strive for world domination by whatever means they can. To the warmongers and sabre-rat-
ters of Washington, Formosa offers a likely opportunity to pro-
 mote their deceptions. The Formosa situation, so far as they are concerned, is the Warsaw and Berlin situation.

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