Our Paris Envoy

LET us look at the three men who are carrying the ball for the United States at the Paris peace conference. That should tell us much about why the press halls them on the one hand, and their talks with calculated gloom about the conference's outcome.

First, there's Secretary of State James Byrnes. Yesterday we printed excerpts from a speech he made back in 1919 when he was giving his start in politics. In that speech he cried: "This is a white man's country." He urged police to those who wanted the Negro to vote. He even defended lynching, and said they act in defense of "southern manhood" and always punished the guilty.

Today, the man who said that—and he has even publicly changed his views speaks for the American people at Paris.

Second, there's Senator Tom Connally of Texas. We will let him describe himself by quoting his parting words before he left for Paris last Friday as reported by the Herald Tribune.

Senator Connally was asked if he had an opinion on the Palestine issue.

"Shifting in his chair, the Senator replied, "None of us is Jewish here, all blue-eyed, Haif."

One of the reporters replied: "I am Jewish. You don't blame me for that, do you, Senator?"

"Senator Connally dismissed the subject with 'No comment on Palestine.'"

Thus Senator Connally's anti-Semitism, his theory of the "blue-eyed people" joins with Secretary Byrnes' notions about a "white man's country." Both appear to have racial superiority notions in their heads.

Finally, there is the smoothest article of them all, Senator Vandenberg. Notorious isolationist, he watched Hitler and Hirohito march across the world without feeling the need to have a hand in America's FDR's plan to crush Hitlerian root and branch. Linked to the Henry Ford dynasty, he was a friend of the German political leaders, as he is today the idol of the nativist fascists like G. L. K. Smith. Behind moral phrases, he packs the dynamite of the anti-Soviet war conspiracy.

Perhaps the average peace-loving American wonders why FDR's plan for American-Soviet friendship was dropped by Truman and his envoy can get some of the explanation in the above facts.

Science of Words

THE science of words is worth studying.

The corporation-owned newspapers are masters at pounding lies into the reader's head without its being noticed.

For example:

The private interests of London bankers are always disguised as "British life's line." This implies that the British people have an interest in maintaining tyranny over colonial peoples. "Britain's life line" even appears on maps that were geographic facts, and not a political falsehood.

Equally laughable is the way the press all over the country speaks of the 'satellite bloc of satellites' being expelled by the western democracies. Thus the real existence of the London-Wall Street bloc is hidden from the reader's eye. The article that disagrees with Wall Street is a "satellite"; one that takes orders from it is a "democracy."

The papers are full of this unseemly poison.

Browder Preaches Illusion

By Milton Howard

In his articles running currently in the New Republic, Earl Browder's account of American-Soviet friendship is not only incorrect as to the big capitalists; it is also based on their upper class viewpoint.

It is like one member of the upper class arguing with another. His argument amounts to this: "You are not fit to live."

Now it is one thing for a member of the upper class to argue this way; it is favorable for prog- reme that this argument should be made by liberal-minded cap- italists. But it is quite another thing when an argument based on capitalist interests is offered in the working class by one who pretends to be exposing a working-class bogey.

A liberal capitalist arguing for American-Soviet friendship with his imperialistic colleagues who argue for white supremacy does not leave a man false.; he is moving away from reason.

But a pretendiiced working class figure offering the same argu- ments as a working-class working class policy has moved ever to the other class. It is in fact, doing great harm to the cause of peace.

To cite but one instance: his false estimate of the Truman government's present course which constitutes a non-agres- sive and non-imperialist is based on a wholly false estimate of the fundamental Marxist question - the relations between a socialist state and the surrounding capital- ist states.

Here is the way he puts it:

"There is an idea widespread among the most diverse political circles, Right and Left, that the central difficulty in establishing a durable peace arises from the fact that the Soviet Union is a capitalist nation, and that neither country can ever hope to achieve the stability of changing its system. It is as- sumed that the two systems are incompatible and that they cannot live in peace together in the same world, and that the basic difference arises from the difficulty in peace among the two systems."

"I challenge this whole concept, whether it is expressed in terms of the Right or Left, whether it is given by a "Red or a Marxist collec- tive," (New Republic, Aug. 6)

"The pacifist argument for capitalist distortion, both of fact and of theory, with typical pitfalls for the unwary, especially for Ameri- can leaders, is that the idea that we can act on the assumption that the policy of anti-Soviet giving up going on,"

In summary, the Communists have refused to struggle for peace, and that the reduction of the arms race will bring the necessary struggle for peace. The Communist movement, on the other hand, bases its entire theory and practice on the con- ception that such a war would be criminal, anti-socialist, anti-American in the broad sense, and must be resisted by all the democratic groups in the nation.

Browder misrepresents the facts about Communist Party practice, as any reading of the Party press shows.

But even worse, Browder disre- presents the Communist theory concerning the contradiction between a socialist state and the capitalist world. His statement to the public is not for public opinion. His arguments: 'Either or not, on the basis of irreconcilable contradiction between the Soviet Union and capitalism in the United States, and that one must view this as an inevitable. Or, one must reject the idea of such a socialist-capitalist contradiction altogether, or else consider that its existence is unimportant in current international politics. For only by taking such a view can one fight in a practical man- ner for American-Soviet peace."

The heart and soul of Marxism, however, is that one must reject both of those ideas as false. The either or which Browder is a box. For the truth is that we must fight the contradiction between socialism in the Soviet Union and capitalism in the United States, and there is also something whatever in the contradiction that makes war be- come inevitable.

The capitalist-socialist contra- diction, and the capitalist-socialist contradiction in the world peace for social and economic revolution, the socialist state and its own core anti-collaboration.

The heart of Browderism is that the state and its socialist-capitalist contradiction will be "solved" by Wall Street or by the Soviet leverage. In that case, it is inevitable that the working class will win this contradiction, which it will be the working class (the united states) that is inevitable.

Either the Wall Street "solution" - which would be an effort to wipe out the Soviet state - the working class that solution (which would be the creation of a new nation) is inevitable.

Either the working class or; - a peoples peace is inevitable. Either one or the other is the solution to the evolution of the crisis raging within the capitalist system. Either could result from the so- cialist-capitalist contradiction, depending upon what the American people decide.

Imperialism was no more the result inevitably out of the socialist-capitalist contradiction than fascist was inevitably out of the capitalist-labor class struggle. It is inevitable that the working class will try both war and fascism as the way to serve their interests, but it is not inevitable that they shall succeed in their efforts. The working class then the people de- terms that.

Browder's "Bullets in " his people that the capitalist contradiction makes war inevitable. Both sides must fight to the death of the capitalist system, it cannot use the peace of the socialist-capitalist contradiction.

But in this way he makes it all the easier for the Bullets to do their work. For the existence of a socialist-capitalist contradic- tion is clear to everyone. It is the contradiction between a higher, social system, system, and an out-dated, inefficient, and in- human capitalist system that cannot use the productive ma- chinery for the common good. Capitalism proves worse, crime, an ever greater rate.

WILL there be a reactionary or a progressive solution to the socialist-capitalist contradiction? That depends not upon the Bul- letin, but upon Browder's persua- sion Wall Street that it pays to be peaceful. It depends on the kind of political movement that exist in the United States by the action of the working class and its future allies.

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