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U.S. Tolerates the Amazing Spectacle of Warmonger Rhee Stumping the Country for Immediate H-Bomb War…While Kremlin Dictators Are Able to Pose as “Peace-Lovers”

by philip coren

How many times have you read that it is only the Stalinists all over the world who paint the U.S. as “war mongering,” “aggressive,” “bellicose” and itching to get into a shooting war?

How many times have you read that the U.S. press about the success the Stalinists have had abroad in painting such a picture of this country?

When European liberals and socialists (like the Ravennites) express fears about Washington’s aggressive potential and urge that the Americans be restrained, the correspondents (with the N.Y. Times’ absolutely shameless London bureau in the forefront) bellow about Stalinist influence in Russian propaganda.

Well, now—a little strident man is going about the United States proving that this image of the U.S. is not merely one invented by the Stalinists. He, Sun-Yat Rhee, great enemy of the U.S., great enemy of Stalinism—has held exactly this picture of the U.S. too.

We are told that Rhee has been disappointed by the cool reception given his pleas for preventive war. Obviously this raving warmonger was under the impression that his modest little plan to start an H-bomb war would be more popular than it is. Perhaps Rhee is the victim of that devilishly clever “Stalinist propaganda,” which is supposed to explain what’s wrong with Western diplomacy.

Raving warmonger? This isn’t particularly harsh language. We can imagine that Rhee would even be proud of the appellation. What else can one consider a “stalwart” who is disappointed when he doesn’t get cheered to the rafters for saying—

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THE UNITED PRESS SUGGESTS THE REAL REASON FOR WASHINGTON’S Belligerent Attitude—

Behind the Provocation in the Chinese Plane Shooting

Under the head of “U.S. LOOKING FOR TROUBLE IN CHINA PLANE INCIDENT?” the Chicago Daily News—a member of the Knight chain, not noted for liberalism—expresses a big feeling of skepticism about the provocative incident in which the U.S. ordered its pilots to get trigger-happy with the result that two Chinese planes were shot down after Peiping’s apology.

In fact, considering the sources, it is evident that these conservative editors are expressing the same interpretation of the affair as appeared in our editorial last week. The paper wrote, in part:

“This is not an age in which ‘lunatics’ cause wars. Wars happen because somebody plans them.”

“Two very ugly incidents have occurred off the Coast of China…. (There were the shooting down of the British civilian plane by the Chinese and the shooting down of the two Chinese planes by the U.S.)”

“A United Press correspondent suggests that the Chinese are trigger-happy in that area because a big Russian submarine has recently been constructed in it, and they don’t want it inspected by air.”

This surely seems to make sense to the writers of the Daily News.

“The U.S. plane was shot down not by a U.S. plane—It is U.S. plane—It is U.S. plane—It is U.S. plane.”

“That reconnaissance bomber just was not there on weather business,” Podendor assured him. “It may never have been engaged in a similar mission. He said the 15th Army’s flight path “appeared to have been dis- creet” in warning the U.S. bomber away from Chinese territory. He asked whether the U.S. air force would have acted in a similar manner if its planes had not been Russian bombers 25 miles off the coast of California.”

“The various things about this incident,” said Dandel, “is false report of the American people by the AAF. It tended and probably is intended to influence public opinion by making the incident into an act of aggression…”

That was last year. Have the American people been lied to again? Did the American news media in the Chinese plane shooting against the British planes send their own planes in for espionage over the Chinese coast, as the U.S. correspondents suggested? Did they do this while provocatively saying Chinese provocations? Were they willing to risk a war “incident” for the sake of espionage, thinking at the same time to make defense propaganda against the Stalinists?”
Warmonger Rhee - -

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"War must come soon and it is necessary that the United States, the champion of the free actions of the world, be saved from a terrible catastrophe. The later it comes the more terrible it will be. The only mistake between the president and me is that he is trying to save the world from destruction." (N. Y. Times, Aug. 3.)

That last sentence must be a language slip, or could this incredible man actually have given tongue to it? I do not think he is so unthinking, for his constant repetition thereof, show that he meant it, WAR NOW.

"Do not think for a moment that anything but force will bring the Communist regime to its knees. Only by force . . . I am appealing to you." (Ibid.)

Rhee puts bluntly what Washington glosses over. They have no program other than force—war—by which to defeat Stalinism. They have no political program or social appeal to be countered by the Stalinist propaganda. It is a war of attrition, and the only hope is to wear them down.

"There is the most embarrassing thing that has happened in Washington in years, because he speaks out what his American friends believe in their soul but are afraid to say and afraid to do."

Yes, Rhee is right on one point: his American co-thinkers lack his "guts."" (Ibid.)

"Communism, the small, erect statesman declared, could be halted only by force and the sooner freedom-loving peoples took up arms against Communist countries the better it would be for the cause of freedom and human dignity." (Ibid.)

The Americans have not got the common guts to face the problem," he told a press interview (N. Y. Times, Aug. 1).

"Start the war before " you call it a war," Rhee said in his message to Congress, "we must fight the Communists now or later . . . the longer we wait the greater the odds against us," he told the VFW on August 1.

"You gallant Americans are afraid of the H-bomb, you're afraid of being atom-bombed, he has been telling American audiences for several years now. But he, the 79-year-old head of the South Korean police-state, is no such cowardly fear of having his life cut short.

"He made his peace with Washington, conscience was published, and did not improve on the above inspired fabrication.

**Note on the American Way of Life**

Two news items which made a stir in the past week form a complementary pair.

On the one hand, L. S. Attorney General

Browell, for the Eisenhower ad-

vised, the United States to use

be to run a campaign to buy

ments. He proposes that the U.S. offer rewards up to a half million dollars for tips on any agents seeking to smuggle atomic data into the hands of the Communists.

In the case of a dozen of them, who then confessed to having been recruited, Washington refused to pay them any协役金 because they were not officials of any party or organization.

While American leaders immedi-

enemies and non-communist neighbors, and to this day, there was said to be a lack of any action. But it is evident from a reading of the John's speech that the United States is not going to do anything. Even if we note it was this Ordo and a haphazard attack on the Communist world by the Socialists as democrats, in order to

But while Browell proposes to buy

Browell, who was attacked in the Bund

But Browell proposes to buy,

The silence which followed the
delineation of this excellent prospect for the free world was positively depressing . . .

Get it? Smart, isn't he?—No, he is a raving madman.

Read the following entirely unsuiting confession by Rosten: "Dr. Rhee made two mistakes about the United States: He based his policy on Washington's words instead of Washington's actions . . ."

That was Rhee's first mistake, you see! But basing himself on "Washington's words"—i.e., on the U.S. government's statements, declaration, propaganda, leaders' speeches, etc.—i.e., basing himself on the same public material on which every other man in the world has to make up his mind, Rhee assumed that the U.S. was for his brand of war,

If Rhee could make this "mistake," it isn't obvious that there is a thousand times more reason for the ordinary European or Asian to come to the same conclusion about the U.S.? Isn't it obvious, in other words, that Europe and Asia are really justified in believing that the U.S. is led by bellwether war-mongers.

Isn't Rosten admitting that this is a justified conclusion from "Washington's words," if not its actions? Isn't this a confession that American foreign policy, whether inside or outside Central America, is an integral part of the Cold War world, tends to confirm what the Stalinists say and equally convinces the peoples that the U.S. is not a force for peace and democracy but is pushing toward the dreaded end of World War III?

Through the eyes of Rhee, whom we have called a raving

Are there any lessons that can be drawn from this? The answer is: none. American foreign policy is a zero sum game. What is gained by one is lost by the other.
About McCarthyites and Demagoguery — It's a Bipartisan Farce-Comedy

By GORDON HASKELL

In the United States Senate touched off by Senator Flander's motion to censure Senator McCarthy is not going to go away. Part of the reason is that the whole thing is compounded of a great deal of the sort of gross and decisive events of our time; but it is also the result of a long build-up in the life in the middle of the withering era. If this were to happen in McCarthy's case, the whole form it may ultimately be presented, is as likely as not to result in the Wisconsin billy from a central role in the struggle for dominions which have been formed between the Republican Party. This removed, he would be retired to a niche in the Senate, another entry onto the main stage of American politics under a different mask, a new guise, or to live out his life on the fanatic fringe. But the real issues of McCarthyism and demagoguery are much more deeply rooted in the American political system than the surface actions, the, as the jangamo is now going on in the Senate is designed to leave those issues aside outside the arena of public discussion.

There is little enough likelihood that any form of opposition politics will be born, and it is this which may induce future generations to shake their heads in bewilderment at the fate of the Americans that ran their political affairs through the course of the many other areas.

As the American political system talks about this country has been the sharp edge of the issue, the other opposition. In this the electors the chance, every so often to make a choice between alternative political programs, to make a choice between alternative political organizations represented by alternative political leaders.

Once they have chosen between these alternatives, the party which has got the majority of the people in its camp is supposed to run things, while the party which was rejected by the majority has no further part to play, is a minority. It is supposed to assume the status of a sort of the political opposition in both houses of the Congress. At the time this does not imply the slightest criticism of the government, and thus it keep it honest, and also thus build up the necessity of a political campaign, the people will now have more alternatives or political issues, the better to help the electorate choose one or another of the members of its party decide that he has gone too far, and introduced a motion to get Mc-

The MODEL DOESN'T WORK

That, at least, is the way it is SUP-
POSED to be. Of course, one never expects to see things run exactly according to this simplified model. But they are sup-
pposed to go approximately that way.

Also, McCarthy was elected to the Sen-
ate from Wisconsin. While he was in the minority, he attacked the Demo-
cracy vigorously, as a member of the oppo-
sition, party it was his duty to do so. But in the majority party became the majority. Now it was supposed to run the government, to put its platform into legislation, and translate it into law.

But McCarthy had little interest in these functions of the majority party. He was more interested in winning the headlines and fame and lecture en-

agreements if he continued to attack the government. The government by alternative political organiza-

The ECONOMY

The Optimists Are Getting More Cautious

By L. G. SMITH

During May and June of this year there was a lot of talk from both govern-

ment and private economists about how the economic recession had hit bottom and, after bottoming out at the low, had started a slow rise toward better times.

By the end of July, however, a drastic change had taken place. New addi-
tions to the stockpile of steel and some new additions to the production of crude oil were no longer coming in such important quantities as had been expected. This, coupled with a rise in the prices of agricultural products, was enough to take away any enthusiasm that had been built up in the previous months.

New signs of improvement in the economic situation are causing some analysts to reconsider their views on the economic outlook. It is possible that the current cooling of the economic climate may be temporary, but it is also possible that it may be the beginning of a new downturn.

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THE CASE OF AN ISRAELI PACIFIST

The story of Amnon Zichroni, a young Israeli pacifist who alone fought and won a remarkable victory against the rising forces of militarism in Israel, is not an exception to the general rule that Israel has nothing to do with it. But in some ways, it is a part of the story of the militarization of Israel, with which the picture is not complete. It also gives a glimpse of the general state of affairs in the region.

Amnon Zichroni, a young man of twenty-three who has conscientious objections to the Israeli military service, was not drafted into the Israeli army because he was called in. In most demonstrations in the world, sincere conscientious objections to war are recognized. The conscientious objector in the region

HUNGER STRIKE

is typical of the present climate of Israel that the government has recently enacted discriminatory laws that permit the arrest of all local people and forces that refuse to enlist or conscript into the army. These laws, in turn, permit all other civil rights organizations to be banned on the same grounds.

MUSTE TO REPORT ON EUROPEAN TOUR

The Pacemakers, a pacifist group, announce that the tour of Europe, from August 9, at 9:30 a.m., will depart from New York City on its European tour. The tour includes visits to Italy, France, Germany, and Belgium. The purpose of the tour is to promote the pacifist movement and to raise awareness of the struggles of people in conflict zones around the world.

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by Michael Harrington

This week the Eisenhower government proposed the formal institutionalization of an installment of the Garrison State as the permanent face of American society.

The move came in a proposal for a universal military training program which would require military service of "all qualified young males for a period of one year to two years" as a compulsory service in an active reserve.

The new law has no relation to the draft and is a usual argument of "necessity" for conscription, since it is not scheduled to go into effect until three years after passage. It is the most sweeping plan of peacetime militarization ever put forward in the United States.

Moreover, in the announcement of the program, the administration, speaking through Assistant Secretary of Defense John A.ner, reiterated the blunted language yet used by a responsible government figure that war with Russia is just as inevitable as said Hannah: "The whole thing is geared to the day of active war with the Soviet Union." And "Everyone up to the president agrees that we must have an active, effective reserve to meet the requirements of war with the Soviets. And that is the only war that counts.

10 Years' Bondage

As of today, the Garrison State is still conceived of as an emergency measure, an unforseen necessity, the inevitable condition of American life—or so the official rhetoric runs.

Yet even now this pretense is abandoned.

A state of mobilization is declared to be the ordinary and natural state of things; and along with learning how to walk, going to school, becoming interested in sports, and the like, a bondage of obligation to the military is seen as an inevitable step in the transition from youth to young manhood.

The way the plan would work out is that all young men would be inducted into a branch of the armed forces. After service (no period of time was stated but the current hitch is for two years), World War II veterans would be assigned to a National Guard unit which would be under effective federal control. The Federal Reserve would be abolished. If the Guard unit member is not active, he could then be drafted once more for full-time duty. Thus, the military obligation of every "qualified" American youth would last over a period of ten years.

Zenith of Militarization

The entire program, as pointed out before, rests on the assumption of inevitable war with Russia. Hannah broke down the man-power figures in the following fashions:

(1) A regular military force of 3,047,000 men, an increase of over 200,000 over regular Pentagon plans. The reason for this is, according to Hannah, that "we require more strength."

(2) A Ready Reserve of 3,055,894 men. These are the discharged veterans of the first category who would now be fulfilling their eight-year term and being replaced by the second National Guard.

(3) A pool of 750,000 men. These would be soldiers who had gone through both the regular service (category 1) and the Reserve (category 2). They would be called up as individuals.

(4) A draft of 300,000 men a year.

(5) A reservoir of 750,000 draft-age men without prior service to be inducted in the first few years of a smaller war.

In other words, over seven and a half million American youth would, at all times, be under the direction of the United States armed forces. No peacetime program as sweeping and as militaristic has ever been proposed here before.

The catch in the entire plan is that it has little or no relation to the immediate needs of the armed forces. It is not a "selective service" program put forth in a time of crisis. It is a permanent program, an institutionalization of the Garrison state, and the government does not even propose that it be put into effect until three years after Congress would pass the law.

Blunt War Talk

At this point, Hannah's bluntness about war with Russia becomes apposite. Certainly his handling of the inevitability of World War III has been the practical idealism of the American ruling class for some time. Yet there was always a delicacy which was averse to putting its words in such words.

Aesopian terms were used. The line was expressed: "If we are forced to defend ourselves, we will prepare and instantly attack from Russia, and ... . But now the poignance is gone. Hannah calmly speaks of "the day of active war with the Soviet Union."

This new verbal bluntness is not merely a loss of semantic nicety. It is symptomatic of the entire program and its meaning.

The American public had as its basis the old premise that the Garrison state was an emergency form of American society. The new premise, in fact, sweeps away that pretense by proposing a total militarization of the youth which is not to take place for several years to come.

It can only be based on the long-run assumption that the cold war will continue as a primarily military struggle until it eventually, and inevitably, issues into World War III. The change in language is another indication of this central fact: that the Garrison state is no longer an emergency or exceptional measure, but is now the permanent institutional form of American society.

End of a Road

If the law is passed, it will assume that this premise of the permanent Garrison state is bipartisan. For note that the Eisenhower program is not to take effect until three years after passage, i.e. until after the presidential elections of 1956. It is therefore conceivable as an area of bipartisan agreement, as a basic feature of American society to which all political forces are committed, for it would bind a Democratic as well as a Republican administration in the future.

Under all of this is a further admission. It is clear that there is no underlying reason for a hope of American society coming up with a non-militarist solution to the cold war. As such, it is the corollary of a completely frustrated American society which can only rely as force and political reaction.

It is the end of a long road that began with Dean Acheson's "negotiations of strength," and wound through the tortuous maze of "containment," "liberalization," "anti-communism," "counter-revolution"—until it emerged in all of its present clarity in World War III.

What can be done about this program?

Universal military training of this type is still confronted by a very real opposition. It is one of the few areas of American life where the old traditions of anti-militarism still have a certain political viability. In the past, it has been possible to rally a broad movement against such plans.

The labor movement, for example, which by and large supports all of the basic institutions of the cold war, has balked at universal military training, precisely because of its political character. Liberal spokesmen have been in search for reasons of "necessity" to support this kind of plan for the same reason. All pacifist groups are united in struggle against this line. Even with these limitations, the labor movement has shown effort similar to those which we have waged on issues of the academic freedom.

The Socialist Opposition

At the same time, it must be carefully pointed out that some of Hannah's admissions to universal military training comes from the more reactionary military elements in the United States. The conservative elements which make up the institutionalized American militarism, America Firsters and the completely contradictory "peacemongers," anti-conscriptionists, and pro-World War III are in this group. It goes without saying that these opponents of universal military training do not provide any kind of arena for joint activity.

Yet even when working with the labor movement, liberals and pacifists, in a broad struggle against the new Eisenhower program, socialists must make it clear that their opposition is to a fundamentally militaristic program.

With the exception of the pacifists, these groups accept all of the basic premises of the Garrison state. If their own central tendency is to meet the militarism, then it amounts to a refusal to carry their own position to its logical conclusion. And the broad, clear, and which is a normal feature of American life. What we have in this case, however, is an attempt to develop a political front, to carry this front into a conscious reality upon which longer-term plans may be laid.

It is not enough to simply oppose the institutionalization of the Garrison state; it is necessary to oppose its very existence, whatever the consequences, however many words of a particular law or event. And at this point, the question of the consequences has not yet led to any real conclusions or to a concern over the basic forces with which the American nation is alive.

The Young Socialist League has opened the cause of causes which issue in American imperialism and which we must face it time again. Yet we must do it once more, in relation to the new Eisenhower program. For it is precisely because of Hannah's admissions that there is no alternative that the very roots of the Garrison state can be seen.

Strike at the Base

As the YSL has constantly reiterated, capitalism can provide no alternative to the problems of crisis and revolution. It can only result in increased exploitation and political reaction. Ultimately, the only "alternatives" imaginable are a complete and final economic revolution, the liquidation of the "cold war," world war, the "day of active war with the Soviet Union."

It is true that liberals, and the vast majority of the labor movement, prefer a more sophisticated version of this reality; one alarm of Hannah's bluntness. They will dress up their acceptance of the Garrison state with spiritual defenses of a "liberal" character.

Yet they will not attack the basic problem of the alternative; that is in an epoch of social crisis and revolution, only a policy which builds upon the revolutionary class level can possibly succeed. And this policy is anti-imperialist, be it Russian or American imperialism, it is anti-Stalinist and anti-capitalist. It is the policy of the Third Camp.

It is true that we socialists will rise in any rank and file, in any branch of the working class, against this "cold war," against its real cause, its basis. We can join with others in a struggle over an immediate issue, yet we cannot still our conviction that this is the only alternative to the base.

There is still hope that this measure can be defeated historically and politically. We need only remember the image of a regi-

minal society, totally militarized, living in anticipation of the Day of War, war as the conceptions of the state, political and moral bankruptcy, militarily, politically, socially bankrupt. And its opposition to militarism.

The tiny American anti-war socialist movement has agrave responsibility at such a time. For it is the only viable opposition to the institutionalized American militarism. It provides the only intrinsically and principled opposition to the militarism. All the other competitions and the only national-wide youth organization of anti-war socialists. Its task is huge; we must rally American youth into struggle against the permanent Garrison state; we must make it clear that the full meaning of a Future Eisenhower program: we must state the democratic alternative as explicitly as we can.
THE POSITION OF THE ARAB SOCIALISTS ON ISRAEL

By CLOVIS MAKSUD

Controversial problems in any given area ought to be resolved through peaceful, light-hearted realities. The solution, must serve, as far as we are concerned, the interest of the ultimate realization of Arab socialism. This must not, and does not mean. To resort to the psychology of choosing between two evils - and the casting of our weight into the lesser of the evils" - is not only a defeatist attitude and an escape from socialist responsibilities, but it is above all detrimental to the cause of socialism as a whole.

The growth of an ideological movement depends to a large extent on the willingness of the movement to initiate alternatives which are in harmony with the requirements of doctrine. Thus, even when a socialist movement is young and relatively weak, it should not wait until it has grown to make decisive political commitments, but it must realize that its long-run growth is contingent on its readiness and fearlessness in taking clear and correct positions.

How far this attitude will succeed is dependent on the capacity of the socialists to show the correctness of their position and expose the contradictions of the opposing ones. This declaration of position should be preceded by a careful study and analysis of the situation and a cogentization of the theoretical implications of their stand.

It is imperative that the post-war socialist tactics should not be allowed to continue. Their unsocialist behavior and policies in many instances have been characterized by confusion, splits, opportunism and a pragmatic anti-philosophical approach to problems.

Their loss of initiative confined their practical activities to observing the leaders of the other. In this respect they drew attention. Under pressure of their left-wing elements, some parties (e.g., the British Labour Party) started to adopt an attempt to "minimize" the excesses of American policy. The New Left of America fitted itself into this category. A party that does not face the problem on its own head will not be able to lead a fully responsible community.

Nor should we allow the fresh fears and leaving an impact on history. Western European socialists became less concerned with the real problems. In the cold war atmosphere, the socialist parties adopted a new position. The main problem of socialism was not the socialist community, but the tension between the two extremes of capitalism and socialism. The socialist parties were dependent on the moral authority of their leaders as well as their leaders of the political leadership.

The European socialist movement, in general, has failed to stop the struggle of the socialist movement and has maneuvered to preserve peace. The socialist leaders were ready to accept the peaceful coexistence of the two communities. However, their anti-Israeli position, consistent with their ideological stance, made it a proof that the political blocade of the Socialist International is impeding the development of what can be called a socialist world.

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The ability to carry on with a less inflammatory language and self-criticism, to enable us to act as the vanguard of the revolutionary temper that permeates the 20th-century mind.

The Arab Fight Against Israel

I dwell on the above ideas because I find nationalist and socialist political climate that we, the Arab socialists, reject and despise. This introduction serves also as an apology for my venturing into one or two pages of a solution of a controversial problem, of practice many European socialists look at with skepticism, sarcasm and condescending conformation.

In offering a plan for Palestine, I am fully aware that its acceptance cannot possibly be effective in the short run. Its acceptance by all the Arab nations not in all probability be automatically implemented. However, the unforeseeability of immediate execution turns to had many socialists to dismiss the plan as "impractical."

In my opinion what is conceivable in theory is ultimately realized in practice provided political efforts are made and the will is translated into action.

The practical implications of a socialist theoretical conception are even more feasible under revolutionary situations, as exist in the Near East. In such circumstances, the Arab socialists, with the help of the Arab masses, can foster the revolution and create a new world.

EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS' ATTITUDE

Needless to add here the anti-Arab feeling that has been characteristic of the European socialist movement. Needless to give evidence of the contempt and disrespect that petty, left-wing elements have treated us with. Needless to expose the false and misleading conceptions that they receive from the problems of the Near East. Besides the Palestinian question, they supported the anti-Semitic policies in Western Europe, which is evidently the essence of the situation and the implications of their stand.

They are blind to the fact that the Arab nations are fighting for survival. Their attitude towards the war is practically nil. They are not concerned with the problem of the Palestinian refugees, and they ignore the fact that the Arab nations are fighting for survival.

This might be hard to believe. If I did not have the evidence of the facts, I would not believe it myself. Yet developments in the Near East, especially concerning the military junts (consisted by the Soviets as a "short cut out process") have proved the correctness of their thesis and the error of their anti-Arab policies.

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However, the Arab socialists, who are fighting for survival, are not prepared to accept the peaceful coexistence of the two communities.

The French have a saying: "The Arab world is a world of divided circumstances."

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Zionism and the Israeli Issue

Now I shall come to the points raised by the resolution of the ISL on Zionism, Israel, and the Jewish question (the "Israel problem," as they call it in the United Nations). I shall respond to the resolution's "anti-Zionist" position in the line of the Palestinian people's struggle for self-determination and liberation.

As I see it, the ISL's resolution is an attempt to impose its own interpretations on the Arab people. It is a rejection of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and liberation. It is a violation of international law and the United Nations Charter.

The ISL's resolution attempts to deny the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and liberation. It is an attempt to impose a one-state solution on the Palestinian people, which is illegal under international law.

The ISL's resolution attempts to justify the Israeli occupation and colonization of Palestinian land. It is an attempt to whitewash the Israeli annexation of Palestinian land.

The ISL's resolution attempts to delegitimize the struggle of the Palestinian people for self-determination and liberation. It is an attempt to silence the voice of the Palestinian people.

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Capitalism cannot be reformed. It cannot be 'repaired', 'fixed' or 'patched up'. Capitalism never cancelled the two systems of exploitation which made their appearance in the 20th century. Capitalism cannot control the vastness of the world economy. It cannot destroy the foundations of late stage capitalism.

Socialism, in Russia and wherever it holds power, is a brave but faltering experiment. It is attempting to organise the world economy on socialist lines. Socialism is not a new form of capitalism. It is an attempt to end war, to end mass poverty, to end exploitation and to build a new society.

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While Rhee Was War-Whooping

While Rhee was yelling speeches in the U.S. in favor of launching the Third World War, and denouncing Americans as oughts because he needs more American aid, the following appeared in a N.Y. Times dispatch from his capital Seoul:

"On Wednesday an attempt was made by the government here to silence the voices of greater numbers of South Koreans under a front against communism in Asia. Led by a military band, some face-cover buses loaded with civilians, mostly children in their teens and children, drove through the streets of the capital.

"The demonstration did not draw as much attention as a nearby housing exhibition by the Olympic champion, Ma. Sammy Lee." (Aug. 12)