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SPOT LIGHT

Shooting-Crisis over Quemoy Is Adventurism on Both Sides

By GORDON HASKELL

The peoples of the world have hardly finished the sigh of relief with which they welcomed the return of Nanking, the Chinese Nationalists, to Taiwan. There are clouded spirits in Indo-China, where they are confused and depressed by the news of possible possibilities in Formosa. The banquet speeches about "peaceful co-existence" between the systems of Stalinism and capitalism on a world scale will have been drowned in the threats of war over Formosa, and the firing of artillery over Quemoy island. And Americans, even more than the peoples of other nations, must once more think through the cold war policy of their government as it applies to another distant part of the globe.

Immediately, the President presents itself like this: if the Chinese Stalinist president should decide to assert Chinese rights over Quemoy and then Formosa, should the United States try to prevent such aggression, and if so, how? Is there any alternative to the military nature of the United States could be of any use to the United States if it is to conquer of its own force Formosa or have the issues there reduced themselves to a stark issue of military force?

Of course, Formosa is not merely a territory with a native population which is being fought over by the rival Stalinist and capitalist imperialisms. It is also the symbol and the seat of what remains of the power of Chiang Kai-shek, who in turn is the symbol of the determinations of a section of the world capitalist class to re-establish its rule over China, as well as a puppet of the United States.

OFFENSIVE IN FORMOSA

It is hard to imagine any possible situation in which the United States is likely to find itself or even of the United States to come directly or indirectly in Formosa, or in any way whatever, such as a war would be able to be transformed into an attempt to overthrow the Stalinist regime in China by force of arms, and to restore the government there to Chiang Kai-shek. It is exactly what American leaders like Admiral King and Senator Bricker seem to have in mind. All the less reasons why the most American tablet or liberal movements should be taken in by the protest that what is involved is the independence and freedom of the island of Formosa.

Why is this the present example of revolutionary politics which can be imagined? Because Formosa is now compared and ruled by a foreign, reactionary, totalitarian government headed by Chiang Kai-shek. The six million natives of the island are held in complete subjugation by an administrative politics of terror by people who come from the mainland. Not only have they not been consulted as to what role they want to play in the unfolding drama, but when they sought to establish their right to play a free, independent role by being up against the corrupt Chinese administration, their demand for an end to governmental abuses and for local autonomy was crushed with a massacre of 20,000 people.

Washington's Government in Guatemala Intensifies Union-Smashing Tyranny

By BERNARD CRUMER

The democratic trade-union movement in Guatemala is fighting for its life. The military dictatorship of which Washington helped to put into power is exceeding expectations in the speed of its return to the old days of brutal despotism and anti-labor terror.

For a second time the CIA has delivered a blow at the repression under way by the Castillo-Armas regime. For the first time, last year, a violent revolt broke out against the dictatorship, sweeping back to what they were under the dictator Ubico, who was ousted by the 1944 revolution.

The CIA News reported September 6 that "A large group of prisoners are being transferred from the national prison to the former Villa Hayes prison where the labor leadership is being processed against trade unions under the new Castillo-Armas regime which has restored to the government the central labor union organization, according to Benedict of the CIA's international affairs office, just returned from a visit to the country. In addition, many employers have taken action against the National Workers Bund, and some factories have consented to fire their active union members, said . . . ."

"Among the unions whose legal existence was abolished were the railroad workers, the members of a number of unions are employed by the International Railways of Central America, of which the U.S.-controlled United Fruit Company is the main stockholder. The railroad in addition has discharged some 770 non-Communist but pro-union employees, Benedict said."

Two reactionary groups are struggling in the regime for power: "It is reported," says the CIA report, "that a struggle is going on between the old Ubico crowd, who believe in a political dictatorship accompanied by an economic regime of laissez-faire, and the business unions are pretty much from the ground up on a united front against Castillo, which is working toward a complete reactionary military dictatorship."

"Various political and business figures are making preparations for proposals that all labor rights be suspended for periods of up to six months to two years, with the obvious hope that the suspension would never be lifted," the report adds.

"The land reform the new government promised to maintain is being wiped out. Many Indians who had been granted small farms, either individually or through cooperatives, have been driven from their land by the government, or by former owners."

HEADSHRINKERS BACK

A recent issue of Time magazine sheds a ray of light on the nature of Castillo Armas' appointments. Joel Linares, his choice for command of the secret police, has shocked even his own supporters.

"When Linares last ran the secret police under the late dictator Ubico," says Time, "his men submerged political enemies in electric-shock baths and perfected a head-shrinking skull cap to pry loose secrets, and crush improper political thoughts."

 unnecessarily, that Castillo-Armas' latest command-decisions was not to try with the enemy force but to erase them.

Less well known is the fact that the United States, in another instance, is driving out Spanish Republicans on the pretext of working for the cause of democracy.

When U.S. Ambassadors Porril is endeavoring to push this head-shrinking skull cap into power, he (as well as the U.S. press) was brining over with mealy-mouthed talk about "maintaining peace" in Guatemala. Now that his dirty job has been done, Porril is being taken out of the country for new assignment.

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Although Chiang was able to win a victory over the Formosan people, to defeat the Stalinists in his own country was an altogether different matter. Even since he was driven off the mainland, it has been clear that his only hope to re-establish his rule, and that of the corrupt capitalist class he represents, was to get the United States to defeat the Stalinists for him in World War III. In the past few years Chiang's hopes were raised to the heights by the wars in Korea and Indo-China, especially of them had exploded into the war in Asia, his chances to play an important role would have been enhanced tremendously. But the stalemate and truce in Korea, and the (Future to be published)
TO DEFEAT STRIKING BREAKOUT, AUTO WORKERS HELP UE STRUGGLE—UAW Locals Mobilize Against Square-D

By BEN HALL

Detroit has become the scene of an experiment in striking breakout. Nine local unions of the United Auto Workers have struck against Square D, scale, police, and injunctions.

Two hundred strikers were on the picket line when the first reports of the strike came in. On the day of the strike, more than a thousand workers were on strike. The strike was called by the United Auto Workers, the largest union in the country, which has been fighting for better wages and shorter hours.

LABOR STRUGGLES BUILDING UP RESENTMENTS

By BEN HALL

The strike is still on and there is no sign of any ending in the picketing line. In the meantime, there has been a steady rise in the number of people who have been picketing for the strike. The number of people who have been on the picketing line has increased from around two hundred to over a thousand.

(3) But the UAW has its own troubles. Its strike in Michigan, which started on March 1, has been going on for almost a year. The strike has resulted in a loss of around $165 million, which is almost 10% of the auto industry's gross national product.

Anonymous Revolution

Our second example, also a column in the N. Y. Post, is quite different. On September 2, at a hearing of the Committee on the U.S. Congress, the chairman of a large corporation made a speech that revolutionized the way we think about the auto industry. He said that the auto industry was not just a bunch of people who built cars, but that they were also people who fought for better wages and shorter hours. He also said that the auto industry was not just a bunch of people who made money, but that they were also people who helped to build a better world.

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German Renouncement of Its Forbearance

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On the other hand, the Communists, with the backing of their allies, were not so eager to compromise. Their stance was that, while peace talks were desirable, the destruction of non-aggression pacts and the reduction of military capabilities in the region were necessary steps towards a truly peaceful and just solution.

As far as other events at the congresses are concerned, the European Coal and Steel Community was again in the news. The TUC was in favor of its continuation, and its representatives were busy negotiating for cooperation with the European Coal and Steel Community.

Union Issues

The TUC also addressed the issue of salaries. The TUC highlighted the need for a significant increase in workers' salaries to keep pace with the rising cost of living.

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In conclusion, the TUC's annual report is a comprehensive and detailed document that addresses various issues affecting workers and labor relations. It is important for all those involved in labor matters to study and consider its recommendations carefully.
A Jewish Underground under Nazi Terror

The story of the Secret Press Committee, a group of Jewish underground newspaper workers who distributed an underground newspaper in occupied Europe, is retold in "The American Political Tradition." This book explores the role of newspapers and underground publications in fostering resistance and maintaining morale during times of political turmoil. The narrative emphasizes the importance of free press and the struggle for freedom of expression, providing insights into the historical context and the significance of such efforts.

The Secret Press of the Jewish Underground movement was crucial in disseminating information, maintaining morale, and providing a sense of community among the Jewish population under Nazi occupation. The underground press played a vital role in spreading news, distributing resistance literature, and facilitating communication between various underground groups. Despite the challenges and risks involved, these journalists and press workers continued to publish, often in secret locations, risking their lives to keep the flame of resistance burning.

The book "The American Political Tradition" is a comprehensive study of the history of American politics and the evolution of political thought. It examines the development of political ideas, the role of newspapers and journalism, and the influence of political institutions and leaders. The book is an important resource for understanding the democratic process and the importance of free press in maintaining a healthy society.

In conclusion, the story of the Secret Press Committee in "The American Political Tradition" serves as a testament to the power of the press in times of adversity. It highlights the resilience and determination of those who fought against tyranny and oppression, and it reminds us of the importance of free speech and the role of the media in fostering a democratic society.
STUDENT LIBERALS MAINTAIN DEMOCRATIC POSITION AGAINST PRESSURE—
SDA Convention Reaffirms Stand on Civil Liberties

Climaxing five months of uncertainty over conflicts on Academic Freedom, politics, and religious and social issues, the Seventh Annual Convention of SDA in Boston voted overwhelmingly to retain the core of its oppositional position. In a 4-1 vote of 75 delegates, following a three-hour debate on the SDA student Bill of Rights, the largest student political organization on campus today reaffirmed a principle position on civil liberties.

The sole test for employment, dismissal, and tenure of a teacher should be the test of academic competence. All determinations of the fitness or worth of a teacher should be made by his faculty colleagues in accordance with the academic due process, two cardinal principles of which are that the individual must be considered on an individual basis and that the burden of proving incompetence must always rest with the accusers. Neither the social or political or religious affiliations of a teacher should be in themselves considered sufficient evidence of disqualification for work in the academic profession.

The policy differs with the past faculty rights section only to the extent of specifying the issue in clear terms.

CLEAR TREND

The entire discussion on civil liberties, which involved a vote calling for the repeal of the Communist Control Act of 1954 as an abridgement of free political activities, made it obvious to any observer and many delegates that a more militant left-wing trend was represented at the convention such as had been rare only lacking in the past few years.

At one point a resolution, condemning Senator McCarthy and Senator Morse, and the ADA leadership in general, for their initial roles in the trial which led to the ouster of the Communist Party, was defeated by a very close vote, so close that a recent had to be taken.

In the defeated-party debate, lasting late into the night, the same trend was revealed as described in The YSL's Aim

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The Young Socialist League is a democratic socialist organization whose purpose is to foster a discussion of this society into one where the means of production are owned and democratically managed. The YSL, a part of the American Socialist movement, works with students, who form its area of activity, and is directed against capitalism and Stalinism.

The YSL rejects the concept that state ownership represents socialism; that socialism can be achieved only by revolution, or through undemocratic means, or is in any way unfair to the active participation of the people themselves in the building of the new social order. The YSL, however, endeavors to mark clear, the class on which is capable of leading society to the establishment of socialism.

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Unfortunately, the encouraging factor is the evident determination for a return to real liberal forces on the campus could not be said to truthfully represent the same proportion of feeling throughout the nation.

New York, New England, and some Mid-Atlantic delegates had overwhelming, representation at the convention, and though this in itself was reassuring, it should not give the readers of this news a misleading conception as to what really constitutes student reaction to McCarthyism, the witchhunt, and the professional liberals or represented by the ADA leadership. To the extent that the policies continue to consolidate, the rearing tendencies in SDA which can revitalize the organization, the willingness of generations for a meaningful political line was extremely obvious.

It is true that, internally, SDA's educational program will have to be greatly increased for the benefit of its membership. The Federation is not in order to concretely build a militant liberal student movement today.

DISCUSSIONS: STALINIST ECONOMY AND 'PROGRESS'...

To the Editor:

In the August 30 issue of Challenge, J. B. and Els Markovitz analyzed Stalin's economy with some examples of bureaucratic bungling in the Stalinist economy. Conrad Black's article, in The New York Times, is informative and interesting, but I must confess that I find it difficult to agree with his analysis, especially with his comments such as "the economic progress is "illusory, even an impossibility." I cannot see that it does. It was not an illusion which took Europe's most backward-nations from a civil war, brought it through a devastating world war, and in 30 years transitioned it into one of the world's industrial powers. It would seem to me that socialism, instead of allowing one of the major bystanders, and I think our fault was our just contempt of Stalin's into wild Stalinophobes, would be quick in pointing out that the innate superiority shows through even a badly maimed and planned economy.

One of the favorite theories of the Stalinophobes is that the social advantages of Stalinist nations are due, not to the advantages of a planned economy, but to totalitarian pressure upon the population. This is indulging in wild thinking. Throughout history, regimes have used the energy of the masses for their own ends, with no less effect. Stalin's success is due to the fact that it has a hungry people which hands down a master plan does not mean that the second is not working on any project.

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The DESPERATE SEARCH:
Statesmen Scratch for Successor to EDC

By A. STEIN

The desperate Anglo-American search to find a substitute formula for EDC, permitting West German rearmament under conditions acceptable to France, continues with no solution as yet in sight.

While Washington fumbles and hesitates, the British have seized the initiative and their inevitable and only alternative within the over-all design of Anglo-American policy: to draw West Germany into NATO—the North Atlantic Treaty alliance—where her rearmament would take place under direct American and British supervision and control. The members of the new defence "Little Europe," the Benelux powers of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxemburg have already given their consent to this proposal.

However, the British formula forces even greater ab-"East" from the French side than did EDC. The British scheme would create a national German army. Whatever restrictions there would be as to the extent of West Ger- man rearmament would to a large degree be self-imposed.

The French National Assembly voted down NDC; even though on paper the European Army plan incorporated stringent measures of control prohibiting the creation of German General Staff or the creation of an independent national army for the purpose of the army to manufacture the equipment for the army by the United States and Great Britain, the French government will not approve of a plan which leads directly to the same result it was supposed to avoid—i.e., to produce the independent German army.

Inter-Imperialist Fears

Nor does the British scheme satisfy the chief French complaint: that with a greater English involvement as a result of the French plan, there could be no way of maintaining a balance against German domina- tion or of enforcing control should it rebel against the partners in the alliance.

Under EDC, West Germany was assigned 12 active divisions and the same number of reserve divisions. The French plan to contribute five active and seven reserve divisions, as well as 14. At the present time, there are five American, four British and two French divisions in West Germany.

Unless the Americans and, above all the British, in- crease the size of their military contingent on the continent, it is not by any means in the position of the French of acting as the dominant force and would give the latter the dominant and unchallenged power in any kind of combat and lend the French a sense of at least the same German contributions as under EDC.

Despite all French pleas, the British refused to join EDC just as they refused to become part of the Coal and Steel Community (Schuman Plan) or the one to the countries of the European Community or any form of the EDC. The British claim that when EDC is dissolved under the new defence scheme, their forces would be transferred to the United States and West Germany, or transfer the forces to their own troops stationed in West Germany. And they have made clear that they have no intention of increasing the size of their military contribution in Western Europe.

The refusal of the British to commit themselves still further in creating a common continental military organ- ization, and the fear that an appreciable American presence might be tempted to withdraw American forces when a West Germany was admitted into NATO, is one of the factors behind French sensitivity to the present state of inflated inflation.

Old Fox vs. John Bull

De the political side, the British plan suffers from what may in the end prove to be a fatal defect. The drive of the Conservative, Church-government to im-
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The integration of East Germany into a united country would immediately pose the risk of bringing the Social-Democratic government and electric power producers into conflict. This Social-Democracy would not be the same here as in the Saar-Ulmer, West Germany. The SPD would itself experience life-threatening consequences if its policies adversely affected the workers and their leaders who support the treaty of Rome for East German paper market.

A socialist regime based on a democratic and socialist work class of 35 million people would be able to withstand strong attacks from both the West and the East. It would therefore be necessary for this Social-Democracy not to be born here but to be born in the Saar-Ulmer, West Germany. The SPD would itself experience life-threatening consequences if its policies adversely affected the workers and their leaders who support the treaty of Rome for East German paper market.

Toward a Free Europe

The defeat of EDE has once again sharpened two inseparable and mutually dependent problems: Germany and Europe. If Germany were to be destroyed, Europe cannot survive as a hospitable refuge of small nations. The creation of a large state, which is necessary for its own economic expansion, its political independence and its stability, will be irresistible, despite the onerous cost of the containing power blocs and only help hasten the destruction of a large state. And it is equally clear that until a united, independent and democratic Germany exists, there can be no serious prospects for a free and united Europe. The first step can be taken only by repealing Washington's military government in reintegration peace and reconciliation between the two German states. This, in turn, must be accompanied by the realization of the constitutional freedom of its own government. The prospects of the United States and its allies in the face of these events look grim. It is clear that with the elimination of the domino effect, the domino theory of the Cold War must be abandoned.

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