

Mother Blames Death of GI on Both Dems, GOP

KNOXVILLE, Ky., Feb. 12.—A mother heartsick with grief over the death of her son in Korea in a war "without a cause," demonstrated in a letter to the Knoxville Journal that the people blame both Republicans and Democrats, both Truman and MacArthur, for the war policy.

Indicating that people are beginning to see that Wall Street and the war-makers run both parties despite the demagoguery of both, Mrs. Dora Tipton of Townsend, wrote on Jan. 21:

"I have just finished reading the editorial in The Journal where the two men refused to take the Medal of Honor, I would like to shake hands with those two men. If all people that felt that way would come out and tell the world what they did, we might have a better world for our younger people to live in. We don't want Truman any longer, and we don't want MacArthur. They both had to do with the killing of our sons. My son was killed over there, and I say without a cause. We are heartbroken, and never will be any other way.

"We don't want a warmonger for our leader. We would like a man that lives his religion to be our leader. The whole Tipton family are bitter over our son being killed over there, but I don't see any honor. To me it is a disgrace to America for our sons to be driven so far from home to kill and to be killed just to please a few blood thirsty men.

"I can't explain my thoughts. There has never been a love greater than a mother's love for her son. We had but one son. His body is somewhere over there. It's been over there a year. They haven't sent his body back. We mothers don't even have the pleasure of looking on a grave where our sons have been laid. How could we be any other way but bitter? We would love to have peace all over the world. We mothers have grandchildren. We don't want them to live in a troubled world like we are living in. My son left five little children. I don't want his boys to die like he did.

"Please print this in The Journal. I want the world to know how I feel."

Utica Pastor Urges Repeal of McCarran Act

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The people of Utica were urged by the Rev. Arnold F. Keller of the Church of the Redeemer here to demand repeal of the McCarran Act and to save the U.S. from becoming a "Nazi madhouse." In a letter published by the Utica Daily Press on Feb. 8, the Rev. Keller denounced the reported preparation of concentration camps for "probable saboteurs" and charged that the Bill of Rights has become "less than a scrap of paper."

His letter, in part, follows: "Military madness will make a Nazi madhouse out of the United States yet. The pattern is too well known for us to be indifferent to the symptoms of its unfolding here. 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.'"

"Recent press reports of the setting up under the McCarran Act of five concentration camps emphasized anew the necessity of the immediate repeal of the act. James V. Bennett, federal director of prisons under the direction of Attorney General McGrath, is readying former military camps as places of detention for what the McCarran Acts terms 'probable saboteurs' in the case of a declaration of a state of internal security emergency. 'Shades of secret police' and

'gestapo' are rapidly falling over the nation. Editors, preachers, teachers—and all others who would dare criticize or question the national policies—could and would be apprehended as 'probable saboteurs.' With this act the Bill of Rights becomes less than a scrap of paper. The detention camp is an effective way of getting all opposition out of the way. It can happen here!

"Concentration camps are not the traditional American way of life. We urge all, therefore, to write or telegraph the President, Senators and Congressmen at once, protesting the setting up of concentration camps. Urge Congressman William R. Williams to support H.R. 3118—the Sabath bill to repeal the McCarran Act, which was conceived in typical Washington confusion and abetted by military madness."



MURRAY

MURRAY ASKED TO ACT ON CHAUVINISM IN ERIE CIO PAPER

CIO president Philip Murray's criticism to See and another to Murray.

The release, according to Steuben's office, also went to Negro and other publications. A number of Negro publications commented favorably on Steuben's action. Steuben advised Wavil to apologize at least, and noted that during the very week the cartoon appeared, Nov. 8, Murray is a speech before the CIO convention conceded that "the CIO shelters bigots as poisonous on race relations as the Ku Klux Klan."

"We think the publication of this cartoon is an expression of this poison inside the CIO," continued Steuben. Wavil See's reply, also released by Steuben, said, "I fail to under-

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MR. I. F. STONE, whose columns in the Daily Compass always command this writer's respectful attention, has recently commented on Herbert Hoover's nationwide radio speech of Jan. 27 in a fashion which suggests that if Hoover's purpose had been to disorientate some of the left-of-center forces, he has achieved a certain success. For Mr. Stone has drawn from Hoover's remarks the conclusions that—

1.—"Hoover and Taft give voice in American discussion of foreign policy to those conservative capitalist elements which do not want war."

2.—"As regards coexistence, Hoover turns up in his own way much closer to Henry Wallace's old position, which was also FDR's, than to Truman's."

3.—"The tone, the words and the fiscal philosophy in that portion of the Hoover address that dealt with the inflationary danger, are correct for today."

4.—"We of the anti-cold war camp find ourselves drawn into alliance with Hoover. . . . An isolationism which may help halt the drift to war is preferable. . . . To Dulles-Dewey and Truman-Acheson internationalism."

THESE CONCLUSIONS are Mr. Stone's, not Hoover's. Nor can they be drawn from Hoover's words except by wishful thinking. For when we go beyond Hoover's demagoguery and examine his program, we find a program not to achieve peace, but to organize war. True, he is for organizing it differently from Truman and Acheson, differently

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from Dewey and Dulles, but he is for organizing war nonetheless.

Because he stands for the military alliance with Britain as of today; for Eisenhower's success in raising an European army, and in any event for armies of the European countries as the main source of manpower in Europe; for making the Western Hemisphere a "Gibraltar of freedom"—meaning a safe rear; for expanding the United States and British air and sea forces into a "highly mobile striking force" as a "deterrent" to "punish any aggression;" for furnishing satellites with munitions; for speeding up the war preparations of the European countries, demanding that they "provide ground forces for our airfields within their boundaries;" and "protect our airfields outside the NATO countries;" for the MacArthur policy in Korea and against China.

This is Hoover's program—at least as much as he cared to state. But can this program be construed as a program for peace?

Moreover, there is not a word in Hoover's speech about promoting friendly relations and trade relations with the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies, although he is sharply critical of the fiscal policies of the Truman Administration which have led to the "overstraining of our economy by our gigantic expenditures." Would the omission of new business relations with great and prospering countries, in such a context, be consistent with a perspective of peaceful coexistence? Espe-

cially today, when the State Department is trying by might and main to prevent the great international economic conference in Moscow next fall from achieving any increase in East-West trade?

HOOVER'S "isolationism, therefore, proves on examination to be as aggressively 'internationalist' as that of Truman-Acheson and Dewey-Dulles. Yet, in the course of bulwarking his pre-election case, Hoover has exploded the myth of 'Soviet aggression,' and has clearly stated—though with no such conscious purpose—that this entire hoax which has been the sole foundation for the Truman Administration's foreign and domestic policy, is a monstrous fraud carrying the nation to disaster."

In addition, Hoover's criticisms of Truman's fiscal policies, citing the "blight of inflation," "confiscatory taxes," and a "reduction of the living standard of the working population," reflect the widespread dissatisfaction with the war program which is sweeping the country, causing worries regarding the prospect of bankruptcy even among sections of the capitalists. Implicit in this pre-election criticism is also the admission that a war economy cannot solve capitalism's fundamental problems. And this admission by a notorious representative of monopoly capital knocks the props from under the claims and hopes of the right wing trade union bureaucrats, who have obediently tailed Wall Street's war-chariot with promises of better pay and (Continued on Page 4)

UTICA PAPER ASSAILS STOOIE CHAMBERS' LIES

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 11.—The Saturday Evening Post was sharply rebuked by the Utica Daily Press here for publishing the anti-Communist "confessions" of Whittaker Chambers. Tearing into the police spy, Chambers, the Press declared editorially on Feb. 8:

"Now really! Are we all supposed to be crazy? Are we to shape our affairs and conduct by what a self-confessed liar and cheat assumes to 'tell' us now?"

The Daily Press is published by the Frank Gannett chain, and Gannett himself has long been associated politically with the most vicious reactionary and anti-labor circles in America. It was noted here that while the editorial on Chambers contained the usual amount of anti-Communist slander, the Gannett paper correctly assumed that the public has nothing but a feeling of disgust and contempt for the stoolpigeons, renegades and police tools being offered to them as models of "patriotism."

The Daily Press declared, in part:

"We Americans are being exposed to some pretty tremendous

stuff about Communism. For one item, take the issue of Collier's a few weeks ago, which attempted to forecast the war which eventually, of course, we win by defeating Soviet Russia. That stirred some political disturbance in Europe, as it properly should. This week we have another, from the ultra-conservative Saturday Evening Post.

"And what does this paper, which boasts of its early association with Benjamin Franklin—who was nobody's fool in his service to our country in its early and perilous days—offer us? Whittaker Chambers. Now really! Are we all supposed to be crazy? Are we to shape our affairs and conduct by what a self-confessed liar and cheat assumes to 'tell' us now?"

"We are somewhat amazed that The Post takes responsibility for presenting to a national audience, a corny and self-incriminating document. Chambers has been in and out of hearings so many times that it would take a rather glib editor to accept anything he now has to offer, regarding his past as a confidant or tool of the Communist regime."

"In the first installment Cham-

bers with an unctuous quality which must make every father squirm, addresses his 'confession' to his children. The poor things. We hope this episode will pass before they ever grow up to realize what a fakir their sanctimonious father is, as he presents his 'story' to the American people. . . .

"Secondly, we see no sense in putting around with a character like Chambers who has long since forfeited any right to respect by the American people. If we seek to do something constructive we had better attend to our own political failures in Washington. We have plenty to do there for our own protection and benefit, instead of thrashing over the old straw of Communist 'pl.'"

275 Steel Union Members End Rail Walkout

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 12.—Non-operating employees of the Conemaugh and Black Lick Railroad walked off their jobs last week in a dispute over rates on a new type of rail. They decided to return to work today in a special union meeting upon the insistence of Ransom Reeder, assistant director of District 13, United Steelworkers Union, who demanded the contract procedure be followed. Some 275 workers were involved in the walkout.

The railroad services the eight-mile long local plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and a number of other companies in the area.

End Erie, Pa., Strike

ERIE, Pa., Feb. 12.—Some 600 workers of the Lord Mfg. Co., who closed the plant Jan. 31 when one man was fired for refusing to operate three machines simultaneously, returned to work today on a "tentative" agreement negotiated by officials of the AFL Machinists Union, which represents the employees. Terms were not disclosed.

stand your accusation." The cartoon, See continued, said only "depicts the little ironies of life" and he adds that "frequently the Irish, the English, the German and the Jew are depicted, with by facial characteristics or by dialect." He accused Steuben of "reading into the lines" and continues:

"I know many Negroes, many of whom have attained considerable prestige and position. These men and women do not keep harping about 'discrimination.' They are not continually trying to find something they can use to feed a persecution complex. They are normal men and women. . . ."

PRESS COMMENT

Typical of the comment from

Negro papers is that of the Journal and Guide of Norfolk.

"We think the shoe is on editor See's foot. In our estimation, if anybody is guilty of 'race rousing' and intolerance it is he. He says he knows many Negroes. If he has ever seen one that remotely resembles the caricature in the cartoon he must have had delirium tremens at the time."

William Patterson, head of the Civil Rights Congress, sent See a sharp letter of criticism and a copy of the book Genocide to study.

Herman H. Long, director of the Race Relations Department of Fisk University, was among those who wrote to Steuben commending his view on the cartoon, Steuben's office said.