

Questions of the day

● **QUESTION:** The Chicago Tribune, New York Daily News and the Hearst newspapers seem to favor the withdrawal of U. S. troops from Korea. Isn't this also the policy of your paper?

ANSWER: There is absolutely nothing in common between the policy of the above-mentioned pro-fascist rags and this newspaper.

They favored the Korean adventure from the outset. We opposed it. They particularly went all out for MacArthur. We warned that MacArthur would lead us to disaster and try to push us into a war with China. They are still for MacArthur. We are for his removal.

These newspapers appear now to be for withdrawal of U. S. troops from Korea only because they have been defeated by the Korean People's Army and the Chinese volunteers, not at all because they want peace.

Their viewpoint is to get out now because they've lost but to prepare to renew the war when they are stronger. They fully go along with the



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Administration's fake emergency and war mobilization plans. They are unalterably opposed to any peace settlement of the main issues of the Far East—the return of Formosa to China, the recognition of People's China and her seating in the UN, the independence of the Korean people, etc.

In short, their "withdrawal" policy is a part of their general war outlook. They seek to utilize the growing sentiment of millions of Americans to get out of Korea and steer it into a pro-war rather than a peace direction.

All this is the direct opposite of what we advocate. We were opposed to the Truman-Dulles-MacArthur aggression in Korea from the beginning, we warned of military disaster, we called for a peaceful settlement at all stages of the conflict.

Above all, we favor a settlement of Far Eastern issues to eliminate the basis for war. Formosa belongs to China and the U. S. Seventh Fleet has no business there. U. S. troops have no business in Korea and should get out. The Korean people should be allowed to work out their own destiny without foreign interference. We should recognize the Chinese People's government and seat her in the UN Security Council. This is a program for peace, not war. This is a program in the truest and best interests of the American people.

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It is interesting to recall that the reactionary Hearst and Tribune press and many others who now scream against any negotiated peace with Korea, China or the Soviet Union, were very much in favor of a "negotiated peace" with Hitler and fiercely attacked Roosevelt's policy of unconditional surrender.

The fact is that they always thought that the war against Hitler was the wrong war and that we should have fought together with Hitler against the Soviet Union.

This is the war they want now and they are rearming the Nazis and Japanese imperialists, joining up with Franco and Tito for this purpose. In this they have been joined by the Truman Democrats and Social-Democratic supporters in the labor movement who have turned their back on the Roosevelt policy of peaceful coexistence with the Soviet Union.

The policies of the Chicago Tribune and Hearst press have much more in common with the N. Y. Post and N. Y. Times. Although they express partisan differences their fundamental position on peace and war is the same—against peace and for war.

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