

# THE UNITED STATES AND THE ATOMBOMB

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OF ALL THE BIG LIES put forth by the Wall Street imperialists in the present cold war is their eternal ding-donging about the alleged desire of the U. S. to prevent the manufacture of A-bombs and to avert their use in war. Just the reverse is the case. This is as plain as day for all to see who wish to see.



The unvarnished facts are that the American government, the concoctor of the bomb in the first place, continue to do everything it can to get into its hands the biggest possible number of the bombs, and also that it is definitely orientating upon using the bomb in the war that it is now attempting to organize.

The Baruch Plan, far from being designed to eliminate the A-bomb, was meant to give the U. S. a free hand in making the bomb by setting up such rigid rules of inspection and control that the Soviet Union could not possibly accept them. The stubborn, repeated refusal of the U. S. to outlaw the bomb has had precisely the same aim in view.

The like is true, too, of Eisenhower's present much-touted plan to pool atomic energy for developmental purposes; a scheme which attempts to bypass altogether this country's wholesale piling up of A-bombs for its contemplated war.

THOSE WHO BELIEVE that the U.S. would not actually use the A-bomb had better wake up and recognize some very sinister realities. They should recall that this country, in fact, has actually used the bomb on two occasions, upon the defeated Japanese people, and it is daily showing its readiness to use it again. During the Korean war

the Truman Administration was all prepared to use the A-bomb and would have done so had it not been for the outcry of the world against it.

It is a fact also that both Eisenhower and Dulles have lately arrogantly warned the USSR and People's China that this country will use the A-bomb against them if, in the opinion of the American militarists, they are guilty of an "aggression." At present the Administration, with all its huge propaganda machine, is trying to condition the American people to accept the inevitability of an A-bomb war. This is a contemplated frightfulness far more terrible than anything ever committed by Hitler.

The U. S. government, past and present—Truman and Eisenhower—has had three phases in its atombomb strategy. The first was the strategy of the preventive war, based on the American "monopoly" of the bomb. The idea, openly advocated in the press and radio, was that the United States, when it had amassed a sufficient stockpile of the bombs, should, at a chosen moment, shower them upon the Soviet cities and thus, presumably, settle once and for all the question of the balance of power in the world.

This brutal strategy was knocked on the head, however, in 1949 when the USSR broke the A-bomb monopoly, which was later reinforced by its also breaking the H-bomb monopoly in 1952. Then came the rush to arm the capitalist world with conventional weapons in a great war alliance—NATO—against the USSR, People's China, etc.—with the A-bomb no longer the sole decisive weapon. Endless billions were squandered on this.

BUT NOW this particular A-bomb strategy is also going by the board, and there seems to be a return to a version of the original war strategy, based upon the A-bomb.

This remarkable turn of events is due to two factors: first it has

been obvious that the peoples of the capitalist West are not going to allow themselves easily to be forced into Wall Street's projected war. The NATO is increasingly a failure. The second reason for the new strategy is that the United States, in the meantime, has assembled a huge number of A-bombs and other atomic weapons and has built many new bases in various strategic locations around the world.

There are a lot of atomaniacs in Washington who believe, therefore, that the present set-up provides the way to the solution of imperialist America's ever-increasing difficult situation.

THE GROWTH of McCarthyism—which is fascism—is directly related to the continuing war danger. It especially injects into that danger a new quality of recklessness and desperation.

Obviously it is the duty of all progressive, peace-loving organizations to warn the people against the sinister danger of war. In view of the huge military appropriations of the U.S., the frenzied attempts to pile up atombombs and to win war allies, the growth of McCarthyism, and the blatant war propaganda now being carried on, it would be the extreme of folly to slacken in our fight for peace.

In forcing through the Korean truce the peace-loving peoples of the world won a great victory. The way to extend and consolidate this success is to keep the masses alerted against the war danger and to make them realize that peaceful co-existence with the USSR is indispensable and that an atomic war would mean utter devastation for America. To slacken now in our fight against war would be the gravest of political errors. It would lull the people into a false sense of security and tend to leave them helpless in the face of the war-mongers. This would definitely increase the danger of war. The signal of this important period is not to diminish the fight for peace but greatly to intensify it.