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In order to realize the full gravity of the withdrawal of the American Seventh Fleet from Korea one has to consider it firstly from the historical events which led to the withdrawal and secondly from the point of view that this step is but part of the declared American policy to step-up and intensify the wars raging in Asia.

President Eisenhower's order is a sequel to a long list of provocations and actual acts of aggression against the mainland ever since the New China came into being three years ago. At first the United States encouraged the Chinese K'ai-Shak air and naval forces to bomb and blockade the South-West coast. But owing to the sympathy of the Chinese people this onslaught was halted. Then the Americans declared war against the people of Korea which is China's immediate neighbour and at the same time occupied the Chinese Islands of Taiwan (Formosa). The facts of these attempts once again to enslave the peoples of China and Korea are well known to all. After almost three years of war in Korea, fought with the aid of the supposedly superior military machine, the invaders have nevertheless been forced to give up their original intentions. The losses suffered by the United States soldiers approximate to the losses sustained by America in the whole of the last world war.

"WE ARE AT WAR WITH CHINA"

In addition to this they have repeatedly used their air force, engaged in the Korean war to invade the territorial air of China, bombing and killing Chinese people. "We are at war with the Chinese reds now", boasted Senator Taft, Republican Floor leader in the Senate, in a television interview on February 8th. He added that the Manchurian bases "should have been bombed many months ago."

Besides these naked acts of aggression the Americans have imposed a blockade on trade with China. By means of blackmail and bullying tactics American satellites have been forced to end altogether or to curtail trade with China. The most recent example has been the decision of the British Government to reduce

its trade with China after Eden's return from the United States.

The Washington Correspondent of the "New York Post" reported:-

"Admiral Radford, Commander of the United States 7th Pacific Fleet, advised making the blockade a United Nations project, but if that were not possible he urged the United States to take it up alone".

The "New York World Telegram and Sun" said that the blockade would be a logical follow-up of the Formosa decision. "The British will object" it said, "because they are doing a lucrative business with the hods, but that should not stop us when American lives are at stake".

In the meanwhile, British ships have been stopped not a few times by Chiang Kai-Shek's warships and forced to unload in Formosan ports their cargo of steel for China.

"ASIANS FIGHT ASIANS". The United States is forcing Britain and France to intensify the Colonialist wars against Malaya and Viet-nam and is trying to convert these and other Asian countries into recruiting grounds for the pursuance of their draconic policy of "Asians fight Asians".

They are also using the peoples of Asia as victims to test their latest weapons of annihilation. They used the first atomic bombs against Asians, they have now used the first germ bombs and the dreadful napalm also against Asians. And further they have used Chinese and Korean prisoners of war as 'human guinea pigs' to carry out certain 'tests'.

In order to consolidate and centralise their sinister plans the Americans have launched the Pacific Bloc which in effect will bring the wars at present raging in Asia and elsewhere under American command.

The meaning of the withdrawal of the 7th Fleet from Formosa and other aggressive acts in Asia is sufficiently explained.

explained by none other than responsible American leaders themselves. For instance, Senator Sparkman, the Democratic nominee for Vice-President, said that President Eisenhower's order to the 7th Fleet "implies that we will furnish an umbrella for any attack that the Chinese Nationalists might make on the coast".

Senator Alexander Wiley, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in early February called upon Chiang Kai-shek to start bombing China's railways. "If Chiang has any strength at all", he said "and he is getting the plane, he will disrupt . . . the vital North-South railway on the Chinese mainland."

And of course it is a known fact that the United States Military Mission under General G. B. H. has been supervising the training and delivery of United States tanks, guns, landing ~~rafts and other invasion equipment.~~

Finally one must remember the recent declaration that we cannot envisage peace so long as Communist regimes exist in any part of the world. And also the fact that the denunciation of the Yalta agreement by the new law was followed by a statement by Premier Yoshida of Japan announcing the aim to "recover the former Japanese territories of Southern Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands".

HERBERT MORRISON SPEAKS OUT:

Just any of the readers have a mistaken belief that it is only the Communists who see evil where no evil for Churchill exists let us remember the statement of Herbert Morrison whose political background need not be amplified here. Mr. Morrison accused General Eisenhower of "directing Chiang Kai-shek to attack the Chinese mainland. And he warned the United States Government not to be under any illusion about the British public opinion if such an attack took place. "We should think", he declared "that it had arisen from a mistaken policy on the part of the new President and his Administration. We should certainly think it wrong for British forces to be engaged in those operations should they occur".

Against this background of American designs against the peoples/....

peoples of China and Asia let us recall the oft-repeated declarations and peaceful actions on the part of the Chinese people.

Already on the occasion of the first anniversary of the New China, Premier Chou En-Lai declared that the Chinese people wanted to build their country in an environment of peace and free from threats. "But", he warned, "if the American aggressors take this as a sign of weakness on the part of the Chinese people, they will commit the same fatal blunder as the Kuomintang reactionaries. The Chinese people enthusiastically love peace but in order to defend peace, they never have been and never will be afraid to oppose aggressive war. The Chinese people absolutely will not tolerate foreign aggression, nor will they supinely tolerate seeing their neighbours savagely invaded by the imperialists".

TRADE: On the question of trade with other countries which the Americans want to put a stop to, Premier Chou En-Lai, in a report to China's Interim Parliament said on February 4th, 1953:

"We do not discriminate against any capitalist country that is willing to develop trade relations with us on terms of equality and mutual benefit. We believe that countries with different systems can co-exist peacefully. We firmly adhere to the policy of peace and oppose policies of war and aggression. We are willing to resume and establish trade relations, to develop a peace economy jointly with all countries willing to maintain peaceful relations with us".

ON AN HONOURABLE PEACE IN KOREA:

And only at the end of March once again Chou En-Lai declared the peaceful intentions of the Chinese people by offering a solution to the Korean war. As reported by the "Rand Daily Mail", he said:- "The North Koreans

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have always held - and continue to hold - that the only solution to the prisoner question is to repatriate all of them. But, in view of the fact that the prisoner question now constitutes the only barrier to agreement, we are now prepared to eliminate the differences on this question to bring about an armistice in Korea".

Obviously this statement has had a bombshell effect on the "Western" world. Stock Exchange prices have suddenly fallen and there is general panic in the business world at this new "threat of peace". Since the arms manufacturers who really profit by war are now in the leading Ministries of the United States (including Defence), it will be interesting to see what these gentlemen are going to do lest peace breaks out.

OUR FOREMOST TASKS:

In the meantime it should remain the foremost tasks of the peace-loving peoples of South Africa and of the world today to demand an immediate end to the Korean war and the withdrawal of all foreign troops. We must call for the admission of the Peoples' Republic of China to the United Nations Organisation. We must mobilise South African opinion in solidarity with the Asian people in their struggle against the American policy of "Asians fight Asians".