

# JANUS EISENHOWER

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THE ROMANS had a two-faced God, Janus by name. Posted on the gates of the city, one face beamed peacefully on the inhabitants, while the other face glowered outwardly with a warlike scowl. This is the picture of the Eisenhower Administration — with its double-face of peace demagoguery and warlike deeds.



At the present time there is a tremendous build-up of President Eisenhower as a sort of Messiah of peace. An intense propaganda is going on to this effect, in the U.S. and upon an international scale. The immediate purpose of this peace veneer for Eisenhower is to re-elect him President in 1956, but its more aim is to obscure the aggressive foreign policies of American imperialism behind a thick smoke-screen of pious peace pretensions.

The Wall St. would-be world conquerors have not abandoned their drive for a third great war, despite a number of serious defeats during the past few years. What they have done is to change their tactics—by temporarily putting a soft-pedal upon the open war clamors of the McCarthy's and Knowlands, and also the "liberation," "mass retaliation,"

and other war threats and ultimatums of the Dulles', and by dolling up their war policies with intensified peace talk.

IF ONE PENETRATES the current Eisenhower peace demagoguery, the dangerous war course of his administration becomes clear. Take the case of the 18 who are now jailed in China. The Eisenhower government is doing its best to inflame the world over this incident and to develop it into an international crisis. The substance of its position is that the United States has a perfect right to transgress other countries' borders and to plant spies where war it sees fit.

Although the Administration turned down the Knowland proposition, as impractical at the time, there is no doubt it would apply an embargo or blockade against China if it could get away with it in the United Nations. All this is definitely a war-provocation policy.

Or take the Formosan situation: the U.S. government has arrogantly grabbed hold of this big island, which is incontestably the territory of China, and it is most provocatively defending its aggression by armed force. It is not only instigating and arming the puppet bandit, Chiang Kai-shek, but would be ready to go to war in his behalf. The only thing that is restraining it is the fear that

such an aggressive war would be repudiated by the American people and would probably cost the U. S. several indispensable "allies."

MOST DANGEROUS of all is Eisenhower's re-arming of West Germany. Daily the bourgeois newspapers repeat to us that the Nazis are again coming to the front, and it is as clear as day that to put arms again in the hands of these fanatical reactionaries is an open invitation to them to make war against the Soviet Union and the European People's Democracies. But this is how Wall Street planned it.

The Eisenhower Government with the full support of the Democratic opposition leaders—Stevenson, Truman, Douglas, Humphrey, et al including the big brass of organized labor, goes right ahead re-arming the West Germans. One would have to be a fool not to understand that all this is being done in the hope and expectation that it will eventually culminate in war.

In the new Eisenhower peace legend that is being concocted, the allegation is made that the present Administration has heavily cut into war ("defense") appropriations. But this is a bare-faced lie. Actually, at the present time, with "peace" prevailing in the world, the Eisenhower government is spending for sol-

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diers, ships, guns, and planes almost three times as much as was done in the peace period on the eve of the Korean war. The ending of that big war has brought about no substantial cut in the immense American military establishment.



**THE FIRST THING** we should understand about the current Eisenhower peace demagogy is that it is due to the rising peace sentiment among the world's masses including the American people. The naked war moves made by the Eisenhower Government at its outset shocked and alienated vast masses all over the world and indicated to them that the real danger of war came from the U.S. So this open war policy had to be buttered up with thick gobs of peace demagogy, which is now being done. The big lesson of all this is for the peace forces is to increase their anti-war pressure against the warmongers, to make it still more difficult, and eventually impossible, for the latter to push through their program of atomic war.

The second thing to understand about Eisenhower's peace demagogy is that it opens the way for more effective united front work for peace. That is, the workers and the people generally should demand that Eisenhower make good his peace words with peace deeds. Mass pressure should be brought against him to abandon such warlike policies as those mentioned above.

The masses should demand that war appropriations be drastically cut; that American armed forces get out and stay out of Formosa; that the criminal plan to arm a Nazified Germany be abandoned; that a real fight be made against the McCarthys and Knowlands, the most violent of the pro-fascist warmongers; and that real steps be taken towards developing a peaceful co-existence policy with the Soviet Union and People's China.

Such demands, actively pushed, can place insurmountable obstacles in the path of the warmongers. Peace demagogy, such as that of Eisenhower's, is meant to blind, confuse and disarm the people. But it is a two-edged sword politically!! The workers should not hesitate to seize and wield it in behalf of world peace.