

# SYNGMAN RHEE: WARMONGER

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THE OTHER DAY Congress was the scene of one of the most unsavory incidents in the long history of that not so unrepachable body, when it listened, in joint session, to the war clamor of Syngman Rhee, president of South Korea. Rhee had the unmitigated brass to call upon the American people to re-open the Korean war, even if this meant the beginning, as he obviously hopes, of a third world war. His speech was a cry for measureless mass murder, for an A- and H-bomb war that could destroy scores if not hundreds of millions of human beings.

The members of Congress sat still and listened to this disgrace-



ful speech. The old fossil of a warmonger should have been stopped cold in his deadly blather, as he would have been had there been a few people's fighters for peace in Congress. It was an outrage in the first place to invite him to speak, for even a political fool would know beforehand just about what he would say. But then, any one of many of our other "allies"—Franco, Bao Dai, Chiang Kai-shek, Magsaysay, Tito, etc.—would have made a similar harangue.

The most sinister thing about the speech of Rhee was that the bulk of the reactionary Washington politicians, as well as the great body of similar newspaper editors and radio and television commentators throughout the country, are in substantial agreement with him. They, too, believe in the inevitability of a world war, and all their foreign policies are based upon this conclusion.

The only real difference such people have with Rhee is in the matter of tactics. That is, they know that such an outspoken war course as Rhee advocates would alienate public opinion, not only in this country but all over the world. They understand, too, that if they are to succeed in getting their much-wanted world war it will have to be done under cover of hypocritical slogans of the defense of world peace and democracy.

SYNGMAN RHEE is a puppet of the State Department, and is kept in office by American bayonets and dollars. He knows very well how to cater to his Wall Street masters, and he never would have ventured to make such a sabre-rattling speech, had he not understood perfectly well beforehand that he was voicing the true opinions of the bulk of the reactionary politicians whom he was addressing.

Significantly, after Rhee's speech only a couple of congressmen were to be found who would allow themselves to be quoted in opposition to him. And as for the national editorial handling of the speech, this has been weak and apologetic, indicating basic agreement with it in principle, if not tactically.

The speech of the old warmonger, Rhee, was an insult to the American people, who want peace, not war. For this insult the Eisenhower administration, which inflicted Rhee upon us, is directly responsible. As is now well-established, Rhee began the Korean war, which cost the American people so many of their sons. And now, with the direct connivance of President Eisenhower himself, he is allowed to use the rostrum of a joint session of Congress to call for another war, one which would be a hundred times more dreadful.

Talk about advocating force and violence! The government is now framing up scores of Communists and railroading them to jail under lying charges that some day or other they may advocate violence, and then it invites the irresponsible windbag Rhee brazenly to advocate the wholesale slaughter of a world war.

Syngman Rhee, instead of being hailed as a great patriot and given ticker-tape receptions, should be put on the first available plane and expedited back to South Korea. He never should have been allowed to come to this country in the first place to peddle his war propaganda. We already have a big surplus of home-grown warmongers—Eisenhower, Dulles, Knowland, Truman, Nixon, Meany, Reuther, et al—without importing such dangerous militaristic firebrands as the doddering old fascist, Syngman Rhee.