

The Formosa War Threat

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IN THE IMPERIALIST tradition of old, the U.S. Government has seized Formosa, a definite part of the territory of People's China, and it proposes to hang onto to it even at the cost of a third world war. This is the raw meaning of the President's notification to Congress that he intends to "defend" Formosa with the armed forces of the U.S.

This threatening action will shock and surprise many people who, especially after Eisenhower's apparent soft tactics regarding the reoccupation of the



Tachen islands by the forces of People's China, had gotten the idea that the President is a man of peace who wants only to decrease international tension in the world. They ignored the elementary fact that Wall Street, resolved upon world domination at any cost, has a war policy, and that it systematically exploits every international situation in order to advance that policy.

The arrogance of the U.S. Government in seizing this Chinese island goes to the extreme limit. It is precisely as though some European power were to grab hold of Long Island and then to proceed to maintain its territorial robbery by every armed means at its command, including the threat of atomic and hydrogen bombs. Let us

not forget that the Pentagon sabre-rattlers have stated definitely that they intend to use these fearsome weapons in the event of a war with People's China.

TO ATTEMPT to defend the aggressive seizure of Formosa, as the President does, upon the grounds that it is necessary for American national security simply means to add insult to injury. The time will come when the American people will marvel at the tragically absurd idea that their national safety lies in blockading the China coast and in seizing the territory of that country.

According to the theories of the ultra-aggressive American imperialists and militarists, the
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latter would be only too happy to set up their "national security line" in the near suburbs of Peking and Moscow (or even under the same pretext, to overrun all of Russia and China) if they could get away with this.

Mr. Eisenhower and the Wall Street forces behind him obviously have a very elementary lesson to learn. This is, that the time is definitely past when the imperialist powers can step in and ruthlessly help themselves to the territory of the Chinese people. Half a century ago the imperialists could and did get away with such outrages, but this is now all a thing of the past. The Chinese people, under Communist leadership, will prove themselves well capable of protecting their homeland.

The seizure of Formosa by the United States, even if it does not result in a catastrophic war,

of which there is a grave danger, will finally turn out to be a disastrous mistake in U.S. imperialist foreign policy. We can rest assured that, let the date come when it may, in the long run this country will have to withdraw its armed forces from Formosa in humiliation and defeat for Wall Street.

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THE McCARTHYITES here and their fascist likes abroad will welcome Eisenhower's seizure of Formosa.

The American people are shocked and alarmed at the spectacular growth of anti-American spirit in practically all countries of the world. This is a reflection of the extreme arrogance and aggressiveness of Wall Street's foreign policies. The Formosa outrage is just one more incident in this shady record, particularly since the end of World War II. It will add more fuel to the spreading fire

of anti-American feeling in the world. It will still further convince the peoples everywhere that the United States, under its present monopoly capitalist rulers, is a menace to the peace and democracy of the world.

The big lesson the Americans should learn from the present Wall Street-created crisis over Formosa is that the American government is imperialist and that it has a war policy dictated by big business. They must be on the alert and avoid moods of complacency regarding a world peace.

So long as the McCarthyites and semi-McCarthyites are allowed to continue writing American foreign policy, just that long will this country be a threatening source of war danger. The American people, especially organized labor and its political allies, should demand the immediate withdrawal of all American armed forces from Formosa.