

peace pact. The latest Soviet Budget, introduced only last month, allots only 18.5 per cent of total expenditure to the armed forces (compared with the 30 per cent for "national defence" under USA's 1950 Budget, plus another 40 per cent for war purposes under other headings).

That's the truth about Korea. Unlike the screaming propaganda for war in the millionaire-controlled daily press, what you have been reading is irrefutable fact.

**Defeat plot for war!**

**T**HE war danger is acute. It arises from the deliberate provocation and aggression of the US billionaires and their Truman administration. The Menzies-Fadden Government here is an accomplice in this crime against peace and humanity.

Even before joining USA in Korean aggression, the Menzies-Fadden Government had sent RAAF planes to Malaya (to protect millionaires' investments against the Malayan people's struggle for the independence promised to them during the war), and it plans to introduce conscription, with power to send conscripted youths to fight anywhere in the world.

It was because of such foul schemes that it introduced—and still hopes to pass—its fascist "anti-Communist" Bill, so as to be able to silence all who opposed the plots for war and for new attacks on our living standards. In this, the Menzies Government has been helped by rightwingers within the labor movement itself, who supported the fascist Bill "in principle" and are bewailing the fact that it was not passed; who allowed Menzies to send Australians to the dirty war in Malaya, and who are now condon-

ing the bloody aggression in Korea which imperils Australian lives and world peace itself.

The people's need is for peace, not war. Australian lives must not be thrown away for the millionaires' benefit.

War threatens. The people can stop it. Organised in the peace movement, allied with the hundreds of millions of peacelovers in all lands, they can enforce their will for peace.

Australians must join in demanding withdrawal of all foreign forces (including Australian) from Korea, Malaya, Vietnam and China; the right of self-determination for the Koreans, Malaysians and Vietnamese; recognition of the Chinese People's Government and its admission to UNO; denunciation of the Truman-Menzies policy as aggressive and criminal; and endorsement by all Australian Governments of the World Peace Committee's demand for a ban on the atom bomb.

- **Peace is YOUR business!** Join the mounting movement for Peace and Democratic Rights!
- **Raise your voice in your organisation, on your job, in your trade union!**
- **Sign the World Peace Committee's petition against the atom bomb. Get your family, your neighbors, your work-mates to sign too!**
- **Demand that your taxes be spent on raising your standards, not on war preparations!**
- **Halt aggression against Korea! Stop intervention in Malaya! Defeat conscription!**
- **Drive out the Menzies-Fadden Government of war and fascism!**

# The Truth about KOREA



**WAS IT FOR THIS YOU REARED YOUR SON?**

- ★ ● "USA must be prepared to equip the soldiers of other nations and let those nations send their boys into the holocaust so we won't have to send our boys."
  - ★ ● "Get your trigger fingers ready as soon as possible, as you may be needed soon."
  - ★ ● "For the services of 500 US people we are getting 100,000 to shoot for America. That's cheap."
- Army & Navy Minister Francis, to Australian recruits (reported in Courier-Mail, 1/7/50.)
- US Congressman Clarence Cannon (chairman of the US House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee.)
- General Roberts, chief of USA's Korea Military Advisory Group (reported in Brisbane Telegraph, 27/6/50.)

**WHAT is happening in Korea now places world peace in deadly peril. "Calculated risk of war," said a Brisbane Telegraph headline (28-6-50) on US President Truman's decision for intervention.**

If there should be a World War III from this, then it's YOU yourself, YOUR husband or son who will be the casualties. That's why the truth on Korea is of such grim importance to you.

The questions and answers below tell you the truth. First of all the background:

● **What's the set-up in Korea?**

**T**HE division of Korea (at the 38th parallel) into North and South was purely for temporary military convenience after the Soviet had defeated the Japanese in North Korea and the US had gone into South Korea to take the Japanese surrender there.

The Soviet withdrew all her troops from North Korea in 1948, after the US had refused Soviet proposals for simultaneous withdrawal of Soviet and US troops and for creation of a unified, independent Korea.

Much later, the US announced withdrawal of her troops from South Korea BUT US troops still remained in occupation of strategic Kimpo airfield, hundreds of US officers and troops stayed as "military advisers" and US business interests moved in.

● **Who runs North Korea?**

**T**HE Koreans themselves, under the Korean People's Democratic Republic and with a three-party Government (including Communists), formed after elections conducted throughout ALL Korea (South as well as North). On the formation of the Government, Protestant clergymen were given two of the three top posts. Hardly "Communist domination," is it?

● **Who runs South Korea?**

**NOMINALLY**, the Government of Syngman Rhee, "elected" at a

mockery of a poll (preceded by mass arrests and, with an iron censorship against press articles unfavorable to Rhee or the US). Only 7 million of 19 million electors voted and even then 250,000 votes were arbitrarily declared void by US General Weckerling, who ran the "elections." (By contrast, despite police terrorism intended to stop people from voting in South Korea, 77 per cent of South Koreans voted in the all-Korea elections for the People's Democratic Republic.)

But, though Rhee is supposed to rule, he is only a puppet for USA, which runs Korea through its "military advisory group." From the very start it has been US headquarters in Tokio which have been directing the South Korean fighting.

● **Who is Syngman Rhee?**

**NOW** 75, Rhee was formerly a collaborator with the Japanese. Similarly, large numbers of South Korean fascists fought for Japan in the war. (Many of the South Korean airmen now flying US Mustang planes, the Courier-Mail admitted on June 28, "are already widely experienced with the Japanese air force.") Australians remember the Korean fascists' brutality in New Guinea campaigns and as guards at Japanese POW camps.

● **Is South Korea democratic?**

**FAR** from it. Last April, the World Federation of Trade Unions (speaking for its 78 million members) branded the US-Rhee regime as being "one of fascist terror." Among other things, the WFTU pointed out, "human rights are non-existent" and genuine trade union activity illegal; 150,000 members of the democratic move-

ment have been murdered; and, even on official figures, 89,000 were arrested in seven months under the "subversive activities" law alone!

So much for the background. Now for recent events:

● **Who started the fighting?**

**T**HE South Koreans, who launched an unprovoked invasion of the North, preceded by artillery bombardment on June 23-24. Not until June 25 did the North Koreans launch their counter-offensive. (The invasion by the US-Rhee outfit's forces followed 1274 acts of border provocation against the North in 18 months.)

These facts were announced by the President of the Korean People's Republic (Kim Ir Sen) in a broadcast. Not one word of the broadcast has appeared in the daily press. Why? Because it exposes the lie that the North Koreans were the aggressors!

● **Why US intervention?**

**A**S boss of South Korea, the US Government was a party to the invasion of North Korea. But plans went awry as a result of the Koreans' indomitable fighting spirit. Hence Truman sent in US forces in an attempt to stem the North Koreans' advance. More than that, it was part of the plot to incite new world war. We'll come to that in a minute.

● **Why Australian intervention?**

**MENZIES** and Fadden (who themselves have never fought for our country in any war), ordered Australians to join in this aggression against the Koreans because their Government, as the instrument of the millionaire monopoly groups, hates all democratic movements (including that of Korea), and is an accessory of the US rulers' war conspiracies. (Remember the recent secret conferences between Menzies' Ministers and US General Stratemeyer and US Admiral Radford? Remember Ex-

ternal Affairs Minister Spender's open admission that he sought guidance from the US?)

● **Does it mean world war?**

**T**HE US rulers, abetted by the Menzies-Fadden Government, have starkly exposed themselves as seeking to incite world war. They have sought to provoke the Soviet Union, People's China and their friends into war.

If this were not the case—

● **Why did Truman, at the same time as ordering aggression against the Koreans, announce that he was sending a US fleet to Formosa, which rightfully belongs to the Chinese people?**

● **Why did USA simultaneously cancel leave for its troops in areas (including Britain) thousands of miles from Korea, "alert" New York and introduce other "security" measures for war?**

● **Why did Truman say, with brazen provocation, when ordering intervention in Korea: "Our decision puts squarely up to the Russian leaders the question of whether there will be peace or World War III"? Why "the Russian leaders"—unless the US aggression was in fact directed against the Soviet Union?**

It's obvious. The wanton, wilful aggression by the US was intended to provoke the Soviet Union into war.

● **What is the Soviet's role?**

**I**N the face of all provocation, the Socialist Soviet Union has stood steadfast for peace. Not one Soviet soldier, not one Soviet airman is participating in the Korean fighting.

This is in keeping with the Soviet's unswerving loyalty to the cause of peace. By contrast with the atom bomb maniacs of USA, the Soviet (which is itself using atomic power for vast constructive projects), has consistently demanded a ban on atomic weapons and called for an international