

LONDON, June 9--(UP)-- The Western policy in Japan must aim to prevent a union of communism and nationalism, a Manchester Guardian editorial said.

Commenting on the Japanese Communist party issue, the mid editorial said, "Premier Yoshida seems to be wiser than Gen. MacArthur."

It said:

"To ban the (Japanese) Communist party would drive it underground and probably make it dangerous. Moreover, to urge banning of the party combines badly with democracy or liberalism."

The editorial looked askance at the Japanese government's "system of praise" on the American occupation and said "it all seems a little too reasonable. An excessively good child is suspicious to a schoolmaster."

"It would be nice to believe that the sentiments of the Japanese Foreign Office and the government are those of the Japanese people," it said.

While admitting that Japan stands to gain by American friendship, the editorial warned that nationalism often scorns material gains.

It said, "The standing danger in Japan is of the union of communism and nationalism. To prevent this must be the main object of the Western policy."

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ITEM 48 WASHINGTON STAR SEES NEED FOR STERN ACTION AGAINST REDS IN JAPAN

WASHINGTON, JUNE 9--(AP)--THE WASHINGTON STAR SAID EDITORIALY THURSDAY COMMUNISTS IN JAPAN ARE "EMBARKING ON A PROGRAM OF TROUBLEMAKING THAT MAY REQUIRE STERN COUNTERMEASURES."

THE NEWSPAPER LAUDED GENERAL MACARTHUR'S SUGGESTION OF SOME MONTHS AGO THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OUTLAW THE COMMUNIST PARTY. IT ADDED THAT THE YOSHIDA GOVERNMENT "LEAVES LITTLE DOUBT THAT IT IS PLANNING TO ACT ON THIS SUGGESTION."

"AS INDICATED BY ELECTION RETURNS, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE A NEGLIGIBLE FOLLOWING IN JAPAN AT THIS TIME," THE STAR CONTINUED, "BUT THEY REPRESENT A POTENTIAL THREAT THAT CAN NOT BE IGNORED WITH SAFETY."

THE NEWSPAPER SAID JAPANESE COMMUNISTS ARE FOLLOWING COMINFORM INSTRUCTIONS AND ARE "SNAPPING OUT OF THEIR LETHARGY IN KEEPING WITH THE KREMLIN'S WISHES, EMBARKING ON A CAMPAIGN OF TROUBLEMAKING."

"THE SIGNS INDICATE THAT A SHOWDOWN IS NEAR AND THAT STEPS MAY SOON BE TAKEN FOR COMPLETE OUTLAWRY OF THE PARTY.

"AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THE WISDOM OF OUTLAWING JAPAN'S COMMUNISTS MAY BE DEBATABLE, ESPECIALLY IF THE ACTION WOULD SERVE MERELY TO DRIVE THEM UNDERGROUND, THUS MAKING THEM MORE DIFFICULT TO WATCH. YET THEIR MILITANCY SUGGESTS THE NEED FOR SOME KIND OF SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THEM. THEY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO UNDERMINE THE EFFORT TO REBUILD JAPAN AS PART OF THE FREE WORLD."

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ITEM 24 NY TIMES SAYS SCAP'S PURGE ORDER DISPOSES "WOULD BE RED DICTATORS"

NEW YORK, JUNE 8--(AP)--THE NEW YORK TIMES SAID WEDNESDAY THAT GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S PURGE ORDER EFFECTIVELY DISPOSES OF THE "WOULD BE RED DICTATORS WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO INCITE THE JAPANESE POPULATION TO VIOLENCE AGAINST THE CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES."

IN AN EDITORIAL THE TIMES SAID:

"BY SILENCING THEM, THE DIRECTIVE HAS EFFECTIVELY DISPOSED OF THEIR ENERGIES WITHOUT MAKING MARTYRS OF THEM. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT COULD ALL THE MORE READILY COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTIVE BECAUSE BECAUSE THE JAPANESE VOTERS HAVE JUST REPUDIATED COMMUNISM BY CUTTING THE COMMUNIST VOTE NEARLY IN HALF, TO ONLY 5.7 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL."

THE PAPER SAID GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ACTION "DOES POINT UP ANEW THE PROBLEM POSED FOR ANY DEMOCRACY BY A COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY, WHICH LIKE THE NAZI CONSPIRACY, WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DEMOCRATIC SAFEGUARDS TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY. NO COMMUNIST OUTCRIES CAN DISGUISE THAT ISSUE."

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ITEM 21 SOVIET PRESS CONDEMNS MACARTHUR'S PURGE OF 24 TOP MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

MOSCOW, JUNE 8 (AP)--THE SOVIET PRESS WEDNESDAY CONDEMNED GENERAL MACARTHUR'S PURGE OF 24 LEADING JAPANESE COMMUNISTS FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITY AS A VIOLATION OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT.

MOSCOW'S PRESS AND RADIO WIDELY DISCUSSED MACARTHUR'S ACTION AS WELL AS THE RESULTS OF LAST SUNDAY'S ~~XXXX~~ PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN JAPAN.

NEWSPAPERS DESCRIBED THE OCCUPATION COMMANDER'S MOVE AS "MACARTHUR'S ARBITRARY ACTION". ONE STORY QUOTED JAPAN'S CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY KATSUO ~~OKAZAKI~~ OKAZAKI AS SAYING MACARTHUR HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON FOR THE PURGE OF THE COMMUNIST LEADERS SOONER THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED.

DISCUSSING THE ELECTIONS, THE COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN PRAVDA SAID JAPANESE POLICE HAD CREATED AN ~~ENVIRONMENT~~ ENVIRONMENT OF TERROR REMINISCENT OF A STATE OF SEIGE" IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTIONS.

PRAVDA SAID DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF "JAPANESE REACTIONARIES AND THEIR MACHINATIONS AT THE POLLS", THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAD RETAINED ITS THREE PLACES IN THE HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS, WHICH WERE AT STAKE IN THE ELECTION. THE COMMUNISTS ALSO HOLD TWO OTHER SEATS IN THE JAPANESE UPPER HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, JUNE 8--(UP)--SENATOR ELBERT THOMAS TALKED WITH PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN ABOUT THE PROPOSED JAPANESE PEACE TREATY BUT WOULD NOT SAY WHAT SPECIFIC ASPECTS ENTERED THE CONVERSATION.

HE TOLD NEWSPAPERMEN HE TALKED ABOUT SEVERAL POINTS INVOLVED IN THE QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, JUNE 8--(UP)--SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN ACHESON DECLINED TO COMMENT WHEN ASKED HIS OPINION ON GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S ORDER TO DISSOLVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN JAPAN.

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., JUNE 8--(UP)--MYRTLE BELVIN, 24, NAMED HER ONE-DAY-OLD BABY "QUEENIE" IN HONOR OF THE QUEEN CITY BUS COMPANY.

"I WAS TREATED SO NICE," THE NEGRO WOMAN SAID. SHE EXPLAINED HOW THE BUS DRIVER STOPPED AT THE EDGE OF THE HIGHWAY FOR HALF AN HOUR WHILE SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A FIVE POUND, FIVE OUNCE BABY GIRL.

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NEW YORK, JUNE 8--(UP)--THE NEW YORK TIMES, COMMENTING ON GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ACTION AGAINST THE JAPANESE COMMUNISTS, SAID WEDNESDAY, "THE ACTION OF GENERAL MACARTHUR AND THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF A RECENT COMMUNIST ATTACK ON AMERICAN OCCUPATION ARMY PERSONNEL WHICH IN TURN WAS THE RESULT OF MOSCOW'S ORDERS TO THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY, TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE COMINFORM, TO ADOPT MORE VIOLENT TACTICS AGAINST BOTH OCCUPATION FORCES AND THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT...."

"GENERAL MACARTHUR ACTED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PITSDAM DECLARATION, THE JAPANESE SURRENDER TERMS AND PREVIOUS OCCUPATION DECREES. HIS ACTION DOES NOT, THEREFORE, PROVIDE ANY PRECEDENT APPLICABLE TO COUNTRIES NOT UNDER MILITARY RULE.

"IT DOES POINT UP A NEW PROBLEM POSED FOR ANY DEMOCRACY BY A COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY, WHICH LIKE THE NAZI CONSPIRACY WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DEMOCRATIC SAFEGUARDS TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY. NO COMMUNIST OUTCRIES CAN DISGUISE THAT ISSUE."

A SCRIPPS-HOWARD EDITORIAL SAID, "THE JAPANESE COMMUNISTS ARE FUMING AND SPUTTERING OVER MACARTHUR'S CRACKDOWN -- HE ORDERED THEIR 24 TOP LEADERS BANNED FOREVER FROM POLITICAL LIFE IN JAPAN. THEY FORGET THAT IT WAS GENERAL MACARTHUR WHO FREED MOST OF THESE LEADERS FROM JAPANESE JAILS SO SOON AFTER HE LANDED IN TOKYO FIVE YEARS AGO.

"THEY FORGET THAT HE LET THEM SET UP A POLITICAL PARTY ON A PAR WITH ALL OTHERS IN JAPAN AND PERMITTED IT TO KEEP ON GOING EVEN AFTER IT HAD STARTED TAKING ORDERS FROM MOSCOW... THE NEXT STEP MAY BE THE COMPLETE OUTLAWING OF THE WHOLE COMMUNIST PARTY IN JAPAN.

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"IN ANY CASE, UNITED PRESS REPORTS FROM TOKYO SWIFT RUSSIAN RETALIATION OF SOME SORT IS REGARDED AS CERTAIN. WE WONDER WHAT SORT. COULD IT BE THAT RUSSIA IS PREPARING TO OUTLAW A PRO-AMERICAN PARTY IN SOME SATELLITE COUNTRY IT NOW RULES? WELL THEY WILL HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE -- YOU NEVER HEARD OF ANY PRO-AMERICAN PARTY IN A MOSCOW-DOMINATED STATE.

"YOU NEVER HEARD OF RUSSIA LETTING AN OPPOSITION GROUP OUT OF JAIL TO SET UP SHOP TO WRECK THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT. NO, IT CAN NOT BE RETALIATION IN KIND. THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE THAT."

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LONDON, JUNE 8--(UP)--THE TIMES REPORTED FROM TOKYO THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR'S COMMUNIST PURGE HAS CAUSED GREAT APPREHENSION OVER POSSIBLE UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES" BY ^{THE} BANNED COMMUNIST LEADERS.

THE TIMES SAID, "THE GENERAL FEELING IS THAT THE SUPREME COMMANDER IN HIS ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE THE COMMUNIST THREAT IN JAPAN HAS ACTED LATE IN THE DAY AND HAS NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH."

IT HE SAID THAT FEW JAPANESE BELIEVE THE COMMUNIST PARTY WILL BE GREATLY WEAKENED BY THE PRESENT MEASURES.

"THE DILEMMA IN WHICH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN JAPAN ARE NOW FINDING THEMSELVES IS BEING STEADILY AGGRAVATED," THE TIMES DECLARED.

"THE BANNING OF DEMONSTRATIONS LAST WEEK WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL UNDER JAPANESE LAW.... THROUGHOUT JAPAN, THE POLICE HAVE PETITIONED AMERICAN AUTHORITIES FOR PERMISSION TO RETURN THE GUNS WITH WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID OF THE POPULAR ODIUM WHICH THEY MAY INCUR IN THE EVENT OF JAPAN BECOMING A COMMUNIST STATE."

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THAT LEADING FINANCIAL CIRCLES DECLARED THAT WHILE COMMUNISM IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH JAPAN'S RECONSTRUCTION, EFFORTS MUST BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECRET POLICE.

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NEW YORK, June 8--(UP)-- The Communist Daily Worker charged that "MacArthur now reintroduces the notorious thought control edicts of the Japanese militarists."

The Daily Worker said:

"Three million Japanese voted for Communist members of the Lower House of Parliament. Two million Japanese voted on Sunday for Communist members of the Upper House.

"By his edict, however, MacArthur teaches militarists how to flout the will of the electorate by ousting Communist leaders in Parliament. . . .

"MacArthur is alarmed by the fact that the MacArthur-Yoshida platform of separate peace was rejected by two-thirds of the voters."

BENKELSY, Calif., June 8--(UP)-- A "moderately large" earthquake, believed north of Hokkaido in Japan, was recorded by a University of California seismograph Wednesday.

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WITH COMMUNISTS TOKYO

MOSCOW, June 8--(UP)-- Newspapers published without comment a series of dispatches concerning the Japanese election and Gen. MacArthur's ban on the central committee of the Japanese Communist Party.

The dispatches by the official news agency Tass were datelined Shanghai and London.

Tass reported that the Japanese Communist Party had called a general strike of protest against Gen. MacArthur's anti-Communist actions and had condemned the Japanese cabinet as facilitating the possibility of a new world war.

The Japanese party, Tass said, demands that Gen. MacArthur observe the Potsdam agreement on Japan and the new Japanese constitution.

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FOSSO N.Y. TIMES APPROVES MACARTHUR'S PURGE
BY INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE

NEW YORK, June 7-(IN)-The New York Times Wednesday unqualifiedly approved Gen. Douglas MacArthur's order purging all 24 MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE. A TIMES EDITORIAL DECLARED:

"UNLIKE THE HAPLESS VICTIMS OF THE 'PURGES' IN COMMUNIST-DOMINATED COUNTRIES, THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST LEADERS WILL NOT BE TURNED OVER TO THE EXECUTIONER, NOR WILL THEY BE SENT TO SLAVE LABOR CAMPS.

"THEY DO NOT EVEN FACE JAIL, UNLESS CONVICTED OF OVERT ACTS. NOR IS THE COMMUNIST PARTY AS SUCH BEING SUPPRESSED...THESE LEADERS HAVE NOW BEEN REACHED BY GENERAL MACARTHUR'S DIRECTIVE WHICH PUTS THEM ON PAR WITH THE PREVIOUSLY ELIMINATED JAPANESE MILITARISTS AS AN EQUALLY SINISTER FORCE, INIMICAL BOTH TO THE GROWTH OF JAPANESE DEMOCRACY AND THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSES OF THE OCCUPATION. BY SILENCING THEM THE DIRECTIVE HAS EFFECTIVELY DISPOSED OF THEIR ENERGIES WITHOUT MAKING MARTYRS OF THEM.

"GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ACTION DOES POINT UP ANEW THE PROBLEM POSED FOR ANY DEMOCRACY BY A COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY WHICH, LIKE THE NAZI CONSPIRACY, WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DEMOCRATIC SAFEGUARDS TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY. NO COMMUNIST OUTCRIES CAN DISGUISE THAT ISSUE."

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PO39 US EDITORIAL ON JAPANESE ELECTION, PURGE

by International News Service

NEW YORK, JUNE 7--(INS)--The New York Daily Mirror said in an editorial Tuesday that Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in purging the top leaders of the Japan Communist Party, had ~~unavoidably~~ faced a problem which all people and governments eventually will have to face.

The newspaper said:

"General MacArthur has faced and met the fundamental problem which eventually must come to all -- individuals or nations -- in considering communism.

"Namely, whether communism has ~~the right~~ ^{rights} without our concept of democracy and how far these rights extend...

"General MacArthur has decided democratic rights to not include the right to destroy...

"The general's action is strong and just. It should be studied here as a guide for our own treatment of traitors."

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MOSCOW, JUNE 7--(UP)--THE SOVIET PRESS WEDNESDAY CARRIED A SERIES OF TASS DISPATCHES FROM SHANGHAI AND LONDON CONCERNING GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ANTI-COMMUNIST MEASURES WITHOUT COMMENT.

THEY REPORTED THE DECLARATION BY THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY CALLING A GENERAL STRIKE OF PROTEST CONDEMNING THE JAPANESE CABINET'S ACTS FACILITATING AN ONCOMING THIRD WORLD WAR. THEY SAID THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY HAD DEMANDED THE OBSERVATION OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT AND THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

OTHER DISPATCHES FROM SHANGHAI ~~REVEALED~~ IN WEDNESDAY'S PRAYDA AND IZVESTIA, REPORTING THE ELECTIONS ~~IN~~ FOR THE JAPANESE PARLIAMENT, SAID THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAD MAINTAINED ITS POSITION AND REELECTED THREE MEMBERS IN SPITE OF THE SKULLDUGGERY AND MACHINATIONS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSIONS.

THEY REPORTED THE ELECTIONS OCCURRED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF POLICE TERROR RESEMBLING A STATE OF SIEGE WITH ~~AND~~ A FIERCE ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN, A STAGED POLITICAL TRIAL AND OTHER REPRESSIONS. TASS POINTED OUT THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S PLATFORM AS SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF A PEACE TREATY, WITHDRAWAL OF OCCUPATION TROOPS AND THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF JAPAN.

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BULLETIN

BY CARROLL KENNORTHY

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, JUNE 7--(UP)-- GOVERNMENT QUARTERS
HERE ACQUIESCED IN GEN. DOUGLAS MACARTHUR'S PURGE
OF 24 TOP MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY IN A
MANNER WHICH IMPLIED AT LEAST TACIT CONSENT TO HIS
ACTION.

THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE HERE WAS "HANDS OFF"
OF MACARTHUR'S ACTION ON GROUNDS THAT HE WAS DEALING
WITH AN "INTERNAL" MATTER REGARDING WHICH HE HAD FULL
AUTHORITY AS CHIEF OF THE OCCUPATION.

ONE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID, FOR THE PRESENT
AT LEAST, THERE WOULD BE NO COMMENT ON THE MACARTHUR ORDER.

AT THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION, ONE OFFICIAL SAID THE
MATTER HAD NOT ARISEN FOR DISCUSSION AND HE DOUBTED THAT IT
WOULD.

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HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE GENERAL ATTITUDE WOULD BE THAT IT IS WITHIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE OCCUPATION CHIEF TO DEAL WITH INTERNAL STABILITY AND ORDER. HE OPINED THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF THE COMMISSION REPRIMANDING MACARTHUR OR ATTEMPTING TO REVERSE HIS DECISION. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE THOUGH THERE WOULD BE, PRIVATELY AT LEAST, CONSIDERABLE APPROVAL.

THIS SOURCE SAID THE FACT THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS UNDER SHARP SCRUTINY IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INTRODUCED A LEGISLATION TO OUTLAW IT COMPLETELY IN THAT COUNTRY.

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THIRD PURGE REACTION, WASHINGTON (KENWORTHY) XX COUNTRY

ANOTHER FAR EASTERN COMMISSION OFFICIAL SUPPOSED THAT RUSSIA MIGHT OBJECT, BUT NOTED THAT FOR THE PRESENT THE SOVIET DELEGATE IS REFUSING TO SIT AT COMMISSION MEETINGS. HE SAID, THEREFORE, ANY COMPLAINT WOULD PROBABLY BE VOICED THROUGH A NOTE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS THE METHOD WHICH RUSSIA HAS USED LATELY SINCE IT WALKED OUT OF THE FAR EASTERN COMMISSION IN A DISPUTE OVER WHO SHOULD REPRESENT CHINA THERE.

MOSCOW HAS TWICE COMPLAINED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT LATELY ABOUT MATTERS IN JAPAN. ONE CONCERNED A CHARGE THAT EMPEROR HIROHITO IS A WAR CRIMINAL AND THE OTHER WAS A PROTEST OVER MACARTHUR'S FORMATION OF A PAROLE BOARD TO DEAL WITH WAR CRIMINALS.

GENERAL REACTION IN UNITED STATES AND FAR EASTERN COMMISSION CIRCLES, HOWEVER, WAS THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD MAKE LITTLE IMPRESSION WITH ANY PROTEST ABOUT MACARTHUR'S PURGE OF THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST LEADERS.

SEVERAL UNITED STATES OFFICIALS PRIVATELY COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON MACARTHUR'S DECISION ON GROUNDS THAT THE COMMUNISTS IN JAPAN, AS IN EUROPE, HAVE RESORTED TO VIOLENCE AS SOON AS THEY FIND THEIR CAMPAIGNS FOR POPULAR SUPPORT THROUGH OTHER MEANS FAIL.

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FOURTH PURGE REACTION, WASHINGTON (KENWORTHY) XX. FAIL

THEY CITED THE FACT THAT THE JAPANESE REDS BEGAN AN ATTACK ON AMERICAN TROOPS AND THEN TRIED TO INCITE A GENERAL STRIKE ON GROUNDS THAT THIS VIOLENCE DESERVED SYMPATHY.

SOME OFFICIALS HERE SAID THEY RECALLED VIVIDLY HOW MINORITIES OF COMMUNISTS, THROUGH USE OF VIOLENCE, SEIZED CONTROL OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN EUROPE, MOST NOTABLY CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AFTER FAILURE TO WIN MAJORITY BY POPULAR ACCLAIM IN ELECTIONS. ^{THE} MOREOVER, OFFICIALS SAID, NOT ONLY DO THE COMMUNISTS USE SUCH METHODS, BUT ONCE IN POWER THEY NEVER GIVE THE OPPOSITION THE SLIGHTEST CHANGE. THE REDS IMMEDIATELY CRUSH ALL OPPONENTS AND AS A RESULT THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS NO RECOURSE TO A CHANGE IN REGIMES AS IT DOES THROUGH ELECTIONS IN DEMOCRACIES.

SOME UNOFFICIAL OBSERVERS HERE BELIEVED THAT MACARTHUR'S ORDER WAS A STEP WHICH WOULD HELP BRING A PEACE TREATY EARLIER FOR JAPAN. THEY ARGUED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD FEEL MORE PRONE TO RELAX OCCUPATION CONTROLS SOMEWHAT IF CHARGES OF COMMUNIST VIOLENCE ARE REDUCED.

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BULLETIN

BY RODOLFO NAZARENO

United Press Staff Correspondent

MANILA, June 6--(UP)--Speaker of the House of Representatives Eugenio Perez today hailed General MacArthur's banning of the Communists from public life and political activities as a "well-taken step in the right direction which should serve as a cue for us in the Philippines."

Perez told the United Press in an interview MacArthur's action was right and logical because "there can't be a compromise with Communism if democracy is desired."

The Speaker indicated MacArthur's action should inspire Filipinos, willing to preserve their democratic institutions, to "redouble their efforts in combatting Communism which undoubtedly is a very serious threat to our security here."

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The Speaker said, "Actually we do not only have a cold war with the Communists but a shooting war. The Huks are fighting the government with increasing violence. We must face the threat squarely. We can have only total victory or total defeat. The Communists will never be satisfied unless they assume full control of the government. They won't cooperate otherwise. Even if we change the administration or elect someone else president in the next election the Communists still will make trouble as long as that administration is non-Communist."

Perez expressed satisfaction with the military campaign against the Communist-led Huks but called for an "intensification of the educational and psychological aspects." He said government propaganda must be "equally effective as that of the Communists." He advocated strong counter propaganda measures by the government in all Huk-infested areas.

President Elpidio Quirino was not immediately available for comment on General MacArthur's order.

Foreign Secretary Carlos P. Romulo declined to comment.

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AKAHATA - 9 June 1950

"TO FIGHT RESOLUTELY AGAINST THE PLOT
WITH THE CONFIDENCE OF MASSES OF THE PEOPLE"

Japan Communist Party Diet Members Group Issue Statement

I. "All the members of the Japan Communist Party Central Committee and seventeen members of the editorial staff of the Party Central Organ Paper were purged under an ambiguous category. This very outrageous plot is a strong evidence that a plot to outlaw the Party is well under way. The Japanese Masses know well that the current oppression on the Japan Communist Party is for the purpose of reviving the government of darkness which preceded the war.

II. "The last House of Councillors election was carried out under intimidation, interference, and vote buying. Although the enemy is publicizing the defeat of the Communist Party, the 2,800,000 confirmed votes cast for Communist Party candidates and candidate recommended by our Party eloquently speak of the confidence of the people in our Party and the political growth of the Japanese people.

III. "In facing such conditions, the Japan Communist Party Diet Members Group deeply feels its great responsibility to the masses of the people. We were elected by the people who are desirous of peace and independence. Therefore, even if it is deprived of the Central Committee we newly pledge to exert our whole effort to crush all the policies of the YOSHIDA Cabinet to turn Japan into a military base and a colony and to prepare for war. With HOSOKAWA, Karoku as a new head of the group, preparation for struggle has been completed under him.

"It will not only make preparation for a thorough struggle, but will also immediately launch upon a struggle in the coming extraordinary Diet session with the masses of the people against all the plots to outlaw the Communist Party, to oppress the people, the bill to revise the Local Tax Law, the measure to reorganize the power industry and to deprive the Japanese people of the opportunity for an overall peace by destroying the Potsdam Declaration.

IV. "We expect the unyielding struggles of the masses who are longing for peace and independence. At the same time we earnestly appeal to the people for positive support and encouragement to our Party which is fighting in the midst of the storm.

8 June 1950

Japan Communist Party Diet Members Group

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General Trend of the Communist Party

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No sooner than the leaders of the erstwhile Japan Communist Party, liberated from prison at the order of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in October 1945, were granted the freedom to engage in political activities under the new regime of democracy, they welcomed the Occupation Forces as the Forces of Liberation and while legally organizing the Japan Communist Party they also took advantage of the political confusion and economic distress which came in the wake of defeat and began to engage in intensive activity. Beginning with the Japan Communist Youth League (later renamed the Japan Democratic Youth Corps) which was set up as a sister organization, they organized and led various external groups which they formed among the masses and gradually perfected their organizational set-up.

At the fifth Plenum of the Party held in February 1946, they abandoned the use of force as an instrument by which to seize the government by revising their policy to that of resort to peaceful democratic methods. Although they contended as if it were possible under the Occupation to establish a people's regime by working through the Diet, their actions betrayed their announced intentions. By leading a Food May Day demonstration in the Palace Plaza and other such means they took advantage of the distress and confusion of the immediate post-war period in inciting unrest among the masses and attempted by means of applying the pressure of mass movements to paralyze the administration of government. Warned by the Allied General Headquarters when these signs became evident, the Communists turned their main efforts to increasing their influence in the labor movement and planned to carry out a general strike, fraught with all the dangers of bringing disastrous effects upon the national economy and the living of the people. Again this attempt was stopped

by order of the Allied General Headquarters.

Thus restrained, the Communist leaders next turned their attention to leading struggles in local areas to gain local power with the intention eventually to consolidate them and then to materialize their designs for the seizure of national power. At the same time they lined up with the advocacy of the Cominform which was created in Western Europe in 1947 and adopted the policy of forming the Democratic People's Front whose activities gradually revealed their anti-American character. The new front schemed and led the Zentei (National Communication Workers' Union) and the Kokutetsu (National Railway Workers' Union) in carrying out work stoppages by keeping the workers away from their jobs in violation of Potsdam Cabinet Order No. 201. They caused the occurrence of violence in various parts of the country by intensifying the anti-tax struggle.

In the general election of members of the House of Representatives in January 1949, the Communists registered a big advance by polling 3,000,000 votes and sending 35 members to the Diet's lower chamber. At that time the Communists, stimulated by the advance of the Chinese Communists in China, intensified their activities even more, their belief being that the time had come to establish a People's Government with their party in the center. While on the one hand they joined hands in a joint struggle with the Korean League (Choren), an anti-democratic group founded on the philosophy of force, they created a succession of violent incidents such as the demonstration against the presentation of a municipal public safety ordinance to the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly and other labor demonstrations such as that involving the Tokyo Traffic Workers.

Not only were the Communists responsible for such disturbances as the Taira Incident in Fukushima Prefecture, but they even caused the so-called

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wall-newspaper incident in which their local organizations posted up newspapers denouncing the Occupation. In early March of 1949 the national convention of the National Communications Workers' Union (Zentei) decided upon the use of force, while in the latter part of the same month the 15th meeting of the Central Committee of the National Railway Workers (Kokutetsu) adopted the proposal to "exercise force including the strike." Also in the same month a runaway train incident causing damages and loss of life occurred in Mitaka, Tokyo. In August another similar incident occurred between Matsukawa and Kanayagawa in Fukushima Prefecture when a train was overturned, causing loss of life. These violent actions were carried out by Communist Party members. Thus the Communist struggle, aimed at seizure of political power, revealed its destructive and violent nature.

As a result of these successive developments which showed the Communist Party to be an anti-democratic organization founded upon the doctrine of force, public opinion stiffened and the people of Japan began to manifest an overwhelming hatred and indignation toward it.

Although as a result of their failure in the so-called summer offensive and the dissolution of the Korean League for violation of the Organizations Regulations Order which soon followed, the Communist influence momentarily waned, but notwithstanding these set-backs they endeavored to recoup their influence by conducting popular struggles in local areas. By leading give-us-jobs movements, anti-tax demonstrations and movements demanding the credit sales of staple food and other such mass movements which they repeated, they gradually regrouped their forces for counter-offensives.

Then early this year the Cominform made a sudden unexpected demand upon the Japan Communist Party. Criticizing its strategy policy from the standpoint of International Communism, the Cominform ordered the party in

Japan to submit to the authority of the International Communist Movement and to carry on vigorous anti-American struggles in line with Cominform policy. The Japan Communist Party acquiesced forthwith and commenced at once to intensify their anti-American propaganda campaign under the banner of overall peace and opposition to military bases and colonialization of Japan, declaring that their struggle was for Japanese independence, freedom and peace. At the same time they intensified their anti-tax and give-us-jobs movements and instigated their student members to carrying on struggles within colleges and universities, thus causing incidents of violence at various places at various times.

Thus, on March 22 this year a statement titled "Appeal to All the People for the Cause of Racial Independence" was released in the name of the Central Executive Committee of the Party, clarifying its policy to form a Democratic Racial Front as a part of the general International Communist Movement. Then in April they announced the substance of the draft of the Party's basic theses for the coming revolution, indicating the outline of its policy of action for the Japanese revolution to be carried out as a part of the world revolution planned by the International Communist Movement and thus bringing out even more into the clear its anti-democratic and terroristic character.

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FC39 US EDITORIAL ON JAPANESE ELECTION, PURGE

by International News Service

NEW YORK, JUNE 7--(INS)--The New York Daily Mirror said in an editorial Tuesday that Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in purging the top leaders of the Japan Communist Party, had faced a problem which all people and governments eventually will have to face.

The newspaper said:

"General MacArthur has faced and met the fundamental problem which eventually must come to all -- individuals or nations -- in considering communism.

"Namely, whether communism has rights without our concept of democracy and how far these rights extend ...

"General MacArthur has decided democratic rights do not include the right to destroy ...

"The general's action is strong and just. It should be studied here as a guide for our own treatment of traitors."

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Governmental News Items

GOVERNMENT CARRIES OUT PURGE OF COMMUNIST LEADERS

The Cabinet at its meeting yesterday morning decided to purge the entire membership of the Communist Party's Central Committee in compliance with yesterday's letter from General MacArthur to Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida. At 1700 hours yesterday, Attorney General Shunkichi Ueda told reporters that procedures for the purge of the 24 Communists concerned had just been completed. Ueda stated that the designated purgees had been notified of the Government's action by wire and special delivery mail.

The Attorney General indicated that further steps may be taken by the Government against the Communist Party, although he stated that the idea of the outlawing the party itself had lost momentum. Ueda stated, however, that the Government is considering legislation for barring Communists from government service, the teaching profession, and key industries. Should the Communist Party choose to ignore the Government's warning by continuing to advocate violence, Ueda warned that additional Communists may be purged.

Yesterday afternoon four Communist Diet members called upon Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsuo Okazaki for a clarification of General MacArthur's letters directing the purge of the Communist Central Committee members. Okazaki in reply to the questioning of the Communists stated that the Government is determined to expel elements detrimental to the sound development of democracy in Japan, but declined to answer a question as to whether or not the Government is contemplating the application of the Organization Control Law to the Communist Party, KYODO reports.

COMMUNIST PARTY ISSUES STATEMENT

The Communist Party following notification of General MacArthur's purge directive convened a secret, joint meeting of its Central Committee and Political Bureau yesterday afternoon. At 1930 hours yesterday evening, the Communist Party issued the following statement:

"The fact that the Yoshida Cabinet has purged the Central Committee members of our party in violation of the Potsdam Declaration and the 16 basic principles of the Far Eastern Commission is proof that international reactionaries have been defeated throughout the world, especially in the Asiatic region, and that they have been forced to adopt measures for making this country a military base.

"Reactionaries, both domestic and foreign, could no longer resist the brave fight which we have put up throughout the House of Councillors' election campaign on the behalf of peace and independence, and against making Japan a military base. The oppression against our party by both domestic and foreign reactionaries means an attack upon all of the people."

On 5 June, the Communist Party headquarters had distributed to all of the party's organs a draft of Secretary-General Kyuichi Tokuda's fundamental strategy and tactics entitled: "On the Fundamental Duties of the Japan Communist Party in the Coming Revolution". Tokuda's strategy was the object of heated discussions at the party's recent 19th Enlarged Central Committee meeting, and as a result of subsequent Central Committee meetings was somewhat modified. Attached to Tokuda's essay were the written opinions of Mimasu Matsumoto and Shigeo Kamiyama, two Central Committee members who differed with Tokuda, according to MAINICHI SHIMBUN and KYODO.

POLITICAL REACTIONS TO THE PURGE OF COMMUNIST LEADERS

Secretary-General Eisaku Sato of the Liberal Party yesterday expressed his party's wholehearted support of General MacArthur's purge of Communist Party leaders. Sato stated that the SCAP action had been expected. Noting that the Communist Party had been outlawed, Sato declared that the Government would now be faced with the task of adopting measures to cope with future Communist activities.

The Social Democratic Party yesterday following a meeting of its Central Executive Committee issued a statement declaring that the Government's provocative attitude had been responsible for the Communist Party's resort to terroristic activities, the result of which was General MacArthur's directive calling for the purge of Communist leaders. The Social Democratic statement added, however, that the Cominform's criticism of the Japan Communist Party had aggravated the party's terroristic tendencies which in turn had hampered the healthy development of democracy. The statement warned that the purge of the Communist leaders may drive the party underground. It stated that ideologies should be combated by other ideologies.

Secretary-General Saburo Chiba of the People's Democratic Party yesterday issued a party statement in connection with the purge of the Communist Party leaders. The People's Democratic Party statement blamed "maladministration" in the Yoshida Administration as having been responsible for the growth of Communistic influences in Japan. The statement added that the People's Democratic Party had always been prepared to check the aggravating tendency of Communists.

Earlier, Chiba had called upon the Government to clarify why the Communist leaders had been purged. Chiba stated that unless the people in general understand the reasons for such official actions, they will be given an impression that fascism is returning to Japan which is actually on the road to democracy, KYODO reports.

POLICE PREPARE FOR COMMUNISTIC VIOLENCE

The National Rural Police headquarters yesterday ordered its nationwide scattered offices to guard against any incidents which might arise out of the purging of the Communist Party Central Committee members.

The chiefs of Tokyo's 73 police stations held a secret meeting yesterday for the presumed reason of discussing measures for combating any outbreaks of Communist-led violence. Chief Eiichi Tanaka of the Metropolitan Police Board yesterday clarified to an extent the cities ban against demonstrations and rallies.

Tanaka stated that assemblies for peaceful purposes such as PTA meetings and recreational gatherings are not subject to the ban, KYODO reports.

ZENGAKUREN TO CONCENTRATE ON "PROTEST" STRUGGLE

The National Federation of Student Associations (Zengakuren) yesterday shelved its controversy with the Communist Party headquarters for the time being in favor of a "protest" struggle against the purging of the party's Central Committee members. The left-wing student organization at a meeting of its Central Strike Committee also agreed to begin disposing of documents in preparation for Government orders to dissolve.

Members of the former Communist Party cell at Tokyo University yesterday distributed handbills among their fellow students protesting General MacArthur's purge letter to the Prime Minister. The handbills also urged the holding of mass rallies on the campus to demand the immediate release of the 8 Japanese nationals sentenced to jail terms for the Memorial Day Imperial Plaza Incident, KYODO reports.

TOHOKU UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MAKE DEMAND ON UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES

A rally of some 300 students from Tohoku University's School of Economics yesterday demanded the university's authorities countermand their disciplinary action against 13 students held responsible for the university's "Dr. Wells' incident". They agreed that should their demand be ignored, they would resort to "wholesale non-attendance" tactics, JIJI PRESS reports.

TODAYS EDITORIALS

Commenting on the Supreme Commander's letter to Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida on 6 June, ASAHI declared editorially: "At this critical juncture, the Communist Party must seriously reflect on the fact that this situation has been invited by the party's own past behavior."

TOKYO SHIMBUN commented: "The present plight of the Japan Communist Party is entirely due to the fact that this party, in its attempt to drag Japan into orbit of international Communism, capitalized upon the leniency of democracy and plotted acts of violence, stopping at nothing to achieve its ends, until finally it overstepped the limits of the great leniency provided under a democracy." (Similar editorial opinion was carried by MAINICHI and JIJI SHIMPO)

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AKAHATA STATEMENT

With the purge of all the Central Committee Member on 6 June 1950 by fascist-like suppression, the function of the Central Committee within the Party was substantially forced to be suspended. Under the emergency conditions and also in response to rising revolutionary cry, the control committee selected at the 6th party convention, realizing the necessity of guidance group temporarily until the next party convention, nominated the following comrades at 1500 6 June 50

- SHIINO, Etsuro
- WADA, Ichizo
- TADA, Tomeji
- KAWATA, Kenji
- TANIGUCHI, Zentaro
- SUZUKI, Ichizo
- KIKUNAMI, Katsumi
- MATSUMOTO, Fumio

It was further decided that SHIINO, Etsuro would be the responsible person.

JCP POLITBURO BLASTS YOSHIDA STATEMENT

AKAHATA 6 June

To All Patriots:

Prime Minister Yoshida has made clear his intentions of outlawing our party. For his reasons he stated "The violent acts under the direction of the Communist Party betray the recovery and the development of our fatherland, forfeit the trust of the nations of the world and obstruct the conclusion of an early peace treaty". The situation of our nation, as it is today, was as every one knows, not brought about the "violent acts" of our party, but as a result of the treacherous and destructive political forces of the domestic and foreign reactionaries.

Moreover, Yoshida, the man who is responsible, is planning to place the full responsibility on our party and masses, and by brute force he is attempting to deprive all freedom and rights from the people.

Why is he planning this? It is because he wants to colonize our nation, deprive the people of their freedoms and make Japan a base for a third world war.

To achieve this purpose it is necessary to oppress the Communist Party which is leading the people in the valiant struggle to protect the independence, the peace and the freedom of our country. Therefore it is clear indeed suppression of the Communist Party is suppression of all the people of the nation.

This action is very similar to that taken by Hitler and Tojo. Yoshida is now trying to revive militarism, and attempting to destroy the Potsdam Declaration and Constitution. To militaristic oppression of this sort, our Communist Party will protest in the name of the masses who truly love their country and at the same time declares that any oppressive move will be crushed by the power of the masses. Our party together with all of the people call the ruling class to carefully guard the Potsdam Declaration and the Constitution, which they themselves made, and will fight determinedly any action to destroy them.

If one member of the Communist Party is arrested, his place in the party ranks will be filled by ten new members. The history of the world teaches us anyone who attempts to smash the Communist Party is himself smashed and sent to his grave. Patriots of the Nation! The people of our nation are about to be made into slaves and bullets. Those who do not desire such a fate should rise with us, smash the intrigue of the enemies against freedom peace and independence, and chase the new Hitlers and the Tojo's to their grave.

Let us unite! Don't be instigated by the enemies!

Lead all the masses in the fight against the Yoshida statement and reply to it with nationwide general strike.

The Politburo Central Committee,
Japan Communist Party
5 June 1950

7 June 1950

PRESS RELEASE:

The following letter from General MacArthur to Prime Minister Yoshida is hereby released to the press:

"Tokyo, Japan
7 June 1950

"Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

"To the end that representative democracy in Japan might have the opportunity to thrive in the free atmosphere of full knowledge and public discussion, it has been one of the most fundamental of Allied policies governing the Occupation to encourage and assist the development of a truly free and responsible press. In the furtherance of this purpose, censorship was progressively lifted until finally terminated two years ago and the press left free to publish on its own responsibility, subject only to a code embodying a statement of principles and ethics patterned after the Canons of Journalism of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, supplemented by minimum restrictions essential to the safeguard of military security.

"The Japanese press has in general responded admirably to this challenge and developed a degree of responsibility which has evoked most favorable comment from many visiting journalists from abroad. The glaring exception is the Communist organ AKAHATA. This journal has for some time assumed the role of mouthpiece for the most violent of lawless elements within the Communist Party and as such has defiled its news columns and editorial page with licentious, false, inflammatory and seditious appeals to irresponsible sentiment in the effort to provoke defiance of constituted authority, disrupt the progress of economic revival and create social unrest and mass violence. All this calls for prompt corrective action to safeguard the public peace.

"One course such corrective action might take would be to close the journal and destroy for all time its propaganda making power and constant incitation to violence and revolution; another the re-institution of a pre-censorship over all material it proposes to print. Both courses, however, are repugnant to me as violative of the broad philosophy which has guided the development of press freedom in Japan and should be imposed only if other measures prove ineffective.

"As an alternative method of correction, I therefore direct that your government take the necessary administrative measures to incorporate within my letter to you of 6 June 1950 the following named

additional persons, sharing responsibility for the policies governing the content of this journal:

AIKAWA Haruki
ANEBA Saburo
AOYAMA Toshio
KAWAMURA Tatsuo
KIKUNAMI Katsumi
MIYAMOTO Taro
MORIYA Tenro
NISHIZAWA Tomio
OKAMOTO Tadashi
SAKANO Yoshiro
SHIMADA Koichi
SUITA Hidezo
SUGAMA Shosaku
TAKAHASHI Katsuyuki
TAKEI Takeo
TAKEICHO Kenzo
UCHINO Soji.

Very sincerely,

(sgd) DOUGLAS MacARTHUR."

"Mr. Shigeru Yoshida,
Prime Minister of Japan,
Tokyo.

REDS SAY "ROOT STRUGGLES IN PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE"

AKAHATA - 7 Jun 50

The authorities have openly begun to take oppressive, Hitler-like measures against our Party and people desirous of peace and independence. It is evident where the Yoshida Cabinet, which was called the most friendly government along with the Adenauer Government in an editorial of the Wall Street Journal on 1 June, intends to lead the Japanese people contrary to their interests and in defiance of the Potsdam Declaration and the Japanese Constitution. By taking oppressive measures against the Communist Party, the Cabinet intends to deprive the people of all their freedoms and rights, and to pour their blood into an atomic bomb war against the Soviet Union in the interests of foreign financial cliques.

Reactionaries at home and abroad are manoeuvring to dissolve our Party by resorting to the violence of enforcing the Organization Control Ordinance. However, they forget one thing: they forget that they are not in a foreign country but are one of the 80,000,000 Japanese people. The reactionaries, dreaming of driving underground our Party which is most stoutly fighting for peace and independence in the van of the 80,000,000 people of Japan who desire peace and independence, are doomed to ruin. Exclusive of traitorous Socialist leaders, even labor-farmer organizations which have been displaying anti-Communist policies, say that the current oppression is that of the political freedoms of all the people.

Our Party, in the new storm of Fascism, has no choice but to fight for peace and the independence of the Japanese people in compliance with the decisions of the 18th Expanded Central Committee session and the 19th Central Committee general meeting "with the confidence of all the people." Especially, all Party organs will stick to the Bolshevistic and democratic centralism, and will fight for a revolution with the support of the people.

Reactionaries at home and abroad "advise" our Party to change leaders. Even this one thing makes it clear that the contention of intra-party disruptionists opposing the majority of the present members of the Central Committee is no more than that of the reactionaries at home and abroad. We must fight intra-party separationists for the thought and political unification of our Party. Without doing so, we can not discharge our important duty to the Japanese people and peaceful forces in the world in the current revolutionary struggle.

The success or failure of the current struggle depends on political and revolutionary propaganda and mass struggle. Of course, we must utilize cell and wall newspapers. Moreover, especially at this time when public concern is concentrated on our Party, we must firmly lead strikes, demonstrations and sabotages, make the most of speech meetings in factories and on the streets, and expose the true significance of the current violent oppression. Furthermore, we must establish a joint distribution and collection organization of organ papers of democratic organizations in each

district and region, and jointly make political and revolutionary propaganda extensively among the masses.

Only resolute mass struggles will smash all oppressive measures, strike all reactionaries into the graveyard of HITLER and TOJO, and guarantee glorious liberty, peace and independence to the Japanese people. We must develop the growing post-election mass struggles into a struggle of all the people pivoted on a nation-wide general industrial strike. We must overthrow the traitorous Yoshida Cabinet, instrument of foreign financial cliques. In this struggle, we must organize large-scale political and revolutionary propaganda, and keep away from political power all traitorous political parties that do not intend to fight for the independence of the Japanese people.

Resolutely carry out a "protest" general strike! Strengthen the democratic racial front composed of all patriots! Struggles must have roots in the confidence of all the people!

JCP STATEMENT URGES PEOPLE TO TAKE MASS ACTIONS

AKAHATA - 7 Jun 50

The outrageous suppression by the Yoshida Cabinet, which has purged all the Central Committee members of our party in violation of the Potsdam Declaration and the 16-point Principle of the Far Eastern Commission, is an evidence that the international reactionary forces have become very impatient in their attempt to turn our fatherland into a military base as the result of their defeat in all parts of the world, and, particularly, of their being forced to make a general retreat from all parts of Asia.

The domestic and foreign reactionaries—who have become unable to cope with the activities of our party which has bravely fought against the projected militarization and for the protection of independence and peace, before and after the latest Upper House election—have begun to struggle helplessly like a wild beast on the verge of death.

Patriotic people throughout the nation! This suppression of our party by domestic and foreign reactionaries is an attack on all the people. If you make the least concession, all freedoms of all the people will be trampled upon and the race as a whole will be driven into a status of slavery. This is demonstrated in the histories of HITLER and TOJO.

All patriotic people throughout the nation! We appeal to you to rise up now to safeguard our party in order to protect our beloved national land from being destroyed as an aggression base in a third world war and to protect our race's independence. Any suppression cannot defeat the tight combination of our party and the people, and cannot ruin our party and our race. World history shows that our party is indestructible when our party goes hand in hand with all the patriotic people. Now, 40 per cent of the human race have established states of people's democracy and socialism where there are peace, freedom, independence, and happiness. The dawn of liberation is coming also in our fatherland.

All patriotic people! To break this darkness before dawn, you must rise up now resolutely to take mass actions under labor's leadership. Justice and victory are with our party and with all the patriotic people.

6 June 1950

The Japan Communist Party