

# THE SHAME OF AMERICA

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The whole world was shocked when on the night of June 19th, 1953 two young American parents Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were hastily burnt on the stake of the American electric chair, in a witch hunt, that, compared with the age in which it is taking place, has overshadowed the Spanish inquisition. Julius and Ethel, 35 and 37 years respectively are Americans who were sentenced in March 1951 for alleged atom spying on evidence that has been admitted as very flimsy and as having "serious doubts" by some of the great jurists of America. They leave behind them two little children 10 and 6, whose pitiful prayers for their innocent parents were rejected by President Eisenhower.

Protest demonstrations in Washington, a clemency train from New York, special Jewish prayers, telegrams and unprecedented mercy appeals from all parts of the world failed to kindle a spark in Eisenhower's heart of war and blood.

The Rosenbergs could have been free, had they chosen to become hired quislings of the State Department. They might have returned home to their beloved children had they chosen to perjure their innocent souls and join in the witch hunt that has gripped and terrorised millions of Americans. Mrs. Rosenbergs spurned a suggestion from her own mother to confess the crime and be pardoned. They died protesting their innocence, sacrifices on the altar of imperialist brutality.

Although America has consistently denied that she is at war; ever since the imperialist controlled United Nations took over the responsibility of the predatory attack on Korea, we have on two occasions heard

serious doubts existed as to the guilt of people sentenced to death.

This embarrassing admission was first made when Ralph Bunche was requested to plea for clemency in the United Nations on behalf of an American Negro Sergeant sentenced to death in Korea. Bunche, it is reported, made the interesting declaration that the United Nations had nothing to do with the matter, in spite of the fact that the man was engaged in the United Nations war. He said that it was a case for the government of the United States. For the second time we are made to understand by no less a person than the President himself that the United States is at war although the sullen "Voice of America" exclaims that the Rosenbergs are the first civilians to be executed for espionage in peace time."

Eisenhower and his callous henchmen in their insatiable drive for profits should know that the millions of decent people of the world have read their blue prints for world aggression. They have seen through eyes blest with the desire for genuine peace, the atomic bases centred around Soviet and colonial territories thousands of miles away from American shores erected ostensibly to protect "The Free World". They watch with crawling skins the explosions at Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the brutal slaughter of the Koreans, and they cry out determinedly that the Rosenbergs have not been responsible for these. They shout out with one voice that the Negro lynchings and the jewbaiters in America with other imperialist powers are responsible for the in-human

the purchasing power of workers dwindle owing to capitalist oppression and as the profit margin recedes the toll of the manufacture of arms is inevitable and that Mr. President, is responsible for the loss of millions of lives.

Millions of living Americans are saying with Emmanuel Bloch—the Defence Attorney of the unfortunate Rosenbergs "I AM ASHAMED THAT I AM AN AMERICAN". These words will ring through the hearts of millions of non-Americans regardless of the Marshallisation of their countries, and Julius and Ethel will live in the memory of future American generations. They will be numbered among the great Martyrs of America who have been impeached and immolated in a pernicious witch hunt that has shocked the world.

When the crazy war mongering profit hunters are thrown into ghettos where they belong the children and grandchildren of the Rosenbergs will no longer have cause to say like Emmanuel Bloch "I AM ASHAMED THAT I AM AN AMERICAN"

## IN AFRICA.

A horrible account of how a Kenya African was beaten to death by the police was told by the Secretary of the Christian Missionary Society Canon T. C. Bewes on his return to London after a tour of Kenya. The man was a member of the Christian Missionary Society and was suffering from tuberculosis of the spine. Questions, to him could produce no evidence. The beating went on but he would not confess and eventually died under beating. "Four Kikuyu have been