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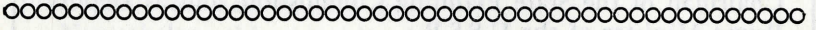
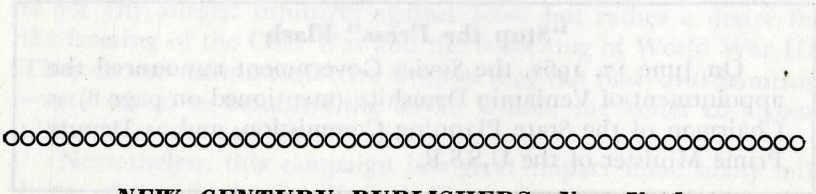
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Dr. Aptheker served in the field artillery for over four years in the Second World War, rising through the ranks from private to major. He was awarded a prize in history by the Association for the Study of Negro Life in 1939, and was a Guggenheim Fellow, 1946-47. He is presently the editor of *Political Affairs*, and on the editorial board of *Mainstream*. Dr. Aptheker's articles and reviews have appeared in most of the leading historical journals, including the *American Historical Review*, the *Political Science Quarterly*, the *Journal of Negro Education*, the *Journal of Negro History*, *Phylon*, and many more.

Aptheker's contributions have earned him a place as a consequential figure in the field of American scholarship.

"Stop the Press" Flash

On June 17, 1962, the Soviet Government announced the appointment of Veniamin Dymshitz (mentioned on page 8) as Chairman of the State Planning Commission, and as Deputy Prime Minister of the U.S.S.R.

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For many months a concentrated campaign has been conducted in the United States by every means of communication having as its object to portray the Soviet Union as a land and a government drenched in anti-Semitism. Via radio and television, from the mouths of leading politicians—like Senators Javits and Keating of New York and Dodd of Connecticut—and in the pages of publications whose circulation amounts to many millions—such as *Life*, *Look*, *Saturday Evening Post*, *N.Y. Herald Tribune*, *N.Y. Post*, *Reader's Digest*—this charge, with more or less circumstantial details, has been hurled against the U.S.S.R. It has also come from organizations with considerable influence—such as the Workman's Circle, the American Jewish Committee and the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Council.

Half the Jews living in the world today—after Hitler's barbarism—reside in the United States; millions of Americans who are not Jewish know very well and very truly that anti-Semitism is a hallmark of social backwardness and political reaction. These two facts make the charge of anti-Semitism against the Soviet Union an especially damaging one because it is an obstacle to efforts to end the Cold War and to achieve a stable era of peaceful co-existence. The main concern of those responsible for the campaign is not any alleged injustices against Jews, but rather a desire for the freezing of the Cold War and the launching of World War III. They choose the most effective weapon they can find—anti-Semitism—with which to besmirch the Soviet Union, the better to accomplish their real and sinister aim.

Nevertheless, this campaign has great impact upon many millions of people in the United States—Jewish and non-Jewish—and the vast majority of these millions are perfectly sincere folk who want peace and not war, and who at the same time despise

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