USSR SLANDERS CHINA

Who are the Real 'War Mongers'?

The Soviet Union has launched a new attack on the People's Republic of China, calling the Chinese leaders "war-mongers." Their attack, termed the "worst ever" by the Western press, is an attempt by the social-imperialists to isolate China in order to strengthen their own drive toward world domination.

Turning the truth inside out and upside down, a front-page article in the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda declared: "China is today the only country in the world whose official circles advocate publicly and without any camouflage a new world slaughter." The Chinese

leaders," the May 14 article continues, "come out against everything that can ensure peace and security on earth."

But what is the truth of the matter? The very "facts" with which Pravda backs up these wild accusations reveal that it is the superpowers who are really for "world slaughter" and threaten the "peace and security" of the world.

China, says Pravda, never tires of repeating that a "war will break out sooner or later and that preparations must be made for a full-scale war in the near future."

This is certainly true, although not with the aggressive implications the Soviet propagandists would like to give it. Socialist China has consistently pointed out that imperialism is bound to lead to war. The Chinese have emphasized that today the growing contention between the U.S. and the USSR, the two major imperialist powers, is rapidly leading to the outbreak of war between them.

China has also pointed out that the people of the world must get prepared to defeat the superpowers. This war must be turned to the people's own advantage in order to overthrow imperialism and the threat of war forever.

This analysis shows clearly who is really on the warpath. To-day, for example, the U.S. and the USSR have millions of troops stationed outside the borders of their countries. China, however, has none.

While the Chinese have repeatedly pledged never to be the first to use nuclear weapons, the two superpowers have refused to make such a pledge.

Arms spending by the two is increasing at an unprecedented pace. The Soviet navy, for exam-

COAL BOSSES
SEARCH FOR
NEW UNION CHIEF

Coal bosses have been asking, who can control the wave of wildcats in the coalfields involving so many thousands of mine workers? Which one of the three United Mine Workers (UMW) candidates vying for the presidency in the June 14 elections—Arnold Miller, Harry Patrick or Lee Roy Patterson—will best control the thousands of miners?

The coal operators know there will be a nationwide strike December 6 when the contract expires. Concerned they might have to give up too much ground to the angered, overworked and exploited miners, they are pinning their hopes on these three men to put the brakes on the rank and file.

Miller is the incumbent. He is being challenged by Patrick, a maverick from Miller's own inner circle, and by Patterson, an old Tony Boyle associate. Each one clamors that the others are really frontmen for the coal operators, helping the bosses to undermine and destroy the UMW. They have used the past two issues of the UMW Journal to detail their evidence against each other.

Mountains of information show, however, that all three

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ple, has more than doubled in the last eight years, now roaming every body of water in the world.

China has also shown that between the two superpowers it is the Soviet social-imperialists themselves who are the most dangerous source of new world war. The USSR is the more aggressive, on the offensive and more adventuristic than its U.S. rival, which is on the decline. It is more powerful militarily and arming itself at an even faster rate than the U.S.

Coming from behind in the inter-imperialist race to control the world, the USSR is more anxious to get its hands on new territories, while the U.S. is mainly trying to hold onto what it has. In addition, the Soviet ruling class, because they exercise a fascist dictatorship over the Soviet people, is better able to gear up for and launch an all-out world war.

This open aggression in Africa has been exposed to the whole world when the USSR dispatched Cuban troops to bring Angola under Soviet domination and when Soviet-trained mercenaries recently invaded Zaire.

While gearing up for war, the superpowers and especially the USSR have been doing everything in their power to hide their contention and ensure that the people do not get prepared. They have tried to cover up their frantic arms race and other preparations by spreading the myth that "detente" between the U.S. and the USSR is preserving world

peace.

But China's warnings have unmasked the phony "detente" between the superpowers.

Now, in a panic, the socialimperialists are trying to silence China. Labelling the advice to "get prepared" as "Mao Tsetung's militaristic policy," Pravda accuses China of "disrupting detente" and "undermining the relaxation of international tensions."

Finally, in an attempt to split the unity between China and the peoples of the world, the Pravda article condemns the growing movement among Western states to normalize relations with the People's Republic as "appeasement of the aggressor."

This is just a clumsy attempt to twist the meaning of appeasement. There is in fact appeasement going on in the world today, but it is Soviet aggression which is being appeased by many Western countries.

Pravda's latest barrage of slander is designed to make sure that the appeasers and those who are still taken in by the USSR's "socialist" disguise stay under the Soviet wing. Like Hitler before World War II, the Soviet fascists are trying to "divert the Western countries eastward" against China.

Like Hitler, Brezhnev and Co. may succeed temporarily in fooling some people into believing its honeyed words about "peace" and its constant effort to label others as "aggressive." But this situation can't last. Already Soviet tanks are rolling in several countries. Its true character as the most aggressive of all imperialist powers is being laid bare by its own actions.