

In a recent interview with the Kuwaiti daily *Al-Qabas*, Sheikh Rashid bin Said al-Maktum, the Vice-President of the United Arab Emirates and ruler of Dubai, said: "We know clearly that the security and stability of the Gulf region can only be realized through co-operation and joint efforts on the part of the regional countries. Actually this is what we are doing."

Ruler of Sharjah (a member of the United Arab Emirates) said: "Co-operation among the Gulf states is developing and it has already widened to the fields of culture, journalism and education."

"RED FLAG" (NORWAY)

U.S.S.R. Has All the Characteristics of Hitler's Germany

The fierce contention between the two superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States, will inevitably lead to a world war and the Soviet Union is the source of war, said a signed article published by the *Red Flag*, theoretical journal of the Norwegian Workers' Communist Party (M-L), in its January issue. The article called on the working class and all the people to get mobilized and struggle against social-imperialism.

Citing important world events in the past few years, the article said: "When one superpower is beset with difficulties within its own sphere of influence, the other superpower will step in to fish in troubled waters by resorting to various kinds of diplomatic and political means and certain military means." While U.S. imperialism is seriously declining and "losing ground throughout the world," the Soviet Union, as an upstart imperialist power, which comes to dinner after all the seats are occupied, is asking for a redivision of the world, the article pointed out.

Analysing the characteristics of the Soviet Union "which is rapidly developing into an imperialist super-

power," the article noted, "the Soviet Union also has the characteristics of Germany under the rule of Bismarck, and especially of Hitler, before the two world wars." It bears, on a much larger scale, all the characteristics of imperialist Germany which was the source of war in the 1930s.

The article exposed that engaging in an arms race with the United States and preparing for war, the Soviet Union is greatly increasing its military spending, military strength and arms production. It stressed: "Despite the holding of discussions at various international conferences, the signing of all sorts of agreements, and the host of golden promises made by politicians, the arms race between the two superpowers is continuing. All these (agreements and promises) are no more than window-dressing whereas the goods on the shelves inside the shop are quite different things."

"Like the United States and Western Europe," the article wrote, "the Soviet Union is riddled with the contradictions inherent in an imperialist economy. The Soviet methods for solving these problems are the same as those applied by Hitler to Germany during the interval between the two world wars, i.e., to annex the territories of other countries, pursue expansionism and militarize the economy."

It went on to say, "in all likelihood, the Soviet Union, the source of war, will provoke a war. This is precisely what is shown by the current balance of forces."

CAPITALIST COUNTRIES

New Wave of Monetary Crises

In recent weeks, another violent storm of monetary crises has swept the West European foreign exchange markets, hitting its major currencies and the dollar as well. This marks a new wave in the monetary crises in the West.