

Armed Intervention in China

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"Anhui Province is practically in the hands of the Reds," wails the "China Press," published at Shanghai, South China.

"Startling Communist victories," groans the New York Times (May 27), "involving the loss of two government divisions, are imperiling the Nanking government's hold on Anhui Province, which lies just west of the city of Nanking."

The tremendous growth of the Soviet Power of the revolutionary Chinese worker-peasant masses in Anhui Province and the extension of the territory of the powerful Honan-Hupeh-Anhui Soviet District—this is the sole result in Anhui Province of the fourth "Communist Suppression" campaign launched by the Nanking Kuomintang government at the orders of the imperialist powers, particularly the Wall Street government! Their Kuomintang instruments having failed, the imperialist bandits are now engaged in extending their direct armed intervention against the Chinese Revolution!

And how fares the fourth "Communist Suppression" campaign in other parts of Central and South China? Again let us note the admissions of the enemy press. In an editorial note to its news story of May 27 on "startling Communist victories" in Anhui Province, the New York Times stated:

"Adjoining Anhui to the South and West, Kiangsi and Hupeh Provinces are strongly Commu-

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nist, as is Hunan, which adjoins both of these provinces. Forces said to be Communists have in the last few weeks been overrunning Fukien Province, which adjoins Kiangsi on the East. The Reds are also strong in Honan Province, north of Hupeh."

An even more significant admission of the growth of the agrarian revolution and the increasing impotence of the Kuomintang militarists appears in a Hankow dispatch of June 9 to the New York Times:

"Provincial troops of Central China have launched a campaign to crush the rebel menace which appears to be engulfing a great area of the Yangtze Valley." (Emphasis mine.—C. B.)

A Shanghai dispatch of the same date reported that mutinies of Kuomintang troops sent to "wipe out" the Chinese Soviet Districts "are assuming serious proportions."

In this respect, it is to be noted that most of the Kuomintang troops sent into Anhui Province against the Chinese Red Army mutinied and joined the Red Army. A full Kuomintang division and brigade commanded by Chen Tiao-Yuan, former governor of Anhui Province, went over with its equipment to the Red Army. The 146th Nanking division was surrounded and disarmed by the Red Army,

whose equipment was once more inadvertently supplied by the Nanking government. The 7th Nanking division was smashingly defeated and left Anhui Province quicker than it went in.

Nanking troops in other parts of the Yangtze Valley have mutinied and joined the revolutionary forces. Thus, the sole basis (outside of the imperialist gunboats) of the Kuomintang power—its armed forces—is rapidly disintegrating under the hammer blows of the Revolution.

The breaking of their chains by increasingly large sections of Chinese toilers, the rapid growth of the Chinese Soviet Power, the sledge hammer blows of the Chinese Red Armies, the steady loss of prestige and influence by the Kuomintang betrayers of China—these factors make the Kuomintang no longer a dependable instrument for imperialist enslavement, far capitalist-feudal exploitation and robbery of the Chinese masses. This fact, together with the catastrophic crisis of world capitalism, is driving the imperialists to new desperate and bloody measures against the revolutionary Chinese toilers, for the crushing of the Chinese Soviet Power, for the partition of China, for a war of desperation by dying capitalism against the rising, flourishing Soviet World. Armed

intervention against the Chinese Revolution is proceeding hand in hand with the monstrous war provocations against the Soviet Union.

Two recent pamphlets published by International Publishers give a graphic picture of the growth of the Soviet Power in China and of the robber aims of world imperialism against China and the Soviet Union. The pamphlets are "War in China," by Ray Stewart, and "Soviet China," by R. Doonping and M. James. Every worker should rally to the world-wide revolutionary struggle against imperialist war, for the defense of the Chinese people, the Chinese Soviets and the Soviet Union. The present imperialist war in the Far East, the reactionary drive of the imperialists for armed intervention against the Soviet Union are aimed at the entire world working class. Dying capitalism is attempting to win another lease on life at the expense of the life-blood of the toiling masses, at the expense of the destruction of working-class gains in Soviet China, of destruction of triumphant Socialist construction in the Soviet Union, and at the expense of the further enslavement of the colonial peoples and the working-class in the imperialist countries.

Workers! Defend the Chinese People! Defend the Soviet Union! Stop the production and shipment of arms against China and the Soviet Union!