



*The growth of terror against the American working class is part of the war preparations of Wall Street. Shooting down of strikers, (Kentucky), murder of demonstrators (Detroit), mass arrests, (California, Tampa, etc.) is one of the means the boss-class uses to try to cow the workers who don't want war. The job of the defense movement today is to halt this terror and aid the fight of the workers against the war being prepared on the Soviet Union! The first week in April will be a period of anti-war demonstrations. All I.L.D. members and sympathizers must take part.*

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**T**HE robber war against China is proceeding under cover of a sham truce at Shanghai and a barrage of pacifist phrases at Geneva.

The heroic workers and soldiers who defended the South China city of Shanghai for 35 days against the combined might of the Japanese Navy and Army have been shamelessly betrayed by the Kuomintang Nanking Government. The Nineteenth Route Army, whose soldiers joined the worker defenders of Shanghai in defiance of the orders of the Nanking government, has been forced to retreat from Shanghai. A new bloody terror has been launched by the imperialists and their Kuomintang tools against the revolutionary masses of Shanghai.

The imperialists have met with machine guns the demand for food of the tens of thousands of starving refugees, rendered homeless and destitute by the wanton destruction of their homes by the Japanese invaders. As in Detroit, so in China the demands of the starving workers for relief are met with bullets and clubs. The former populous proletarian district of Chapei lies a smoking, smoldering ruin, under whose battered walls are buried tens of thousands of Chinese workers and their babies.

Fear that the heroic resistance of the workers of Shanghai would serve further to develop the national revolutionary struggle throughout China, led to the betrayal of the Shanghai de-

fense. That betrayal was engineered by the United States and British consular agents at Shanghai, with the connivance of the Kuomintang counter-revolutionary scoundrels. Like the deliberate campaign of frightfulness carried out by the Japanese against the Chinese masses, the betrayal of Shanghai was aimed at crushing the resistance of the masses. It has failed of its purpose. The Chinese masses, furious at the betrayal, has met the new imperialist attacks with a tremendous upsurge of the revolutionary movement, with a rapid trend toward the proven revolutionary leadership of the Chinese Communist Party.

The imperialists are now more than ever alarmed. They see on every hand the rising revolutionary wave threatening to wipe out their privileged positions, their robbery and oppression of the Chinese masses. They see the influence and authority of their Kuomintang lackeys withering before the flaming fury of the Chinese masses. The imperialists are trembling in their boots at the spectacle of the toiling worker-peasant masses, and ever larger sections of the petty bourgeoisie, rallying to the Chinese Communist Party, to the powerful Chinese Soviet Republic and the victorious Red Armies operating in Central China.

While all the imperialist powers have huge fleets and military forces in China and are actively participating in the joint armed intervention against the Chinese Revolution, it is Japanese imperialism which is acting as the imperialist spearhead in the attack. Japanese imperialism is now sending its army and warships up the Yangtze Valley for a direct attack against the ever-expanding Chinese Soviet districts, against the heroic Chinese Red armies.

Japanese imperialism is at the same time moving with frantic haste to carry out its openly announced plans for an armed attack against the peaceful Soviet Union, against the victorious Five Year Plan and the successful Socialist Construction in workers' Russia. Japanese air bases have been constructed on the Manchurian frontier of the Soviet Union. The Tsarist White Guards in Manchuria are being mobil-

ized and armed by the Japanese. Imperialist press dispatches on March 7 reported a Japanese fleet off the Soviet port of Vladivostok. High Japanese officials have declared Japan's intention to seize the Far East region of the Soviet Union.

In its seizure of Manchuria, in its attack on the Chinese Revolution, in its bestial cruelties against the Chinese masses, Japanese imperialism is supported by the United States, British and French imperialists, by the League of Nations, and by the social-imperialists.

While the Japanese invasion of South China, threatening as it does the loot of the United States and British imperialists in that area, has tremendously sharpened the conflict of interests between the imperialist brigands, every effort is being made to confine to diplomatic channels this clash of interests, in order to maintain intact the anti-Soviet front. The imperialists are frantically striving to submerge their own differences in their common hatred of the Soviet Union.

The dying world of capitalism is seeking a way out of the crisis by war, a way out at the expense of the life blood of the toiling masses, at the expense of the tremendous achievements of the working-class in the Soviet Union and in Soviet China, a way out at the expense of increased misery and lowered living standards for the home workers, of intensified oppression for the colonial masses.

As part of their war preparations, the Wall Street imperialists have launched a terrific wave of terror against the Negro and white masses, against the struggles of the unemployed millions against starvation and for unemployment relief and social insurance. Workers demonstrating against hunger have been shot down by the Ford police at Detroit. All over the country, the bosses are launching a savage attack against the hungry, destitute white and Negro unemployed masses.

Negro and white workers! Halt boss terror! Smash the imperialist war plot! Stop the robber war against China! Stop the war provocations against the Soviet Union!