

# THE LEADING ROLE OF THE U. S. IN THE WAR ON THE SOVIET UNION

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**T**HE bloody fruits of the secret pact recently arrived at between Hoover and Laval are clearly seen in the war moves in Manchuria.

The new World War is on. The capitalist solution for the world economic crisis is another world slaughter at the expense of the colonial masses, at the expense of the Chinese People, and aimed at destroying the Soviet Union and lowering the standard of living of the workers in the imperialist countries. This was the purpose of the secret pact between Laval and Hoover. The fascist Italian Foreign Minister is now on his way to America to complete the final arrangements, to forge the last link in the plot against the world proletariat and their Socialist Fatherland. The German bourgeoisie have already been whipped into line by American and French imperialisms. The vassal states of France in Eastern Europe, Poland, Rumania, etc., are ready to pounce on the Soviet Union. The Russian Tzarists are being mobilized on both the western front where they have been sheltered for years under the protection of French imperialism, and in Manchuria where the Japanese imperialists are already openly speaking of capturing "Vladivostock and all Siberia west to Lake Baikal" with the aid of the Russian White Guards.

## Leading Role of U. S. Imperialists

The leading role of the United States in the war moves against the Soviet Union is clearly revealed. The United States had its Consul General rush to Tsitsihar to oversee the Japanese advance towards the Soviet frontier and to give credence to the Japanese lies of Soviet military aid to the Chinese militarist tools of Japan and the United States who are pretending resistance to the Japanese advance. The United States has sent a secret note to Japan, the contents of which are carefully guarded. The United States is selling huge quantities of war supplies to Japan. Japan has just bought 9,000 tons of nitro-glycerine from the United States.

United States troops have been called out in Tientsin to co-operate with the Japanese in their maneuvers to lay the basis for the extension of their military invasion to Central China. The United States has at least 735 soldiers in Tientsin. A dispatch from Washington admits that the United States have strong naval forces either in Chinese waters or nearby:

"Naval forces now in the Far East include 59 ships of the main Asiatic fleet, based in Manila, as well as the Yangtze River patrol...

"Forces off the Philippines include the new cruiser *Houston*, a flagship, 19 destroyers, 12 submarines, 3 mine-sweepers and 5 auxiliaries, such as submarine tenders and others. In addition there are two squadrons of airplanes.

"On the Yangtze River are 7 light gunboats. There are 4 other gunboats variously stationed off the China coast."

These are the forces the United States imperialists admit to be in Far Eastern waters. In

addition, there are American troops in many Chinese cities.

Significantly, too, the peace-time advance guard of American imperialism, the missionaries, have been instructed by United States Consul General George E. Hanson, to withdraw into Harbin.

## Plan New Division of World

American and French imperialisms are joined with Japanese imperialism in a war for a new division of the world, for the partition of China, for the destruction of the Soviet Union and its victorious socialist economy which has abolished unemployment and raised tremendously the living standards of the Russian workers while in the capitalist world millions of workers walk the streets and mass misery continues to increase. The American imperialists are also concerned about their trade with Japan. This is frankly pointed out by the *Detroit Mirror*, which gives figures comparing the United States imports to Japan with imports to China. The *Mirror* calls for an alignment with the best customer, Japan. It quotes the figures for 1929, exports to China, \$124,000,000; exports to Japan, \$260,000,000. It admits that the crisis has affected these exports, but declares the proportion still stands. It openly calls for the support of Japanese imperialism against the Chinese masses and the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union.

Other American capitalist papers are just as frank. They openly gloat over the prospects of pushing the Soviet Union into war. They openly declare their belief and wish that this would destroy the Five Year Plan.

## Try to Push Soviet Union Into War!

In the meantime, the Japanese army continues its advance toward the Soviet frontier, while the imperialists strive by every means, by the most brazen provocation, to push the Soviet Union into war.

Workers! Stop the bloody war moves of the bosses! Stop the new world slaughter! Raise the alarm in your unions, in your shops, everywhere! Adopt resolutions against the new imperialist war! Organize joint committees of workers against war, for the defense of yourselves and your families, for the defense of the achievements of socialist construction in the workers fatherland, the Soviet Union! Organize demonstrations on November 21 against the new world butchery! Fight against the capitalist Hunger Program! Demand all war funds for unemployed relief and social insurance! Support the National Hunger March to Washington! Defend the Chinese masses! Defend the Soviet Union!

The capitalist press on Monday reported that "persistent reports that Japan was inquiring for copper and zinc for use as war materials were circulated in Wall Street today."

The same reports declare that a shipment of 9,500 tons of nitrates, "often used in the manufacture of explosives," has just been made to Japan.