

Hughes' Fraud Against Soviet Recognition Is Big Boomerang to Enemies of Workers' Rule

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Secretary of State Hughes' false charges against the Soviet Government have proved a boomerang to the enemies of Russian recognition.

The charge made by Hughes that the Soviet government has sent instructions to the Workers Party to organize shooting and "sapper" squads met only ridicule and repudiation the country over.

One would have expected some local, second-class, small town district attorney to resort to such assinine "exposures" at this stage of the Russian-American relations. But the sentiment for Soviet recognition has grown by such leaps and bounds that Secretary of State Hughes, a sworn enemy of Soviet Russia, whose days in the cabinet are numbered, was driven to the lowest depths of desperation.

The latest foul attack on the Workers' and Peasants' Government has only served to intensify the campaign for Russian recognition. Prior to the broadcasting of the Hughes forgery there was only one resolution in the senate by Borah and one in the house by Congressman Frear on the Russian question. Now, at least a dozen resolutions on the problem of re-suming relations with the Soviet government have been introduced or are about to be introduced in the senate and house.

Millions of workers and farmers in this country are now in favor of trade relations with and recognition of the Soviet republic. President Coolidge has been forced to deal with this growing demand in his last message.

Instead of holding back this Russian recognition tide the Hughes frame-up, which is one of the most brazen lies in the history of diplomatic bluffs, has only brought chaos and confusion to the camp of the foes of Soviet Russia and given new zeal to the advocates of friendly Russian-American relations.

The Christian Science Monitor, one of the leading papers in the country, pointed out the confusion that has seized the anti-Russian clique in the following statement: "While inspired reports from Washington deny the existence of any difference of opinion between President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes regarding Russia, there is a marked divergence in thought manifested in the expressions of the President, as set forth in his message to Congress, and the views of the Secretary of State as expressed in his letter to George Tchitcherin."

Of course the big bankers that have forced Hughes to resort to such unwarranted and unwarrantable assertions may soon lay down the law and every ounce of energy at the disposal of the Administration may soon be put at the disposal of our discredited Secretary of State to save his face. But the progressive congressmen and senators appear to be pre-

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pared to go thru the whole Hughes fraud and fiasco.

Senators Norris, Borah and Ladd have already introduced resolutions to this effect. This has caught the reactionaries reeling. The department of justice is promising and threatening to substantiate the charges in exactly the same fashion that it has promised and threatened in the past four years whenever it released other "red scare" detective stories.

But the real panicky feeling of the administration about the plan for a Senate investigation is shown very clearly in the latest Washington despatch to the effect that "Officials of the Department of Justice, including Attorney General Daugherty himself, it is said, are reluctant to press the Hughes charges by further disclosures of alleged activities by the Soviets against the American government."

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held by a number of the President's intimate advisers, who feel that it would be unwise for more reasons than one to take up the program laid down by Hughes."

A Brazen Lie

The Soviet government lost no time in denouncing the Hughes letter as a piece of outright forgery. The Soviet government has expressed its readiness to have the dastardly

charges examined by an international court of arbitration.

The Communist International was quick to brand the Hughes outburst as another Sisson document.

The Workers Party has already shown the so-called instructions to be merely a frame-up. There is nothing that we would welcome more than a thorough investigation of the brazen lie hurled at us by panic-stricken enemies of the Soviet republic and their friends in the United States.

Senator Borah pointed out on the floor of the United States senate that the latest Hughes note was based upon "evidence collected by the department of justice that was at least three years old." He then went to show the ridiculous character of the monstrous allegations by the fact that there has not been a single arrest, conviction or imprisonment of any person, though the crimes attributed by the Hughes-Daugherty document clearly fall within the realm of treason and are punishable by capital punishment.

There is no doubt that Secretary of State Hughes, who is an experienced Standard Oil statesman, has had considerable experience in manhandling diplomatic documents and serving the interests of the big bankers and oil magnates. One need but recall the way Mr. Hughes recently used his office to transact a loan by American bankers to Salvador against the people of Salvador and in behalf of Wall Street.

Because of this oily reputation of Hughes, Senator Norris, of Nebraska, immediately demanded "that there be printed in the Congressional Record, in parallel columns, that part of President Coolidge's message dealing with the Russian situation and the note of rejection of overtures by the Soviet Foreign Minister Tchitcherin dispatched by Secretary Hughes on Tuesday." In authoritative circles in Washington it is said that Hughes has not dared publish in full the Tchitcherin reply to the Coolidge message. In his brilliant speech on the Hughes fraud, Norris further said that "in the history of diplomatic correspondence from the dawn of civilization down to this day there never has been so blunt a letter. It avoids even all pretense of courtesy." The senator from Nebraska characterized the whole Hughes forgery as "foolish on its face" and "the dream of some unscrupulous detective who knew just what was expected of him."

Big Bankers Behind Hughes Forgery.
It is common knowledge amongst those who are acquainted with Washington affairs that the Tchitcherin reply met the Coolidge message more than half way. But several big bankers immediately served notice on the administration not to go any further in the Russian negotiations.

The fact that "Hell-and-Maria" was to be appointed the head of the Reparations Commission to look into Germany's capacity to pay was known several days in advance to Wall Street. The bankers felt that this was a tremendous advantage to them in their campaign to turn Europe into

a Silesia colony of the American imperialists. Under these circumstances they became more arrogant and decided to go the limit against Russia with the hope of driving a better bargain at some future date.

On the same day that the Hughes forgery was conceived there was announced the organization of a special committee of the most powerful bankers in the country to protect the interests of the holders of the \$50,000,000 Czarist War Loan Certificates of 1916. Among the leading lights of the Bankers' Committee are Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York; Harold Stanley, of the Guarantee Company of New York, and Albert H. Wiggin, of the Chase National Bank. These are the three biggest banks in the United States. Directors of these banks were very well represented in the list of bankers who joined Gompers in the appeal of the National Civic Federation against the recognition of the Soviet republic.

How serious the pressure from this source is to the administration becomes obvious when one learns that Thomas Cochran, of J. P. Morgan & Co., and one partner of Lee, Higginson & Co., big Boston investment bankers, are also members of this committee. With the announcement of the organization of this Bankers' Committee came the special declaration from the president of the National City Bank that "any adjustment of this debt can probably be made to the best advantage thru the department (State Department) and the committee. It is self-evident that with severe pressure being brought on the administration by J. P. Morgan & Co. and Boston bankers, the State Department can be expected to stoop even to the foulest and most outrageous attempts in order to force the Russian workers' and peasants' republic to pay the international finance Shylock's pound of flesh.

Attack on Communist International

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Cleveland, Ohio. — Comrade M. Gomez, well-known authority on Mexico, will address the Cleveland open forum Sunday, Dec. 30, 8 p. m., at Labor Temple, 2536 Euclid Ave. Subject: "Mexico and the American Empire."

The open forum is held regularly every Sunday evening. Jan. 6th the open forum will be addressed by Robert Minor, editor of Liberator, on the subject, "Who Are the Reds?" Speakers for other dates will be announced in next week's issue of "The Worker."

fraternally affiliated with the Communist International. The Communist International is today the most powerful constructive force in the world. The Communist International alone is responsible for preventing another and more terrible world war. In France the followers of the Communist International have stayed the bloody hand of the militarist Poincare. In Germany the Communists alone have prevented the restoration of a military monarchy. In England the Communists have the greatest following amongst the miners, who are the backbone of the Labor Party which has checked the war plans of the British imperialists.

And in the United States, the Communists, the Workers Party, are not organizing shooting squads but are engaged in building up the political and economic organizations of the workers and farmers in order to make it impossible for our own capitalist imperialists to plunge the country into a new blood bath.

When the Standard Oil Trust Secretary of State Hughes insinuated that the Communist International and the Soviet government were the same organization he lied and he knew he lied. More than that he knew that nobody would take this ridiculous contention of his seriously. Senator Borah made it very clear the other day in the first debate on the Hughes concoction, that there are at least 56 nationalities represented in the membership of the Communist International.

Can't Stop Russian Recognition.

But not even these financial bowlders can block the success of the Russian recognition movement. At most, even these powerful interests can only delay American recognition of the Soviet republic.

The workers and farmers, by the millions, want the United States to recognize Soviet Russia. Such tactics as those employed by Hughes and Daugherty will not halt the drive for the restoration of friendly relations between the United States and the Russian Soviet government. The friends of the Soviet republic should thank Hughes for his infamous attack on Soviet Russia. The stupid and fraudulent statement on "shooting groups and sapper practice" has made it certain that there will be a fight to the finish on the Russian question in congress. Had Hughes not come out with his frantic denunciation, the reactionaries would have easily succeeded in their original plan to sidetrack the whole issue. Today this can no longer be done. The Russians must now be faced and faced openly. The panic and despair which have overcome the enemies of Soviet Russia offer the best proof that the day of American recognition of the Soviet republic is close at hand.

We ought to be more afraid of wronging than of being wronged, and the prime business of every man is, not to seem good but to be good, in all his public and private dealings. — Socrates.

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