

The Next War

1. How It Is Being Prepared

Twelve years after the "war to end all war" the leading nations of the world are spending \$4,500,000,000 annually on the preparation of the next war. After all the "disarmament" conferences and "disarmament" agreements, the "Locarnos" and the Kellogg Pacts, the imperialist powers are spending 200 to 225 million dollars more per year than they spent in 1913 when they were preparing to enter the late world war. All this in spite of the enforced reduction of armaments in Germany, Austria, Hungary etc. as a result of the restrictions placed upon these countries by the Versailles Treaty.

ized nations of the world."

The same message admits that the American army, navy and military budget have been mounting steadily since 1924. (Till 1924 it dropped steadily from its maximum in 1918, because of the gradual liquidation of the war time apparatus and expenditures of the world war). His message admits further that the army is three times as large today as it was in 1914, and that the expenditure for national defense purposes "has multiplied three times in the same period and that "programs now authorized will carry it to still larger figures in future years."

which there will be no non-combatants—no difference between the front and the rear.

That is something of what the figures say. Only figures, but the figures are eloquent. The millions and billions translate themselves into marching men, into belching guns, into 800-ton tanks (800 tons is 1,600,000 pounds!), into bombing planes, into screaming shells, into a thousand different death-dealing chemicals, into clouds of suffocating smokes, into laughing, blistering, coughing, itching, sneezing, choking, vomiting, tear and death-dealing gases, mangled bodies, starving children, wasted cities, ruined regions, scientifically spread pestilences, incalculable misery, famine, destruction and death. . . .

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In the coming articles Comrade Wolfe will discuss the causes that are bringing on the next war, the meaning of the "disarmament conferences," what the war will be like and what weapons will be used in it, the meaning of the various proposals to prevent its coming, to stop it after it gets started and to abolish war altogether, and what those who will bear the burden, the workers and the toiling masses, should do about it.

The practice of quoting from "respectable" authorities will be continued through-

Mother Jones 100 yrs. Old

May Day 1930 will mark one hundredth birthday of Mother Jones, the veteran American labor fighter. The long tradition of Mother Jones in the labor movement, the splendid part she played in many an historical struggle in the mining industry, has rendered Mother Jones dear to the working class of this country in spite of the fact that she has not been able to see thru the treacherous role of the Greens, the Lewises and the Wolls and the other reactionary labor barocrats.

Celebrations are being arranged by the American Federation of Labor in a number of leading cities in honor of Mother Jones' birthday. She will not be able to attend any of them but she expects to send a radio message to her fellow workers all over the country.

out, so that even the least conscious worker can be convinced and aroused to see the danger of the situation and what he must do in the matter. Order a batch of extra copies of this issue for your fellow-workers, neighbors, relatives and friends. Get subs, sell, and if necessary give away copies, and talk over this revealing series of articles with your fellow-workers. In the next article Comrade Wolfe will write on THE CAUSES OF THE NEXT WAR.

A RETROSPECT

May Day a Year Ago

By Bert Miller

On May Day last year the following cable was sent to the Soviet Union in behalf of the May Day Labor Conference of Unions and Fraternal Organizations and the Communist Party (New York District):

"Between forty and fifty thousand workers participated in New York's May Day demonstration. Twenty-five thousand paraded despite rain, auspices the Communist Party, supported by many unions, southern textile strikers, Negro organizations."

This was the first May Day parade in New York since 1916.

Among the organizations participating were: Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, National Textile Workers Union, Independent Shoe Workers Union, Millinery Workers Local 43, Window Cleaners Union, Bakers Local 164 (AFW), Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers Union, Progressive Bakery Workers Club, Marine Workers Progressive League, Grocery Clerks Union, Cooks and Broilers Local 719, various sections of the TU EL, United Council of Workingclass Women, Ukrainian Labor Club, Williamsburg Workers Club, Anti-Fascist Alliance, Labor Sports Union, United Workers Cooperative, Unity Cooperative, Workmens Circle Branches 472, 225, 324, 637, 254, 564, 608, 325, 245, 187, 322, 673, Independent Workmens Circle Branches 5, 54, 116, American Negro Labor Congress, Brooklyn Finnish Workers Association, Armenian Workers Club, Harlem Progressive Youth Club, Brooklyn Scandinavian Workers Club, Anti-Imperialist League, Freiheit Gesangs Verein, Pro-

leteos, Swedish Workers Club, and the various sections of the Party and the League. These organizations were headed by four brass bands, one of which was a Negro band, marching from Union Square down Fourth Avenue thru Astor Place up University Place back to Union Square—thru the heart of the factory district.

The success of the demonstration was due largely to the fact that the Party had previously won considerable influence and prestige thru its leadership of the strike in Gastonia, the shoe workers strike, and the brilliant struggle of the cafeteria workers. In a strike chart published in the *Daily Worker*, on May 6, 1929 for April 1 to 15 54 strikes are shown as led by the left wing unions as against 25 led by the AFL. Out of 24 shoe strikes, the Independent Shoe Workers Union registered 16 strikes won. The National Textile Workers Union led 21,172 textile workers during this period, in 10 strikes as against 6 strikes led by the UTW.

Every militant worker, every honest left winger, every supporter of the Communist movement should compare May 1, 1929 with May 1, 1930. The tragic losses which the left wing and revolutionary movement has sustained due to the present incorrect policies and tactics of the Party leadership, must be immediately checked, the wrong line must be corrected, those responsible for the tremendous injury to our movement must be swept out, and the Party and the left wing must be reestablished on the line of Leninism, on the line which made the Party "the stalwart leader of stubborn class battles."

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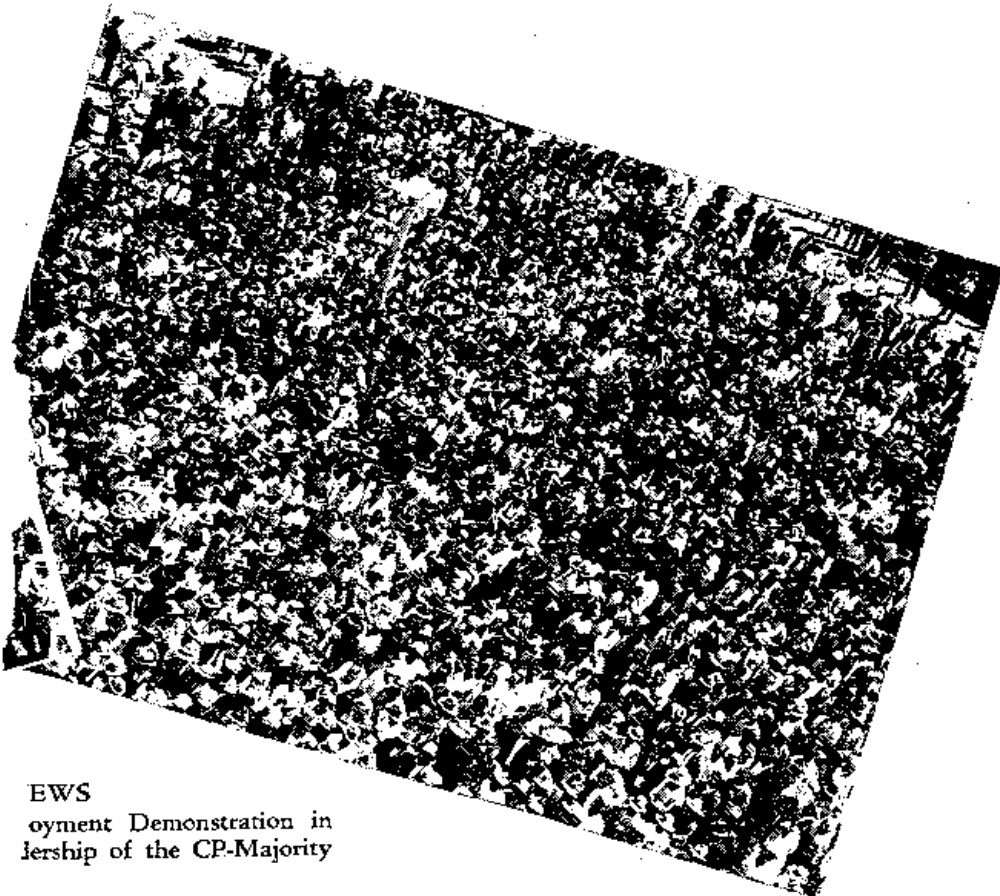
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The present military budget of Great Britain exceeds that of 1912 by a half billion. According to the *British Economist*, the British Isles are spending \$570,000,000 a year on military and naval expenditures to prepare their army and navy for a "warless world." The *Economist* conveniently forgets to include in the total the war expenditures of Canada, Australia etc. which bring the annual war investment of the British Empire up to \$836,500,000.

Staggering as that figure is, the United States, "the Pacifist among the nations," spends still more. Its last annual appropriation for the development and upkeep of the army and navy was \$879,000,000. England spends 70% of its total budget for war preparations. France spends the same proportion. The United States spends 80%!

The more actively a country prepares for war, the more its statesmen talk peace. The United States, which manufactures the most peace talk, also manufactures the most war chemicals, the most munitions and is making the biggest expenditures on war of any nation in the world.

The Most Highly Militarized Nation

Here are President Hoover's own words on the subject, from his public declaration of January 16, 1929, on the eve of the proclamation of the Kellogg Pact:

"The American people should understand that current expenditures on strictly military activities of the army and navy constitutes the largest military budget of any nation in the world today. . . ."

And what is the situation a year later, after a year of the "operation" of the Kellogg Pact which "forever renounced war as an instrument of national policy?" At the end of the year, in his message of December 4, 1929, President Hoover declared:

"The total of our expenditures is in excess of those of the most highly militar-

The comparative figures given by the *British Economist* and reprinted without disagreement by the *New York Times* (figures all taken from official government statistics), the war budget of the United States of America is 20% of the total war budget of the entire world! In other words, one dollar out of every five spent anywhere in the world for military and naval purposes, is spent by our own hypocritical government which mouths pacifist phrases while it rushes full speed ahead in the preparation of the next war and makes expenditures "in excess of those of the most highly militarized nations of the world." In short, this country is headlong towards the next world war under the smoke-screen of peace pacts, fake disarmament conferences and diplomatic maneuvers.

What the Figures Mean

What do all these figures mean? They run into millions, and it is hard for the ordinary man or woman to think in terms of millions. We have quoted them only from the most "respectable" authorities such as Hoover, the *New York Times*, the *Economist*, and Government documents, so that no reader can possibly convince himself that they are exaggerated or mere alarmist talk. The facts speak louder than all the pacifist phrases with which the Government seeks to conceal them. They cry out, so that every child can understand their import. Only figures, but the figures are eloquent.

A new world war is being prepared, they cry. Imperialism is preparing to drive its millions into a universal slaughter house once more. Talking peace to throw the masses of their guard, and preparing war. Each giant imperialist power preparing war. Each giant imperialist power lispng sweet phrases of peace. Each going full speed ahead. Each spending more than in 1914. Each preparing a "better and bigger", a more fiendish and destructive, a huger and more "scientific" war. A war in which "There will be no neutrals." A war in