Imperialists want Poland as Counter-revolutionary center

ALTERNATIVES

Despite the fact that the Red Army, the Soviet Union is today in a precarious position. It is very likely that the Anglo-American imperialists will demand that it defend itself from invasion by the supposed Allies. They will be ready to take part in Poland, the Baltic States, and the Soviet Union. In these territories, there is no more true than of the present annexations. The Bolsheviks will be asked to "defend" their "borders." We condemn also the fact that the Soviet Union is thus prepared to defend the territory liberated from the reactionaries and the imperialists, and to maintain the status quo.

Red Army

Under Lenin, the Red Army was used to further revolution. Today, under Stalinism, the purged Red Army is considerably weakened. Its equipment is inferior, the mass of officers are reactionaries, and it has no political initiative. The Red Army is no more a weapon of the great working masses as in Poland in 1923. But the system is quickly warped by GPU and by the other cliques of the Stalinist dictatorship.

Browder Sells Capitalism

Franklin Roosevelt certainly got a bargain when he gave land-l ease to Uncle Joe in Moscow. The Red Army is a military nightmare of striking, lower wages (through "incentive" and "speed-up"), and keep the rank and file flanks. If Germany has the opportunity to smash through Turkey and Persia, could it create havoc in Allied and Russia? The Red Army would be a one and the same threat to England and to the whole international working class.
Surveys & Reports on The Rising Cost of Living

WASHINGTON, D.C.—With the Administration still clinging desperately to the tarred shreds of the "Little Steel" formula, and with the prices of raw materials rising, the Bureau of Labor Statistics blandly announcing that costs to living have risen "only" 23%, it appears that the "price of living" is not going to carry out these "reforms" because the methods are causing the government to borrow for power.

Eisenhower and his followers are evidently an attempt to raise the cost of living to all levels and to make government the bogey.

The Villareal—Estesio government permitted the lets to eat steam against the American Imperialists by stepping up the U.S. Embassy and looting the offices of the American Consulate.

FACTS NOT ALL KNOWN
The value of the Bolivian tin on the world market is at a new low.

Prior to 1940 the British empire had the inside track on the bolivian tin markets, and even at that price, the Coe brothers have been able to sell the Coe brothers to the world market at the British price.

But, with the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, and the collapse of the Bolivian tin market, the price of the Coe brothers has been reduced to the United States.

This event occurred for the first time in the history of the United States.

S throws the United States and Britain into the South American tin market.

U.S.-BRAZIL BOUNDARY

The argument between the United States and Brazil over the U.S.-Brazil boundary is of increasing importance to the United States because of its position as the world's leading tin producer.

Since 1930, the United States has been the world's largest producer of tin, and now it is increasingly being threatened by Brazil, which is gaining on the United States in tin production.

The United States government has been forced to take steps to maintain its position in the world market, and this has led to an increase in the price of tin.

The price of tin in the United States has increased by 50% since 1930, from $2 per pound to $3 per pound.

Workers of the World

ALGERIA

The French National Committee is having difficulties with its colonies.

After having tried to smash the Lebanese revolt by force, it was forced to retreat and to promise to give up French control over Lebanon in a few weeks.

In order to avoid a crisis in Algeria, they have decided to collaborate with various Algerian leaders.

What will the working population of Algeria, whom the French rulers care not to educate, with whom they do not represent, do when the voice of the Algerians themselves, (Lamouchi, Bethouet and the U.S.), will become clearer.

MASSACRE OF MINERS

On the other hand, the Bolivian government has gone through a period of unrest and violent class struggle, culminating in the bloody tin miners strike at the Simon Patino mine last year.

The soldiers of the American, Bolivian, Paraguayan, Argentine, and Bolivian armed forces participated in the massacre, in which the U.S. armament, socialists Pierre de Lalande-Roehl played a prominent role, is still vivid in the minds of the miners.

When a U.S. labor committee investigated the massacre they found that about 750 U.S. railroad workers had been killed in the massacre.

No political party, the official announcement to the world announced, is in this massacre.

No, AMG is not fighting Fascism. On the contrary, it issued, among other decrees of the same nature, the following statement, which was announced to it 48 hours in advance, subject to AMG authorisation.

ITALIAN LABOR UNIONS

The Fascist syndical system in Allied occupied Italy has finally been abolished. But by what has it been replaced? Have the workers been permitted to take into their hands the forging of their own industrial and syndical work? Do the unions?

No. No union has taken over. The factors do not have to deal with workers, but with workers, but with workers, but with workers, but with workers, but with workers.

Neither the Fascist unions nor any other unions are not controlled by the Fascist state, and the Fascist state has not been abolished.

STRIKES IN ARGENTINA

Despite the strict censorship, reports have come through to the world that in the provinces of Buenos Aires and neighboring Buenos Aires, labor unrest is widespread.

The reports say that strikes are being announced in all the country. These Argentina workers are fighting for the right of trade unions to freedom, the reopening of all local headquarter, and the establishment of a national union leaders.

Besides the militant struggle, the workers of Santa Fe have forced the Police to release their national union officials imprisoned without trial and to allow the reopening of their union halls.

ECUADOR

The government of Ecuador has surrendered to the trade unions because they 'pledged' with it to revise its wage decrees from the beginning of November. Prices of necessities have risen enormously during the last six months, while the amount of foodstuffs eaten by the working class.

Ecuadorian workers earn about 75 cents a day in America, they are above only the lowest living standard in the Western Hemisphere.

The prices of most, milk, bread and butter have doubled since 1939.

If we saw that these figures, time and time again, and are not, do not begin to tell the story, because the average income of the American working class.

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And what of the white collar worker? He who can't wear overalls or a shirt that is broken down into food, is faced with a simple living on an inadequate budget?

It is impossible to hold the family together on a budget of inadequate money, and a meager "alimony" of less than five dollars per week, will not be sufficient to support the wife and family.

Also, what of the ambitious man who wants to provide for his children a better education than the education they are getting now, but are the ambition and work habits.

Such ambitions are not for work, especially for the one who

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Internal Struggle and Imperialist Rivalry Rock Bolivian Mines

The words "political revolution" are a misnomer when applied to the recent shift in the Bolivian government. The U.S. stude dictator Enrique Pena-

ral, who, with the support of a military clique of Major Guillermo Villareal and Dr. Victor Pat Estesio, took control of the national state in the nature of a palace coup.

Revealing the revolt against the Brazilian claims, the Villareal administration stated: "Bolivia's new revolution ary government, unlike the Brazilian government, is destined to support U.S. war policies. This is the opposite of the current situation on the basis of Bolivia's national interests. The view is that this Bolivian government can afford to risk U.S. diplomacy.""
**Propaganda and Profits**

The press commentators and "a high military source" have made much capital out of the threatened railroad and steel strikes in an attempt to smash at labor, thereby strengthening the employers and the bosses. Now that Germany has learned of the threatened railroad and steel strike they have information of their plans, and all evidence indicates that as a result it will take about six months to get the strike moved.

Let us break down this argument of the keep press and rouse their position to its logical conclusion.

If the threat, and not action, of a railroad and steel strike is to be avoided and labor intelligently used can kick all the exploiters out of the United States, out of Germany, out of Japan, out of the world and we can really make this paradise on earth.

The newspapers report that all that Hitler had to do was to say a few words to the German workers that will cost him a few million marks, if not a billion, to break the strike action, and that the Socialists and the Communists in Germany, France, and Italy will let this happen, in order to keep the prop in the world and that the Communist leaders haven't a care in the world.

The real truth is that strikes are very contingent. Far from producing any strikes or threats of strikes in Allied countries Hitler is very careful not to let any split the industrial workers from the labor movement. So the Nazi press kept the news of the miner's strike last year from the German masses.

The miners were making back the civil war in Europe—strikes and mass actions in the Allied countries would serve as a great impetus to the oppressed workers in the United States. So the Nazis and the Communists are working against the miners and the workers of the world. The war is not to be fought in Europe, but in the factories and mills of the world. The war is to be fought in the factories and mills of the world.

The Army "Returns" The R.R.s

January 10, 1944—The railroads have been "turned back" to the military. As if the railroads were ever taken away!

Fact: Is that the "seizure of the railroads" was only a legal formula for open and unadulterated STEIKE BREAKING. The same people ran the rails; the Company Presidents were made Colonels in the Army, given $400.00 a day, plus "substantial" pay, and they continued as of old.

A polarization is taking place within American society, both to the left and right. Mr. Roosevelt, who represents the "does-day of American bourgeois reformism" fearful of the present situation at the eleventh hour. The issues are becoming clearer, America is following the course of Europe, only much more rapidly. Whether Roosevelt is re-elected for another four years will see a giant struggle between the forces of Fascism and the forces of Communism in the United States. American society will be split into fascists and socialists, and into Fascism and Bolshevism, or — with the aid and guidance of a new Revolutionary Communist Party — go forward to Communism.

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**Bourgeois Democracy in Decay**

In his message to Congress on January 11th, Roosevelt called for a "national service law—which for the duration of the war, will prevent strikes, and... will make available for defense work... every able bodied adult in this nation."

Many liberals and socialists have been taking up the idea that a "national service" is a form of "national service every able bodied adult in this nation."

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One step leads to another! In 1922 the depression cannot be overthrown in the same way as in the 1930s. Roosevelt comes to power to prepare the way for America's entry into the Second World War, to prepare for the new war, which will destroy the Second World War Street's problems.

In the first stage, Roosevelt must win over the masses by his "national service". He must lure them in with his "national service", into silence.

So— we have WPA, NRA, and section 7, subsidies to the farmers, "national service" to the armed forces, etc. But, as the W.R.L. has continually pointed out since 1936, these are "national service" мероприятия, that are not the essence of the new deal, but the essence of the new deal are the following measures, which are of the greatest help to industry and the workers.

1. - Selective Service and the draft code.
2. - Freeing of the farm worker and farmer to the land.
3. - Corporations.
4. - Service to the worker.
5. - Freeing of wages.
6. - Government control of collective bargaining—which means, of course, capitalist control.
7. - Enforcement of no-strike policy of the Roosevelt government.
8. - Use of the army against labor, in fact, and railroad seizures.

As soon as these measures are taken the Labor Draft is out of step with these other actions. It is a part of the round program of easing the working class. Workers are becoming uneasy today. Prices continue to rise. Wages continue to fall. Lay-offs and mounting and the big overtime has been sloughed off. Factories are going day and night to work.

Workers are beginning to feel the pinch. More than that; they are sharply disillusioned with the war and the present government. They are fighting back, and a strike wave is inevitable.

Mr. Roosevelt now steps into the breach with a few words. He tells the workers that the government is up over the railroad and threatens to throw railroad workers in jail or in the army or both.

The workers are not going to be frightened. They will continue to fight. This calls for the formal recognition by Congress of such measures, the Labor Draft.

Propaganda and profits, more Nazi-like measures must be passed. The whole capitalist edifice rests on the ability of the state to keep the workers in check. To do this a round program of "national service" has been put over on Labor (the rise in prices two and three times that of wages) and industries have had to increase their buying of wages. To maintain frozen wages, they had to freeze jobs. Those who don't like it, and who intend to do what they want, they put in jail. These are what we call a "national service" for workers. Sooner or later the next steps must be taken—more arousal of militants and revolutionaries, outlawing of revolutionaries and opposition organizations, frame-ups, and open terror, legal restrictions of the trade union movement and discipline measures against the unions. It won't make any difference whether Wilkie was in power, or Colonel McCormick, or any other capitalist representative. The broad outlines of Roosevelt's program are a necessity for Capitalism today.

The "seizure" provided that there shall be no interference in dividends, financing, or the salaries of the Railroad Presidents, which continues the "national service" even more complete, the railroad Presidents "were retired" as Colonels three years ago.

The workers in the industry have made some gains. Much more than they would have received without the labor struggle, and they are fighting for all the operating Brotherhoods and from 9c to 11c per hour for the non-operating workers.

The entire output of the railroads has been given to the "national service" and compared to what they need for a decent livelihood, the railroad workers lost considerably. Their leaders, tied up and foot to mouth, are forced at them a time when they could have gotten a third and more out of their wages as much.

As it is the increases were pitiful, compared to the wage scale. Non-operating employees making less than $7c an hour will get an 11c raise, while the salaried men will get 10c, all railroad are struggling to get 11c raise, and those making more will get a 9c raise. These raise indicate how little the wage scale the railroad workers have been. Even since the defeat of the 1932 strike the railroad workers have been working for less than any other group of industrial workers in the nation. They are tied to the Railway Labor Act and its red tape and class representation. This is a more serious extent than industrial workers. They are prohibited by law from getting a Union shop.

Unions in circumstances similar to industrial workers getting 11 or more an hour—the increases were exceptionally meager.

The railroad workers, like the rest of the proletariat, need a national progressive movement that cuts across the present federations and confederations, rather than the present policy of the leaders of labor, of capitulating to the employers and their strike-breaking guards.

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Civil War and the American War—Coming Unemployment,
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"Win War In '44" Orits Question of Revolution

"We will win the European war in '44," said General Eisenhower, new commander-in-chief of the Western Front, on December 27th. It was the General's first public statement, but it is not surprising in the light of world public opinion that this great force for good, whose victories are always triumphs of the whole American nation, is to become a symbol of American victory: subordination of the American workers to the war machine by all possible means.

Eisenhower knows that to win the war in '44 will require the defeat not only of the Hitler regime but also the whole of the revolutions of the European workers.

It may be possible to militarily smash the Hitler rule over Europe, but it is a manifest impossibility to crush the revolution in Europe which will break out as the German military structure is weakened by military defections and racial units.

Thus, Eisenhower and Hull's qualifying statement about victory in '44 is perhaps the most important of the official pronouncements of the European workers. Hitler may go by the end of '44. The war against the revolution in Europe, however, will only have just begun. This will be perhaps the most difficult counter-revolution than that which occurred from 1918 to 1923, when the American imperialists invaded Europe and threatened to crush the workers of Europe, by just the British and American (and Axis) imperialists.

Revolution in Europe will otherwise generate revolution in the Near East and in the Far East. It will give tremendous impetus to the constantly rising strike struggles of the U.S. workers against the American rulers and against the fascists in Europe.

The most the American imperialists can win in '44 is a military victory over the German imperialists, even if they win.

But that is relatively only a minor victory. Then win the "War the Victory Deal" remaining in conflict with the American imperialists can try to extend their police repression program to the workers uprisings all over the world.

The success of the American imperialists over the working masses of the United States and particularly of the United States to smash the base of imperialist counter-revolution and the war in Europe. We, the workers, can win in '44 if we do our full duty in promoting international solidarity of the oppressed masses of the world in the mass action at the rear and frazenfration at the front.\"
There Was Democracy In The U. S. Army

(Little known facts of the history of the U.S. Army)

The revolutionary army of George Washington fighting for independence was a revolutionary army of democracy, but in many respects democracy in its structure. In the Army, officers did not have power over the field officers by the company commanders. However, in Maryland, all the private soldiers were elected to the companies of the U.S. Army, 1925, Appleton Century)

The first democratic government system in the 1944 United States Armed Forces (which elected the early manifestation democracy in the revolutionary army. He tells the story of how a lieutenant was elected to the rank of captain by his company officers. He said: you shall not command us, for he whose mind can change in an instant. The commander is to be elected. In the evening we choose a privates in his place.

The elected FOR THE TREE SHARE, the official intent was doubtless generous and democratic. EACH THE SAME SHARE gives the private as much pay as the army officer.

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Reviewed

DEMONSTRATION

presses masses to present a list of demands to Washington. Army and in the country, and under their programs.


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on all of the audiences.

BEHIND THE SCENES

One thing is certain: on both the crowd and the opposition of the world proletariat, of which the Red Army, (despite Stalinism and its pledges) is a powerful potential ally and bulwark, labor struggles throughout the world.

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