

A World War in the Making

Anti-Imperialist War Committees in Plants, Ships, Docks and Mines Must Keep Up Daily Fight Against War Plans

Notwithstanding the loud talk of resistance on the part of the Nanking government and the Northern war-lord, Chang Hsueh-liang, the Japanese imperialists took Jehol in record time. The latter are now demanding a demilitarized zone along the Great Wall in North China. Foreign Minister Uchida again warned that future Chinese movements would make China entirely responsible for whatever further military action Japan deemed necessary. These "warnings" have always preceded the extension of Japan's military actions. Reports are that Japanese bombings already took place within sight of Peking.

Reports from several sources state that Japanese imperialism plans to establish a Mongolian "independent" state in the same way she established "Manchukuo," this state to include Outer Mongolia, where a People's Republic exists.

Provocations Against USSR

At the same time, provocations against the Soviet Union continue. During the recent military "celebrations" in Japan, prominent Japanese industrial leaders told the "Universal Press" service that "Japan was prepared to take Vladivostok and all of Siberia if the Soviet Republic should draw a single sword."

A Japanese resident of Kamchatka (part of the USSR), confessed that he and others set fire to the buildings of the Soviet Civic Aviation Fleet on instructions from Japanese sources. Other important structures were also to be destroyed.

Although the contradictions have been acute between the U.S.A. and Japan, nevertheless, the U.S.A. has done its share in arming the Japanese robbers. Over \$100,000,000 worth of materials used in the manufacture of munitions has been bought in America by the Japanese in 1932 alone. In addition, Japan was the largest purchaser, in America, of aeroplane parts in 1932.

Soldiers in U. S. Trucks

An Associated Press dispatch of February 27th stated: The Japanese column en route to the front in the central part of Jehol . . . forms a three-mile-long cavalcade of American-made trucks which carry thousands of Japanese infantrymen." It is not enough to say that capitalists sell wherever a profit can be made. Consideration must be given to the U.S.A. imperialism's policy of trying to force the Japanese imperialists to attack the USSR, the class enemy of all imperialists, and also to weaken Japan so that America can dictate terms as to the looting of China.

Sabotage By Reformists

With world imperialism sounding the war gongs, the leaders of the Social Democratic parties and reformist trade unions are trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the workers by saying the war danger and possibility of an attack on the USSR is only the propaganda of the Reds. They persecuted those of their members who participated in the recent World Anti-War Congress held in Amsterdam.

The entire situation creates a great danger in that the imperialist powers will try (if they have not agreed already) to ease the contradictions, and

even bridge them temporarily, among themselves at the expense of the toiling masses of the Soviet Union and China. The danger of a joint imperialist attack against the USSR and China, especially its Soviet districts, is an immediate one.

Raise Cry of Danger

Not a moment must be lost by the fighters against imperialist oppression, the defenders of the Chinese people and the Soviet Union. We must raise the cry of the danger everywhere. The Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat calls upon its millions of adherents and supporters as well as upon all toiling masses to rally under the banner of: Defend

the Chinese People! All troops and warships must be withdrawn from China, Manchuria, Jehol! Hands off the Soviet Union! Stop the onrushing world slaughter! Down with the war-mongers and all their supporters!

To be effective in this fight elect Anti-Imperialist War Committees everywhere, especially in the factories, mines, on the ships and docks. Organize to stop the manufacture and transport of munitions and troops. Demand that the military budgets be used to aid the millions of starving unemployed and the impoverished peasants and poor farmers.

American Bureau, Pan Pacific Secretariat.

FRIENDS OF SOVIET UNION POINT TO NEW WAR PLOTS AGAINST USSR

Call All Workers to Rally to Defense and Get Million Signatures for Recognition

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The Friends of the Soviet Union has frequently called attention to the danger of war threatening the Soviet Union. It was clear to us that the imperialist powers would never reconcile themselves to the permanent denial to them of the opportunity to plunder the rich natural resources of the vast area of the Soviet Union, and to exercise colonial domination over its 160 million people. We knew also that the great capitalist nations would not willingly permit proof of the advantage to the working masses offered by a planned economy and a classless society.

Danger Grows

In recent weeks the war danger looms greater than ever. In the plan of the Japanese militarists the attack upon the Soviet Far East is to follow the conquest of Manchuria and Jehol. The British Tory Government, headed by Ramsay MacDonald, after signing the Ottawa agreements denounced the trade treaty with the Soviet Government. During the last few days it has dared to demand of the Soviet Government that it free without trial British subjects charged with conspiracy to damage Socialist construction. Upon the dignified refusal of the Soviet Government to comply, it suspended negotiations for a new treaty.

A few weeks ago Roumania, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia concluded a treaty virtually making those three countries one with respect to foreign and military affairs. Alliances which these countries have with Poland, make them all a formidable force ready to pounce upon the Soviet Union at the first opportunity.

Hitler Menaces

The brutal Hitler regime in Germany, which is killing and torturing the best fighters in the working class movement, has already insulted the Soviet Government and humiliated Soviet citizens. It is attempting to destroy not only the workers' organizations which are pledged to the

defense of the Soviet Union, but has raided and closed the office of the International Bureau of the Friends of the Soviet Union and has jailed Dr. Walter Stoecker, a leading member of the International Committee. The German section of the F.S.U. suffered likewise.

In such a situation the Friends of the Soviet Union calls upon all genuine friends of the Soviet Union to recognize the danger not only to the Soviet Union, but to the American labor movement.

The Friends of the Soviet Union calls upon all such forces, particularly trade unions, the Socialist Party and all other workers' and farmers' organizations, as well as the individual members of such organizations, to rally around it.

The Friends of the Soviet Union is now engaged in a campaign for the recognition of the Soviet Government. One of its activities in connection with this campaign is the collection by May First of a million signatures to its recognition petition. It invites all friendly organizations and individuals to write for petitions and help collect a minimum of a million signatures.

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