

Soviet Districts in China Grow in Power

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"WE MUST ourselves take up the fight against the Communists."

With this brazen declaration the imperialist press in China greets the complete collapse of the fourth "Communist Suppression" campaign—the fourth major attempt of the Nanking butchers to re-enslave the emancipated toiling masses in the Soviet Districts of China.

This is the policy of bloody intervention of all the imperialist bandits against the Chinese Revolution. This policy of armed interference in Chinese affairs, of looting and partitioning of China has been translated into action by Japan in her invasion and seizure of Manchuria. It is being carried out by the United States, England and France in their naval intervention at Amoy against the victorious 12th Chinese Red Army in Fukien Province. This is the policy voiced by the guns of the U. S. gunboat "Oahu" when on June 8th it attacked, near Taipantze (1,000 miles up China's Yangtze River!) a body of 2,000 rebellious Nanking troops who were marching to join the workers and peasants Red Armies fighting for the emancipation of China.

Growth of the Soviet Districts

The accompanying map shows the tremendous growth of the Chinese Soviet Districts. During the past six months these districts have grown greatly in territory and power as a result of the sweeping victories of the heroic Chinese Red Armies and the upsurge of the agrarian revolution in an ever increasing number of Kuomintang districts.

While the Chinese Soviet Districts are not yet a continuous geographic unit, it is clear that the intervening territories are being rapidly freed of the blight of Kuomintang domination. Already these intervening territories have been cut down to narrow corridors. Even before the overwhelming Armies in Anhwei Province, Soviet administrations existed in 167 hsien or districts distributed over eight provinces. In these districts, the conditions of the masses are being gradually improved. The land of the big landowners has been confiscated and distributed among the poorer peasants. The illegal taxes carried over from the old feudal-militarist regime have been abolished, together with usurious interest rates which helped to bleed the peasants.

The cheap labor base of the imperialists is being destroyed with the promotion of the shorter work day and decent wages. This cheap labor base is used by United States and other imperialists to drive down the standard of living of the home populations in the United States and Europe. Finance capital invests huge sums in factories and mines

Destroying Cheap Labor Base of Imperialists

in China, paying coolie wages, bitterly exploiting Chinese labor, using this cheap labor base in competition against American and European workers, to force coolie wages and a hunger standard on these workers. This base of the imperialists against the American and European workers is being destroyed in the Soviet districts.

In a desperate effort to maintain this cheap labor base against the

workers of America and Europe, the imperialists are seeking to crush the Chinese Revolution, re-enslave the emancipated populations of the Soviet Districts and partition China. The imperialist brigands have garrisoned the large cities of China with their troops. They are shedding rivers of blood in the vain attempt to crush the revolutionary movement rising in the cities. Imperialist gunboats are "patrolling" thousands of miles



Gorki Calls for Solidarity Against War

THERE is taking place in the world a double process: a part of the proletariat which has a strong political consciousness is striving in accordance with the teachings of Marx and Lenin to unite the proletariat of the whole world," declares Maxim Gorki, the well-known working-class writer.

"The capitalists sow international enmity and hatred. The proletariat united by the Communist International wishes to abolish in the whole world the senseless exploitation of its labor power; it wants to abolish the 'idiotic' order which inevitably results in over-production of food and various other commodities and starvation of millions of workers.

Trade With Workers' Blood.

"The capitalists want to carry on trade. They want to carry on trade after having eliminated millions of workers with their wives and children from the ranks of the buyers—millions who have no money in

that even if France is vanquished by another imperialist country, international enmity is not ended. He adds that this enmity will again lead to a blood-bath, as it always was and always will be if . . .

"If the whole mass of European workers do not clearly perceive in what a criminal circle the capitalists have enclosed them—the will of a tiny handful of people inspired by a morbid greed to enrich themselves out of the blood of the working people."

Pointing out how the capitalists sow hatred in the world and thereby poison the proletariat, Gorki shows how naive, to put it mildly, some German workers and allegedly some "Communists" were in voting for Hitler, if they really did, out of hatred toward France.

Bosses Hate U.S.S.R. Leadership.

The great working-class writer then indicates the main object of the particularly savage hatred of the capitalists in Europe and in America. "The Soviet Union, he

of Chinese rivers, carrying on their sinister intervention in the very heart of China, raining death on the revolutionary worker-peasant masses in the Soviet Districts, actively leading the campaign of the Nanking butcher tools of imperialism.

Defense of China is Defense of U. S. Masses

The fight against armed intervention in China, against the looting and partition of China, is a fight against the institution of coolie wages in the United States, against the wage-slashing policy initiated and supported by the U. S. Hunger Government, against the vicious attacks on the living standard of the American masses.

The defense of the Chinese people and the Chinese Soviet Districts is the defense of American working class against hunger and war policy of the Wall Street bosses, against the criminal drive for armed intervention against the Soviet Union and its triumphant Socialist construction.

Workers of America! Rally to the defense of your class interests against the vicious offensive of the bosses! Defend the Chinese people. Defend the Soviet Union! Stop the production and shipment of arms against the Chinese People and the Soviet Union! Demand all war funds for the unemployed! Intensify the fight against hunger and war, for bread and security, for immediate relief and unemployment insurance paid at the expense of the bosses and their government!

incomparably better and more intelligently than they. With this recognition, however, the hatred of the bourgeoisie increases against the Socialist state. The anarchic "laws" of competition do not permit the robbers and exploiters of labor power to unite in order to deal a common blow against the advance guard of the world proletariat. Nevertheless, the industrial bandits are uninterruptedly endeavoring to organize for an attack on the Soviet Union, just as they are trying to call forth a hostile attitude to the Soviet Union among the workers and intellectuals."

Prepare Last Decisive Fight.

Recalling the lies and calumnies circulated by the capitalists in an effort to discredit the Soviet Union in the eyes of the workers, and exposing them as maneuvers designed to keep the workers from fighting in defense of the Socialist Fatherland, Gorki says:

"The international mutual aid of the workers must bear not only an economic, but also a political character. In any case it must not find expression in such a tolerant attitude toward international adventurers as the Russian emigrants are, who are prepared to do anything in return for a Judas fee."

After denouncing the activities of