

Imperialist Aggression And the War Danger

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THE HISTORIC Geneva Conference of the Big Four in July of last year constituted a sharp defeat for the Wall Street imperialists and war-mongers. It put

a big crimp in their program to master the world through a great world war. On the eve of this conference the peoples of the world had become so antagonized by the arrogant and threatening war moves of the U.S. State Department, as carried out by Dulles and company, that the United States was rapidly becoming isolated in a world determined not to permit an atomic war to occur. Hence, President Eisenhower had no alternative at Geneva than virtually to pledge this country against such a war.



This big Geneva setback for the atomaniacs did not, however, entirely kill off their dangerous war perspective, nor did it make them abandon outright their insane plan of world imperialist conquest. On the contrary, so long as the United States continues to squander up to \$40 billion a year on armaments and maintains aggressive air bases all over the world, that long will the danger of war continue in the world; and while the agents of American imperialism remain at the head of the government, the monopoly capitalists will continue to plot and to scheme for world domination. All this is in the nature of the monopolist capitalist

beast.

AT THE TIME of Geneva the Communist Party, in its analytical statements, made the above facts very clear. While pointing out that the basic task of the peoples of this and other countries is to strive to still further ease world tension, nevertheless the masses must not lose sight of the continuance of the war danger and of the strivings of Wall Street for world mastery. Only when the major capitalist governments of the world are controlled by their peoples will this persistent danger be finally eliminated. These are elementary considerations that should constantly be borne in mind by the labor and peace forces, particularly those in the United States.

The historic Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, just concluded, was highly conscious of the important relaxation of world tensions recently brought about by the blows of the world's peoples against militant Wall Street imperialism. This realization was reflected in its analyses of the past period and in the policy that it laid out for the coming months and years. Nevertheless, in the keen Leninist spirit of realism that has enabled the Soviet Union to march onward from one victory to another, the congress also expressed a sharp awareness that world imperialism and its inherent danger of war is by no means dead. The congress was not writing off its inveterate enemies prematurely.

MANY of the speakers and reporters at the congress referred to the continuing imperialist war danger, of course placing

the question properly in terms of the less acute world situation. This was particularly the case in the main report to the congress, that of Secretary Khrushchev. The latter again and again condemned the "positions of strength" policy, and with it the arms race. He said, in his many warnings against war possibilities, "it is perfectly obvious that when nations compete to increase their military might, the danger of war becomes greater, not less." Such policies, he pointed out, "reflect the aspirations of the most aggressive sections of present-day imperialism to win world supremacy." Khrushchev did not mention the United States specifically, but it was clear what country he meant.

These remarks by Khrushchev, and similar points made by other delegates, are especially timely for the labor and peace forces in the United States. Nowhere is the need greater than in this country for the workers and their allies to understand the full reactionary character of the program of monopoly capital and to fight it clearly upon this basis. This is a duty to the American workers and other masses, and it is also an international obligation of decisive importance. Together with the peoples all over the world, we in this country can well rejoice at the recent betterments in the international situation, but if we are going to fight effectively for further improvements in this situation, one of the most elementary needs is to expose and fight Wall Street's imperialist policies in their true light as a danger to the peace of the world.