

Only Communism Can Crush Wars

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Ten years ago the world was plunged into a savage devastating war by its capitalistic imperialist rulers. Capitalistic governments for four and a half years sent millions of workers to the bloody fields to be slaughtered. The World War in its colossal destructiveness threw the masses of the people into the depths of fear, extreme misery, hopeless despair and sorrow. Every advance on the road to human freedom and justice was crushed ruthlessly.

The capitalist rulers of all countries kept protesting that they were continuing the struggle in the interest of humanity and for the establishment of permanent peace. At the same time these capitalist rulers were converting the agony of the people into millions and millions of dollars of war profits. They fastened the many billions of dollars that the war cost not only upon the backs of the workers of this generation, but upon the backs of the future generations also. Thru their bloody regime they have so disorganized and destroyed the economic life of Europe that millions of people find themselves destitute. Starvation, unemployment and extreme indescribable poverty are today the common lot of most of the people of Europe.

Wars Against Labor

The capitalist rulers soon forget their protestations. The armistice was not followed by the laying down of arms and the resumption of peaceful industry. In Germany the revolution-

ary struggles for true freedom were crushed by the force of arms. In Russia, armies were hurled against the Russian workers and peasants who had liberated themselves from the yoke of their oppressors. In India, Indian workers who had aspired for national independence were massacred by the troops of the British Empire. The streets of Ireland were strewn with the corpses of young Irishmen who had dared to hope for an Irish republic. The United States with its wealth and gold crushed under its iron heel, Haiti, Santo Domingo and the Philippines. The Hungarian workers republic was wiped out in blood and a reign of terror instituted. Everywhere, the armies were in the field fully equipped and prepared for all eventualities.

Out of the Versailles Peace, no sooner had the signatures been dried, sprung the dangers of a future World War more destructive and more terrible in every respect to the war supposedly just ended.

Peace Was No Peace.

The peace that the capitalist governments concluded was no peace. The victors first economically ruined the defeated nations and then proceeded to demand tribute from them in the form of reparations that under no circumstances could be paid. They redistricted the earth's surface and divided among themselves extensive territories subjecting to their militaristic, financial and economic, that habiting them. They made new alliances and counter alliances, militaristic, financial and economic that formed the basis for the alliances in

the coming world catastrophe that is so lightly promised by many prominent capitalist diplomats.

No Peace Under Capitalism.

Capitalist governments can assure no peace. The only hope they hold out to the workers is continued exploitation and misery at home and savage, brutal devastating war. If war is to be ended, if the slaughter of millions of workers is to cease, then capitalism with its imperialism must be destroyed because capitalism in its very nature breeds war. Just so long as the earth's surface with its wealth is the private property of individual capitalists and their combines, just so long will there exist the danger of war. Just so long as the various national capitalist interests must find markets for their surplus products, and undeveloped territories for the investment of their surplus capital, just so long will they come in conflict with other national capitalist interests similarly situated. Out of such conflicts war must eventually follow. Because the markets of the world are limited and undeveloped territories more so.

Permanent peace can be established only by destroying the cause of all modern war. To get peace capitalism must be destroyed. The only ones that can do that job are the workers. Since they must bear all the war burdens of capitalism they have everything to gain and nothing to lose by doing so.

Workers Must Seize Power.

The only movement, in the world today that is engaged in a struggle against capitalism is the world Com-

munist movement. It is therefore, the only movement that is truly waging a war to destroy militarism and end war. It proposes that the power to make war shall be taken out of the hands of the capitalists. This it proposes to do by placing all the power in the hands of the workers. The Communist movement stands for the overthrow of capitalist rule, for the overthrow of the rule of the militarists. It proposes to set up in its place the rule of the workers. In place of the capitalist governments with their imperialist policies the Communists propose to set up the government of soviets, the government of workers and farmers. The power to make war is then wrenched from the hands of the war lords, the bankers, the industrial overlords and the whole crew of parasites who have grown rich thru the misery and exploitation of the masses of workers and farmers. These present day rulers of the people's destinies will then no longer be in a position to stay at home and glory in the wholesale slaughter during a war of millions of youthful workers and farmers.

C.-I. Offers Only Hope.

On the 10th anniversary therefore, of the outbreak of the World War the only hope for the workers against another recurrence on a world scale of similar capitalist insanity and all it implies for the workers is in the International Communist Movement. The cry of all workers should be "Down with international war butchery, up with the international solidarity of the workers of all countries in the Communist International.