

Defend the Soviet Union!

— AN EDITORIAL —

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IT IS no longer necessary to marshal facts and figures to prove that a new war is in the making. Every sensible young man and woman knows this to be a fact. Even the large daily newspapers—the gutter-sheets, owned and run by the capitalist class, can no longer hide the truth. They openly admit that the capitalist world is armed to the teeth and in alarming tones call for increased armaments in this country.

But to know the above is not enough. It is also necessary to understand against whom this war is being prepared;

what such a war would mean to the working class and its youth; the role of American capitalism in the whole world set-up; and what we must do to fight the war danger.

No one can deny that the greatest danger of war today, is that of an armed attack against the Soviet Union. Fascist Germany has made no bones about its intentions. It is rearming as rapidly as possible to wage a war of aggression, a war to dismember and destroy the first workers' republic. And

if at the moment a large number of nations speak with little love regarding Germany's rearmament, this does not change this fact one iota.

The former allied powers greatly fear that a rearmed Germany successful in its war against the Soviets, would sooner or later turn for revenge against its former victors. They also fear that war against the Soviets would prove disastrous for the whole capitalist system—would end in revolution throughout Europe.

A most important factor hindering the plans for war, is the consistent peace policy of the Soviet Union. The workers' state utilizing the contradictions between the imperialist powers, makes more difficult the carrying through of the imperialist war plans, and exposes these before the masses of the world. Had it not been for this policy of the Soviet Union and for the strength of its glorious Red Army, the world long ago would have been plunged into another world slaughter.

At the moment the Soviet Union is engaged in exposing the war plans of Fascist Germany and attempting to isolate her. This by no means signifies that the Soviet Union supports the Versailles Treaty—the robber peace imposed on the backs of the German people by the victors in the last war. The Soviet Union from the very beginning opposed the Versailles Treaty. Today, it fights the war plans of Hitler not because it is for this treaty, but because it stands opposed to a new imperialist war—a re-division of the booty which can only be accomplished at the expense of the toilers of the world and the Soviet Union.

Every young worker, farmer and student must understand the seriousness of the present world situation. Germany is maneuvering for support from the rest of the capitalist world. England is wavering, not at all adverse to a war against the union of Socialist Soviet Republics. Japan in the Far East is hopefully waiting for a chance to attack the Soviet Union from the East while it is pre-occupied with a war in the West. The United States by breaking its trade relations with the Soviets has also encouraged the anti-Soviet front. Hearst and Coughlin work overtime to invent lies about conditions in the Soviet Union. The stage is being set for armed attack.

The defense of the Soviet Union is the most important task before the international working class and its youth. War against the workers' republic means workers' blood spilt against the working class. The defeat of the Soviet Union would mean the destruction of the stronghold of the international working class and would open up a period of the most brutal oppression and terror directed against all progressive elements, would usher in a modern edition of the dark ages.

On May Day 1935, we must proclaim our defense of the workers' fatherland. We must explain and popularize the tremendous achievements of Socialist construction in the U. S. S. R. We must support the peace policies of the Soviet Union.

Down with imperialist war! Long live the Soviet Union, the inspiration and guide of the oppressed masses throughout the world!



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