

# VIEWS and REVIEWS

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**T**HE Polish "hunting" trip of Herr Goering has been acclaimed by Hitler Germany as a "diplomatic success." Coming as it does on the heels of the Japanese provocations in the Far East and in the midst of the discussions in the French Chamber of Deputies on the Franco-Soviet Pact, one can easily surmise the nature of this "success." It is another link in the anti-Soviet chain being forged by fascist Germany and military-fascist Japan.

## **Who Are the War Instigators?**

**I**F ANOTHER world war is to be averted, if the Soviet Union is to be defended, it is necessary to stay the hands of those powers who are the main instigators of war today. These are Germany, Japan and Italy. Germany threatens the independence of the small nations of Eastern and Central Europe as a prelude to war against the Soviet Union. Japan wars against the Chinese people and prepares war against the Soviet Union. Italy conducts an imperialist war of conquest against the Ethiopian people and is also giving encouragement and support to the anti-Soviet forces. Thus, in the present world situation, it is these three powers that constitute the gravest threat to world peace—who are the main instigators of world war.

## **Not Pacifist Angels**

**O**F COURSE, this does not mean that the other great imperialist powers have become pacifist angels. Not on your life. Each one of these continues to pursue a policy of aggressive imperialism in its own sphere of activities. This can be seen by merely studying the policy of American Imperialism in Latin-America, of British Imperialism in Egypt and India and of French Imperialism in Syria and Morocco.

What is true, however, is that the powers who gained the most from the last war and the Versailles treaty, are not at the moment faced with the same desperate situation as confronts Germany, Japan and Italy. The internal conditions in these latter countries demand an immediate solution of their economic problems by the pursuit of a policy of conquest.

*But there are some people who say, "If you brand Germany, Japan and Italy as the main war instigators today, this means you support the status quo—the Versailles system." Not at all. We do not support those imperialist powers who can afford to don pacifist frocks today because of their successful conquests yesterday.*

## **Opposed to All Booty**

**A**T THE same time, let us emphasize, that we are not for a new redivision of the spoils among the thieves. Such a redivision is not in the interests of the masses of toilers and the youth. Such a redivision can only be carried thru at the expense of millions of working class lives and at the expense of the first Socialist state, the Soviet Union. We are opposed to the redivision of the booty, because we stand opposed to all booty. We are for altering the present status quo by wiping out the whole system of thievery—capitalism, and not by giving the German, Japanese and Italian thieves a better break.

To fail to see that the danger of war at this moment comes mainly from these three powers; to fail to explain this to the masses; to fail to take actions by which to hinder this development, is to passively submit to the danger of another world slaughter.

## **Wanted: More Actions**

**I**T IS for this reason that actions against war must be organized today as never before. The triple demonstrations organized last week in New York City at the Italian, German and Japanese Consulates should be duplicated in every other important city. The Young Communists should take the lead in organizing united front actions against every war instigation, against every war development. Let us admit, that in the past weeks there has been more talk about the struggle against war, but not more action.

This was glaringly expressed in connection with the military budget adopted by congress. This budget raised American military expenditures to their peace-time peak. This at a time when the Roosevelt Administration talks of retrenchment and cuts relief and work-relief expenditures. Certainly on this question there is no conflict between the fascist inspired Liberty League and the Administration.

Mass actions against the war instigators, mass actions against the war preparations of our own government, this is what is necessary today.