

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING FOR ALLIANCE IN LATIN-AMERICA AS WEAPON AGAINST UNITED STATES

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MEXICO CITY. (Weekly Letter.)—A new imperialism would like to enter into the Mexican field to embarrass the United States rather than to dispute seriously the possession of the rich mineral resources of Mexico.

The Japanese government, seeing the inevitability of a war with the United States is looking for alliances in Latin-America to annoy its enemy "from behind the lines."

Curiously enough, it is entering the field in truly American fashion under an idealistic banner. The Japanese government has intimated that it would pit an anti-imperialist movement of Latin-America against American imperialism.

Naturally, the anti-imperialist movement of Latin-America which is organizing under the banner of the Pan-American Anti-Imperialist League rejects the aid of Japanese imperialism. That will not prevent the American papers and even the American servants in the government of Mexico from calling the anti-imperialist movement "pro-Japanese" when the American-Japanese situation gets serious.

Results of American Propaganda

The anti-Japanese and anti-Chinese agitation in Mexico is the answer of American propaganda to Japanese. In certain states it is favored by economic conditions—in the west the problem of cheap Chinese labor, in Tampico competition between small Mexican industries and Chinese industries, and in general the competition between the Spanish grocery owners and the Chinese and Japanese (the Mexicans own almost no groceries). The Spanish speaking the same language as the Mexicans, are taking advantage of the agitation to deal the much more competent and successful Chinese and Japanese grocers a death blow.

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Workers Support Striking Teachers

The teachers of Tampico, Orizaba, Veracruz and Puebla are on strike for non-payment of salaries. The labor movement is supporting them and the schools are closed.

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Obregon Goes to Europe

It is reported that ex-President Obregon is going to Europe as extraordinary envoy of Mexico. It is also rumored that he will seek alliances and capital investments to partially offset American control of Mexico.

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Want Men Who Won't Sell Out

The frankness of the leaders of the Mexican Federation of Labor in their policy of class collaboration, prevention of strikes, expulsion of Communist and other militants, and fascist nationalist unionism is beginning to arouse opposition in some of its most powerful unions. In Tampico it has lost control of the unions which have formed "the united front" as it is called there, a local organization of all unions of the port of Tampico which pays no attention to the leaders of the federation. In Veracruz the new Federation of Sea and Land Workers, affiliated with the Federation of Labor, adopted a resolution declaring that its activity is based on the class struggle. In Orizaba, the largest textile center of Mexico, and home of yellow unionism, Pro-Paria, local organ of the unions there, angered by the declaration of Moneda, national secretary of the federation, that he would fight unauthorized strikes, has published two editorials attacking the present leadership of the organization, and demanding the substitution of men "who will not sell out when they get into power."

Heedless of these growing warnings, the leaders of the Federation of Labor continue their plans to hamstring their own unions and destroy the independent ones such as the port workers of Tampico, the railroaders, etc.

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Minister of the Treasury Alberto Pani has been the object of heavy attack during the past week in one of the supposedly administration papers here El Globo.

Not only he, but the whole treasury department and the famous Lamont-de la Huerta treaty which recognizes the debts of Mexico to the American and European bankers, puts Mexico under a sort of modified Dawes plan, obligates it to pay over a billion dollars, indemnify property injured in the revolution, and return the government owned railroads to private hands.

Only Bargaining

Every feature of the treaty has been attacked in one or another of the papers. Curiously enough, the big conservative daily El Universal has been carrying attacks against the return of the railroads, written by the Mexican minister to Italy. It is difficult to decide to what extent the government has been favoring the attack against the Lamont-de la Huerta treaty in an effort to get more favorable conditions for its bankrupt treasury, from the American bankers. But when El Globo turned the attack into a personal

MOISSAYE OLGIN TO SPEAK IN RUSSIAN IN CHICAGO, FRIDAY

What promises to be one of the most interesting lectures given in Chicago in the Russian language is the lecture to be given by Comrade Moissaye Olgin, co-editor of the Russian Communist daily, Novy Mir. He will speak at the Workers' Home (formerly the Soviet School), 1902 W. Division St., on Friday, April 17, at 8 p. m., on "What did the Russian Revolution Give to the Workers and Peasants?"

Comrade Olgin was in Russia a few times during the revolution as delegate to the Comintern. He is the author of "The Soul of the Russian Revolution," and other works about the revolution. He is an excellent speaker and it is expected that he will draw a big crowd of those who understand the Russian language. Admission is only 25 cents.

one against the minister of the treasury, President Calles had to answer defending his minister and attacking the administration paper and its editor. It is generally accepted that Pani is the go-between for the American bankers and the Calles government and this may have something to do with Calles's public defense of him and the repudiation of the attacks.

Rail Strike Inevitable

The deficit in the national railroads for the first six months of 1924 was a million and three-quarters in American dollars. As the Mexican government by the Lamont-de la Huerta treaty has pledged itself to return these railroads to American owners, they must reduce the deficit. To do this they are abolishing passes, reducing personnel and salaries and preparing to break the railway unions. The leaders of the Mexican Federation of Labor, faithful as ever to the government, are preparing to aid this destruction of the rail unions. All other forces in the country, independent unions, Communists and even the unions of the federation which are not entirely servile to the leadership are preparing to help the railwaymen. The strike is inevitable altho the government is cleverly delaying it and demoralizing the rail unions by fantastic attacks and partial retreats. The strike will be decisive for the whole labor movement of Mexico.

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America's Stranglehold On Mexico

Since 1918 claims for over 200 million dollars have been made against Mexico for damages to property caused by the revolution, without counting claims presented this year. Most of these remain unsettled. The Lamont-de la Huerta treaty provides the submission of those of the United States citizens to arbitration. The arbitration tribunal has begun to function and many more claims are being presented.

Sailing of Teapot Domer Brings Tears to American Legion

NEW YORK, April 14.—When the party of Theodore Roosevelt sailed from here on the first leg of their trip to explore wild regions in Asia, north of India, the American Legion took a prominent part in the reception. The Nassau county American Legion presented Roosevelt with a traveling bag and a large delegation from the national organization bid the young Teapot Domer farewell.

Roosevelt took the order transferring the Teapot Dome oil leases from the navy to the interior department to Warren Harding for his signature, and was a participant in the various stages of the bribery of Secretary of the Interior Fall.

Prepare for Publicity Fight.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Replies to the government's complaints against newspapers for publishing individual income tax payments were filed today with the supreme court by Senator Reed, of Missouri, for the Kansas City Journal-Post, and by former Secretary of War Newton D. Baker for the Baltimore Post.