







Proletarian World Policy Toward War Danger

Editor's Note

The issue of the American Appeal of last week was virtually a "war issue," attempting to bring to the readers the serious war situation that exists as a result of the series of peace breakdowns at Geneva, and the necessity for a combination of all peace forces to avert the threatened catastrophe of war.

By Dr. Otto Bauer

The leaders of the Soviet Republic talk as though they believed that war is imminent and that England is shortly about to open military operations against the Soviet Republic. Things are not however quite so bad as that. The capitalist world has not recovered from the economic disturbances caused by the world war and still trembles in every limb at the thought of the spirit of revolution which the war unleashed. It has too many anxieties and preoccupations to venture for the present to conjure up a new world war.

ernment thought that war was now imminent, they would not daily subject the workers to fresh provocations as they are doing at present. Moreover, it is only necessary to remember how Poland behaved after the assassination of Voikov to be certain that Poland has no desire to enter on the perilous adventure of war against the Soviets on England's behalf.

Even, however, if we do not believe that a military attack on the Soviet Union is immediately imminent, the situation is nevertheless sufficiently serious to demand that the Soviet Union should endeavor to encircle the Soviets both politically and economically. The history of the events which led up to the world war shows us that such a policy is bound to lead to a most dangerous kind of a war.

Communists Make Unity Difficult
It would be foolish not to recognize that the existing conflict between European Socialism and Russian Bolshevism makes this task more difficult. The recent encounter between the English and Russian Trade Union movements has supplied evidence of this.

Dangerous Bolshevik Error
All this was pointed out to the Soviet Government by the representatives of the English workers. The Bolshevik reply took the form of indignation and insults. Because the English Trade Unionists differ from them in regard to the Terror, the Bolsheviks, without further ado call them traitors and scabs.

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Must Stand by Russia
Even, however, if it is not at present possible to effect the reunion of the forces of the proletariat, it is nevertheless possible to make preparations for it. The most important means to this end consists in fulfilling the duty which the world situation itself imposes upon us, namely, to take our stand definitely side by side with the Soviet Union against Imperialism.

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Debate: What Is the Best Way to Stop the Interest Robbery?

By Tolley Hartwick (Meredith, Montana)

Receipt of a fine letter from one of your readers has tempted me to lay down my hay-fork just a moment and write you a few lines again. I wish to give voice to my appreciation for space given to my letter respecting nationalization of our money system, and for your fair-minded, tolerant comment thereon July 16th, also for your brilliant article on farm prosperity (?) in issue of July 20th.

earth who is out of a job, to make himself independently comfortable and free from capitalist exploitation. In that event our industrial magnates would have to offer workers something BETTER THAN THAT, OR DO WITHOUT THEM, and they do not, automatically, we should have true and proper economic control BY THE PRODUCERS rather than the exploiters.

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The Only Way to Abolish War

Many people sincerely interested in peace, pay scant attention to Socialism. They believe that peace may come without Socialism.

Now, of course, it is possible that we might get universal international peace without Socialism, but it is very unlikely that we should ever do so. For as long as the Government continues under the control of the Capitalist class, it continues under the control of the people whose interests it is having the Government pursue those very policies which make for war.

Kuomintang Right Says It Will Socialize China

The war on the communists now being waged within the Chinese revolutionary party—the Kuomintang—raises this big question regarding the Chinese revolution: Is there any hope of the Kuomintang right wing thus engaged in persecuting radicals and in many cases killing workers, remaining true to the semi-socialistic Kuomintang program which is based upon the principles laid down by Dr. Sun Yat Sen just before his death?

By Anna Louise Strong
A word about the relation of Hankow and Nanking. I had a talk this morning with Sun Fo, son of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, and himself ranking as a conservative. He told me that of the 36 members of the executive committee elected a year ago, 24 are actively working with Hankow, 2 are dead, 1 in prison in Peking, 3 in the Nanking government, 3 more allied with it, and 3 on the fence or otherwise inactive.

Help for Infirm and Old

But more interesting are the adventures of Sweden in more individualistic legislation. If a person is sick, the state pays the hospital bill (provided the citizen is needy), and in some cases pays sick insurance also. This dates from 1912. In 1913 a law was passed instituting compulsory old age and disability insurance. When citizens reach 67, they must quit work—at least if they are one of the 3,710,000 on the state registers (63 per cent of the population).

Whether for good or ill, Sweden may be said to represent the highest type of state Socialism yet seen in the world. There is a king, true enough, and a real one. There is private property, which one may be sure is firmly entrenched. There is hardly a shadow of bolshevism. Nevertheless, through a remarkable series of pragmatic measures by various governments, Sweden has become essentially socialist.

Criticizes But Approves

All this has been by no means unnoted by the Socialists. Stockholm papers are quick to pick up any such makes people lazy. There is little incentive to save if a citizen knows that the state will take care of his dole; bankers say that some of these accounts have seriously gone down. For another thing, it had led to considerable labor unrest, and to a general strike since these measures had not been the throats of the conservatives too easily. For still another, it has played fury with taxes.