

SOVIET UNION WORKERS ARE FOR PEACE, BUT READY TO DEFEND SOCIALIST FATHERLAND



The workers and peasants of the Soviet Union are for peace, but are ready to defend the workers' fatherland at any time.



They, and the Red Army troops, know that the workers of the world will not stand by and allow the imperialists, thru their puppets, the Chinese war lords, to attack the U. S. S. R.



Red Army troops, ready to defend the Soviet Union, are shown above. At the left, Red Army troops at Kiev, training dogs for sanitary corps' relief service.



Second photo, workers taking part in military training. These workers have offered their services to defend the U. S. S. R. At right, machine gun detachments of the Red Army.

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AUGUST FIRST WILL BE SOVIET UNION DEFENSE DAY

Mill Prosecution Tries to Whitewash Roach and Gilbert COMINTERN CALLS FOR A WORLD PROTEST AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR PLOT

ISSUE THOUSANDS OF LEAFLETS FOR TEXTILE MEETING

18,000 Copies of Call, Defense Bulletins, Out in Carolina

Press Favors U. T. W. Witnesses Against Roach Hidden

By LISTON OAK
GASTONIA, N. C., July 21.—Eighteen thousand pieces of literature, issued by the National Textile Workers Union and the International Labor Defense, the call for the Southern Textile Workers Conference at Bessemer City July 28 and the second number of the Gastonia Labor Defender, were distributed Saturday and Sunday to the mill workers throughout Gaston and Mecklenburg counties.

Still Fights Wall St.



General Augusto Sandino, leader of the Nicaraguan workers and peasants in their fight on the Wall Street imperialist troops and the Wall Street puppet government in Nicaragua. The above photo was taken in Mexico where Sandino recently arrived to enlist the active support of the Mexican workers and peasants in the fight against the imperialists. The workers and peasants are continuing the struggle against Wall Street.

DENOUNCE MOVE AGAINST U.S.S.R.

Anti-Imperialists Are in Session at Frankfort

FRANKFORT-AM-MAIN, July 21.—Denunciation of imperialist-planned provocation against the Soviet Union in Manchuria was the high light of the second World Congress of the Anti-Imperialist League at its second session today. Over 300 delegates were seated.

SIGN YOUR NAME TO GASTON CASE PROTEST ROLL! ON SOVIET UNION

1,000,000 Signatures to Be Expected During Defense Week

Many Conferences Many Join the Party

The working class of America, fighting the united resistance of the capitalists and the reformists, such as the mayor of "socialist" Reading, Pa., who refused to grant a permit for a Gastonia aid tag day, are prepared to make the greatest mass protest in the history of the American working class the week of July 27th to August 3rd.

Denounce Imperialist War Plot in 8 Mass Meets

Police Brandish Clubs; Attack Pioneer

At one meeting place alone, that at 110th Street and Fifth Avenue, Harlem, 5,000 workers turned out to challenge the imperialist act of war in seizing, through Chinese toadies, the Chinese Eastern Railway (Continued on Page Five)

Also for Wall Street



Jose Vasconcelos (above, center), former minister in the Obregon cabinet, aims to serve Wall Street as its puppet ruler in Mexico, but the Gil government seems to have gotten the Wall Street O.K. Vasconcelos will oppose the Gil candidate as the "anti-re-electionist" candidate.

JAIL FOR EIGHT DEMONSTRATORS

Judge Vicious After Anti-Nanking Meet

"You are the people who are against any sort of authority and who dare to shout 'Down with Police Brutality' outside the consular offices of a foreign government," Magistrate Hyman Bushel sneered as he passed sentence on nine of the 12 workers arrested at last Friday's mass demonstration outside the consular offices of the Nanking government at 13 Astor Place.

ORLEANS LABOR SHOUTS FOR A GENERAL STRIKE

Negro, White Toilers Take Part in Huge Demonstration

Workers Families Aid Misleader Is Booped Off Platform

New Orleans, La., July 21.—Forty thousand New Orleans workers, assembled at the greatest gathering New Orleans has ever seen in pledging their solidarity with the striking garment of this city, raised their voices for a general strike.

COMINTERN CALLS FOR A WORLD PROTEST AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR PLOT

Chinese War Lords, Capitalist Press Follow Stimson Program, Invent Fake "Invasion"

Barrage of Lies to Lay Basis for Military Attack; First Ones Exposed; More Follow

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., July 21.—The Communist International in recognition of the growing war danger in the Far East has issued an appeal to the world proletariat in which the following slogans lead:

ONLY 7 MORE DAYS TO GASTONIA TRIAL; PROTEST AND RUSH FUNDS TO SAVE THESE WORKERS!

Communists to Lead Probable General Strike; To Tie Up All Argentine Industries

FIGHT ON WIDE FRONT ANSWERS FASCIST LEAGUE

Rosario Dockers and Millers Firm

BUENOS AYRES, July 21.—A Communist-led general strike, sweeping thru all Argentina, is a matter of only a few days.

Starting as a strike of dock workers in Rosario, the strike movement of the Argentine workers soon spread to the dock workers of that city. Then when the Argentine Patriotic League, a fascist and semi-official organization financed by the large scale bosses, began to make threats against the safety of the strikers and of Communist labor leaders, the militancy of the workers thruout Rosario and Santa Fe province leaped high.

Send Troops to Rosario. The federal government, which is headed by the Wall Street tool President Irigoyen, has sent great numbers of cavalrymen to Rosario, to reinforce the large forces already concentrated there for action against the strikers.

Stevedores and other port workers in Rosario are on strike demanding increases in wages, and have announced their determination to remain on strike until the strikers of the flour mills win all their demands. Street car workers of Rosario, led by Communists, have announced that they will strike on Tuesday if demands for wage increases they have made are not met.

Gov't. as Strikebreaker. A nation-wide campaign is now under way to organize a strong, united front of the workers and peasants to oppose the Argentine Patriotic League, which has announced its intention to act as a scab supplying agency against all the Argentine strikers.

President Irigoyen, whose demands for "arbitration" the strikers refused to heed, has announced that he will in a few days put Rosario "under official operation." This is taken to mean that federal troops will act as strikebreakers and will guard other scabs. If this is done, the workers of Rosario have announced, thru their Communist leaders, the signal for a general strike will be given.

CZECH WORKERS IN BIG STRIKES

Plants Are Tied Up Despite Misleaders

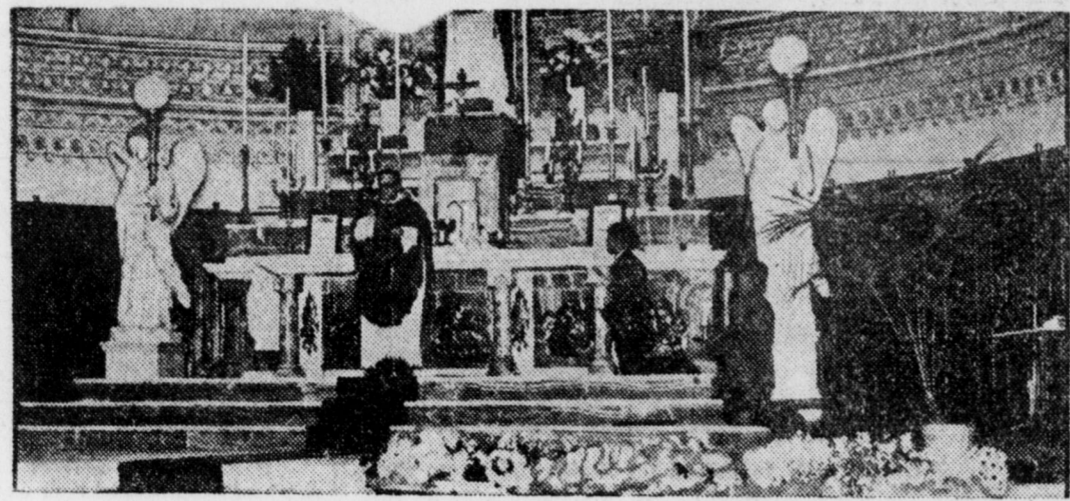
(Wireless by Imprecor.) PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, July 21.—The proletarian action committee here has been reinforced. The bakery workers in Mischele and Vrosovie (suburbs of Prague) and the leather workers of the Podbaba factory have joined the committee and support its demands.

The striking workers of the Skoda arms and metal works have sent a deputation to the Pilsen branches of the works, also those in Jung Bunzlau, and Koeniggratz to get them to participate in the strike.

The workers in the munitions works, "Explosiva," and "Synthesis," are all out on strike and the factories are tied up. The reformist strike leaders are energetically combatted by the larger part of the 3,000 out on strike. The reformists have so far failed to throttle the strike.

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Priests Wax Fat on Backs of Mexican Workers After Gil Sell-Out



A typical scene as a result of the further sell-out of the Mexican workers and peasants to Wall Street, by the Porfies Gil government, in which the parasitic priesthood was allowed to resume its former bleeding of the workers and peasants of Mexico.

August First INTERNATIONAL ANTI-WAR DAY.

COMMUNIST PRESS OF THE WORLD MAPS OUT PLANS FOR PREPARATION FOR AUGUST FIRST.

BERLIN, (By Mail).—During the 12th Party Congress of the C. P. of Germany at Wedding, there was also an international press discussion, the participants being representatives of the Rote Fahne (Berlin), the Rote Fahne (Vienna), the Kampftr (Zurich), the Sunday Worker (London), Norges Kommunistblad (Oslo), Folkets Dagblad Politiken (Stockholm), Rude Pravo (Prague), the Ruhr-Echo (Essen), the Sachische Arbeiter-Zeitung (Leipzig), and Party delegates from France, Belgium, and Italy.

The Agitprop department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Germany and the Agitprop department of the E.C.C.I. were represented. It was the last named that had given the initiative for this international press discussion; the representative of the Agitprop department of the E.C.C.I. submitted a detailed report which led to a lively debate.

The outcome of this session furnished the proof that the Communist press is a great power, which, if it proceeds properly, can very effectively influence the struggle of the Communist International against the imminent danger of war and in favor of the defense of the Soviet Union. It was these tasks of our daily press in preparation for August 1st which the report in question particularly worked out.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN PARTY MOBILIZES ITS FORCES FOR AUGUST FIRST CAMPAIGN

PRAGUE, July 21.—The Communist Party of Czechoslovakia will make the campaign for the First of August one which utilizes all the demands of the workers.

The struggles for higher wages and against higher prices, for tenants' protection, against the decrease in the allowance of the war invalids, against the fascist influences in the national insurance, the campaign for miners' insurance, the question of forest reform, heavy taxation of the peasantry, the price-tyranny of the trusts and cartels, emergency laws against "field-violation" have all been considered in detail and will be brought into the general fight against war.

Czecho-Slovakia is the center of the war preparations against the Soviet Union for all of Central and South Eastern Europe. The influence of the imperialists has been felt by the workers in the increasing use of fascist methods in all workers' struggles. Every large strike no matter whether independent of the Red Trade Unions or not, is quickly turned into a political fight for the right to strike by the brutal tactics of the state forces.

The entire apparatus of the Communist Party is being newly constructed in order to make the campaign a success. The slogan "Attention to the workers!" formulated at a recent session of the Central Committee is being carried out by every unit with the carrying of the propaganda directly into the factories. Every effort is being made to win the support of the largest possible number of workers so that representatives from all of the important industries will cooperate directly in the Anti-War Campaign.

AUSTRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY DISCLOSES THE FASCIST NATURE OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY.

VIENNA, July 21.—The August First campaign in Austria will emphasize as its main point the right of workers to demonstrate on the streets. The social democrats have succeeded in having prohibited all demonstrations in Vienna, Lower Austria and Burgenland until the 15th of September. Nevertheless this prohibition is periodically lifted for demonstrations of the fascist Heimwehr. On the 17th of September, the Heimwehr plans a parade of 50,000 uniformed private soldiers of fascism.

The purpose of the authorities is plain. All closed meetings and demonstrations of workers are strictly prohibited.

The second point in the August First campaign will be the fight against the abolition of the tenants' protective provisions, which were given up by the social democrats in return for investment loans to Austrian capitalism from the various imperialist powers, especially Italy. The law abolishing the provisions takes effect on August First.

The Anti-War Campaign is particularly important just now after the disclosure that "disarmed" Austria actually has a large private organization of fascist soldiers. The exposures of the Arbeiter-Zeitung and the statements of Briand leave no doubt as to the nature and purpose of this body.

It is clear that the imperialist powers are encouraging the idea of Anschluss, the union of Germany and Austria, as a reward for bringing Austria into the united front against the Soviet Union. As a matter of fact, the realization of Anschluss would mean the swallowing up of Austria by German fascism.

BULGAR FASCIST AMNESTY IS FAKE

Communists are Not Included

SOFIA (By Mail).—The fascist government intends to place a draft amnesty law before parliament. The amnesty will allegedly apply to all offences committed before the 1st of October, 1925. In particular, those sentenced under the law for the protection of the State will, it is said, be amnestied. Only persons guilty of serious crimes will be excluded from the amnesty.

The authorities will of course decide what crimes are serious and what not, and this provision renders the whole amnesty useless.

This elastic provision can hold all the prominent proletarian political prisoners in prison despite the "amnesty." It must be remembered that where possible the authorities in Bulgaria do not accuse Communist and revolutionary workers of political offenses, but translate their political actions into "robbery," "murder," etc. This explains the fact that officially only 300 political prisoners are in jail in Bulgaria, whereas in reality the number of those whose offenses were committed from political motives is approximately 1,200. This Bulgarian amnesty will serve the same purposes as the Roumanian amnesty, i.e., to drive a wedge into the united front which has been formed in the struggle for a real and unconditional general amnesty, and to deceive public opinion in other countries. In Bulgaria as in Roumania, however, the struggle for a real amnesty will continue.

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Fascists, Socialists Join to Pass Law for Crushing Workingclass

BERLIN, July 21.—The new "bill for the protection of the republic," under which the social-democratic government will continue its ruthless attacks on militant workers and its suppression of the Communist press, will not include the so-called "kaiser provision" which would turn the former war lord from turning to the German empire.

Although it is not believed that Mr. Hohenzollern has any yearning to take up residence in Potsdam once more, the provision was cut out in deference to the Iron Helms, fascist organization, through the influence of which the attempt to prolong the "protection bill" was recently defeated for lack of the two-thirds majority. In its amended form there will be no further opposition to the anti-Communist measure, except from the working class, which does not figure in the calculations of the "socialists."

BRITISH EMPIRE PROVOKES RAIDS AGAINST ARABS

Prepare Drive Against Ibn Saud

ADEN (By Mail).—The British imperialists regard the independent Arabian states as dangerous points around which the rest of the Arabian world might rally and for this reason British imperialism fights against these little states with all the means at its disposal. At present open warfare is not one of their methods. A better method is to stand hypocritically in the background and let their native tools do the work. The Nejd-Hedjaz and the Yemen states are the enemies.

This situation explains easily that in both these Arabian countries "disturbances" broke out simultaneously. The aim of these revolts being to set aside rulers who are not sufficiently friendly toward Great Britain. The "Daily Telegraph" reports with assumed naivete that both in Nejd as in Yemen the rebels are by no means anti-British. So much of its report is at least credible.

A drive against Ibn Saud is being carefully prepared and the British press never grows tired of complaining that Iraq is unable to obtain the desired state of peace owing to the fact that the Wahabite neighbors represent a constant danger. The Baghdad correspondent of the "Near East" declares that the raids into Iraq are constant and that it is an empty excuse on the part of Ibn Saud when he declares that the raiders are not subjects of the Nejd.

In this connection an inquiry of the new-paper "Umm al Qura" into the raids is very interesting. As a result of its investigations this newspaper declares that there can be no question of Wahabite raids into British territory and that on the contrary, Transjordanian tribes are constantly breaking into the territory of the Wahabis, and when the Wahabi defend themselves the newspapers arrange an artificial shout

Fix Tariff to Make Wealthy Exploiters Richer



Photo shows the senate finance committee meeting to fix the tariff increases. The senators were lavish indeed to big business, for example, Reed Smoot, who is chairman of the senate committee, and also has large interests in the beet sugar plantations of Utah and Idaho, fought for a tariff raise on cane sugar, which meant a benefit of many millions for Smoot and the beet sugar interests.

Czech Police Find New "Red Plot;" Jail for Sixteen Workers

PRAGUE (By Mail).—According to bourgeois press reports the Czech police have discovered another "plot" in Carpathian Russia. The center of this new conspiracy is said to be the little town of Nagybohko. 16 persons have been arrested including the mayor of the town. The aim of the conspiracy is said to have been to wrest Carpathian Russia away from Czechoslovakia and to unite with the Soviet Union. The bourgeois press is full of scare reports about the "military preparations of the conspirators," etc.

Czech Police Find New "Red Plot;" Jail for Sixteen Workers

The working class can't lay hold of the ready-made state machinery, and wield it for its own purpose... This new Commune (Paris Commune) breaks the modern state power.—Marx.

NOBLE LABORITE BRAGS ENGLAND'S WAR PLANE FLEET

"Greatest of All War Weapons," He Says

LONDON, July 21.—Brigadier General Lord Thomson of Cardington, one of the several British nobles placed in the MacDonald government, where he is secretary of state for air, boasted today of the power and efficiency of the British Empire's war fleet in the air. He stated that the policy was to continue strengthening this military weapon—and did not even make much of the usual "peace" smoke screen while he talked.

"The airplane is a gun of prodigious range and considerable accuracy. For this reason and because the secret of success in war is mobility, it is the greatest of all war weapons."

"While it is the policy to have an air force, this force must be efficient. This fact is recognized by the leaders of labor throughout the country," he replied in answer to a question.

The labor government's policy, he added, would be to run the air ministry on reasonable, common sense lines.

"While everything possible will be done to reduce armaments all around, desires will not be confounded with realities," he continued.

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BIG GERMAN TARIFF RAISE. BERLIN (By Mail).—In the trade committee of the Reichstag yesterday a motion was adopted against energetic Communist resistance, to raise the better customs duty from 27.50 to 50 Marks.



15 Workers

Members of the National Textile Workers Union

Charged With Murder!

THEY FACE THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

8 OTHERS FACE LONG PRISON TERMS

The fight to free the fourteen leading Gastonia strikers from the electric chair is not only a fight for the lives of these working class leaders but is a struggle for the right of the workers of the entire South to organize and struggle for better conditions.

pay, and is a part of the preparation of the capitalist government for a new bloody imperialist world war.

ANOTHER SACCO-VANZETTI FRAME-UP IN GASTONIA!

The Struggle of the Southern Textile Workers is the Concern of the Entire American Working Class.

The members of the National Textile Workers Union have been bayoneted, arrested, beaten, slugged and shot and evicted from their homes because they dared to fight for better conditions against mill owners, the government authorities and against the strike-breaking activities of the American Federation of Labor.

Thousands of dollars are needed for defense and relief of these heroic strikers, members of the N. T. W. U.

Rally to the Support of the International Labor Defense.

Defend the National Textile Workers Union.

The 14 Southern Textile Workers Must Not Die.

The 22 Strikers Must Be Freed at Once.

This new attack of capitalist justice in North Carolina is a part of the attack of the American imperialist government on the entire working class. It goes hand in hand with the process of capitalist "rationalization", the speeding up of the workers at long hours and for low

Rush All Funds to the International Labor Defense

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The Struggle for the Streets

IN TIME OF WAR the struggle of the toiling masses for the streets, under the leadership of the Communist Party, becomes as important as it becomes difficult.

It is very important, therefore, that in its first battle for the streets of New York City in the present period of the rapidly developing war against the Union of Soviet Republics, the Communist Party not only held its own, but may be said to have scored a clear victory, the direct result of the militancy of its members expressed in an indomitable will to struggle.

The first struggle in New York City, as in Berlin, and other European cities, arose out of the demonstration before the Chinese consulate of the Chiang Kai-shek Nanking government, near Astor Place, not so far from the Wall Street financial overlord, whose puppet it is. The link between the two was clearly set forth in the placards carried by the worker-demonstrators and in the speeches made by Weinstein, Darcy, Grecht, Engdahl, James Mu, a Chinese comrade, and Leonard Patterson, Negro member of the Young Communist League.

Efforts of the first contingent of police who arrived on the scene to stop the speaking and smash the demonstration were successfully resisted.

It must be admitted that it was not a mass demonstration in the sense that tens of thousands, nor even thousands, had been mobilized by the Party. The actual demonstrators were rather numbered in hundreds. But thousands of workers, out for the noon hour, choked the street from Astor Place to Broadway, before the Alexander Hamilton Building, on the sixth floor of which the Chinese consulate is located. The great throng was thoroughly sympathetic. It jeered the arrival of reserve police forces from all stations in the neighborhood, that organized a flying wedge behind a police automobile, driving against the speakers' platform reared in the street on the shoulders of a dozen comrades.

It was a brief success for the police. The demonstration quickly reorganized at the Broadway end of the street, and with placards held high and with the singing of the "International," the procession again moved defiantly past the building where the Chinese agent of imperialism is housed.

The struggle continued for nearly an hour, out of which the police emerged with 13 arrests, but with the demonstration, still completely organized, marching up Fourth Avenue to the headquarters of the Party, workers everywhere cheering the marchers.

In order to follow up and maintain this initial success, however, it becomes absolutely necessary to draw masses of workers into actual participation in such demonstrations. The toiling masses cannot be allowed to remain in the role of sympathetic bystander. They must become actual participants in the struggle, to the number of many tens of thousands.

Although the tremendously successful series of mass meetings held on the streets in various sections of Greater New York last Friday night met with no opposition from the police, it is not out of the question that the Demonstrations Against the Imperialist War on August First will be forbidden. This will mark a new phase of struggle for the streets, the mobilization of masses for strikes and demonstrations on August First against the ban of the ruling class keenly sensitive to the danger that threatens it in the attack directed against its Chinese lackeys.

Where the police attack on the streets fails, the capitalist courts are mobilized as a second line of assault, with jail and prison terms for those arrested.

But every court prosecution, as in the trial of Weinstein and the other comrades in Night Court last Saturday, becomes a new field of battle between labor and its oppressors, where class issues clash and the revolutionary program of the Communist Party is presented to new masses by its spokesmen; where capitalism itself in its own courts is put on trial before the working class.

It is here that the role of the International Labor Defense assumes increasing importance in the present war situation. The I.L.D. must be developed as quickly as possible into a mass organization based in the workshops not only for defense purposes, for the liberation of the Gastonia textile workers facing electrocution, and other comrades in prison; but also for the awakening large numbers of workers to a correct understanding of the class struggle in time of war, and how best to defend the interests of the broad masses in the present crisis.

Win the masses for the conquest of the streets, for the defeat of the imperialist war! Build the Communist Party! Prepare for strikes and demonstrations on August First, International Red Day Against Imperialist War, under the banners of the Communist International!

FOR DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION

By Fred Ellis



From Rote Fahne (Red Flag), Berlin.

Throughout the whole world the revolutionary workers are preparing to make on August first a mighty international demonstration against imperialism. Even during the World War the revolutionary workers demonstrated in August as a protest against the bloody slaughter on the battlefields and to make known their desire for a revolutionary termination of the imperialist war. After the war, the August demonstrations of the proletariat became ever greater and more widespread. Their slogans also became ever clearer in measure as pacifist illusions were destroyed by the aggressive war policy of the imperialist states.

If this year the revolutionary working class must make special efforts to mobilize and arouse the working masses, to lead them in mighty street demonstrations, it is due to the extreme rapidity with which the imperialist contradictions drive on toward new wars.

Anglo-American Conflict.

The development of capitalism during the past year has been characterized by a marked decline of stabilization. The contradiction between the increased productivity of labor and market possibilities is becoming greater, the unevenness of development in the individual capitalist countries leads to a strengthening of the antagonisms between the capitalist countries, while the great technical achievements accentuate the imperialist contradictions and accelerate the drive toward a new division of the world.

In stormy fashion has imperialism America entered the arena, since the tempo of development of her market no longer keeps pace with the tempo of development of her industrial production apparatus and of her increased productive capacity. She encounters thereby the resistance of the "old" capitalist powers, especially the resistance of imperialism England.

All efforts of the British bourgeoisie, as well as the defeats brought about through the aid of British social imperialism—of the British working class in the mighty economic battles of recent years, have not been able to do away with the deep and difficult crisis of British capitalism or even to partially overcome it. Ever more stubborn becomes the resistance of British imperialism to the pressure of American imperialism, which in the most diverse sections of the world is driving out British imperialism from its sphere of influence.

Central European Crisis.
This fundamental imperialist antagonism is strengthened by the critical situation in the other capitalist countries.
Imperialist Germany drives on—under the pressure of her inner crisis and her outer burdens—to stronger economic and political activity. With her mighty economic apparatus she crowds into any space left over for the expansion of the goods market and for exploitation. Such countries as the Balkan States, Rumania, and Poland were positively shattered by the acute crisis in their economy. They serve as agents of the great imperialist powers, and, pushed hither and thither like pawns, they accelerate, precisely because of the instability of their whole position, the development of new imperialist wars.

Growth of Soviet Power.
In contradistinction to this process of decay of the capitalist world stands the building up of Socialism in the Soviet Union. The bourgeoisie and their agents in the camp of the working class, the Social-Fascists, fairly tremble at the thought of the realization of the five-year plan, of this gigantic program of construction that has been undertaken and will be carried out. They understand that the driving

Workers, Get Ready to Demonstrate Against Imperialist War Plans!

back and gradual annihilation of the enemy within the Soviet Union, of the capitalist elements in the city and village, definitely destroys all their hopes for the undermining of the proletarian dictatorship over one-sixth of the earth, for the overthrow of the workers' government.

United Imperialist Drive.

The bourgeoisie and their Social-Fascist lackeys understand very well that this development in the Soviet Union is a powerful source of strength to the revolutionary proletariat of the whole world. Still they try with infamous fury, with a filthy flood of lies to deceive a portion of the working class. They are less and less successful in this deceit; the proletariat recognizes ever more clearly that in the country in which the working class decides its own fate, Socialism is being built up and the situation of the working class is improving, while in capitalist countries exploitation grows, the misery of the proletariat increases, and suppression and deprivation of political rights takes on ever more extensive forms.

Hence the capitalists of the whole world see in the Soviet Union an enemy which threatens their very existence; hence the imperialists of the whole world are cringing the greatest activity in order to postpone any military settlement of their own imperialist antagonisms and to put up a united front against the Soviet Union.

The Reparations Fraud.

The Paris reparations negotiations represent such an attempt to temporarily bridge over the acute conflicts between the imperialist States in order to establish a common basis for the struggle against the Soviet Union. The German Government did not deny, when pressed by the Communist faction in the Reichstag, that during the Paris Conference the "experts" and other official representatives of the various imperialist powers carried on negotiations with the aim of common action against the Soviet Union.

If the present British premier, MacDonald, with his pacifist phrases is making great efforts, at the bidding of the British bourgeoisie, to

bring about an accord with American finance-capital, this lies in the same direction. The events in China, in Afghanistan and Persia, in Rumania and Poland show at what an acute stage the war preparations against the Soviet Union have already arrived.

German Bourgeoisie Policy.

The German imperialist bourgeoisie completely dropped its mask during the Paris negotiations. Herr Schacht and Herr von Kuehlmann, who negotiated in Paris regarding a common campaign against the Soviet Union, were not private individuals; they were representatives of the German bourgeoisie.

The entire German working class—to the very smallest shop and to the most outlying country district—must be enlightened as to the fact that the German imperialist bourgeoisie is today playing a very active role in the war preparations against the Soviet Union. The German imperialist bourgeoisie expects from a war against the Soviet Union a loosening or breaking of the economic and political chains binding its imperialist expansion. The German imperialist bourgeoisie, which is determined on the sharpest economic and political measures against the working class, is vitally interested in the annihilation of the strongest center of power of the revolutionary proletariat, i.e., of the Soviet Union.

"Socialists" Aid Imperialists.

The entire capitalist press of Germany has during the past months sharpened to the utmost its tone against the Soviet Union. This fury of attack is carried to the extreme limit by the Social-Fascist press, from the "Vorwaerts" down to the last little country paper. By barefaced lying, base insinuations, and vile generalizations they seek to force upon the working class a caricature of life and development in the Soviet Union. It is characteristic of the "left" Social-Fascists that they are carrying on in the most infamous manner this ideological preparation for war against the Soviet Union.

Social-Democrat War Policy.

But the Social-Fascists are not satisfied with this ideological prepa-

ration for war. Their Magdeburg Congress testifies to active support of the imperialist mobilization of Germany. They have adopted an armament program which binds their party to unlimited support of the imperialist preparations for war; at their party congress they have ignored with a shrug of their shoulders the resistance of the workers to the armored-cruiser policy. They have, after their party congress, made possible the continuation of armored-cruiser building, and have bound themselves to the building of a whole series of armored cruisers.

The economic policy, which the Social Fascists, together with the German bourgeoisie is conducting, is a war policy. The gradual liquidation of social legislation, the approaching restriction of unemployment insurance, the increase in the cost of living, the tax policy in favor of the capitalists and at the expense of the broad impoverished masses, the mutual efforts of the capitalists and the Social-Fascist trade union bureaucracy to keep down the wages of the workers, to increase exploitation in the shops—all this is a part of the war preparations of German imperialism.

Attacks on Working Class.

Since this war policy is met by an ever greater resistance on the part of the working class, since this resistance is strengthened by the development in the Soviet Union, the German bourgeoisie is passing over—with the support of the Social-Fascists and with their most active participation—to political suppression of the revolutionary proletariat. This is the meaning of the Fascist methods which have been employed during the past months against the revolutionary proletariat of Germany. Here lies the root cause for the bloody May battles, for the prohibition of the Red Front Fighters, for the suppression of the Communist press, and for the preparatory steps toward the prohibition of the Communist Party.

If the workers of the whole world come out on the streets on August first, then they will demonstrate not only against an imperialist war threatening to occur in the distant future, but also against very direct, imminent war measures of imperialism against the Soviet Union. Precisely because this new imperialist war is today directly before our eyes, it is the duty of the working class to make the greatest effort in order on the first of August to set up against the imperialist will to war the united revolutionary front of the proletariat. The Communist Party is not organizing the workers on August First for a putsch; it does not call for an armed uprising at a fixed date without consideration of the objective situation. The Communist Party calls for an extensive mass demonstration, which will and must be all the more powerful because the danger of an imperialist war, and indeed of a war against the Soviet Union, is becoming greater, because the bourgeoisie is already taking direct measures against the Soviet Union.

Prepare For August First.

Likewise the denunciation of this mass demonstration as a putsch by the Social-Fascist press—especially by the "left" Social Fascists, such as the criminal rascal Kunstler and the editor of the "Leipzig Volkszeitung"—will not hold back the working class from leaving the shops on August First and going out on the streets.

We must begin today with full energy our preparations for August First. In thousands of shops the workers must take a stand and announce their determination to make the first of August a day of struggle against war, for the revolutionary support of the Soviet Union, of the struggle against Fascism and against Fascist oppression, of the struggle against the capitalist offensive and for the emancipation of the proletariat!

CEMENT By FEODOR GLADKOV

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Gleb Chumalov, Red Army Commissar, returns to his town on the Black Sea after the Civil Wars to find the great cement works, where he had formerly worked, in ruins and the life of the town disorganized. He discovers a great change in his wife, Dasha, whom he has not seen for three years. She is no longer the conventional wife, dependent on him, but has become a woman with a life of her own, a leader among the women of the town together with Polia Mekhova, secretary of the Women's Section of the Communist Party.

The town is attacked by a band of counter-revolutionaries and Gleb is in command of one of the defense detachments and the attack is repulsed. The town resumes its routine. Gleb works hard, planning the reconstruction of the cement works.

THE green sea, full of fecund life, seemed to be swallowing up the blue sky and fiery clouds. The fading buildings and mountains seemed to be streaming into the far abyss, like thick torrents of lava. And the mountains, the town and the sea were shimmering and heavy like a mirage in the opal mists, in the smoke of the burning dross of the day.

This young girl at the railings, could she feel all this? Serge felt that she did and looked at her questioningly. Where had he seen this girl before? Nowhere. Only perhaps in his dreams. She gave him a rapid but attentive glance. An anxious question welled up in her eyes. Was it so or not? Serge saw that she smiled.

Without looking at him she said, as though speaking to herself: "Yes, I have been waiting for this. . . . Like all the rest. . . . I have been through it all. How well you understand how to torture! To torture and to overwhelm one with joy—both at once. With one single blow. You Communists are frightful people. Do you come from a nightmare or have we only lived in dreams?"

Serge moved just one step towards her. He stretched out his hand along the rail.

"Why a nightmare? It's a much simpler and deeper matter. We are people of merciless action, and our thoughts and feelings belong to that which one calls necessity; the inevitable and incontrovertible truth of history. We're just too simple and too sincere—that's all. And that's why you hate us."

The girl cast terrified eyes on him. "Oh, no! Here is a horrible beast and the grandeur of creation, both in one. Why? There are so many heroes among you, but also so many villains and cannibals."

"Perhaps so; but our names will last through the centuries. We shall be forgotten as villains, but known as creators and heroes. Suffering and bloodshed are the price of immortality."

They were silent for a while. The girl was looking at the waves. Then she said quietly:

"I have suffered too much. You know it. I have learned to forgive, even to the point of justifying."

"We also forgive. You have experienced it yourselves. We're as merciless in our forgiveness as we are in our fighting."

Confusion, fear and admiration struggled in the depths of her eyes. She stretched out her hand to Serge. It was small and it trembled. "Help me to understand you all and to love you. Would you allow me to write to you, it would help me?"

Serge turned away from her, suddenly cold and distant. "I can't help you at all. Only stern work can help you. One has to commit oneself to new streams of life. One must stand in a new relation to the world. You are going ashore and will perhaps be born into a new life."

She bent over the railing, crushed by his words. "Ah, to be born again is as terrible as to die."

He did not answer her, but turned away and walked towards the crowd.

5. CAPTURE OF HIS MAJESTY'S STEAMER.
BEAMING with enthusiasm, Polia was walking at the head of the crowd. Behind her, in a group, came the sailors and then the Cossacks and soldiers, stamping and uproarious.

Warm steam like a sweat-bath. Stiffness and dizziness. The deck blazed with the heat, and it seemed that it could at any moment rise in fire and smoke. A wild uproar. Shidky and Gleb were being tossed high in the air by the crowd and falling back on scores of outstretched arms. And as they flew up, a great cry arose, accompanied by a thunder below in the engine-room.

"Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!"
THE gold-laced Englishman was gabbling in front of Shibis. The pipe in his hand was dancing, and it seemed it would break at any moment. Shibis, in tan leather, stood motionless, gazing at him through the mask upon his face. Then he tore off his leather cap and waved it before the captain. But still he stood immobile, only his lips were moving. The captain shivered, cold as a corpse.

The Bolsheviks were masters on His Britannic Majesty's ship. This herd of vagabonds, eaten up by lice and hunger, had a formidable power, which in an instant could capture his ship and overpower his will and iron discipline. He was a prisoner: a pitiable little grain of dust swept on by this mad and burning whirlwind.

POLIA jumped up on a box. She tore off her red headscarf, and her hair shimmered like gold in the wind. She stretched out her arms like wings. Her face was the face of one possessed.

"Long live the Proletarian World-Revolution! Down with Capitalist England!"
"Hurrah! Hurrah!"

The little boyish officer was shouting at the top of his voice and clapping his hands.

The captain was shaking as in a cold wind and sucking the air through his extinguished pipe.

Shibis waved his cap and went towards the railings. "Comrades, to the gangway!"

And the crowd became suddenly silent, sinking back troubled. Only the red rag with its dark bloodstains still fluttered overhead. The girl was looking at Serge and smiling through her tears.

Gleb waved his helmet to the crowd and to the sailors and Polia was waving her red headscarf.

Iron thunder filled the entrails of the vessel, and it seemed that the decks were glowing with heat.

Chapter XV. SCUM. 1.
THE DAILY ROUND.

ALL that summer there had been no rain; the sky looked bronze over the bay and the sea beyond the breakwaters was like a mirror. And in the mirror the sailing boats, the feluccas and the distant sandbanks were blazing in the whirling waves of heat. Near the shore the sea was transparent and green, with blue shadows, and with mother-of-pearl oil-stains; jelly-fish and seaweed floated in this blaze like blood-gorged flowers. Soft breezes passed through the town, smelling of sulphur or of the sea. There was no more horizon and the sea and sky were fused into one aerial ocean. The heat rose like steam above the mountains, and in the valleys the lush vegetation crowded luxuriantly. The slopes and ribs of the mountain glimmered with iron and sulphur through the mists and were no longer reflected in the sea. All day long, on the beach around the bay, dense crowds sprawled on the sand or bathed in the water, walked among the boulders on the shore, and along the cliffs.

THE stone and iron, and the cobble streets in the town, blazed unbearably. The people were suffocating under this sun and among these burning stones; and were blinded by the glitter of the pavements and the burning air. On the boulevards in the shade, one's mouth was dry, and a dry warm wind burned one's face. The acacia leaves smelt as though they were burning. The streets were deserted and shimmered glassily. It seemed that people were fleeing from this infernal furnace and that all active life had stopped; and there was only emptiness and indolence. One only saw here and there half-naked shadows carrying heavy portfolios crammed with papers; staggering, with turbid eyes and sweat-stained faces, they seemed to struggle under the load of their own weight.

The shop windows made an elegant display; and from the gaping doors of the cafes, the dull hum of many voices resounded; also the clattering of dice, and the soft mysterious melody of violins and the sighs of the piano.

For the first time, in the communal dining-room of the House of the Soviets, there was the smell of soup with meat in it, tomato sauce and vegetables. But the old rancid smell of beans—shrapnel, they used to call it—still lingered among the tables, the walls and the utensils, poisoning the aroma of the meat and of the potatoes fried with onions. (To Be Continued)

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Proud of Him, Says Gastonia Prisoner's Mother



"I'll stand by him; I'm proud of my boy," said the mother of Jack Heffner, who is one of the fifteen Gastonia textile strikers whom the mill bosses, through their courts, are attempting to railroad to the electric chair. Mrs. Heffner is shown above, with two of Jack's brothers.