

DOWN WITH IMPERIALIST WAR!

Fight Social Patriotism!

To Workers and Oppressed Everywhere:

The imperialist brigands are on the eve of a new imperialist war to divide the world once again; to save tottering capitalism from its inevitable doom, the proletarian revolution. The Czechoslovakian struggle is merely an incident; no matter what its outcome the millions of men mobilized in Europe and the untold billions spent for rearmament on all continents, especially in America, will soon be plunged into a new World Carnage.

"Peaceful" Britain, murderer and enslaver of hundreds of millions of British Indians, Africans, Asiatics, and Europeans, attempts to get its European house in order in a new attempt to plunder the vast Asiatic Markets, to keep its old Empire under her. "Aggressive" Germany is trying to gulp up little Czechoslovakia as a step toward the same end, the oil fields of Rumania, the wheat fields of the Ukraine, and the vast markets of Asia. "Democratic" America, biding her time, waiting for the powers to exhaust themselves as they did in the last World War, before entering the new slaughter-fest, stands with its powerful economic club over the whole of humanity, waiting, like the rest, to plunder more thoroughly the Asiatic markets, as a decisive step towards organizing the whole world for American Imperialism.

REVOLUTION STOPPED WAR IN 1918

The victorious October Revolution in the weakest link of capitalism in 1917, Russia, and the struggles of the revolutionary masses everywhere, particularly in Germany, put an end, after four long years, to the last imperialist slaughter. Dying capitalism was confronted with two dozen proletarian revolutions, a struggling working class fighting to end once and for all the system of war, unemployment, and oppression. The treachery of the social-patriots of that period, the 2nd International,

and later the treachery of Stalinism in China, Germany, Britain, Bulgaria, etc. gave capitalism a new lease on life, and paved the way for this new imperialist war.

No power on earth, or above it, can stop the present impending "organized murder", except proletarian revolution against capitalism. The workers in Czechoslovakia and France, by organizing Workers Militia and Workers Councils for a struggle for power will deal a greater blow to the war plans of imperialism than all the "peace" gestures of Britain, America, Stalinism, or French imperialism. The workers in Czechoslovakia by tearing itself loose from the capitalist and oppressive Czechoslovak government, by preparing independent working class defense against Fascist aggression, by giving no support to Mr. Benes and his masters, the Skoda munition works, will be striking a blow for lasting peace, for the emancipation of the working class from the system that breeds war.

CAPITALISM BREEDS UNEMPLOYMENT AND WAR

"Aggressive" or "defensive", "fascist" or "democratic", "allied" or "not allied" with the Soviet Union, the imperialist brigands have but one goal: further enslavement of the toilers and oppressed of all countries.

Dozens of millions were maimed, killed, and wounded in the last slaughter-fest to "save the world for democracy". But the capitalist contradictions, stronger than the words of the professor President, forced capitalism in its weakest links into the tyranny of Fascism, reduced bourgeois democracy to its lowest point in history.

Twenty-five millions are unemployed in the world, fifteen million in the U. S. alone. The warehouses are full of wheat, but the masses go hungry. The factories lie idle, while the need for the things of life was never greater. Mankind has developed an abundance of the things of life; but the imperialist brigands can maintain their system only by a new world carnage, to gain new markets for the investment of capital and the export of goods, only by dealing death to more dozens of millions of the exploited and oppressed.

FOR THE CLASS WAR AGAINST IMPERIALISM

The toilers of the world have nothing to gain from such a war, from an imperialist war. The working class and oppressed can gain only by the continuation of the class war against capitalism. The imperialists are trying to use the oppressed as cannon-fodder. The toiling majority must turn this war of robbery and plunder, this imperialist war, into a war of classes, a war of the working class of the world, on both sides of the trenches against the capitalist class; for the emancipation of mankind from wage slavery. The proletariat of all nations must fight imperialist war by working for the defeat of its "own" country, the defeat of its "own" army, everywhere. It has no country to defend, except the one Workers State, the Soviet Union; it has no fatherland.

SOCIAL CHAUVINISTS AID WAR PLANS

Those who are speaking of a "fatherland", of defending it; those who stand in the way of proletarian revolution, are on the side of imperialist war. Those who are calling on us to fight for French Imperialism and American imperialism in the name of "democracy", in the name of the "defense of the Soviet Union", are on the side of the imperialists. The only Defense of the Soviet Union is the international struggle against international capitalism, fascist and democratic capitalism alike.

Those who in France are aiding the Bonapartist premier, Daladier, place military rule over the dock workers of Marseilles, who are calling off struggles against the lengthening of the 40 hour week in the interests of national defense, are traitors to the working class. Those in America who support the billion-dollar armaments, who propose "non-intervention" nostrums to the American working class, serve the interests of one section of the capitalist class, and capitalism as a whole against the proletariat as a whole. They are the future Noskes and Scheidemans of America, the butchers of proletarian revolution.

The social-chauvinist 2nd and 3rd Internationals are beating the drums for world imperialism in a "holy"

crusade against Germany. Similarly the 1914 Browders, Stalins, Thomases, and Vanderveldes (who even then was called Vandervelde), beat the drums for world imperialism in the "holy" crusade against Kaiserism and Czarism.

BUILD THE FOURTH COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

Comrades and fellow workers there is but one enemy, capitalism, imperialism. Down with all imperialism! British and American, as well as Italian and German!

There is no solution for our oppression under capitalism. The "peace" of Versailles was merely a boomerang, forerunner of new imperialist carnages. No matter who is "victorious" in the new War it is likewise no solution. The only solution for the ills of the European people, lies in the establishment of a United Socialist Soviet Republics of Europe.

If the proletariat is unable to stop the war by revolution, then when the war breaks out it must fight to turn the imperialist war into a civil war. The war and economic breakdown will give birth to many revolutions. It is up to the working class to transform these revolutionary situations into successful revolutions.

The international might of the working class can and will put an end to capitalism and its imperialist wars. Build the new Fourth Communist International to fight social-chauvinism, to fight the traitorous leaders in the ranks of the working class who are binding it hand and foot to the imperialist war moves! Build the Fourth International to lead the revolution against capitalism!

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