

Preparing for War

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Facts speak louder than words—and therefore we will point out some facts which show that we are close to another war.

Recently the U. S. government established an arsenal in Nevada covering 119,000 acres of land. Airplane factories are speeding up production and, as in war time, every airplane worker is being fingerprinted.

The Argentinian government has just been overthrown. Peru and Bolivia have undergone some struggles. In Argentine the revolution was started by American bankers who were fighting English control there. In Bolivia and Peru the uprisings were promoted by the British government. The British government knew that the United States controlled Peru and Bolivia and, taking advantage of the "hard times" in both countries, England helped a bunch of boss politicians, suitable to them, to take power. The U. S. answered it by making it hot for the government of Argentine, which, under Irigoyen, was a puppet to England.

This is the way the bankers, the boss class, of the powerful (imperialist) countries overthrow colonial governments. All this is only part of the struggle to get control of markets, raw materials and things of this sort in the colonial countries.

Boss Class Against Chinese Revolt.

The Chinese Revolution, moving forward to a Soviet Government, will soon face American, British, French and Japanese marines, airplanes and gunboats in action—fighting against the Chinese Revolution. The McDonald Labor (Socialist) government is making war on the Indian workers and poor farmers. The French boss class is butchering workers and poor farmers in Indo-China and Morocco. Holland is doing the same in Java. The socialists support all these wars.

The border states of the Soviet Union, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Estonia, Finland,

Lithuania and Roumania—all are forming a farm union to keep all Soviet products from reaching these countries. Ralph Easley proposes unity of all the big bosses to stop all trade with the Soviet Union, "to wipe Bolshevism off the face of the earth."

Pilsudsky has established a military, fascist dictatorship in Poland and is ruling without a parliament (Congress). A fascist dictatorship is practically set up in Finland. Germany is moving fast toward a fascist dictatorship.

This certainly does not look like peace. It means WAR. But let us add a few more items.

A Billion and a Half for War.
The U. S. government will spend \$1,500,000,000 (a billion and a half dollars) within a short time on the navy. All old vessels are being scrapped; fast cruisers are taking their place. Gases, chemicals, explosives are being made on an unheard-of scale. The country has been divided off into nine war zones and all industry has been organized for war purposes. Within twenty-four hours the whole country's industries can be mobilized for war.

The government has decided upon immediate general conscription as soon as war has been declared. Citizens Military Training Camps were larger than ever this year. Boy and girl scouts—both militaristic organizations—are being given full government support. Movies show war films ("The Air Patrol," etc.); newspapers and magazines are full of war stories.

Everything is being prepared for war—the armed forces, industries, supplies, man-power and all reserves.

Peace Pacts Only Smoke-screens.

But, they tell us, the League of Nations, the Kellogg Peace Pact and the London Naval Treaty—all are to "make war impossible." The socialists, taking their cue from their masters, the boss class, babble this

too. Yes—then why is the U. S. government preparing for war just as every other big bosses (imperialist) government is doing? If, in the face of all these facts, and in the face of all these treaties which the governments have signed, the governments are preparing for war, isn't it a sign that they do not or cannot prevent war? Isn't it proof that all these treaties are only smoke screens behind which the bosses (imperialist) governments are hiding their war intentions and preparations?

This is correct. The League of Nations is an assembly of powers in which England and France are fighting for leadership, to get control of the world. Italy two years ago snapped her fingers at the League and seized a port in the Mediterranean. England is making war on India—and both of these countries belong to the League. They all are ready to make war on China—and China also is a member of the League. And the Socialist Party wants the United States to join the League in order to help guarantee peace!

The nations all signed the Kellogg peace pact and the U. S. government forced the bloody Chinese government, the butcher of the Chinese workers, to seize the Chinese Eastern Railway and try to provoke a war on the Soviet Union. Only the determined position of the Soviet Union prevented war.

The U. S., England and Japan signed the London Naval "reduction" treaty—and now the U. S. government will have the largest navy it has ever had. The Socialist Party approves both treaties.

This is what they call "peace." They are WAR PREPARATIONS.

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