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WAR MONGERS AND PEACE MAKERS HOLD CONFABS IN PITTSBURGH

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PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The industrial conference of the Pittsburgh ordnance district was held at the Garvo building, 302 Penn avenue, of representatives of 50 industries located in the Pittsburgh district. The main theme of the discussion was how to change from peace-time to war-time status and turn to the manufacture of war material within the shortest period of time. Also how new and better ways of making ammunition and other war materials can be developed.

The main speaker was Brig. Gen. C. L. H. Ruggles of Washington, assistant chief of the United States ordnance department, who pointed out the government's objective in the industrial preparedness movement, and he paid particular attention to what would be expected from the Pittsburgh district industries in the event of a declaration of war. The discussion was participated in by some of the most vicious open shoppers and fighters of organized labor in Pennsylvania, such as Homer Williams, president of the Pittsburgh Steel Company; Taylor Allderdice, vice-president of the National Tube Company; Lieut. Col. G. T. McNiff, of the National Tube Company, and Major G. Elkins Knable, of the Carnegie Steel Co.

The conference was in charge of Ralph M. Dravo, chief of the Pittsburgh preparedness district, who is in charge of the Pittsburgh district, which is one of the 14 permanent divisions mapped out by the government in its program of industrial preparedness, which the capitalist government would want us to think is a preparedness for a peace, when, in fact, it is a mobilization of industry for the slaughter of the youth.

At the same time we have the International Goodwill Congress under

the direction of the World Alliance for International Friendship meeting in Pittsburgh, and speeches are being made galore on how we can prevent war by these wonderful "saviors" and representatives of god. At the same time that they have preachers and rabbis speaking and declaring against war and deploring the war, we find that the conference meeting in the Dravo is organizing and discussing new ways of making war. The speeches are lengthy, with all kinds of excuses, such as racial, nationality, etc. given why war is carried on. The only way in which they expect to abolish war is thru forgetting that 1,926 years have passed, and that, especially in the last few years, which are supposed to be the peak of christianity, we have had the worse slaughters that the human race ever saw.

What must happen if the dream of the priests, rabbis and preachers would come true. That is what is not likely to happen—that everybody should become a christian. Then we would expect the complete wiping out of the human race by the wars which would take place.

Tho the working class is still being filled with the dope of the capitalists, who are ready for war, and also by the pacifists. But the youth must remember that in the last war each and every one of the priests, preachers and rabbis lined up on the side of the capitalists and was helping the capitalists in fooling the youth to go to slaughter under the pretense of democracy and freedom.

The working class must see that it will throw off this poison which is spread by the priests, preachers and rabbis and the rest of the capitalist mongers, and that if we must have a war it must be a war against the capitalist class.