

Imperialists Find It Hard to Continue Disarmament Swindle

Soviet Proposals Rejected; Bosses Head Toward New War for Loot

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With the growing tenaciousness in international relations, the imperialists are finding it almost impossible to keep up their sham of seeking "arms reductions." This colossal "disarmament" swindle perpetrated on the toiling masses of the world is breaking down under the weight of the sharpening imperialist antagonisms in the bitter trade and tariff wars and the fierce struggle for a re-division of the world among the imperialists.

Difficult to Continue Swindle.

From all sources come reluctant admissions of the increasing difficulties of continuing the pacifist swindle. Clarence K. Streit, N. Y. Times correspondent at Geneva, writes significantly:

"International circles tonight awaited the arrival of Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon with much curiosity, little faith and no enthusiasm."

The imperialist powers moving towards a head-on collision in the struggle for a re-division of the loot are filling the air with charges and counter-charges of their frantic armament race, which can no longer be concealed from the masses. The British social-imperialist McDonald and the imperialist Sir John Simon are returning to Geneva from an emergency conference with the

French Premier—a conference which obviously has failed of its purpose to create a new formula for the hypocritical pretext of "arms reduction" in the face of increasing hostility and the huge increases in military appropriations by the governments of the U. S., Japan, Britain, France and their puppet states.

Battle Fleets Mobilized

In the Pacific, the entire Battle Fleets of the U. S. and Japan are mobilized in preparation for armed struggle for mastery of the Pacific and the lion's share in the looting of China. In Europe, Poland is concentrating troops in the "free city" of Danzig, following the new imperialist alignments of Italy, Germany and Hungary on one hand, and France and her puppet states in the Little Entente on the other. The Italian Government has been caught red-handed in the act of shipping arms across Austria to Hungary. The war factories in Europe, Japan and the U. S. are rushing the production of war material.

Reject Soviet Proposals

Each imperialist power pretends to be striving for a formula to assure security against attack, but the whole imperialist world rejects, on one pretext or another, the proposals of the Soviet Government for real disarmament, and the more recent proposals made by Maxim Litvinoff, So-

viet delegate, for a guarantee of security to all countries, a guarantee under which an aggressor power would be frankly designated as such. The Soviet project offers a clear definition of an aggressor state as that state which first attacks or invades the territory of another state, bombs its population or establishes a naval blockade against it. The Soviet project further declares:

"No considerations whatsoever of a political, strategical or economic nature, including the desire to exploit natural rights or to obtain any sort of advantages or privileges on the territory of another State, no references to considerable capital investments or other special interests in a given State, or to the alleged absence of certain attributes of state organization in the case of a given country, shall be accepted as justification of aggression as defined in clause 1."

The U. S. Government which maintains its marines in Haiti and habitually intervenes in the South American and Caribbean countries for the protection of Wall Street's loot and investments lead the attack on the Soviet project.

And once again we have a confirmation that the way to end imperialist war once and for all is to end the system of capitalism which breeds these wars.