

"Soviet Philosophy Has Permeated Central Asia"

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ARTICLE I

"The Soviet philosophy has permeated all of Central Asia." "Intervention, by recognition of the realities may be the only way out." "Only by the creation of at least four or five distinct compact states (in China) can the danger be now averted."

Thus openly are revealed, in a pamphlet just published by the Japanese Association in China, the robber aims and

counter-revolutionary purpose behind the present armed intervention against the Chinese Revolution and the sinister war moves against the Soviet Union.

The pamphlet is entitled "Presenting Japan's Side of the Case". What it actually does is to present "the case" of robber world imperialism against the revolutionary struggles of the Chinese worker-peasant masses, against the rising, flourishing Soviet world of the

emancipated workers and farmers in the growing Chinese Soviet districts and in the Soviet Union. It calls for a new and bloodier terror against the revolutionary Chinese masses moving along the road of emancipation. The "right" of capitalism to rob and oppress, to suppress and degrade the toiling masses, to sentence tens of millions to starvation and indescribable misery, must be maintained—by armed intervention!

"We have seen how the germs of communism have taken root in the Yangtze Valley, how in desperation the patient, downtrodden

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people have espoused a case that holds out some promise of escape from their enforced enslavement; we have witnessed this movement grow to such proportions that it now menaces the very existence of the nation (sic!). We call it 'communism' in order to rally world opinion to the support of the National Government in its desperate struggle to preserve the fiction of its power and carry out its international obligations. . . ."

"Japan sees the handwriting on the wall and her military leaders have appealed to the right of self-defense."

Calls for More Terror Against Chinese Masses.

The present armed intervention must be extended, China must be partitioned, the pamphlet declares, at the same time peddling the hypocrisy that dismemberment of China will achieve "unity":

"Intervention, by recognition of the realities may be the only way left open to save China from splitting up into a congeries of small Soviet republics tied to Moscow's leading strings. The battle ground of Communism for control of the world is definitely fixed in China. . . . Only by the creation of at least four or five distinct compact states can the danger be now averted. Recognition of the realities is not intervention!"

ger, Kuomintang Tools Failed—Direct Intervention Now Necessary

But even with the full backing of imperialism, its Kuomintang tools have found it impossible to crush the national revolutionary struggles of the toiling masses. Direct armed intervention by the imperialists is now necessary to save the loot of the imperialists in China, to "effect" the salvation of dying world capitalism. Japan has recognized this necessity, has begun the "good work" of butchering the revolutionary Chinese masses in Manchuria where, warns the pamphlet:

" . . . The nucleus of communist armies are everywhere in evidence. . . . The material is all there in Manchuria for a first-class upheaval."

"A prolongation of the present depression with its attendant hunger, cold, and privation may drive these people to desperation; to the point where, like their fellow-countrymen in the Yangtze Valley, they also will take to the field in arms against their oppressors."

The masses throughout China are turning to the revolutionary way out of their misery. "The Soviet philosophy has permeated all of Central Asia." The glorious victories and achievements of the working class in the Soviet Union are showing the oppressed masses of China the new non-capitalist road of development.

"Under the old regime, the peasants of Russia were slaves of the landowners, toiling from cradle to the grave to maintain in idleness and luxury a ruling caste that opposed any and every program for reform. When the opportunity came, the serfs rose against their oppressors and re-enacted the tragedy of the French Revolution. The old system has disappeared. Private property is abolished. The land is parcelled out in co-operative farms held in common for the common good. The Soviet philosophy has permeated all of Central Asia. Mongolia is now part of the Soviet system. Chinese Turkestan is wholly dependent upon the Soviet for its economic existence. Communist propaganda is undermining the allegiance of the people to their Chinese overlords, and with the strengthening of Soviet trade ties, this region with its immense mineral and oil deposits, will slip automatically into the Soviet system.

"China's inability to assert her authority over these distant border provinces, coupled with the graft, corruption, ineptitude and tyranny of the Chinese (Kuomintang) officials, is paving the way for the triumph of Communism, Mongolia, Sinkiang, the Barga Region, a large part of Tibet and a slice out of Kirin in the Ussuri district are practically lost to (Kuomintang) China. No treaty of peace and commerce; no understanding between Moscow and Mukden can check the relentless march of the Soviet in these regions."

"Chinese officialdom may delude itself and the world into believing that Moscow is responsible for the present tragedy (the growth of the powerful Soviet districts which is a tragedy—to imperialism.—C. B.) in the Yangtze Valley, but those who have an intimate knowledge of China's internal affairs know this to be false. The truth about conditions in China is eloquently revealed in Chiang Kai-shek's wrathful and denunciatory arraignment of the system he himself is responsible for fastening upon the people by force of arms."

And who but the imperialists are responsible for Chiang Kaishek?