

THE MEANING OF MOROCCO

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MOROCCO counts among the lesser countries of the world, but its current struggle to break away from the imperialist control of France is of great international importance.

First, it represents the movement of a number of African and Asian peoples to sever their connections with the French empire and to set themselves



up as independent states. In this respect they are meeting with harsh resistance from the French masters, who recognize in this spreading revolt among the subject peoples a crumbling away of the French Empire. The recent bitter war in Indochina illustrated, on the one hand, the ferocity of the imperialists in hanging onto their colonial victims, and on the other, the invincible determination of the subject peoples to be free.

Second, the revolt of the French colonial peoples is, in turn, also an important part of the growing world upheaval of the colonial and semi-colonial peoples of France, Great Britain, Holland, Portugal, Spain, and the United States. Among the other countries involved in this vast revolutionary movement, to a greater or lesser extent, are India, Indonesia, Burma, Ceylon, Korea, Guatemala, etc.

The general significance of this situation is that the vast colonial and semi-colonial system of capitalism, which originally embraced the majority of mankind, is being hopelessly shattered. People's China which battered its way completely out of the maze of imperialist controls, is pointing the general way that this vast colonial revolt is heading.

DURING THE PERIOD prior to 1900, when world imperialism was on the upswing, one of the most important features of this whole development was the partition of the less developed peoples and countries among the predatory capitalist powers.

As Lenin pointed out in his **Imperialism**, in this ruthless subjugation and enslavement of peoples in Africa, Asia, and Polynesia, Britain grabbed 3,700,000 square miles of territory and 57,000,000 people; France got 3,600,000 square miles and 35,000,000 people; Germany 1,000,000 square miles and 16,700,000 people; Belgium 900,

000 square miles and 30,000,000 people, and Portugal 800,000 square miles and 9,000,000 people. It was also at the close of this period that the imperialist United States seized Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines.

What is now happening in the world is that the peoples who were enslaved in this unparalleled drive of imperialism, including the Moroccans, are, busily undoing the whole monstrous process. They are tearing to pieces the vast colonial system which the capitalist powers so avidly built up during the closing years of the 19th century.

Third, the breaking down of the colonial system, in which the Moroccan people are doing their part, is enormously weakening the capitalist system of the world. Lenin especially made it clear that colonialism is one of the foundation pillars of world capitalism and imperialism. The growing collapse of colonialism is, therefore, increasing the general crisis of capitalism and thereby hastening it on to its inevitable doom.

AMERICAN IMPERIALISM as one of its key objectives in its drive for world mastery for Wall Street, has been trying to reverse this general anti-colonial revolution, of which Morocco is now an outstanding example. Both the Truman and Eisenhower Administrations had a two-pronged policy in this respect. On the one hand, they tried, as best they could, to stamp out, in one way or another, the increasing revolts of colonial and semi-colonial peoples; and on the other hand, they sought to reduce the whole capitalist and socialist world under their own domination. They even dreamed of making satellite countries not only of the colonial and semi-colonial peoples, and of the socialist nations but also of dominating the other capitalist powers, Britain, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, etc.

But the workers and peasants of the world have knocked into a cocked hat this grandiose imperialist dream of Wall Street. This was one of the central things they accomplished when, at the first Geneva conference, last July, the peoples of the world made it known that they were not going to stand for the atomic world war being cooked up by the political agents of Wall Street. World capitalism, facing ever-stronger opposition from the respective peoples, continues to sink and to decline. This is the larger meaning of the revolt of the Moroccan people.