

This morale of the Red Army, which is based on the interests of the working class, (which no other army in the world has) together with the fact that successful fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan has created the necessary requirements for the defense of the country, makes the Red Army an invincible force.

One of the big factors holding back the attack upon the Soviet Union, until now, is this mighty position of the Red Army. But it does not at all follow that the Red Army can be completely successful against the combined forces of the imperialists, (with their most modern means of slaughter and their poison gases, etc.) without the active assistance of the workers in the capitalist countries. Any kind of a military attack upon the Soviet Union will be completely crushed by the united efforts of the toilers of the Soviet Union and the workers in capitalist countries, as the bulwark of support of the Red Army.⁴⁹

25. Will There Be a War Against the Soviet Union?

The capitalists look with jealous eyes upon each other's colonies. There are no new countries not in the grip of one or another set of capitalists. The capitalists of various countries are preparing to fly at each other in a world war, in order to grab as much as they can of another country's colonies, and bring these under their own domination.

The wars going on in the Far East and in South America are only the beginning of a world-wide conflict among the imperialists.⁵⁰

The capitalists ferociously attack each other in the attempt to destroy competitors. But increased rivalry and wars do not do away with the preparations for a united imperialist attack upon the Soviet Union. *Common class interests unite the capitalists of different countries against the Soviet Union—the country of Socialism*—as pointed out in the answer to Question No. 22. This class differentiation was indicated by Secretary of State Hughes, in March 1921, in a letter to Samuel Gompers stating that relations between the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union are not possible, *until the Soviet system had been abandoned or modified.*

At present economic necessity is forcing a section of American capitalists to agitate for recognition of the Soviet Union by the American government, so that resumption of trade between the two countries may be brought about. American capitalists view with alarm the fact that British and German capitalists have taken away nearly \$114,000,000 worth of Soviet trade from the U.S. capitalists. They look upon the Soviet Union as an ideal market because it is the only country whose life is on the upgrade and especially because the Soviet government has never defaulted in making its payments on time.

Forced by the necessity of seeking a market, the United States capitalist government may be induced to recognize the Soviet government. But at the same time, it will intensify its suppression of strikes against slashing of wages; its suppression of workers' activities to force some relief for the unemployed. It will especially persecute the American Communist Party, which is the only real working class party in the United States. It will try to stem the growing sympathy of American workers for the Soviet Union. A successful attempt to clamp down the growing activities of American working masses against the attack upon their living conditions by the American boss class means to lessen the resistance at home against an imperialist war. It is a form of preparation for attack upon the Soviet Union in the hope of making a successful military attack upon the U.S.S.R. jointly with other imperialist countries.

It cannot be denied that the wide-spread sympathy for the Soviet Union of the working masses in capitalist countries aroused by the historically unprecedented successes of the Five-Year Plan, and the steadily declining standard of living of the masses exerted great pressure upon certain capitalist countries to sign non-aggression pacts with the Soviet Union.

From the answers given to the question above, it is clear that the greatest antagonism in the world today is the one between Socialism (U.S.S.R.) and capitalism (all capitalist countries). The capitalists will try to solve the contradictions among themselves at the expense of the Soviet Union. They will try to