

# Shall the Beast Rape Mexico?

*An Appeal from Mexico City.*

**T**HE claws of the Big Brute of North America are on Mexico's throat!

The nation trembles and well she may. "Intervention" is imminent and she knows what intervention will mean—strangulation, torture and slavery. Like starving India and wretched Ireland in the grip of England, will Mexico be if intervention comes and she is made the hopeless toy of the lecherous lusts of the Big Brute, American plutocracy.

Yet she has nothing else to expect. Allied Imperialism, the consummate product of international Capitalism, the cruel tiger that out of the fierce fight in the jungle of Junkerism has gained preeminence over the other beasts of the forest, licks its chops and snaps its jaws in gleeful anticipation of the feast that awaits it.

Allied Imperialism won its war to eliminate Germany as a commercial competitor, but it has other tasks to be attended to. Mexico, innocent, unsophisticated, untamed little vixen that she is, has taunted and defied the Beast. She refused to help it in its late death-struggle. She has dared to try to be independent, free, and even scornful, first of his sickening caresses and then of his ugly threats. She must be chastened, humbled and put in chains.

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Intervention is probably inevitable, sooner or later, unless revolution breaks out in England or the United States quickly enough to compel the governments of those countries to turn their guns on the working classes at home instead of on the Mexican people. The only other way by which intervention can possibly be prevented, is by waging a powerful agitation in the United States to awaken the workers and bring proletarian mass pressure upon the government. If immediate action is taken and the truth told about the sinister scheme to annex Mexico, intervention may be avoided. But no time must be wasted and if there is any delay about it, Morgan and Hearst will already have accomplished their object and American troops will be on the border. Even now, millions of people in the United States are being swayed, little by little, by the

torrent of newspaper and magazine articles written by highly paid writers and containing the most inflammatory and baseless lies about conditions in Mexico. The same tactics were successfully employed in persuading the American people to take England's side and help overthrow Germany. American sentiment was just a smuch against entering the European war then as it is now against invading Mexico, but American sentiment can be changed this time just as it was changed in 1917-18, if the job of converting the people is undertaken promptly enough.

The prospects, then, of averting intervention by an educational campaign in the United States, are not encouraging for the simple reason that the militarists, munition makers and war profiteers were on the job long before the Pacifists and anti-interventionists.

The prospects of intervention being averted by revolution in England or the United States, are also doubtful. Revolution *will come* in both these countries, probably in England first. The workers of the United States are not ready for it and intervention will, I fear, be a reality long before they get ready for industrial democracy. The workers of England are much more advanced, as a whole, than those in the United States, and the Great Change may happen in the former country at any time. Yet it is unlikely that even England will be socialized before Mexico is quivering under the paw of Anglo-American Imperialism.

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The war with Germany and the brutal terms imposed on the people of the defeated nations, did not sate the blood-thirst and money-lust of the financial masters of the world. On the contrary, they are hungrier and greedier than ever. An attack on Mexico is their logical next act.

After Mexico is bound and gagged and raped and robbed, two other wars are unavoidably predestined unless the Social Revolution comes first. One is the war of American Capitalism against British Capitalism. Wall Street is suspicious and jealous, even now, of Lon-

don's financial strength, and nothing short of ruthless, merciless war will remove England as a trade rival. Signs of the coming conflict may be seen already in the dispute between American and English papers as to which nation really won the war. The war between the United States and England, if it actually matures, will be more frightful and terrible than the late war.

The other of the two wars likely to follow that with Mexico, is the long-dreaded, often-predicted conflict between the United States and the new Prussia of the Orient, Japan. This war is also inevitable if Capitalism does not crash down before the time is ripe. Such a war would draw into the maelstrom of murder most or all of the white nations on the one side and most or all of the other races on the other.

However, the Anglo-American war and the Occidental-Oriental war, are likely to be killed in embryo by the death of their parent, the capitalist system.

Not so the American-Mexican war. The odds are in favor of it, much as I hate to admit it and hotly as my blood boils at the thought of such an indefensible, unrighteous assault on a kindly, inoffensive people. It may not be now. It may not be for a year or a couple of years or even five years, but sooner or later, if the capitalist system lasts, Mexico will be riveted by the chains of Wall Street slavery. It is as certain as the dawning of another day.

Mexico has one hope, one real hope and only one. It is Socialism in the United States and England. The overthrow of Capitalism in the nations that want to annex her, will destroy the incentive for annexations. Nothing else will and as long as the incentive remains, intervention is the inescapable consequence of the expanding trade needs of the present Anglo-American alliance.

Capitalist governments care nothing for murdered men, violated women, starving children. They care only for profits, profits, profits. If the price of these profits is Mexican blood and tears, Mexican agony and suffering, they will pay the price without a qualm.

## The Hour of Trial in Hungary

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**T**HE Hungarian Soviet Republic which was proclaimed on March 3 fell in a desperate fight with the thousand-headed hydra of international Imperialism. On August 1st the Bela Kun government was forced to resign and on August 3rd the Hungarian Soviet Republic was re-named the Hungarian Peoples Republic, with the moderate Socialist elements at its head.

Let us pause and review the events which have transpired during the last two weeks.

On July 26th the most important representative of international Imperialism, Clemenceau, appealed to the Hungarian people to overthrow the Soviet government and replace it with a government of the "people." In this appeal Clemenceau emphasized the statements that the Allies would refuse peace to the Soviets, that the blockade would continue and that Hungary sooner or later would be forced to yield because of starvation.

The entire appeal reeked with hatred and threats against the revolutionary proletariat of Hungary. It also contained statements suggestive of Wilson's playing with the Ger-

man people. Posing as the friend of the Hungarian masses, Clemenceau tried to win over with promises of a "fair deal" those centrist elements which had hesitatingly and half-heartedly supported the Soviet Power. In this entry into Budapest with savage butchery is nothing but the embodiment of the hatred of the bourgeoisie. Comrade Kun was right, when in his last speech made at the meeting of Soviet representatives, he prophesied how horrible would be the reign of terror following the fall of the proletarian government.

We can utter no word of blame against the Communists. They did not surrender until the Hungarian proletariat and the Hungarian poor could endure no longer the blockade. For four months the masses of the people gave hearty support to the Government of the People's Commissars in their valiant fight against the enemy that advanced from every side. Cut off from communication with the world and with Soviet Russia, nine million people were being strangled by the relentless clutch of the Allies. Not only did they have to wage war with the Czecho-Slovaks, the Serbians, the

Rumanians, Italians and colonial divisions of the French army. They had also to fight their own Kornilovs, made powerful by the backing of the foreign imperialists. Just as in 1848 the Holy Alliance using the swords of Nicholas' soldiers brought "peace and order" to Hungary, so in 1919 the Holy Alliance of English-French-American imperialists resurrected the reactionary ideals of Nicholas.

But the historical background of to-day is not that of 1848. With revolutionary sentiment ever increasing throughout Europe the Hungarian Commune may yet return to life. No usurpation of power can erase from the minds of the working class the experiences that were theirs during the construction of the Soviet. The inspiring memory of the abolition of age-long oppression, of the triumph of Socialism no one can destroy. The words of Bela Kun must and will be realized, of the day to come when the Hungarian people can once more rejoice in a Soviet government. And it is our task to hasten that day by dedicating ourselves to the firm establishment of International Communism.