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THE WORKERS AND PEACE.

Generally speaking, all sections of the population in every country are in favour of establishing a lasting peace in the world. The exceptions are the powerful groups of armament manufacturers and professional militarists who gain great profits from preparation for war, and therefore they are interested in keeping up an atmosphere of hatred, suspicion and uncertainty.

The propaganda machine at the disposal of the war-mongers - the press, radio, films etc is a terrific weapon for creating the war-psychosis.

Naturally for these groups the Geneva Conference which resulted in a truce in Indo China, was a great disappointment. They cannot live without, at least, a small war, because they hope that a small war will eventually lead to a world war. When the shooting in Indo China stopped their still remained many burning points in the world: Kenya, Malaya, the Israeli Arab Tension etc. But the American aggressors cannot be satisfied with such "small things", they aim at something bigger, and clouds, dark clouds are gathering again in the Far East. Nationalist China under the instructions and protection from of the U.S.A. is provoking a war with the Chinese Peoples Republic. The corrupt dictator of Formosa and his henchmen would have never dared to commit the crimes they do, if they wouldnt have been encouraged by the Americans.

The Frequent visits of American Military and Government representatives in the Headquarters of Chiang-Kai Check are a dangerous sign we must remember that the Korean War, which lasted three years and brought horrors to the innocent population, started five days after the present secretary of state of the Eisenhower Administration left Seoul;

Therefore there is no place for complacency and everybody must be on guard and fight for a lasting Peace.

Although as it was said in the beginning, that the population of the whole world, with the exception of small but powerful groups, is vitally interested in preserving peace, the workers are the greatest sufferers from war and from preparations for war. The Cost of living rises, great sums of money ARE SPENT ON ARMAMENTS which could be used for building hospitals schools, & proper houses for the working people.

With the exception of factories engaged in producing Guns, war Planes etc., the other industries come soon or later to a crisis. Unemployment is at the moment on the increase, we see it in the U.S.A. where there are now 5 million workers unemployed. we feel it in our own country, where many factories are only working part time and the Bosses are threatening to reduce wages and worsen many amenities.

In South Africa there are many people who think that War will not come to our country. In the Period of atom bombs, H. Bombs, etc it is nonsensical to this way because our Country is now a chief producer of Uranium,

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which is used for the manufacture of the deadly H.bombs, and therefore will be a very important target for attacks

Only in the time of a lasting peace will the workers be able to achieve better working conditions. Only then their fight against reactionary regimes will bring positive results. Only then will be able to bring about the equality of all people whatever their race colour or creed.

Therefore it is the duty of every worker to support the South African Peace Movement. Each Factory must elect a small peace committee which will be in permanent contact with THE TRANSVAAL PEACE COUNCIL, will arrange PEACE MEETINGS, distribute literature and help in spreading the gospel of PEACE.

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