





Atomic Destruction And World War III

This is the fourth of a series of articles on the death-dealing weapons in the hands of the imperialist warmongers...

By Eugene Varlin

Before August 6, 1945, it seemed that people could no longer be shocked by the mounting slaughters of the imperialist butchers.

In the months before August, thousands of Superfortresses had bombed the cities of Japan with incendiaries.

Then, on August 6, a lone American Superfortress, manned by a crew of ten, dropped a bomb on the Japanese City of Hiroshima.

Simply this: one bomb carried by one plane had wiped a city of 343,000 people off the map.

Since 1901, scientists had known that by destroying a very tiny quantity of matter, tremendous quantities of energy could be released.

Now, at last, they had succeeded. And the world recoiled in horror at their "triumph."

Today, the atomic bomb is an American monopoly. No scientist believes that this state of affairs will last very long.

On September 27, Walter H. Judd stated before the House of Representatives, "We face the prospect in the next half century of a return to the cliff dweller or cave-man stage of civilization."

He concluded, "If the bomb gets out of hand, if we do not learn to live together so that our science will be our help and not our hurt, there is only one sure future: the cities of men on earth will perish."

Atomic energy would soon replace all existing sources of power—coal, oil, electricity. Now, at last, they had succeeded. And the world recoiled in horror at their "triumph."

Imperialist Terror In Greece-Background Of The Elections

The Greek elections of March 31 ended with the pro-monarchist Populist party receiving a majority of the votes cast.

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

ATHENS, Greece—Greece continues to be agitated by open civil war and revolutionary ferment.

The defeat of the revolutionary movement of December 1944 provoked the counter-revolutionary terror. Reactionary and fascist bands thereafter committed daily acts of violence and crime against workers' organizations.

But in spite of the military and financial support of British imperialism, the capitalists have not been able to improve the chaotic situation in the country, nor establish any political stability.

With the approach of the elections (set for March 31 by London, in agreement with the reactionary monarchist wing of the Populist party), disorders are growing and reflect the exceptionally strong pressure exerted by the militancy of the masses.

A new wave of strikes, postulated in the strike committees

Control Of Oil Land In Middle East Involved In UNO Dispute Over Iran

Threaten Death Sentence For Leading Bulgarian Trotskyists

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A letter from Bulgaria, dated February, brings news of the survival of the Trotskyist movement in that country.

Several of the leading members of the Bulgarian ICP have been arrested and imprisoned.

The "Fatherland Front" government led by the ex-Fascist Georgieff supported by the Stalinists, has conducted particularly vicious persecutions against the Bulgarian Trotskyists.

MILITANT RECORD The Bulgarian ICP has a record of militant struggle against fascism and against the Nazi oppressor.

Small wonder then that the atom scientists live in deadly fear of this Frankenstein of their own creation. They know what it can do.

REPORT FIRST STRIKE IN USSR IN 20 YEARS For the first time in more than two decades the Kremlin censors have permitted news of a strike in the USSR to be cabled abroad.

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Freedom From Want—Greece, 1946 "While Greeks are dying in hovels in the city's outskirts from lack of food, the center (of Athens) boasts some of Europe's richest cafes."

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SUGAR BARONS PLUNDER PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE

Conditions in 'El Fanguito,' one of several equally poverty stricken sections of San Juan, Puerto Rico, give an indication of the dreadfully low living standard suffered by the Puerto Ricans.

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In presenting his government's case against the Soviet Union last week before the United Nations Security Council, Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala fleetingly referred to oil.

Apparently Hussein Ala had shown poor taste—and poorer judgment—in mentioning so crude a subject as oil after the British representative Cadogan had been declaiming about the "confidence in the sanctity of respect for treaties" and Byrnes had been proclaiming the need to defend "the rights of small nations."

It does not take deep drilling beneath the surface of the present dispute to strike oil. For Iran is one of the richest sources of oil in the world.

For over 40 years Iran has been a victim of capitalist greed and a bone of contention among rival imperialists.

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