

BLOODSHED DIRT-CHEAP

Capitalist - Democracy has given a sinister turn to 'war economy'. An industrial situation has been developed in which wars can be fought for nothing. Take the USA for example, there is in that country an enormous surplus of raw materials with production at its recent levels the creation of wealth is artificially restricted. At the same time there is a gigantic surplus of labour power. The work of the nation is being carried on without the help of millions of workers.

Before Capitalist - Democracy had started to eat its head off in its capacity for expansion, a war meant the sacrifice of a nation's wealth. With no unemployment and no surplus production beyond the needs of the community to embark on a war involved temporary diversion of part of the nation's output.

Broadly speaking, supplies which would normally have been consumed by the civilian population were cut so that an army might be fed and equipped. The national labour effort was diminished with the recruitment or 'pressing' of every soldier.

War in the past meant immediate impoverishment of the community. With the firing of the first shot the nation began to feel the pinch. War for a modern industrial nation means immediate prosperity for the people as a whole. Surplus productivity is sufficient to maintain the war without lowering the peace-time level of supplies for civil purposes.

With the distribution of more money than before in wages, including soldiers pay the nation appears better off than it was in peace time. Stated in these simple terms therefore the USA could support a pretty hefty kind of war over a long period and at the end be no poorer than at the beginning in real wealth. The extra wealth necessary to keep the hell-pot boiling would be created as the war went along.

The USA would be poorer naturally in terms of finance, it would have a very large debt to face. But that does not affect the argument. No war was ever stopped for reasons of finance. There are so many gentlemen anxious to accommodate a good borrower at war-time rates of usury. They know that when peace comes the nation will pay the interest before it feeds itself.

The supporters of Capitalist-Democracy say that Fascism leads to war Fascism is the new bulwark against war. Fascism means national virility, but it is not always the virile nations that are thrown at each other's throats. The nation that goes to war is the nation that must go to war. War is an easy solution of the biggest and most pressing domestic problems, how tempting for the political liberal elite to find excuse for war.

The situation is the same in Britain on a less exaggerated scale. Always under Capitalistic-Democracy there will be unemployment increasing with each decade. Always production outstripping consumption. Always the factors for a cheap war. And the system cannot right itself. it creaks at every effort to do so. Only under Fascist efficiency which will permit no surplus where there is want will there be the contented nation.

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