

# 1776 - - INDEPENDENCE DAY - - 1928

**J**ULY 4TH is Independence Day. And now more than one hundred and fifty years since the Declaration of Independence it is more necessary than ever to raise the standard of independence on the American continent. The difference is that today the demand for independence is a demand of the rest of the American continent against the United States government. In 1776 the American colonies fought for independence from the British Empire. In 1928 an American Empire menaces the independence of all Latin America, and millions of people across the seas while American workers suffer increased exploitation.

Make it Independence Day for the subject peoples of the American Empire! To commemorate Independence Day is to struggle against imperialism!

The Republic which once fought against domination has become the most powerful imperialist country in the world. The rapid development of Big Business during and after the panis of 1873 has led with sure steps to the concentration of economic and political power in Wall Street, where a financial oligarchy dominates the life of the country, crushing out working class resistance to the open-shop schemes of the bosses in this country and subjecting all nations to the profit-hunger of the financiers.

American soldiers participated in a war in 1898, quite a different kind of war than that of the struggle for American independence. In 1898, paralleling the concentration of power in Wall Street and the development of big industrial and banking combines, there occurred the Spanish-American war. This was an imperialist war in which American imperialism, fighting ostensibly to free Cuba actually took over effective control of that island, and at the same time made outright American colonies out of Porto Rico, Guam and the Phillipine islands.

Between 1898 and 1928 United States troops have intervened in the affairs of everyone of the Central American countries except Guatemala as well as in Mexico, Haiti and Santo Domingo.

In China, American troops and warships today form part of the general imperialist aggression against China and represent a phase of the struggle of rival imperialists for exploitation of China.

The last world war was an imperialist

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war. The next world war is already on the horizon, clearly visualized in the imperialist maneuvers of the so-called great powers. And the United States government, the agent of Wall Street, is a primary



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factor in this steadily advancing war danger.

The American workers have no interest in the imperialist adventures of Wall Street and Washington. On the contrary, their interests are bound up with those of the peoples menaced by American imperialism. Wall Street's enemies are our friends.

July 4th is an excellent day on which to drive home the necessity of the independence struggle, without which there can be no economic independence for the American workers.



It is a hollow mockery that the American ruling class which on "Independence Day" pretends to honor the memory of the minute men of 1776, today is engaged in villifying and in crushing out the independence struggle led by the forces of General Augusto C. Sandino in Nicaragua.

The mockery is all the more complete because it comes accompanied by declarations on the part of Secretary of State Kellogg concerning his proposals "to outlaw war", proposals which do not, however, prevent the building up of a larger and larger war-making machine in the U. S.

The tradition of Independence Day is a tradition of struggle. Let us carry forward the tradition. How about an Independence Day for Porto Rico and the Phillipines? How about an Independence Day for all those people which United States intervention now dominates or threatens? How about an Independence Day for American working masses?

## A NEW SECTION OF THE RED AID FORMED

The International Labor Defence Committee which was formed in Australia recently in connection with the campaign to prevent Australian participation in the attack upon China has decided to remain in existence and constitute itself the Australian Section of the International Red Aid. The Committee has issued an appeal to all trades councils and Labor Party branches to retain their vigilance committees as branches of the Australian Red Aid or to form such branches where they do not as yet exist. The appeal is published in the Australian "Workers' Weekly" on the 6th of April. The International Red Aid welcomes its Australian Section into the ranks of the world-wide struggle against Fascism, White Terror and bourgeois Class-Justice!

## U. S. JAPANESE FOR MOONEY

"The Japanese Worker in America" published in San Francisco has just published the article on Tom Mooney by James P. Cannon. Its editor, Comrade S. Kenmatsu has visited Mooney in prison and seen Tom's mother. Enthusiastic support for the liberation campaign is pledged.