Significance of Bulganin's Election

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HARDLY had the news had been announced of the resignation of Malenkov as premier of the Soviet Union and the election of Bulganin in his stead, than the ever-vigilant warmongers in this country were springing into action, striving to turn this incident to their unholy purpose of unleashing the third world war.



With their usual air of gospel-like finality, they declared that the change in Soviet leadership boded ill for the American people. Malenkov was a man of peace, they shout, whereas Bulganin is a man of war. The meaning of it all, they declare, is that it will bring more warlike pressure upon the U. S. from the USSR.

This is all sheer rubbish. It only goes to show that everything is grist for the mills of the atomaniacs of Washington and Wall Street. There is absolutely nothing to the fairy tale that whereas Malenkov was for peace, Bulganin is for war. Whatever internal changes may come from the shift in Soviet leadership, regarding the development of heavy industry and agriculture, time alone will tell.

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BUT ONE THING is absolutely certain, the basic foreign course of the USSR will remain as before, firmly and unalterably committed to the preservation and cultivation of world peace. Peaceful co-existence of the socialist and capitalist states is the fundamental policy of the Soviet government.

A foreign policy for peace in the USSR or in any other socialist country, does not depend upon this or that particular Communist heading the government. The Communist Party, with the mass of the people behind it leads, and it is decisively for peace. Peace is built into the very structure of the Soviet system; it is of the life-blood essence of Socialism.

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THE USSR is a country where workers rule, where human exploitation has been abolished, where the industries are owned by the people, and where production is carried on for use, not profit. In such a country there is no basis whatever for imperialism or for aggressive warmaking.

The American people are not now, never have been, and never will be in the slightest danger of attack from the Soviet Union, regardless of whether its government be headed by a Lenin, a Stalin, a Malenkov, or a Bulganin.

The USSR, People's China, and the European People's Democracies are not the enemies of the American people, but their best friends.

The war danger now threatening the American people comes from an altogether different direction—from the agents of big capital, the Eisenhowers, Dulleses, Knowlands, et al., who are running the United States government. They speak and act, not in behalf of the democratic masses of America but in the interest of monopoly capital, which with its inevitable arrogance and insatiable greed at home and abroad, is the elementary source of all imperialist war. The agents of monopoly are the only ones who could plunge the American people into war; into a war that could only

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bring utter military, economic, and political disaster to our nation.

THE UNITED STATES is now thickly infested by militant advocates of war. They occupy many high places in the government, in the industries, in the press, and in all the key institutions. And now we have the disgraceful spectacle of the heads of the AFL, supposed to be leaders of the working class, but actually lickspittles of the warmongers, calling upon the Eisenhower big-business government to take even more drastic action against the Chinese people than its present raw aggressions in Formosa.

Notwithstanding all these sinister forces, however, the American people do not want war, nor can all the vast propaganda machine of Wall Street make them want it. They can have peace, despite all the pro-war forces, if they will insist upon it and not be deceived by the shameless proponents of war—the Knowlands, McCarthys, et al., who are presently poisoning the atmosphere of American political life.