



Photo Ralph Chaplin

*A Dead Soldier 5 Days After The Chinandega Battle.*

## The Iron Heel Steps On Nicaragua

**A**MERICAN government interference in the economic and political life of Nicaragua again emphasized by president elect Hoover's coming visit to Latin America, which has culminated in actual open war, is motivated by the interests of the American Imperialists which are bound up with a world struggle for monopoly and colonial domination. Why is Hoover, the representative of U. S. imperialism, going to Latin America? Since the construction of the Panama Canal, it has been the policy of American imperialism in Nicaragua: 1) to prevent the granting of the rights of construction of a Canal through the Nicaraguan territory to other imperialist powers which would seriously impair its own interests, 2) to assure the occupation of the Gulf of Fonseca as a naval base for the United States Government in order to protect the interests of American Imperialism from any other Imperialist powers such as that of British imperialism which is also struggling for domination of the Latin-American countries against the interests of the American capitalists. By securing complete control of the two Islands known as the Great Corn and the Little Corn, the American imperialists could definitely control 4/5 of Central America from a commercial and military standpoint, 3) to insure the export of capital and the monopoly of the natural resources of Nicaragua and the neighbouring countries.

Aiming at these principal points, the State Department did not lose any opportunity to bind Nicaragua thru the usage of all means at hand such as threatening notes,

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buying the politicians of both factions whether Conservatives or Liberals and by forceful intervention.

Negotiations to that effect began as early as 1912 which ended in 1916 with the Bryan-Chamorro Treaty. This treaty effected under Wilson's administration laid the basis for the brutal intervention that we are witnessing since 1926.

The Bryan-Chamorro Treaty virtually took Nicaragua away from the Nicaraguans by giving the right to the American Imperialists to construct an interoceanic canal in that territory. To further entangle the economic and political life of that country. Wall Street financiers sought to advance loans for the amount of \$6,200,000 in one instance and of \$15,000,000 in another, so that when the time comes, American custom supervisors can for a "comprehensible cause" control the very heart of the economic status of the country.

The treacherous treaty together with the unbalanced economy of the country due to heavy taxations imposed upon the masses to pay the dividends to the American financiers, brought about a civil war. Consequent with the Bryan-Chamorro Treaty, the Department of State "rightfully" intervened. The "good will" of the Government of the U. S. was further motivated by the

cry of the capitalists that the "lives of Americans in Nicaragua are in danger". The presence of U. S. marines so infuriated the masses of Nicaragua, that immediately and spontaneously a group of loyal Nicaraguans, loyal to the independence of Nicaragua, organized themselves under General Sandino to fight the invasion.

American Imperialism is determined to fight to the finish. The Stimpson trip to Nicaragua in April 1927 was intended to fool the masses into a "fair" election to be under the supervision and rule of the U. S. marines. Both Liberals and Conservatives accepted Stimpson's plan. The formation of a National Guard as stipulated by the Stimpson Commission is to deal a strong blow to the independence of Nicaragua.

Under the marine rule, the elections in Nicaragua which took place in November of this year were a complete victory for Wall Street. Moncada, the Liberal Presidential Candidate will serve as the puppet President and will function as the manager of the American financiers. According to General McCoy, the marines will stay on the Nicaraguan soil until such a time comes when the National Guard organized and controlled by American officers will be able to crush Sandino and his forces. The National Guard is intended to "pacify" the country and assure the "future" for Wall Street.

But Sandino is not giving up his fight. While in 1926 and 1927 the army of independence was formed solely by Nicaraguans, today, this army is assuming an al-

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together different aspect. Almost all nationalities of Latin-America are represented in the forces of Sandino. Primarily, revolutionaries from Guatamela, Honduras, Costa Rica, Venezuela and Mexico.

The ideas of General Sandino have been revolutionized by the experience he has gained in this struggle. In his message to the American masses who have given him material and moral support, through the U. S. Section of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League he says: "I realize that only by the concerted action of the workers and peasants can we win back our independence." In his open letter addressed to the 15 presidents of Latin-American Republics, Sandino openly states that the liberation of the Latin-American masses from imperialist domination can only be gotten by the united action of these oppressed masses.

General Sandino has inflicted severe loss to the American forces in Nicaragua. In spite of the conspicuous silence maintained by the capitalist press, we have information that U. S. marines are constantly being captured by Sandino's soldiers. Gustavo Machado, Sandino's representative in Mexico reports that over 150 marines were captured in the one month of May of this year. An American flag taken in the battle was in display at an anti-imperialist demonstration in Mexico City. This demonstration was organized to protest the presence of the American legionnaires in Mexico.

American marines, according to foreign press reports, are now expressing their discontent over their being kept in Nicaragua for "no reason".

The latest report published by the department of aviation in the Panama-American

Daily of Oct. 21 tells us "that more than 750 of the approximately 5,000 marines in Nicaragua are suffering from malaria at present while at least 65 per cent have been victims during the past three months".

The nefarious designs of American Imperialism again emphasized by Coolidge's demand for a bigger navy and Hoover's trip may come true, but only temporarily. The Latin-American masses are awakening to the realization that in order to check the invader they must organize. Revolutionary organizations are springing up very rapidly and the time will come when Sandinos will appear not only in Nicaragua but in all Latin-America.

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