



## Source 4

**Report by Mr Hodgson at the British Commercial Mission, Moscow, on the opinion of the Soviet newspaper Pravda, August 1921**

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### Questions

1. Pravda was the official paper of the Soviet Communist Party. Who might have read Pravda?
2. Who are 'the bourgeois governments' and why does Pravda warn against them?
3. Both this source and source 5 write of foreign intervention. Do you think the USSR would have been more worried about foreign invasion in 1921 (source 4) or 1933 (source 5)?



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The "Pravda" warns its readers not to count on help from the bourgeois governments. All they hope, it cries, is to overthrow the proletarian power and to speculate on the famine. They promise help, and then say, "First give us gold, then take back all your generals, then overthrow your government, and finally, let us rule you." In other words, their help is only another form of intervention.