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INVASION OF POLAND AS FASCIST ALLY FURTHER WEAKENS SOVIET UNION

NEW TERRITORY WILL BE USED BY BOTH HITLER AND ALLIES TO UNDERMINE SOVIET ECONOMY

Sugary FDR Becoming Full-Blown War Dictator

Smash Workers' Precondition for Super War Profits

U.S. Bosses Unite for Final Thrust at British Empire

The prospects of enormous profits for the American capitalists and the fear of greater international dangers because of the second imperialist war has brought about steps for temporary agreements between the leading financiers, especially the Morgan-Rockefeller groups. The developments in the Roosevelt regime and his swing to the right reflect these changing relations at the top. When the profits narrow during crisis the internal struggle of the capitalist groups sharpens; when the chance for profits expands, when they can exploit the world, when there is enough profits to go around, a truce can be obtained. At the same time, however, they will carry on a war against each other for the dominating position within the truce agreement.

Three bankers have been added to the Treasury Department. A War Board with four Morgan men out of seven has been set up. Stettinus as Chairman, Walter Gifford, John L. Pratt, John Hancock are all Morgan men. Roosevelt did not even see fit to use his labor agents such as Lewis or Green. The President's Cabinet will have far less power than these different war boards. The structure for war dictatorship is already built.

A clear cut program for penetrating foreign markets and making a big trade scoop, that will make the last war scoop look like pin money, is under way. Side by side with this program, which inevitably leads to war, is a program for complete suppression of all working class opposition.

HITS AT LABOR

According to the New York Times, "Mr. Roosevelt plans to tighten control over Communism in the U. S." hundred and fifty

and pro-dictatorship propaganda G-Men have been added to hunt our radicals. The campaign is now being prepared. As soon as the G-Men have all the information they need they will make all the raids necessary — like the Palmer raids of the early 20's.

Eighteen hundred policemen have been added in New York to cope with the labor movement's opposition to war. The Chicago schools are putting an "Americanism" program through the schools in order to prepare children for the war to come and to draw some of them into the ROTC on other sections of the military machine. Text books are to be censored to

take out all anti-war material.

Mr. Roosevelt is moving very fast. Thousand of boys are to be added to the army and navy. Agitation is persistent for the President to make the CCC camps into military camps.

On the trade field, Roosevelt has called special session of Congress to repeal the "neutrality" act. This does not mean that the U. S. is not shipping munitions and supplies to BOTH war sides today. By shipping to "neutral" countries or by shipping only parts to be assembled in Germany or in Britain, American profiteers

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WHY THE U.S. IS GOING TO WAR

--- Facts and Figures

The following facts and figures speak for themselves:

March 5, 1917, Ambassador Walter Hines Page writes President Wilson from London, "...It is not improbable that the only way of maintaining our present preeminent trade position and pre-eminent trade position and averting a panic is by declaring war on Germany."

Profits of U. S. Steel jumped from 105 million a year before the war to 239 million during the war; profits of DuPont jumped from 6 million to 58 million a year; of Bethlehem Steel from 7 million to 49 million; of Anaconda Copper from 11 million to 35 million; and so forth, and so on. The war produced 21,000 NEW millionaires — about one millionaire for every boy killed. Less than one-fifteenth of one percent of the people made three billion dollars MORE than they usually

made before the war began.

While the profiteers of the world were making profits of this sort, the cost to the people as a whole war 400 billion dollars — more than 5 times the wealth of France and Belgium put together; enough money to build a \$2,500 house with \$1,000 furniture, on a five acre plot of land for every family in the United States, Canada, Australia, England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany and Russia.

STREETER ON NATIONAL TOUR

Comrade Bill Streeter is now on tour on the East Coast, including Boston, New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Richmond, and other cities. Mass meetings have been arranged for Streeter on the question of war.

ALLIES PREPARE FOR LONG WAR

Developments Depend on 4

«Neutrals», Especially U.S., Soviets

September 15 — The first week and a half of the war in Europe have not altered decisively the relation of forces in spite of the rapid gains of Germany in Poland. The attempt to finish off Poland in quick order and then sue for peace will not meet with success because once the war has been declared events move beyond the control of the capitalists themselves.

The gains of France on the western front from a military standpoint are of little value. They have not yet penetrated the Siegfried line. From the point of view of morale and preparations for a drive, however, these gains are important. Although the general opinion is that the allies are moving too slow, the fact remains that war mobilization and action in this war are far more rapid than in the last war.

Direct aid to Poland was out of the question after Stalin's capitulation to Hitler. And to take an open offensive against the Siegfried line without proper preparations, and with the Italians holding to a "neutral" position, would be suicide from a military standpoint. Furthermore, remember England's motto: "We are prepared to fight the Germans to the last drop of Polish and French blood.", the same motto which England has used with other people in other wars.

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September 18 — By pre-arranged agreement with Nazi Germany, the Red Army of the Soviet Union has crossed into Poland to "liberate" the Russian and Ukrainians in Poland. According to reports Stalin and Hitler, as part of their "non-aggression" pact, have agreed to partition Poland between them, with a small buffer state in between the borders of the two large powers.

The invasion of Poland follows by less than 24 hours the issuance of a leaflet by the American Communist Party entitled "Long Live Poland" and calling for "unity of all in defense of freedom and in-

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French Oil To Germany

French workers are now dying on the battlefields to save France "from Hitlerism" — supposedly.

But French businessmen continue to sell material to Germany just as they did in the last World War. Most of the deals made between the businessmen of both countries is muzzled by the press. But sometimes the story leaks out. Here is one instance:

Sixteen thousand tons of Mexican oil bought by Petroservice of France was embargoed by the Dutch government at the request of the Mexican oil authorities. The oil was about to be transferred to the German ship Koenigsberg. The French company, thereupon, put up a stiff court battle to revoke the embargo and to permit shipment of this oil to Germany.

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO FIGHT WAR

Ninety-nine percent of all the people in the United States of all the people everywhere, are against war, are against the present capitalist war. But these 99% are not united on a clear-cut program of action. The one percent of the population — the large financiers and capitalists — are therefore easily able to divide the 99% and lead the nations into a war for murder and plunder, profits and markets.

Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rockefeller know just what they want — and they know how to get it! Through their puppet in the white-house, Franklin Roosevelt, they're preparing for war day and night.

There's only one thing that starts wars — not honor, or peace, or self-determination, or the worship of god, but just the simple and vicious struggle between the capitalist nations over markets, colonies and spheres of influence.

And there's only one thing that can stop war — the revolution of the working class of all nations against capitalism.

Any other plan, any other strategy is only grist to the mill of the capitalist war plans, is only another means of dividing up the 99% who HATE war.

PACIFISM AIDS WAR MONGERS

You can't fight war by passing pacifist resolutions against war. All the resolutions in the world aren't worth a damn when the conscription officer comes around with a bayonet to pull you into the army.

You can't fight war by passing Ludlow Amendments, such as the Trotskyites propose, giving the people the "right" to vote on war. Our Congress and Executive is controlled, lock, stock and barrel, by big business, by the war makers. Even if you could pass such an amendment it wouldn't be upheld. In the last World War Wilson was elected on a program of keeping America out of war. But 5 months later he declared war.

Why — because the big capitalists controlled Congress, all the ambassadors, all the judges, and the President himself.

The same big capitalists — you can name them on the finger of one hand — still control (and always will control under capitalism) members of Congress and Mr. Roosevelt or any other capitalist President. Ambassador Kennedy is a banker tied up with Morgan interests. Ambassador Biddle is part of a Morgan partner's family. Ambassador Bullitt is another former bank executive. All of the members of the war resources board are big capitalists — a Morgan partner heads the board and members include the president of the biggest trust in America, the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., a director of General Motors, the head of Sears Roebuck and others. Henry Morgenthau, of the treasury department, is the son of a wealthy banker. Three new Morgenthau aids are big bankers. President Roosevelt, no poor man himself, served in the cabinet of President Wilson — a cabinet which was controlled from top to bottom by big money. President Roosevelt was the big shot in the presidential campaign of Al Smith only 11 years ago, a campaign organized and run by the DuPont munition interests.

FOR THE CLASS STRUGGLE

These capitalists are not "Peace" lovers. They believe in the class struggle, from THE CAPITALIST point of view. They constantly attempt to break up strikes, unions, and other labor organizations by the use of FORCE, with thugs and police thugs.

There is only one answer to these people, both in "peace" time and in war time — THE CLASS STRUGGLE, from a working class point of view the fight for workers rights, better wages, real security, etc.

The capitalists of all nations want to win the war so they can save their system, so they make bigger profits and gain new markets and colonies.

We the working class must work for the defeat — military defeat — of our "own" capitalist class. They ask us to shoot the "enemy". We refuse to shoot our fellow workers across the trenches. They ask us to work longer hours at low wage rates, while prices go up sky-high. They ask us not to strike in the interests of "national unity". We refuse to submit to this swindle. There is no "national unity", now or never. These are just two classes in society — the capitalist class who live off the fruits of our labor, and the working class who produce everything. In war time and in peace time we must continue the fight for higher wages, better working conditions. We must fight for WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION for use.

They ask us to be "patriotic." For them patriotism means jobs on the war resources board, sale of 38 billion dollars of war supplies, profits that run into billions. For us "patriotism" means longer hours, death on the battlefields, a lower standard of living.

We are for working for the defeat of our "own" capitalist class in war even if this means the momentary victory of the "enemy" capitalist.

BUILD THE NEW PARTY

Yes, there is only one way to stop war. No illusions of pacifism. No illusions about capitalist "democracy", which is fast showing its other side, its open dictatorship and suppression. No illusions in "Ludlow Amendments." No abstract words about "we are for socialism."

The only way to stop war is by a clear PROGRAM OF ACTION THAT WILL LEAD THE WORKING CLASS TOWARDS THE OVERTHROW OF CAPITALISM ON A WORLD SCALE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD WORKERS SOCIETY. That program is the continuation of the class struggle in war time — revolutionary defeatism.

And the only way to give guidance to this struggle is to organize anew a World Party of the Working Class, a New Communist (4th) International, just as Lenin and the Bolsheviks did during and after the last world war, just as the International Contact Commission is trying to do today.

GREET THE NEW TWICE-A-MONTH FIGHTING WORKER!

Six months ago sympathizers and friends helped us raise \$300 to put out our printed theoretical organ, THE MARXIST. Now the RWL is prepared to take the next step forward — a TWICE A MONTH FIGHTING WORKER. The Marxist will now be combined with INTERNATIONAL NEWS, theoretical organ of the Provisional Contact Commission.

The whole capitalist press in the United States stands solid behind the Roosevelt war plans. If ever a Marxian paper was needed to expose the robber steps of world imperialism, that time is now.

We now appeal to our sympathizers and friends to help us in a new and greater campaign. Help us collect \$300 to assure the publication of our paper TWICE A MONTH!

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TRADE UNION NOTES

According to acting WPA Commissioner Hunter WPA rolls have been cut from 3,346,107 in October of last year to less than 1,800,000 today. Mr. Hunter also admits that the pay raises of 35 million dollars in the south are balanced by an exactly equal reduction in the pay of WPA workers in the North.

What's going to happen to these one and a half million workers laid off? All the talk about new jobs as a result of the war boom are greatly exaggerated. Ferdinand Lunenberg in his book "America" — 60 families shows how the capitalist press always exaggerates the hiring of a few thousand workmen during the depression, and always fails to report big lay-offs. The same is true of the present "war boom". Only a few thousand workers are getting new jobs; the great majority of the 16 million unemployed will never get work again — except in Uncle Sam's army and navy, where they can be used as cannon fodder.

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A new strike has broken out in the Bendix auto parts plant in South Bend and in other parts plants. The auto workers, who have been the van of the whole working class these last few years, are again putting up a militant fight, refusing to permit anyone into the struck plants.

The CIO bureaucrats, however, are using the same old policy. In order to push the Martin AFL union out of business they were forced to call strikes in a number of places. But each time they limit the strike to only one section of the industry, even though the auto industry is so integrated that for every one man striking there are usually ten locked out. As a result of this policy the CIO usually gets recognition as a bargaining agency, but the men fail to get their economic demands.

The auto workers must fight within their union for an end to this "divide" policy. "Spread the strike" must be the key slogan of every strike in this, as well as other, industries.

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Nine ships were strike-bound as a result of a dispute over wages and insurance.

Sailors assigned to ships that are headed for the war zone in Europe are demanding a \$250 bonus, a 40% wage increase, and a \$25,000 insurance policy for each man. As we go to press the U. S. Maritime Commission and the shipowners have failed to act on these demands.

The shipowners insurance rates have jumped as high as 1500% since the war broke out. On most items the rates have tripled. On gold the rates are 4½ times as high as a few weeks ago. But the shipowners want the men who operate the ships to take the same pay and work under the same conditions.

In the face of the war crisis and the super-profits the shipowners are about to make the sailors should prepare not only to strike for these demands but should absolutely refuse to ship any materials to any warring nation.

The Fight over Neutrality Is a Fight over Profits, not Peace

HITLER STALIN PACT UNDERMINING SOVIETS

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the Anti-Comintern Pact between Hitler, Italy, and Japan, although aimed at the Soviet Union and the working class, was primarily used against the western "democracies," especially Great Britain. It was an attempt to blackmail Britain into giving concessions. The capitulation of Stalin to Hitler does not change the double purpose of the pact. On the contrary the Pact has served its purpose well.

As to Japan and Spain repudiating the "pact" because of the Stalin-Hitler relationship, one can say that this is an excuse and not a cause. Japan's national interest, (despite the desires of the young generals who have just been removed from the saddle) lay not in a military alliance with Germany, but in "neutrality" such as that of the United States — in other words a free hand in Asia while the other powers fight in Europe. And if this were not possible then in siding with the Anglo-French. The open declaration of war brought the internal struggle in Japan to a head, and the group that advocated this policy all along won. (See FIGHTING WORKER, Sept. 1, 1939).

As for Spain, her position was untenable at the very start. If she had joined Hitler her fate would have been sealed even sooner than Poland's. Devastated by the Civil War, with over a hundred thousand trained Loyalist Spanish troops in Southern France; cut off from supplies and aid from Germany and Italy; she would be easy prey for the Allies. Her "neutral" position is the life belt of national existence. This is so with or without the Stalin-Hitler pact, a pact which the capitalist understand is nothing but a scrap of paper insofar as Hitler is concerned.

The Italian neutral position is more complex. The Anti-Comintern Pact was not even brought out as an excuse. Italy's position is precarious. If she had joined at the start with Germany, she would have confronted the heavy blows of the French and British. She would have been the front line trench for Germany just as Poland is for the Anglo-French. Powerful French and British pressure is being exerted. And in the end Italy, like other capitalist nations will sell out to the highest bidder. Her "neutral" position gives her a key position IN THE WAR.

Regardless of which group is gaining the upper hand, the German or British, the fact remains that so far Italian neutrality has OBJECTIVELY aided the Germans. Not only were the Anglo-French forced to change their whole military plan of attack, but Italian ships ply the seas and bring in all war supplies, which in turn are shipped to Germany.

Today, unlike the first world war, Germany has two lifebelts of supplies. She has the Russia bread basket at her disposal and as long as Italy is neutral she has direct connections, without fear of the British blockade, to the entire world.

Turkey's position is also very important. Russia, Germany and England are busy working for final action in Turkey. Her key position in near-east can alter important relations depending upon her final action. One thing can be said now. Whereas Italian neutrality or military support of Germany both aid Germany; Turkish neutrality aids England at present, because of the unknown quantity in Italy. A declaration of war now by Turkey may be decisive to force Italy into the struggle with Germany. England has not given up hope of winning over Italy.

THE MOST IMPORTANT UNKNOWN QUANTITY

The Soviets, in spite of the pact with Hitler, in spite of Stalinism, still holds the key position in the European set-up. Stalin, in giving up the proletarian policy and resorting to the capitalist policy of power politics is trying to play the role that Mussolini has cut out for himself. Mussolini desires to hold the balance of power in the war of exhaustion by her Anglo-French as well as her German enemy. Stalin too hopes to do this. On this basis Italy has NO CHANCE of holding the top position in the European relation of forces because she is a secondary power, but she does have a chance of coming out of the war with one of the most important parts of the loot in the redivision of the earth. Stalin has not even a chance for the second aspect.

Nevertheless, whichever way Stalinism tips the Soviet ship it will have far reaching effect on the whole outcome. An open military position in behalf of German Fascism is not theoretically excluded, no more than the present economic

aid to Hitler was excluded yesterday. This economic aid, coupled with the agreement not to fight Hitler in the war is already a form of objective military aid.

Special articles on the Soviet position appears in this issue of the MARXIST.

THE UNITED STATES POSITION.

The development of the war in Europe will to the greatest extent now be determined by the action and position of the Soviets, Italy and Turkey, in the order of their importance. Any one or all of these three forces brought into the conflict in a different relation than their present "neutral" position will be an important new element in the conflict, above all the Soviets.

But more important that these three nations, insofar as the final outcome is concerned, not only in relation to the positions held in the European set-up after the war, but above all on a WORLD SCALE, for the redivision of the earth, is the position of the United States.



There is no real dispute at the moment in United States over its war policy, in the camp of the exploiters. The dispute over Neutrality, with Roosevelt sure to win in spite of a Borah strong opposition, is important but not decisive. The only difference in the present law and the proposed amendment is the difference between circumventing lots of red tape to supply war material for PROFITS. Under either law WAR MATERIAL IS SHIPPED TO EUROPE. And under either law the dynamics of the struggle in Europe, if a proletarian revolution does not make sport order of the war, will INEVITABLY draw American imperialism into the conflict. Senator Borah is correct when he says Roosevelt's road will lead us to war. But he is wrong when he says to keep the present law is to keep us out of the war.

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While the two camps of imperialists are fighting for markets and colonies, Stalin is playing the game of one of the two camps. Instead of calling for peace, instead of calling for the workers on both sides of the trenches to overthrow their capitalist rulers, Stalin helps the war drive of Hitler by attacking the Poles.

STALIN GIVES OPEN WAR AID

Revolutionists are not in principle against a Workers State sending its army into "foreign" territory. In 1919 the Red Army tried to march through Roumania in order to help the besieged Hungarian Workers State. During the Civil War in Russia the Red Army marched into Poland. In each case, however, the steps were taken in order to free the workers and peasants in both areas from World Imperialism, from the misery and oppression of capitalism, to help them establish a Workers Society.

In the present case, however, Stalinism does not help the liberation of the Polish people. On the contrary, it has consigned them to the brutal terror of Hitlerism, by its present invasion, by its war pact with Hitler, by its anti-working class policy.

In Spain, Stalinism helped the "democratic" capitalists, France and Britain, smash the working class revolution. Now in Poland it helps Germany, the "fascist" power, in its war drive. Stalinism can play no role, other than a tail to either one or the other imperialist camp.

JAPAN TO GAIN TOO

The march into Poland followed the announcement of a truce with Japan in the Outer Mongolian war. Two weeks ago Stalin's pact with Hitler was the "go ahead" sign to take Poland. Is the truce and

Either way America holds the key world position. And in spite of Japanese difficulties in Asia, her peace talks with Stalin are aiding her. Japan, on a world scale holds the second most important position for dictating HOW the world will be redivided.

United States is not only carrying on maneuvers with Italy, but also with Stalin and Japan. This goes on while pro-British propaganda is flooding the country. Basically the Anglo-American antagonism will later be intensified, rather than modified by the British-German war.

*A special article will appear shortly on the American-German-Russian relations, and the question of Proletarian Revolutions.

a rumored non-aggression pact with Japan the "go ahead" signal for the Nipponese to take China?

The addition of a part of Poland into the Soviet Union on the Stalinist basis, rather than on the basis of proletarian revolution will increase the contradictions and antagonisms within Russia itself. The capitalist elements inside the Stalin bureaucracy and the new Fascist ally of Stalin, Germany, will insist that private property relations remain in the newly conquered territory. The reorganization of the economy of this area, one way or the other, will bring the maturing crisis in Russia much closer.

This is Hitler's wooden horse, which he sends into the Red enemy city in order to undermine it. The Ukraine question will now become the key to Eastern Europe.

The invasion of Poland does not, however, make the Soviet Union a capitalist state, as some people will say. It merely means that in order to defend its constantly weakened position inside the Soviet Union, Stalinism must make constant concessions to the imperialists, even to the point of giving them military aid in war time. Help to Hitler is no different in principle than help to France (which was pledged 4 years ago.)

Millions of Russian workers are now being given guns. Under the orders of the Stalinist generals they are being forced to use these guns to aid the Fascists. The rank and file Red soldiers must, however, and WILL demand the right to elect their own officers and generals, the right to prosecute a war in defense of the workers of Germany, England, France and Poland, rather than as a helpless tail to one or the other imperialist camp. Stalin's apparent strength — his military conquest — thus becomes his greatest weakness. From the right or the left, Stalinism is reaching its Waterloo.

The working class will continue to defend the Soviet Union from world capitalism and its Stalinist agents within Russia.

A detailed series of articles on Russia appears in the October issue of the INTERNATIONAL NEWS, organ of the International Contact Commission).

COWAN AGAIN TOURS COAST

C. B. Cowan, organizer of the militant Association of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief, is again on tour to the west coast in an attempt to unify the unemployed movement nationally. The Association is working closely with a number of organizations on the coast.

Jewish People Furious with Stalinism

Leading Writers Flay Pact As Aid to Anti-Semitism

New York. — The Stalin-Hitler Pact, which is from a Marxist point of view a betrayal of working class interests, is in another sense equally a betrayal of the Jewish masses into the hands of the Nazi inquisitionists.

So great is the indignation of Jewish workers, that Stalinist hecklers at an RWL meeting recently, were literally in danger of physical violence at the hands of infuriated workers.

This mood recalls the fury of the Jewish masses against the Communist Party in 1929, when it sided with the Arab pogromists against Jews in Palestine.

As the consequences of this act become apparent, more and more leading Jewish figures express their shocked pain and disillusionment with everything Stalinism stands for.

BREAK WITH STALINISTS

On August 26, Moishe Nadir, a well known figure in the Jewish literary field, made public a statement in which he severs his connections with the "Morning Freiheit," C. P. Jewish organ.

Nadir, had been with the "Freiheit" — although not a member of the C. P. — for more than twenty years. His statement caused a deep reaction in Jewish circles.

In his statement Nadir declares: "The O. K. signal of Moscow to Berlin, is a betrayal of humanity's greatest need, and such, as seems to me, to have no equal in the history of the world's betrayals. I realize with the greatest grief that, with my feeble efforts, I have nurtured a snake, which at first appeared to be a dove. My warmest regards to many of my sympathetic colleagues on the staff."

Even more significant is the break of a group of Jewish influential intellectuals connected with the Stalinist controlled

"IKUF" (Jewish Cultural Verband.)

In a statement issued by this group and signed by H. Jitlowsky, A. Mukdoni, B. Z. Goldberg, Perez Hirshbein, and H. Leivick, these non-Stalinist members say: "In the declaration issued by the cultural congress in Paris, we stated specifically that we are organizing this cultural congress for the express purpose of struggling against anti-Semitism and Fascism. This declaration now becomes meaningless, and the fundamental basis for the 'IKUF' collapses."

These people in a small measure indicate the average Jewish person's reaction to the shameful Stalin-Hitler Pact.

In the meantime, the Jewish press, announces the formation of a committee of Jewish organizations to protest the pact to the world.

This committee includes cultural, fraternal organizations. Also, the Poale Zion and the Workers Circle. This committee is formulating plans for a broad conference, to include all organizations which express Jewish life.

FROM BAD TO WORSE

The tragedy here is that, while these Jewish leaders have finally come to realize the treachery of Stalinism, they have not as yet lost their illusions in Capitalist "Democracy." Without exception, all these people, including M. Nadir, announce their intention, "to work for the interest of true democracy."

These people have learned absolutely nothing. So long as their interests are still bound up with "democracy" they cannot lead Jewish masses. Their influence must be broken, and their role exposed before the Jewish people.

To aid the Jewish masses not people who could permit themselves to be "misled" for years, are needed, but a new Communist Party all over the world.

«LIBERAL» K.C. FINGERPRINTS LABOR LEADERS

Kansas City, Mo.

New developments on the labor front in Kansas City now follow the placing of the city police under state control. Seventy-two Kansas City labor leaders have received notices from the police to see the chief for the purpose of being photographed and fingerprinted. Of course, L. B. Reed, former G-Man and now chief of police denies having issued pick-up orders for any labor leaders. Certainly, no pick-up orders have been given, but notices have been served! All of which amounts to the same thing.

Cliff Langsdale, attorney for a group of AF of L officers and agents has obtained a temporary restraining order, returnable September 16th, prohibiting compulsory fingerprinting of labor men in Kansas City by the police. Said Langsdale "I am going to put a stop to this thing of hording people into police headquarters and taking their fingerprints —" He also said he understood that the police planned to make identification records of all leaders in labor organizations.

POLICE TOOL OF BUSINESS

The connection, here, between the police and business men in Kansas City is very clear, since three business men of the town were named as police commissioners by Governor Stark. These commissioners selected Reed as Chief of Police. The case becomes a tragic hoax if one examines it to the core, for these selfsame employers who are at the back of this move continue to inveigh against totalitarianism and Fascism while they are laying the foundations for smashing of trade unions.

Many of these leaders are a detriment rather than an asset to the labor movement, but, nevertheless, labor must defend their right to be free from police coercion, since this same move will, without doubt, be used against all workers in an effort to render them helpless in their struggle against the boss-class.

One Stoolie Rats On Another

Once Ben Gitlow was an important Central Committee member of the Communist Party. Last week he turned plain stoolie and told how the American Stalinists are subsidized from Moscow.

The whole capitalist press made a furor about this fact. They will no doubt use this testimony by a renegade to help place restrictions on the labor movement as a whole.

The R. W. L. sees absolutely nothing wrong in any working class organization being subsidized from abroad. The American capitalists have subsidized every counter-revolution in Europe in the last 20 years. American dollars and men helped Kolchack and Deniken slaughter thousands of Russian workers in the Civil War. American dollars helped to counter-revolutionary movement in Germany from 1918 onward. The Dies committee skips these facts, which are known to everyone.

The R. W. L. has no sympathy for Stalinism. Nevertheless we will defend the right of any working class organization to maintain its international affiliations. We defend the world solidarity and interests of labor.

The fundamental antagonism in the capitalist camp is still between England and the U. S. The "support" given Britain by repeal of the embargo act, is like the support of a hangman's noose.

Traitors and Centrists Of '39 Look Like 1914 Fathers

Socialist Words - Pro-Capitalist Deeds

The traitors and confusers of the labor movement are again at work as Uncle Sam prepares for war.

"All aid to the democracies" shouts Jim Oneal's article in the September 2nd issue of the New Leader, organ of the Social-Democrats. An old role for social-democracy. Mr. Oneal is a future Scheideman and Noske, a future murderer of future Liebknechts and Luxemburgs, a finger man for American capitalism. Aid to the democracies — what democracies, Mr. Oneal? Haven't you heard of the war dictatorships? Haven't you heard of Roosevelt's drive against the working class, for suppression of the radical movement? The so-called democracies are bandits in the same sense as the Fascist nations — only the democratic bandits have a good deal of loot, many colonies and plentiful markets, while the fascist bandits are a little short on loot.

The official Socialist Party is of the same stripe as Mr. Oneal, except that it is not as frank. "It is not inevitable," says the top editorial of the September 16 issue of the Call, "that America be drawn in, provided we keep America from war trade, loans, credits, provided we strengthen neutrality legislation," etc., etc. This is a brutal deception, a fraud.

BRUTAL DECEPTION

It IS inevitable that America go to war. War CANNOT be stopped by such things as "strengthening legislation." It can only be stopped by class struggle, by the overthrow of capitalism. Gerry Allard, present editor of the Socialist Call, used to say these things quite clearly years ago as a militant coal miner. But now Allard follows Thomas, Zam and company, their line and their lies and deception which do not prepare the workers for peace, but disillusion them and make them easy prey for the war mongers.

The list of traitors keeps rolling on. The Lovestoneites and their European visitor, Marceau Pivert, are for "peace and democracy." They come out openly now for bourgeois democracy, for capitalism, in other words.

Latest recruit to this concept is a leading Libertarian, who is for the allies as a lesser evil. The treachery of the Spanish Civil War is thus being repeated again: these people who are against "politics" have no scruples about supporting capitalist politics.

Last but not least are the Trotskyites.

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Appeal says that the workers can stop war "if they get rid of their war making rulers and establish their own rule." Empty wishes and dreams, such as Lenin exposed 25 years ago, wishes and dreams that the same Trotsky held them. Without a correct statement as to the MEANS of turning the war for profit into a class war, into a revolution of the working masses (revolutionizing defeatism) — without this, all the beautiful words of Trotsky and Cannon are empty phrases, cover-ups for their shameful capitulation to capitalist democracy, their support of "liberal" Ludlow amendments to stop war by a "vote of all the people."

Another Month Of «Democracy»

We publish just a few more details of how "democracy" works in the United States.

Fifteen masked nightriders took seven Negro farm workers out of their homes in Cranbury New Jersey, stripped them, beat them viciously, painted them up and told them to "head South". Included in the seven was one Negro woman.

Boston plainclothesmen threaten to arrest BWL literature agent in front of Coughlin meeting for "trying to provoke a riot" — one comrade in a crowd of 8,000 Fascist sympathizers.

New Orleans thugs, imported into Violet, Louisiana, jumped out of a car and began shooting at pickets. A woman picket was killed as she tried to take several children out of the line of fire.

Tear gas was thrown at strikers in South Barre Massachusetts by deputy sheriffs.

When union members voted against a "back to work move" in Silverton Colorado, vigilantes threw bricks and stones through windows of the union hall.

One hundred and three workers in Minneapolis were indicted because they "dared" to strike for better conditions on WPA.

Mayor LaGuardia in New York puts a ban on mass picketing and demonstrations in view of the war crisis.

The new "liberal" administration of Kansas City ordered all labor leaders to be fingerprinted and photographed.

UNITED FRONT ON WAR

Seven organizations in Chicago are participating in a United Front to organize a few meetings against the Roosevelt War Plans. An open air meeting and demonstration will be held Saturday September 30th at Newberry Square; and an indoor mass meeting will be held at Lincoln center the following day.

The organizations in the United Front are the Chicago Workers Security Federation, the Revolt Group, the Marxian Labor College, which issued the call, the Socialist Union Party, Communist Workers Group, Plebian Forum, and Revolutionary Workers Group, Plebian Forum, and Revolutionary Workers League.

The Trotskyites, Libertarians, Wobblies, and Socialists refused to participate in any joint action.

FDR - DICTATOR

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are "within the law." The repeal is necessary so that the United States can eliminate some of this red tape and be able to sell FAR MORE war supplies than at present to Britain and France.

While the European powers are at war, Uncle Sam is planning to take their markets away in South America and Asia, especially those of Great Britain. A conference called by — Panama — undoubtedly ordered by Cordell Hull — will meet this month in Panama to decide on "western neutrality."

PREPARE STEAL OF MARKETS

South American countries have lost much trade with Germany and other powers since the war began. The present conference is called so that the United States can re-organize the whole hemisphere to throw out European capital and trade to be replaced by U.S. capital, trade and domination. Summer Welles, undersecretary of State, the man behind Machado the butcher of Cuba, is America's main delegate to this conference.

The Wall Street Journal openly speaks of America's aim. With Europe at war, it says, Roosevelt and the large industrialists have developed a full plan for taking over German and British markets in Latin America.

In Asia, too, Roosevelt is trying to come to an agreement with

Japan to divide up Britain's spheres of influence and markets.

All these things lead inevitably and directly to war. All the big members of Roosevelt's government understand this clearly. Ambassador Biddle in Poland is deliberately spreading all sort of lying war stories to prepare the American masses for war, stories about being shot at by German planes, etc. Hugh Johnson, who ought to know, exposes these "stories" as junk bunk and propaganda. Mr. Biddle is related to a J. P. Morgan partner.

A PUPPET GOVERNMENT

The whole paid press, too, is lying as it never has before. Profits and prices are rising like wildfire, but wages remain the same. The number of new jobs is being exaggerated way out of proportion. The Morgan interests are again for "parallel" action with John Bull, so long as they can make big profits out of the trade with England. Britain has about 9 billion dollars in gold and securities in the U. S. with which it can buy war supplies.

The big push of the capitalists is on. It is more brutal, and far less concealed than in Wilson's time. The Roosevelt administration, in this hour of world crisis, shows its true metal — it is a puppet government for big business, for profits, for war dictatorship, and for war itself.

This does not mean, of course, that the U. S. is helping Britain.