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FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUROPE! AN END TO BOSS WAR!

"We'll Repeat Our Performance"--Morgan



The Workers Can Stop the War!

How can the war be stopped? When can it be stopped? Who will stop the war? How can there be a just and lasting peace? If civilization is not to be utterly destroyed, tens upon tens of millions of human beings to be killed, cities and farms and factories and homes to be wiped out, the very earth to become a pockmarked desert, this is the supreme task: TO STOP THE WAR.

Wall Street Speeds American War Entry

Roosevelt Moves to Outlaw Democracy in War Preparation

GERMANS SHELLING WARSAW... EVACUATIONS OF CITY BEGUN... OPENING PRICES N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE... U. S. STEEL UP 8 5/8... INTERNATIONAL NICKEL UP 3 3/4... CHRYSLER UP 2 5/8... SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT VOTES WAR ON GERMANY... BETHLEHEM STEEL OPENS UP 3/4... ANACONDA COPPER OPENS 38, ONE-THIRD HIGHER THAN LAST NIGHT'S CLOSING... GENERAL MOTORS 48... 50... 51 1/2... FRENCH ATTACKING ON MOSELLE... WRIGHT AERO 91... 95... 110... 116... WHEAT OATS RYE BARLEY ALL RISE TO LEGAL LIMITS

As in the last war every important channel of communication from Europe to this country is under the control of the British censorship. It would not make much difference anyway for with or without British and French persuasion, the press and radio are already dinnning into the American people propaganda designed to win popular support for American participation in the war.

The South African cabinet split, seven for joining Britain in war, five for remaining neutral. In Parliament the issue was brought to a vote, 80 for war, 66 for neutrality. This division obviously reflected a tremendous weight of opinion in the country for neutrality.

Thus the votes of two cabinet ministers and 14 members of the South African parliament provide the basis for plunging the dominion into war! "Democracy" apparently is only to be permitted when the votes go the way the rulers of the empire want it to go.

Incidentally, although the refusal to permit a general election was reported by the official British news agencies, the American reports completely omitted this crucial detail in the dispatches on this point. Did it suggest something too much like the universal demand in this country that the people themselves decide the issue of war or peace?

Both the British and the Nazis and the British are playing with methods of propaganda containing enough dynamite to blow up both sides in this gangster war.

British planes dropped leaflets in Germany urging the people to overthrow Hitler in order to make peace. One day they will do so, but not at the behest of the British rulers! For the British rulers themselves will be facing the guns they have placed in the hands of the British workers. That's the way—the only way this war can end with any hope for the future of all men.

The Nazis in Berlin let it be known that along the Siegfried line German soldiers have scrawled on the pillboxes facing the French Maginot line: "We won't shoot if you don't!"

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Behind the Lines

By GEORGE STERN

The opening military phase of the Second World War has begun with preliminary skirmishing that involves Germany alone on the one side and Britain, France, and Poland on the other. Millions of men are already involved and the first great battles are certain to cut deeply into the human and material resources of these powers.

The war will enter its more decisive phase, however, only when the principal "neutrals"—the United States, Russia, Italy, and Japan—are drawn into an ever-widening theater of conflict.

Their participation will determine the course of all the other neutrals, the countries of Latin America, of the Balkans, of Turkey, and the rest of the small states caught in the crossfire of the opposing imperialist camps. They will all be drawn in to one extent or another.

For this isn't a dog-fight. It is capitalist society in convulsion and there isn't a man, woman, or child on the face of the earth who will not be caught in its agony.

The "neutrality" of the major powers still on the sidelines is of course of an illusory character. This country under the Roosevelt War Deal is not neutral in fact and it is only a question of time—and a fairly short time—before the Sixty Families and their tool in the White House throw this country's weight into the actual scales of battle.

Roosevelt's "neutrality" speech showed clearly enough where he stands and the Canadian loophole in the neutrality act proclamation shows the direction in which things are already moving. All the machinery of the press, the radio, and the movies is already working full blast to bring the American people around to the idea of going to war on the side of Britain and France.

The future course of the other three major "neutrals" is by no means so clear. Behind an external appearance of strength, both in resources and strategic position, Stalin sits fearfully, hoping he can back Germany sufficiently to ensure a war of mutual exhaustion among the powers without endangering his own regime.

as a war in the west. He will far more likely agree to a "neutralization" of relations with Japan along the lines already realized with Germany.

If this is so it will correspond thoroughly with Japan's own most ardent desires, for of all the powers in this crisis, Japan was left highest and driest by Stalin's gazelle-like leap into Hitler's bed. Japan was left with no alternative but to pull in its horns and sit tight waiting for a future turn of events in the war which will open up a new path for Japanese policy to pursue. This it has done, both with regard to Britain and Russia. The pressure on Britain in China has ceased and it was Japan which took the initiative in urgently seeking negotiations at Moscow for some kind of armed truce in the undeclared warfare on the Mongolian frontier.

The Japanese know that prospective American entry into the war would bring its own forces face to face with Roosevelt's war fleet if Japan were involved. It will not get caught between Russia and the U.S., if it can help it, especially while it sits helplessly stalemated on Chinese fronts with a million men garrisoning territories conquered but not yet won.

Italy likewise sits between the devils on its Alpine frontiers and the British Navy in the deep blue Mediterranean sea. Whether Mussolini stays gingerly neutral as a result of some deep dark strategy mapped out with Hitler or because he realizes he would be crushed whichever side he took is something that events will soon determine.

He will probably try to wait until the balance of strength seems to be turning to the one side or the other before being forced to a decision. Whether in his highly exposed position he will be able to do so is quite another matter.

Turkey is not dissimilarly placed. Turkey entered into a mutual assistance pact with Britain during the period when Russia was toying around with Chamberlain and Daladier. When the showdown came Turkey found a "neutral" Russia at its back, a Russia in league with Germany instead of the western powers. Consequently although it professed fidelity to its British pact, it has not dared to move in a military sense. Turkey, at Russia's mercy, will not move until Russia's role becomes clearer.

Minneapolis Unions Rally to Defense of Indicted Strikers

Bail for 103 Workers Totals Half-Million Dollars—Arrested Organize in Jail

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The entire labor movement of the Twin Cities has rallied to the defense of the 103 WPA workers who were framed up and indicted for striking against the Roosevelt-Woodrum Starvation Law.

The executive boards of the 125 APL locals of Minneapolis, with a total membership of more than 60,000 voted unanimously at a special meeting in the Central Labor Union auditorium last Tuesday night to give their complete support to the indicted strikers.

Following on this action the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly appointed a committee empowered to cooperate in every way with the WPA Defense Committee set up by the Minneapolis unions.

The strikers were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury convened at the order of U.S. Attorney General Murphy, under a section of the Relief Law prohibiting "interference" with WPA project workers.

Over 40 of those indicted have been arrested and are being held on a total of nearly half-million dollars' bail. Among the resolutions adopted unanimously by the Tuesday meeting was one which instructed each union to call a special membership meeting immediately to take up contributions to the WPA Defense Committee. Many locals have already made large contributions.

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N.Y. ELECTION IS ROSTRUM FOR ANTI-WAR FIGHT

Report Good Returns On House to House Signature Canvass

"The coming New York City councilmanic elections will provide us with a most important rostrum for our fight against the new world war," declared Edward R. Frank, organizer of Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party, in an appeal this week to the party and youth branches to go out and secure the necessary ten thousand signatures for placing two candidates on the ballot.

Endorsing the Local New York decision for the councilmanic campaign, the National Committee of the SWP informed...

Trotsky Statement to Press on Soviet-German Alliance

From many sides I have been asked why I did not express myself sooner on the German-Soviet pact and its consequences. I was prevented by accidental personal circumstances (sickness) and a departure from Mexico City to a village. I thought, moreover, the happenings themselves were so clear that they needed no comment. But it proved to be otherwise: in different countries there are still people—in diminishing numbers, it is true—who have the courage to picture the treason of the Kremlin as an act of political virtue. According to those gentlemen Stalin and Hitler have common ends which they are pursuing with methods of secret diplomacy in the interests of...

... peace and democracy. Is this argument not a repugnant buffoonery? Since 1933 I have been showing and proving in the world press that Stalin is seeking an understanding with Hitler. In particular, I proved this prognosis in my declarations before the Dewey Commission of Inquiry in Coyoacan in April, 1937 (Case of Leon Trotsky, Harper's and Bros., New York). Now the cynics in the service of the Kremlin are trying to represent the matter as if their program—"alliance of the democracies" and "collective security"—was corroborated; meanwhile, my prognosis was wrong: I predicted, it is alleged, the conclusion of an aggressive military pact, while...

Stalin and Hitler completed only a pacifist, humanitarian pact of mutual non-aggression (Hitler is, as known, a strict vegetarian). Isn't it all too clear why Hitler started the attack on Poland immediately after the embrace of Ribbentrop and Molotov? Some of the less intelligent defenders of the Kremlin remembered, unexpectedly, (they did not know it before) that Poland is a "semi-fascist state." It seems that under the beneficent influence of Stalin, Hitler started a war against "semi-fascism." Or perhaps Hitler only imposed upon the childish confidence of Stalin? If that were so, Stalin could have promptly dispelled the delusion. But in fact the Supreme Soviet immedi-

ately ratified the pact at the same moment when the German troops crossed the Polish border. Stalin knew very well what he was doing. In order to attack Poland and to conduct a war against England and France, Hitler needed the friendly "neutrality" of the USSR, plus Soviet raw materials. The political and commercial pacts assure Hitler of both. At a session of the Supreme Soviet Molotov praised the advantages of a commercial agreement with Germany. There is nothing surprising about it. Germany needs raw materials at any price. When conducting war, expenses are...