Issued 3 Times a Week in the Fight Against War

Bucking the War Censors

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 new flood of falsehoods. The big headlines are reserved for meaningless war communiques, rumors and war lies. The more significant news is distorted beyond recognition, absent altogether or reduced to tiny, unnoticed, and unexplained paragraphs. In this column we shall try to notice and explain some of the news of this kind.

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 coundby obviously reflected a tremendous weight of opinion in the coundby reflected a tremendous weight of opinion in the cound The South African cabinet split, seven for joining Britain in refused. Hertzog's government was overthrown and a new war cabinet formed.

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 wav 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

terial resources of these pow- Stalin's gazelle-like leap into

Hitler's bed. Japan was left

The Japanese know that pros-

pective American entry into the

Turkey is not dissimilarly

The opening military phase as a war in the west. He will of the Second World War has far more likely agree to a "neubegun with preliminary skir-tralization" of relations with mishing that involves Germany Japan along the lines already alone on the one side and Bri- realized with Germany. tain, France, and Poland on the If this is so it will correspond other. Millions of men are al- thoroughly with Japan's own ready involved and the first most ardent desires, for of all great battles are certain to cut the powers in this crisis. Japan deeply into the human and ma- was left highest and driest by

The war will enter its more with no alternative but to pull decisive phase, however, only in its horns and sit tight waiting when the principal "neutrals" for a future turn of events in -the United States. Russia, the war which will open up a Italy, and Japan-are drawn in- new path for Japanese policy to an ever-widening theater of to pursue. This it has done,

neutrals, the countries of Latin Japan whch took the initiative America, of the Balkans, of in urgently seeking negotiations Turkey, and the rest of the at Moscow for some kind of small states caught in the armed truce in the undeclared crossfire of the opposing imper- warfare on the Mongolian fronialist camps. They will all be tier. drawn in to one extent or an-

For this isn't a dog-fight. It war would bring its own forces is capitalist society in convul- face to face with Roosevelt's sion and there isn't a man, wo- war fleet if Japan were in- entire labor movement of the a Federal Grand Jury conven-

of course of an illusory charac- men garrisoning territories con- tion Law. ter. This country under the quered but not yet won. Roosevelt War Deal is not neutral in fact and it is only a the devils on its Alpine frontiers question of time-and a fairly and the British Navy in the short time-before the Sixty deep blue Mediterranean sea. Families and their tool in the Whether Mussolini stays gin-White House throw this coun- gerly neutral as a result of try's weight into the actual some deep dark strategy mapscales of battle.

Roosevelt's "neutrality" he realizes he would be crushed speech showed clearly enough whichever side he took is somedian loophole in the neutrality termine. act proclamation shows the di- He will probably try to wait empowered to cooperate in evrection in which things are al- until the balance of strength ery way with the WPA Defense ready moving. All the machin- seems to be turning to the one Committee set up by the Minneery of the press, the radio, and side or the other before being the movies is already working forced to a decision. Whether in full blast to bring the American his highly exposed position he people around to the idea of go- will be able to do so is quite aning to war on the side of Britain other matter. and France.

The future course of the other placed. Turkey entered into a

fears a war in the east as much comes clearer.

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VOTE ON WAR

way for with or without British and French persuasion, the press and radio are already dinning into the American people propaganda designed to win popular support for American participation in the war. Every drop of truth in the news is submerged in a torrent of lies. All the official admissions made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying made after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the first world war of the deliberate use of lying after the f OF EUROPE! AN END TO BOSS WAR!



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

apolis unions.

The strikers were indicted by

Unions Contribute

Defense

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large contributions.

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The

man, or child on the face of the volved. It will not get caught Twin Cities has rallied to the ed at the order of U.S. Attorearth who will not be caught in between Russia and the U.S., if defense of the 103 WPA work- ney General Murphy, under a tt can help it, especially while ers who were framed up and section of the Relief Law pro-The "neutrality" of the major it sits helplessly stalemated on indicted for striking against hibiting "interference" powers still on the sidelines is Chinese fronts with a million the Roosevelt-Woodrum Starva- WPA project workers. Italy likewise sits between

The executive boards of the 125 AFL locals of Minneapolis, been arrested and are being new world war," declared Edwith a total membership of held on a total of nearly half- ward R. Frank, organizer of more than 60,000 voted unani- million dollars' bail. Among the mously at a special meeting in resolutions adopted unanimousthe Central Labor Union audi- ly by the Tuesday meeting was this week to the party and torium last Tuesday night to one which instructed each un- youth branches to go out and give their complete support to ion to call a special member- secure the necessary ten thouped out with Hitler or because

the indicted strikers. where he stands and the Cana- thing that events will soon de. St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly appointed a committee 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 Over 40 of those indicted have Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party, in an appeal ship meeting immediately to sand signatures for placing Following on this action the take up contributions to the two candidates on the ballot. Committee. Endorsing the Local New Many locals have already made York decision for the councilmanic campaign, the National The meeting adopted a reso-

Committee of the SWP inform-(Continued on Page 3)

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. How can the peoples of Europe stop the war and gain a just and lasting peace?

Stop the War!

Will their rulers-the Chamberlains and Hitlers and Daladiers and Smigly-Rydzs'-stop the war? These are the ones who made the war, who plunged the people into

How can the war be stopped? When can it be stopped?

mass-murder, for the sake of the bosses and exploiters whom these men represent.

Who will stop the war?

What do they and the bosses care about the death of ten or twenty or thirty million workers and farmers? The bosses and the members of the cabinets don't do the dying. They haul in the war profits, and draw down dividends from the colonies and dominions for which they launched

They will never, and can never make a just and lasting

Whichever group of them would win the military campaigns, it would make no difference to the masses of the people. They will hurl the people into battle until one or another side is drained dry. Then-a new Versailles, more harsh and brutal and unjust than the Versailles of 1919, dictated by the conquering power. And then? Another war, only much sooner and more terrible, to try to break out of the stranglehold of the new Versailles.

Stop the war! But there is only one way to stop the war, to gain a just and lasting peace.

The peoples of Europe, the workers and farmers of Poland and Germany and France and England and Italy, can stop the war if they take the decision into their own hands. They can stop the war if they get rid of their war-

making rulers, and establish their own rule. Imperialist Europe, the Europe of Hitler and Chamberlain, with all its tyranny and oppression, its insane boundaries drawn at the dictates of general staffs, its forts and tanks and bombers, its mad economic and social and cultural restrictions which strangle the well-being of the people, can never be at peace. Peace for such a Europe is only the interval between wars, the time of recovery from the last war and preparation for the next.

A socialist Europe, ruled by its workers and not by and for bosses, can alone bring a just and lasting peace.

THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF EUR-OPE! By setting for themselves this goal, and only by winning this goal, the peoples of Europe can stop the war and bring a just and lasting peace.

A Socialist United States of Europe will give the fullest freedom to all the diverse peoples of Europe, and through socialist cooperation and not imperialist exploitation will organize European economy to guarantee the well-being of the peoples, and will thereby assure a peace that will be genuine, secure and free.

This is the answer. This is the task.

STOP THE WAR! FOR THE SOCIALIST UNITED STATES OF

EUROPE!

WallStreet Speeds American **War Entry**

Roosevelt Moves to **Outlaw Democracy in** War Preparation

GERMANS SHELLING WARSAW . . . EVACUATIONS OF CITY BEGUN . . . OPEN-ING PRICES N. Y. STOCK EX-CHANGE . . . U. S. STEEL UP 8 5/8 . . . INTERNATIONAL NICKEL UP 3 3/4 . . . CHRYS-LER UP 2 5/8 . . . SOUTH AF-RICAN PARLIAMENT VOTES WAR ON GERMANY . . . BETHLEHEM STEEL OPENS UP 9 3/4 . . . ANACONDA COP-PER OPENS 38, ONE-THIRD HIGHER THAN LAST NIGHT'S CLOSING . . . GEN-ERAL MOTORS 48 . . 50 . . 511/2 ... FRENCH ATTACKING ON MOSELLE . . . WRIGHT AERO 91 . . 95 . . 110 . . 116 . . .

WHEAT OATS RYE BARLEY ALL RISE TO LEGAL LIMITS Thus, the stock tickers, chatering like machine-guns, began to click out the news of evermounting profits in blood. It was the wildest market in years, with excited brokers milling around the "war baby" trading posts. The N. Y. Times reported Sept. 5:

"Stock prices raced upwards yesterday as investors decided that a European war would help American business. In a turnover of 5,932,150 shares, the heaviest in almost two years, prices on the N. Y. Stock Exchange rose from 5 to 20 points. Bond trading was the heaviest in the history of the Exchange. Essential commodities shot skyward.'

"Better" than 1914

When the last war broke out, in 1914, stock prices slumped so badly that the N. Y. Stock Exchange had to be closed for several months. The different reaction this time is partly due to the fact that elaborate measures have been taken to control the liquidation of foreign-owned American securities. The chief reason, however, is that business men, with the experience of the last war behind them. now know that war abroad means from the first huge profits over here. Wall Street has served notice that it has no intention of foregoing those profits, whether it means dragging the country into the war or not. Signals Go-Ahead

The hard-headed gentlemen of Wall Street made it plain, by their frenzied bidding for war stocks, that they regarded neutrality, in the hands of the War (Continued ~ Page 3)

Trotsky Statement to Press on Soviet-German Alliance

three major "neutrals" is by mutual assistance pact with From many sides I have been asked why I no means so clear. Behind an Britain during the period when did not express myself sooner on the Germanexternal appearance of Russia was toying around with Soviet pact and its consequences. I was prestrength, both in resources and Chamberlain and Daladier. vented by accidental personal circumstances strategic position, Stalin sits When the showdown came Tur- (sickness and a departure from Mexico City to fearfully, hoping he can back key found a "neutral" Russia a village). I thought, moreover, the happen-Germany sufficiently to ensure at its back, a Russia in league ings themselves were so clear that they needa war of mutual exhaustion with Germany instead of the ed no comment. But it proved to be otherwise: among the powers without en- western powers. Consequently In different countries there are still peoplealthough it professed fidelity to in diminishing numbers, it is true-who have And those who think Stalin is its British pact, it has not dared the courage to picture the treason of the going to take this opportunity to move in a military sense. Kremlin as an act of political virtue. Accordto "deal with Japan" are in for Turkey, at Russia's mercy, will ing to those gentlemen Stalin and Hitler have more "surprises"-for Stalin not move until Russia's role be- common ends which they are pursuing with

methods of secret diplomacy

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 conStalin 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 deately ratified the pact at the same moment when the German troops crossed the Polish border. Stalin knew very well what he was do-

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