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ROOSEVELT MESSAGE SPEEDS WAR ENTRY

Secret Bulletin Proves Sixty Families Await F.D.R. War Declaration

A most revealing picture of the state of mind of Big Business towards the war problem in the United States is contained in the special and confidential bulletin of the Tax Research Institute of America, Inc., a copy of which was obtained by the office of the Socialist Appeal.

What does Big Business think of the Roosevelt pro-war machine? What does Big Business think of its prospects in the coming war? What does Big Business think the

Roosevelt government is going to do to Labor in the course of the War?

These and related questions will be dealt with in a series of articles on the Tax Research Institute's confidential report, written by Joseph Hansen, beginning in this issue of the Appeal.

The articles will quote extensively from the thoroughgoing Institute bulletin. All emphasis in quotations from the bulletin are in the original unless otherwise indicated. —Ed.

Within a very short time the Roosevelt government will drop its "mantle of benevolent neutrality" and plunge the United States into the World War now raging in Europe.

This is the inside tip that the top leaders of Big Business have sent out to all members of the Tax Research Institute of America, Inc., a confidential bulletin service set up by Wall Street to supply the overlords of American industry with straight information on subjects of vital interest to the capitalist class.

Dated August 30, a few days before the second World War started, the latest bulletin calls on all members of Big Business to make immediate preparations for the ENTRY OF THE UNITED STATES into the conflict and then proceeds to analyze the exact steps the Roosevelt government will take in regimenting labor and in gearing American industry for war production.

"Unless a miracle brings about unexpected peace," begins the bulletin, "the world will remain at war (Big Business understands very well that armed conflict is but an extension of the economic conflict!—J. H.) — a twentieth century type of war frequently bloodless, always undeclared, but resulting in the same periodic face-lifting of the world's map as did the old-fashioned hostilities."

The bulletin then continues this cold-blooded analysis of the real nature of the war with a point by point explanation of what the present war means to the capitalist class. Not a war (Continued on Page 3)

FIFTY NEW MINNEAPOLIS INDICTMENTS

Union-Busting Jury Indicts Another 50 WPA Strikers

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) MINNEAPOLIS—Fifty more indictments against WPA workers and union leaders were returned this week by the federal grand jury in the latest union-busting move of the Roosevelt administration.

This development brought redoubled efforts on the part of the AFL WPA Defense Committee to get more donations from individual unions in order to gain freedom for the latest victims and to adequately defend all those arrested.

Word of the new indictments came Wednesday along with persistent and ominous reports that there is a grouping within the jury that is out to "get" leaders of the Minneapolis General Drivers Union and the Minneapolis Building Trades Council.

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Belgian Militarists Arrest Walt Dauge

Walter Dauge, secretary of the Revolutionary Socialist Party of Belgium, section of the Fourth International, was last week arrested by the Belgian militarists for distributing anti-war propaganda. Comrade Dauge is among the best known and best loved revolutionists in Belgium. Only recently he was elected Mayor by the workers of his village in the Borinage district, which is noted for its many militant strike battles in the mines. His extreme popularity among the workers of the entire Borinage prompted his internment. The Belgian war government, which fears the revolutionary policy of the Fourth Internationalists and the spokesmen for that policy hopes to crush the anti-war sentiment of the masses by repressive measures. They will be proved to be wrong.

Behind the Lines

By GEORGE STERN

The Far Eastern front is now a definitely active sector of the second world war. Coming developments there will proceed in closest relation to events on the fronts of Europe.

From its seeming isolation after the signature of the Nazi-Soviet pact, Japan has returned to partial and tentative collaboration with the newly-extended axis. Japanese fears that the pact meant that Russia would be free to deal with a single-handed enemy in the Far East have been entirely dispelled. Russia has instead arranged a truce quite satisfactory to Japan and has become directly involved in the war in Europe.

Consequently Stalin's "peace policy" has in quick succession given the go-ahead signals for war in Poland and renewed war in China. The Japanese have naturally taken up the cue. They have announced the opening of a new drive in West China and have resumed needling Britain and France. Most significantly of all, the Japanese army-inspired press has begun to assume a truculent tone toward the United States, in sharp contrast to the previous effort to smear milk and honey on the profoundly antagonistic relations between the two countries.

There are several straws in the wind to attest to further coming changes in the set-up. Gen. Juchichi Terauchi, a former Japanese war minister, was on his way to Germany on a special mission generally assumed to be strengthening of Japanese contact with the axis. When the Stalin-Hitler pact was signed Terauchi's mission was cancelled and he arrived in Italy as a plain tourist who announced he would not go to Germany. But Terauchi has now gone on to Berlin to meet German leaders.

Some equally significant journeying is being done by Chow En-lai, one of Stalin's principal acolytes in China. Chow left Chungking for Moscow last week on an unannounced mis-

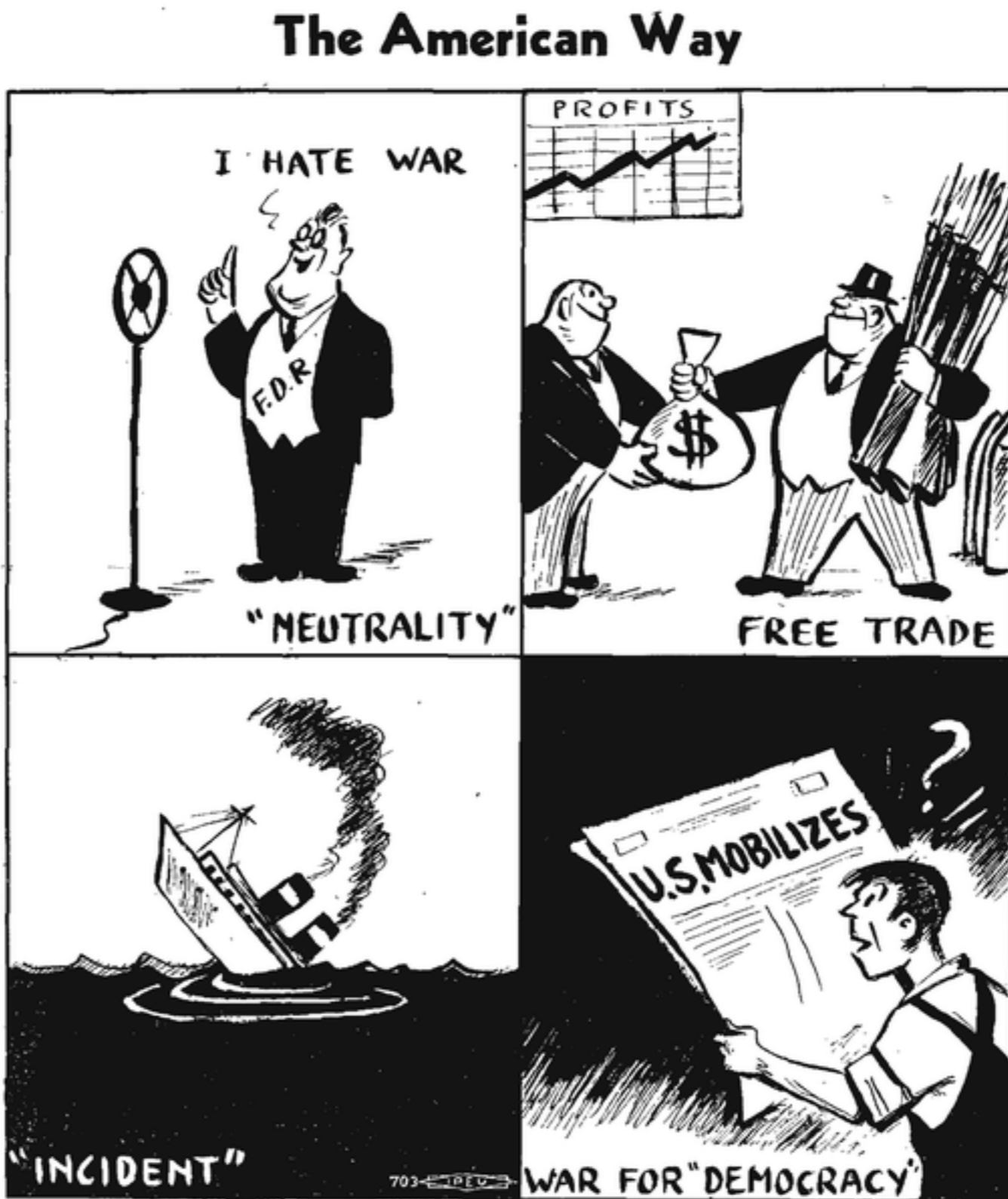
sion. Is Chow going to be informed that the thin trickle of Soviet aid to China will now cease? Is he going to receive new orders for the Eighth Route Army which will in effect retire it from effective struggle against the Japanese invasion? Will the Chinese Communist Party — already half-strangled by the tortuous twists in its policy — be ordered to throw its support to the "peace party" in Chungking?

All of these are now strong possibilities, even though the transition to such moves is likely to go through a careful period of tentative reconnoitering. For the Soviet-Japanese truce is just as tentative as the Stalin-Hitler bargain.

In any case, the developments generally have created new and serious difficulties for the Chinese national cause. The road to Burma is still open and so is the road to French-Indo-China, but there is little chance that French and British arms and supplies will be flowing over them in any significant quantities.

The situation leaves the problem primarily in the hands of the Roosevelt War Deal. For American imperialism the main issues of the war still remain in the Pacific, cradle of the great expansionist dreams of tomorrow. Wall Street has a definite stake in the destruction of German imperialism and in the weakening of Anglo-French imperialism. But its ultimate war aims are also premised upon the establishment of undisputed American domination of the Pacific. These aims will bring it into collision with Japan and possibly even with Russia if Russia remains part of the axis.

That is why the U.S. flees; remains based in the Pacific and that is why tiny dispatches reporting the regular ferrying of great American navy bombers to the Philippines are filled with such fateful significance.



Stalin's Invasion of Polish Ukraine (A Warning to Revolutionary Workers Against Deceptive Propaganda)

AN EDITORIAL

Stalin's invasion of the Polish Ukraine has let loose a flood of deceptive propaganda of different kinds from different camps.

The cynical hirelings of the Kremlin hail the invasion as an act of socialist "liberation" of the oppressed minorities of the invaded regions. The equally cynical propagandists of the democratic imperialists utilize this military incident as the occasion for new sermons on the identity of the Soviet Union with fascist Germany and for new incitements for a holy war of "democracy versus totalitarianism". Both these arguments are hypocritical and fraudulent to the core. Both arguments are baited traps for the unwary.

It behooves the revolutionary workers to keep their heads and avoid both these traps, especially the second. We say, especially the second, because in this country the chauvinist pressure for entry into the war on the side of the allied imperialists of the so-called democratic camp is the real pressure, the real danger that must be consciously resisted at every turn. The slightest concession to the bourgeois democratic ideology would spell the collapse of revolutionary opposition to the war and the doom of the party making such a concession.

The grotesque agitation of the American agents of Stalin, twisting and turning every day in accordance with the diplomatic and military maneuvers of Stalin, is a mere puff of wind in comparison with the veritable hurricane of chauvinist incitement that is being unloosed by the real masters of America. He who forgets these proportions is lost. He who, in justified rage and hatred at the perfidies of Stalin, forgets that our main enemy is at home, that it is not the pitiful American agents of Stalin and Hitler, but the real masters of the country, the industrial and financial overlords, who are beating the drums ever louder for a "democratic" war—

he who permits himself to forget this is no longer a revolutionist but a helpless tool and victim of the class enemy.

The enlightened revolutionary worker burns with hatred for Stalinism and all its works. But this attitude of the revolutionist has nothing in common with the counterfeited moral indignation currently directed against Stalin by the press of the democratic imperialists and their liberal and social-democratic satellites. The revolutionary attitude is inspired by entirely different considerations.

We are against Stalin, not because he betrayed the imperialist democracies—their interests are of no concern to the workers—but because his entire course, including all his diplomatic maneuvers with the imperialist powers, the so-called democratic no less than the fascist, is a systematic betrayal of the Soviet Union and the workers and oppressed peoples of the world. It is important not to mix these things up, not to be overwhelmed by the noise of the democratic patriots and join in their ballyhoo, so as not to turn up, at the critical moment, in the wrong camp.

To be sure, there is something utterly monstrous in the spectacle of the Red Army being sent to "liberate" the Polish Ukrainians and White Russians in collaboration with the military forces of Hitler. It is revolting to hear the butchers of the Kremlin speak in the manner and tone of Goebbels about "liberating the oppressed minorities" and protecting "blood brothers." They who have massacred the flower of the revolution in Russia; they who have sold the workers and colonial peoples on the auction block to the highest bidder among the imperialists; they who have robbed the national minorities of the Soviet Union of every right and trampled them down in the blood and mud—they cannot liberate anybody and have no such intentions.

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Road to War Decided Behind Locked Doors

U.S. People Must Answer War Plans Of Boss Politicians by Wrestling War-Making Power from Congress

Masking his war aims and war actions beneath a cloak of pious demagoguery, Roosevelt demanded from the Special Session of Congress immediate repeal of the Arms Embargo, in order to permit unrestricted flow of munitions from this country to the Anglo-French coalition. The Roosevelt intervention in the war, already begun openly by the detention of the Bremen and the declaration that the United States will defend Canada, will thus be driven deeper, according to Roosevelt's plans, by the transformation of United States industry into the armory of British and French imperialism.

In spite of the lengthy debates which may be expected in Congress, Roosevelt had taken care to sew up the decision in

BOSS PARTIES SKIRT WAR IN N.Y. ELECTION

SWP Candidates Run On Clear-Cut Stand Against War

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 20—Both the Republican and Democratic parties are experiencing an unusual lack of response from the voting population to their candidates, early returns in the New York election primaries for the office of Councilman indicated yesterday.

"The capitalist press interprets this apathy as due to the blackening shadow of war," candidates of the Socialist Workers Party, Max Shachtman and George Lyman Paine, declared today in a joint statement. "In part this is true. The espousal by both parties of the capitalist class of Wall Street's program of plunging the United States into the World War has driven away millions of workers from their platform.

"An unequivocal and fighting platform against Wall Street's war, at this time, however, would arouse the keenest interest among the voters and swing millions of voters sickened by the new blood bath into a determined opposition that would sweep these rotten parties out of office in an unprecedented landslide.

ALP Silent on War "So far the leaders of the American Labor Party, largest working class party in the field, have not yet seen fit to clarify their stand concerning the war. If they defer making such a statement much longer, whether through cowardice or because they intend to make a

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Behind Locked Doors

For two and a half hours these fifteen political servants of the Sixty Families conferred behind locked doors. In keeping with the ideals of this democratic war into which Roosevelt is leading the country, all present were sworn to absolute secrecy, and not one single word of the discussions was revealed to the people. The schemes of the boss politicians will not bear the light of day!

One indirect result of this conference, however, may be deduced from a sudden shift in Roosevelt's proposals. It had been his intention to call not merely for repeal of the embargo but of the entire "neutrality legislation," in favor of a return to the "traditional practices of international law." This would have meant an end to virtually all restrictions on trade and commercial relations with the belligerent powers.

The conference evidently made clear to Roosevelt that, in the face of the popular resistance to involvement in the war, he would not be able to go as far as he wished at the present time. He therefore modified his original purpose, and suggested that Congress substitute for the embargo the so-called "cash and carry plan," under which belligerent nations will—for the time being—be required to pay cash for munitions, and to transport them in their own ships.

"National Unity" The conference ended with a pledge from all hands—Roosevelt (Continued on Page 4)

Back to the Twice-Weekly

After several weeks during which our party, youth organization and their sympathizers made the noblest and most generous efforts to maintain the Socialist Appeal three-times-a-week, we are returning to our regular publication frequency of twice-a-week.

We issued the three-times-a-weekly with the aim of arousing the minds of the widest labor circles we could reach with the gravity of the world situation. We are proud of the revolutionary spirit which accomplished it while others dragged along their routine vegetable existence.

The financial difficulties created by the super-effort to get the Appeal out three times a week, are not removed now, as we return to the twice-weekly. We look forward to the same generous aid in maintaining the Socialist Appeal in the future as we received in the past.