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"CASH AND CARRY" SPEEDS WAR ENTRY

Stalin Signs "Friendship Agreement" with Hitler

Baltic Nations Slated For Axe as Carving Of Poland Is Finished

Implications of New Agreement Are More Far-Reaching Than of Non-Aggression Pact — Another Stalinist Turn Ahead

The Stalinist regime took a further step in its collaboration with Nazi imperialism this week when, following a pact which it imposed upon Estonia, it announced the signing of a new "frontier and friendship agreement" between Germany and the Soviet Union which has even more far-reaching implications than the Hitler-Stalin "non-aggression pact" signed in Moscow a month ago.

The new agreement formally establishes "the frontier of their respective spheres of interests in the region of the former Polish state" on the basis of a map jointly drawn up which gives the Nazis, in substance, the industrial west of former Poland and Stalin the agricultural east.

No Polish Buffer
The carving up of the spoils conquered in the joint campaign of Hitler and Stalin, wiped out the hopes maintained to the last minute in some quarters that provision would be made for a separate Polish state over that part of the territory which was generally acknowledged as indisputably Polish by population and tradition.

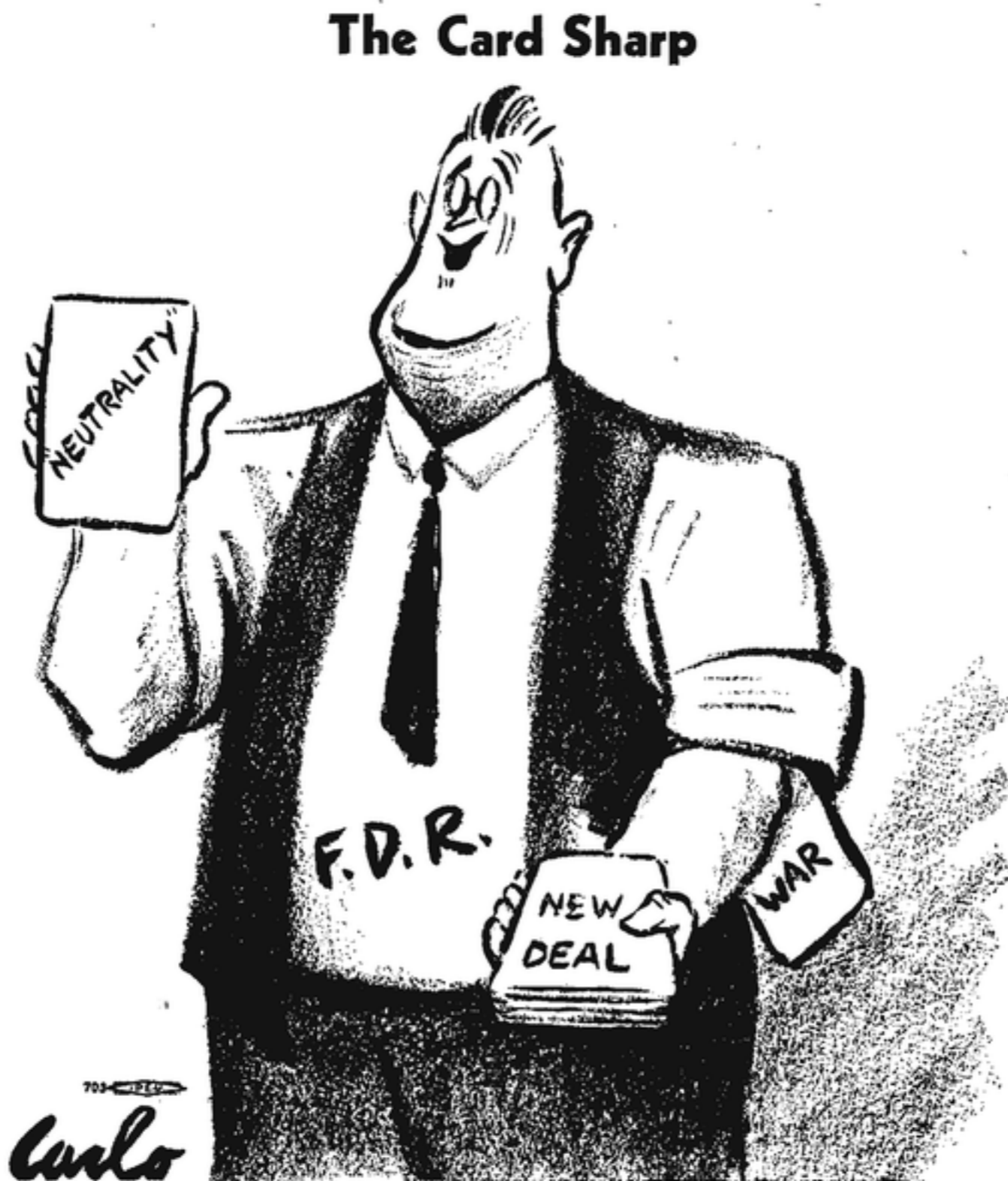
Of no less importance and significance is the view set forth in the supplementary statement signed in Moscow on Sept. 28 by the plenipotentiary

Peace and Plenty — American Style

ST. PAUL, Mich. — While the Federal Government continues its relentless persecution of WPA workers in the Twin Cities, its program of wholesale dismissals under the new eighteen month rotation plan has already placed scores of needy families on the brink of starvation and death.

Latest victim of the WPA dismissals is Charles Reese, 41, who, deprived of an opportunity to earn even the meager WPA wage, placed his head on the Milwaukee railroad tracks as a train was passing by.

Those workers whom the Roosevelt administration cannot silence with its FBI frame-ups it condemns to suicide by denying to their wives and children the necessities of life.



BIG COUNCILMANIC VOTE SEEN SURE FOR SHACHTMAN AND PAINE

Anti-War Candidates Ask ALP to Make Its Position on War Clear—Drive to Get on Ballot Enters Final Lap

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 28—With many times the number of signatures legally required to nominate a candidate for the Councilmanic elections already secured, according to reports of canvassers in the Bronx and with Manhattan canvassers going into the last lap of their campaign with every chance to end up not far behind the Bronx campaigners, the nomination of both candidates of the Socialist Workers Party was virtually assured today.

Max Shachtman of the Bronx will begin a street by street tour of the Bronx beginning tomorrow night, presenting the anti-war program of the Socialist Workers Party before the voters of his borough. The sympathetic manner in which workers have welcomed the canvassers presages a big vote for the candidate of the Socialist Workers Party.

War Post for Mayor?
Meanwhile there were indications from Washington, D.C., that Mayor LaGuardia, a member of the American Labor Party, is being groomed for the post of Secretary of War. In the eyes of Big Business LaGuardia makes an ideal candidate for the post—loyal to the marrow to Wall Street, an efficient administrator, and blessed with a liberal record that should make him more acceptable to the working class than an out and out Morgan hireling.

"The American Labor Party is still silent on any declaration of opposition to the second world war and opposition to Roosevelt's and LaGuardia's plans to plunge the United States into this war," candidates Max Shachtman and

CHRYSLER VOTE SIGNS FINISH TO MARTIN

DETROIT.—A smashing victory for the CIO Auto Workers union against the Homer Martin AFL outfit was recorded this week in the National Labor Relations Board elections of the Chrysler Corp. employees.

The CIO union was chosen by 40,564 out of 50,504 workers who voted to represent them through exclusive bargaining rights.

NOTICE

The "Night in Harlem" under the auspices of the National Negro Department has been postponed from Saturday, October 7th until October 14th. Tickets are available at the National Office, and through the party branches. Tickets already purchased will be honored on the 14th.

TWO LEADING CP MILITANTS JOIN THE SWP

Leroy and Rice Denounce Stalinism For Reactionary Role

Two more leading militants of the Communist Party have broken with Stalinism and joined the Socialist Workers Party. Both have been active in the Yorkville (N.Y.) C.P. for many years. Comrade Sidney LeRoy was the Yorkville section organizer of the party, taught for a few years in the Workers' School and was a National Organizer and member of the National Committee of the American Friends of the Soviet Union. He had also been a candidate of the party for local offices in 1933 and 1934.

Comrade Sarah Rice, member of the party since 1928, was organization secretary of its Yorkville section, organizer and member of the Joint Board of the Workers Alliance, national organizer and member of the American Friends of the Soviet Union. In the city and state elections of 1933 to 1936 inclusive she was a party candidate for various offices.

We welcome these comrades into our ranks and join with them in the appeal to all militants of the Communist Party to repudiate Stalinism and join the ranks of the genuine fighters against imperialist war and capitalism, the Socialist Workers Party.

(The statement of Comrades Rice and LeRoy appears on page 3 of this issue.)

Roosevelt War Deal Resorts to Subterfuges in Face of Growing Mass Opposition to the War

By a vote of 16 to 7, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee adopted last Thursday the Pittman resolution embodying the next steps in Roosevelt's plan to involve the United States in the imperialist war raging in Europe.

The determination of the Administration to line up this country with Anglo-French imperialism has already been shown by many actions taken by the President, most spectacular of which is the pledge that the United States will defend one of the belligerent powers—Canada—in case it is attacked.

The First Victim of The War — Democracy

AN EDITORIAL

The Roosevelt crowd is whooping it up for another war to "make the world safe for democracy."

All the healthy, progressive feelings of the people, above all their uncompromising hatred of Hitlerism, are being cunningly exploited to promote American participation in a new slaughter.

For "democracy"?

Nonsense! Even that skimpy, limited, distorted democracy that exists in the United States will be the first victim of America's entry into the war.

Here is another proof of this, if more were needed. It comes from an "authoritative" pen—the pen of General Hugh S. Johnson. Without agreeing with him in all points, we quote excerpts from his column in the New York World-Telegram of Sept. 26, 1939, in which he deals with the question of "democracy's" fate in Canada:

"Canada today is a good pre-view of what may happen to a great American, Anglo-Saxon democracy when it goes to war. Its democracy is abandoned. It has barely sampled war, but Magna Carta is already in the ash can and the Bill of Rights is out the window.

"Freedom of speech, press and radio is gone. Canadians aren't going to bother with elections—so representative government is gone. Manufacture and selling are being put under a license system. Taxes are automatically zooming—so property rights and liberty of contract are going. The government is getting ready to regulate practically all economic relations by dictatorial decree. The appalling total of all this seems to make Hitler a piker and Mussolini a maundering monk. . . .

"And yet Canada has laid the horror in Europe on our very doorstep. She is going across the Atlantic Ocean to fight Hitler. Canada is a sovereign nation. She isn't threatened any more than we are—which is not at all. If she isn't an "aggressor," what is she?

"And where do we stand? If the enemy she has chosen to attack in Europe counter-attacks her here, hasn't our President said that we would not "stand idly by"? That may not spell an "offensive-defensive" alliance, but, from the ground of our interests, isn't it something much worse? We haven't any engagement from Canada to defend us, but this sounds like our engagement to defend her, no matter what her fault may be. The Monroe Doctrine requires no such absurdity.

"Did Canada consult us on a course of war that might thus bring us in, regardless of our wish or interest? Our people haven't heard about it if she did. But is it conceivable that she would go to war in these circumstances without consulting our government? If she did, what was the answer?

"Who makes the decisions that raise our obligation to fight? Is it Canada or the British Empire, or some impulsive promise of our President or anything at all, short of the Congress of the United States representing the will of a majority of 130,000,000 people? If we do not remain neutral, cautious and alert, it may be."

Pittman's Exceptions

It now seeks to lift the arms embargo and establish a fake "cash-and-carry" plan under the guise of neutrality. While even an air-tight bill providing that the warring powers can purchase goods (including arms, airplanes, etc.) only if they pay cash and transport the goods on their own ships would help the Allies—Germany neither has the cash nor can its ships break through the English blockade—the Pittman bill includes "exceptions" which further aid the Allies and threaten early American participation in the war.

In accordance with the bill, the President may extend ninety days credit to a warring power if he finds "such action will serve the commercial or other interests of the United States or its citizens. . . ."

Further the same section of the bill (section 7(a)) while prohibiting longer credits to the government of any state at war or subdivision or agent of such a government, does not exclude long term credits to private citizens or corporations of the belligerent powers.

In explaining this part of his resolution, Senator Pittman stated according to the New York Times (Sept. 29) summary:

"He said, however, that any nation in default of payment of short-term credits could continue, under the act, to buy goods for actual cash in the United States. He added, also, that the language did not cover the mat-

"CASH AND CARRY" Means: Cash in on War Orders; Carry The American People Into the Boss War

ter of credit arrangements between private firms or persons in the United States and private concerns in the warring countries, but only dealing between American nationals and agencies of foreign governments."

"Cash" Aspect Phoney
The discretionary powers of the President to extend credit and the ability of "private" corporations in the belligerent nations to get more extended credit in this country makes a farce of the "cash" aspect of the bill.

So also, though the Pittman resolution prohibits American vessels from carrying passengers, articles or materials to the warring countries, it makes an exception of "transportation on lakes, rivers, and inland waters bordering on the United States, and as to transportation on or over lands bordering on the United States. . . ." In other words, American vehicles

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Confidential Bulletin Shows Big Business Primed for War Profits

By JOSEPH HANSEN

ARTICLE III

The executive position scheduled for Big Business in the military dictatorship that will straitjacket the American people when Roosevelt plunges the United States into the war now raging in Europe, serves not only to give Big Business a more direct control over the military government but also assures greater freedom for each capitalist in the mad scramble for war profits.

The whole conception of Big Business concerning the participation of the United States in the bloodbath envisages a "blitzkrieg" or lightning war—a war that will permit the successful shaking down of maximum profits from the battlefields with minimum danger of revolution at home against their dictatorship.

"It [the Industrial Mobilization Plan] is based upon one primary assumption—that if the United States enters a war, this war must be terminated as quickly and as successfully as possible."

What Big Business Hopes for

That is one of the main reasons why Big Business, despite its explanation to the capitalist class that Roosevelt's New Deal has now been converted into a War Deal for their benefit, still desires more direct control of the government apparatus. A short, snappy war, with the slaughter of American workers not great enough to have repercussions at home beyond the scope of the police, the National Guard, and the F.B.I., and a huge shakedown of war orders and war profits at the expense of the people—that is the best variant Big Business can see and the one it is dealing its cards to secure.

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