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### WORKER ARRESTMENT IN GERMANY

GERMANY. AUSTRIA. CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**KIA — RFAB:** In the last 8 months, on the basis of police reports alone, over 180 workers have been arrested and sentenced for acts of sabotage in Austria...

During a bombardment by the English air force, 4 buildings of the Leitz works in Wetzlar, in which special instruments for observation of air arms and artillery are made, suddenly went up in flames. The military commission had to state that the buildings burned not as a result of bombs dropped by the fliers, but as a result of acts of sabotage by the workers employed there...

The chemical plant of the Goering works in Boname (near) Mainz burst into flame as a result of unascertained causes. The special fire forces from Mainz and the Reichswehr worked 3½ days to control and put out the fire. (They must have been exceptionally hard burning chemicals)...

The police and Gestapo in Wuppertal, Barmen, a large west German industrial town, have been trying to catch the "traitors" who during air raid alarms distribute revolutionary leaflets and chalk the slogans of the Red Front on the walls in the workers' quarters. In the middle of October there appeared on the City Hall one hour before an official proclamation by the chief burgomaster and Party leader P. Wosselt, the following transparency: "Workers, not with Hitler, not with Stalin, not with Churchill in the war. With the Red Front for a Soviet Germany."

In the Alpine Mountain works, Ostmark, there are now (end of October) over 14,000 workers (60% of those employed) who need winter aid. They paid a large percentage of their wages into the winter aid fund and now none of them has received anything from the fund...

The situation of the political and racial "protective prisoners" in the concentration camps is terrible. Centralized administration of the camps has broken down. The camp commander has the right of life and death over his prisoners. More and more cases are coming to light where the camp commander has every tenth or fifteenth man shot for some minor infraction by the individual. The camps, although bigger than ever, have never been so crowded; now with rebellious workers, even more than with the minority peoples (who find themselves now living in Germany and do not appreciate the thousand-year happy reign of national socialism...)

In the Brown-Boveri works in Vienna special shop police have been established, composed of 16—17 year old boys, all former leaders of the Hitler youth, whose job it is to watch the workers every minute they are on the job. These police will soon be extended to every plant throughout the Ostmark.

At a conference of leaders of industry in Graz the special representative of the Fuehrer, Dr. Kostlinger, explained that German industrialists and transportation owners must be prepared in spring for a sudden change of the war front so that all the effort now being expended on the west can be switched and in-

creased on the east. The Fuehrer has a good memory, and it may be that those who are today our friends will tomorrow be our enemies... No more significant hint to the Soviet Union could be imagined...

The police guards in the industrial centers of all Germany have been doubled and tripled. Barracks for the Reichswehr have been built in all the large workers' quarters. The police have been armed with light machine guns. Even the police stations in a number of peasant districts have been filled with arms.

#### FINLAND

**FINLAND: RFAB** — A significant development has been taking place within the Social-Democracy, coalition and ruling party for the past three years. From a small left-socialist fraction within the social-democratic party there has developed in the last months since the Russo-Finnish war a strong opposition on a revolutionary socialist basis which on the one hand has been fighting bitterly against the policy of the Comintern and on the other hand against the coalition regime of the social-democracy.

Above all the action of the "Socialist regime" in indemnifying the big capitalists injured by the cession of territory to Russia with the sum of ten million marks aroused a storm of indignation among the working class.

The opposition press — "Vapaa Sana" has a circulation of 30,000 copies, three times as much as the official organ "Socialdemokratia". We summarize the latest appeal of the opposition: the working class possesses its own concepts and needs for living, which are in open conflict with the concepts and interests of the ruling class. The advanced sections of the working class have their own ideas and are ready to fight for them... The working class must place confidence in itself and its own historic mission. The workers must understand that the struggle for peace means a simultaneous struggle against capitalism and oppression. We must teach the workers that socialism is alive and that the realization of socialism is now more than ever necessary for the interests of all who toil. In the name of socialism, internationalism and peace, we must strive for the broadest unity of the working class and must oppose every splitting of the forces of the working class, whether by Stali-

nists or by social-democrats... It is one of our most serious tasks at this time to reawaken the confidence of the working class in itself and to lead the workers on the road Marx and Lenin have indicated.

#### SOCIALIST TRAITOR IN SWEDEN

**SWEDEN: RFAB**—Nils Flyg, Swedish Socialist Party leader and for many years member of the London Buro, appears to be building himself up as the Swedish Quisling. In the Swedish Parliament (Reichstag) he openly stated: "It is our task to defend the interests of the Swedish people by voluntary cooperation within the German Lebensraum. A NEW EP- OCH NEEDS NEW MEN TO LEAD THE COUNTRY."

#### NAZIS IN DENMARK

**DENMARK: RFAB** — Lauritz Hansen, secretary of Danish reformist trade unions, stated before the assembled Copenhagen workers, in reference to conditions resulting from the occupation: It is very difficult to undergo so complete a change, but it is necessary. It has today become necessary to break with the old doctrines...

But there really isn't very much of a change — since 1936 there have been no strikes in Denmark and the Danish trade union leaders have long been working in the closest collaboration with the bosses... In Aarhus, second city and industrial center of Denmark, there has arisen the sharpest conflict between the workers and the Danish and German Nazis. The whole territory is in an uproar; the German safety police who have been rushed in, patrol at night in groups of 10 to 12, armed with steel helmets and revolvers.

**LATVIA — RFAB:** The Latvian soviet regime has refused permission for return to Latvia for the large number of Latvian political exiles and the Latvian leaders of the international brigade — mostly socialists but also a considerable number of Stalinists.

#### STALINIST DECREES IN RUSSIA

**RUSSIA — RFAB:** Along with official Russian propaganda which even today still proclaims Hitler as the poor friend of peace who was brutally attacked by the plutocratic-democratic imperialists — 10 commandments have appeared in the Russian atheist organ "Bezboz-

nik". Here are the five most significant:

1. Whoever opposes the Russian-German collective work will be regarded as an enemy of the Soviet regime and of communism.

2. Germany and the SU are most strongly united in the joint struggle against capitalism.

3. Germany and Russia are struggling together against religion and for a new social order.

4. The Soviet-German pact makes possible a real attack against the Catholic church.

5. Hitler and Stalin are against religion and against capitalism...

Hierarchies and ranks are even further extended in the Russian marine by order of admiral Kouzketzov. There are new grades of non-coms, and sailors have been split into "red sailors" and "red sailors first grade." In aviation 8 new grades have been introduced, all of course duly indicated by ribbons and sleeve-stripes.

**SWITZERLAND — RFAB:** The Swiss Council has issued a decree by which all organizations of communists, anarchists and trotskyites or other organizations with similar objectives are at once dissolved throughout the country.

#### WORKERS HUNG IN BELGIUM

**HOLLAND, BELGIUM — RFAB:** Since October of this year in not less than 14 of the largest cities and industrial centers leaders of resistance and agitators were hung as a result of the uninterrupted workers' disturbances and conflicts between workers and occupation troops. People can not leave their homes after 9 or 10 at night; workers returning from work late are all searched for arms by Nazi troops.

Indicative of how much the Nazis fear the workers is the fact that for the past few weeks guards stand before all the plants and search all the workers and watchmen coming to work to see that they have no instruments for sabotage of the machinery. In almost every district of occupied France a detachment of the Reichswehr rides each locomotive to guard against acts of sabotage. Punishment for being on the street after hours is 10 to 20 years in jail.

**FRANCE — RFAB:** Despite the most feverish activity the Nazis are far from satisfied in their efforts to get the workers back to work in those shops most essential for carrying on the war. Strikes and walk-outs are of course forbidden, but the workers simply do not come to work, although unemployment is extraordinary great — the big heavy industrial firms in Paris and other large cities have opened their own employment bureaus. The former "Communist" leader Doriot and the former socialist leader Deat are Hitler's confidence men in occupied France, and are breaking their necks to line the workers up in accordance with Hitler's wishes. They have had only bad luck so far with their "workers' meetings" and have had to rely on police protection as a result of disturbances created.

**GREECE — RFAB:** While the Greek-English troops are continuing their advance in Albania at terrible cost, hunger is rife in the larger Greek cities, especially Athens, Pireus, Saloniki, and Patras. The achievements of the Greek troops are the result of the driving demands of the English general staff, which cares not how many Greeks are killed.

In Athens and Saloniki all open buildings, schools, large shops, etc., were cleared to make room for the wounded. In the smaller towns and the country all men between sixteen and sixty have been called into military service. On the island of Salamis near Pireus, a huge concentration camp was built at top speed, to which are confined all who protest in the least against this bitter war of the Metaxas regime against its own people. On the other side it appears that every day new mutinies and uprisings occur among the Italian soldiers who are being driven back. Defeatism among the soldiers and the lower ranks and middle ranks of officers is enormous. They have lost all interest in the war and in Mussolini's politics, they throw away their arms and go over to the Greeks. The fascist regime does everything in its power to keep all true reports on the situation in Albania from reaching Italy, since it fears uprising at home. Altho in the first week of the Balkan war mail could arrive in Italy from Albania thru a four-fold censorship, now all postal connections have been broken.



# Social - Patriots and the War

The increased pressure of the war has had its effects in the various political organizations within the ranks of the working class, moving them primarily to the right.

The second and third internationals have moved over to social patriotism; the parties of the second international supporting the British bloc against the German imperialists, while the Stalinists are caught in a contradictory position trailing both camps of imperialists.

## THE STALINISTS

The official Stalinist parties are no more than foreign offices of the bureaucracy in the Soviet Union. At the beginning of the war they therefore switched from the Democratic front against Fascist to the Hitler-Stalin pact line. Now as events move forward and the German penetration of the Soviet Union continues there is again a contradictory ebb and flow of Stalinist policy in regard to these two imperialist camps.

In the United States their membership had been educated for years in support of the New Deal. The indirect support of Willkie in the last presidential election, in line with the Hitler-Stalin Pact threw their membership into confusion. Many split and continued with Roosevelt. In other countries many leaders quit and joined with the other Social Patriots to support England.

Stalinism's essential line remains violently reactionary. Russian nationalism and the dictates of the Stalinist foreign office are the basis of the policies of the Third International. Stalinism can swing between support to one or another capitalist group, but always against the working class.

## THE SOCIALIST PARTIES

At this stage of the war there is no outstanding party of the 2nd International that holds a centrist position, unlike the last war. All of its parties have in essence a social patriotic program.

The basis for split movements toward genuine opposition to the imperialist war will develop as the war drives home its lessons to the masses. This can not be had by the Marxists going into the Socialist parties; but rather by building a firmer independent Marxist cadre in the class struggle on the policy of revolutionary defeatism. One of the most reactionary of the parties of the second International is the Social Democratic Federation of the United States. The Norman Thomas group has more pacifists within its folds.

At the present stage, with Europe overrun with the troops of German Imperialism, the British labor movement and its policies takes on greater importance. The British Labor Party, open agent of British Imperialism, helps direct the underground movement in Europe to re-establish bourgeois-democracy. Against this, the growing revolutionary Marxist movements must conduct special propaganda in their struggle against imperialist war.

## THE LONDON BURO

Among the different centrist movements that are rapidly splitting up and moving to the right, the London-Paris Buro, (remnants of the Brandler group, the POUM, British Independent Labor Party, etc.) is shifting rapidly into the camp of material aid to England "against Fascism". The Lovestonites in this country have just recently split on the question of support to England. Bertram Wolff, expressed his "op-

position" to this course by resigning and going home, leaving his faction.

## TROTSKYISM

The Trotskyite centrists have been dealt a severe blow by the murder of their leader. Their split in the United States has further reduced them to theoretical impotence on the decisive questions of the day and organizational weakness.

On the question of the defense of the Soviet Union the majority of the remaining Trotskyite groupings internationally hold the general position of Shachtman. Essentially, however, the Versek-Shachtman position rests on the Trotsky-Cannon false theoretical basis of left support to Stalinism.

The previous revisionist position on revolutionary defeatism adopted before the Cannon-Shachtman split, is bearing its fruit. The Cannon official group has taken a big swing to the right with its new position of "simultaneous action" against Fascism and bourgeois demo-

cracy at home. It is one step behind Lovestone in support of Bourgeois democracy in action. Cannon's position of "defense" against Fascism is only a different form of similar centrist positions in the last war.

Cannon's support of conscription (with criticism) under trade union control is another indication of this right swing. The Shachtmanites oppose these steps of Cannon in the practical realm but have not even touched the theoretical premises of this latest position.

The various small groups have largely gone out of business. The general swing to the right, even before the U.S. has entered the war, is only the beginning. In action in war time these rightward-moving centrist positions will blend more and more with social patriotism. The tasks, and opportunities of the ICC forces will loom all the larger.

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# Anglo - Axis - American Antagonism

Under the fever pitch of war propaganda the working class is being fed a diet of misconceptions that lead in one way or another — if accepted — to support of one or another group of imperialists or one or another group of imperialist powers.

Two such lies in particular must be taken apart and analyzed, if the proletariat is to adhere to an independent class line:

1.—The lie that in this crisis the two "great democracies" America and Great Britain, have subordinated all differences and are now completely united in the struggle "against totalitarianism". This lie is being peddled forth to blur the fact that this is an imperialist war, that the only interests of the imperialists is for markets, profits and expansion.

2.—The lie that there are "pro-war" and "anti-war" groups amongst the capitalists of the United States, simply because some do and some don't support the lend-lease bill and other measures moving toward open dictatorship. Unless the proletariat is clear that ALL groups of exploiters are for war, but that they differ as to WHOM to fight, WHEN to fight, and HOW TO CONDUCT THE CAMPAIGN. — unless the proletariat understands this, it will inevitably be a tail to one or another group of patriots.

We propose, therefore, to look into the so-called Anglo-American "collaboration" to see just how much unity really exists and to analyze the "anti-war" programs of the various American capitalist groups to see just what the aims behind them are.

## MAKESHIFT PACTS

All but political fools understand that the Hitler-Stalin pact was a makeshift temporary agreement between deep rooted antagonistic forces that sooner or later must fight it out on the battlefield of war. Likewise, the Axis agreement of Germany, Italy and Japan also represents a temporary bloc due to a fear of a greater danger confronting all three. It is not an agreement based upon mutual economic, political and military needs, even though such elements enter into the structure in relation to the first problem. Similarly the working class of the United States must recognize that the almost unanimous position of the exploiters for aid to Britain in no way signifies mutual Anglo-American long range durable interests. This last minute Anglo-American "get-together" primarily on the part of American imperialism merely reflects the lesser of two evils confronting the exploiters of the United States. But it in no way signifies the end of the long and bitter struggle of the British and

American capitalists.

When Hitler speaks of Nordic supremacy and then agrees to the Japanese New Order in Asia, and when Roosevelt speaks of saving democracy throughout the world and then unites with the numerous South American Dictators against the oppressed of these lands, one sees contradictions. But if one understands the exploiters demagoguery, he will not allow this to confuse the real aims and objects of the imperialists.

We must sort out the contradictions, lies, misinformation and propaganda, to obtain the important facts that reveal the real position of the imperialists.

Two important factors can be recorded at this stage of the imperialist war.

First, that the United States has been the main imperialist power that has gained as a result of the war. Its conquest of markets, and consolidation within the Western Hemisphere, has been a major step forward that has gone almost unnoticed because the military phase of the war is more spectacular.

Second, that since all of the other imperialist powers are involved in the military phase of the war (France defeated, and Japan with its hands full in Asia) the United States with its vast resources and world position holds the key position among the imperialist powers. Its wise or unwise moves now hold the **balance of power in the war**. This is true in spite of the unique position of the Soviet Union under Stalinism. The only force that holds a more important position than the United States is the proletariat, which as yet is not in motion against capitalism on any large scale.

## ANGLO-AXIS-AMERICAN ANTAGONISM

Uncle Sam's aid to Britain during the present war is taken by many mechanical-thinking people to mean that the Anglo-American antagonism is no longer a factor in world politics. On the contrary, however, this antagonism has now reached its most acute stage — although the forms of the struggle may differ.

The antagonism between Uncle Sam and John Bull must be considered in the light of swift moving events, in its dynamic aspect and not in something static. Before the second world war and before Germany gained control of the major part of Europe the main economic rivals on a world scale were the two

giants, England and the United States. But with Germany's victories in Europe the relation of forces are in the process of change. Germany has not yet replaced England as America's greatest rival, but she is on the verge of accomplishing this.

The German victory so far has upset the balance of power in Europe. This in turn effects the United States. If Germany wins the war then the Axis-U.S. antagonism will replace the present U.S.-British antagonism as the main inner-imperialist factor. But since this new danger has not yet been consummated the American imperialists are trying to work out a policy that is suitable for SEVERAL dangers: prevent Germany from gaining this position, on the one hand, AND, at the same time, make it impossible for Britain to again effectively challenge American Imperialism after the war. (Added to this, of course, America's foreign policy is oriented over and above these things on keeping in check the world proletarian revolution.)

American collaboration with Britain, understood in this light, is the "collaboration" of a powerful imperialist with the lesser of two immediate dangers. It is a policy of a frontal attack on the GROWING German forces, and a flank attack to undermine and weaken economically the other enemy, the **declining** British Empire.

## AID TO ENGLAND

The dye is already cast. The decisive sections of the American exploiters, through the Democratic and Republican parties have already agreed that the best way to fight both dangers is to give aid to England to prevent Germany from winning. That much of the question is settled within the camp of the major sections of the American capitalists.

The fight within the exploiters' camp thus revolves primarily around the following factors:

1—HOW to make this aid most effective so as to assure the defeat of Germany, U.S. domination over Britain, and keeping in check the proletarian revolution.

2—Which group of the exploiters will benefit most out of the British (and American) war orders.

As an auxiliary to this struggle there are groups of "isolationists", pacifists, Germanophiles, etc., who are utilizing this main anta-

gonism within the predominant sector of U.S. capitalism, to push their own program.

#### THE AIM OF THE U.S. GROUPS.

What is the immediate war objective of the different groups of U. S. exploiters? All indicators are that the Roosevelt imperialist group favors a continuation of the stalemate until both Germany and England are more exhausted. They are prepared to intervene before a German victory would be assured or before social revolutions develop but they prefer to draw out the war more. The Roosevelt propagandists pass this off as a policy of "keeping us out of war".

The Morgan group, now in bloc with the government imperialists, differ with the above thesis. Their main line of march, as expressed by the "White Committee" and by leading spokesmen of the Morgan camp is to aid England to enable a quick knock-out of German imperialism. If this knockout can be obtained quickly by only material aid so much the better but if manpower is needed immediately they are in favor of war.

Our isolationist friends hope to avoid the military phase of the war in Europe and Asia and in the meantime consolidate in the Western-Hemisphere. Most of them "favor" a British victory, but in reality they are for even a longer stalemate than Roosevelt. They hope to have the Western-Hemisphere in such order that any nation or combination of nations could not dislodge American Imperialism.

The Appeasers aim is to obtain a truce. Just as there is a difference of policy in the camp of the aid Britain bloc, and in the isolationists, so too there is not complete unanimity among the appeasers. The forces who dominate Lindbergh want a truce because they fear the developing social revolutions and they think a prolonged war will result in a defeat for all. Other appeasers realize that United States is following England's steps toward dictatorship — just like France of yesterday, and consider it essential to guide this dictatorship trend and form an undertaking with the Axis powers now, before it is too late.

The fifth group, which has no effective influence in the exploiters camp or the workers camp is the committee under the Stalinist domination. This committee represents a bloc with lesser capitalists, pacifists and confused ele-

ments who want to fight the capitalist war. The Stalinist line merely represents the latest Comintern shift under the Hitler-Stalin Pact. A new turn in Moscow tomorrow and the committee will change its line.

#### FACTS AND PROPAGANDA

One can readily see that the press campaign attempt to make this look like a fight to aid England, or to oppose aid to England, is false. It is a many-sided struggle of the exploiters to find their own policy in relation to the complex international struggle. Factions and even new committees will spring up as the war preparations continue. But these forces will roughly be divided into the above groupings with the exception of the mass pressure that will oppose all of these forces and represent the interest of the workers and oppressed masses.

It must be kept in mind that regardless of all these different committees the real fight is not between the aid British forces vs the isolationists. The real fight is between the Morgan bloc vs the Roosevelt imperialist bloc. Willkie represented Morgan in his trip to England while Hopkins represented the other group of imperialists as mentioned above. Knox and Stimson as members of the "national unity" of the two main imperialist rivals represented the Morgan bloc. The major section of the Isolationists are in the "America First Committee."

#### ATTEMPT TO "ORGANIZE THE WORLD"

It would be wrong to conclude that from now on Roosevelt will do Morgan's biddings. He has always done imperialist bidding, but primarily those of a different group. Regroupments are taking place but Roosevelt still represents the financialists who dominate consumers goods industries, such as Rockefeller-Lehman, etc. Rockefeller's gifts to the Republicans in no way fundamentally alters this. It must be remembered that the bloc between the two most powerful imperialist groups was consummated before the election, before the nomination conventions and they worked together in BOTH parties to put up candidates (Roosevelt and Willkie) which were for their line — aid to Britain.

Both groups that back Willkie and Roosevelt are out to "organize the world" to the

needs of American Imperialists. The Isolationists think this is too great a plan AT PRESENT.

Those muddle heads in the camp of labor who claim to be revolutionists but who do not understand the Anglo-American Antagonism, cannot understand the fight in the camp of the United States exploiters over "aid" to England — they cannot understand it is a means of keeping down the rising danger of German Imperialism. The war has reached a trans-

ition stage between the Anglo-American Antagonism and the developing Axis-American (German) Antagonism. Germany is the key even if military action would first be launched against Japan. Each and every imperialist is aiming for world domination. The contradictory position of the United States is created by this many-sided imperialist fight. And above all by the fear of the rising social and national revolutions that the war is now preparing.

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# ASIA AND THE IMPERIALIST WAR

Events in Asia are marking time till some hint of a solution of the battle of Europe becomes known. The "arbitration" by Japan of the Thailand-French-Indo-China quarrel is merely another incident in Japanese penetration southward. It has no decisive importance.

The dissolution by Chiang-Kai-Shek of parts of the Red Army indicate that there is serious CLASS ferment of the workers and peasants against the Chinese nationalists, who — just as the Marxists predicted — are not motivated by the aim of clearing China from the yoke of imperialism for the complete yoke of Japanese Imperialism. In the future this factor will have much more importance. For the time being, however there is little doubt that a serious break in the Chinese set-up rests not on relations within China but in the bargaining, shifting of military positions, and struggles of the various imperialists, plus the Soviet Union. Those relations are not fully clear yet. They are in a transition period due to the course of events on the European continent.

## WAR IN EUROPE IS KEY

The ability of German imperialism to overturn the status quo and the balance of power in Europe has profoundly affected the rest of the world. But the inability of Germany to establish its own **supremacy**, to complete the victory, in other words, up to the present stage of the war, leaves everything in the flux and makes necessary drastic changes by the other two imperialist powers outside of Europe, Japan and the United States in their strategical lines for conquest of Asia. He who can dominate Europe, or at least hold the balance of

power has a free hand to drive toward Asia. But until this is accomplished the main events in Asia will have to be settled by Japan and the United States with the Soviet Union playing an important third role. In this case the other European imperialists will be forced to work as a bloc with one or the other of these two imperialists named.

Japan has announced her aim for a New Order in Asia under her control, just as Hitler has announced this for Europe; but neither has been able to fulfill this promise and they are further from realization than they were after the fall of France. Japan remains bogged down in China, and can only get out of this impasse on the basis of a change of policy by England, the Soviets and the United States. If Germany is unable to prevent British aid (little as it is) from reaching Asia, and if Germany is unable to win the Stalinists to a new Asiatic policy then Japan hopes for a New Order will not go any further. Even with the possible capitulation to the Axis of these two powers, if the United States decides to continue aid to China she would be able by herself to prevent Japanese fulfillment of her "historical mission".

A fourth variant need not even be considered.

Germany cannot and will not give Japan effective aid. That is out of the question. Not only from a military standpoint of more pressing problems in Europe; but even if these were solved Germany would move into Asia not to aid Japan but to consolidate her own needs,

which would be against Japan in one form or the other.

## ROLE OF UNITED STATES

The United States is already set for action in Asia. The military staff understands that the Wall Street imperialists will be forced to act in Asia no matter what the developments are in Europe. Things have proceeded too far now to postpone a showdown in the East. If the United States does not force a showdown with Japan and the other imperialists before the present war is over then it will be too late. The events in Europe and China can only alter the form of United States intervention, it can in no way decide the issue.

It is no accident that the Philippine native army was trained years ago under American imperialism. And it is no accident that 85,000 of American armed forces are training at Hawaii, with more forces training in the Semi-Tropics south of United States. These soldiers are not being trained for war in Europe. They are being trained for Latin America, and, above all, Asia. The three fleet navy with the main sector in Asia reveals the American exploiters real intention regarding Asia. Those muddle-headed commentators and economists who compare United States' actual investments and trade in Asia with England's and then draw the conclusion that "we" have no business there, don't understand imperialism and the needs of Wall Street. The needs of Wall Street are even greater than the **potential** needs of German Imperialism, if either is to survive as leading nations ruling the world. We can readily see to what military ends the potential needs of Germany drove the Fascists. The same to even a greater degree, is what is in store for America. She can not wait until her favorable gold balance is liquidated or made useless. Rather than face this variant she will go to war as soon as the war industries will warrant the burden.

## A PAPER STALIN-TOKYO BLOC

The only way Stalinism can be effectively won over to a bloc with Japan is by Germany convincing Stalin that he, Hitler, will rule Europe and that the British Island will be invaded. Without this condition Stalinism (to protect its own hide) will be forced into some kind of a half-working agreement with American Imperialism. In other words, any Moscow-Tokyo agreement without further decisive gains by Germany in Europe would be a scrap of paper similar to the Japanese aid to the

Axis partners against Australia, Greece, etc., at the present stage.

## UNITED STATES AND JAPAN

The weakened position of the British Empire has forced the British to follow the lead of American Imperialism in Asia. This does not mean that England does this willingly and that England will not fight to regain the upperhand. It only means that in addition to the life and death struggle for England the Empire in Asia looks more to the U. S. for protection. Australia and the U.S. are working out an agreement, similar to Canada, over the heads of London. In this way the Anglo-American antagonism takes a new form with United States undermining British positions in Asia, while at the same time it works a loose bloc of parallel action with England against Asia.

It would seem as though the military staff of United States do not propose to lead off with an attack in Asia. They seem to be carrying out a policy of giving material aid to all of Japan's enemies or potential enemies in Asia and at the same time gain strategic military bases from the British Empire and other nations to circle Japan. If this strategy works, the United States hopes to use the native troops of Asia as its first line (as England had done for so many years), and involve Japan deeper and deeper in its Empire policy. With Japan spread out in such a combat it would be easy prey for the United States divisions to complete the task. But Japan sees this trap and is now going slow.

The fact that Japan will probably be Uncle Sam's first military enemy in the present war does not at all mean that Japan is America's greatest opponent in the struggle to conquer the world. The biggest reserve of unlooted resources, if so happens, are in Asia. And the only imperialist power situated in Asia is Japan. With the four powers in Europe settling the problem as to who shall be the master of the European continent, Japan is in a favorable position to swallow good parts of the big loot in Asia before the others get there — if only the United States can be maneuvered out of the scene. The fact that these two powers are likely to clash first in Asia, therefore, does not arise out of Japan's great strength on a world scale in challenging American Imperialism (as is the case with Britain), or even in Japan's **POTENTIAL** strength (as is the case with Germany should she win the war). This immediate military antagonism — between Japan and the U.S. — arises out

of peculiar and incidental circumstances. On Japan's part at any rate it can not decide conclusively the fate of the orient.

In any event, national and proletarian revolutions are developing in Asia too. In the end only a successful social revolution in Asia will put an end to the imperialist slaughter t subject these people.

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