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ALLIED "UNITY" EXPOSED AT FRISCO

May 8, 1945—Every catchword of the San Francisco conference is meeting an inglorious end.

The conference was called to end fascism and dictatorship, but one of its first acts was to welcome with open arms the Argentine military dictatorship, which for five years gave aid to the Axis powers. The conference was called to guarantee self-determination, but without even a voice of dissent it welcomed the British Indian delegates, openly chosen by the oracles of imperialism without even consulting the 300 million of the Indian masses. As Edgar Ansel Mowrer so aptly put it: "it doesn't matter what you are or who you are but whom you know." It's like an old Tammany Hall political jamboree.

Above everything else the conference was supposed to emphasize unity and peace. But even its most fervid press agents don't have the heart to deal with that anymore. All over the country and all over the world words of "pessimism" are being uttered.

Speaking to a Congressional committee on the day the conference opened, Henry Wallace, former vice-president and outstanding liberal, stated that we have a "fighting chance" to avert World War III. After millions have shed their blood, after all the demagoguery of the foremost demagogues in the world about "peace forever," we are now being told about a "FIGHTING" chance—that's all!

Allied "Peace" Exposed

Are we close to "peace?" Here's what Pflaum of the New Deal Chicago Times has to say: "It's no exaggeration to say that today . . . the fate of nations is in delicate balance and that Stalin alone can tip the scales either in favor of peace or a future war. The showdown cannot long be postponed. Either Stalin will bring his country into the world organization to be manufactured here or the world will split up into alliances in preparation for the next war."

To any one who can read a political document that statement is a polite way of throwing down the gauntlet—it is an unmistakable beginning of pre-war measures.

The first days of the conference indicated this wide breach between the imperialist nations and the Stalinist-warped Soviet Union. The fights over chairmanships and other minor issues only emphasize the underlying struggle. Many other signs in this past month point to it. In the midst of "negotiations" over the Polish question it develops that Stalin has arrested 16 representatives of the London Polish government. A Stalinist writer viciously attacked the Americans and British for failing to ship home over 100,000 Russian prisoners of war freed in Germany. A Soviet-established Austrian government under Karl Renner met with open disavowal by Britain and the United States. Even V-E day itself was a subject of dispute. Stalin announced the surrender of the German forces two full days after Churchill and Truman.

The man in the street is openly talking of "war against Russia." All news is being slanted in such a way

that it puts the Soviet Union in a belligerent light.

Power Politics on Parade

The Conference in San Francisco is merely a gigantic parade of power politics. Three blocs of nations confront each other. Temporarily they are attempting to show a surface unity, but everyone can see that two of the three blocs are definitely set on keeping the third one—the Soviet Union, in check. Between the capitalist powers on the one hand and the warped workers state, on the other, there is an irrepressible economic, political and social conflict.

At every stage this conflict must and will present itself.

Take the Argentine question, for instance. Stalinism utilized the situation to inveigh against fascism. As a social-reformist force, on a world scale, Stalinism prefers not to support OPEN reactionary movements. (Continued on Page 4)

Japan's Position Is Tottering

Now that V-E day has finally dawned, the significance of the war in the Pacific looms clearer. Japanese imperialism has been throwing out feelers for months, indicating its willingness—even its anxiety for "peace." The latest reports indicate her willingness to surrender every bit of territory she has conquered, not only since the outbreak of World War II, but even from years back. Most significantly, she is willing to cede Manchuria, among other areas. Manchuria has been in Japanese hands for about thirteen years. Korea, interestingly enough, is not mentioned. And Korea is an area in which the Soviet Union has recently manifested some interest.

British and American imperialism have not as yet clearly rejected this offer. Nor can we overlook the possibility of a speedy "peace" on this or a similar arrangement. True, the most likely variant is a war to the total destruction of Japan's industrial plant. But the growing sharpness of relations between the Soviet Union and her imperialist allies makes unconditional surrender a less likely variant than it was several months ago.

Added to this factor is the recent Soviet decision not to renew her agreements with Japan. The Stalinist regime has been maneuvered into a much less favorable position in the Far East than has existed for some time. There can be little doubt that the new Soviet strategy in the Far East was based on some sort of deal with her "Allies." But every day makes it appear more and more as though there has been some sort of double cross, and that Stalin has not been on the winning end. The absolute lack of agreement on Poland makes this clear.

Allies Need Hirohito

Under such circumstances, and with the Kuo Min Tang lined up behind American imperialism again, a war against Russia from the Asiatic mainland is a growing threat to the world working class. But before such a war of intervention can be undertaken, the allied imperialists must (Continued on Page 4)

Strike Wave Is Due

What next for the Trade Union movement?

Now that the military war in Europe is over there is little doubt that one of the big factors that stopped strikes—the patriotic taboo—has been considerably weakened. Furthermore, in the coming period, all the working class will suffer a lowering of their standards of living.

The bourgeoisie is openly talking of lifting the price level—inflation. Five to six million unemployed are expected within the next half year. A cutback in production of at least 40% is expected in that period. Unquestionably the masses will react to this provocation very much as their brothers did after the first World War. The big strikes took place in 1919 and after—the steel strike, lumber strikes, packing house strikes, railroad strikes.

Bosses Prepare for Strikes

American capitalism anticipates such a strike wave. The CIO grapevine has it that Truman was merely waiting for V-E Day to announce a 10% or 12% lifting of the Little Steel formula (As we go to press the Little Steel Formula has not been lifted yet). The aim of such a raise would be to take up the slack made by the loss in take-home pay. Thousands more are expected to cut hours. Hundreds, probably thousands, of factories are expected to close down.

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"PEACE" THAT MEANS PERMANENT WAR

A defeated Germany presents a situation that is as ominous to the Allies as a victorious Germany. WHAT TO DO WITH GERMANY? That is the unanswered question of Yalta and San Francisco. Unanswered because it can only be translated to mean—what to do with each other!

What to do with Germany is a question that can only be answered in terms of the respective and opposing economic interests of the big three, in Germany and throughout the European continent.

Germany, the second greatest industrialized nation in the world, is the economic key to Europe. He who controls Germany controls Europe.

Despite the heavy aerial bombardment of Germany, specialists surveying the damages reported that wide areas of the Reich have been untouched. Barron's financial weekly reports that the Herman Goering works, near Brunswick, and the large automotive industries belonging to American interests are virtually intact and that much of the damage done to Germany's industry can be repaired in two years. And after five years of war Germany still commands the best supply of skilled labor in industry in Europe.

There are two contrasting methods proposed on what to do with Germany. When the differing capitalist interests of Great Britain, the United States, and France are considered there appear to be four. But momentarily, disregarding the secondary disagreements among the capitalist states and defining them as one disposition of Germany, as opposed to the Russian disposition, we have in reality only two.

The Soviet Union's disposition of Germany, as already exemplified in Poland and the Balkans, is determined by the Stalinist policy of erecting around Russia a ring of buffer states in some measure adapted to Soviet economy,—as her first line of defense against the inevitable attack by her present "allies." This may be considered as a reversal of the iron ring that was placed around the Soviet State after the October Revolution by world imperialism, with Germany and Poland as the advance posts.

Geographically and economically Russia's desires amount to this: the industries and mineral resources of eastern Germany are to be (and are being) incorporated into the state controlled centers of Polish heavy industry already under Soviet influence and control. This further includes the severance from Germany of Upper Silesia, the coal-rich Waldenburg district, the textile center of Hirschburg, and the mechanical and chemical industries further north. All of this Stalin will try to co-ordinate with the industry and economy of the cluster of small capitalist nations in the center of Europe, at present occupied by the Red Army.

The Revolutionary Workers League has already dealt with the weakness of this method of defense of the Soviet Union and its transitional economy, from the onslaughts of the capitalist world. We pointed out that it enhances the power of counter-revolutionary forces within the Soviet Union, further crystallizes the bureaucracy, and disorients the forces of proletarian revolution—the only forces that can defend the Soviet Union. But, this notwithstanding, the transition economy of the Soviet Union by such moves on the part of Stalinism will come into a headlong conflict with the capitalist world. The conflict is inevitable but the Stalinist policies make defeat of the warped worker's state more probable.

Contrary to the opinion of the liberals this clash has already begun. Grafton, in the May 9, 1945, Chicago "Sun," was not far wrong when he wrote that the useless and futile attempt of the Nazis to defend eastern Germany and Berlin at the cost of a hundred thousand lives was as crusaders against Bolshevism; it was the last battle of the war and the first battle of the peace.

The confused manner in which the Wehrmacht surrendered in two separate ceremonies and with two separate sets of emissaries adds weight to this. The first surrender to Eisenhower appears to have been a partial capitulation to Himmler's plea. Stalin evidently was furious and pushed the Red Army forward until a second surrendering ceremony was held in Berlin. Even more indicative

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The Workers and V-E Day

The victory of the imperialists in Europe, announced May 8th, is a setback for the world working class. There is no sense hiding that fact. Not because we wished for a victory of the Axis powers; on the contrary we Marxists were for a defeat of all the imperialist nations in this war.

But the military victory of the Allied imperialists without a single victorious proletarian revolution means that capitalism has been able to conclude five years and eight months of war, without a serious challenge by the forces of the world working class.

That is a set-back for our class. V-E Day emphasizes it.

To the greatest degree this setback is attributable to Stalinism, which led the masses of Europe and elsewhere into the mire of social-patriotism, which utilized the prestige of the October Revolution to STOP the masses from extending that Revolution.

Others, too, in the ranks of the working class contributed to this situation: the British Labor Party, the centrist Independent Labor Party, the Trotskyites, and all the various forces of the Second International and centrism.

Allies Pauperize Europe

But the war of the imperialists is not over. We do not gloat in that fact. But it IS a fact, something dictated by the whole economics of capitalism and the whole class struggle. We, the scientific Marxists, can not spread the lies of the capitalists that the "war in Europe is over." They too know it is not. For the capitalists the war in Europe—the main war, against the masses—is only beginning. That war will involve all types of struggle, guerrilla fighting, war against the Soviet Union, strikes, etc. We are today on

the threshold of the most momentous counter-revolution in all history.

But just as that counter-revolution is more integrated, more centralized than after the first world war, so will the coming proletarian revolution be more integrated and centralized.

The next phases of the war will help disintegrate the Allied counter-revolutionary strength, will help destroy social-reformism as a potent weapon for the Allies.

The imperialists will yet find that they celebrated V-E Day prematurely.

Capitalism can not be stabilized. Their victory in Europe—military victory only—is but a small phase of the fight to stabilize world capitalism. We of the proletariat have missed our first chance in this war. But the seeds of revolution are planted deep in the soil of Europe, planted in the hearts and minds of people who are sick of starvation, sick of fascism, sick of allied lies and vindictiveness, sick of capitalism. The seeds of revolution are planted in the never-ending conflicts of the imperialists for booty, in the plans to pauperize Europe.

Capitalism may check that class conflict; it can not eliminate it.

THERE CAN BE NO PEACE UNDER CAPITALISM. THERE CAN BE NO PEACE UNDER THE TYRANT'S WHIP.

ONLY A WORKERS' COUNCIL GOVERNMENT THROUGHOUT EUROPE AND OVER THE WORLD CAN BRING PEACE AND SECURITY.

LET US BUILD THE NEW WORLD PARTY OF MARXISM TO GIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE IMPENDING BATTLES!

"PEACE" — PERMANENT WAR

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of the battle of the peace is the cloud that surrounds the surrender of Trieste, and the continued opposition to the Red Army by the Wehrmacht in Czechoslovakia. Trieste falls into the orbit of Stalin's defense line for Russia. It was first declared "occupied" by Stalin's satellite Tito and later by the British. One report states that the Germans held out until the British arrived and then surrendered to them. The strategy of the defeated Wehrmacht appears to be to hold out as long as possible against the Red Army and then surrender to the capitalist allies. All of these desperate moves of the defeated Germany army, though on the surface they may appear senseless and erratic, are in reality an attempted fulfillment of the role that had been assigned to German imperialism as the first major capitalist spearhead to smash the Soviet Union. The complete destruction of Germany, as inferred in the demand for unconditional surrender and espoused by Van Sittart and Morgenthau, has now taken a sharp turn in the direction of a more conciliatory policy in the preserving of German capitalism and industry — no doubt to rebuild Europe (in such a way that Germany will be under the thumb of the victors — but under WHOSE thumb?). The policy now being proposed by high government and financial officials in Great Britain is to set up the most industrialized section of Germany as an independent state under the domination of the sterling bloc. This is contested by America and France — with Stalinism supporting the French plea for a section of the Ruhr, which would come under the hegemony of French

capital and thereby violate what Britain considers her vested interests there. The United States' policy has been one that shares neither the British, French, nor Russian desires to dismember Germany. Its policy has been, first, to convert Germany as fast as possible for peacetime production; second, to render Germany harmless, both as a military and as a commercial competitor on a world scale; third, to oppose any control over Germany that would exclude the U. S. from trade or other rights.

The policy of allied imperialism is opposed to the complete destruction of Germany or rendering her totally impotent as an industrial nation, which of course, means also as a military nation. This is due to their huge investments in Germany, and their desire for a bulwark and police force against Proletarian Revolution in Europe. But their policies are for a "colonial" industrialized Germany.

The "peace" that is to be imposed upon Europe is the peace of the imperialist victors — a peace that has not solved and cannot solve any of the basic economic conflicts that drive capitalist nations down to the bloody paths of war. A peace, that if it succeeds even momentarily, must degrade the population of an entire continent and reduce hitherto highly industrialized countries to the status of industrialized colonies. A peace that demands the need of vast armies and navies to suppress Proletarian Revolutions and the possible rejuvenation of rival imperialists. A peace that spells permanent war. Such is the "peace" of Reims and Berlin, based upon Yalta, the direct descendant of the peace based upon Versailles.

WORKERS OF THE WORLD

INDIA

The following is an extract from a letter to the editor of the Chicago Tribune by Sudhindra Bose:

"... It may be of interest that there are today in India more than a million plantation slaves on the large tea, coffee, and rubber plantations.

The labor for these plantations is recruited all over India. The workers with their families are quartered in rows of packing boxes miscalled "houses." There they live, in filth and squalor, under the complete control of the corporations and without the most elementary civil rights. Altho the penal contracts have been formally abolished in recent years, the laborers still remain in virtual bondage to their masters for prolonged periods, and even in practice in many cases for life. Their position is not much removed from legal serfdom.

Perhaps the conditions of the laborers tied to tea plantations reach the lowest levels. These plantations, which exploit the labor of men, women, and children mercilessly, are euphemistically called "tea gardens." While the plantations pay fabulous dividends to investors, the wages of the workers are appallingly low.

In the "tea gardens," the average wage of men is \$2.00 — of women, \$1.75 and of children, \$1.40 a month. These do not, however, represent clear income. Out of these princely salaries the laborer has to pay fines and deductions for real or imaginary violation of company rules, bribes to overseers, and "commissions" to job contractors, who often take 50% of his earnings.

All this is, of course, an inevitable part of the exploiting colonial system. . . ."

INDIA

Bombay, India, April 3 (A.P.) — A day long hartal (protest strike) against the scheduled hanging of seven men stopped the operations of at least 40 mills and other routine activities in the Bombay area today. The seven men were involved in the 1942 Chimur and Ashti terrorist assassinations at the time Mohandas K. Gandhi was imprisoned."

As a result of this mass action of the workers, which threatened prolonged unrest, the court had to order a stay of execution for the seven prisoners.

YUGOSLAVIA

Lately we've been hearing a lot of talk about small nations' and national minorities' rights, and their oppression by the fascist regimes. Here is how Stalinist dominated, capitalist Yugoslavia is dealing with the problem. Thousands of Yugoslav peasants of German origin from the northern plains of Vovvodina have been collected and moved out of the country at gun point. Their destination is Russia, where it is expected they will be used as forced labor in reconstruction and farming.

FRANCE

France has held its first municipal elections since the German occupation. The outcome has been an overwhelming majority for the reformists, the Stalinists heading the list. While it is true that the workers cannot achieve anything at the ballot box, these elections are a good indication of the development of the French working class. They show the dire need for a Marxian revolutionary party. Right now, all the workers can find when they look toward the "left" is the Stalinist traitors.

The G. I. Returns

What can a returning veteran of this war expect when he finally comes home? If he takes the trouble to think and observe, he must be a confused and disgruntled person. Let us begin by stating a few facts about the veteran's "conditioning" program during his last days in the army.

He is given a series of rehabilitation or orientation "suggestions," or one might better say "threats" as to what is expected of him as a newborn civilian. One thing that may strike him as odd is the warnings he gets about the serious repercussions that may occur if he becomes a public nuisance as a civilian. They go something like this, "If you are reported to be engaging in talking of things contrary to the beliefs of our government ("beliefs" instilled in the civilian population) or if you engage in activities that are subversive, ("subversive"—that means any activity that would seek to change this mess of a system that stifles men today) you might find yourself back in the army or in jail" (what's the difference?)

He remembers the warning he received about fraternizing with the enemy. No, don't get too friendly with the enemy G I Joe, you may learn that he too is a victim of a rotten system that sends him to war.

He is told in a subtle way that it would be unadvisable to "slander" the government of his country. He's a bit confused there because he has so many things he wants to tell that seem a bit contrary to what the people are led to believe. When he gets into civilian life and begins to be bombarded with some of this civilian propaganda, he'll find it makes him even more angry. He remembers the foreign beer he drank, when he could get even that, and then boils when he hears radio announcers tell of the beer that is being sent overseas. "Let's see, how many cans of American beer did I see over there? One in a camp that I noticed a fellow using for a canteen — and, oh yes, I saw a few at the officers' club one evening." Cigarettes? Wasn't there a time when he as a combat soldier was rationed to five packs and non-combat troops to two packs per week?

G. I.'s DREAMS SHATTERED

He was told that he would have to surrender some of his "democratic" rights in army life for military discipline and security reasons. But when he leaves the army he discovers a shockingly slight difference in his rights. He might be able to wear his coat open or go without a hat, but what of the rights that really matter?

He hears civilians urged to get into war plants but he also sees mass lay-offs in these same war plants. He hears of "war time prosperity" and pleadings to the civilians to unbutton their bulging wallets for essentials only, and save the rest. But he meets so many people who still don't have enough money to buy even the essentials. He sees that the shortages hit so unevenly. The poor man suffers while the rich can get steaks in the expensive restaurants and cigarettes at their clubs.

He hears stories of the enemy's mistreatment of minority races and then he remembers the Negro who couldn't buy a coke at his P X and another one who wasn't allowed to ride in the same taxi with him in a southern town when they both had to return to camp. He remembers how Negro troops slept on the cold, wind-swept outer decks of the boat going overseas while he was bunked inside.

He remembers how propaganda artists flayed the Nazis for forming youth armies and he comes home to see ever-increasing numbers of "kids in khaki" strutting about, too young to realize the full meaning of that ROTC uniform.

He senses a familiar tone in the newspaper smearings of Russia, the

SUMMARY MAY DAY 1945

May Day — Day of international working class solidarity, day on which the workers demonstrate in the streets, and express their militancy and their class struggle program.

How was this May Day 1945 celebrated? Which banners and programs did the workers in the different countries follow? In the United States, to our knowledge, only the R.W.L. in Chicago held an open air meeting, at which our speakers presented our full program, our irrevocable opposition to this imperialist war, our solidarity with the workers of all countries, whether allies or enemies of "our" bourgeoisie. We had sent offers of united front action for an open air May Day meeting to other working class organizations, but to no avail.

They preferred to hold more temperate meetings in closed halls. The outstanding factor in the meetings held by the centrists, especially the Cannonites, was their sectarianism, not international solidarity.

But let us look at the rest of the world. Thousands demonstrating in Paris, in Moscow the biggest parade since the birth of the Soviet Union, demonstrations in Mexico City, demonstrations in Havana, a mass meeting in Brazil! The workers everywhere are stirring, but as yet the reformists and even the bourgeois governments have them under control.

For the first time since 1937 all work stopped in France on May 1st, and for the first time since 1939 was there any May day celebration at all. In every town in France the workers went out into the streets. But these demonstrations were organized by the reformists — Socialist and "Communist" parties — and the Confederation Generale du Travail. Their slogans were not those of solidarity with the German workers, against the war, but "Death to the traitors" and "Petain to the gallows" — "down with the trusts" instead of down with capitalism.

In Havana thousands of workers marched to the presidential palace to present their demands to President San Martin, not to defy him and the bourgeoisie he serves, but to cheer him.

In Brazil 60,000 workers listened to the May Day address by President Vargas, in which he praised the "benefits" he gave to the working class.

In Mexico City three great columns of workers — (union differences prevented the organization of a single parade) — were reviewed by President Camacho. In all these countries the militancy of the workers has been sidetracked into government controlled channels.

The celebration of May Day in the Soviet Union had a pronounced nationalist flavor. It was one gigantic show of military strength, as we might see it in any capitalist country on a national holiday.

It is more than probable that a class conscious, political minority has attempted to go against the stream of reformist or government approved May Day celebrations in many countries, especially France and Italy. But the bourgeois press does not advertise these true working class manifestations.

May Day has again demonstrated clearly, that the workers all over the world are stirring, are getting ready for action, but that they sorely lack the leadership of Marxian parties united in a New Fourth Communist International. To build these parties, to form that International is our immediate and pressing task.

MERCHANT MARINEMAN SEES EUROPE

The following is an excerpt of a plaint that the Americans pay less letter from a comrade in the Merchant Marine:

"... I can speak only of the situation in northern France, of course. Food there is a problem, but being an agricultural region, it is not as acute as other sections and in the big cities. Clothing however, hits them very hard. While there we heard of women demonstrations for food in Paris. No outcome reported.

Of course everybody is now pro-allied, but I think there is a strong current of sympathy with many of the Fascist aims.

The CP is strongest single party with about 400-500 members in Le Havre. Christian Socialists next, and the Socialists third with about 100. They all have youth sections; the Christian Socialist youth being the largest with about 250. There are some smaller groups, conservative of different types.

Dissatisfaction, discontent, is very widespread. People are guarded in talking to Americans; that they would say so much to me is an indication of how strong the discontent is. Here and there one would speak of the need for "thoro-going reforms." It is clear that big storms are in the air.

But, primarily the antagonism stems from the food situation. Instead of bringing in food, the Americans bring only military supplies. Even more, all the transportation facilities are taken over for military uses, leaving nothing for internal French needs — reconstruction, food, etc.

* Finally, there is the general com-

beginning of the rumblings that develop into war.

When will he wonder whether his next fight shouldn't be to destroy a system which has outlived itself?

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- 3—For a new Fourth (Communist) International. For a new Revolutionary Marxian Party in the United States.
- 4—Against a Labor Party and all other forms of Popular Frontism.
- 5—For independent working class action on the political and economic fields. For strike action now — including the sitdown strike — to gain better wages and working conditions. No faith in reformists and Labor fakers.
- 6—For full equality for the Negroes, Mexicans, Chinese, Japanese and all other oppressed minorities in the United States. Against Jim Crowism and Anti-Semitism.
- 7—For Workers Defense Squads in the Unions and elsewhere to defend the working class from the Fascist inroads of capitalism.
- 8—For full and unconditional independence for the Philippines, Virgin Islands, Porto Rico and all other territories of the United States, including those islands and areas now occupied by American military forces. For the right of self-determination for all colonies.
- 9—For the defense of the Soviet Union against World Imperialism and Stalinism. Extend the October Revolution. For a political revolution in Russia to reestablish Workers Democracy and continue toward Socialism.
- 10—For a Workers Council Government in the United States and all over the world.

FASCISM IS NOT DEAD

The elimination of Hitler and Mussolini does not mean that Fascism is dead. Fascism is the political death rattle of capitalism and it will not disappear until capitalism itself is destroyed. Hitler and Mussolini were very capable agents of the capitalists. They helped institute Fascism and all its terroristic methods into the weakest links of capitalism — Germany and Italy. By doing so they were able to stave off the uprisings of the workers for a time by brutal naked force. The workers could not be held in check forever. They ousted Mussolini from the government in Italy (only to find the Allies giving their "smiling consent" to a Badoglio and Bonomi regime), then thoroughly aroused with hatred for the fascists, they seized and killed Mussolini and cohorts and hung their bodies in the public square where they could be spat upon by all who had suffered under their oppression. If it had been left to the Allies, Mussolini would never have faced death for his crimes. Bonomi and the Allies demanded that these "atrocities" stop and that Mussolini be turned over to the Allies to be put "into custody."

Mussolini, the personal friend of Lamont, the man whom Churchill praised and called "that gallant Christian gentleman," had done his job well. He abolished all non-Fascist press, free suffrage, free speech, free movement, (emigration, or peasants going from one part of the country to another), he annulled Article 30 of the Statutes, guaranteeing against unjust taxation — he and his Fascist supporters ruled by absolute force and suppression of the working class. During their rise to power they were well paid for their services to the capitalist class. American capitalists alone financed Italy to about half a billion dollars. Some of the holdings are as follows:

J. P. Morgan and Co.	Kingdom of Italy 7's	\$100,000,000
	City of Rome 6½'s	\$ 30,000,000
Dillon Read, Bankers	City of Milan 6½'s	\$ 20,000,000
Blair and Co.	Adriatic Electric 7's.....	\$ 5,000,000

Hitler, too, was financed by the British and American capitalist class who saw in him a straw at which to clutch in the rising sea of proletarian revolutions.

The Italian workers realized that the elimination of Mussolini did not mean the end of Fascism. The Allies moved in and upheld — even increased — the restrictions on the workers. The German workers are learning too that the iron fist of dictatorship of the Allies is no softer than that of Hitler & Co.

The first phase of this imperialist war is ended. The period of uprisings of the workers in every country is at hand. Fascism must be wiped off the earth. It cannot be done by a Bonomi regime, a "people's government," or a "democratic republic." Only the proletarian revolution can end Fascism!

ALLIES USE STALINIST TACTICS

With the active military phase of the war against German imperialism coming to a close, and with the opening of the phase of "anarchy," disorder, continued starvation and disease and increased class struggle, the United States and other allied nations of Europe are looking around for the kind of propaganda that will fit the situation. The new situation demands a change in their agitation and propaganda.

Yesterday, before United States had entered the war and while the Hitler-Stalin Pact was on the order of the day, the popular brand of propaganda in the United States was to lump together the Fascists and Soviet forces as one evil. Any and all trash along this line from backsliders and others was the order of the day. The best seller by Jan Valtin dealing with the life of a person who had been a spy for Stalin and Hitler was the best seller. While pretending to spy for Hitler he was secretly working for Stalin — and then he comes to America to escape both and to take up "democracy."

When Hitler invaded the Soviet Union and when the United States entered the war and became an ally of the Soviet Union against Germany, the tune was changed. Not the tune of the right wing exploiters but the New Deal and liberal forces. In this period they praised the military campaigns and kept silent about the political problems of the Soviet Union.

In this whole period of the Hitler-Stalin Pact and the invasion of the Soviets by the Fascists, independent working class action was weak. Social-patriotism and national unity were so strong that American imperialism could best serve its interest by just ignoring the problem from the standpoint of propaganda and allowing its agents of class suppression and patriotism to do its effective work.

Now the tune must change, as we have said before. It must change not because the line of Stalinism has changed. Nor is it necessary to change because there is a difference with Stalinism. No. It is due to the changed position of class relations.

The gigantic destruction of men and material on a world scale by the imperialist war has brought with it civil war. In Europe this transformation of the imperialist war into civil war is growing with the ending of the capitalist holocaust. The American imperialists fear the rising proletariat in Europe. The American, British and the Stalinists fear the 6 million foreign workers in Germany. They fear the German underground. How shall they answer this? In

German Workers Penalized for Nazi Atrocities

In the past months the capitalist press, radio, and newspapers have been harping on the theme of German atrocities. It is almost impossible to open a newspaper, sit down to listen to a radio program or go to a movie without being treated to the most gruesome and horrible scenes of the victims of Nazism. There is no doubt that most of them are authentic, but the question that rises is what is the purpose of showing them?

It is quite evident that the propaganda machine, namely the psychological warfare department has a definite purpose in mind. That is primarily to build up a sentiment here in the United States, not so much for hating Fascism, but the German people as a whole. As the peace terms are formulated it is clear that the United States and Great Britain have one purpose in mind in regard to Germany and its working masses and that is to completely pauperize them. What better excuse could be used than to say that these people are so treacherous and barbarous that they should be made to pay for the atrocities they committed during the war? Of course the fact that most of the victims found in these prisons were Germans who protested against the rule of Hitler and Fascism is not overemphasized. As a matter of fact it is made to appear that most of those found were captured war prisoners. This is a shaded fact to hide the real struggle that went on in Germany prior to the war — the fight of the working class against Hitlerism. It is impossible for the Allies to expose this because they helped put Hitler into power and maintained him through economic support.

The tears now being shed by the Allies over the Nazi atrocities are pure phonies. From a historical viewpoint the Allied governments have very dirty hands in regard to German political prisoners. Before the war thousands of them begged for admittance into such Allied countries as France, the South American countries, the United States and Great Britain. Their pleas went unanswered and as a result they were caught in the claws of the beastly Nazi Gestapo machine.

The rulers of any dying economic system have used barbarous methods to destroy any threat to their domination and the fact that fascism is the political expression of dying capitalism is a guarantee that atrocities will not cease with the military victory of Germany. It is not for naught that the Military Intelligence Division of the Allied armies are making a thorough study of the German war machine. It can be assumed that the methods used by the German fascists against their political prisoners will be enlarged upon and used for the purpose of destroying any opposition to Allied Imperialist rule of the toiling masses of the world.

It is only by the overthrow of dying Capitalism by the working class of the world and the building of a new and healthy economy of Socialism that atrocities will be wiped out.

propaganda they are borrowing a page from Stalinism. Their main line is as follows:

Point out that the Fascists must be exterminated. Make it clear that ALL of Germany is guilty. Explain that no mercy must be shown Germany, not just the fascists. Keep "mum" on the German underground of the working class. Explain that the fascists will continue their resistance after the allies declare the official end of the war.

The part about the fascists is truth. The part about all of the German people is a lie. But by mixing this together, by censorship of facts on the real situation and by enlarging the aspect desired, a lopsided picture is presented as real.

On this premise they proceed to point out that any and all guerrilla warfare and opposition to the Allied plans is FASCIST OPPOSITION and must be crushed ruthlessly. By this method the rise of the social revolution, the rise of the German proletariat and the foreign workers can be presented as FASCIST disorder instead of the struggle of the masses for the SOCIAL OWNERSHIP of the means of production, for Soviets.

On this premise the social revolution can be labeled Fascist uprisings. The proletarian forces can be called agents of Fascism because they want to disrupt the peace of Europe brought about by the Anglo-American and Soviet agreement.

If they cannot suppress this information and part of the truth leaks out then they have a second line trench to retreat to. The Anglo-American-Stalin propagandists can call ALL of these forces of proletarian revolution — Trotskyism, as Churchill did in the civil war in Greece. And they will say that these "Trotskyites" are in the pay of Hitler to sow disorder. Just as Stalin calls all of his opposition "Trotskyism," so too will the bourgeois-democratic imperialists.

In the last war any opposition was a Red no matter how pink or liberal. The same pattern is being unfolded but the actors are different even though their roles are about the same. Yesterday the Social-Democrats furnished the cue. Today Stalinism calls the tune.

The filthy bourgeois-democratic imperialists are now learning the tricks of Stalinism and intend to use them, to make an amalgam of the right and left; and the main words of this amalgam will be the Fascists and Trotskyites. Both are wrong, both are smokescreens to cover the real issue that is now shaping up in Europe.

Capitalism cannot organize the economy of Europe. With or without Hitler, under capitalism Europe is heading backward toward "barbarism." Only under socialism can the economy of Europe be organized, can a Socialist United States of Europe be organized.

Let us help smash the propaganda campaign the Anglo-American-Stalinists are unleashing against the social revolution.

Only a social revolution in Europe can smash Fascism and put an end to the developing civil war.

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Discharge of Soldiers

With the end of the war in Europe and after nearly a million casualties there comes the talk about the discharge of many of the "veterans" under the point system of mass evacuations, furloughs and transfers.

It is true that some soldiers are being discharged, either because they were wounded or under the point system. But the needs of American Imperialism and problems that beset it are the decisive factors in disposal of the manpower in its army.

First of all the Imperialists have set aside an army of occupation to hold down the coming tide of revolutions in Europe.

Secondly, there is the Soviet Union. Now that Germany has been occupied, the greatest potential threat to the status quo in Europe, the greatest single threat to the "free" movement of the Imperialist powers is the Soviet Union. Hence, the increasing discord between the United States, Great Britain, and the Soviet Union.

We must remember there are still hundreds of thousands of soldiers in the United States who have not seen action overseas. We must remember that the draft board system still functions and men continue to be drafted. The accumulation of the required amount of points does not necessarily mean a discharge.

The talk about the discharging of soldiers and democratic point systems are only capitulations to the sentiment of the working class at home. In the long run the needs of American Imperialism will be the decisive factor in determining how many boys come home.

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"PEACE" FOR JAPAN

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square accounts with Japanese imperialism. Precisely how this squaring is to be accomplished is the problem. The recent invasion of Borneo and Tarakan should make it clear to even the most blind that imperialist interests are at stake. Rich oil lands are the center of the current fighting. It is hard, under the circumstances, to credit the sanity of those who maintain this is a war SOLELY for the destruction of excess population and capital, or of those who claim the whole war is a sham.

But this squaring of accounts only reveals all the more clearly how ready the imperialists are to conclude their internecine struggle in the face of growing unrest from the masses. Ambassador Grew recently underlined this aspect of the situation in imploring the Allied imperialists to spare, even to encourage, the worship of the Emperor as a Japanese institution. Why? Precisely because Emperor worship is the specific technique for keeping the Japanese masses under the thumb of the Japanese capitalists.

Hence we see that even a negotiated peace will not improve the condition of the Japanese masses. No "enemy" imperialist dares to suggest changing the state apparatus in Japan: there isn't even the demagoguery about democracy that is characteristic for European occupation. The Japanese masses will simply find themselves undergoing even more intensive exploitation and subjection. And then they will be among the chief sufferers from the war of intervention against the Soviet Union — a war guaranteed as surely by Stalin's efforts to prevent the spread of the October Revolution as by the needs of American and British imperialism. Only the overthrow of their main enemy, the Japanese capitalist class, and the state that represents that class, only by establishing a Japanese Workers' Council Government, can the masses find peace.

IMPENDING STRIKE WAVE

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Capitalism will attempt to make a few minor concessions in order to channelize the impending strike wave. But along with that it will also begin to wave a big stick. Veterans will be set off against the rest of the working masses. An organized attempt to inflame race hatred, to take the steam out of class hatred, can be expected. And the bourgeois Congress will no doubt utilize the opportunity to try further to restrict labor organizations.

The full treacherous sell-out of Murray, Green, Browder & Co. will make itself felt in this coming period. The war-policy of class-peace has weakened the labor movement, more than any other event in history. The end of hostilities in Europe finds the working class unprepared to fight lay-offs, inflation and unemployment.

Murray, Green, and their ilk have promised to maintain class peace — forced arbitration, government settlement of disputes, etc. — after the war. If their policy led to a 20% cut in hourly REAL wages during the war (measured in purchasing power) it will have a much more disastrous effect after the war.

Labor needs a new national trade union progressive group to take the

The 2nd Imperialist War FROM BOSS WAR TO WORKERS WAR

THE ROAD TO WORKERS' POWER

All this is just a brief statement of the road the workingclass must travel to achieve power and to eliminate war — once and for all. It is not an easy road. When the workers of Russia decided in 1917 that they had enough of the Czar's war they deserted the front, the workers went on strike and demonstrated in the streets for the things they wanted — bread, peace, land. Soldiers were ordered to shoot them down — the soldiers refused, instead they arrested or shot their officers and went over to the side of their class brothers. Sailors refused to fire the guns on the battleships at their own sisters and brothers who were fighting for a better way of life. They mutinied, took over the ships and used them to help overthrow the hated capitalist ruling class in Russia. Together they formed Soviets (Councils) and planned and carried out the running of the economy of production for use instead of for profit.

The Capitalist class of the world united against the Russian workingclass — on 18 fronts they were attacked by their erstwhile "allies" who abruptly halted the war with Germany in order that they might liquidate their MAIN ENEMY — the growing workingclass revolution. But despite all the pressure, all the military might, all the economic blockade, the united capitalists of the world were not able to put down the Russian Revolution.

The capitalists of the world — particularly the American capitalist class (who, after all have the most to lose) will shed more and more blood to keep the worker enslaved; to continue the system of "socialized production with individual appropriation" — the profit system, which must inevitably lead to devastating wars for markets every generation or so. But up until now we, the workers, have been foolish enough to man the bosses' guns and use them against our fellow workers in other countries: we have been foolish enough to fight to preserve a system that keeps US in slavery — that throws us out of work, that cannot provide decent food, clothing, homes or education for the overwhelming majority of the population — and this in the midst of plenty, in the richest country on earth.

It is up to us to rise up, to use the guns the bosses forced us to take, to use OUR UNITED STRENGTH FOR OURSELVES, to use OUR MIGHT TO OVERTHROW THE DECADENT PROFIT SYSTEM — to use our knowledge of the factory, mine, mill and farm to BRING REAL PEACE AND PLENTY FOR HUMANITY — TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF PRODUCTION FOR USE UNDER A WORKERS' COUNCIL GOVERNMENT! Could there be any better objective for us to fight for?

THE RICH GET RICHER

Shall we permit mass murder every 25 years so the Rockefellers, du Ponts, Morgans, Stettinius, the Thyssens, Krupps, the Renaults, Schneiders, can add another million or so dollars to their bank accounts, or another few hundred miles or so of territory for them to exploit? To those who are still naive enough to believe the war is being fought AGAINST the system of Fascism we recall to you the alliances with the Fascists of Italy, France, Spain, Greece, Belgium, Rumania, and South America. It is being fought against a certain GROUP OF FASCISTS WHO ARE COMPETING FOR MARKETS. To those who believe that the capitalists are strongly in support of the war for patriotic emotional reasons we point out: in 1939 there were 12,034 millionaires in the U.S.A. At the end of 1942 there were 25,106 millionaires in the U.S.A. And on the other hand the overwhelming majority of the declassed "middle class" (approximately 1 million) have been forced into the ranks of the workingclass. The restrictions and rationing programs have forced them OUT OF BUSINESS, unable to compete with the big chains, the billion dollar concerns.

Out of this war the profits and holdings of the 60 or so families who own and run this nation have increased to astronomical proportions. Ex-

ports alone (not counting Lend-Lease) increased 12% in 11 months of 1944 over the total for the year 1943. The 1944 average for a 6 months period was \$263,000,000 PER MONTH, while imports for 1944 averaged \$100,000,000 per month more than in 1939. Of course, under the circumstances it is not hard to see why there is never any shipping space for soldiers overseas to ever get a furlough home — what profit can be made from a few re-united-families?)

But this is profit already in the bag; the real money will flow in later AFTER the war is over — after the markets are consolidated — with this in mind the capitalist class takes from the conquered and orients its economy on practical measures to beat the capitalists of other nations in holding and controlling these to-be-acquired markets. The Foreign Policy Association reports that after the war the capitalists of the U.S.A. will own:

- 60% of the world's war industries
- 65% of the naval units
- 70% of the merchant marine
- 75% of the transport and commercial planes
- 60% of the fighting and bombing planes
- 60% of the silver
- 80% of the gold.

the Government expenditures directly for war totaled 190 BILLION DOLLARS — (money raised mainly from the pockets of the workingclass via taxes).

ONE ROAD TO PEACE AND PLENTY

The workingclass of the United States, like the workingclass of the rest of the world is learning the hard way that:

THE ONLY WAY TO END BOSS WAR IS FOR THE WORKERS TO WAR AGAINST THE BOSSES!

Neither regimentation, exploitation, nor slaughter will be ended by the victory of one or the other imperialist power. Nor will the victory of the so-called democracies over the axis bloc of fascist nations end fascism. If the capitalist system is permitted to exist it must prepare the way for the next blood bath, the third imperialist war for markets and control of the world's economy. The final outcome of this war can be only the victory, all over the world, of FASCISM OR COMMUNISM! THERE IS NO OTHER CHOICE!

By establishing an American Soviet Republic we can put an end to war forever. By overthrowing the capitalist class from power and establishing the Dictatorship of the Proletariat we can eliminate the capitalist system of production for profit and all its attendant evils. Under a Socialist form of government, with its socialized planned production for use and socialized planned distribution we can live a life of real freedom and plenty for all. The workingclass is becoming more and more aware of the way of life that could be: but to accomplish it they must bend their efforts to building up the instrument for the successful establishment of the workers' state, and that is the building of the Revolutionary Marxian PARTY. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO END THIS IMPERIALIST WAR AND THAT IS THROUGH A MAJOR WAVE OF PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION — AND THAT IS THROUGH THE PROGRAM AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF A REVOLUTIONARY MARXIAN PARTY.

JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE U.S.A.

BUILD THE INTERNATIONAL CONTACT COMMISSION FOR A NEW 4th COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL.

ONWARD TO SUCCESSFUL PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION!

CONFERENCE REVEALS DISUNITY

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As part of the working class (an agency of capitalism WITHIN the working class) Stalinism prefers to pay lip-service to "democracy," etc. The Allies, on the other hand have no such preference. They are planning a world of OPEN MILITARY DICTATORSHIP, which will smash social-reformism as well as Marxism. Hence all the Molotov speech-making on the Argentine question and the studied silence of the Allied imperialists.

For instance, without the Soviet Union the war against Germany could never have been pushed to a military victory. But there were TWO military victories just as there

leadership away from the betrayers of the working class and re-orient the trade union to a program of class struggle.

To avert a repetition of the defeats of the last post-war period, the militants must forge an instrument of leadership in the Unions themselves, and alongside of it and together with it a new Party of Marxism.

were two wars: the victory of the warped workers' state over its interventionist CLASS ENEMY, and the victory of the Allied imperialists over the German imperialists. Moreover, the latter victory could be guaranteed ONLY by the suppression of every working class movement in the occupied and warring countries. It is Stalinism, NOT the Soviet Union, that was the main force in this latter victory. It was capitalism's strongest base in staving off the revolution — not because of the millions of Red Army men mustered by the Soviet Union, (for this purpose they would have been a handicap, especially if they had been under a Marxian leadership). But today with the leftward movement of the masses, the channelizing of the European mass movements into the domain of Social-Reformism is antagonistic to the interests of the Allied Imperialists, hence all the fire-works over Poland, Austria, Trieste and many other sections of the world. Imperialism must check the influence of both the Soviet Union and its social reformist Stalinist leadership.

Discord in Frisco

As we have stated before, and as

we shall state again, UNLESS THE IMPERIALISTS DEFEAT THE SOVIET UNION AND THE WORLD PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION THEY HAVE LOST THIS WAR.

It is not surprising therefore that so much distrust and disharmony exist in Frisco.

The conflict with the Soviet Union is the most important conflict at Frisco, but it is not the only conflict that exists. There is the struggle between America and Great Britain. Now that Germany has been conquered, the struggle for markets between these two titans must grow ever sharper. If at some future date the two can sufficiently suppress the proletarian revolution we will yet see a military conflict between them.

There are also the ambitions of a frustrated France and lesser powers to contend with.

The San Francisco Conference is merely an attempt to organize all this power politics, to perfect rules for keeping the anarchy out of international relations. America is embarking on a new road, and necessarily her first steps at organizing the whole world as an American colony are faltering ones, filled with errors and hesitations. But Wall

Street will learn, is learning in fact. It has perfected excellent economic weapons like Bretton Woods to dominate the world trade and currency. It will perfect military and political weapons stronger than those now proposed at Frisco.

"Peace" Plans Exposed

The clumsiness of San Francisco arises primarily out of the fact that the "democracies" are at the stage when they must soon give up the old shibboleths about "peace," a "quart of milk," "self-determination," "good neighbor," etc., and expose themselves in an open imperialist role.

The masses of the world are rapidly coming around to an understanding of the sham at San Francisco. The League of Bandits, being organized there, differs only in minor respects from the League of Bandits organized after the first war. The biggest difference is that Britain controlled the old league and America controls this one. But as a machine for plunder and the defense of the moribund system of capitalism against the masses of humanity, it remains the same.

San Francisco offers the masses nothing but more war, more unemployment, more death, more fascism.

ONLY PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION CAN DEFEAT FASCISM!