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**BOSSSES START WORLD WAR TO
PLUNDER AND REDIVIDE THE EARTH**

NOT A MAN NOT A PENNY FOR BOSS WAR

**TURN THE BLOODBATH INTO A WAR
AGAINST YOUR OWN BOSS CLASS**

FIGHT AGAINST THE ROOSEVELT WAR PLANS

INTERNATIONAL RED FRONT CALLS FOR UNITED ACTION AGAINST WORLD WAR

WORKERS OF ALL CONTINENTS, OF ALL RACES AND COLORS

The new imperialist war has begun!

The Anglo-French bloc is at war again with Germany. Italy and other powers will be involved very soon. In a period of months the United States will be drawn in. At present American Imperialism is busy taking away all the international markets of the European powers at war.

As predicted by Marx and Lenin, capitalism can not solve its problems except by recourse to the most organized mass murder in all history.

Millions died in the last world war; ten million of the flower of the working class and peasant youth. Twenty-five years and one month later more millions are being asked to die again for the profits of Krupp and Thyssen, Schneider and Rothschild, Deterding and Grenfell, Morgan and Rockefeller, Mitsui and Mitsubishi.

Workers are being asked to die for "national honor," the glory of democracy, for the peace and independence of "little" Poland, for the integrity of Danzig, for self-determination, for "justice and honor."

Empty lies and shibboleths!

Behind the words "independence for Poland" is the fight of British imperialism against the German imperialists for the domination of Europe; behind these words lies the struggle over oil and rubber, coal and iron, copper and manganese, colonies and fields of investments. The self-determination of Danzig is a brutal smokescreen for the 30 million tons of Polish coal produced each year, for the 40 million acres of fertile land, for the cattle and horses of Poland, for the iron deposits and lignite, for the salt and manganese, for the rich fields to which Poland is the doorway.

All the talk of peace and democracy are lies and deception, the fraud and fakery of the most brutal murderer of all times, IMPERIALISM! Thirty-six billions have been spent by German Imperialism for guns and ammunition, while a nation of 88 million people is reduced to semi-starvation, a ration card system worse than the worst unemployed dole. The peacefulness of the Nazi butchers is attested to by their murder of thousands of revolutionists, of thousands of Jewish and Catholic people, by the subjection of Austria and Czechoslovakia. What the German working class is being asked to fight for is perpetuation of

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Fight Is Over Markets and Profits



Don't Shoot - Fraternize!

Drunken Cop Arrests Hamilton, 2 Others in Boston

John Hamilton, member of the Revolutionary Workers League in Boston, was arrested together with a number of Trotskyites while selling literature at the Stalinist meeting on the Stalin-Hitler Pact in that city.

A drunken police sergeant abused and threatened the 3 comrades and refused to turn back the literature taken from the Trotskyites. Then the cop struck one comrade and dared anyone to stand witness to all this abuse and brutality. Comrade Hamilton stepped forward and announced he would act as witness when the trial came to open court.

Whereupon the drunken brute smacked Hamilton in the lip and arrested him. None of the RWL literature was seized.

Stalinites openly called the police in, and gave the drunken sergeant and his crew the opportunity they were looking for. The comrades are now out on bail, awaiting trial.

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Leading Stalinites Leave Party

Thousands of Stalinists all over the world are resigning from the Communist International because of the sell-out to the Hitler war plans. Included in the losses are such notables as Heywood Broun, Marcel Cachin, leader of the French Stalinites, Moishe Nadir, one of the prominent figures of the Stalinist Yiddish movement, and many many others. Liberal magazines like the Nation and the New Republic previously sympathetic to Stalinism, have also declared their condemnation. More important, the Stalinist rank and file is walking out. Most of these breaks, however, are to the right — to open support of the boss class "democracy" of Wall Street.

Meetings on War

Successful meetings of the R. W. L. on the Stalin-Hitler Pact and the war crisis have taken place all over the country. Five open air meetings and three indoor meetings were held before September 10th in Chicago. Leaflets were distributed in Philadelphia, Cleveland and N. Y., and meetings held in these places.

Following our plenum a Central Committee member will make a speaking tour to the East Coast on the war question.

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Don't Believe the Lie About «Justice and Honor»

Two out of every three of the 22 million soldiers of the Central Powers in the last World War were either killed, wounded, or missing. One out of every two of the 42 million Allied soldiers were either killed, wounded or missing. The last bloodbath cost the "civilized" world 8,538,315 of the best young workers and peasants-murdered. Ten million more died of starvation, disease, etc. Eight hundred thousand people in GER-

German Comrades Greet Plenum

Berlin, Germany
Revolutionary Workers League,
"Our greetings to your Plenum. We are with you in spite of all difficulties and dangers."
Central Committee,
Red Front of Germany

Plenum Greet European Groups

(The 7th Plenum of the R. W. L. sent the following greetings to the comrades now living in illegality in Europe.)

Leninist League of Scotland,
Red Front of Germany,

The 7th Plenum of the RWL sends revolutionary greetings to the comrades of the Leninist League of Scotland fighting against one side of the war front of the imperialists, and to the comrades of the German Red Front, working under illegal conditions and fighting against the other side of the bourgeois war front.

The united action of these groups and the RWL for the defeat of their "own" capitalist class, is the most heartening sign in the labor movement.

The firm principled position carried into life by the organizations affiliated to the Provisional International Contact Commission will assure the class of success in turning the imperialist war now going on into a civil war of the working class against the whole profit system. We pledge our full support to the Provisional International Contact Commission as the means to crystallize and develop these heartening trends to revolutionary victory of the working class.

To various Groups and Individuals in Europe and Australia,

The 7th Plenum of the R. W. L. sends its fraternal greetings to the various individuals and Marxian groups in France, Switzerland, Belgium, and Australia who are in communication with the International Contact Commission.

OUTLINE OF CAPITAL

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MANY ALONE starved to death. What must be the stake of the imperialists if they are willing to start this organized murder all over again!

Let no one be deceived by the talk about Danzig. That is not the issue.

THE STAKE

What Germany is after is the 29,748,000 tons of coal — more than 20% of the total produced by Germany itself — produced within Poland. What Hitler is interested in is the vast iron, lignite, petroleum, natural gas, potassium salts, and agricultural products of this country. What he is interested in is conquering this small nation and its vast resources as a step toward the conquest of the wheat fields of the Ukraine, the oil fields of Rumania, the chemical deposits of Palestine, etc.

Germany has spent between 12 to 16 billion dollars from 1936 to 1938 for armaments alone. Twelve billion dollars spent by the men for whom Hitler is only a puppet — Krupp, Thyssen, and co. — while millions of German workers are without butter, are rationed on meat, margarine, etc!

England supports the Greek Metaxas Dictatorship, which sends 3,000 people to prison islands. What is England after? Honor and Justice! That is ridiculous. Little England with only 50,000 miles of land and 37 million people controls colonies with 13 MILLION miles of land, and a population of ONE-HALF BILLION people — one quarter of the whole world. What England is after is safeguarding the rubber and tin of British Malaya, Borneo, etc. What John Bull is interested in is preserving its vast empire of tin, and nickel, (Canada), oil (Persia, Iraq, Mesopotamia), coal and iron, wheat and corn, in all the colonies — India, Zanzibar, Union of South Africa, Egypt, St. Helena, Canada, British Guinea and dozens of others. What John Bull is interested in is seeing that Germany does not push through to the Mediterranean so that she can cut off Britain's approach to the Suez Canal and its wealthy colonies.

What Britain wants is the UNCHALLENGED RIGHT TO CONTINUE THE BRUTAL EXPLOITATION OF NEGROES, ORIENTALS, AND WHITES IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD!

Italy, France and Poland, to a lesser extent are all after the same things — not honor, peace, or self-determination — but oil, coal, wheat, AND PROFITS. France with an area of 212,000 square miles is the sole owner and exploiter of a territory of ALMOST FIVE MILLION SQUARE MILES.

UNCLE SAM TOO

America too has a little stake in Poland — 170 million dollars of investments — as well as a stake all over the world.

The total wealth of the United States before the war was 192 billion dollars. After the war the American capitalists owned and controlled an empire of 362 billion dollars. That was the kind of profits made all over the world out of the 8 million dead, the 21 million wounded, 8 million prisoners and missing, 10 million died of disease and starvation.

REFUSE TO DIE FOR THE CAPITALIST PROFITS. TURN THE WAR OF THE BOSSES INTO A WAR AGAINST THE BOSSES.

The United States is after the markets in South America — the tin, fruits, nitrates, sugar, etc.; after the markets and spheres of influence in China and the Far East; aiming to achieve a position of world dominance on a political scale equal to her economic position.

Comrade Rey

We have just received word that David Rey, leading revolutionist in the Catalonian labor movement for many decades has been sentenced to death by the bestial Fascist government in Spain. This comrade, who refused to leave Spain when everyone else was escaping across the border because his comrade and wife was ill, played an outstanding role in the Spanish revolution as a leader of the Left Wing of the POUM.

We will carry on the heroic work where you left off.

Salud, comrade Rey! The working class will never forget you!

Two New Pamphlets

The Stalin-Hitler Pact Social Security

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Turn The Bosses War For Profits Into A War Against The Bosses Profit System

FOR UNITED ACTION AGAINST WAR

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the 60 to 72 hour week, the forced labor of youths and older men that is killing off thousands, the forced evacuations of thousands of families, the vicious restriction of all movements and actions of the German working class and poor farmers.

BOTH SIDES HAVE SIMILAR INTERESTS

The camp of the other side is no better. The workers of Poland, France and England are being asked to fight to protect the vast stolen empires of British and French Imperialism, protect the oil fields of Iraq and Mesopotamia, the iron, coal, rubber, wheat, rice, tin zinc, nickel of Malaya, Palestine, South, East, West Africa, of Canada and Zanzibar, Guinea and Australia, Morocco and Indo-China. What the workers are being asked to "defend" is the horrible exploitation of peasants and workers in British India, the practical slavery of millions of Negroes in Africa, the stealing of the land of hundreds of millions of poor peasants of the British Empire, the murder of thousands of colonial people, the system of starvation which Britain and France have spread throughout their colonies.

And what is the role of the two great "neutrals," the United States and Japan? There is not one iota of difference between all these camps. J. P. Morgan and Co., through its puppet editorial staff on the Fortune magazine have already let it be known that they are supporting America's entry into the next war which may include parallel action with British Imperialism, just as in the last World Carnage. Workers in America are again going to be asked to die to protect the American Empire, to protect the system which throws 16 million out of work and onto slow-starvation doles; which murders and lynches helpless Negroes in the South, which controls and aids the vicious dictatorships of Vargas, Gomez, Trujillo, Bernavides, Batista, which enslaves the Porto Rican, Cuban, Haitian, Panamanian, Phillipine and other colonial people of the western hemisphere. And Japan, with the same goal as all the rest, is trying to make the Pacific Ocean a Japanese lake, just as the United States has made the Caribbean the exclusive property of American Imperialism.

DON'T SHOOT — FRATERNIZE

Workers of the World, refuse to shoot your brother across the trenches! Unite with him. He is your greatest ally in the struggle against the imperialists of all the world.

Twenty-five million workers are unemployed in this world. The warehouses are full, there is a super-abundance of money for war supplies, for guns and ammunition — BUT the masses of the world are going hungry and naked. Capitalism destroys the things of life. It is interested only in the profits gained from the murders of millions of youth.

The war of the bosses for profits, must be turned by the working class of the world into a **WAR AGAINST THE BOSSES, A WAR FOR THE PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION, FOR SOCIALISM!**

The victorious October Revolution in the weakest link of capitalism in 1917, in Russia, stopped the last world blood-bath. Dying capitalism was confronted with two dozen proletarian revolutions, a struggling working class fighting to end once and for all the system of war, unemployment and oppression. The treachery of the social-patriots of that period, the Second International, and later the treachery of Stalinism in China, Germany, Britain, Spain, etc., gave capitalism a new lease on life and paved the way for the new imperialist war of today. The Stalin-Hitler pact of "Peace" was the Stalin signal for Hitler to go ahead. It is still another sellout by Stalinism of the working class.

The defeats that the working class have suffered in the last twenty years, defeats aided and abetted by Stalinism and Social-Democracy have warped the Workers State in the Soviet Union to the point today where it is on the brink of counter-revolution back to capitalism; have permitted world capitalism to reorganize their forces for a new war for profits.

The workers of the world, however, will not be deterred. The voice of Marxism, the voice of the International Contact Commission for the New Communist (4th) International will be heard around the world. In the midst of the treachery of world social-democracy and Stalinism, which again is supporting the "fatherland", the Contact Commission calls for the proletariat of all capitalist nations to work for the defeat of its "own" country, the defeat of its "own" army.

In the imperialist war, workers on both sides must fight for revolutionary working class action for the defeat of their "own" boss class, for the class struggle against capitalism. If the Soviet Union under Stalinism becomes a tail to one of the imperialist groups, the workers in the capitalist countries must continue on the same policy, that of revolutionary defeatism, to turn the imperialist war into civil war for working class emancipation. The defense of the Soviet Union can only be carried through by supporting the working class forces and by a relentless fight toward a political revolution against Stalinism. Cessation of the class struggle against Stalinism and other anti-working class forces in the Soviet Union cannot be tolerated just because the Soviet Union is at war. On the contrary it is precisely in this hour of danger in order to save the Soviet Union that the working masses must intensify the struggle against the imperialist agents in the Soviet Union as well as fight the imperialists themselves.

FIGHT AGAINST SOCIAL PATRIOTISM

Those who are speaking of a "fatherland"; those who call for defense of "democracy"; those who are calling for "punitive" wars against Fascism — these people are a tail to the imperialists. The only defense of the interests of the working class of all countries, is the international struggle against international capitalism, fascist and democratic both.

Those, who like the Trotskyites, Brandlerites, Lovestoneites, London Buro, and others, confuse the struggle against war, who are for yielding on the class struggle in war time, just as they now capitulate to bourgeois democracy before the war in certain countries (support of a Caballero government in Spain, a Blum-Cachin government in France, Ludlow amendments and Labor Party in the United States) — these people will be the 1939 Kautskys, the centrist renegades. The centrist position of these people on war must and will be exposed, and their membership won over to the position of revolutionary defeatism by the work of the Contact Commission.

Workers of the world! the bosses war horror has descended on us. The social-chauvinists are again confusing our ranks as in the last blood-bath. But the road to victory, to the final elimination of war, unemployment and starvation, lies clear a head and accessible. Continue the class struggle in war time!

The International Contact Commission calls on all working class organizations and revolutionary workers to unite on the basis of the class struggle against capitalism and revolutionary defeatism against the imperialist war.

Not a man, not a gun for boss war!

For independent working class action!

Fraternize with the "enemy" across the trenches — unite against the common enemy, your "own" capitalist country!

Defend the Democratic Rights of the Working Class!

Turn the Imperialist war into Civil War!

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Build the New Communist (4th) International!

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THE MAIN ENEMY IS AT HOME — OUR OWN RULING CLASS

Stalin OK Signal to Hitler Helps Start War



Refuse to Die for Mr. Moneybags!

«Democratic» Allies Dropped In Favor Of Fascists; Shows Weakness of Stalinism

Sept. 1 — Germany and Poland are already at war, as we go to press. The Stalin-Hitler pact was the "go-ahead" signal to Hitler.

Stalin's help is more than just an "abstract non-aggression" pact. At the present moment the "democratic" imperialists and Poland, a semi-dictatorship, need men and war material. Stalin's desertion of the "democratic front" and agreement with Hitler weakens the "Anglo-French bloc."

On the other hand, Fascist Germany needs war material and must be sure that no powerful Red Army will aid Poland. This was all assured when Hitler obtained his agreement with Stalin. In name it is a trade treaty and non-aggression pact, but in reality it is a war pact.

Instead of helping "peace" the pact intensified all factors for imperialist war. The Workers State under Stalinism, instead of acting as the bulwark of the forces for real peace through the struggle for proletarian revolution, thus becomes the tail for the Fascist German war plans. Having long ago given up faith in the action of the world working class, Stalinism shifts from a tail to the Anglo-French camp, to now become a tail to the Nazi camp. The difference is not one in principle, but merely in degree.

CONDEMNS MILLIONS OF JEWS

Instead of coming out against the imperialist plans of all the capitalist powers, Premier Molotov of the U. S. S. R. spoke of those who oppose the pact as being "the enemy of both the Soviet Union and Germany." This Stalinist funkiness thinks of the Workers State as having the same interests as the Fascist state.

The American Stalin, Earl Browder, could muster no "explanations" for the Stalin-Hitler Pact outside of the fact that it helped American imperialism in its exploitation of helpless people in China and Latin America. "The Open Door in China," he said, "is beginning to open again — and the threat to the Monroe Doctrine is already disappearing, almost over night."

Stalin's "go ahead" signal to Hitler condemns the millions of Jews in Central Europe to Fascism. The pact aids Hitler against the workers and peasants of Central Europe.

PLAYS GAME OF POWER POLITICS

Stalinism in this pact, as well as all the other pacts it concluded in the last few years, Non-Intervention Pact, Franco-Soviet Pact, etc., has played purely the game of power politics of the imperialists. Under the cloak of "peace" all imperialists prepare for war. The working class must call for the CLASS WAR to fight the imperialist slaughter. That is the only ROAD THAT WILL STOP THE IMPERIALIST WAR. By talking of capitalist "peace" instead of class struggle, Stalinism helps the imperialists prepare their blood bath.

Stalinism, in order to excuse this latest sell-out, says that the pact guarantees ten years of peace. Two weeks later Hitler marches into Poland!

Hitler gave Czechoslovakia a 20 year guarantee and Poland a 10 year guarantee. Will the Soviet guarantee be any better? Hitler

could not attack the Soviet Union NOW. First he must remove Poland. AT THAT TIME FASCISM WILL BE PREPARED TO TAKE THE REST OF CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE UKRAINE. Stalin helps Hitler tighten the noose around the Soviet Union by signing the pact.

The talk of having won a temporary respite from Japanese aggression is also sheer nonsense. The severe internal shake-up in the Japanese government merely means that new alliances with Britain or the United States will be sought AND GAINED. THAT THESE ALLIANCES WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION JUST AS MUCH IF NOT MORE THAN JAPAN'S ATTEMPTED ALLIANCE WITH GERMANY.

If, instead of signing the pact with Hitler, Stalin would have signed a pact with the Anglo-French bloc it would also constitute a war pact. The only difference would be that it would strengthen Britain's hand instead of German imperialism. Signing with Germany denotes grave internal weakness in the Soviet Union — not strength. Rather than prepare working class independent class action in EVERY COUNTRY, FASCIST OR DEMOCRATIC, to turn the new imperialist war into a civil war for a Workers State, the Stalinist regime sells out to the capitalists, bolsters their war machine.

The Soviet Union under Lenin was not a tool for one group of imperialists against the others as things now are under Stalin. The Soviet Union must not support any group of imperialists. It must present an independent position from all groups of capitalist powers. Its policy must be one of independent working class action — a plague on both your houses to the warring capitalist nations.

COUNTER REVOLUTION GROWING

The Pact indicates the increasingly dangerous growth of the counter-revolutionary elements in the warped workers state. The open bourgeois force in the Soviet apparatus is pushing the Stalinists more and more to the right. The Soviet Union now stands at the brink of an OPEN CIVIL WAR against the working class and the property relations in the Soviet Union. The working class of the world must stand guard in defense of the Soviet Union against the imperialists and their Stalinist and other agents within. The Soviet masses need, above all, leadership — a new Marxist Party, part of an INTERNATIONAL revolutionary party.

For a new Communist Party in the Soviet Union!

For a new Communist (4th) International!

Have You Read?

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 - Outline of the May 3-7 Insurrection — Barcelona
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RWL Predicted Stalin-Hitler Pact in November 1936

As early as three years ago, the Revolutionary Workers League in a long theoretical article in the November 1936 issue of the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL correctly predicted the Stalin-Hitler Pact.

Here is part of what we said then:

"If French imperialism in spite of this left-handed support by the Stalinist bureaucracy will have to capitulate to Germany, thereby at last opening the way for England's cherished plan of an all-European bloc, the Stalinist bureaucracy will most certainly try to break it up from another angle — by a new rapprochement with German imperialism . . . Not only are they (the Stalinists) preparing to support any government in France,

People's Front or not, which would be willing to continue the alliance with Russia... but they come out in so many words in one country after the other for 'national unity' including the Fascists. From a united front with Fascists in France, Austria, Italy and Poland to a united front with Fascist governments is only a small step, certainly not a greater one than that from the cooperation with Germany against the Versailles front, to cooperate with that same Versailles front and its 'thieves' kitchens against Germany."

A careful reading of these few paragraphs and one sees in them a prediction not only of the Stalin-Hitler pact, but of "Munich" as well. The article predicted what actually happened: that Munich would pave the way for a rapprochement with Hitler.

TWO PLENUMS

RWL for Defeatism C.P. for Patriotism

Over the Labor Day week-end two plenums were held in Chicago — one by the Stalinists, and the other the plenum of the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Workers League.

The Stalinists again pledged their full support to Franklin Roosevelt's war plans.

The R. W. L. renewed its pledge to fight against the present imperialist war and Uncle Sam's steps in that direction.

The Stalinists are open social patriots.

The R. W. L. presents Lenin's position of revolutionary defeatism.

The two main points on the R. W. L. Plenum agenda were the war question and the International Contact Commission. A war manifesto by the Commission was endorsed and appears in this issue of the paper.

Other points taken up by the Central Committee were "Class Relations in the United States," "trade union and unemployed question" and organization. Decisions to issue the FIGHTING WORKER twice a month instead of every month and proposals for a number of immediate tours to the east and west coast were passed.

Fraternal greetings were sent to our comrades in Germany, France, Scotland, Australia, Belgium, etc. who were all able to get messages through to the RWL just before the outbreak of the war.

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