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The German victories in the Balkans have sharply increased the war measures of the United States. Roosevelt now talks about "freedom of seas" for the Red Sea. The contrast between this and the silence about such "freedom" in regard to neutral Ireland reveals the hypocrisy of "our" democracy. Of

course, should Ireland capitulate to Wall Street's demands, we would hear a different tune.

Coming at the same time, the sharp warning to France, the "secret" measures to take over the French colonies in the Western Hemisphere, and the special aid to Britain to take Dakar, etc., all

serve to indicate the rapid spread of the war to new fronts.

INTERNAL STRUGGLE DEVELOPING

In every imperialist country the year and half of war has brought growing divisions and frictions in the ruling class. These are the sig-

nals of the sharper class conflicts to follow. These internal struggles are caused by the impasse the war has reached among the imperialist powers. No single power or group of powers sees any hope of really consolidating gains, even with a military victory — and the stalemate makes even a decisive military victory for either side look hopeless.

Hess' flight to Scotland, with or without Hitler's tacit consent, reveals growing differences within the German ruling class, and signs of friction between the Army and the Nazi political heads.

Stalin's open assumption of leadership, replacing Molotov, also emphasizes the unrest and confusion as to a way out of the impasse into which the former Franco-Soviet pact and now the Hitler-Stalin pact has driven the Soviet Union. The iron ring of Axis encirclement, of imperialist encirclement, is tightening. Stalin still would like to continue a middle "peaceful" course through the troubled waters. But each German victory, such as the Balkan and African campaigns, forces more Stalinist concessions. On the other hand, a few Anglo-American gains would cause Stalin to stand on his hind legs against Hitler. Such is the role of the "great" leader.

Both the Hess and the Stalin-Molotov incidents reveal internal differences over policy within the respective ruling groups: in Germany it is over when to attack the Soviets, and in Russia over when to put up effective opposition to Hitler's steady march eastward to vital Russian spheres.

This internal struggle is also proceeding in Japan over what policy to follow in relation to American Imperialism. A growing force fears a showdown with United States. In France the struggle is sharpened with further capitulation to Hitler. France is a prisoner of Germany. Italy, not to the same degree, and in different form, is also a prisoner of German imperialism.

Likewise, in England the colonial problem with India, Ireland and other places becomes a key question. The development of the Shop

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War Widens Rift In CIO Officialdom

A new crisis is developing in the labor movement. The next convention of the CIO may see a split in its ranks. A grave struggle simmers beneath the surface between the Hillman-Murray pro-Roosevelt forces, and the John L. Lewis — Stalinist forces.

In Chicago, Cleveland and many other cities two separate industrial councils exist — one recognized as "legal" by Phillip Murray, new chairman of the CIO, and the other a "rump" outfit with the blessings of John L. Lewis. Within the Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee the fight is between the PWOC Council, which just succeeded in having Van Bittner, Murray's right hand man, resign; and the Bittner-McCarthy forces. Within the United Auto Workers the fight is between George Addes, representing Lewis, and R. J. Thomas.

On Lewis' side are the leading Stalinist sympathizers. Quill of the Transport Workers, Henderson of the Cannery Workers, Curran of Maritime, Gold and his fur workers, Oakes of the Farm Equipment Union, and many others.

DIFFERENCES OVER WAR POLICY

The struggle is already bitter with personal recriminations, but for all that there is as yet no clear cut programmatic material. However, the fight has a definite issue. It is the imperialist war. The Hillman-Murray group are for full support to the "Aid Britain" war position of Roosevelt, and for closer

cooperation in war industries, with less strikes.

The Lewis Stalinist bloc has the heterogenous forces that "oppose" the "all out aid to Britain". Neither group presents a working class anti-imperialist position. The Lewis-CP partnership is built around opposition to Roosevelt; its organ-

izational program will undoubtedly revolve around the building of an "Independent Labor Party". Within the trade union movement this bloc is already busy setting up "legislative conferences", the American "Peace" Mobilization, "Youth Conferences", and other

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Black-out of Liberties Gains Momentum

The "New Deal" in line with the gigantic war moves of United States Imperialism, has brought to light a series of anti-working class laws in the form of criminal syndicalist laws, deportation of "undesirable aliens", etc. Today these laws are being used primarily in isolated cases. But in reality this is only an opening wedge to be used in full swing against militant trade unionists and the entire working class and labor movement.

On the deportation front, we have the case of Harry Bridges, C.I.O. International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union president. Government prosecutors seeking his deportation from the United States accuse him of the crime of having once been affiliated to three "subversive" organizations, not one of which has been at any time declared illegal. What is actually involved is the attempt of the bosses to smash at the maritime Seamen's Union, and terrorize

the workers.

On the other fronts we have Robert Wood and Eli Jaffe, Communist Party leaders from Oklahoma, who received ten-year prison sentences and \$5,000 fines for mere membership in the Communist Party, (criminal syndicalism!) and whose cases are being appealed. Earl Browder, secretary of the Communist Party, now serving a four-year sentence on a technical charge for having used false names in the obtaining of passports. To date, this vicious campaign has been directed against Communist Party members former supporters of the "New Deal", until their change of policy and the Hitler-Stalin pact: tomorrow it will be directed against other working class organizations. We shall not go into detail here on the case of Odell Waller, a symbol of Negro race oppression in the United States as considerable material on his case appears regularly in the columns

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United Action Can Save Odell Waller

May 17, 1941.

While the legal aspects of Odell Waller's case mark time, awaiting the next step from the courts, work to organize greater support for the case goes on. With two stays of execution won, the fight to save the young Negro sharecropper's life from the hands of Southern Bourbon "justice" grows, and faces battles which demand more widespread and more united effort.

The Richmond Waller Defense Committee has asked other participating organizations to help organize a coordinating committee to coordinate and step up the work of ALL the groups now defending Waller.

Many labor and Negro organizations have already gone on record to aid Waller's defense, such as the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the CIO Council of Detroit and Wayne County, the New York Joint Board of the Dressmakers Union, International Ladies Garment Workers (AFL), etc.

Unfortunately, the Workers Defense League, which is in a key position to aid in uniting the efforts of all who wish to aid Waller, has so far refused. Through their publicity they pretend a "monopoly" on the case, ignoring the fact that the Richmond Waller Defense Committee and other Waller Defense Committees in the field were

the first to take up the fight for Waller's life, and carried on, with the cooperation of the Revolutionary Workers League, the battle in the first few decisive months.

Workers in the WDL and other organizations on record for Waller's defense, must demand that this ruinous policy be changed, and begin coordinating all defense efforts.

The Waller Defense Committees now in the field are taking step to further publicize and win support for the case. Meetings, socials, and other actions are taken to raise necessary funds. The Chicago Waller Defense Committee, as part of its activities, is preparing a play, to be produced by a Negro group, portraying Waller's life as the story of Jim Crowism and the down-trodden sharecropper.

The fight for Odell Waller's life is a fight against the Poll Tax, jim-crowism, against growing reactionary attacks on workers democratic rights throughout the country. Support it by working for united action, by supporting and building up the local Waller Defense Committees. Organize socials and parties to raise funds. Write in for special leaflets and material to be used to publicize Waller's case. Forward to a powerful campaign: **ODELL WALLER SHALL NOT BURN! FOR UNITED ACTION! BUILD WALLER DEFENSE COMMITTEES! BURN JIM-CROWISM OUT OF THE UNITED STATES!**

«Socialism» In Mexico

Cardenas' "Socialism" in Mexico — just as the Marxists clearly predicted — was just another drug to keep the masses dormant until the dictatorial knot could be tightened around Labor's neck. And sure enough, Cardenas' friend and successor Camacho, has started the ball rolling.

Before workers can strike now they must give 6 days notice (or 10 days if it is a public utility). The case must then go to conciliation. If the workers refuse to submit to conciliation, or if less than a majority votes for strike, or if the workers were guilty of some minor infraction of the previous contract, the government steps in and gives the boss a helping hand. The government gives the workers 24 hours to return to work. If they fail the boss can hire scabs and write a new contract. What is more he can turn around and sue the workers for "property loss".

Sympathetic action by other workers is prohibited. Only former workers can participate in a strike. Neither physical force nor MORAL force may be used in a strike. "Moral" force can be interpreted to mean speaking to a scab, or advising a boycott.

For all practical purposes Mr. Camacho, following the advice of his Capitol Hill owners, has outlawed the right to strike. He is the inevitable bridge from Cardenas' reactionary "socialism" to a Mexican form of fascism. Unless

the workers dispel all illusions about capitalist democracy and organize their own independent action to establish, with the help of the workers in the United States, a Mexican Workers Council Government.

For decades United States held key "defense" posts in the Pacific. She has extended these and re-enforced them. In Latin America and the Atlantic the new Island posts, etc., extend this defense to all points. United States "defense" now extends to Asia on the west and Europe on the east, from the north to the south pole. It will soon include islands off Portugal and points in Africa, to say nothing of Australia. This "defensive" position is one of its greatest assets in OFFENSIVE measures against both German and British imperialism.

NEW YORK, BERLIN OR A SOCIALIST CENTER

The imperialist war burns up many forces before it is extinguished. This second imperialist world war will burn up even more than the last. Among the forces that will be consumed is Stalinism. If Fascism gains, Stalinism like other forms of social-reformism will be dispensed with. If the proletarian revolutions win, likewise Stalinism as a bureaucratic growth upon the Soviets will be cut out and replaced by healthy Soviets and workers' democracy.

Another factor that the imperialist war will consume, and has already consumed in most places, is bourgeois democracy. As the bourgeois democratic countries enter the war to "fight" Fascism, so too they dispense with democracy and inevitably adopt open dictatorship methods — sooner or later, Fascism—unless the social revolution terminates the war. Bourgeois democracy will not survive this war. If the exploiters' countries that now give lip-service to "democracy" survive it will be on the basis of an open dictatorship and no other.

The glory of Rome that passed to Spain and then to England is now leaving England. London will never live again in the exploiters' world as a city of world might. In either exploiters' victory London will be subordinated to Berlin or New York.

You have your choice, either Berlin or New York the dominating city in world politics if capitalism survives. Berlin or New York (Fascism) or a new world socialist center through the proletarian and colonial revolutions. Our socialist center at first may be Berlin, Paris, New York, Rome or London — it makes no historical difference — but the choice boils down to either, or — Communism or Fascism.

Berlin, New York, or World Socialism!

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Steward movement in England and the growing strength of the Labor Party are portents of the future. The British ruling class may even call upon the Labor Party to hold the workers and colonial masses in check.

In the United States the Isolationists and Appeasers have a powerful press and leading and influential spokesmen. The strike movement is by no means on the decline. The genuine opposition to war and the high cost of living due largely to profiteering are creating widespread unrest. These "leaders" are now using the movement for their own ends.

DANGER OF ATTACK ON THE SOVIETS INCREASES

The realization that the continuation of the war stalemate will snatch the victory from the exploiters and create the basis for social revolutions forces some of the more foresighted and reactionary to try to find a formula for an understanding so the war energies can be turned upon the workers and Russia to smash the Soviet Union.

At the present juncture of the war Japan by herself is in no position to do this. Neither is England nor is American imperialism. At this juncture it is Germany that holds the key. Under her leadership an Axis attack, (or through a truce with England, a "united" struggle) against the Soviets is possible. A German agreement with England against the Soviets (also against United States) would denote weakness in Hitler's plans to dominate Europe as a means toward world control unless such an agreement is on the basis of a decisive British defeat. But this is the most unlikely variant due to America's pressure to continue the stalemate and prevent either a German or British decisive victory. Germany meanwhile is undermining the Soviets from within.

GERMAN VICTORIES, THE U.S. AND RUSSIA

The German victories have had the effect of increasing the war steps of Wall Street. They must prevent a decisive German victory, not because they love England, but because they fear the resultant

might of Berlin on American markets and world economy.

On the other hand, the German victories have had the opposite effect upon Stalinism in Russia. These victories are causing greater Stalinist capitulations. If Stalin does not "care to fight" to prevent Hitler from encircling Russia at the Dardanelles it means that for this concession Hitler will allow Stalin to "take" what he can further east, Persia, India, etc., if Stalin can take it. (This was pointed out two months ago in the FIGHTING WORKER.)

POSITION OF UNITED STATES

With the stalemate continuing, the United States at this stage holds the most important decisive position of all the imperialists. Germany, with the continent under military domination, holds the second best defensive position. All other imperialists and the Soviet Union have far weaker positions. But Germany's internal position on the continent as well as within Greater Germany is far weaker than it is the internal position of the United States.

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**LIBERALS, SOCIAL PATRIOTS,
AND THE WAR**

As if the open propaganda of the bosses for the imperialist war was not enough, there are now active in the labor movement two broad liberal-"radical" coalition whose vehement verbal "opposition" to the war is belied by their programs and actions, which give direct or indirect support to the imperialist slaughter.

The Keep America Out of War Congress, which is calling its Second National Anti-War Congress in Washington on Memorial week-end, is a coalition of liberals, pacifists, preachers and anti-war Socialists. It is for "peace" and "democracy", and against "all dictatorships, Fascist, Nazi and Communist." That is the traditional program of pacifists, who despite their wishes help support the imperialist war by denying the need, and the correct policy, for destroying its cause — the capitalist system. KACWC supporters include such bourgeois pacifists as Frederick J. Libby, such socialist-pacifists as Norman Thomas and Devere Allen, and such former "lefts" as the ex-Lovestonite Bertram Wolfe, and ex-radical A. J. Muste, the liberal-labor preacher.

APM LATEST C.P. FRONT

The American Peace Mobilization, which held its much-publicized convention in New York, April 5-6, revealed its support to be middle-class, with a small minority of delegates from unions, under the influence of the Stalinist ("Communist") Party.

The program of the APM, for a "People's Peace," etc. differs from other reformist and pacifist panaceas, only by virtue of its call for "friendship with the Soviet Union" (i. e. the Stalinist bureaucracy). The APM, in reality is only the successor of the American League Against War and Fascism, afterwards known as the American League for Peace and Democracy. But where yesterday these people screamed about the need for all "democratic nations" to establish "collective security" against Hitler, now they are almost deathly silent about Hitler, concentrating their attack on the "aggressive" and "undemocratic" Churchill and Roosevelt. But as many people (and the American imperialists) recognize, there is needed only some sort of war deal between Stalin and the New Deal, to turn the American "Peace" Mobilization into one of the most frenzied war-bingo outfits in the country.

The most recently formed group is one calling for aid to Britain, even if it means open war: the

Union for Democratic Action. It seeks support from all "Liberals and Democrats, Socialists and Radicals," and "naturally" excludes Communists. In this group are such liberals as Freda Kirchwey, editor of the Nation; Reinhold Niebuhr, of the Union Theological Seminary, who formerly called for a "Christian Communism"; socialists such as Franz Daniel, of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Murray Gross of the AFL Int'l Ladies Garment Workers, etc.

TAIL-END IMPERIALIST BLOCS

Despite their differences, these three groups IN ACTION are social-patriotic and tail-end one or another group of the American imperialists, altho they cover it up by loud protestations of hostility to the open reactionaries. The APM and KAOWC both trail after the Isolationists-Appeasers bloc, the "America First Committee." The Union for Democratic Action, in liberal and "radical" words, echoes the propaganda of the "Aid the Allies" group, represented by the Willkie-Morgan, Roosevelt-Rockefeller coalition.

Workers who have been trapped in any of these groups must break away, and support the real struggle against the imperialist war — the internationalist policy of revolutionary defeatism, to turn the imperialist war into civil war, for a Workers Government. Support the fight for a new revolutionary party; support, join the Revolutionary Workers League, U. S.!

TROTSKYITES «REORGANIZE»

The Shachtman (Workers Party) Trotskyites have recently announced the establishment of a "Committee for the Fourth International" to "re-organize" their international movement.

Cannon (Socialist Workers Party) reports that the Chilean Trotskyist movement is about to become the strongest section in South America, with the forthcoming June convention which will unify the "Revolutionary Workers Party" (previous official Trotskyists) and the "Internationalist Workers Party", which was expelled over a year ago by the Socialist Party, as a "proletarian left wing" opposing the SP people's front policy.

Split or united, organized or "re-organized", the call of both Trotskyist groupings for the British Labor Party to take "full power" in the British imperialist government — which is further implemented by their slogan for a "Labor Party and Workers and Farmers Government" in the U. S. — (not to mention other principle errors) brands the entire Trotskyist movement as the "red" tail of social-imperialism. And as Lenin pointed out, those who with one breath oppose social patriots, and with the next call for "unity" with them (under whatever pretext), are just as guilty as the open traitors of splitting the international working-class in the interest of the imperialist war.

**Rift In CIO
Officialdom**

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such affairs, as a prelude to a broad political party.

LABOR NOT BEHIND THE WAR

Lewis, as usual, correctly estimates the temper of the masses. The whole "split" is the result of the war developments and the inability of the government to chain the workers' militant spirit. There has been a noticeable shift in the CIO unions towards the social-reformists, the Stalinites. Unlike the last war, the bosses do not have a unified labor backing for their war. And the fact that the new schisms seem inevitable only proves that labor is not behind the imperialist bloodbath and Roosevelt's steps to enter it.

The differences between Lewis and Murray are not over the "defense" program. Both are for full preparations for war. But Murray and Hillman demand complete support of Roosevelt; while Lewis is more sensitive to the mood of the masses and the possibilities of the future. Just as he channelized the efforts of the rising industrial workers in 1936, so Lewis today has plans for beheading the first big POLITICAL sweep of the mass towards independent workers action.

The two factions are spitting at each other in every union and every meeting. The Stalinite controlled unions have adopted the old Lewis formula. In every Stalinite union amendments to the constitution make it illegal to criticize, or "slander", or cause to be slandered, any of the leadership. Furthermore the leadership itself is given power to bring charges, try the case, and hand down the decision whenever in ITS opinion such slanders develop. Bridges was very careful to have this law put into the Longshoremen's union books.

The Murray group, on the other hand, is resorting to violent rebaiting. In an increasing number of unions and in all industrial councils under their control it is illegal for any "Communist" to be an officer and in some cases even a member.

**LABOR PARTY — THIRD
CAPITALIST PARTY**

It is very likely that in the new realignment the Trotsky and other centrist factions will be drawn along as the tail to the "independent Labor Partyites", just as in 1936 they tailed the Lewis machine. But for every revolutionist and militant, the Lewis-CP "new" platform is merely a further snare to eliminate INDEPENDENT WORKERS ACTION. To the maneuvers, bureaucracy and social-patriotism (or what is just as bad, pacifism) of both factions, the true militant will answer, "A plague on both your houses". "Build, extend, organize the shop steward movement". For a National Progressive Group of workers in all federations ON A CLASS STRUGGLE POLICY.

**BLACKOUT OF
CIVIL LIBERTIES**

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As the war progresses, labor defense cases will increase by leaps and bounds. Free speech, public meetings, the right of political affiliations and expressions will be taken away unless the workers organize militantly and fight a bridgement of workers' democratic rights. Build a strong non-partisan labor defense organization to help fight for these rights and to defend all workers regardless of their political affiliation, race, color or creed!

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STALINITES TAIL LEFT WING OF BOSSES IN LOS ANGELES ELECTION

Los Angeles, May 4. — By the time this goes to press, the mayoralty election will be over, with the probability that reform - Mayor Bowron will be reelected. Bowron was elected in 1938 after the recall of Mayor Shaw, who headed one of the most corrupt and graft-ridden administrations Los Angeles has ever seen.

The Bowron administration is strangely comparable to that of La Guardia in NYC. The real bosses of the city are of course the bankers, insurance companies, railway corporations, large manufacturers and big real estate owners. These bosses need the open racketeers and political grafters for their dirty work. But the corruption had become too open, and, especially, was taking too large a share of the booty. The bosses decided to crack down.

With the help of the religious outfits, plus the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. bureaucrats, and the "Communist" Party, who unitedly swung the middle class behind them, the Bowron forces were put into power on a program of bourgeois reform in the fifth largest city in the United States.

An underlying issue, successfully submerged by the bosses and their propaganda machine, is the problem of what method to use to keep in check the growing labor discontent and organization threat. With the ousting of Red Hynes and Chief Davis, and the liquidation of their "red squad", a step was made toward the establishment of class peace.

Openly campaigning on a program of bigotry, race hatred (against the Japanese) and extreme Hearstian red-baiting, the forces represented by Bowron rival, Cunningham, really stand for a return to the old method of capitalist rule — the naked club.

BOWRON'S "LABOR" RECORD

In recent months Bowron has supported the Roosevelt War program and has outdone himself with a proclamation for an "aid to Britain Week." Among other "reforms", he called a conference of Southern California Mayors for the purpose of drafting uniform Emergency Disaster Ordinances which will establish nothing less than open agencies for strike breaking. AND LOS ANGELES IS STILL NOTORIOUSLY OPEN SHOP. As through the "New Deals" of La Guardia and Roosevelt, reaction is ably carrying on through the Bowron "New Deal".

STALINIST DOUBLE - DEALING

Not since the 1936 presidential election, when the "Communist" Party ran Browder but covertly supported Roosevelt, has such a hypocritical program been outlined by the Stalinists in an inter-bourgeois election. They are supporting Bowron, and they are not supporting him! There is method

to this madness. If the C.P. line changes back to open support of the bourgeois reformers when Stalin changes his foreign policy once again, then the Stalinists will say that they always supported this "progressive administration". If the line does not change soon and Bowron more and more reveals his anti-labor AND anti-Soviet Union bias, then these political charlatans will say that they warned the "people" against him. Here's how it is done (in the "May 6th election" pamphlet of the Los Angeles Stalinist Party):

"The city administration would be an important weapon in the hands of labor's enemies if they could win control of it in this election. That is why the anti-labor forces are uniting behind Cunningham as their candidate against Mayor Bowron... It is important to Labor and the rest of the common people that Cunningham be defeated on May 6..."

Mayor Bowron is backed by Labor because his administration, as part of its good government program has given recognition to the rights of the unions... he has maintained this attitude consistently..."

All the foregoing represents undisguised support for the election of Bowron and in the case of a possible close vote between the two candidates, the 16,986 votes which the C. P. candidate for Board of Education received will undoubtedly be the decisive number of votes which will elect Bowron to office. But see what else the Stalinists say in the same brochure:

"The Communist Party has no candidates in the May 6th election. It endorses none of the candidates now running."

"The Bowron administration tends... toward support of an all-out imperialist war adventure, which will lead to attack on... Labor's Rights, Civil Liberties and Good Government. Labor and the people must speak independently against the Mayor's support to the war..."

Thus is there a division of labor between Cunningham, Bowron, and the "Communist" Party to prevent the workers of Los Angeles from understanding the real nature of the two sides of bourgeois politics — reactionary and reformist — in order to forestall the organization of a genuine revolutionary Marxian political party which would once and for all wipe out the exploitation and horrors of the capitalist system.

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The triumph of the Nazi military machine in Greece leaves all of Europe outside of the Soviet Union under German imperialist hegemony. From Finland in the North (occupied by untold thousands of German troops) to the Aegean Islands and the African north coast extends this "unified" empire. Were it not for the terrific cost of vast armies of occupation, paid for by the starvation of German workers and those of the occupied nations alike, this "unification" would be a great economic victory for Hitler. But the tremendous burden of supporting its gains costs German imperialism far more than it can afford. This is best evidenced by Hitler's hesitation over the occupation of Spain and the dealing of a concerted blow at Gibraltar and Suez.

HITLER'S VARIANTS

Only two military variants are left to Hitler today. Either the attack on Britain's two European keys to empire, Suez and Gibraltar, or the "Drang nach Osten." Strategically, IF the war on Britain is to be continued, the first variant is the only one. And, of course an attack on Suez is far more advantageous than one on Gibraltar. Gibraltar is a key to the Mediterranean and to the short route eastward. But Germany can render Gibraltar useless through its air control of both sides of the Mediterranean. On the other hand Suez is the western key to Asia, just as Singapore is the Eastern key.

Hence a continuation of the imperialist war between Britain and Germany requires a primary drive on Suez and secondary drive on Spain. The occupation of Greece and the Aegean Islands is an important take-off for such a drive. But even more important are the problems of Turkey, Syria, Arabia, etc. The Nazi-endorsed uprising in Iraq is squarely directed at Britain rather than at national independence. The appeal for Turkish rather than Egyptian mediation would indicate that Turkey is being put to a real test by Germany — a test even more severe than her allowing German troops to go through her waters to the Aegean Islands. This too is a test of Russia's influence in Turkey.

The second variant is growing closer every day. The forces of world imperialism are driving the Soviet Union into ever more irreconcilable contradiction with her "ally" Germany. Thus Hess' spectacular flight from Germany is laid to his hostility toward Hitler's rapprochement with Russia. This, of course, is so much eye-wash. Neither Hitler nor Stalin has any illusions about the duration of their "eternal friendship." And the irreconcilable antagonism between the society where the capitalist mode of production — for profit —

exists and the society whose economy is in a transitional stage between capitalism and socialism rapidly approaches a crisis.

DESPITE AND AGAINST STALINISM

The Balkan occupation, and the feeble protests of the Stalinists, the massing of German troops in Finland, Stalin's frantic maneuvers with Japan, Stalin's assumption of Molotov's toga — all these signs indicate a real crisis in the foreign affairs of the Soviet Union. Stalin's way of meeting this crisis, like the Stalinist way of meeting all crises, will be the way of compromise and even of outright capitulation. The world working class will not lift a finger to aid Stalinism. But the workers of the world can and must be aroused to defend the workers' state (warped as it has been by Stalinism) from all its enemies — including the Stalinists.

We must raise high the slogan of defense of the Soviet Union despite and against Stalinism. Just how this will be done depends on the concrete situation existing at the moment of attack on Russia. But it cannot be done by unreserved support of the Red Army, for the Red Army is Stalin's tool. Every effort must be made to build an independent working class defense of the Soviet Union, ready to march under its own banners and to fight in united action with the Red Army when the latter fights in defense of the Soviet Union and in defense of the interests of the workers of the world.

«Good Neighbor»

The blessings of American Imperialism in the Philippines are not yet universally acclaimed, it would seem. On May 2nd 300 members of the tribe of Moros attacked a garrison in Sulu province. Twenty Moros were killed. The Moros are the same tribe which resisted the American invasion of the Philippines in 1898, when the United States reneged on its deal with the Philippine nationalists to recognize them and instead invaded the country and imprisoned the patriots.

As usual the press tries to make it appear that the Moros are just insane fanatics. It fails to give the reason for the attack — so called. But it is safe to say it results from situations such as exist in Latin America where Uncle Sam's fruit growers kill off natives in Honduras, where Standard Oil delivers Bolivian natives into virtual slavery, and where Roosevelt's puppets like Trujillo (or Quezon) shoot down in cold-blooded murder 12,894 Haitian workers in San Domingo for the simple reason that they are on relief.