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Stalin, Eden Agree on War Aims

More and more is the United States becoming the decisive nation in the Allied camp. Churchill's trip to Washington was a significant incident — it was not Roosevelt who went to London.

The conference of the military and political staffs of the two countries has resulted in a broader and more unified coordination and allocation of war supplies to the far flung battle lines. In addition a unified command was set up in the various battle areas.

THE EDEN-STALIN TALKS

But more important from a working class point of view were the Eden-Stalin talks in Moscow. No doubt Eden took up the question of a separate peace that they fear Stalin may try to carry through. But objective factors, whatever the desires of either Stalin or Hitler, practically ruled out any such separate peace on the eastern front, under present circumstances.

The Soviet Union's victories against the Fascists are very heartening and reveal the internal strength of Transition Economy under the most severe pounding, and after a retreat last fall of over 600 miles. But continued and sustained advances against Germany requires war supplies of great quantities. It is doubtful that the remaining Soviet industry can produce these in sufficient amounts. Stalin no doubt made urgent demands for these supplies. Eden no doubt promised them and will try to deliver, not in the interests of the Soviet Union, but for the imperialist needs of England against Germany.

The key to the defeat of Japan as well as to the strangulation of Germany is to prevent Japan and Germany from establishing contact through Asia and to prevent Germany from obtaining oil and other supplies from Russia and

the Near-East. As long as the Eastern Front holds out the British Empire can hold on even if the Mediterranean Sea is unsafe or lost.

However, the statements issued after the Eden-Stalin conversations reveal that in return for the Anglo-American promises to deliver vast quantities of war supplies to fight Hitler, Stalinism gave big political concessions to imperialism. The fact that Stalinism makes demands for the post-war satisfaction of its "interests" in the Balkans and in Bukovina as well as the Dardanelles does not offset this in the least.

The Soviet Union statement released on the Eden-Stalin talks an-

Whose War?

Is this a peoples' war for democracy and all the "four freedoms"?

Here is the authoritative voice of finance capital speaking in the March 16, 1935, issue of the famous "Magazine of Wall Street":

"Ten million potential workers and a total of possibly 30 million people are outside the circle of work, production and income. They are not only a burden — they are an economic loss. To speak with grim realism, **the country would be relatively prosperous if they were annihilated.**"

Why are we in the war? Is it because Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, or is it something more fundamental? Here is what Ambassador to Britain, Page, telegraphed President Wilson in the last war:

"The financial needs of the Allies are too great and urgent for
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nounces that Stalinism agreed to work with the Allies in Europe against Hitler on the basis of the "famous" Roosevelt - Churchill eight-points. Post war Europe, if they win, will be patterned along U.S. dictated lines. In reality this does not mean a fight for "democracy" against Fascism; it means a fight **for capitalism against the proletarian revolution.**

The war decay in Europe has let loose social forces that are maturing to SOCIAL REVOLUTIONS, not only against fascism but above all against the roots and cause of this form of decadence - CAPITALISM. To fight for capitalist democracy today when capitalism is in decay, when only workers democracy under a Workers Council Government is progressive, is to play a most reactionary role in the war. That is the essence of the Eden-Stalin talks.

GERMAN DEFEATS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

One must not fall into a trap of blind optimism about the victories of the Red Army, although they are real gains against German imperialism. We pointed out last fall that the Red Army defeats did not equal a Fascist victory, and explained that the Nazis' gigantic undertaking would sap men and material and weaken the German structure as a whole.

GERMANY MOVING SOUTH

Not only has the winter weather helped the Red Army against Hitler; to concentrate men and material for a push south, Hitler also withdrew many forces from the Eastern front, replacing them by young and inexperienced troops. The Nazis thought the Russians would not be able to "come back". But the Soviet push caught them off guard and an orderly retreat to winter quarters
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War Profits Up; Wages Down

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any private agency to handle. Unless we go to war with Germany our government cannot make a grant of credit... our going to war is the only way in which our present prominent trade position can be maintained and a panic averted". (March 15, 1917).

Did Harry Hopkins send a similar telegram to President Roosevelt when he was in Britain some time ago? Or "Wild Bill" Donovan, Roosevelt's emissary extraordinary? What sort of messages has Ambassador Grew in Tokyo been sending to Washington? What secret treaties does the U. S. have now?

In 1932 American finance capitalists — like J. P. Morgan, like John D. Rockefeller and his Chase National Bank, like Dupont and his General Motors, Radio Corporation of America, and his chemical monopolies, and like many others — these people owned 18 BILLION dollars of investments abroad. American banks floated billions in loans to foreign countries. For every loan floated American bankers gain enormous concessions.

TRADE, FINANCE COLONIES, PROFIT

Representatives of the National City Bank, Brown Brothers and Seligman, Chase National, and many others sit in foreign capitals and control and supervise customs, taxes, building of railroads and other industrial and political matters. When small powers try to run their own affairs the Wall Street government takes extreme measures to protect Wall St. capital.

For instance in 1914 American marines took a half billion dollars in gold from Haiti and forced the Haitian government to accept American loans — and of course, control. American advisors today sit in Chungking, China, etc., doing the same thing.

American companies do close to 6 billion dollars of trade with foreign powers each year.

These are the loans, these are the investments, and this is the trade that American Imperialism is now fighting to protect and to extend. For without new trade, new investments, American capitalism is doomed.

COULD SATISFY NEEDS OF ALL

Wall Street admits it has 10 million surplus workers. After the war there will be 23½ million unemployed, as a result of the cessation of war production. American capitalism could easily provide enough food, shelter and clothing for all the people in this hemisphere. A conservative estimate by the Brookings Institute

L.L.L. Meetings

Anniversary meeting commemorating the three great working class leaders of the last war — Lenin, Liebknecht, and Luxembourg — will be held by the League units and comrades this month. We urge our readers and friends to get in touch with the local comrades in their cities for the time and place of the meetings.

states that American production can be geared to 180 billions (twice the present war production) if it were organized to produce for use. But American capitalism produces only for profit, not for use. Consequently it suffers from relative **overproduction** and the need for investment of its surplus goods and its surplus capital abroad.

What does the worker gain out of the war?

The boss class **Business Week** magazine reports: "The national average of hourly earnings resumed its climb in September. **However the real wage figure declined again in September for the second consecutive month. In short, the increase in the cost of living is wiping out recent gains in hourly earnings.**"

The same thing occurred in the

last war. Wages rose 55%, but PRICES WENT UP 104%! In addition, taxes rose in the first war, and now in the 2nd war are also rising like wildfire.

The worker loses the right to strike; he gets a wage increase which amounts to a wage cut because of the rise in prices; he faces a forced 15% "savings tax" and years of hardship and unemployment after the war; and worse than that, he must go off to some battlefield with the knowledge that one out of every two who go will be reported dead, "missing, or wounded (57% in the last war were casualties); and that dozens of millions behind the lines will get war diseases like influenza, pellagra, typhus, etc.

What does the capitalist get out of the war?

According to Thurman Arnold, assistant Attorney General, 86 concerns have cornered more than three-quarters of the many many billions in war contracts last year, and all of them are guaranteed their profit on each order.

United Steel profits rose from 23 millions in 1914 to 271 millions in 1917; DuPont profits rose from 74 millions in 1913 to 308 millions in 1918.

Is there any change in the 2nd war? Yes, profits are higher. The newspapers report figures comparing the first nine months of 1941 to the same period in 1940.

In one year's time Baldwin Locomotive profits jumped from 1 million 2 hundred thousand dollars to 3 million 9 hundred thousand dollars — 222% increase. Pittsburgh Coal profits increased from 8 hundred thousand to over 2 million — 179% increase. Studebaker Corporation — from 450 thousand to 2 million — 341%. US Steel — from 69 million to 95 million — 38%. Youngstown Sheet and Tube — from 5 million to 12½ million — 136%. Aviation Corporation — from 72 thousand to a million and a half — 1950% increase! Douglass Aircraft —

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was turned into a disorderly retreat — with proper material it could be developed into a rout.

Before winter is over Germany will push into the Near-East or Spain, or both, in a drive to break out of the Anglo-American blockade. This will involve Turkey and will tax the resources of the Allies to the fullest extent. In all cases the United States is expected to supply the war materials, indispensable if the Germans are to be held back.

WAR ON JAPAN

So far the Stalinists have refused to take an active part in the war on Japan. This is for tactical reasons. They realize that sooner or later they will have to clash with Japan, but they hope first to consolidate a stronger position against Germany before they are forced to use up men and materials in Asia. The United States needs the Soviet Union against the Axis and Stalin is in a position to bargain. But Stalinism cannot take an independent working class position, it can only hold out for more and quicker aid. In exchange for sufficient supplies to fight Germany, Stalin will be ready to provide bases and start a drive against Japan.

Before this war is much older,

What Price «Aid»?

Kuibyshev, Jan. 2—(Delayed)—(UP) — The Russian Army newspaper Red Star removed the Marxist slogan, "Proletarians of All Countries, Unite," from its masthead today and replaced it with "Death to All German Occupants." The old slogan had been carried since the Russian Revolution.

DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST WORLD CAPITALISM AND ITS STALINIST AND OTHER AGENTS

Defend the Soviet Union by extending the Russian Revolution.
FOR A NEW COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE SOVIET UNION

Turkey will be in it, and the Red Army will be fighting the Japanese. This world battle front which momentarily drives England and America out of the front yard of Japanese imperialism will see devastation in Asia as Anglo-Am-

erican imperialism retaliates — a destruction that will lay the basis for colonial revolutions there, just as the war in Europe lays the basis for proletarian revolution in that continent.

CAPITALIST LAWS PROTECT BUSINESS, NOT LABOR

Richmond, Va. — In medieval times one of the fundamentals of the law was the maxim that "the king can do no wrong". In simple language this meant that no matter what the sovereign did there could be no redress against him. When the kings and the feudal nobility were kicked out the capitalists found this maxim a useful one. They translated this to mean that the capitalist state cannot be sued for the torts or wrong actions of its agents or servants.

About two years ago Howard Carwile, a young Virginia worker went to the Blue Ridge Sanitarium, suffering from T. B. While there he was subjected to the grossest negligent treatment, resulting in definite injury to his eye. When the bureaucrats there found that Carwile was prepared to stand up for his rights they went out of their way to injure him, the thing finally culminating by an assault and battery on Carwile by an attache of the hospital. Whereupon not only was the attache thrown out but Carwile also! Apparently for being assaulted and battered!

Carwile then brought suit against the Sanitarium and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Commonwealth through the Attorney General's office, the same that is handling the Waller case for the landlords of Pittsylvania County, then set up its immunity from suit.

This contention was sustained by the judge of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, and the case is going to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, and

probably will ultimately go to the Supreme Court of the United States.

It is important to note in this connection that Virginia provides by a special statute that it may be sued for its contracts, but does not make any special provision for its breaches of absolute duty. In other words, it safeguards the interests of the business men and says to hell with the workers.

This case is of importance to all workers for two reasons. First, a victory in this case would protect sick workers from similar outrages. Secondly, it is of interest as an attack by the whole working class upon the medieval relic of law that protects the capitalist state against the masses. But it is palpable that it can only be won by the highest kind of mass pressure. Legally the cards are stacked. Only a fight outside the courts can force the bourgeoisie. Every union, every workers fraternal organization must be rallied to the cause of Howard Carwile, and the principle his case represents.

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from 7 million to 10 million — 47%. And these figures are only for the first nine months of each year!

It is easy to see whose war it is. Not only does the Wall Street Government fight to save Wall Street's investments abroad and to organize the whole world for Wall Street's needs, but it is making sure that the cost of the war is not born by the Masters, but by the lowly slaves in the factories, mines and mills.

WAR AND DEMOCRACY

Will democracy be saved by the war? We have only to look at what already exists to see how absurd it is. Democracy is dead in Europe. Every class conscious worker loathes and will fight to the end to smash the fascist barbarians who rule with such murderous brutality over the German and oppressed masses of Europe.

But to support American and British imperialism in the war will not help to bring back democracy there, nor will it help to save democracy — such as it is — here.

It will do the opposite — if the working class supports this war for profits, investments and colonies, it will find itself forced to give up, step by step, its democratic rights. Already our labor "leaders" have renounced the right to strike. Other rights will be renounced—all in the name of "winning the war". Before the end of the war we will have no rights left.

The kept press is full of pro-

paganda about "our democracy". The fact is that even the democratic rights gained by the working class through long struggle have for a long time been subject to attack and violation. Look at the record.

CAPITALIST DEMOCRACY

Four thousand, six hundred and eighty-seven Negroes AND whites have been lynched in the United States (according to official records only) from 1882 to 1938, about 82 years. The same General McArthur who now is a "hero" in the Philippines shot down unarmed soldiers who demanded their bonus during the Hoover days.

U. S. made bombs dropped from planes flown by American oil are murdering American boys in the Philippines. The American capitalists have been selling (and probably still are selling through roundabout ways) more than half of Japan's war imports to the Nipponese.

American workers who compose the 15% of the population that earns less than \$300 a year, went without the necessities of life, while American business sold the bombs that would eventually kill them off. Millions of American dollars were invested in the German General Electric Company and in the German Chemical trust — key corporations of the Nazi murder machine, while American men and women went hungry. American dollars flowed into the Mitsui and Mitsubishi trusts in Tokyo, while American men and women stood in breadlines.

What has been the lesson of democracy to the Porto Ricans, for instance, whose leaders are in the Atlanta penitentiary because they demanded the "four freedoms" from the New Deal? What about the Filipinos who were murdered by the thousands after the Spanish - American war, for demanding the "four freedoms" — independence?

When talking of brutality, let us remember the brutal murders ordered by Captain "Hell Roar-

ing" Jack Smith, who commanded that every building in a certain area be burned and every native over 10 years of age slain because the Filipinos fought for independence. Or the Nicaraguans in Hoover's day who were shot in the backs by the hundreds, for asking for independence from the hidden control of Wall Street.

COMMUNISM OR FASCISM

Will even such a "democracy" survive the present war?. It cannot. Someone must pay the 150 billions being spent for war. The military dictatorship will have to continue AFTER the war, if capitalism is to survive. Nothing but an open dictatorship will be able even to attempt to hold down the resentment of the masses for the sacrifices they are being forced to make. Bourgeois democracy will be unable to grant even minor concessions to the 23 million unemployed and to the millions of others working at starvation wages. Only the mailed fist can hope to deal with inflation and the inevitable revolt that is to follow.

The war is an attempt to save capitalism; PART of the attempt to defeat Communism. But that is the issue — either capitalism and its brutal, insane tyranny; or production for use under a Worker Council Government. Either the brutal dictatorship of a new world fascist order (or worse), or workers democracy under a Workers State. There can be no other solution.

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