Browder Tells Press Nazi-Tokio Pact Threatens World Peace

On Nov. 17, 1940, official copy of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union issued a statement by its leader, Leon Trotsky, who was in Mexico. In the statement, Trotsky expressed his concern about the situation in Europe and the possibility of a world war. He also discussed the Nazi-Tokio Pact and its potential consequences for world peace.

The statement began by mentioning the recent events in Europe, particularly the outbreak of war in Poland. Trotsky stated that the war was not just a conflict between the major powers but a reflection of the class struggle between the working class and the capitalist class. He warned that the war would lead to a world-wide conflict and called for international solidarity among the working class.

Trotsky then turned to the issue of the Nazi-Tokio Pact, which was signed between Germany and Japan in 1938. He described the pact as a dangerous move that could lead to a world war. Trotsky argued that the pact was a manifestation of the capitalist system's attempts to divide the working class and create conflicts among nations.

In conclusion, Trotsky called for increased unity among the working class and for the development of a world-wide anti-war movement. He ended the statement by asserting that the working class was the only force capable of preventing a world war and that it must be prepared to defend itself against the capitalist forces that were promoting war.

The statement concluded with Trotsky's signature.