

The Proposed Changes In the Communist Organization

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"Regardless of Who Wins, Won't There Be a Deepening of the Crisis of World Capitalism Caused by the War?"

No—there will be no "deepening of the crisis of world capitalism" caused by the victory of the United Nations.

I may be forgiven for the disagreeable course of quoting the present head of the German government, on the ground that I only do so to make clear the difference between the German Nazi view on the one hand and the sincere misgivings of the author of the question above quoted.



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The claim of Hitler is that there will be a deepening crisis of world capitalism caused by the war no matter which way the victory goes. This is also the theme of the propaganda and agitation of some well-defined groups in this country that support the German government in the war.

Hitler gave his opinion in the following way:

"Germany's collapse would eliminate a continent having the cultural tradition of 2500 years and replace it by a barbarism only to be imagined by those who know the Bolshevik past. . . .

"I have frequently said that this fight is not concerned with the victors and vanquished, as was the case in earlier wars. . . .

That ". . . in the end there will be no victors or vanquished, but only survivors and annihilated. . . ."

That ". . . densely populated Europe will not only witness a social collapse more disastrous than ever since the migration of peoples, but would also be subjected to an economic catastrophe of unimaginable scope. . . ."

"Nor can this danger be mitigated by the fact that certain British and United States quarters are already now declaring that this war

will inevitably be followed by a third World War, a war between the plutocracies, or a war between them on the one side and Bolshevism on the other."

Clearly we are asked by our foreign enemy to believe that the war, assuming it is won by the Allies, will end in a deepening of the crisis of world capitalism.

But the contrary is true.

There is and has been a crisis or depression in world capitalism with varying stages since 1929. The economic crisis has led to political crisis and to the sharpest expression of political crisis in all of world history—which is this war.

The Nazis claim that the crisis can be overcome only on condition that "Germany will be victorious on behalf of the whole of Europe." There can be, they say, a restoration of economic stability only if England and the United States are pushed aside to permit Nazi Germany "to fulfill that European mission which in ancient times Greece had against the Persians, Rome against the Carthaginians, and, in later centuries, the Western World against Eastern tribes." The only way in which there can be a world economy without crisis, the Nazis declare, is for all peoples to accept the present rule of Europe by Hitler—which he claims to be a "European family of nations represented by the strongest state among it."

The capitalist system, Hitler says, can recover from crisis only if it accepts his dictatorship as "the unassailable core of all European self-defense" against—"the Jews" and Soviet Russia.

Certainly we know that there will be no recovery of the economy of the world through its conquest by Germany and Japan.

But the established facts show that the belief that world economy, following the victory of the Allies, cannot recover from the crisis, is false.

The Tehran agreement is based upon the opposite view. The most decisive leaders of the business world of the United States and

England think otherwise, and with full justification. The heads of the three great powers, Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, think otherwise.

It is clear that there are two sharply opposed alternatives. And our nation has taken its choice.

The crisis which was at its inception in 1929 a crisis of capitalism, was transformed into a crisis of national existence for all of Europe, Asia, and then for all of the world—by the development of this war to its present character. Its present character is that of a world-wide peoples war of national liberation and independence.

But we assert categorically that this world-wide peoples war of national liberation will be effective. It will accomplish its purpose. The victory of the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and China will overcome the crisis of national existence of the peoples. And the application of the Tehran agreement will overcome the world-wide economic crisis which otherwise would follow the war in such colossal size and severity as to make Hitler's prognostications pale by comparison. The capacity to accomplish these objectives is exactly what is placed in the hands of our country and its allies by the Tehran agreement.

This is something new and absolutely unprecedented. It could not be true if there were not new features brought into the world by great new historic forces, the first of which is the existence of a very powerful socialist state, and the second of which is the unprecedented alliance between the most advanced of the great capitalist states, possessing democratic forms of government, and the great and powerful socialist state.

The next question will be answered in tomorrow's Daily Worker. It will be:

"Won't This Policy, as Expressed in the Tehran Agreement, and in the Proposed Changes of Policy by the Communists, Give Capitalism a New Lease on Life?"