The first World War started with the main imperialist conflict between England and Germany. When it ended the main rivalry among the capitalist powers was between Great Britain and the United States. Uncle Sam gained a greater victory, the expense of England, than England gained at the expense of Germany. American imperialism gained tremendous markets everywhere, became the most powerful nation on earth. And these markets were taken away primarily at the expense of John Bull.

The Anglo-American struggle continues as the key to understanding the imperialist conflicts from that period to the present.

Now the present war is started again by the two former main enemies of the first war. America is not yet in the direct military conflict. But as the strongest imperialist power and on the direct road to war, the United States deliberately 切中要害地美国的政策 in the role of the world's warmonger; the decisive question for the revision of the world's situation.

PARALLEL ACTION

The outcome of the first World War revealed that in spite of the bolder young American Imperialism it was strong enough to avoid subordinating itself to the British Imperialists—so for instance France did then and does now, and as Austria did in relation to Germany in the first war. If it had subordinate 切中要害地美国的政策 to Britain, instead of carrying on parallel action with Britain, the U.S. would not have been able to come out of the war as the strongest imperialist power.

The struggle for the control of Europe today is related to the coming showdown between America and Britain for political domination of the world. It complicates American strategy. It is not enough to know whether we are in the FIGHTING WORKER during the Munich affair that the FORM of the struggle may again be one of parallel action with Britain. Such parallel action between the two great powers is more likely to be effective because of the third bloc of rival powers in no way eliminate the basic conflict between the U.S. and England. In that we can only intensify the antagonism due to the fact that capitalism as a whole is in decay.

Subordination of Uncle Sam to John Bull is excluded. In any "bloc" with England, the U.S. would use "parallel action" with England in order to work toward weakening of the British Empire, as she did in the last World War, to get a stronger position in Asia, and to crush the threat of any NEW POWER that may subsequently challenge America. This is the path that the United States under Roosevelt, seems to be following at present.

During a war in which the U.S. is pursuing parallel action with Britain, it can be well assumed that America will gain great economic concessions and trade rights within the British colonies, take over the defense of Asiatic markets against Japan, will attempt to break the British and rubber monopolies, will ease Britain out of the Western Hemisphere entirely, etc.

This line of march is, of course, not finally decided. Imperialist alliances can shift almost overnight. In order to reorganize the world to the needs of the American dollar, the U.S. may seek an alliance with Germany and Russia. This would end the U.S. and England's so-called "bloc" with Britain within the British Empire. But this depends also on whether Germany and Stalinism can be brought into line.

In either case, however, the U.S. strategy will not be to HELP England, or to HELP Germany. It will only be parallel action to help American imperialism, and to weaken ALL the

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WAGE HOUR MEASURE AIDS FEW, BUT CUTS WAGES FOR MILLIONS

On October 24th the Wage and Hour Law became one year old. Under the provisions of the law new wage increases of 5 cents an hour came into effect for approximately 600,000 workers, and hours were reduced from 44 to 42 a week, affecting about 1% of the labor force.

One of the majorities of cases the 42 hour schedule was accompanied by a reduction of 8 hours per week, as an extension of the working day.

A hopelessly inadequate "police force" of 10 men to check over working conditions and laxness in the enforcement of the law was not enough to such an extent that Porto Rico, for example is practically excluded from the law, makes the law itself a mockery. Furthermore there are hundreds and hundreds of exceptions which were granted by former Administrator, Andrews.

While the Roosevelt administration is claiming credit for this "winding" of workers' work hours and the improvement of working conditions, on the other hand, it is creating new lowering of wages and longer working hours for the 40 million workers not affected by the present law. Thus while Roosevelt "adds" 3 million workers to the list with one hand, with the other he creates lower wages and longer standing for 40 million.

The whole system of capitalism shows that so-called "minimum" wages introduced by law tend to become maximum wages in fact.

COTV CONTROL OF LABOR

The Wage-Hour law was adopted by the National Labor Relations Act, to head off growing pressures of the working classes. At the same time it was designed to be a complement of the capitalist class

How Not To Fight War

The Trotskyites claim to be "against the war and against the Roosevelt government. In fact, they claim to be the only "anti-war" party in America. The October 31st issue of their paper in dealing with the New York City elections, is very enlightening on this question: "For all other candidates and other parties, we, the Trotskyites are running for, we ask the voters of New York to vote for the candidates of the American Labor Party. We support them in spite of their program...

It happens that the American Labor Party, just 27 days before this editorial, passed a resolution calling for the support of the "democratic against totalitarianism and the Roosevelt" labor unions, which are proceeding under the flag of "neutrality". Furthermore every single candidate of the American Labor Party must endorse this resolution or he will be withdrawn from the ballot. Every single candidate, in other words, its Trotskyites (state this themselves), is pledge to support the Roosevelt War Plans.

But this is a smaller matter for "progressives," "socialists" and "revolutionary" in words, support of the war mongers and social-patriots IN DEEDS — that is the way the Trotskyites fight against another, to equalize competition and strengthen the hand of the big imperialists. For instance in the textile industry the

FRUIT GROWERS WRATH

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The Way Out For The Jewish People

(We publish below the 2nd and concluding installment of this article on the Jewish Problem. The first installment appeared in THE MARXIST a few months ago.)

ZIONISM

How shall we approach the question of solving the world's oldest and most aggrieved and festering problem? On the basis of the facts outlined above, it seems to be clear: unity of the Jewish masses with the working class and the rest of the oppressed people in a common struggle for economic security, for the right to organize and strike, civil liberties, the right to worship, etc. These facts do not indicate the solution to lie in the establishment of a Jewish "nottomal home", either in the U.S., or anywhere else.

On the one hand it is physically impossible to establish such a "home", and on the other, it evokes no real-felt sympathy on the part of the overwhelming masses of the Jewish people. Everyone recognizes that the Jewish, as well as the other refugees from Fascist murder, want a "home", but the masses of the Jewish people do not at all mean that the whole Jewish people must take refuge in a "national home".

Zionism has been an organized movement since 1897, and despite the negative encouragement given it by Fascism and anti-Semitism, it makes no appreciable headway. The most exaggerated claims of Zionism still do not show more than ten thousand Jews colonizing in Palestine — out of a total of 16 million, throughout the world.

Yet the Zionist movement proposes to continue along this line: shutting its eyes to the palpably impossible task of uprooting millions of people in twice as many countries, and settling them on a territory the size of Vermont, with an economy barely developed to sustain the native Arab population.

Zionism prostrates itself before the imperialists, licking their boots, and the imperialist policies of Jewish workers are in the interests of imperialism. Now it is England, another time France, Turkey, or the Czars. At the present moment, as a result of the blow from England through the infamous "White Paper", 100,000 Jews are being returned to Palestine, or the good will of American money plus the zeal of Jewish money and the enthusiasm of the Zionists.

While Zionism is thus misleading the Jewish masses and separating them from their natural allies — the working class, it is at the same time playing the role of England's policeman in smashing Arab aspirations toward national independence. No Hannah stated his position more clearly than Zionism in its official organ "Dos Yiddische Folks" Dec. 9, 1938: "there were however those Arabs who did desire peace, but on the conditions that the two peoples should conduct a war against England and that they should be allowed to drive Jews out of Palestine, but such a peace offer we naturally rejected. For we do not believe in betrayal." Thus Zionism, a struggle against British imperialism is betrayed!

Here is proof positive that Zionism is not only unable, but unwilling to solve the Jewish problem even within the limited framework of Palestine, the Guenice, or anywhere else.

DEBATE

"Resolved that the Soviet Union is a Warpered Workers State"

November 19, 1939
1241 N. California, Chicago
Hugo Oehler, R. W. L. — Affirmative
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The Jewish people and especially the Jewish working class have a tradition of great struggles. But thanks to such forces as Zionism, the Jews bow their heads in humility. During and after the first World War Zionism tricked hundreds of thousands of Jews into acting as agents for the imperialists to check the struggle of the Arab masses for liberation from British imperialism. In fact the "national home" in Palestine was organized state institutions similar to present day Germany, the basis for solving the Jewish problem was automatically tied with their still craves out here and there in the Soviet Union.

Lenin and the Bolshevik Party understood the problem far better than the Zionists, "Labor" or otherwise. They broke through the obstacles erected by Zionism and the Bund (Jewish nationalists Labor of Poland, later to become counter-revolutionary) and joined hands with the Jewish masses on the simple program of "land, bread, peace" which later proved their initial correctness.

In all the past decades of Jewish tears and despair, there is no greater consolation — and historic lesson — than the glorious achievements of October Revolution. With one stroke of the revolutionary axe, decades of oppression and pogroms were hacked away. The Jews became more free than they ever were in their entire history. For the first time since their exile, the Jews were once more a free and united people, their culture restored and protected by the workers revolutionary government. Anti-Semitism was viciously suppressed, and later became an alien and discredited doctrine.

All of this is history now; its object lesson for us is that it was made possible by the establishment of a workers council government.

STALINISM

We do not wish to imply that the Jewish question in the Soviet Union is solved. On the contrary, the Jewish question exists within the framework of an isolated Soviet State, anymore than all other questions confronting the working class. Indeed anti-Semitism has assumed a new form — that of Stalinism. The Twenty years of Soviet power could hardly be enough time to eliminate root and branch the heritage of centuries of feudalism and capitalist ideology. Moreover, since the deepening influences of the Stalinist bureaucracy has permitted all Soviet institutions, anti-Semitism has received a corresponding encouragement.

In this respect, the Jewish masses are not the only victims. Similarly persecuted are the Russian masses. Nevertheless, the persecution of minorities in the Soviet Union is not so acute an as in the capitalist countries.

The victorious working class revolution lays the basis, but only Socialism with the elimination of class divisions, economic insecurity, national prejudices, and geographic boundaries, can solve the problem in its entirety.

Zionism futilely proclaims about "national statehood" and is still as far as we are concerned, a "phantom." On the other hand, Stalinism, in the process of warping, and undermining the workers state, took the step a few years ago of setting up a Jewish autonomous republic in Biro-Bidjan. If the Jewish masses desire it at all, it should be done. But this was not the case.

Situated between Siberia and Japan, Jewish Biro-Bidjan may well become the first line trench. Workers cannot object to Biro-Bidjan on that score, however. For the defense of the Soviet Union demands the destruction of this step it should be done. But this was not the case.

As one of its important tasks, the working class as a whole must demand an "open door" for Jewish as well as all other refugees. It is a fatal illusion to rely upon the good graces of people like Roosevelt and the so-called democracies. Everyone who remains the incident of a ship-load of 1,000 refugees who were shunted from port to port for a whole month without finding an open door — while all the great "friends of the oppressed", Roosevelt, etc. Just as the white worker must fight for the Negro worker, so the Gentile worker can not win emancipation unless he fights anti-Semitism.

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UNITE AGAINST CAPITALISM

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other imperialists, including the "allies." All these rivalries, of course, are subordinated to the main struggle, between world capitalism and the extension of the October Revolution.

It is not excluded however that when this war is over—(providing the proletariat does not clean house) the main imperialist struggle will again be provoked. One thing is sure, though: In such a case it will be America and not England that will have the upper hand. Britain is on Empire in decline. No matter what happens in this war it will come out greatly weaker.

THE NAZI PRESSURE ON STALINISM

The Soviet Union is being pushed towards war. Each concession by Stalinism to the Nazi butchers in Berlin, each capitulation, helps such the Workers State more and more into the latest capitalist bloodbath of war.

It would be folly to say, as the bourgeois press would have us believe, that Stalin was the real victor in Poland, that it is Stalin who plays the tune to which Hitler must dance. Such ideas are ridiculous. Stalinism makes pacts with the imperialists not because it is strong, but because it is weak. And as a result, Stalinism is unable to organise the workers for world revolution. Stalinism can stave off its inevitable destruction only by giving one concession after another to the imperialists. First it was France and Britain. Now it is Germany.

Over the head of Stalinism Hitler constantly dangles the threat of coming to terms with John Bull for a joint attack on the Soviet Union. If hypothetically Stalin would sign in the face of the man-butcher of Berlin the threat of an uprising, or at least the vast revolutionary consciousness of the German and other sections of the proletariat — if Stalin could do this, he would need no alliances with imperialist nations, and if he were forced to conclude a momentary pact to form one he would always have a sufficiently strong club not to have to make important concessions.

But it is not so in the club. The story of the Flint incident clearly reveals this. Under Nazi pressure the Stalinists gave up the ship to Germany, even though for years Stalin has tried very hard to keep the 'United States' from the hands of the 'Vatican'.

Despite the wishes of the bureaucracy in the Soviet Union, the Workers State, because of the fatal illness of the Stalin cancer, is being drawn into the war as a tail to the German imperialists.

THE IMPERIALIST WAR AND ASIA

The defeat of the Chinese Revolution in 1927, the defeat of the German revolution in 1933 and the rise of Hitlerism to power, and the defeat of the Spanish revolution, have made possible the gigantic imperialist conquests from 1931 on. and now the World War.

We are today rapidly approaching the 2nd phase of this war, a phase that will inevitably involve the four remaining

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the labour movement. The Wage and Hour Board will pay a very important role in these attacks. As long as the pressure of the workers, through strikes and protests, will be strong enough the Board will make concessions to it in order to check this militancy. But if the militancy is sufficiently checked, we can expect wage cuts and other anti-labor decisions from this board as well as the other governmental agencies for controlling labor.

"neww" nations: United States, Japan, Italy and the Soviet Union. The European war is only a part of this conflict. It is a struggle for the domination of Europe, a struggle to put the European continent in order, as the first step of the world war towards the division of the last primary ASIA. Asia is the aim and objective of the six imperialist powers.

We can see how the real stakes in the present war — and this will come out more clearly on time zones is the vast markets and resources of China, India, Soviet Union etc.

The four European imperialist powers, England, France, Germany and Italy, are playing a desperate game for the position in Europe, as a first step before the battle for Asia. Japan is attempting to consolidate on Empire on the Asiatic continent before the other imperialists are ready to drive towards Asia.

DOLLAR DOMINATION AIM OF U. S.

The United States has already consolidated a strong position on the Western Hemisphere.

It is in the shortest possible for the new move to divide the Asiatic booty. It is ready, as no other imperialist power is ready, to strike out to ORGANIZE THE WORLD TO THE NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN DOLLAR.

The imperialists of the earth have eyes set on the plunder in Asia. But unfortunately for them the question of America, Europe and Asia, will not be settled by the imperialists. Hitlerism has been doomed to failure. Germany's war criminal is the result. This conflict is reserved for the proletarian revolution, which will wipe out capitalism itself.

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only given them on condition that they act as British policemen in that area.

In the present new imperialist war there is a danger that part of the Jewish masses may again play a similar role, as agents either for British or for American imperialism. But if the post-war period proves anything at all it proved that the Jewish people can not liberate themselves within the framework of imperialism. They can change their masters but they must continue forever unless they unite with the workers and other oppressed for the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism.

Fight for jobs, for democratic rights, FOR THE RIGHT TO LIE, FOR THE RIGHT TO LIVE.

Organize Workers Defense Guards to defend workers from Fascist attacks.

Join the Revolutionary Workers League; build the new Congress of the 40th International.

Here lies the road to a solution of the Jewish question.
**HAM AND EGG** PIPE DREAM UP FOR VOTE

Stockton, Cal. - The "Ham and Egg" proposal is nearing the referendum vote November 7th. The battle over this issue is causing a good deal of excitement among the "Ham and Eggs" victims. The Stockton City Council issued a statement yesterday warning the public that unless the plan is carried, State Attorney General Conner will take legal action to stop the scheme. Persons who wish to work under the "Ham and Eggs" plan will mean an end to the social safety net, because, according to the merchants, only those who would refuse to join "retirement warrants" would be allowed to work. A committee of 50000 San Francisco men is raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to discover the "counterfeit money" plan.

Under the terms of the act the State will issue "retirement warrants" to all workers who do not employ labor and is willing to work. Each warrant is for $500, and an unemployed man may apply for a pension of $20 a week. If the applicants are paid to be paid to him every Thursday in warrants of $1, $5, or $10 denominations.

The retirement warrants are to be held by the government agencies in California and are not negotiable. It is said that every week a 2 cent warrant is required to be paid for in good American currency. The warrants must be paid to the warrant. At the end of 24 weeks the warrant may again be turned in for payment by presenting it to the State.

AN INFLATION SCHEME

As the cost of living continues to rise, if the government is willing to turn in its warrants for a cash payment, of course, store-keepers, landlords and others will accept them and they will pass through the state. Thus, by the simple expedient of printing more money the country will grow rich; sales will go sky high; thousands of new men will be employed, etc. At least that's what the promoters are trying to make the public believe.

The significance behind this movement is the enormous decrease in activity in the State of California due to the current depression. They are showing the public that they are willing to try anything that will help to bring about prosperity.

REAL SECURITY

Workers of California must continue to work to get the "Ham and Eggs" plan, as well as the real economic security that the California employers, concrete and masonry workers, are demanding. Trade union wages on W.P.A. adequate and checks for all the workers are necessary. No conditions for this power, the workers and other workers from the terrain are demanding. The workers are demanding for Workers Control of Production and Real security, not just pipe-dreams, under the W.R.C. Council Government.

COTTON WORKERS STRIKE ON WEST COAST

Stockton, California, Oct. 15 — Thousands of cotton pickers in this area are on strike. The low wages of 80c per hundred pounds being paid by the cotton growers and processors are being voted a dollar a $2 per hundred pounds.

Brutality and strike-breaking of the police is hard to describe. The bosses are being rounded up, drunkards, hoodlums, as well as the unemployed workers, and being threatened with jail terms for being vagabonds unless they agree to take jobs without union wages. Over 160 strikers have been arrested by the Sacramento, Stockton and Madera police. Groups of vigilante workers, organized by the Associated Farmers, are in the field throughout the area with the aid of the local police. At Madera a few days ago a large man mowing in the local park was attacked by these vigilantes and police, and fled when they turned their backs. Scores were injured, including some who were taken from the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee.

BONNERS ARRESTED

Two members of the Revolutionary Workers League were arrested in Stockton last evening. Other workers picketing the mills were also arrested.

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