GERMANY DEFEATS FRENCH BOSSES
FRENCH WORKERS CAN STILL SMASH
FASCISM AND PREVENT SPREAD OF WAR

WORIIERS POWER! THE 1871 COMMUNE
IS ONLY ROAD FOR FRENCH WORKERS

After 70 years Paris is again in the hands of a German conqueror.
The defeat of the French army and the treachery of the French
bourgeoisie in 1870 caused the working class at that time to revolt
and set up the now famous Paris Commune — the first Dictatorship
of the Proletariat. A few deadly parallels with 1871 are inseparable
in the present situation:

First, the treacherous role of the bourgeoisie has repeated itself
all over again. It will be remembered that even long after the present
war was declared, the Comite des Forges, French steel syndicate,
continued a lucrative business with the German munition plants via Lux-
embourg. The coal deposits also found their way to German manufac-
turers by the same route and Belgium. The French bosses found the
maintenance of profits the highest expression of their "patriotism", meanwhile piling up oppressive
taxes on the working class.

PROFITS FOR BOSSES

Second, the identity of the allies has been completely revealed
again. Their military strategy has been unchanged since 1914. They have learned nothing and
forgotten nothing. They preserved vast immobilized fortresses
that proved to be nothing but a detriment in the war of move-
ment. Their trained groups for trench warfare, and no trenches
have been established — never has the German machine slowed
up enough to allow time for digging in...

An even more salient point, Germany has now troops in
the field today than the combined force of the Allies. Yet greater
Germany has a population of some 86 million, against a total over
650 million for the allies, including their colonies. How has this
happened?

The answer is not far to seek. The decay of imperialism
is so well-advanced that the colonies have become a deep sore-spec of cap-
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GERMAN VICTORY IN FRANCE GIVES BIG
PUSH TO U.S. WAR MOVE

After 39 days of the most far-reaching military offensive in his-
tory the French bourgeoisie is suing for a separate peace. What are
the effects of the new relationship of forces?

1. — The war is not yet over. France may cede colonies to Italy
and Germany in the peace agreement — if it is reached — but in
order to get those colonies the Axis will have to fight for them against
the British navy. The French may even formally give up the navy
to the Germans, but to actually get hold of the ships the Nazis will
have to send out their own navy to defeat the British, who undoub-
tedly even at this moment are rounding up French ships and pre-
paring to force them to surrender or to destroy them. It is highly
doubful if Germany will get even half of the tonnage of the French
navy if it is needed.

2. — The next campaign of the war will now turn in one of two
directions: either a frontal attack on the British Isles, or joining up
in central Europe for the big "Danzig-Odessa" march to the east.

STALIN FEARS "ALLY"

3. — The new military move by the Stalinist regime in the Baltic,
Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, in
dicate that Stalinism is in a dread
fear of its present "ally". It can
many spheres:
be placed as a certainty that be-
fore very long possibly before the
1940 winter, or spring of 1941
Hitler will repudiate his agree-
ment with Stalin and march into
the Ukraine. The repulse that Stalinism received from its
peaceful pact and sell-out to Hit-
er will thus be of very short dura-
tion. The position of the Soviet
Union is today more precarious
than at any time since the Civil
War of 1918-23.

4. — Historically the most signi-
ficant results of the German blitz
are the feverish prepara-
tions by American Imperialism
for the inevitable struggle with
America’s preparations fall into
this new rising imperialist tita.

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One Error Leads to Another—
The Shachtmanites Blunder On

Every passing day of the war, with its increased pressure, pushes the centrist or- ganizations further to the right. And just as military offensives demand a smoke screen, so revisionism must cover-up its new theories with other revisions and falsifications of history.

We want to deal here with two points of the "newest" centrist grouping, just split from the Trotskyites, the Shachtman Worker's Party.

This group broke away from the official Trotsky movement on the main grounds that they are for the defeat of the Soviet Union in a war which it is involved against a small capitalist country, such as Poland or Finland, or in an offensive as an ally of Germany.

The line of argument raised by Shachtman inside the Trotskyites was that the Soviet Union, under Stalinism, was functioning not only as part of the Rome-Berlin axis, but that it played no other role by virtue of the fact that it was a Workers State. The R.W.L. pointed out that it is true that the Soviet Union contained its political control of Hitler; but that despite that the Soviet Union itself plays a revolutionary role in the world—its fight against the nationalization of industry in Poland, etc.

"THIRD CAMP" REVISIONISM

Now, in order to make their position more logical, Shachtman and company have invented the new theoretical concept of the "third camp." The allies are the first camp, Rome-Berlin-Moscow the second camp, and the working class the third camp. On the surface this sounds very "left." Actually it is a capitulation to petty-bourgeois ideology.

They term the proletariat the "third camp" as against the other "two" camps of the working class and the capitalist states. In a fundamental theoretical sense, this is completely wrong. It is an accepted fact of international worker's Solidarity that the struggle of the "third position" of marching separately and striking together with one section of the bourgeoisie in a civil war.

The very morning is that there are TWO camps, the camp of the predatory imperialist and the camp of the predatory imperialist bourgeoisie with their agents. The struggle among the imperialists is not subordinate to the struggle between the two classes—an attempt to solve the contradictions of capitalism and circumvent the class war by redividing the earth. It is absolutely impermissible to put the two warring imperialist camps on the same plane with the CLASS war against the imperialist bourgeoisie and the proletariat.

BLURS CLASS LINES

Placing the inner-imperialist struggle on the same level with the struggle between the two classes blurs the class struggle enough to permit the Workers State, the futile war of revolutionary struggle despite STALINISM, to be placed in a camp outside the camp of the proletariat. It makes the inner-imperialist military strategy more important that the class forces be in countenance events.

The working class—"third camp" can thus be "defeated" in the abstract, while concretely the Shachtman group can be for the defeat of an already victorious October Revolution. How this conclusion will be reconciled, only time will tell—but undoubtedly will be in the direction of reformism.

DISTORT FACTS

As if one "new" theoretical error within the "left" camp of existence is not enough, the "Labor Action" states: "The second world war began on the morning of Friday, May 16, 1940."

Everybody should know that the second imperialist war started last September with the German invasion of Poland and the Anglo-French declaration of war. The Labor Action are delirious. Their idea is to mock the sectional nationalism of industry in Poland, etc.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Amateur radio stations are banned, but the Labor Action, which is limited to "necessary" ones. After the German invasion, a new broadcast station started, the French station, Radio Paris, and it is doing its worst to detach the French from the anti-fascists. The Labor Action is in the same league, only in France where in the campaign against antifascists, they are doing their best to maintain the war effort under the banner of "Labour Action". They are doing everything to keep the French from listening to the anti-fascists, to maintain the war effort under the banner of "Labour Action".

Soviet leaders call for the military to be detribalized. This detribalization is not only by the military but by the whole society. This detribalization is not only by the military but by the whole society. This detribalization is not only by the military but by the whole society. This detribalization is not only by the military but by the whole society.

BANKERS WILL GAIN

And who stands to gain by all this? Just who is left to see that America go to war.

Mr. Bullitt and Mr. Kennedy are former bankers tied up with the largest banking interests in America. The most vociferous war-monkeys, like William Allen White, are tied up with the Allies for money and their help. Evidence is already piling up that Thomas Lamont, J. P. Morgan's partner, directly inspired the "Hitler note", page of ad-
WHY A GERMAN IMPERIALIST VICTORY OVER FRANCE

The onramp of the Nazi blitzkrieg which has now rolled into Paris and France to surrender has raised the entire question of military strategy and tactics to the point where all the military big-wigs are trying to figure out how to combat the German lightning war of movement.

The Anglo-French and American militarists are attempting to determine how to perfect their military machine to counter-attack against Germany. They therefore have to pose the question of the economic-military base of the German war machine.

Some of the economic and military aspects of the German war machine merely reflect the status of German Imperialism. Hitler inherited the second highest national economic unit in the world, the United States. He surpassed it. It was the Young and Dawes Plan and the "Americanization of German economy that reorganized this productive apparatus while the Anglo-French economic structures lagged. This economic structure, in spite of its deep internal decay, was utilized negatively by Fascism to "propaganda by production" but to organize destruction — war production.

GERMANY PERFECTIONED STRATEGY

In military strategy Germany learned from the Spanish and Polish campaigns; while England and France seem to have learned nothing from these valuable lessons. In fact the embryo of Hitler's major military strategy was taken from the Spanish campaign. The tank, the airplane, the machine drive that replaces the infantry attack, and the complete coordination of all arms of warfare under one central command for each action was merely worked out on a grand scale in Belgium, Holland and France. It was tried in Spain, improved in Poland, perfected in the two campaigns and used to the fullest extent against France. Add to this the effective use by Germany of that section of the exploiters (the fifth column) in those countries, that can be switched off only by Fascism — therefore eliminate the outgrown structure of bourgeois democracy before the workers do.

But in reality this is only part of the problem. The basic question is: How does it happen that Fascist Germany — being as it is one of the most bankrupt links in the chain of rotting capitalist economy — is able to organize such a military machine? The answer lies precisely in the internal nature and purpose of the Fascist regime, i.e., Fascism is the most barbaric, the most oppressive, and brutal form of capitalist dictatorship; precisely because of its brutal oppression of the toilers and its organization of a decaying economy on the basis of scarcity and want — in brief, its rule of BRUTAL DICTATORSHIP AND ORGANIZED STARVATION — is it able to mobilize forces, utilize tremendous sections of its population for purposes of military DESTRUCTION and pass the whole tremendous burden onto the backs of the exploited and oppressed workers and toilers.

FASCISM IS KEY TO STRATEGY

This is the main reason why Germany is able to launch such a vicious military machine of destruction. And that is why all talk on the part of the Anglo-French and American militarists that they all have to do is to perfect their military strategy only scratches the surface of their real problem and intention.

In reality, the other imperialists must match the Fascist dictatorship, oppression and organized starvation by precisely the same method in their own lands — they must also intensify the exploitation of the workers, further intensify the brutal rights of the toilers, increase and "perfect" their own capitalist dictatorship against either an open military or Fascist dictatorship. In brief, they must — and that is what they are moving to do — match Germany's FIGHTING FASCISM WITH ONLY FIGHTING FASCISM on their own part; to surpass German OPPRESSION of the toilers with greater OPPRESSION of their own workers; to equate German CONDITIONS OF DESTRUCTION with CONDITIONS OF DESTRUCTION AND DEATH! These are the real aims of the Anglo-French and American imperialists.

Yes, the workers are for the defeat of Fascist dictatorship and organized starvation. But not by the methods of the "democratic" imperialists of duplicating and "perfecting" Hitler's methods; not by the imperialist method of meeting BARBARIANISM with BARBARIANISM at the expense of the workers, of the imperialists and the oppression, dictation and wars that is the workers answer.

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TURN THE WAR FOR PROFITS INTO A WAR AGAINST THE PROFIT SYSTEM!

June 18, 1940.

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AMERICA PREPARES FOR WAR

a. Military — over 6 billion dollars has already been demanded for the army, navy and air force in this budget. Very likely another 5 or 6 billion will also be requested.

b. Economic — Uncle Sam is forcing all the American nations, including Latin America, into a price cartel dependent on Wall Street. While the Latin-American nations a third in the Latin-American market is not directly involved with the United States. The events in France have already forced a commander in chief of the U.S. at the very last, in the actual establishment of one unified political state in the Western Hemisphere. America's dream of empire, then, is growing with gobbling up of her "good neighbors".

c. Internally, the Roosevelt regime is hastening to take measures to reduce the American labor situation. And its organization of a decaying economy on the basis of scarcity and want — in brief, its rule of BRUTAL DICTATORSHIP AND ORGANIZED STARVATION — is it able to mobilize forces, utilize tremendous sections of its population for purposes of military DESTRUCTION and pass the whole tremendous burden onto the backs of the exploited and oppressed workers and toilers.

EMPIRE DOOMED

5. The economic antagonism between Britain and the United States is driving Britain into an imperialist antagonism on earth. The British Empire under the Fascist regime is no longer an open military or Fascist dictatorship. In brief, they must — and that is what they are moving to do — match Germany's FIGHTING FASCISM WITH ONLY FIGHTING FASCISM on their own part; to surpass German OPPRESSION of the toilers with greater OPPRESSION of their own workers; to equate German CONDITIONS OF DESTRUCTION with CONDITIONS OF DESTRUCTION AND DEATH! These are the real aims of the Anglo-French and American imperialists.

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Virginia Teachers Fight for Equal Pay

Norfolk, Va., June 16.—For an area as progressive as Norfolk, it is difficult to understand how the Negro school teachers can be subjected to discrimination and receive far less pay than their white colleagues. This city, however, is in many ways a haven for the poor white teacher, as the salary paid by the board is just as low as that paid in the Negro schools. The teacher who resigns his position and goes to a school in a less progressive area finds his salary cut by at least 30 per cent.

LEGAL APPEAL NOT ADEQUATE

The NAACP appealed to President Roosevelt for assistance, but the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and the State courts refused to hear the case on the ground that the Negroes were represented by a segregationist body. The board of education was asked to request the State Department to send a representative to investigate the conditions in the Norfolk schools, and to advise the school board as to the proper course of action. The board of education has not yet responded.

FIGHTING ISSUE FOR UNITY

This campaign for equal pay is a splendid fighting relic. It can be carried on without much cost to the Negroes, but it is a campaign that must be fought to the bitter end. The board of education has shown no interest in the struggle, and the Negro teachers have been left to fight for their rights by themselves. The Negroes realize that the struggle is a long one, and they are determined to fight to the bitter end.

Reesed, back it up to the fullest. A Negro teacher's job is more than a job. It is a way of life, and a way of securing a better future for his children. The Negroes realize that the struggle is a long one, and they are determined to fight to the bitter end.

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Tobacco Workers Win Partial Victory

Richmond, Va., June 16.—The strike has ended with the settlement reached at the Contracts Board. The workers have agreed to a wage increase of 10 per cent, and the employers have agreed to an increase of 5 per cent. The decision was reached after several months of negotiation, and the workers are satisfied with the final outcome.