GERMANY Launches Attack on BRITAIN AS STALINISM Prepares for NAZI TURN EAST

F.D.R. THIRD TERM BACKED BY BIG BLOC OF CAPITALISTS

July 20 — Two faces of American Imperialism, with identical imperialist aims, but representing two different sections of the financiers, have been placed before the American electorate in the quadrennial hoax of a "free" and "democratic" presidential election.

Both Wendell Willkie and Franklin Roosevelt are for immediate preparation for entry into the war, for consolidating the western hemisphere through reciprocal trade pacts and the economic conferences now taking place, and for a policy of parallel action with Great Britain, including material aid at present.

SECONDARY DIFFERENCES

But from this point on there are many secondary differences.

The Democrats put forth a strong, positive, bourgeois reformist platform re-emptacing the social aims of the New Deal. The Republican program was made deliberately vague to cover up the mere open dictatorial measures which Mr. Willkie intends to institute. In actual life, however, both sections of American capitalism are ready for a military dictatorship as part of the war preparations.

The Republican convention was run almost entirely by Thomas Lo- mont, a Morgan partner, the Rockefeller Anaconda interests and Du Pont. The Democratic convention was a convention of ambitious office holders, completely dominated by the Roosevelt political machine. But behind the scenes big capitalists continued to dominate; in fact the big bourgeois forces — like Rockefeller — gambled a little on each horse.

WHO SUPPORTS ROOSEVELT?

Supporting Mr. Roosevelt are such notable "friends of labor" as

Nathan Straus, partner and owner of Macy's and Rambouillet, giant de-

partment stores; the Du Ponts, in-

terested in tobacco and Wood-

worth's millions; Governor Leh-

man, partner and president of

the world's biggest banking house;

Berenson, a member of the Hill-

iard bankng empire; Ambassador

Brown and courtesy from New

Boston bankers; Ambassador Bid-

ner, Jr.

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FIGHTING WORKER

Banned In Canada

The Department of National Revenue of Canada has informed us that the FIGHTING WORKER will henceforth be banned from Canada. A communication many months ago had banned the RWL publications "The Mar-

xist," and the "Fourth Interna-

tional." Along with the FIGHTING WORKER, the theoretical organ of the International Contact Com-

mission, the I.C.C., the International News, and the RWL pamphlet, "American Imperialism — The Main Diving Force for War" are also to be kept out of the Dominion "democracy."

BRITAIN TAKES DEFENSIVE AS U.S. CONSOLIDATES WAR PLANS

July 19 — Events move so rapidly in this maelstrom of capitalist chaos that it is only possible each fortnight to summarize. Since the French armistice we have been living in a new hull before a more formidable storm. Re-

alignments and consolidations are taking place before the next stage of the war begins:

1. Germany is busy consolidating its "Mittel-Eu-

ropa" and preparing its onslaught against the British Isles.

2. Rumania, France and central Europe in general are being brought completely into the German economic orbit. The billion dollars in gold taken from France; the 9,000 railroad cars taken from Rumania; the fact that France makes Germany infinitely more powerful than she was before the break of war.

3. A military assault is being prepared against Britain. The strategy is to double to invade Britain direct or through Ireland; and to perfect a blockade against Britain by the taking of Gibraltar, with the aid of Spain. That such an invasion is imminent is clear by the present "spectacu-

lar" calls for Gibraltar by the Spanish fascists. Even if the military invasion is not success-

ful therefore, Germany hopes to adopt a long term policy of star-

ving out the British.

BRITAIN ON DEFENSIVE

For a relatively long period the two remaining "democracies" can no longer be taken as "offensive." It must be expected that Britain will make more aggressive measures in Asia, especially with the new premier, near the end of the Chinese Indo-China and Dutch East Indies. In Europe it will be very difficult if England can hold out long on the Isles. According to authoritative sources in "P.M. New York papers, the British are still far behind Ger-

man production schedules in all arms. The failure to invade In-

land and prepare adequate defenses shows the same old British lethargy. Reports of British air-

planes reaching America indicate that even the airdrome builds for British planes have completely demolished many ports. America

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German Comrade Reports On Arrests And Murders In Europe

The plight of the emigré comrades in central Europe has always been an unhappy one. Since the advent of Hitler in Bel-

gium, Holland and France, however, it has become far worse.

We publish below excerpts from a letter written June 8th by a member of the Central Committee of the German Red Front, sister organization of the R.W.L.

"The RSAP is now itself crushed by Hitler's advent in Holland; and since the French war, when even the left wings of the party together with a small fraction of our own Swedish organization, began a chauvinistic war campaign against the Soviet Union, we have completely broken of any contact with the Soviet Socialists...."

MURDERS, ARRESTS, SUICIDES

"In England our comrades are in part under police supervision, in part in the in-

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WHY FRANCE IS GOING FASCIST

FASCISM OR WORKERS’ REVOLUTION AGAIN.
PROVED TO BE ONLY CHOICE FOR SOCIETY.

Information as to developments in France and the capitulation of decisive sections of the French bosses and the puppet statesmen in Fascism is being supported by the boss class press in the United States. They do not want the workers here to get the full facts as to what has happened. For these facts would again give vivid proof to one of the most fundamental issues confronting society:

EITHER THE CRUMBLING OF FAKE BOSS CLASS “DEMOCRACY” AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRUTAL FASCIST REGIME IN ITS PLACE — OR WORKERS’ REVOLUTION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKERS COUNCIL GOVERNMENT BASED ON WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION FOR US!

There is no other road for society to travel.

The chain of development since the last World War has made this choice incontrovertible.

Fascism in Italy following the failure of the workers’ seizure of factories to develop into a brutal Fascist revolution; Fascism in Germany due to the treachery of the Sec- ond and Third Internationals who betrayed the workers’ demands; Fascism in Spain owing to the disastrous Peoples Front boss class regime, supported by the Socialists, Stalinist, Anarchist and other revisionists through material aid such as the Trotskyist.

And now — Fascism in France. The government established at Vichy where the French Parliament had “voted” itself out of existence and surrendered the state apparatus to a handful of politicians — Pétain, Weygand, and Laval, who yesterday was praised as an outstanding representative of French democracy and who is now here Fascist regime) this govern- ment is proceeding to smash the trade uni- ons, to build a one-party state, to outlaw all political organizations, to launch an anti-Semitic drive, to take all the steps that mark an emerging full-fledged Fascist regime.

DEMOCRATIC” POLITICIANS HEAD FASCIST REGIME

How does it happen that the very men who yesterday were calling upon the French workers to “defend democracy against Fascism” are now intent upon establishing a Fascist regime under German hegemony?

The answer may be summed up in the words of General Pétain when he urged surrender to Hitler: “If we do not surrender the war is lost — we see a Western defense of Paris and Munich throughout the army!”

In other words they say: If we do not make peace with Hitler, the working class will rise up and destroy both us and Hit- ler. And these stooge statesmen of the French capitalists, many of whom have for years been preparing their Fascist coup d’etat, even to the point of sabotaging the military structure against Hitler — those “statesmen” are exposed to the hilt the very rotteness of bourgeois “democra- cy” by making peace with Hitler and mov- ing toward a German domination.

They fear the workers more than do they Hitler. They use Hitler’s methods to suppress the workers.

THE FRENCH BOSSES CHOOSE FASCISM IN ORDER TO SUPPRESS THE WORKERS’ STRUGGLES; and they there- by show that they understand fully well that brutal Fascist dictatorship is the only method left to them to maintain this rot- ting and decayed profit system.

PEOPLES FRONT PAVED THE WAY FOR FASCISM

Again, as in the case of Spain, the ground for the Fascists was paved in ad- vance by Peoples Frontism. It was under the Blum Peoples Front regime, supported by the Socialists and Stalinists, that the French bosses were able to stroll the rev- olutionary ferment of the workers, were able to pull the workers into support of that “democratic” regime, to whittle down their fighting forces, sap away their militi- nacy — and at the appropriate time, to destroy their plans of the 1936 strike the Daladier Bonapartist military dictat- orship which still appeared in hypocritical fashion as a “democratic” regime.

LEARN THE LESSONS

The lessons of this course of develop- ment in France must be clearly understood by all workers in order to prevent further such tragedies;

1.—No support to the Peoples Front (Labor Party, etc.) which paves the way for Fascism.

2.—No material aid to any “left” bour- geois government. Only independent working class action.

3.—Support of Blum, Daladier, Reyn- naud, etc., “against” the Fascists enabled French Fascism to take over power in France. Independent working class ac- tion would have resulted in another Paris Commune that could have been the beginning of the struggle to drive Fascism out of Europe.

4.—The “peace” of the French bosses with German Imperialism does not bring the imperialists toward its end; rather it deepens and extends the contradictions in Europe and prepares the way for greater imperialist and class conflicts.

5.—ONLY THE SMASHING OF CAPITALISM CAN SMASH FASCISM!

6.—ONLY THE REVOLUTIONARY OVERTHROW OF CAPITALISM CAN END THE IMPERIALIST WAR.

Germay Attacks Britain As American Imperialists Consolidate War Plans

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can not hope to have enough men trained for a large scale invasion in Asia for quite some time, although the navy is fully prepared to take measures in Asia. To be completely successful however the navy must be followed by infan- try. Although Italy is considered to possibly be a turkey with a Turk- ish grab of Syria (both are in the hands of the axis) or it may be a further push of power in the Mediterranean. As the least likely vari- ant but one not yet excluded, it may be a total war against Germany.

3.—The friction between the Soviet Union and Germany over Florying over more than the invasion of the former by the Red Army, and the open warning of the Red Army to the Sultan of Tunisia desires that the rulers of that country to keep it up plus the Turkish demand for the same sort (influenced by the Russian press) are con- cerned.

STALIN AND HITLER FALLING OUT

4.—Just as Italy stabbed France in the back at its weakest moment, in the Soviet Union, under Stalinism, realizing its great dan- ger at the moment, may stab Ger- many in the back at the very mo- ment when he invades England. The exact form cannot be predic- ted, but possibly it will be a Tur- kish grab of Syria (before it falls into the hands of the axis) or it may be a further push into the Mediterranean. As the least likely vari- ant but one not yet excluded, it may be a total war against Ger- many.

5.—Although the workers state and capitalist America are fun- damentally the same the present moment their needs run parallel — against Jews in Asia and Germany in Europe. Stalin and Hitler are fighting with Uncle Sam, and it is still a question if American imperialists-all variants. The army and navy will be clever enough to ex- plain the war preparations, ready to open the strings of the still continues to be one of wait- ing anxiously for the other pow- er to exhaust themselves. Even Britain should have the idea, definite arrangements and plan made to take over Anglo-French power and the Nazi will not have smooth sailing. With the impending fami- lies, etc., coming this winter and the resulting in the next few years, Germany and the Atlantic, and Dutch possessions in the wes- tern hemisphere.

6.—The U. S. policy, while ac- cordingly to the U. S. will not prevent, Uncle Sam is cel- erating its war preparations, ready to open the strings of the still continues to be one of wait- ing anxiously for the other pow- er to exhaust themselves. Even Britain should have the idea, definite arrangements and plan made to take over Anglo-French power and the Nazi will not have smooth sailing. With the impending fami- lies, etc., coming this winter and the resulting in the next few years, Germany and the Atlantic, and Dutch possessions in the wes- tern hemisphere.

In this respect the appointment of the Duke of Westminster as Emperor of German Imperialism, and with the base tradition ev- en today of Japan, America’s poli- cy may still bear fruit.

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BOSSES LIE ABOUT PROFITS
TO CONCEAL EXPLOITATION

The reactionary Chicago Tribune of July 6th publishes a touching tale of the taxes of the 183 leading industrial organizations. It seems according to Col. McCormick that more than 54% of the total gross profits of the 183 companies go for taxes of all kinds.

Gross profits were somewhere around 3 billion 800 million, of which taxes took up 2 billions, and net income after taxes was 1 billion 150 million — or about a return of 4% on the 45% billions of assets of these companies. Which isn't so bad even at that! U. S. Steel, for instance, made net profit of 41 million dollars even after paying 67 millions for taxes. Standard Oil of New Jersey made a cool 89 million dollars after paying 120 millions in taxes. And General Motors made 183 million dollars after kicking in only 101 millions to state, local, and federal governments.

Even in the Tribune figures, then, the capitalists are still enjoying excellent prosperity. But when you really analyze these figures closer you get a true insight into capitalist concealment of SURPLUS VALUE, of its TOTAL profits made from the sweat of labor's brow.

SLIGHT "OVERTURES"
Let's just list a few of the "little" things the Trib overlooked:

1.—Total surplus value MUST add to the so-called net income the interest paid on bonds. The profits of the industrial firms are distributed among its stock holders and partially among its bondholders. Added to this we must also include interest paid to banks and bankers on short term loans, 60 day notes, etc. The Tribune figures count the profits of the coupon-clippers and the interest paid the bankers as "expense", rather than what they are, THE FORM OF THE APPROPRIATION OF SURPLUS VALUE.

2.—The profits of the landlords owning the property of the 183 companies — the rent, in other words, over and above the cost of improvement — is left out.

3.—Then comes the usual famous accounting frauds of the capitalist system. As everyone knows, the good capitalist accountants always put "depreciation" up as an expense. And in the present period, according to such authorities as the Daily News of Chicago, the amount set aside for depreciation is as high as 30% and 40% — in other words capitalists are deducting from profits 20% of the total of their assets on the faked argument that because of war production, their plants may grow obsolete within 3 to 8 years.

4.—Included in "expense", too, are the contributions to political campaigns, the cost of bribing and supporting the corrupt officialdom of capitalism, the tremendous salaries and "bonuses" paid to directors and managers, the "contributions" to "philanthropic" organizations, churches, etc., etc.

TAXES 8% OR 10% AT MOST

When you total all these things together it is quite evident that the government taxes on big business cannot possibly be more than 8% or 10% of the surplus value that labor produces, if indeed they are that much.

Bourgeois statistics and figures are thus a means of fraud and deception; of hiding the true state of affairs. The job of the statisticians who compiled the figures for the Tribune IS TO CONCEAL FROM THE WORKING CLASS THE TRUE EXTENT OF PROFITS.

If a working class organization attempted to conceal its income in such a fraudulent fashion its leaders would immediately be thrown into jail. For the bourgeois statisticians, however, this dishonesty is considered a virtue.
MURDERS, ARRESTS OF GERMAN REVOLUTIONISTS

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Swedish Social Patriotism

In Sweden, since the Russo-Finn war the reactionary regime has been proceeding with all possible severity against the enemies, as daily increasing overtures and Germany are made; emigres suffer and it is impossible to think of carrying on political work; there; the whole land stands under Ger-

The Socialist Party made a sharp turn to the right since the war’s beginning; the left was followed it almost completely after the Russian

October, the Social Democratic Labor Party of Sweden and the Social Democratic Party of Finland, which is now the extreme Anti-German Anti-Russian wing of all Swedish Social Democracy. Perhaps if we could send some material from the United

Defeat of the Red Front contains details of their plans and activity to reconstitute a functioning organizational center for the continuation of the work. Thus, in the face of the most

recent persecution, which has wiped out whole layers of those other revolutionists, the Red Front continues to work, and many of its leaders want a candidate even to the right of

In the final analysis American imperialism can determine who will be the new candidate. Now economic and military measures are being used to put into effect these policies, and in whole of Latin America demand for candidates in Mexico who are free of

The Curdans “Peoples Front” has disintegrated and bled to death under conditions such as a decision of the Central Committee, or as a case, will be most able to handle the situation.

MAY REVOLT

If the groups of Wall Street fighting each other in Mexico come to an agreement and put pressure on the New Deal to recognize German Almanac, it is possible that this agreement will be a step toward the demoralization of the workers in

Thus Mexico continues to be in the road that Italy, Germany, and Austria must go if they are to have travelled. The road all capitalists travel. The road that brings to the conclusion of the struggle between communism and imperialism is always playing the role of being the road because they fear the pro-

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Wall St. Moves for Further Control During Mexican Elections

Mexico’s recent election with its winner was more than an election, it completed the stage of the class struggle among the countries of Latin America and the United States of American, and established the direction of the current for a revolutionary struggle in this direction. The election has held in check this development, the financial and economic interests of American imperialism. How-

Died, railroad related to the Belphe of Philadelphia, MORGAN, W. E.; Harvard, N.E.; Secretary Morganthau, a lifelong friend of President Roosevelt, Vincent Astor, one of the 300 and six Harvard graduates of the alumni; Owen (D. Young) of General Electric, New Jersey, a Rockefeller barg-

STALINISTS AID GESTAPO

Protest Belgium we have word that a com-

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Certainly Republicans Knox and Stimson felt certain of this, whereas never they have entered the cabinet so near to el-

For the working class the outstanding meaning of the Roosevelt nomination is that the card is now completely stacked against any real betters of conditions, against any staving off of American participation in the war. Roosevelt will probably be eli-

The only vote that will not be voted in November is a vote in favor of war by those who are against the

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