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THE TROTSKYITES AND THE SOVIET UNION

I F in the first seven or eight weeks of hostilities in 1914 the Kaiser's armies had penetrated beyond Smolensk deep into the Ukraine and had continued their advance as have Hitler's forces into the Soviet Union, there would have been the wildest panic in the Allied camp. It took the Kaiser's armies exactly a year to occupy Poland and reach the border of Russia proper. Hitler's troops, on the other hand, in a few weeks having plunged several hundred miles into the most vital territories of the Soviet Union, are menacing the key cities of Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev and Odessa almost directly. The Stalinist leaders are now "explaining" that there never really was a "Stalin Line," which is the way these swindlers-to-the-bitter-end admit that the Nazi forces have already broken through the main fortified barriers of the Soviet Union.

Only those who have been grossly deceived by talk in the past about Nazi "Blitzkrieg" will fail to realize that the advance of Hitler's armies has been very rapid and that the Soviet Union is swiftly being destroyed. The fantastic speed of the previous Nazi military "victories" was due to the fact that Hitler's path was deliberately opened for him by his "enemies." Most notably was this so in the case of France, where the "democratic" imperialists, acting in collaboration with their German colleagues, turned the country over to Nazi policing to crush the class conscious French proletariat in order to prepare Hitler's march against the Soviet Union. The noise about "Blitzkrieg" has been a cover for the political basis of Hitler's military "miracles" of the past.

From many sides the workers have been deceived by reassuring stories about the "slowness" of the imperialist advance into the Soviet Union and about the "wonders" of the Stalinist army's resistance. Though Stalin's army has been steadily driven back without registering a single significant counter-advance, his "allies," the "democratic" imperialists, are manifesting an unusual calmness of mind. Wall Street's Roosevelt speaks about the "magnificent" stand of Stalin's army. The closer Hitler's forces get to Leningrad, Moscow and other important centers, the more serene are the "democratic" imperialists and the stronger become the Czarist bonds in the British and American markets (New York Times, August 10, 1941).

In order to conceal their responsibility and whitewash the rottenness of their organizations, the Stalinist bureaucrats fill the workers' ears with soothing tales of how Lieutenant X captured Hill Y, and how Captain A held Sector B. All these comforting stories of the bourgeoisie and of the Stalinist bureaucrats who fear to tell the truth to the masses blind the workers to the fact that the imperialist armies have made decisive inroads into the territory of the Stalin-strangled Workers State and are laying the necessary basis for the finishing blow.

The workers throughout the world, and in the first instance the class conscious workers, must be aroused to the realization that, as things stand today, the Soviet Union is facing doom. All those who paint rosy pictures about the "magnificent" defense alleged to be put up by Stalin's army are building a fool's paradise for the