August 8, 1942 represents a tremendous crisis also for Stalinism. For more than a year the masses of the Soviet Union have had dinned into them the doctrine of the "second front". "Socialism in one country" became translated into capitalist democracy for the next twenty years. The cynical attitude of the Stalinist bureaucracy in disregarding the world proletariat and oppressed masses and relying on one or other imperialism was accentuated. Then came August 8. The Indian Stalinists were found even to the right of Gandhi. All this must have and will have its repercussions inside the Soviet Union. The workers there will begin to wonder why it is that a second front of a revolutionary alliance between the Soviet Union and the proletarian and colonial revolutions abroad is turned down for a non-existent imperialist second front. August 8, 1942 marked not only a crisis for Gandhi but for Stalin as well.

From tightly censored India, little word has come in recent weeks. But it is possible to predict confidently that the same forces which led to the explosion of August 8 will not and cannot stop there. The pressure of imperialism upon Indian economy, tremendously aggravated by war conditions must lead to an extension of the Indian revolution to the countryside. Above all, it must lead to the leadership of the whole movement by the proletariat. Significant in this connection is it that no important social force in India has raised the slogan of the constituent assembly. The proletariat is mute without a party. The bourgeoisie only seeks for an Indian majority on an imperial council.

CRISIS FOR BOURGEOIS AGENTS

As already pointed out, August 8 represents the crisis of Gandhism. But in addition, August 8 also represents a crisis for bourgeois democracy. For three years Churchill and Roosevelt have untiringly intoned the sacred litany of the various freedoms of democracy. August 8, 1942, stripped priestly robes from both these gentlemen. All the apologists of "democracy vs. fascism" cannot spew enough ink to obscure the fact that August 8, 1942, has done more to shatter their lie structure than any other event during the present imperialist carnage.

If these things are done, then the Indian revolution can and will be a spark that will set afame the whole structure of imperialism, break the imperialist war front, spread the confusion not only throughout the colonies but to the metropolis as well and usher in another October period that will once and for all put an end to all exploitations oppression, poverty and war.