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CARTELS

The liberal wing of the Democratic and Republican parties has hopes that the international cartels, as well as the national trust monopolies, can be curbed and held in check after the war. But the whole trend of capitalist development as well as the developments of this imperialist war prove the contrary. At the start of the war these liberals were going to take profits out of the war and were going to draft both capital and labor. But as facts a mountain high reveal, labor has again been drafted, pushed back with greater restrictions, and REAL wages have declined. The long hours of employment each week cover up this real wage drop.

And on top of all this, the monopolies within the country have grown to a new giant size, and have already mapped out world wide plans for domination and control and price fixing of the markets that will make the big boys of the last war green with envy. And the well meaning people and liberals still talk about curbing the monopolies and cartels.

A few basic factors about the monopolies must be understood if we are to understand the future of the cartels. With capitalist development, and especially in this century with the importance of the world market, small business units have little or no chance to exist against large business units; and once these large units form a monopoly as national trusts or international cartels, the small business that tries to compete, or even the large business outside the cartel, does not have a chance to survive against the new weapon of price fixing and intensified economic war on a giant scale.

Let us assume that the large monopolies in the United States ignore the international cartels and try to buck them on the international market through the "good old" laws of "free competition". The large big power cartels would be able to defeat the United States business man in each country where government aid to the cartels favors the opposing cartel.

Even in small countries where the government favors the national monopoly the giant American monopoly cannot win. In those countries where the governments step in and place the market on a cartel basis with government control the American business men must go along, or if the country is small enough, try to foment "revolution" and establish a friendly government, which in turn does the same thing for American interests instead of some other imperialists or its own national interest.

The fascist method of cartels had to be adopted by the Anglo-American and French or else they would be wiped out. Instead of losing the market, these countries carried out the same methods employed

by Hitler. The only differences in the two methods was the question of how far they were extended: "The fascists carried the "total war" of economic penetration to total political war, and then to invasion and a swallowing up process for world conquest. The bourgeois-democrats had to either follow through to dictators like Vargas in Brazil or sabotage of the Spanish Peoples Front; which means inevitable victory for the fascists; or a "do nothing" policy, which also leads to fascism or some similar form of dictatorship. In other words, the intense international competition leads to cartels, and the cartels leads to even greater international competition; which in turn must be followed up politically - and then militarily - or an imperialist power is faced with the consequences of further decay and decline of its world position as a nation.

There is not a leading power, such as England, France, etc., that is not committed to cartels. There is not a small nation that can afford to remain aloof from these powerful cartels. There is not a national government in any of these countries that can afford to ignore the regulation of its market to protect its national interest against these cartels. And the liberals think the United States can ignore this or stay out of it!

The socialization of the means of production in the Soviet Union, even warped under bureaucratic distortion, was a powerful menace to the needs of all the imperialists. This revolution snatched from the world market over one sixth of the earth's land area and a population of millions that was vitally needed for the capitalist profit system. After this war the Soviet Union within the old Czarist empire, and other Soviets, with the extension of the October revolution, will make even deeper inroads within the decadent structure of capitalism.

It must be kept in mind that wholesale prices on consumers' goods have more than doubled since the war started in 1939, not to speak of the inferior quality, which even makes for higher REAL price levels, instead of money price levels. American business must face this condition in the immediate future. The government regulations in behalf of the United States monopolies have held up the prices. They have not held them DOWN through ration ceilings. More accurately it is to say that the government rationing has ORGANIZED the rising prices for the interest of ALL the capitalists, to give the lion's share to the big monopolists, the financial capitalists, and at the same time to give the lesser industrialists a share of the profits, and to hold in check the lower middle class, the farmers and the workers. Otherwise the greedy monopolists would not know where to stop, would take too much, would disrupt the economy with TOO MANY bankruptcies; which would hasten the leftward shift of the masses.

Fascism carried through "organized starvation" in capitalist de-

cline; the United States and England carried through the same thing, only on a higher scale due to economic strength. They organize the lowering of the REAL wages through "wage stabilization". They organize REAL price rises through rationing. They organize the rise in profits and the greater domination of the monopolists over the state and the people.

The low economic level of the "have-not" nations forced them to ruthless measures to carry out their cartel state for the monopolists. The higher economic level of the "haves", especially, the United States, enables them to take the same road through a more refined method, cloaked with high sounding phrases of democracy while in fact taking greater steps away from bourgeois-democracy and more steps toward regimentation, bureaucracy, government control and regulations with less liberties for the peoples of the world. Today we give up the "liberties" because of war. Tomorrow we must give up these liberties because of revolution. To police and feed the world, not to keep down fascism; but to keep down the social revolution! To prevent the colonial peoples of Greece and other European countries from establishing their own governments against the exploiters.

The stupid educated liberals, who know nothing about economics and less about the needs of the workers and peasants, claim that there is no difference between the cartels of the capitalist nations and the fascist use of them, and the monopoly of the means of production in the Soviet Union.

But history has proven, and as time goes on, even more proof will be revealed, that although similar in form the capitalist cartels (bourgeois-democratic and fascist) are anti-thetical to the Soviet monopoly in content; while the bourgeois-democrats and fascists are the same in content but different in form.

Capitalist monopolies and cartels, in bourgeois-democratic imperialist and fascist imperialist nations are based upon AN ECONOMY OF SCARCITY; UPON PRODUCTION FOR PROFITS; while the state monopolies, even warped, in the Soviet Union are based upon AN ECONOMY OF PLENTY; UPON PRODUCTION FOR USE. Wallace can shout all he wants to about 60 million jobs and production of plenty; but unless he fundamentally changes the above premise it is just so many hollow words.

There are two possible dangers with which the monopolists may confront us, dangers that will be cloaked in the language of the liberals, thereby leaving the impression that liberalism has won against the cartels. When England bribed the skilled labor of Great Britain and gave them the status of the aristocracy of labor, for the price of making them filthy partners to exploit the empire, we see a historical example that certain sections of dominant American imperialism and declining British imperialism have in mind.

A section of the declining British Empire says - why not join with English Speaking America, bribe even larger sections of the white workers and together exploit the entire world, especially the darker races? Under the cloak of bettering the conditions of the masses, they can bribe a sufficient number of whites of the English speaking world to do their bidding as overseers of the world, policing the world, and technical skill for the machine development that is already here. For such a world job they will need many millions more than England needed to exploit its colonial empire.

But there is a section of the American capitalists, and they dominate at present, who state that they don't need the British in such a partnership; that they can do the job by themselves much better. They do not want to share their profits with the British in such a way; but only in the way that the British now share the wealth with their Princes in India, etc., who help hold the masses in check.

To boil the whole argument down to its fundamentals, insofar as the question of cartels is concerned, the main fight, in the higher circles over the question, is not over - shall there be cartels or shall there not be cartels. This liberal well-meaning rubbish of Biddle, Wallace and others will be used as a smoke screen by the real rulers of the nation.

The real issue and dispute in the higher circles is on a different axis. It is: shall we, the United States, re-establish the defunct allied empires that the Axis partners defeated and help them and the declining British Empire regain their former world position and in cartels exploit the world together? Or shall we, the United States, leave them economically where they are, and through the cloak of the more numerous smaller nations, organize a United States world cartel, then in concealed forms of cooperation carry on a death struggle with the cartels organized against the United States - dominated cartel - a United States-dominated cartel which we will call something else, while we label the British-French etc., monopoly a dangerous cartel.

Is it possible that we, the dominant imperialists, can utilize the "soft-soap" of the liberals, of a world of free competition against the nasty cartels such as Hitler organized, as a cloak for our own world cartel?

Can we, the United States, take our place as the first power that can organize the world to the needs of American capitalism? Or are we not yet strong enough? Do we have to share with other powers - until we smash the social revolution? And until we put Great Britain in her place, now that Italy, Germany, and Japan will be soon placed in a straight-jacket to prevent effective competition on the world market?

That is the song of the imperialists. That is the dispute of the

American imperialists on the question of cartels.

The bold imperialists think the time has come to "organize the world" for American needs. The more cautious think that the timetable of Italy, Germany and then Japan must be followed by a fourth problem of the October revolution and its extension, and a fifth problem of Anglo-American antagonisms, and then they can "organize the world to their needs". Bigger and better national and international monopolies are on the order of the day for declining capitalism, not the liberal view of no cartels.

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THE SOVIET-JAPANESE FRONT

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN IN JANUARY 1943, MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO. ITS MEANING IS REMARKABLY EMPHASIZED TODAY WHEN THE SOVIET UNION HAS DENOUNCED ITS TREATY WITH JAPAN AND WHEN THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE ALLIES AND STALINIST RUSSIA IS SO SHARP. THE PREDICTIONS AND THE ANALYSIS MADE IN 1943 STANDS UP SO WELL THAT WE ARE PUBLISHING IT TODAY WITHOUT ANY CHANGES.

One of the most complicated aspects of the imperialist war is the "neutrality" along the Soviet-Japanese front in north Asia. The news commentators avoid this problem. The imperialist leaders on both sides say nothing. Yet, more questions can be asked about this relationship than almost any other problem of the war. Why doesn't Russia as an ally of the United States and England come to the aid of their war in the Pacific and finish off Japan so they can easily mop up the rest of the Axis? This would enable the United States and the Soviets to transfer more forces to Europe. Why doesn't Stalin come to the aid of China in a real effective way rather than with a dribble of supplies by the long desert routes of Asia? Why can't Stalin and Roosevelt come to an agreement to use Siberian air bases for American giant bombers against industrial Japan? The Siberian-Alaskan-Canadian route is ideal for this.

HOW TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

To answer these questions truthfully and not by diplomatic subterfuge would be an exposure of the whole crazy-quilt pattern of the exploiters war aims and the false policies of Stalinism.

The "neutrality" of Soviet-Japanese relations is the same kind of armed neutrality that Hitler and Stalin agreed to when the war started in Europe. By criticizing these pacts with the Axis we do not mean to imply that we are against signing pacts. We are against any pact wherein the Soviet Union gets the worst of the deal and that - history will show - will be the result of these Axis pacts. Likewise, we do not imply that Stalin should not sign pacts with the Axis, but should sign pacts with the United Nations. Stalin again gave more than he received in signing the Pacts with England and the United States.

There are more than two military sides to this imperialist war, even though there are fundamentally only two sides of the whole war - the survival of decay Capitalism or Communism.

It is ONLY an exploiters position to argue that you are either for the Axis or the United Nations. The position of the working class revolves around our CLASS INTERESTS, and its INDEPENDENT ACTIONS.

SOVIET AGREEMENTS WITH CAPITALIST NATIONS

Soviet agreements with capitalist nations, even such nations as

Germany, Japan, England and the United States are permissible and necessary weapons against the world capitalists, but such agreements of dealing with any phase of Soviet needs are auxiliary and supplementary to the CLASS INTERESTS and INDEPENDENT ACTIONS of the working class. We will show that the Soviet-Japanese Pact under Stalinism contradicts this fundamental position of the working class and Soviet interests as did the Hitler-Stalin Pact, as well as the Roosevelt-Churchill Pacts with Stalinism.

The present military situation reveals, in relation to Soviet-Japanese "neutrality", the potential forces pent up on the Siberian border. If Hitler could force Japan to attack Siberia it would relieve his retreating Axis forces regardless of the effects on Japan. On the other hand, this new military front on the Siberian border would be a god-send to Roosevelt-Churchill and the whole Pacific front. Roosevelt-Churchill, even though they have different interests care about as much for the Red Army as Hitler does for the Japanese army. In either case, with a victory of either side these forces on both sides would later confront each other openly as enemies as they do now in a concealed form. That is, Germany vs Japan or the United Nations vs the Soviets. Therefore on first observation it seems as though the problem resolves itself to the point where if you do it you will be damned, and if you don't do it you will be damned. In either case the two powers concerned, the Soviets and Japan, are between the devil and the deep blue sea. This is true ONLY from an imperialist standpoint. Once the Soviet Union would return to Marxism by dumping Stalinism and placing the INTERESTS of the working class first, these contradictions reveal a solution, even though they are not simple solutions, nevertheless they are steps forward toward turning the imperialist war into a civil war.

WHEN WILL JAPAN ATTACK THE SOVIETS?

It was clear to any student of military strategy, not to speak of experts, that Hitler's drive eastward through the Near East, toward India and other parts of Asia was an unsafe adventure as long as the Red Army remained intact to the rear when the Nazi hordes moved eastward. From a military point of view this threat, of the only remaining large land and air army in Europe had to be eliminated if Hitler was to bring about his "New Order". At the same time his shortage of supplies demanded the rich Ukraine and Caucasus areas.

Of course, more important in consideration is the fact that the social system of Fascism is entirely different from the social system in the Soviet Union, even though it is warped with Stalinist bureaucracy and the effects of a declining, rather than an advancing Transition Economy.

But the military consideration is no more than a curtain raiser, while the understanding of the social aspects reveals the true nature of the direction the war is heading in - class war.

So too, Japan has her military as well as her fundamental social antagonisms to settle with the Soviets. War between these two forces is inevitable.

JAPANESE STRATEGY

There is no doubt that Japan was waiting for Germany to give the Soviets in Europe a knock-out blow, as Italy waited for Germany decisively to defeat the French Army - and then step in and help on the "kill". But as we predicted from the first day of the invasion of Russia that this hoped for German victory would not take place, so too Japan more and more realizes that instead of getting in on the "kill", Tokyo is being pressed by Hitler to help get him out of the quicksands of the vastness of Russia. Japan was more than willing to get in on the "kill", but Japan will call the tune on the question of when she should come to the aid of Germany. Japan's whole military strategy of the last war and this war is based on the problem of UTILIZING THE IMPERIALIST CONFLICTS IN EUROPE (in which American imperialism is drawn) AND WHILE THEY ARE BUSY, TO GAIN HER EMPIRE IN ASIA.

THE AXIS AND THE SOVIETS

Some try to say the German invasion of the Soviets was a Hitler adventure to keep up the war spirit and to detract attention from the impasse he had placed the country in with his hollow victories. But this is only a caricature of the facts. Likewise, some are saying that Japanese war-lords will attack Siberia when they will have to divert attention from difficulties on other fronts. The axis leaders have shown so far that they understand the art of war, and that their moves are based upon cold, ruthless planning through mass murder to gain their material advantages of exploitation. So too will they move against Siberia. The most likely variant will not be an attack of the Soviets against Japan first.

Such an attack by the Soviets first would come as the result of either unprecedented United Nations victories against Japan and Stalin would want to get in on the "kill". Or it would come thru the increasing process of imperialist domination of the war aims of the Soviet Union which are already far off the path of independent working class action, far off the path of extending the October Revolution. With increasing infiltration of capitalist elements at the top in the Soviet Union, with war destruction increasing, with class fermentation rising in Russia toward greater workers and peasants democracy against Stalinist bureaucracy - on this basis the United Nations imperialists may be able to drive the Siberian forces into action for their imperialist NEEDS, for PROMISES to help Stalinism against the rising proletarian tide which threatens to sweep it from power.

JAPANESE ATTACK ON SOVIETS

But more likely than the above variant is the Japanese attack upon

Siberia as an essential act of defense to clean out a threat to its rear if it is forced to extend its military lines too far south and southwest away from its home base. With the Siberian Red Army intact in the rear of Japan, no gigantic extended military or economic operation southward is safe. Furthermore, it is becoming clearer day by day that even the defeat of China by Japan also demands the defeat of the Chinese Red Armies and the Siberian Red Armies. Even if the Nationalist Government would capitulate, the war of defense would continue on a growing scale throughout China. And it must be remembered, that China TODAY is a part of the imperialist war.

DANGER TO THE SOVIET UNION

It is elementary reasoning with the Japanese war lords that her island empire, extending thousands of miles to the south, with only outposts on the mainland, remain intact, even in defensive action, and above all when the Soviets hold one of the most powerful Asiatic armies pointing as a dagger at the industrial centers of the Japanese empire.

Japan is already doing her utmost to eliminate the Chinese threat. But while the Soviets exist unmolested to the north, they are not only supply feeders for the Chinese army, if only for self-protection, but also because the very existence of the Soviet Union, in spite of Stalinism, gives rise to the peasant red armies which fight their own battles against the Japanese invaders, against the nationalist government agents of the other imperialists, and against the desires, orders, or wishes of the Stalinists. These Red Armies of China are a peculiarly combined development of peasants in arms trying to solve the problems of a belated agrarian-democratic revolution in the DECAY stage of capitalism. Armed forces that by necessity of a solution of their own problems reach upward toward the proletariat - toward the future with their own "Red Army" for the freedom of mankind from exploitation.

These factors will inevitably bring the concealed war on the Siberian front into a gigantic open military conflict of first rate importance.

EUROPE, ASIA AND REVOLUTION

One cannot separate the military phase in Asia from the war in Europe. If Hitler had been more successful in his domination of Europe, if his "new order" did not stand on the quicksand of Social Revolution, Japan already would be at war in Siberia. Furthermore, gigantic events in Europe which have a direct repercussion in other parts of Europe, and not too slowly a repercussion in the United States, has a much slower tempo in its affects on Asiatic politics. The difference between industrial Europe and backward Asia, even though Europe has plenty of backwardness and Asia has gigantic industrial developments, lays the foundation for this relationship.

When the present rumbles of social revolutions reach the surface

in Europe in a gigantic explosion, Japan will have to act quickly to consolidate or else face the threat of these fires burning all the way to Tokyo.

Japan hopes to be able to consolidate her Asiatic empire while the OTHER imperialists are busy settling their preliminary European struggle. The domination of Europe by this or that imperialist bloc is merely a prelude to the struggle for the domination of Asia. Japan is already in the lead in the race, while the United States, although far behind Japan, is at least second, and way ahead of the other robber barons.

Japan has extended her empire control far into the south Pacific - but Japan still is far from her goal, her real objectives - a land empire on the continent of Asia as well as the vast rich island empire of the western Pacific.

Japan has already learned by bitter experience that it is almost impossible to conquer a giant backward country that has awakened from centuries of feudal slumber and is laboring under a belated Agrarian-Democratic revolution that becomes a phase of the proletarian revolution in China at this stage. And beyond China, in India, Japanese imperialism sees this same development. The Indian "revolution, and not the presence of the British and American troops has been the major factor that cut short the Axis advance.

As long as the Asiatic natives sit on the side line and let the Japanese and the white imperialists fight it out the Japanese are safe; but just as soon as the masses decide that they have their own war, a war of liberation against the imperialists, it not only will play havoc with British imperialist plans, but also with Japanese and others.

THE CHARACTER OF THE SOVIET UNION

If it were true, as the ultra-lefts say, and as the right wing capitalists say, that the Soviet Union is a capitalist state, and that the Soviet Union (not Stalinism) plays no independent role in world politics, then it is easy to conclude that the imperialists who dominate the United Nations war policy could force the Siberian troops into action against Japan to come to the aid of their hard pressed armies in other parts of Asia and the Pacific. The mere fact that the devastating pressure of the German army could not smash the Soviet Union, and the Soviet Union can withstand, for the time being, the pressure of the conflict in the Asiatic area, this reveals economic strength far beyond what a capitalist country could stand. We never denied the fact that in the Soviet Union the productivity, its level, its quality and quantity, has not yet reached the level of the most advanced capitalist countries such as Germany and the United States. But we emphatically stated that the KIND of economy, even though young and at a different LEVEL was different, was superior, was not capitalist but transition economy as the first step toward Socialist economy. Since simple economic facts

prove that the level of production was lower than in Germany, and in many respects a more backward country, the impact of the German war machine with the resources of European capital behind it would crack the Soviets like an eggshell IF IT WERE CAPITALIST. The tremendous gains of fascism against the Red Army and its vast penetration of Soviet soil with its destructive force, cannot be discounted and brushed away only because the productive level was not that of Germany and European capital.

Since the Soviet Union was fighting a defensive war in its own territory, the odds were in its favor: Much of this initial loss was due to the DECLINE of transition economy based on false Stalinist policies. No one denies that these policies of Stalinism have a material base; but we have dealt with that phase in other articles before. The point we want to make is that all the factors have a bearing on the problem but the key factor is the economic structure of a country. This mode of production will permeate its political and military activity, etc. The greatest proof of the superiority of the KIND of economy, regardless of its present level, is the ability of the Soviets to put up a fight against the imperialist invasion that startles the world. This in spite of the fact that the Soviets are saddled with the Stalinist bureaucracy.

WATCH THE SOVIET JAPANESE SITUATION

One thing is clear, not only in relation to the war in Europe, but above all the war in Asia. That the Soviet Union holds the key position. Speaking scientifically we mean to say - the EXTENSION OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION and the position of the Soviet Union in relation to this class problem. The Indian Revolution is a mile post in the march of the toiling millions against exploitation, but on the Soviet Siberian border all of the contradictions of the imperialist war, and the class war for liberation are reaching an explosion point. Every imperialist contradiction in Asia will come to the surface. The clearcut line of workers independent action against the imperialist war, and the Stalinist betrayal in support of this war through the formula of a "People's War", will also reach the surface, so that more millions can see the real road out of the destruction and death of the exploiters war.

January 20, 1943.

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IS GEOPOLITICS A SCIENCE?

The years of Nazi struggle for world power have dramatized a new word and a new so-called science - Geopolitics. We wish to examine this concept and see how much of truth and how much of ideological baggage it contains.

Geopolitics is supposedly the science of world politics based on a "scientific" evaluation of geographic factors. In the last analysis it is merely "Welt-politik" trimmed with geographic facts to make it seem scientific. Geopolitics assumes that the struggles of the nations, and the "necessary" predominance of one nation over others are the outcome of economic geography.

Geopolitics is but another illustration of the Germanic tendency to make a system out of everything. Nietzscheism, Spenglerism, Aryanism - and geopolitics - all are the ideological reflection of the interests of the German capitalist class; yet each purports to supply the UNDERLYING theory for German superiority. In short each is a rationalization of the needs of the ruling class. And each serves to prove that so long as the capitalist minority rules in any country, science is perverted into a defense of the interests of the ruling class. There can be no objective pursuit of scientific interests in the long run under such class domination. Only when the workers overthrow the capitalists can science as a whole serve the interests of humanity as a whole.

A deeper study of the origins of geopolitics will well illustrate how the bad and the good are combined to make a hodge-podge in the interests of German imperialism.

Since the recent rise of German imperialism to a key world position under fascist domination much has been said and written about Haushofer and geopolitics. Major-General, Professor, Doctor Karl Haushofer has much of that egotism that Hitler displays. And now that Hitler and his barbarian hordes have crumbled with the fall of German imperialism much will be said about geopolitics, and it is well for the revolutionary Marxists to lay down a general outline for this "new" old concept of imperialism.

The Nazis speak of geopolitics as "Wissenschaft und Kunst", as a science and an art. Haushofer speaks of Political Geography as a static science and refers to Geopolitics as a dynamic science. Hess as one of Haushofer's most faithful pupils had much to do with bringing Hitler and Haushofer together, and with Hitler's remoulding and using Geopolitics as part of his political baggage for the attempt at world domination.

THE BACKGROUND OF GEOPOLITICS

A Swede by the name of Rudolph Kjellen was the first to draw a

distinction between the concept of political geography and geopolitics and to present some of the theoretical concepts. But it was Mackinder, an English writer, who laid down the basic concepts which Doctor Haushofer borrowed and used for the needs of German imperialism. In fact a whole series of writers on politics and geography have presented in one form or another these ideas expounded by the Nazis under the Haushofer-Hitler leadership. Von Eulow in his book, "The Spirit of the New System of War", published in 1799, said, "As long as there is anything to divide or take there will be wars". Friedrich List, friend of Henry Clay, praised the Monroe Doctrine and dealt with the question of living space, "lebensraum".

RATZEL AND GEOPOLITICS

Friederich Ratzel, a leading German geographer in the 19th century, laid down general laws on the expansion of nations. Ratzel's seven laws of expansion are no more laws of a nation's growth than many other so-called social laws that the exploiters' society has presented in one form or another; but his general theme fits into the dynamics of the needs of an expanding imperialist power which needs ideological excuses and propaganda means to simplify those means to expansion. Ratzel in turn was a follower of Treitschke, a rapid exponent of Teutonic virtues.

Oswald Spengler in 1937 wrote, "Distance is a force politically and militarily as yet unconquered". Geopolitics aimed to map out a plan, using the total organization of the state and all of its scientific developments to obtain this end, especially insofar as the earth was concerned.

POWER POLITICS

Geopolitics is nothing more than a form of power politics in its most naked form, where the old concept that might is right reigns supreme. Robert Strausz-Hupe in his book, "The Struggle for Space and Power", speaking of Geopolitics says, "Each nation now fights for survival, and no quarter is given to the weak". This is just another way of saying, in concealed form, that in the decay stage of capitalism the exploiters and their state are fighting a war for survival and no quarter is given to the weak. He says, "Nationality....is man's last refuge". Again we should correct and state that under the capitalist system of exploitation, where national unity must replace class unity if capitalism is to survive - nationality is man's last refuge.

Strausz-Hupe says, "There can be no stable order, hence there is only one certainty; everlasting struggle". This he expresses, not necessarily as his view, but as that of the Geopolitical groups.

SEA POWER AND LAND POWER

Some have said that Haushofer has presented the theory of land power as a counterpart of Mahan's theory of great nations and

sea powers. And there is much truth in this statement:

Mahan, the friend of Theodore Roosevelt and Henry Cabot Lodge, wrote several books on the question of sea power which not only had deep influence on America but also on British, French and German sea power and military problems. The geographic locations of America and England as well as the tasks of any power that had considerable colonial possessions overseas would naturally result in efforts to solve every key problem in relation to sea power.

Mahan's influence upon the present war in regard to the policy of England and America is still great. In fact, England's policy at the start of the war, when Germany was marching across Europe using the tank and the airplane to such good advantage, overemphasized Mahan's theories and underestimated the theories on tank and especially air power.

It was only after the entry of America in the war and a reorganization of strategy on land, air and sea power, that a proper relationship was obtained in regard to these arms of service. In the European area, although the sea power to bring men and material to Europe was of great importance, the key to the defeat of Italian and German imperialism was tank and especially air power. In Asia where sea power plays an even more important part it is in the end only a means to the end of greater air power. No one is trying to belittle the land power and especially the infantry. Without this land power follow up, all that the sea power delivers and all that the air power destroys is not finis. Land power must CONSOLIDATE control and rapidly follow up the strategical advantages created by superior sea and air power on a world battle ground.

Geopolitics is primarily emphasized by a nation surrounded by land, whose expansion requires great land extensions. Germany in its geographic location, in contrast to England, would emphasize land power against England's sea power. The United States with its two "isolated" continents would more readily grasp both and try to unite them. In the past the Monroe Doctrine was a first translation of "land power" while her imperialist expansion after the Spanish American war and entry into the Pacific increased her need for coordinating this with sea power.

This problem of land, sea and air power is strategically related to the question of Geopolitics.

GERMAN GEOPOLITICS

It was Mackinder who laid down the broad outline of the land problem of eastern Europe which Haushofer and Hitler so well understood and tried to solve where the Kaiser failed. Mackinder said, "Who rules Eastern Europe commands the heartland". The heartland of the two continents of Europe and Asia. He goes on to explain that who rules the heartland commands this "world island" of Asia and Europe. He says, "Who commands the world island rules the world."

He considered the heartland to extend from the Elbe river in Germany, where the United States and Soviet Red Army have met, to the Amur. This area is now in the hands of the Soviet Union under Stalin.

Mackinder points out that the other continents are not decisive in world control, once one power obtains this key position and has the scientific means to utilize it.

Hitler's grand plan was to obtain this heartland, to obtain the Ukraine and to dominate Europe and Asia, to connect this land empire. On this foundation the British Isles and the life line through the Near East and India are not safe. Neither would the East Asia empire of Japan be safe from such a land power of Asia and Europe. Neither would Africa or South America (through Dakar) be safe. In short, it is the key land base from a social, political, and economic standpoint.

When Germany had Europe, was at the gates of the Suez in north Africa, was at the gates of Moscow and already half way across south-east Russia near the gates of India, Hitler and Haushofer almost had their empire in the bag.

Now the Soviet Union holds that heartland key position including land all the way to the Pacific, but Stalin has not yet CONSOLIDATED this position, and the United States and England are going to do everything possible to prevent this consolidation.

GEOPOLITICS IS NOT A SCIENCE

The Haushofer theories used by Hitler are not a science. Geopolitics is the utilization of a great number of political and geographic facts about the world and by a military staff for its imperialist needs to redivide the world through plunder and exploitation.

Even Doctor Haushofer in his earlier writings admits this. In his introduction to his translation of James Fairgrieve's book, "Geography and World Power" (London, 1922), a book published in Berlin in 1925, Haushofer says, "Geography is the key to only part of all the political, economic and social problems of human society". By a part he stated, ^{his concepts} about a quarter. But the needs of Fascism were decisive, and were warped and twisted to fit their imperialist needs.

Under Hitler the Geopolitical institute became not only a world wide institution to collect geopolitical information for the future world domination planned, but also a cloak and legal cover for one of the greatest world wide spy rings this earth has ever seen.

GEOPOLITICS AND HISTORICAL MATERIALISM

At best geopolitics is the warped forms of national interests of

great powers for imperialist needs where facts and fancy are woven as one to justify their "national" cause against other weaker nations. It has borrowed and warped some of the concepts of the revolutionary Marxists, namely some of the concepts of Historical Materialism, just like Hitler took over some of the tactical and strategical theories of Lenin on the art of revolution. The exploiters' society has warped every field of research that touched on the needs and interests of human society. Fascism deepens this fakery. Bourgeois economics, sociology, psychology, geopolitics, etc., can at best be warped facts and much fancy to fit the needs of the exploiting minority against the millions and millions of the exploited majority. That is the case of geopolitics under Haushofer who had to yield to Hitler more and more.

It must be kept in mind that the geopolitics of Hitler was a part of his grand plan and propaganda for the German people. The fascists took over any and everything that could be of value in their fight against the working class and against the other powers for living space, for the struggle to redivide the earth by a new imperialist war.

Geopolitics was taken over. The concept of total war, expounded by Ludendorff, by others, and theoretically explained by Marx-Engels long before, and practiced by Lenin and Trotsky, was also taken over. When we speak of total war by Fascism and total war by the Bolsheviks we are speaking of one form of two different contents. The total war of the Red Army was a question and is a question of the interest of the exploited majority; while the total war of fascism is waged for the interest of the exploiting minority.

This diabolic plan of Hitler and his fascist hordes was to re-make the map of the world with a Nietzsche superman, the fascist, and the peoples of the world as the slaves. In less than ten years of this grand plan of organized starvation of fascism over thirty million people, men, women, and children, have been killed by Hitler, have been plowed under to make possible his world domination. This thirty million does not include military manpower killed on both sides, nor those yet to die before the war is over.

Geopolitics stripped of its fascist imperialist needs and fancy represents a few facts that Historical Materialism under Marx and Engels laid down long ago.

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