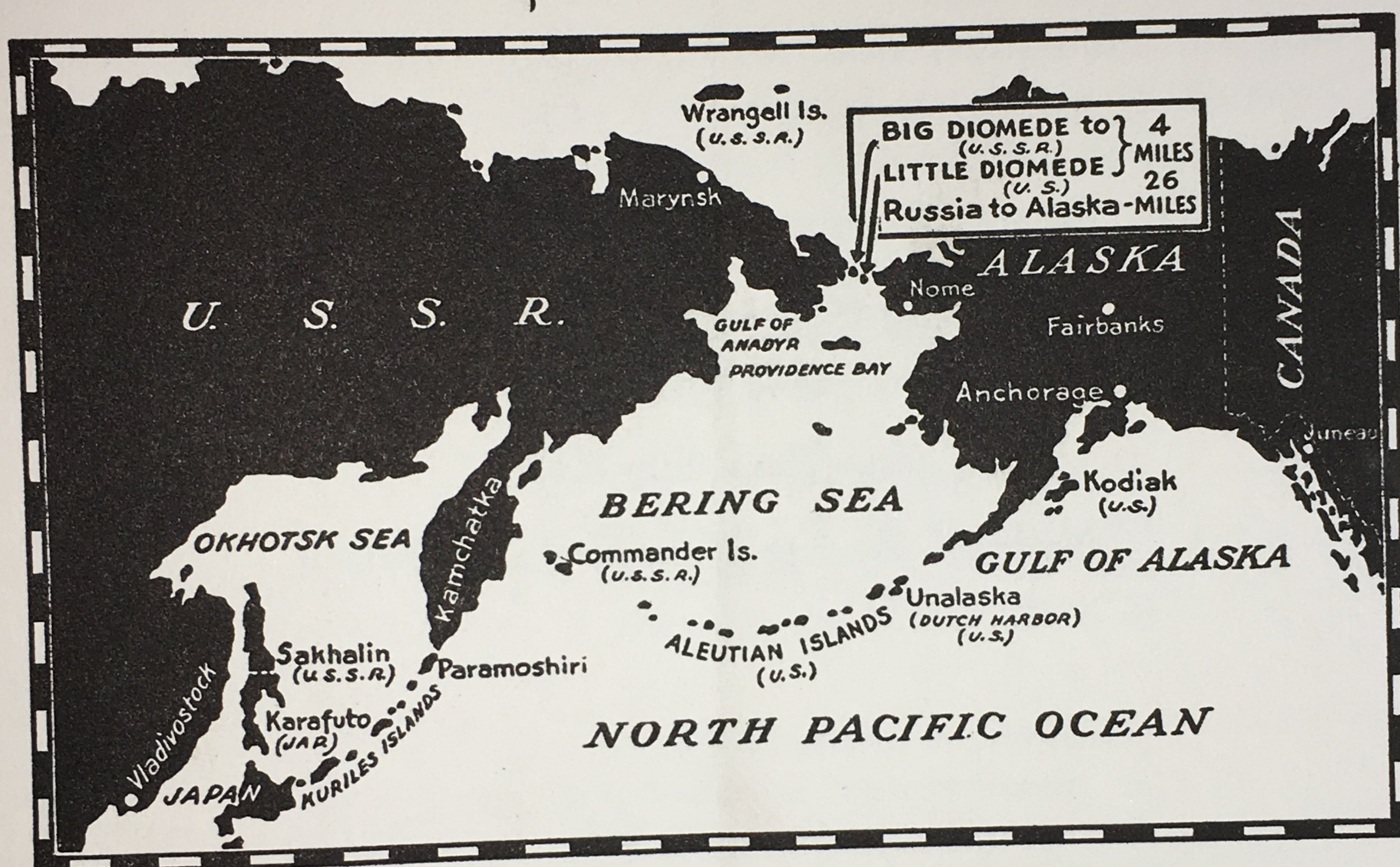


Shall we Repeal Russian Recognition?

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Shall we strengthen or break off our relations with Soviet Russia? Is Soviet Russia our real friend or potential enemy?

Read this *and* decide for yourself!

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 THE United States is playing with fire by maintaining its friendly relations with Soviet Russia. Just as the British burned their fingers to the bone at Munich, so have we been continuously double-crossed by Moscow. The difference is that the British aroused themselves quickly from their idealistic dreams of appeasement whereas America still continues to deal with Joseph Stalin on a basis of beautiful and trusting friendship. We, too, are in for a rude and expensive awakening.

The American Government officially recognized the government of Soviet Russia, the oldest dictatorship in Europe, during the first term of President Roosevelt, and co-incidental with Hitler's first rise to power. On November 17, 1934, Maxim Litvinoff, on behalf of the Soviet Government, officially entered into a solemn agreement with the United States Government, promising among other things, to . . .

1. Respect scrupulously the indisputable rights of the United States to order its own life within its own jurisdiction and in its own way, and to refrain from interference in any manner in the internal affairs of the United States . . .
2. Refrain and to restrain all persons in government service and all organizations of the government, or *under its direct or indirect control*, including organizations in receipt of any financial assistance from it, from any act, *overt or covert*, liable in any way whatsoever to inure the tranquility prosperity, order or security of the United States . . . and in particular from any act tending to incite or encourage armed intervention, or any agitation or propaganda having as an aim the violation of the territorial integrity of the United States.
3. Not to permit the formation or residence on its territory of any organization or groups . . . or of representatives or officials of any organization or

groups . . . which make claim to be the government of, or make an attempt upon the territorial integrity of the United States.

4. Not to permit the formation or residence on its territory of any organization or group, or of representatives or officials of any organization or group . . . which has as its aim the overthrow or the preparation for the overthrow of, or bring about by force of a change in the political or social order of the whole or any part of the United States.

That is the basis on which the United States officially recognized the government of Soviet Russia, or, to put it correctly, the personal dictatorship of Joseph Stalin. Litvinoff was highly elated in having "put this over" on gullible America. Only a few days after signing the above agreement he cynically gave notice to his fellow Communists in America to disregard the terms of it. On November 21, 1934, he stated in the "Daily Worker", official organ of the Communist Party of America . . . "The Third International is not mentioned in this document. You must not read into it more than was intended." What was actually intended was to carry on and promote the Communist subversive movement in America under the cloak of official recognition.

The results of the Russian Recognition Agreement have proven to be entirely contrary to its obligations. Since the signing of this document until today there has been a tremendous increase in this country of numerous Communist *organizations and groups*, of Communist *representatives*, of Communist *agitation and incitement*, of Communist *propaganda*, and other Communist activities, *overt and covert*, to such an alarming extent that it necessitated the formation of a Congressional Investigating Committee to look into these subversive Communist activities. The official records of the Dies Committee contain ample, detailed and irrefutable evidence

that the Russian Recognition Agreement has been grossly and repeatedly violated by Moscow, to the detriment of our own domestic *prosperity* and *tranquility*. It is amazing how any American can be so naive as to trust the word of Joseph Stalin to honor a solemn agreement with this country anymore than with little Finland which he so ruthlessly attacked.

In the light of Moscow's treachery and of her proven violation of the Russian Recognition Agreement, we are not only fully justified, but, for our own protection and self preservation, we must answer this question: Shall we *REPEAL RUSSIAN RECOGNITION?*

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In the matter of our relations with Soviet Russia, it is high time that we regain our proper sense of perspective and cease being an ostrich with its head buried deeply into the treacherous quicksands of international complications. When we speak of "friendly" relations with Soviet Russia let us first remind ourselves that friendship between individuals as well as among nations must work *both ways* or there can be no real basis of understanding. And let us insist that Russia recognizes this fact.

On our part it is a traditional American policy to refrain from interfering with the domestic affairs of foreign countries. We may not agree with them, we may dislike and even despise foreign ideologies, but Americans do not go around the world insisting that other countries accept our own ideals. We do not find American soapbox orators in the Red Square of Moscow expounding the virtues and values of our American form of government, of our constitutional democracy, of our Bill of Rights, of our guaranteed freedom of religion, freedom of the written and spoken word, of free elections, of individual opportunity. We do not find in Russia an American political party openly and vigorously advocating a change of government in Russia. Nor do we find in Russia

an American opposed to Communism running for President of Russia. We do not find in Russia the American and the Red Flag side by side in mass meetings for a new order in Russia. We do not find the American Government nor the American people supporting numerous organizations, groups and individuals in Russia in a grand attempt to Americanize the Soviet Republics. All that, of course, is ridiculous. But, in reverse, that is exactly what Russia is doing in our own country . . . which makes us the champion fools of the world.

All of us in America know, or should know, what the American way of life stands for and what it means to us. Do we want to change it to the *Russian* way of life . . . to Communism? Let us see what Communism really stands for and what it would mean to us.

The fundamental principle of Communism is clearly defined by the greatest expert of the subject, often called the father of Communism, none other than Karl Marx himself:

"The theory of the Communists may be summed up in the single sentence: ABOLITION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY."

Whatever may have been said or written about Communism, since Karl Marx issued his famous COMMUNIST MANIFESTO, in 1848, the basic principle . . . Abolition of private property . . . remains the same to this day. This is the principle of the Soviet Government. It is the motivating force of the Communist movement throughout the world.

Americans must well understand, and not forget, that the abolition of private property can not be accomplished without completely revolutionizing the political, social and economic structure of the country. It means first that the government becomes the master of the individual, instead of the servant of the people. It means complete government control over home and family relations so that the state can reign supreme; it includes the abolition of the churches and religion so that

Communism may be the *only* faith of the people; the abolition of private enterprise, the profit system and inheritance as everything shall belong to the state; the confiscation of all private wealth and property without remuneration; it means collective farms and drafting of labor by the state; it means an educational system whereby youth will be steeped in the teachings of Communism and atheism. It means the end of all that America and Americans stand for.

As a supreme insult, Earl Browder, convicted Communist leader, says of all this: "*Communism is twentieth century Americanism*".

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Communism, being revolutionary in principle, cannot be accomplished without revolutionary methods. Russia is the outstanding example and the world centre of revolutionary Communism. From Moscow this insidious movement has penetrated into practically every country of the world. Italy was on the brink of a revolution after the World War. So was Germany. Spain had her Communist revolution and counter-revolution which laid that unfortunate country bare through a long and terrible civil war. France was definitely "softened up" by Communist activities for a tragic defeat. It is little known, but there was a time when mutiny threatened the mighty British fleet.

In China the Communists control territory several times the size of New England, maintain a huge and well-equipped Red Army and at one time kidnapped Chiang Kai-shek. They even established a "Chinese Soviet Republic" and issued Chinese notes and silver coins bearing the images of Lenin and Karl Marx, and the emblem of *the hammer and the sickle*.

Closer home we have seen a Communist form of government in Mexico apply the fundamental principles of Karl Marx by confiscating millions of dollars of American prop-

erty, none of which has, so far, been returned or compensated for.

But the richest prize of all is the richest country in the world . . . our own United States. It is therefore perfectly logical that Moscow should, and does, exert its greatest efforts to capture this great American prize for revolutionary Communism.

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The Communist Party of the United States of America is the main connecting link between revolutionary Communism in Russia and America. Its Constitution admits that it is a "working class political party" and that it means to attain its objectives "by establishing common ownership of the national economy . . . by the establishment of socialism, according to the scientific principles enunciated by the greatest teachers of mankind, Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin, embodied in the Communist International." And further that "The emblem of the Party shall be the crossed hammer and sickle, representing the unity of worker and farmer, with the circular inscription having at the top 'Communist Party of the U. S. A.' in the lower part 'Affiliated to the Communist International.'

Regardless of any involved denials and subterfuges, there is no question of a direct and intimate connection between the American Communist Party and the Soviet Government, which means Joseph Stalin's dictatorship. We see, therefore, the strange picture of a Russian-born, Russian directed, revolutionary movement in America, totally un-American and under the control of the Soviet Government, and at the same time we maintain officially a cordial and friendly relationship with that very government which seeks to destroy us.

Testifying before the Dies Committee, Mr. Walter S. Steele, editor of the National Republic Magazine, and representing the American Coalition of over a hundred patriotic societies, said of the Communist organizations in America:

"The United States is sectioned off for action by the Communist Party of the United States (section of the Third International) into 26 districts and 187 sub-districts sections in over 500 cities. There is a direct plan of action for each section, which are likewise subdivided into units. The units, in turn, are subdivided into numerous other sections or cells . . . Their main organ of propaganda reaches people in more than 2000 cities. It may or may not alarm you to know that there are more than 600 national Communist organizations and closely cooperating movements in the United States, regarding which we have information. We doubt very much that anyone in America can tell you how many more there are. But the leaders in Moscow know."

Mr. Steele, with the permission of the Chairman, placed into the records of the Committee a list of 600 organizations referred to in his testimony. These organizations reach into almost every field of American society, including agriculture, industry, labor, youth, sports, the theatre, the professions, business, movies, religion, racial education, relief, government employees and foreign language groups.

In this same testimony Mr. Steele refers to Communist propaganda:

"The Communists and their cooperating movements maintain 400 or more regular newspapers, magazines, and Communist news bulletins in this country . . . One publisher of communistic propaganda brags in one of his advertising dodgers that two of his writings which were put into pamphlet form have attained a circulation of over 3,000,000 in the United States. These pamphlets are not only Communist propaganda but are designed to reach the youth of our land, and criticize the ministers and religion of our Nation. They also deal with the theories of Marx and the Russian Revolution.

It is noticeable that the Soviet Government Agencies use large advertising space in most of these Communist publications."

As to criticizing our religion, this is quite in line with Communist policy as advocated by Moscow. It may be enlightening to American parents to absorb carefully two recent dispatches from Moscow, reprinted in American newspapers:

REDS PRESS ATHEISM (by Associated Press from Moscow) "New Courses of anti-religious instruction will be introduced in high schools and universities throughout the Soviet Union, it was announced today."

HALF SOVIET GODLESS (by United Press from Moscow) "Half the population of the Soviet Union now has no religious affiliations and three million Russians are militant atheists, Emilyan Yaroslavsky, president of the Society of Militant Godless, announced today on the Society's 15th anniversary. Yaroslavsky urged intensified propaganda to convert the entire population to atheism."

These are authentic dispatches from a country whose government came into power through Communistic Revolution, and which schemes and works to bring about a world Revolution to impose its Communistic principles on every country, particularly on the United States. And this is the government with which our government still maintains friendly and cordial relations.

Summing up, it may come as a shock to the average American to read a final extract from the Dies Committee in the form of a pamphlet, published by the Workers Library, 50 East 13th Street, New York City, and widely circulated through Communist organizations in this country:

"We Communists do not say to the workers that they have to begin the civil war today or tomorrow. We say that the civil war is the inevitable outcome of long and arduous struggles against the capitalists and their state, and that these struggles must be made the everyday practice of the working class . . . The overthrow of the state power, and with it the capitalist

system, grows out of the everyday struggles of the workers. One is historically inseparable from the other.

There comes a time when large sections of the population say that this simply cannot go on. The Government seems to be entirely unable to cope with the political and social difficulties. The belief of the population in the wisdom and all-powerfulness of the "men higher up" is shaken. The confidence of the masses in their own strength is growing apace. The struggles of the masses meanwhile become broader and deeper . . . The clearer the class-consciousness of the workers, the more they are steeled in fighting, the better revolutionary leadership they have developed, the more capable are they to deal the final blows . . . A time comes when there is demoralization above, a growing revolt below, the morale of the army is also undermined. There are actual insurrections; the army wavers. Panic seizes the rulers. A general uprising begins.

Workers stop work, many of them seize arms by attacking arsenals. Many had armed themselves before . . . Street fighting becomes frequent. Under the leadership of the Communist Party, the workers organize revolutionary committees to be in command of the uprising. There are battles in the principal cities. Barricades are built and defended. The workers fighting have a decisive influence with the soldiers. Army units begin to join the revolutionary fighters . . . Armed workers and soldiers and marines besiege the principal governmental offices, *invade the residence of the President and his cabinet members, arrest them, declare the old regime abolished and establish their own power.*

Having crushed the capitalist state, the social revolution, acting through armed workers and soldiers, will establish a soviet state . . .

The Communist Party is the vanguard and general staff of the workers in their struggle against the old system, in their revolution against it, and in the upbuilding of the new system. The Communist Party is

a political party. Its aim is to effect the seizure of political power by the workers.

There can be working-class movements without the Communist Party . . . There can be no ultimate overthrow of the entire capitalist system without the Communist Party . . .”

This document was printed, published and distributed in the United States of America. It is nothing short of treason. It is the tried Communist Revolutionary formula of the Soviet Russian Government, the same government with which we stupidly are still maintaining cordial and friendly relations.

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Joseph Stalin, who is really the government of Soviet Russia, stands convicted on many counts before the bar of American public opinion.

He is a ruthless and treacherous dictator, in league with Hitler to drive the last vestige of democracy from the earth. Together they have partitioned Poland, and honorable Finland, and Rumania, while Stalin took for himself Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania. The end is not yet in sight, if there be an end at all to these dictatorial conquests.

In America the Communists, under direction and with the aid of Moscow, have continuously conspired to overthrow our form of government and to create a Communist state instead. Moscow maintains its agents here, its propagandists, its representatives, all of whom have caused considerable incitement, strikes, social upheaval, and losses to our industry, shipping, and the general *prosperity* and *tranquility* of our country. In no other first class nation would this be allowed to continue except in America. Hiding under the cloak of our Constitutional Democracy and the Recognition Agreement, Moscow and its agents have violated the privileges of both these instruments and have forfeited the right of our protection and friendship.

Soviet Russia, under Stalin, is *not* a friend of America. Moscow is our menace, a direct threat to our form of government and to our security. In the face of all this we not only continue our official friendly relations with those who mean to destroy us but we actually are helping them by shipping them war materials which, in time, will be used against us.

Since July 25, 1940, the Maritime Commission has approved charters of 10 United States tankers to Russian interests in contradiction of its policy of disapproving charters of American tankers outside the Western Hemisphere. During this same period the commission has rejected six applications by Japanese interests as well as from Spain. Our Government has declared that aviation gasoline is vital to our defense program and may not be exported without special license. This does not apply to auto fuel oil. But . . .

American high grade gasoline can quickly be converted into aviation fuel, and at a small cost. During the last four months the Soviet Government has purchased 1,000,000 barrels of our high grade, easily converted fuel oil for shipment to Siberian ports . . .

Oil, as we all know, is one of the most vital sinews of modern warfare. And now we see the strange spectacle of America shipping this vital war necessity in large quantities to our potential enemies. What becomes of this American oil for Russia? What is it used for? Does it find its way to Germany?

The millions of barrels of good American oil which we have shipped, and are still shipping to Russia does not have to find its way to Germany to do us uncalculable harm. It is used mostly in Siberia, for aviation fuel. But, if we did not ship it there, Russia would have to send it from her own supplies in Europe. By releasing American oil to Siberia, Russia can release the equivalent quantities to Germany from her home stocks and save the trouble and expense of long shipments via Trans-Siberian R.R.

What does Russia need all this aviation fuel for in Siberia? The answer to this question constitutes a grave danger to our future security.

Stalin is building a great Far Eastern Empire and the American oil we are sending there is helping him to strengthen his hold on a vast territory, on the Pacific Ocean, and practically in sight of our own shores. From Vladivostock to the northern tip of the Asiatic Continent, a few miles across from Alaska, Soviet Russia is extremely busy in building landing fields, ports, roads, meteorological stations, surveying and mapping air routes, increasing its armed forces, all unknown to the general American public which has its international eyes mostly on exciting European events. We do not generally realize that we have our own "English Channel" dividing Alaska and Russia by only a few miles, so narrow and so easily navigable by air that Seattle fur dealers import their furs direct by plane from Siberia. Here lies a real danger for us right on our own front door step.

Only a few years ago the first non-stop flight took place between Moscow and Vladivostock. Since that time aviation in the Russian Pacific Maritime provinces has increased so rapidly that the Communists now buy more than a million barrels of good American oil for use in these Far Eastern planes . . . *American oil for the planes of Stalin!* What next?

Next we are shipping to Russia-proper large quantities of oil well machinery, pipe and tools so that the Communists can speed up their oil production for war purposes!

We all know that machine tools are the backbone of armament production. Yet we shipped more than \$16,000,000 of assorted American machine tools to Soviet Russia during the first six months of 1940 . . . and these shipments are increasing! What are these American machine tools used for by Mr. Stalin? Naturally . . . for war purposes and not as a loving gesture to the United States.

In addition, we are shipping to Russia other war necessities such as copper, steel, and, of all things, large quantities of *wheat*. Why wheat to Russia? So that conquering armies may be better fed.

We are doing everything for the Russian Communists except giving them money, and we may even come to that. The Soviet Government has already made application to the American government for the release of funds held in this country by the little nations which the Communists conquered . . . Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Incidentally, Soviet Russia owes over \$400,000,000 to American firms and individuals whose properties and funds the Communists confiscated during the Revolution. The return of this money was also a part of the Litvinoff Recognition Agreement but, like all the other Communist promises, not a cent was returned.

Recently the Soviet Ambassador to the United States gave a splendid reception in Washington in honor of the Anniversary of the Revolution. Important American Government officials and foreign diplomats attended this party of Stalin's man. Only a few days later there was another party, also very splendid, but it happened in Berlin, a meeting between The Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotoff and Adolph Hitler . . . which was *not* for the purpose of *making the world safe for democracy!*

But America continues to ship oil, and machine tools and copper and wheat to Communist Russia under the most cordial and friendly relations . . . What next?

There is only one thing that should come next . . . Americans must make up their minds about **REPEALING RUSSIAN RECOGNITION!**

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