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Baltic Fascists Here Seek War on USSR

Baltic reactionaries, still recognized by the United States, are openly calling for warfare with the Soviet Union, the Daily Worker learned yesterday, and one of them is Julius Smetona, son of the late Antanas Smetona, president of pre-Soviet Lithuania.

. Writing for a weekly called Vienybe, pub-lished at 193 Grand St., Brooklyn, New York, on Sept. 27, Smetona reveals that he expect ed the United States and England to fight the Soviet Union after Germany was defeated. He expresses great fears that such will not be the case. His article is called to our attention by the progressive Lithuanian weekly, Laisve.

Vienybe is the same paper that greeted_ Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union with the June 23, 1941, headline: "Lithuania Is Now Free."

Patriotic Lithuanian Ami. ,nder why a sheet like this still is allowed mailing rights and circulation privileges in our coun-.

try. Admitting that he had counted on a German victory, Smetona writes: "We speculated that the Germans would defeat the Bolsheviki . and that later the Allies would defeat the Germans."

Scorning any concept of the United Nations, Smetona declared that cooperation with the Soviet Union is "pure yielding to the Bolsheviki on all points. In truth it should be called not 'cooperation' but 'doggish ser-vility'."

And then Smetona gets to the main point: "England's and America's army will have to remain in Europe to save Europe from

its 'Ally.' Sooner or later it will be necessary to do away with Moscow's threat to Europe and to the whole world." "War to the end" against the Soviet Union

is the direct demand concluding Smetona's article.

Alfred_Bilmanis, who is still here as "Lat-vian, Minister," did not exactly come out

for anti-Soviet war in a letter to yesterday's York Times. New

But he hinted strongly that his views approximate those of Smetona:

"The Latvian nation expects the restoration of its government and sovereign rights," he averred, "of which it has been forcibly deprived by both the Nazis and the Bolsheviks." Bilmanis s still ensconced in an "Embassy"

in Washington So is Smetona's close friend,

the Lithuanian envoy, <u>Povilas Zadelki</u>s. <u>Johannes Kaiv</u> is "Acting Consul General" for Esthonia.

They all want to re-establish the fascistlike dictatorship which gave them their cushy positions-and which were ousted by 99 percent of the Baltic populations in 1940. These "official representatives" show re-markably little embarrassment at their at their anomalous position here, apparently relying on continued recognition of their phantom regimes. How long will they enjoy Washing-ton's hospitality, we wonder?