

SUCCESS in war depends upon men,
not money.

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Pal Joey

For the duration of the war, we think the British treaty and the American agreement with Russia are all for the best.



Officially
Our Pal, Now

Up to now, Russia has been the one Ally that could stand up to Hitler's best and strongest and give them as good as they sent. It has been only common sense all along for us to ship Russia what war gear we could, and for Britain to do the same.

The British treaty and the American agreement (cast in the form of an agreement instead of a treaty so as to bypass any embarrassing debate in the Senate) mainly formalize these practices and make them official so far as the war itself goes.

We don't see how this can hurt the Allied war effort, except in so far as it may cut down Allied aid to China and make the Chinese feel that they are stepchildren. If it makes Pal Joey Stalin feel like any more of a pal of ours than he felt before the papers were signed, O.K. You can't afford to be choosy about the complexion or politics of anybody who is willing to help you fight a desperate war.

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Some of these agreements' stipulations about the future, however, may bob up eventually to make that

Time Bombs future not quite so rosy as it is now being painted by Messrs. Henry A. Wallace, Sumner Welles and kindred idealists.

For one of these—the British treaty with Russia—skates delicately around Russia's well-known desire to get Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and parts of Poland and Finland out of this war. That question is put off until after the war. Russia, indeed, agrees to abide by two of the Atlantic charter principles, in not seeking territorial aggrandizement for itself, and in not interfering with the internal affairs of other states.

Pal Joey has always, very shrewdly and realistically, kept promises when it would help him to keep them and broken them when it would help him to break them. We'd hate to lay any bets that he won't forget this

promise at the peace table if our side wins the war. If in due time somebody—guess who—has to fight *Russia* to make Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Finland safe for democracy, we don't expect to be exactly dumfounded.

For another of these possible future troublemakers, the United States has agreed with Russia, so far as we can make out from Art. 7 of the agreement, to loosen up greatly the lend-lease arrangements between the two countries. All Russian favors to us are to be offset against our bill to Russia in the post-war reckoning. There is no guarantee that Pal Joey won't then call us Uncle Shylock and claim that he saved the entire Allied cause in late 1941 and early 1942 and therefore doesn't owe us or any other United Nation a red cent.

If these and other clauses in these agreements turn out to be time bombs later on, there will at least be this consoling thought: It has been the immemorial practice of diplomats and statesmen to sow the seeds of future conflicts in present treaties, and this practice up to now has never failed to do its part in keeping the future beautifully interesting and unpredictable.

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An agreement regarding a second front has also been reached by the three high contracting parties.

What that agreement is, the American, British and Russian peoples are not permitted to know. **No More Dunkirks** Whether it will be opened this year, or whether our leaders only agree that it would be a fine thing to open it this year, we are not told, for military reasons.

Whenever the United States and Great Britain do decide to open a second land front, we hope no halfway or halfhearted attempts at it will be made.

We hope all plans will be carefully worked out to the last detail and possibility of upset; and that into this offensive thrust will go every man, ship, plane, gun and tank that can be thrown in. That is the only way yet discovered to launch an offensive thrust with reasonable hope of success.

Our strategists and tacticians will violate a prime rule of war if they fail to gather up their available strength in one great fist of power, and hurl it at one likely looking spot in Hitler's defense ring, and keep on slugging. In a land invasion of the European Continent, the setting up of a bridgehead will be only a good beginning. The main task will be to hold that bridgehead and widen it into a real invasion.

We don't want any more glorious Gallipolis, Cretes, Singapores or Dunkirks.

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