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concerning an American military plane in Moscow who was taken during the war for an inspection of Soviet plane production. After examining the plane, the American found in some astonishment his... "But where are the motors?" to which he... "And what about..."

My dear Governor Lehman: galling many votes by your explanations, you have alienated the votes of a great many people who believe that it is our concern with the Communist support but in the next breath I was shocked to read that it was "sheer hypocrisy to preach the principles of democracy abroad while we violate them dismally at home." This statement could be expected from a "Stalin friend" or a "totalitarian liberal", but not from a man of your background and understanding. The Daily Worker could not have said it any better. Do you forget that it is the democratic national administration that is trying to get a little more freedom for the oppressed people of Europe and Asia? Do you want us to vote against you because of what your party is doing in Washington?

The average American to whom you spoke, knows that we are not perfect. He also knows that progress in democracies is slow. The last word in economic, social and political matters will never be written. But just as Secretary Byrne said last night, we did make quite some progress. Would you call his enunciation of democratic principles "sheer hypocrisy" simply because we have not as yet attained perfection?

We surely could and should answer the "false and very misleading propaganda" of the Stalin government and be alarmed about its aggression in Europe and Asia, even if we have not as yet reached a state of perfection, especially if this is to be "One World". Furthermore since you never hesitated to attack the Fascists, why do you hesitate to attack the Communists? And why do you reject the Communists votes? Your rejection was undoubtedly based upon your belief that they are agents of a foreign power whose interests are repugnant and dangerous to our democracy.

On February 10, 1940, Franklin D. Roosevelt did not hesitate to say in most unmistakable language that the Soviet Union "is run by a dictatorship as absolute as any other dictatorship in the world". Joseph E. Davies, in his "Mission to Moscow", revised edition 1943, page 352, said that Russia is a dictatorship not "of the proletariat" as professed, but "over the proletariat". It is completely dominated by one man.

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Your statement reminds me of a well-known gag concerning an American Military Aide in Moscow who was taken during the war for an inspection of Soviet plane production. He was shown a huge field covered with planes as far as the eye could see. After examining the planes, the American turned in some astonishment to his Russian guide and asked, "But where are the motors?" To which the Russian drew himself up stiffly and snapped back, "And what about the Negro problem in the South?"

Instead of gaining many votes by your explanations, you have alienated the votes of a great many people who believe that it is our concern what Stalin is doing, especially in Eastern Europe and China. To most of us Hitler and Stalin are like two peas in a pod. After our lessons from Hitler and his infamous pact with Stalin to divide Poland and control Eastern Europe (which was the green light for World War II) we cannot be isolationists, notwithstanding the wishes of Henry A. Wallace, the American Labor Party and other friends of the "Stalin democracy".

Stalin, like Hitler, is a one-man dictator. He decides who shall live and who shall die; who shall eat and who shall starve; who shall work, where, when, at what wages and during what hours; and who shall be educated or schooled and for what period. He likewise passes upon and controls everything his subjects taste, smell, eat, wear, speak, write, print and read, see, sit on, sleep in, listen to and touch. All international policies, pacts, treaties and declarations of war are made, controlled and broken by Stalin, whose power is greater than the Czars, and whose term of office is unlimited as his power.

An excellent analysis of your attitude is contained in an article by Hans Kohn entitled, "The Century of Betrayal", which appeared in the September issue of the "Commentary", a magazine sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, in which the following very significant and true statement is contained.:-

"The most dangerous symptom for the future of civilization is the admiration which even liberal intellectuals hold for liberty's most determined enemies, for their seeming efficiency and their success. The astonishing ability of the mind to deceive itself and escape its responsibilities is revealed in the brilliant array of excuses and subterfuges. To compete with totalitarian claims, immense demands are put upon free society, which no society can meet. Its survival, and our right to its survival, are made dependent upon the solution of many problems that by their nature are insoluble except in a Utopia, or allow only a slow and gradual amelioration by patient and sustained effort. The boasts of totalitarian regimes are accepted uncritically at face value. So it is with the most popular slogan: 'unemployment'. As if the totalitarian regimes had solved that problem otherwise than by gigantic prepar-

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ations for war or defense, 'guns instead of butter',
and with a standard of living that the 'unemployed' in
a capitalistic society would reject."

My dear Governor, is our democracy so vulnerable
that we must be speechless while another Hitler is emerging
somewhere in Europe? I don't think so; and I am afraid that the man
who wrote or advised you concerning your speech did you a great
disservice.

Very truly yours,

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The Gallup Poll:

Voters Favor Byrnes Policy Against Wallace on Reds

By GEORGE GALLUP,

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Voters who say they have followed the arguments over the Byrnes vs. Wallace ideas for dealing with Russia, vote 5-to-1 in favor of sticking to the Byrnes policy.

Fewer than half the nation's voters have been paying attention to the discussion over the two men's ideas. That is shown in replies to the following:

Have you followed the arguments about Byrnes' ideas and Wallace's ideas for dealing with Russia?

YES _____ 42%
No _____ 58

Whose policy do you think we should follow—Byrnes' or Wallace's?

The vote of all who have followed the discussion and had definite conceptions of the ideas of both men:

Byrnes' _____ 78%
Wallace's _____ 16%
No opinion _____ 6%

Republicans side with Mr. Byrnes by a larger majority than Democrats do. Among Republicans who have been following the discussions and have a picture of the differences between the viewpoints of the two men, nine out of every 10 (91 per cent) express a preference for the Byrnes idea, while among Democrats the vote is seven in every 10 (69 per cent).

Both Mr. Wallace and Mr. Byrnes will be interested to observe what the voters in the poll think the two men's ideas are for dealing with Russia, and how accurately or inaccurately the

public has interpreted what they have said.

This is shown in the following two questions, asked of those who say they have followed the discussions:

"In general, what do you understand Byrnes' ideas to be regarding Russia?"

Byrnes wants to be firm with Russia; fair but firm; tell them just where we stand _____ 76%
Wants to co-operate with Russia _____ 7
Miscellaneous and don't know _____ 17

"In general, what do you understand Wallace's ideas to be regarding Russia?"

Wallace wants to be easy with Russia, lenient; wants to appease her _____ 50%
Try to see Russia's viewpoint, side with her a little more _____ 16
Pro-Russian, a Communist _____ 17
Miscellaneous and don't know _____ 17

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Elliot Roosevelt

As Elliot and Stalin See It

Review by STANLEY NALEPA

AS HE SAW IT. By Elliot Roosevelt, with a foreword by Eleanor Roosevelt. Duell, Sloan and Pearce. New York, 1946. 270 pages. \$3.00.

ELLIOT ROOSEVELT'S wartime life with Father was not a bed of roses. His "biological qualifications" forced him to be at his father's side at most of the historic wartime meetings. He was a message-runner, errand boy and official drink-filler. For the benefit of future historians, he took mental notes of all that was said and done at all the secret sessions. He studied Churchill's un-American drinking habits and made careful estimates of his liquor-holding capacity. He was a human filing cabinet of top-secret plans, bargaining and commitments.

Today Elliot is an angry man. He feels that his father has been betrayed. He denounces British and American Tories and reactionaries who are undermining the structure of world peace for which his father laid the foundation. Only Russia escapes his righteous wrath, for there are no Tories in that freedom-loving land. And only Stalin is still plodding up the tortuous path Elliot's father charted.

The secret battle of the Atlantic Charter, was a diplomatic blitzkrieg for Roosevelt and a Dunkirk for Churchill—just as Elliot had expected. Churchill put up a magnificent struggle, but he never had a chance. While Winston

pleaded for American help, his opponent listened, unmoved. Occasionally Roosevelt interrupted with a sly question—"Just drawing him out, drawing him out." At times he kept "prodding and needling" his victim. Churchill fought on. "He slunched his shoulders like a bull, his hands slashed the air. . . ." "Churchill's neck reddened, he crouched forward." He "growled" and "began to look apoplectic." At last the Prime Minister collapsed—he'd never had a chance. He left the meeting, probably muttering something about England losing all the battles and winning the wars.

Elliot is very bitter about the violation of the Atlantic Charter, and he goes over it point by point—almost. He leaves the first two points aside because Russia is the only nation that violated them, and Elliot is trying very hard to prove something else. He pauses on the third because it gives him a chance to reflect on the peoples of Indonesia. There is not much sense in reflecting on the peoples of Finland, Poland, Rumania, etc., because they are Stalin's concern. He passes over the fourth point because "its mysteries are too deep," and besides only Stalin is violating it. The fifth is just a "pious echo," he says. The sixth "still waits." The seventh "seems safe at the moment." (Stalin's fleet is too small to violate that one.) The last point is "especially cogent today," Elliot thinks. It seems that only General Groves is violating it.

Elliot's book is a mixture of father-worship, historical distortion and impudent vilification of those who oppose Stalin. It will probably be popular with readers of gossip columns.

Democratization of Health Policy

Prologue to World War 3?

By Dorothy Thompson

I AM sorry, if I really see what I think I see. I hope I am wrong. I hope I am suffering from aberrations, doublevision, myopia, and all the other things some of my readers accuse me of. I hope it's a nightmare and I shall wake up. I don't want to be proved right. And I am not absolutely sure I am right.

But some nine years ago I had similar aberrations; myopias, and nightmares, and they turned out to be real. "Similar" doesn't describe it. They were exactly the same.

THERE was a totalitarian state, east to center of Europe. It began by liquidating all internal opposition and rearm'ng while preaching peace. It had only a few demands, all concerning neighboring states and what it called "Lebensraum," or Security Sphere. It claimed to be threatened by surrounding small countries—Czechoslovakia, Poland, etc.—which might be "outposts of hostile forces," and must have "friendly governments." It consciously fostered external hostility—by the ruthless persecution of racial and political minorities—in order to convince its people that they were threatened from without. Anyone who called attention to some peculiarities in its behavior was called a "warmonger." It planted, in all countries, a fifth column, instructed to work for "peace." It absorbed a neighboring state (Austria) by diplomatic means forcing the existing government to give way to another and staged a great celebration of welcome to the liberator. It absorbed a second neighboring state by demanding rectification of frontiers, and, having accomplished that peaceably, it took the entire country and installed its own government (Czechoslovakia). It then demanded concessions from a third neighboring state (Poland) and when they were refused, marched in its armies against "reactionary warmongers." All that it was doing was for the "rectification of past injustices," and peace.

No one wanted war. All that Hitler wanted was to put himself, step by step, in a position where no nation could make war against him, whereas he could, at any time, blackmail or attack the rest of the world.

His strategists understood geography. They had read Mackinder and improved him by Haushofer. The

strategy was the domination, not immediately of the world, but of the "Great Island," the Eastern Hemisphere, where dwell eight-twelfths of humanity and the bulk of resources. To do this one must knock out France, weaken and sow dissension in China, disintegrate the British Empire and drive it out of the Near East and Asia, isolate the United States, control a solid bloc of territory from the Channel to Siberia, be able to close the Suez Canal and control the Dardanelles, and mass troops on the northern border of India.

To do this successfully, it was necessary to make the original moves without opposition, and, in fact, with the consent of the future victims, originally setting with them on "spheres of influence" only to absorb them all when the moment came.

To do this successfully, it was also necessary to have ideological allies within all the countries which were to be kept quiet until it was too late—peace and friendship parties, as it were. And accompanying all was a virulent press and radio "war of nerves."

To cap it all, the organizer of all this wrote it down and told the world in advance.

That is the preface to World War II. And for the life of me I cannot but see it is being repeated step by step today.

There is the same technique of the fifth column crying "warmonger" at every one who even tries to call attention to what is apparently going on—but it is a far more effective and fanatical fifth column than Hitler could make out of racialism plus peace. There are the same strategic moves, by the same means, and in the identical places.

There are all the devices of open or veiled aggression, and there is the same war of nerves, going on interminably in all languages over the air and in "friendly" newspapers.

And as far back as Lenin, it was all predicted—the "inevitable" series of clashes until all "capitalist states"—whether fascist, or "bourgeois" democratic, or democratic socialist—should be subjected under one master-plan.

If all this is not going on, I want to be corrected as to fact. To be convincingly corrected would certainly cheer me up.

"The Soviet Union, as everybody who has the courage to face the fact knows, is run by a dictatorship as absolute as any other dictatorship in the world." Franklin D. Roosevelt - Feb. 10, 1940.

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SOVIET TERRITORIAL ACQUISITIONS

The territories thus far acquired de facto by Soviet Russia were summarized by the NY Times as follows:

	Square Miles	Population
Lithuania	24,055	3,029,000
Latvia	20,056	1,950,000
Estonia	18,353	1,120,000
Eastern Poland	68,290	10,150,000
Bessarabia and Bukovina	19,260	3,748,000
Moldavia	13,124	2,200,000
Carpatho-Ukraine	4,522	800,000
East Prussia	3,500	400,000
Karelo-Finland	16,173	470,000
Petsamo, Finland	4,087	4,000
Tannu Tuva	64,000	65,000
Southern Sakhalin	14,076	415,000
Kurile Island	3,949	4,500
Total	273,947	24,355,500

This list does not include such countries as Poland, Yugoslavia and Mongolia which are in varying degrees under Soviet control. Such a list would bring the total to 280,000 700,000 square miles inhabited by at least 125,000,000.

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"THE CAT IN THE BAG" or "BEHIND THE CURTAIN" OF SOVIET RUSSIA



MEIN KAMPF and the COMMUNIST MANIFESTO are alike.

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Stalin-Hitler Agreements

Divided Central Europe Between Themselves

By Julius Epstein

Author of "The Nonsense of Autarchy," "Japan on the Threshold" and "Sources of Anarchism"



COMMUNISM AND FASCISM ARE IDENTICAL

The full details became known on May 22, 1946, when the St. Louis Post-Dispatch published an article by its correspondent at Nuremberg, Richard L. Stokes. The complete text of two secret Soviet-Nazi agreements of August 22, and September 28, 1939, was quoted.

JOVIAL MOOD IN BERLIN—THE STALIN-HITLER PACT SIGNED!

What is **P** the Communist Political Party doing in France, Italy, China, U.S., etc.?
Is that conducive to world peace?