

# The Proposed Changes In the Communist Organization

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*"How Can Such a Coalition Exist? How Can There be Unity Between Capitalism and Socialism? They Operate in Such Opposite Ways."*

Such a coalition **does** exist. Don't allow an abstract formula to displace a proven fact.

A backwoods boy, when he saw a giraffe for the first time, exclaimed, "Hell, there ain't no such animal." But there **was** such an animal. And in adjusting his preconception of what could or could not exist, to conform to the experience of life, the boy learned his first lesson in Marxism, that: "There is no such thing as abstract truth; the truth is always concrete." Abstractions help us to find the concrete truth, but they are not themselves the concrete truth.



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The coalition between the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union is the most gigantic fact of all present-day life. It is the most decisive force in determining the course of history that can now be found among all of the forces of history of this time.

The fact is without precedent. A coalition, a *modus vivendi* between the most powerful of capitalist states and the newly great and powerful socialist state, was long considered by many people to be impossible. This coalition by the very fact of its enormous size and scope, still has many shortcomings; and many people are so impressed with these shortcomings that they are inclined to fall back upon the abstract formula and say that there is no such thing; or, if they must believe their eyes, that it is not truly a coalition, that it will fall short of complete realization. However, the test is in action. The decisive reality of the coalition is proven under the severest test that is known to life—the test of war.

All of the smaller facts and shortcomings fall away before the great central fact that the coalition is in action and is finding in military action the most colossal results in the determination of world history. But its reality is not alone in military action. It extends also into the post-war future, and by its economic and political aspects it opens before the world a long period of world peace and cooperation in reconstruction. This is something never known in the world before.

Let us examine this coalition from the historical point of view.

The German Nazi government, from its inception eleven years ago, based its policy upon the theory that there would not be such a collaboration between the peoples of Europe, Asia and America whom it intended to conquer. That is, that the Nazis would be able to prevent such a coalition. The German government believed that it could cut down and destroy the independent existence not only of the whole of Europe and of all of the relatively democratic European states, including Great Britain, but also the great country of the Western world which, by virtue of its comparable wealth and industrial advancement, must necessarily be the shining mark for a would-be conqueror of the world—the United States of America. Hitler had already tried it on France, and it worked.

A good description of the German Government's calculation was given by Joseph Stalin:

"They [the German Nazis] calculated primarily on the fact that they seriously hoped to create a universal coalition against the USSR, to draw Great Britain and the United States into this coalition and, preliminary to that, to frighten the ruling circles of these countries by the specter of revolution, and in this way completely isolate our country from the other powers.

The Germans knew that their policy of playing up the contradictions between classes in separate states and between these states and the Soviet country had already yielded results in France whose rulers, permitting themselves to be intimidated by the specter of revolution, in their fear placed their country at Hitler's feet and gave up resistance.

The German fascist strategists thought that the same would happen in the case of Great Britain and the United States. The not-known Hess was actually sent to England by the German fascists to convince the British politicians to join the universal campaign against the USSR.

"But the Germans gravely miscalculated. In spite of Hess's efforts, Great Britain and the United States not only have not joined the campaign of the German fascist invaders against the USSR; on the contrary, they are in one camp with the USSR against Hitler Germany. The USSR proved not only that it was not isolated; on the contrary, it acquired new allies in Great Britain, the United States and other countries, occupied by the Germans.

"It turned out that the German policy of playing up contradictions and intimidating by the specter of revolution has exhausted itself and no longer fits in the new situation; and not only does not fit, but is moreover pregnant with great dangers for the German invaders, for in the new conditions of war it leads to exactly the opposite result." (Speech of Nov. 6, 1941 to Moscow Soviet.)

The questioner asks how such a coalition could come about. It came about because the price of any other course would have been the conquest of all of Europe west of Russia, all of Asia south of Russia and all of Africa, by the Hitler Axis, the concentration of a major portion of the manpower and the naval forces of the world for the crossing of the Atlantic to South America and the isolation and final cutting down and conquest of the United States.

The reason why the United States and Great Britain entered the coalition is definitely and solely to be found in the national interest of the United States and Great Britain. This national interest of each is merged in a common interest in preservation of the lives of all, their security from military attack, their interest in the general preservation of peace.

*The next question, to be answered in tomorrow's Daily Worker, will be: "Regardless of Who Wins, Won't There Be a Deepening of the Crisis of World Capitalism Caused by the War?"*



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