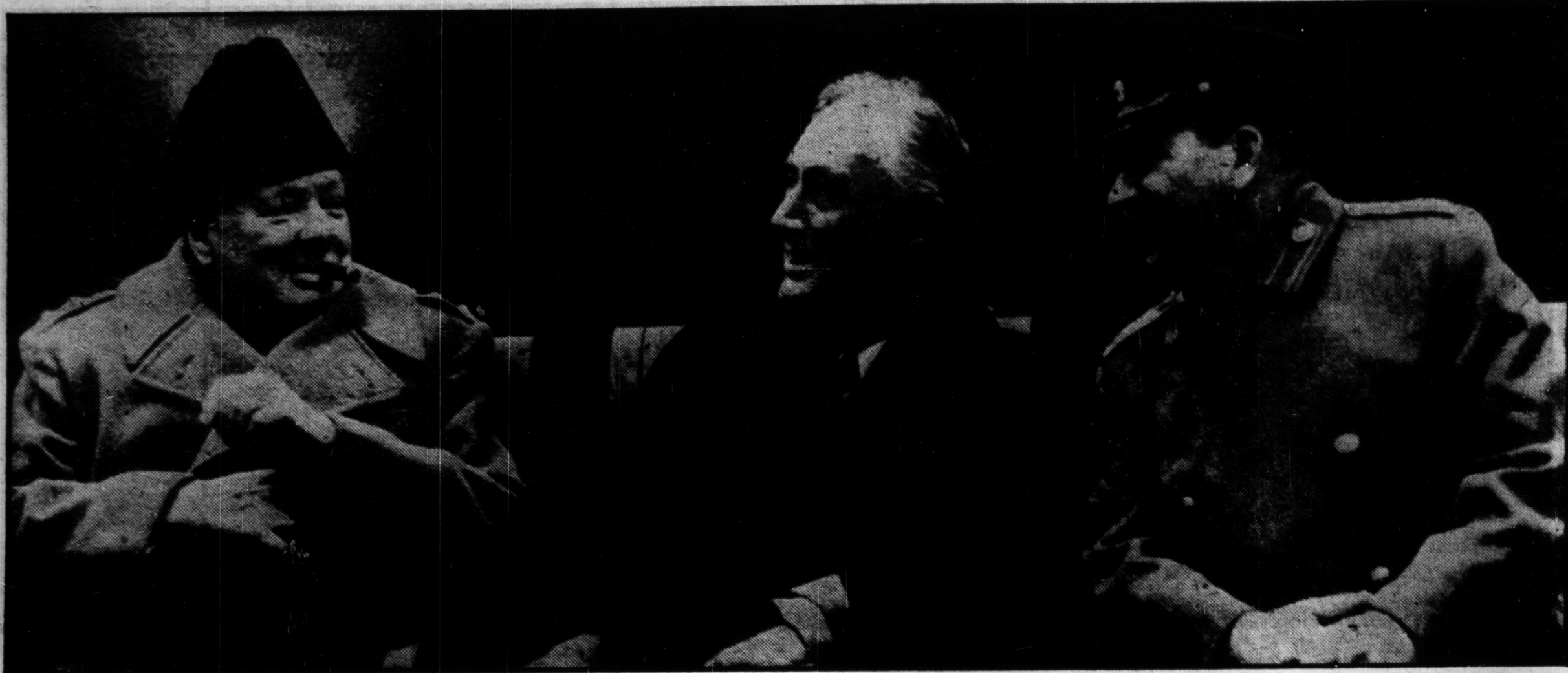




Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill at the war-time meeting of the heads of the three powers at Yalta, in the Soviet Crimea. For decades Stalin has put forward the

concept that the socialist and capitalist systems can live peacefully side by side. (Sovfoto)

Stalin Offers Americans Peace

THE big money press is currently engaged in a furious campaign to sell the American public on the idea that the celebration of Stalin's 70th birthday by literally hundreds of millions of people all over the world is some strange and sinister phenomenon. They are trying to make the average American forget that we owe an eternal debt of gratitude to the Soviet Union and its most eminent statesman, Joseph Stalin, for the fact that we are living in peace today and not locked in a death-struggle with the Nazi hordes.

They frantically seek to blackout the memory of the major and decisive contribution of the Red Army and its wartime leader Stalin to the annihilation of the Nazis, and the countless American lives saved thereby.

Why Socialist Policy Works for Peace

The overriding concern of every American family is whether the future will be one of peace or war. The central fact in world politics today is the peace policy of the Soviet Union. That is what fills a large portion of humanity with hope and more than anything else accounts for the universal celebration of Stalin's birthday.

The basic reason for the peace policy of the Soviet Union was recently explained by G. M. Malenkov, one of the outstanding leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union last Nov. 7: "Our peace policy arises from the very foundations of our Socialist system and from the interests of the Soviet people.

War is not inevitable, and capitalism and socialism can compete peacefully—these are the views Stalin has expressed again and again. And he believes the people's will for peace will prevail against the war-plotters.

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Having completely abolished in our country the age-old exploitation of man by man, we have eliminated the reasons and conditions which, in the capitalist world, give rise to the policy of exploiting and enslaving other peoples.

"Having created a model of fraternal cooperation among peoples of different races and nationalities, unparalleled in human history, we have abolished forever the policy of basing the welfare of one state on the suppression of other states."

This explains why the Soviet Union has fought to prevent war between the two world wars and now after World War II. It explains why the same rampant imperialists who ignored Stalin's call for collective security after Hitler rose to power but concluded instead their ill-fated alliance with fascism at Munich, are now under Wall St. leadership, reviving Nazi militarism in a new effort to conquer the world by force. Had the world heeded Stalin's plea for international joint action against the fascist aggressors, World War II could have been averted, and the lives of 300,000 Americans and millions of other people would have been spared.

State Department Resorts to Trickery

Today, to paraphrase the opening words of the Communist Manifesto, a new spectre haunts Wall St.—the spectre of peace! So powerful is the desire of humanity for peace, so strong has become the organized peace camp that the American monopolies bent on winning world domination by force spread the idea of the inevitability of war.

But for decades Stalin has put forward the concept that war is not inevitable and the definite possibility of the peaceful co-existence of the capitalist and socialist systems. Stalin said in his interview with Harold Stassen on April 9, 1947:

"If two different systems could co-operate in war, then why cannot they co-operate in peace. Of course, given a desire to co-operate, co-operation is quite possible with the existence of different economic systems. But if there is no desire to cooperate, states and individuals can come into conflict even if the economic systems are the same."

The constant reiteration of this profound truth weakens the myth of the

inevitability of war so the "cold war" boys in the State Department trot out a few old tricks. They quote Stalin against Stalin. Stalin's concept of possible peaceful co-existence is not real Marxism, the only true Marxism is State Dept. "Marxism" according to which war is inevitable and the Soviet Union the aggressor.

The State Department alleges that the early writings of Lenin and Stalin warning of the danger of capitalist attack against the Soviet Union and predicting the inevitable triumph of socialism over capitalism on a world scale, cancel out the Stalin theory of possible peaceful co-existence of the socialist and capitalist worlds. But history has confirmed these predictions in the invasion of the Soviet Union twice in one generation, and with the addition of eastern Europe and China to the socialist camp.

Socialism will finally triumph over world imperialism not by waging aggressive war against it but because of the innate superiority of socialism and because the people in a growing number of countries refuse to live under the bankrupt private profit system. Socialism needs peace to solve its problems. Imperialism seeks war as the only solution to theirs.

Is Stalin bluffing? There's an easy way to find out. President Truman is an inveterate poker player and knows what to do when someone is bluffing. You call his bluff and make him show his hand. But Truman refuses to accept the peace proposals of the Soviet Union, refuses even to negotiate. What is he afraid of? The answer is that the USSR means what it says. Peace may be the result and peace is not what Wall Street wants. Peace is not profitable for the steel trust, the oil kings, the munition barons.

"Cold War" Apologists Attack the Quakers

A growing number of Americans are getting wise to these fraudulent arguments which are designed to prevent any progress to peace. Even conservative groups like the Quakers think relations can be improved between us and the Soviet Union and recently issued a program on how to do it. The New York Times, which pretends to be for peace, selects the new boy wonder of the so-called "anti-communist Left," Ar-

thur Schlesinger Jr., to do a job on the Quaker report. For what purpose—to welcome it as a contribution to peace? Not at all. To tear it down and destroy it. Writes Schlesinger in the Nov. 27 issue of the Times Book Review Section:

"The fact is that . . . this soft and mischievous little book makes little contribution to the hard problems of American foreign policy . . . the very qualities of guilelessness and hope, the very faith in the natural goodness of man, which makes the Quakers such noble philanthropists, make them, in this reviewer's judgment, bad political analysts."

Schlesinger sneers at the slightest move for peace. Do you think war can be prevented? You are naive, says Schlesinger. If you have moral motives, that makes you unreliable. Thus he spreads the phony philosophy of fatalism and pessimism and fosters the idea of the inevitability of war.

Majority of Americans Will Fight for Peace

Stalin once said: "The chief endeavor of the bourgeoisie of all countries and of its reformist hangers-on is to kill in the workingclass faith in its own strength, faith in the possibility and inevitability of victory, and thus to perpetuate capitalist slavery."

This is the role of the Schlesingers. Fortunately the vast majority of Americans are not Schlesingers. They want peace. They will fight for it. Mankind can prevent the new war that Wall Street is preparing if it builds a united peace front in each country and on an international scale.

The great strength of the peace forces today is in great measure due to the gigantic contributions of Joseph Stalin. His life serves to inspire us, to imbue us with courage and to give us faith that the people will win over the war-mongers.

His View on the Export of Revolution

They say that the promotion of "normal" relations is hampered by the propaganda of Russian Bolsheviks. . . . Now if the capitalist gentlemen could in some way "shut themselves off" from the economic crisis, from the poverty of the masses, from unemployment, from low wages, from the exploitation of the toilers . . . then they would have no Bolshevik movement. But that is just the point, that every rogue tries to justify his weakness or his incapacity by throwing the blame on the propaganda of the Russian Bolsheviks.

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Stalin on Investment Under Two Systems

"The revenues from industry in Russia are employed not for the enrichment of individuals but for the further expansion of industry, for the improvement of the material and cultural conditions of the working class, for reducing the price of industrial commodities necessary both for the workers and for the peasants, which again is the improvement of the material conditions for the toiling masses. A capitalist cannot employ his revenues for improving the welfare of the working class. He lives for profits, otherwise he would not be a capitalist. He obtains profit in order to invest it as supplementary capital in less developed countries. . . . In the USSR things are altogether different, for we neither conduct nor recognize colonial policy."

—Interview with American Labor Delegation, 1927