

Stalin Regime In Soviet Russia Imperiled By Rebellion

He Is Uneasy



The regime of Russia's Stalin is seriously imperiled by widespread unrest, due to economic and psychological causes, according to trustworthy information embodied in an accompanying article by Perdis, special writer for The Birmingham News-Age-Herald.

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Blocking Of Roosevelt's Plan
In South America Also
One Of Chief Aims

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BERLIN—At a recent gathering of his satraps at Berchtesgaden, Hitler singled out Dr. Goebbels as the man who had done most to make the triumphs of the last year possible. With this accolade, the "puny, but terrible" propaganda minister—long in relative disfavor—has risen again to the position of Nazi No. 2.

Two brilliant strokes of the Goebbels machine are credited particularly for the Munich victory—the "revelation" of Hitler's plans to declare war, no matter what, if Chamberlain and Daladier refused to bow; and the buildup of the Siegfried Line's "invincibility." In the light of recent official Nazi statements and speeches, foreign diplomats in Berlin realize how completely they were taken in by the Goebbels campaign. Some of the details of the general staff's memorandum to Hitler—presented on Sept. 26—have leaked out. These include the fact that only a two week's gasoline supply for the motorized army was on hand and that the Siegfried Line was far from ready to receive a French attack.

"Doctor Satan"—as Berliners privately call him—has now been entrusted with the biggest job of his career. Hitler, according to insiders, has ordered the entire Nazi propaganda network to concentrate on: first, splitting Anglo-American relations, and second, blocking Roosevelt's South American plans.

Hitler Fears Uncle Sam

Hitler has often said to intimates that the United States is the one nation he fears. Since F. D. R.'s recent speeches and the announcement of the enormous American armament program, Der Fuehrer sees us as Enemy No. 1 of German world expansion. He fears, insiders tell us, that American strength may stiffen resistance to Hitler's claims. In South America, Economics Chiefs Schacht and Funk see vital markets and supply centers for the new German empire.

Goebbels' first objective is discrediting Roosevelt personally in Britain and South America. An exhaustive dossier of his life and habits has been carefully prepared in Berlin and is being doled out to the newspapers. It stresses his association with Morgenthau, Cohen and other Jewish names to brand the United States as "a nation governed by Jews, Communists, and their henchmen."

The second phase of the Goebbels plan is a concerted demonstration through the huge German organization in South America against "the looming tyrannical imperialism which President Roosevelt and his rapacious advisers are plotting." Accentuated by Washington's armed restatement of the Monroe Doctrine, this propaganda will have strong effect—so the hopeful Berlin strategists claim.

The job of the moment, however, is to hold up the Anglo-American trade pact. All German diplomatic representatives have orders to cross wires and agitate in the British dominions. And to prevent, if possible, the visit of King George to the United States. Details on the methods of this propaganda are kept strictly secret. But we shall see the results soon.

Berlin-Tokyo Axis Slips

Without benefit of publicity, an acrimonious exchange has been raging between Tokyo and Berlin during the past weeks, which may have startling repercussions.

The Berlin-Tokyo axis hasn't been operating smoothly. Though the Japanese insisted on the withdrawal of the German military advisers of Chiang-Kai-Shek, Hitler's agents have continued to bolster the Chinese generalissimo with material and moral support, Germany's great trade with China is at stake.

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With the fall of Canton and the other Chinese ports, the Wilhelmstrasse became acutely worried. The Japanese ambassador was requested to guarantee that German trade and interests would receive preferential treatment. Not at all, hissed his excellency politely. Hitler was pleased to understand that the East would belong exclusively to Japan and that no large foreign interests, even German, would be tolerated.

In "strict secrecy" the Russian ambassador visited Hitler's minister, von Ribbentrop. He was given to understand that Berlin and Moscow might work out a plan for cooperation against the "intolerable situation" arising in the East. "Goebbels may have another job soon," said one of the diplomats involved. "He may have to discover a new Russia." Incidentally, Goebbels is known to have remarked recently that that would not be so hard.

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