

# THE TRUTH ABOUT FINLAND – AND THE WALL STREET WAR DRIVE

The United States has the Atlantic and Pacific oceans between it and its nearest possible enemy. The frontier with Canada is demilitarized by treaty. We have declared all of North and South America closed to European powers through the "no trespassing" sign called the Monroe Doctrine. The U. S. has military outposts in such "independent" countries as Cuba and Panama. American military forces and forts are in the Philippines, Guam, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. This is considered by all the newspapers as necessary protection and security for the U. S. A. There are no newspaper cries of aggression, of imperialism against America.

## How about the Soviet Union?

The Gulf of Finland is to the Soviet Union what the Long Island Sound is to America. Leningrad is even more important to the Soviet Union than New York City is to the U.S.A. The Soviet Union wants security and protection for itself. Americans, before talking about Finland, should know some facts.

## Face the Facts:

It was through Finland that the German armies invaded northern Russia. It was through Finland that the Allies invaded the young Soviet Republic in 1918. It was through Finland and under the leadership of the same Czarist General Mannerheim, who leads the Finnish White Guards today, that attacks were made upon Soviet Karelia in 1919 and in 1921.

Captain Henry Grenfell, member of the British Parliament, frankly stated about the Chamberlain government: "This government has already made secret commitments with Estonia and Finland for the use of the airdomes in those countries **for British aircraft operations against the USSR . . .** the commitments appear to have been in existence for at least ten years." (Labor Monthly of London, June, 1939.) The seven leading airports in Finland are **each** 12 times as large as the Finnish air fleets required. These airports were built **not** to protect the Finnish people, **not** for Finnish freedom and independence. They were built for "British aircraft operations against the USSR."

### **Mutual Assistance Pacts:**

The Soviet Union sought to protect itself and the freedom and independence of Finland through a mutual assistance pact similar to the ones signed with Latvia, Lithuania and Esthonia. The Soviet Union returned Vilna to Lithuania. Is this aggression? The Soviet Union gave these Baltic countries the use of the Soviet Baltic-White Sea Canal. Is this aggression? The Soviet Union arranged trade agreements favorable to these countries. Is this aggression?

The Soviet Union wished to secure certain islands and territory near Leningrad for its protection, for which it offered twice as much territory in Soviet Karelia as compensation.

The Socialist USSR wanted only to assure its own safety. Behind its proposals was no Wall Street, no Big Business control and exploitation of smaller nations.

The governments of Esthonia, Lithuania and Latvia and their consuls have publicly expressed their satisfaction at the friendly relations between their countries and the USSR. As a result of these pacts, Mr. Johannes Kaiv, Esthonian Consul in America, declared: "The pact of mutual assistance does not affect the political status of Estonia. The fears about any change in the governmental or economic systems are groundless."

**The White Guard Mannerheim government broke off negotiations with the Soviet Union because behind "little Finland" is the Big Boss — the British War Office.**

### **Remember the Lies of the Last World War:**

In the last World War, millions of Americans were fed the wildest propaganda in order to get America into it. Let us not be fooled again. Learn the truth about the British-Wall Street plot centered around "little Finland." The plan to use Finland as an excuse to drag the whole world, including the U.S.A., into a war against the Soviet Union is admitted even in the lying capitalist press.

Pope Pius informed the United Press in Vatican City that "the British proposal called for the formation of a bloc of powers, such as the British Empire, France, Spain, the U. S. A., and other nations wishing to halt Communism. The British leaders wanted the Pope to give his blessing to the movement and exhort Catholics to participate in it." (U.P. dispatch from Vatican City.)

The British Government weeps crocodile tears over alleged Soviet bombings (which did **not** take place) while plotting with General Franco against the Soviet Union. General Franco is the fascist who bombed women and children in Madrid for 2½ years.

General Franco, who with the aid of Nazi pilots and Mussolini's planes bombed the holy city of Guernica off the earth, is the new British hero to defend democracy and the "independence" of small nations.

The cry of "poor little honest Finland," the lies of Soviet bombings are being spread now in order to get us into the imperialist war—to make us join a horrible anti-Soviet world war.

### **The Herald-Tribune and "Democracy":**

Mr. Walter Lippman, writing in the **Herald-Tribune**, suggests fascist Italy as our partner in a war for "democracy." He says: "In order to give Finland active diplomatic support, we should consult with Italy and find out whether it is possible **for Italy and the U. S. to work together** in support of the northern countries against Bolshevism." Fascist Italy, which bombed and murdered women and children in Ethiopia, Spain and Albania, has now become a champion of democracy and freedom! Walter Lippman speaks for the British hero to defend democracy and the "independence" of small nations.

Today as in 1919 America is urged to intervene against the Soviet Union. In the files of the State Department in Washington is the record of American supplies, credit and weapons sent to Czarist generals operating from Finland against the Russian people and their newly chosen Socialist government.

### **Beware, America—Let Us Keep Out of It!**

The old lies about this war being a war against "Hitlerism" did not take with America. A new lie has been manufactured. The Finnish situation is cleverly played up as the "moral issue of the war." It is meant to whip the peoples of Europe and America into a war spirit. The real truth behind the news about Finland was stated 20 years ago by British imperialism as follows: "The best approach to Petrograd is from the Baltic and the shortest and easiest route is through Finland . . . **Finland is the key to Petrograd and Petrograd is the key to Moscow.**" (London Times, April, 1919.) — **AMERICANS MUST NOT DIE FOR BRITISH IMPERIALISM AND ITS WALL STREET PARTNERS. DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE NEW WAR LIES. AMERICA MUST KEEP OUT OF IT.**

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**FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WAR READ THE DAILY WORKER  
and THE SUNDAY WORKER.**

# WHAT FAMOUS PEOPLE SAY ABOUT FINLAND AND THE SOVIET UNION

## **George Bernard Shaw:**

"No power can tolerate a frontier from which a town such as Leningrad could be shelled when she knows that the power on the other side of the frontier, however small and weak it may be, is being made by a foolish government to act in the interests of other great powers menacing her security. Finland would probably not have refused the Russian offer had she been acting on her own or in her own interests, but Russia believes that Finland thinks she has the backing of America and other Western powers. It is not at all a question of Russia, a great power, attempting to subject Finland, which is a small power. It is a question of Russia seeing to her own security. In Russia's view Finland has no defensible objection to the carrying out of the exchange of territories for which Russia asked—unless she is allowing herself to be used by America or another Western Power."

## **Dean of Canterbury:**

"It would have been wisdom and kindness on our part if we had urged Finland to meet Russia's desire to remove the possibility of guns placed only twenty miles away from the heart of the area which possesses a quarter of her industrial activities . . . Russia feared with reason a united Western attack. We through many years desired Germany to be the spearhead of that attack. Many influential persons still desire and work for it. Russia knows that."

## **H. G. Wells:**

"There is much to be said for the preventive security measures being taken by the Soviet government."

## **Sir Stafford Cripps, Member of Parliament:**

"In the long run, I am convinced, it is of supreme importance to the workers all over the world that a strong and powerful Russia should survive. And I, for one, see no reason for blaming Russia, in a situation into which she has been driven by the capitalist governments of the world, for taking every step to strengthen her position. But for the German Nazi influence in Finland and the anti-Soviet feeling stirred up, it is probable that the exchange of territory would have been accepted and every one would have commented on how sensible it was. Now, naturally, all of Russia's enemies talk about the sacredness of Finnish democracy, not because they love democracy but because they hate Russia."