

notes on J. McMeekin, Stalin's War

p. 65-67 * ignorant of the extent of Soviet Red Army interference
amounting to outright mitigation of Chinese Civil War.



Stalin played both sides (Mao + Chiang)
in order to ensure that it would be Chinese and not
(mainly) Russian troops killed by Japanese.

• William Bullitt: "It was the heartfelt hope of the Soviet Government that the U.S. will become involved in a war with Japan."

+ Stalin accelerated conditions by which Lenin's dream would come to pass → the "categorical" powers would be drawn into a grand war against one another.

BIG IDEA : GET RID OF THE HISTORICAL CIRCUIT BREAKERS THAT HALT CONTINUED INVESTIGATION + EVALUATION

ex: Stalin's War vs. Hitler's War argument
does not make one (ex. McMeekin) a Nazi sympathizer.

ex: favoring states' rights / secession / federalism or being against Lincoln does not render one an advocate of chattel slavery.

ex: being an anarchist does not mean one favors class + coloniality.

Q: ARE THERE CIRCUIT BREAKERS IN T-FANITY?
(DESTRUCTIVE)

new
Court
historians.

Durham Report

- p. 83 • Stalin forced non-aggression pact with Germany
in order to ensure war.

- p. 112-113 Churchill as big a Stalin-dope as anyone.
ex. early in war, Churchill wanted Stalin to move
against Poles to strangle German economy.

* person to look up = Dwight Macdonald; White Guards.

on sleepish American + British support to Soviets:

- Churchill diverted resources and material to USSR at the height of the Battle of Britain (!)
- Roosevelt broke the law in lend-leaseing to USSR before Pearl Harbor (Neutrality Act)

* Stalin ordered spring & intensification of American Fists, including Taft + Lindbergh

both remarkably converted Stalin when, in correspondence, he would use the word "soil"

essentially all aid was free!
"eliminate the silly, old, foolish \$"
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* from U.S. Ambassador to Washington officials, if one was not 100% for Stalin, one was removed.
cf. Harry Hopkins, Harry Dexter White.

*** Roosevelt, in true liberal fashion, instructed to Stalin + Molotov that Allies would strike at Hitler's Fortress Europe as early as early 1942

"could be another Dunkirk and lose

100,000 - 120,000 men" to no avail. (!!!)
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*** huge increase in American war material / industrial equipment sent to USSR in '43:

also things left out: mine detectors

General Ivan Rotor: "in the Soviet Union, we use people" to clean mines! (!!!)
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(489) !!! Roosevelt to Bullitt: "hard quote" of utter obsequiousness to Stalin, thought that Stalin would cooperate with him for a "democratic postwar world"

*** EVERYONE got cold door the river by Roosevelt at Teheran in order to appease Stalin

1. Poland + Eastern Europe (no British moves to stop Red Army)
2. Churchill + Britain
3. Chinese Kuomintang + Chiang-Ki-shek

(even assassination plan reminiscent of Diem in Vietnam)

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**** The absolute + continual deluge of war material + aid
to Soviets was ensured by Hopkins

after an American Airlines plane crashed into a Soviet
plane at Novik Airport, Tolbukhin demanded pilot's
execution (!); did not get it, but

Novik airport was turned over to exclusive
Soviet use 'til the end of war!

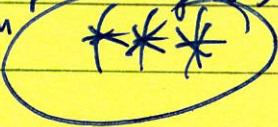
ME: this for a country that forced
no port with Japan, imprisoned
American pilots down in the Russian
front, and refused to allow
American advisors into USSR!

On the homefront: Soviets were fed on the agricultural surpluses
of American capitalism;

all the while, post-Depression Americans
bore the brunt of retuning at home.

Cf. Marie Zorn of Willifield, OH. (523)

ex. crab population declined in Pacific NW because Lend-Lease
program granted Russian fishing vessels to haul crab
back home - at N. A. expense!!! (524)

(527) "Reading through the minutes of Harry Hopkins's Soviet protocol committee from 1943, it is hard to escape the impression that Soviet agents of ~~Hughes~~ influence had taken over the White House." 

* 3rd protocol price tag = in industrial and energy commodities
+ equipment = \$401 million or
\$40 billion today.

more in patents/
Intellectual property

WHAT! most shocking =

land-lens requisition of February 1, 1943:
ENRICHED URANIUM (!!!)

+ this started the Soviet
atomic bomb program

* same, counter-productive, retributive
Morgenthau plan

Soviet's ultimate beneficence.
(ex. Battle of the Bulge,
25,000 dead Americans)

(5Gv) Eastern Europe was lost even before Red Army occupation
by Churchill + Roosevelt's obsequiousness



Stalin would receive more than Ribbentrop agreement;
more than his mildest dreams.

ME: Churchill knew the inevitable and saw it transpire:
the great old capitals of Eastern Europe
fell one after the other.
"From Stettin in the Baltic... ."

ME: SO MUCH EMPHASIS IN AMERICAN
SCHOOLS ABOUT "FOLLY OF APPEASING"
WHICH, IN REALITY, WAR WAS WAFFED
BY ROOSEVELT + STALIN OFTEN TO
APPEASE, PLACATE STALIN.



that's the real appeasement:
and it knew no bounds.