## Brith War Aims and the Bospless Central Europe

In these notes we start on two assumptions: (a) that war aims must be such as to maintain national unity as far as possible in the persuance of the war; (b) that they must be such as to induce other peoples to join the Allies in their effort to win the war; and of the problems of peace.

It is with this latter aspects alone that I am going to deal.

then, must British war aims be live in order to evake the support
of the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe?

This country appears to be united at present in the idea that the aim of the war is the safeguarding of the democratic way of life and the establishment of a new world order which would eliminate the danger of recurrent wars.

First of allowe must face the fact that neither the temms word democracy nor the word peace is able to evoke that kind of spentaneous response in the populations of Central Europe as might be expected by the average Englishman. Unless that these terms are supplied with a content which is able to meet in a concrete way the actual needs of these populations they much abused terms democracy and peace will fall flat.

A. Democracy. The peoples of Central Europe are acutely conscious of their left internal difficulties which do not allow them to proceed to a democratic way of life and which have frustrated all post-war efforts to institute such a way of life in those regions. That they must work out is the salution of their racial and social problems. British democracy wathe result of three factors all of which are absent under the conditions given in Central and Rastern Europe: indichangement (a) a long historical past, (b) unity of language, (c) economic presperity. These countries are starting out on their national existence new. They live in mixed attlements and are poor. They vaguely comprehend that democracy is indiminable rather make a method by which an existing community may runits affairs than a method of establishing a community where it had not been existing before. This is the element of truth in the slogan of synamism current in fascist circles to-day. Themsessablishing management management in the sound of the truth in the slogan of synamism current in fascist circles to-day. Themsessablishing that the community has settled the in its final boundaries, the problem of racial and secial order within the community is still such as to be insoluble by the methods of democracy unless they allow for their measure of creatitive change which is implied in the right meaning of the term dynamism.

In other words, the question is this: can democracy be given a meaning which is broad enough tom include the solution of the most

washed by the waters of the Baltis and the Ruropean Middle region
Unlessible can be done that swiftly and the convincing way,
we cannot expect these peoples to join in a struggle for the victory
of an abstraction for which they can seed a use only in the transcendental condition of a future State which they may never live to
see.

Manual cannot be done as long as the tacit assumption is maintained that democracy is synenymous with british democracy. The explicit assertion of the opposite is the condition on which alone democracy can be expected to be accepted as a war aim by these nascent or remascent nations.

Thus we are thrown back on fundamental principles. What is democracy if it is to include its British embodiment as a mere sample of a series just as genuine and valid as the Anglo-Saxon version? **南南北西西西西西南山南西西西西南西**南南南

The answer is simple. In this country no racial and economic problem prevents the community from carrying on its political life on a democratic basis. Let those less fortunate countries which have still their racial, economic and social problems to settle do this with the same freedom of self-determination and equal individual parti cipation as is done in this country in the political sphere. There is no conceivable reason why these peoples should not choose their economic and making cultural institutions freely, and way they should not extend the institutional system of democracy to the whole of their B. Peace. Awareness of the urgency of unsolved racial and Theil the talen.

social problems makes the peoples of Central Europe unresponsive also to the abstract ideal of peace. Their interest and attention is fixed on the conditions of peace because they have learnt to think in concrete terms about these conditions. It appears frivoleus to the to talk of peace where there is no peace, and to offer peace to a persen who is unable to pay the price - a fact which is or at least ough: to be known to him who makes the offer. They are too acutely conscious of the reasons for change to appreciate the offer of annahan minagandian minimumnamentashingansone imaginary condition of affairs which mondanam is promised to be everlasting. Human He is entirely conscious of the fact that war is at method of settling disputes which must be settled if ordered life should proceed and which thanks men to settle which no other method is awailable. He is just as willing as the Western democrat to accept other, makham, peaceful, methods of settlement, as long as they promise to bring about a settlement. Should they, however, fail to achieve this consummation he will definitely prefer to retain the method of war than resign himself to the inevitable stagnation and ultimate chaos which must be the outcome of suspense, where the laws of life brock no suspense.

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What kind of world sauce are we fighting for?

Answer: That such kind of ting as this should not be repeated every

This looks like absolut unanitative

Actually it is not.

For nontwonpeople very much disagree what you have to do to prevent it.

Why? Because this dependence upon what one thinks has caused it.

Two completely conflicting views:

Who caused the depressions and buiness subsciple? The coloinal scrabmle? The raw mterial rivlaries? The national maintrity issues? The collipse of the gold standard? The credit and currency collpases? The revolutions in Mussia? The revolutions in Mussia? The Mot Italy. Germany and Japan. They were morely pushing that which was falling; fishing in troubled waters hitch-hiking on the process which was going on anyway.

The other group argeus exactly the opposite. They eapen actually imagine that but for Germany Italy and Japan the problems of the last sixty years would have never arisen. This has the added advantate that it is extremely flattering to ourselves.

Consequently, there are two flews on how to prevent it.

- A. Eliminate Germany, and everything will work perfectly.
- B. No. Unless we solve the proboems raised by the last fifty years development, we will have the same thinghappaning again. Some other country will give the ladd.

THIS TIME IS IS THE PROBLEM OF THE WORLD WE HAVE TO SETTLE;
The moral effort implied is very great indeed. It will need all our intellectual and moral facuthries.

Now that looks ominous. Poeple hate to hear it. It is so much more simply to scuttle out of it again.

1. Now one way to scuttle out of it is to call for vengeance.

But tengence- sponatnesous vengeance- may be in vitable, but we should none the less oppose it. because it must make our tank insolutble.

2. Another way out of it is to call for assumances that we will not cooperate with Russia .

Now that means excluding that state which by virtue of is economic system- its non makerting mind- is most easily adjustiable to a federation system.

3. Another way is to limit in any way or in any fashion jha our commitment to the cause of mankind.

Some say , its lareight for a time.

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Now all this will not do.

For the commitment must be irrevicable, total and absolute.

Vnless it is so, it is indeed most dangerous.

A world order in which there is peace and order and vet also freedomand change.

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Two questions involved: (Dishall England persue her b. of p. policy in widely spread notions: (Einall a b. of p. system be restored in Europe?

1. That in the nineteenth century we had continuous wars,
2. that this was the result of the balance of power standing ame.

3. that the worst of this 'game', and England's balance of power policy)

4. that the abandongment of the League was the saves of the present war since the Deague represented a different principle of action.

The truth is first world war was caused conditions, by the abandon mentiof the balance of power system in favor of counter-balancing alliances, thus the turn of the century.

4. that England's balance of power policy, natural to an island off a great Continent, had nothing to do with it.

5. nor didtine League represent anything else than an improved balance of power system.

I. The Kuntered Years Peace, 1815-1914.

18 war moths against 60 years in the two previous centuries.
No long and devastating wars between the Great Powers, and in effect,
no general wars what were.

## II. This was the result of the balance of power system under the given circumstances.

The balance of power is a basic law of politics. It is catural to units of power to behave in such a way as to prevent the sudden increase in the power of any one unit through a combination of the other units.

This has the very important consequence that the indeposence of small units is safeguarded, since its absorption would increase the power of the absorbing unit.

No state the was On the map in 1648 disappeared from the during the following two centuries. (Switzerland, Holland, Resgium, Denmark, Norway etc...) Ward to day that the this is not in the nature of things, but needs an explanation. It is given by the b. of p. system.

In other words the b. of p. system works infavor of the induendence of all units concerned, whether big or small.

This however does not mean peace. Quite on the contrary. The system cats through continuous wars. Northern Italy, Souttern Germany, than Confer costovzeff: The ancient Creek cities. The balance of power period of Kellenism was a period of incessant wars. (In this respect, the tradition well founded.)

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In Europe since 1648 (peace of Muenter and Westphalen) and especially since the freaty of Utrecht (Hyswyck) in 1713, it was an accepted principle and was increasingly organized. From this time onward any sudden major change in the status quo was thought to give legitims to concern to all toher powerts, thus enormously increasing the facility with which coalitions could be formed

But how and why did this system since 1815 work for peace? I.e., avoiding avoidable wars and limiting the unavoidable ones, both in scope and in length?

This was, indeed, a startling development. Peace which had been an adormment of life, like art and crafts, now became a main interest. This was the result of the world economy, the gold standard, capital and currency and commodity markets, the investment habit, Peace became aprimary general interest. A general war became almost inconceivable.

III. The system ceases to work as soon as their are not at less t three indpendent powers in play.

The formation of the Triple alliance by Bismarck, and ham Entente to formation of the Triple alliance by Bismarck, and ham Entente to formation of the made and 1907 by England, France and Russia made an end to the balance of power system. It was only a question of time when the very opposite of a balance of power system which presupposes a number preferably a large number of indeptendent power units... Indeed, the restoration of the soveregn states in Europe to supported on this score.

IV. England's balance of power policy antedates all this by much, and is a matter for England alone.

This policy is an outcome of England's geographical position off a continued literal. Since Wolsey wayour knew it was teturally practiced, ever when unconsciously. Charles II connection with France ran counter to it and was dissatrous. From Henry VIII time to our own times, it was instinct ively practiced, since it was a common sense and name of security requirement.

Fox interinad that England had a right to hold the balance in Frope and Burke actualy spoke as if the balance of power was the Law of Europe and England was the guradian of the public law. (Public)

It is not difficult to see that it was easier to follow a balance of power policy if theothers practiced a balance of power-satem, since in that case the forming of coaditions was immensely facilitated.

But England would follow such a policy even in a League of Nations, and other countries would not follow such a policy even under the balance of power system. They would prefer alliances or hegemony or other more permanet forms of influence.

Of course England may not be in the position to follow such a policy after the war, simply because there may bene second power in existence.

V. The League the mere by the improved/organization of the balance of power system.

An alternative to the balance of power is a federation or a super state, not be a federation or a super state, not be a federation. According to a federation and conciliation. Accordingly, the League did not prohibit wars, merely provided machinery to aboid them 1. through regular consulation 2 through providing machinery for the forming of coalitions against the disturber of the peace.

The failure of the series box box box box to safeguard the independence of

Small countries stands inneed of explanation . (Lithuania, Greece, Germany, China, Abyssinia)

- (a) The permanent unilteral disarmament of the defeated countries.
  (b) the dissolution of the 19thc entury system of wold economics.
- (a). Germany and the other defeated countries had been unilaterally and permanetly disarmed. This created a power-vacuum which prevethed the League from functioning. Lithuania could not stand up to Polabd, and Germany was not able to support Lithuania. Greece could get no support from other countries. The peace treaties were not and carried out as scrupulously as they otherwise would have been Silesian plebis cite; the handling of the reparations issue; Eupèn andMalmedy; Austrian Anschluss prevened; Bulgaria kept in sub-revolutionary state by Macedonians; premium set on paratmilitary and secret armaments e.g. Hungary gets Oedenburg contrary to péace treaties because Austria keeps to disarrate while Hungary does not. etc.).

The knowledge that such a thing is impossible leads to the incertainty purpose that the state itself. On the other hand it forces the victorious powers into the rank hypocrisy of pretending that they are going to disarm or even expecting the their comrades to disarm while actually nothing of the kind is the case).

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| Consequently |
| Nineteenth century world economics had dissolved and mines/also the opence interest. The gold standard threatned one country after the other with anarmos, and attempts to restore it caused manmosinterministical and political disaster.

If we had the League of mations back again, it would not safeguard peace, but only the independence of the single states, which is a torm doubtful asset.

Thetrue question is -1. Should England carry on a balance of power policy? in Europe?

2. What Should the balance of power system be reestable: blished inEurope, whether in a League or otherwise?

The answer is; l. No b. of p. policy possible since their will not be any power besides Russia, memon / in Europe and Gr. Britian

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No b. of. p. system possible for the same remon.

3. The balance of power must be one on a world scale.

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1. Small we have a balance of power system after the War, and if so, what kind of a system will it be?

A halance of power system nanagamamama a number of independent power units, which maintainthe independence of all of their number, through the so-called balace of power game.

There must bemore than two power groups: this excludes the counter balacing allances. They mean notionly war but loss of independence

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It only maintains the <u>indpenses</u>, not the <u>peace</u>. It is not a peace system. It is a system of wars and threats of war.

permanent

oreIt/supposes power . It excludes the penmenana unitateral disarmament of them any name units, whether they are inside or outside the group. (e.g. a League of Nations).

Such a law of balance of power as old as humansocieties, indeed they need not even be human . As old as Adam and Eve, and the Serpent. Milton's Paraide Lost is full of it.

But in politicalhistory, it does not always putty the same role. Most periods socity is coextensive with society. There is no political balance of power in existence.

It dependes how extensive the society is, and how far it is organized in political units.

The medieval society was organized by Paracy and Emprire nand in not political groups.

The modern political power sytem is relatively new: not older than end of the 15th century in Europe.

It functionedfairly well since themiddle of the 17th century: no state lost its independence, who was a signatory of the Treaty of Westphien.

But during the nineteenth century it functioned without any general wars and even without any long or devillastating war in Europe. With 1914

This unique occrrance was cauced by liberal capitalism, a general interest of all countriese of Western type in the absence of general wars. (NOT PEACE). The most spsific institution of the age, of the gold standard, is indeed incompatible with a general wars.

One of the explanations of the terrific outure of wars is preciesely that one of the explanations of the terrific outure of wars is preciesely that wars had to heavoided at almost all costs, even though it weant leaving in numerable questions unsolved which a motbe left unsolved sithout gravely affecting the lives of the communities. As long as there is no toher method of solving these questions, wars must solve them, and if wars are excluded by the economic system, the countries fall into chaos and anarrow, until ultimately war ensues, which then may or may not solve the problems.

2. Toynbee's misprophecy ( and Wol quite!

T. wrote in 1924 than the Great Power system is 'out'.

Of the 8 great powers of 1914 ( 1 inMurope and 4 outside).

Germany and Russia were permen C. Kind permanetly weakned by defeat, revolutionary chaos.

Before 1914 sixteen & sser states

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New international organizations coming into being al la postat union, telegrpath etc.. The League of Nations was classes by him in this group.

He gave the following explanation: Since 1875 the great Powers coming intobeing thourgh Industialismand, Nationadism. National menhad worked for bigger units indermanyand Italy 1870 and 1871 nonnemantennaninanninanninaninani

Industrialism had worked everywhere for bigger units: markets raw materials Zollverein

Industrialism plus mationality had created the Great Powers.

Since 1914 both wee working the other way: Nationalism was destroying the Astiran, the Ottoman, the Russian empires was outgrowin the boundaries of the Gr at Powers, they were lessandless self- sufficent. as pooven by the blockade effect

Toynbee was mistaken. These 20 years have disproved him throrughly.

More than ever we like in a period of Great Powers, to the point of 25 out of 35 European so-called soveriegns disappearing from the map. Only 3 Great Powers and four neutrals are still there ...

3. What kind of units are the new Great Powers ? What is their organization and minwhat do they represent?

> The answer is: they are not nation states but empires; their basis is not economic but sociak-spline

The Great Powers ( primarily USA, Russia, and Anna British Common-wedalth represent's way of life', the Aristotelain definition of a polis i.e, of a society.

Nationality has long ceased to be the basis of these states: Russia exploitly repuridated it; Great Britian is not even at home one e.g. En lish nation; the USA motto is: Americans all-dimmigrants all.

Nationalism was the result of liberal credit and voanking phase of cap pitalism all over the world. It has gone ( unless we resuscita te it .. )

Industrialism was from the beginning a universalist force ( gold stan dard) and a regionalist one, It is not true that the states were more self- sufficient before .

economic The truth is the mucholoser politico-integration of the states. The institution is our mency under an independent Central decisice What appeared at first as an economic b pheonemenen, turned outto be a socialone i.e. all pervading and integrating. Only aslong as the leading capital's t classes are all important does it make sense to call it economic. Later on the way of lift of the whole community is involved. The defence of society against the effects of an unrastircted market system. The defence is different time is deternined defence is different everywhere. And that makes for soial

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Two types of solutions:

Q.Universalist type:

Russia under Trozkyism and USA under liberal capitalism.

Inflying like life

characteristics: uniformity and standardization constitutions lasm, credit system etc.

Great Britian, Russia, Germany, all other countries.

2. charactersities: control of external economics

Russian foreign policy:

Security. Intensly regionalistic, Relative isoltionism.

Vassal states. Politice-economic methods etc. sudeness. Practical jokes. Open diplomacy./ Two policies: open-ly presented as alteratives..

May beforced to revolutionary policy ..

USA foreign policy

Isolation and defensive imp rialism.

New nation.

External economics pre.-1914.

Gold standard. Its dangers avoidable for the stonegest.

Want us in. The rest disregraded.

Capitalist trotzkyism ...

Absolute ruthless ness of methods..

British 'ommonwelath of nations

Weaker than the other two.. But that makes balance of powerr zsystem advisable.

Those who fear Russia want to force an American foriegn policy. NOW. That is dengerous...

Freehand policy, the best.

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