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What Hitler's Victory Would Mean to American Labor!

1. All Europe would become a single factory of forced labor slaving for the German "masterrace."

Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and the most industrialized part of France have already been reduced to this condition. And now the Nazis have hurled themselves in full fury at Russia to plunder this land with all its fabulous resources. British and American labor are next on Hitler's list — if he wins this battle.

- 2. The industrial products of this cheap labor would be dumped on South America and bartered for the agricultural products of that continent.
 - Already the Nazis are making barter contracts in South America to go into effect as soon as they have won the war.
- 3. Thus the foreign markets of American industry and agriculture would both be lost at once; and a large part of American factory and farm labor would be out of jobs.
- 4. America would be cut off by an economic blockade. We should be able to trade with the outside world only on Nazi terms.
- 5. Nazi-controlled Europe and South America would deal only with firms which conform to the Nazi political and social setup. This was the way Germany attacked Austria, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Denmark, Holland, France and Belgium from within. It has given her control of Sweden without a military attack; and she has already gone far with this campaign in South America. To the Nazis economic control is only the first step toward political control—towards brutal military domination and savage terror.
- 6. The Nazis can impose slavery upon world labor only if they conquer England and so gain control of the seas. The British Trade Union Congress and the Labor Party have seen the mortal danger and have sworn no truce with the Nazis.
- 7. Free labor cannot exist in America if the labor of the rest of the world is enslaved. Our defense efforts must be redoubled. Speed is the need. American workers are the most efficient and they can do the job well and ahead of time. We must let nothing stand in the way of the mightiest defense of our homes and the speediest delivery of the greatest volume of arms, munitions, ships and supplies needed by her if she is to defeat the dictators on the *other* side of the Atlantic, and if the workers of England are to survive as free men. This is our vital stake. Let us provide the sinews of victory and let us all unite for production, more production and still more production.

WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN. GET IN TOUCH WITH US ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY

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