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Our ruling groups in both England and America were quite happy with Fascism so long as it netted profit and, in England, offered no threat to the British Empire. Today, the British show no inclination to revise its Indian policy, while its attitude toward China remains unchanged. Churchill does not express the British people, but he expresses the opinion of a powerful ruling class and his policy is supported by powerful American groups and groups in the United Nations. He speaks for the ~~resurrection~~ resurrection of the Dutch, French, and British Empires, even Hongkong to be returned to the British. British people too burdened with defence problems to know what is being done in their name.

Now we hear of an Anglo-American alliance, a unity--which can mean nothing but an Anglo-Saxon alliance against the USSR and Asia. Business groups are going into an orgy of great trade profits after the war. We are supposed to ~~max~~ follow the carrot held before our noses--we will get some of the crumbs of profit.

Look at what we are doing: The Nazis proclaim an Italian Fascist Republic, but we are left holding the ~~sxxx~~ bawling baby of the Fascist Badoglio and the impotent and debased and hated House of Savoy. We are to police Burma ~~xxxxxxx~~ until the British can re-establish their vested interests. Now that Nazi victory is impossible, British Tories emerging from ~~xxxx~~ hiding and we hear that the British Empire is to remain, even to Hongkong. British Tories howl against even mild social reforms like the Beveridge Report. But the British Tories now need the help of British labor to murder the infant democratic European revolutions, and the nationalist movements of Asia. That is why reaction in Britain and America still wear the mask of progressivism

and still use the word "democratic".

It is no victory for us if a military victory results in the crushing of the democratic revolutions of other countries. Or are you afraid of the word "revolution"? ~~Yxxxx~~ If you are, you deny the basis of the American Republic, and you deny the principles of Jeffersonian democracy.

In many countries of Europe and Asia, political thinking is much more advanced than in America and England. The people of Europe and Asia do not think of democracy as capitalism. They want political democracy, but they also want economic democracy--the cooperative ownership of the means of life. ~~Thxxx~~ Many European peoples, and the advanced groups of Chinese democrats do not want powerful landlords and industrialists to control the means of life upon which all must depend. They want socialist democracy. ~~ADe~~ we Americans so naive as to believe that Big Business interests of America and England are willing to allow a social-democratic system to arise in Europe and Asia, when they fight it at home? The common people of other countries, including hundreds of millions of Asians, do not want the private ownership and exploitation of the economic life of their nations. Will American and British business men behave like Socialists in Europe and Asia?

What voices now speak to China in our name? Most of them are the same that sold war materisl to Japan so long as it was profitable to do so. The same interests sympathized with and admired Hitler and Mussolini, and cheered and helped the Fascist dictator of Spain.

In ¹⁹³¹1940, I heard young Englishmen in China approving Chamberlain's policy in Europe by saying: "Our old Graybeards know best".

I feel great suffering when I read reports and speeches that all our soldiers want after this war is to return to their old conditions of pre-war days. They want jobs. They want the same conditions that led to the unemployment of nearly one-third of our nation in depression days. Workers throughout the country are now afraid of the coming peace. Soldiers are afraid of the coming peace when they will be on the streets. Yet we are the richest country in the world, and our country could be a paradise if production were not run for profit and private interest. There is no need in our country for any man, woman, or child to fear insecurity of life. Not if we have the courage to change our economic system and secure the means of existence to every one of our citizens. Since our industrialists cannot do that, and never have done it, why should we try to clamp our backward, outworn system on the necks of the peoples of other countries?

