Germany." (Where have we heard this story before?) "In the same years German industrialists have been rebuilding their own fortunes." Now we know what is meant by "Germany."

"Rising from the ruins of Hitler's Reich, 150 postwar millionaires have amassed great wealth in the Federal Republic since 1945. The Krupps are again the steel masters they were and bigger." And the Flick combine "is now a bigger combine than Hitler made it. Its head is out of jail and back in control. It has moved from coal and steel to motor vehicles, chemicals, newsprint and gained power on the way." And this after Gregory Clark, Canadian newspaper writer who lost a son in WW II, wrote that in wars, "The big Joes never win." (Daily Colonist, 11-29-52.)

Now Alfred Krupp has offered $1,429,000 to the Jews (some of the little Joes who won the war?) who were compelled to slave labor in his factories during the war. This "amend" will by no means dent the huge gains of the Krupp family. During his trial, after hostilities had ceased, Krupp said his firm had only done its duty and that "we are conscious of no violations of the laws of humanity." (Daily Colonist, 12-25-59). Of course there is nothing inhuman about the realizing of profits as far as the receivers of surplus value are concerned and it is possible that many of them see no connection between capitalism and any of its effects, from alcoholism to crematoriums. The immoral morals of society are patterned on capitalist interests.

THE PROFIT MOTIVE

Profit also rules in the "home" of a segment of capitalism's countless victims — Israel.

In June 1959 the coalition government of Premier David Ben Gurion was shaken by a non-confidence motion attacking the government's plan to sell $2,800,000 worth of arms to West Germany. The opposition denounced Ben Gurion's plan by invoking the memory of 6,000,000 Jews slaughtered by the Nazis during the war.

This isn't all. Think of Ben Gurion a year earlier. Then he found himself in trouble over **buying** arms **from** West Germany. At that time he said, "If you offer me a choice between all the ideals in the world, glorious as they may be, and the security of Israel (read profits), I will unhesitatingly choose the latter." (Daily Colonist, 7-7-59).

And now we see that "West Germany has lifted the passport of Dr. Johann von Leers, anti-Semitic propaganda adviser to President Nasser of the United Arab Republic" because "von Leers' work is endangering the 'democratic institutions' of the West German state." What democratic institutions? Why, the institutions which make possible the exploitation by German capitalists of German workers. Official anti-Semitism is not practical today in the Bonn Republic.

"West Germany is walking a Jewish-Arab tightrope in the Middle East, seeking a reconciliation with world Jewry via the State of Israel but **simultaneously striving to preserve its strong commercial position** in the Arab countries." (Daily Colonist 7-3-59, Italics ours). Sorry, but business is business you know.

The villain in this kaleidoscope of contradiction and suffering is again exposed by one out of its putrid pile of propaganda mediums. According to the Victoria Daily Times, 4-23-58, the "Release from prison a few days ago of the last 10 Japanese major war criminals still in custody carries its own —

PHILOSOPHIC CONNOTATION"

"Thirteen years after the close of hostilities, the intense feelings of wartime have abated. We view Japan now **as a potentially good market for our products,** a bulwark against Russia in the Far East, etc."

"The change has been equally abrupt in our relations with Germany, performing in Europe a similar service as ally **and customer** similar to that of Japan in Asia." (Our emphasis).

Of course the fact that hundreds of thousands of humans died violently, were maimed and made homeless is really too bad, but they were expendable you know, and "we" now have "a good market for 'our' products." Some philosophic connotation! Can you blame us for seeing either bourgeois "democracies" or "absolutisms" as they actually are — a class society where the commercial minority has effectively brainwashed the working class majority?

The statement continues — "Our wartime ally, Russia, on the other hand, is now the potential enemy against which defense must be maintained." "The hatreds of yesteryear do not long survive the impact of new events." That's it, dad, new lineups and new tasks for the "rabble" rousers.

After Hitler's description of the war aims of the German capitalist class: "We are going to do **business** solely on the basis of German advantage. If it's good for Germany, **we shall trade** and no British or American interests are going to put a stop to our way of doing business." (Boston Traveler, Feb. 24, 1941—Emphasis ours), we can only warn the world's workers again that the whole mess of capitalism has long outlived its usefulness to mankind; that they support it only at the expense of greater and unforeseen misery to themselves.

Only the profit motive and its indiscriminate scramble for markets and raw materials could prompt Russia after urging German Communists to resist Hitler, to be among the first to trade with Germany after Hitler came to power, supplying her with minerals for her war machine which itself was built for the forceful acquisition of trade. Or Winston Churchill to say in a speech on Nov. 11, 1938, "I have always said that if Great Britain were defeated in war I hoped we should find a Hitler to lead us back to our rightful position among the nations," ignoring the Nazi concentration camps until it became necessary to use them as hate-builders after Germany violated the commercial and therefore profit position of the British capitalist class, of whom Mr. Churchill has always been the able servant.

Capitalism — thy name is hypocrsy.

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Society's Products

The current eagerness to attach most of the blame for the latest wave of anti-Semitism to the remnants of the Nazi party is certainly stretching the imagination. Are they supposed to be the cause of anti-Semitism in Russia or the U.S.A.?

Any exhaustive study of the subject will show that racial and religious discrimination was around long before German capitalism's Adolf came along to give it a little unnecessary aid. It is also a pertinent point to realize that dictatorships and concentration camps were conspicuous by their absence before class society came into being.

So long as the world's workers support commodity production so long will they suffer the miseries thereof.

A little more than 10 seconds' thought will surely illustrate that prejudices such as religious pride and religious discrimination, patriotism and race hate are all related and are not the cause but the products of our present type of society.

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Who's A Capitalist?

If Great Britain is a nation of little capitalists, as Richard L. Thomas said in the Colonist of Jan. 13, then who is doing the work? Most capitalists don't work because they don't have to; they own enough capital to supply them with a far greater unearned income, than wages of the earned variety ever could.

This applies to both large and small types of those whose incomes are the result of unpaid labor. Owning $500 of various shares, while paying on a $5,000 mortgage, doesn't make a worker a capitalist; it only illustrates a worker who is $4,500 in the hole.

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