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 e them via the northern
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ng like that, it is pointed
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Carol and take other steps assu-
 ing her of a strong foothold among
 the fellow-slaves of that region.
 Again, there is no fact available
 at this time which would construe
 this in any way as a blocking of
 Germany. On the contrary, eco-
 nomists hold that, in view of the
 Berlin-Moscow pact, the comple-
 tion of these Russian moves con-
 stitute a de-facto-customs-union
 reaching from the Rhine to the
 Pacific and from the Black Sea to
 the Arctic ocean, accomplished at
 almost one stroke within one
 month and with as yet localized
 warfare.

GIVING STALIN TIME
 Obviously such a vastly import-
 ant and revolutionary move would
 have been almost impossible dur-
 ing peace without shaking the gov-
 ernments of Great Britain and
 France out of the drivers' seats.
 Even tacit forbearance could hard-
 ly have avoided a declaration of
 war without giving much more
 than lip-service to the existence of
 such status. Real opposition to it
 would have been expressed in the
 language that British armed
 forces adopted in centuries gone
 by. Forbearance is also indicated
 by the continuation of Russo-
 British trade, and at this stage it
 cannot logically be interpreted
 otherwise. It not only condones
 Stalin's conquests; it approves of
 them.

—Since Moscow so effectively
 supported Hitler's Polish aims and
 helped to bring about the conclu-
 sion of the campaign within less
 than one month, New York in-
 siders interpret the recent
 speeches by Der Fuehrer as de-
 signed to give Stalin time for
 rapid conclusion of his Baltic and
 Balkan maneuvers, before start-
 ing the peace offensive in dead
 earnest. Revision of the peace
 treaties of 1919 has to be accom-
 plished first while a "state of
 war" exists, because otherwise it
 might prove highly embarrassing
 for all concerned.
MANY "MYSTERIES"
 Whether this is really the "deal"
 behind the present European
 "war" remains to be seen. Skep-
 tics are convinced of it, but a clear
 confirmation is not likely to be
 forthcoming until the dust of war-
 fare has settled. It would be too
 bitter a slap in the face for all
 who are being called upon for the
 supreme sacrifice. Yet how else
 can it be explained that none of


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ing example? Isn't it possible,
 even probable, that the London-
 Moscow trade pact is a continua-
 tion of Anglo-German trade rela-
 tions until things become "nor-
 mal" again? British imports from
 Germany during the first seven
 months of the year amounted to
 3,138,000 pounds under the classi-
 fication of machinery and 2,542,000
 for chemicals, not to include opti-
 cal instruments, other scientific
 and electrical equipments, etc.

Many of these items are not
 easily replaceable, as Englishmen
 have long admitted. How come
 that lead shipments to Norway
 are reaching so "satisfactory" fig-
 ures with little or no attempt at
 interference by the Allies? Isn't
 it also strange that German banks
 in the last few weeks have paid
 their obligations to American
 banks on the dot and chiefly in
 dollars? In 1914 not a penny was
 permitted to get out of the Reich—
 a death struggle was on! Indeed
 the now popular radio phrase
 "Confidentially, it stinks!" has
 been rather overworked ever since
 the war began to look phoney. The
 peace offensive may still be sev-
 eral weeks off, but a "peace
 scare" is certainly with us now.
 Unless entirely new factors are
 introduced overnight—and this is
 a time when everything is possible
 —shrewd observers are prepared
 to eat their shirts if most of the
 boys aren't out of the pillboxes by
 Christmas.

Although the weather in Puerto
 Rico is too warm for football,
 thousands of fans there are inter-
 ested in a sport they never see.
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