A Secret Report about Stalin’s Plans

**Document Text**

*The fundamental tenet of the communist philosophy embraced by Soviet leaders is that the peaceful coexistence of communist and capitalist nations is impossible. The defenders of the communist faith, as the present Soviet rulers regard themselves, assume that conflict between the Soviet Union and the leading capitalist powers of the western world is inevitable.*

*Generalissimo Stalin and his associates are preparing for the clash by many means, all of them designed to increase the power of the Soviet Union. . . . Beyond the borders now under her control, the Soviet Union is striving to penetrate strategic areas, and everywhere agents of the Soviet Government work to weaken the governments of other nations and to achieve their ultimate isolation and destruction.*

*The Near East is an area of great strategic interest to the Soviet Union because of the shift of Soviet industry to southeastern Russia, within range of air attack from much of the Near East, and because of the resources of the area. The Soviet Union is interested in obtaining the withdrawal of British troops from Greece and the establishment of a “friendly” government there. It hopes to make Turkey a puppet state which could serve as a springboard for the domination of the eastern Mediterranean.*

**Summary**

*The leaders of the communist Soviet Union believe that they can never live in peace with the capitalist countries. They think war is inevitable.*

*Stalin and his government are doing all they can to prepare for war. They are seizing territory and trying to weaken other countries.*

*The Soviet Union wants to control Greece and Turkey and then all of the eastern Mediterranean.*