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The Call to Action

THE Communist Party is now a fact. It issues its challenge to Capitalism, making clear its purpose of mobilizing the workers for the conquest of power. It issues a challenge to the workers, calling them to the militant struggle against Capitalism.

With the organization of the Communist Party, the conscious American workers respond to the Communist International, unite with the revolutionary workers of the world in the final struggle against Capitalism.

Revolutionary Socialism in the United States ceased being a faction, and now becomes a disciplined party of revolutionary activity. The Left Wing of yesterday is the Communist Party of today, organized on the solid basis of a militant membership and a clear, realistic and uncompromising program of theory and action.

The Communist Party appears as the largest working class party in point of membership: this alone indicates the mass impulse behind the party. It appears, not in response to the whims of individuals, but in answer to the vital needs of the workers in this epoch of the collapse of Capitalism.

At all points the new party meets the requirements of the present situation and of the proletarian class struggle. It breaks completely with the remnants of the reactionary Socialist Party; it repudiates the wavering, hesitating "Communist Labor Party;" it stands clear on the solid base of principle, a real Communist Party, with no taint of hesitation or of compromise.

To compromise is fatal. There must be unity of fundamentals: otherwise the workers are doomed to subjection or futile insurrection, and inevitable betrayals. Not the least task of the Communist Party is to expose the misleaders of the workers, the potential Scheidemans, Noskes and Haases, men who play with revolutionary phrases but put over reactionary deeds.

The Communist Party comes with a call to action. It comes to rally the workers for the militant struggle against Capitalism. Its purpose is to inspire the struggles of the workers with revolutionary initiative, energy and objectives. The Communist Party is the most resolute and consistent expression of the working class movement.

Our program is clear: it calls for the overthrow of Capitalism and the establishment of a dictatorship of the proletariat. That objective will determine our actions: that goal we shall never lose sight of.

But we shall not speak of proletarian dictatorship while ignoring the immediate mass struggles of the proletariat. Our party is a party of action, it will engage in the militant mass struggles of the workers, since out of these struggles develop that understanding and capacity necessary for the workers to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The American proletariat is restless. Its more progressive elements have caught the vision of the proletarian revolutions in Europe. The mass of the workers suffer under more acute oppression, and are anxious for a change; but they are not conscious of means and purposes. Capitalism is adopting the most terrible methods of repression to maintain the workers in subjection, while it proves by its deeds utter incapacity to solve the problems of reconstruction that press down upon society. The workers are eager for a solution; they are developing the impulse toward workers' control of industry; they are moving slowly,

Capitalism weakens the workers develop a fuller understanding of their problems and the necessity for action.

The capitalists of the world, in a last desperate attempt to defend their power, have banded in the League of Nations. But the conscious workers of the world are equally organizing, organizing in the Communist International, which issues its challenge to the League of Nations and which will crush that League.

With the organization of the Communist Party, the conscious American proletariat affiliates with the Communist International. The revolutionary spirit is now organizing itself here, organizing in a party of action, determined upon the conquest of power.

The Communist International is not a thing of a day. It is not the sport of a few romantic revolutionists. It is the proletarian response to the requirements of the struggle against Capitalism and Imperialism; it is the movement of Marxism in action, the expression of the revolutionary struggle.

Capitalism in its murderous despair tries to strangle the workers' movement for emancipation. Let the Communist proletariat answer!

Capitalism is dividing the world economically and financially, forging new chains for the workers of the world. Let the Communist proletariat answer.

Capitalism is at the end of its historic mission; it is now the worst enemy of progress and civilization. Let the Communist proletariat answer!

Responding to the call of the Communist International, and building upon the basis of revolutionary experience in Europe, together with the revolutionary experience of the American movement, the Communist Party organizes for action.

On with the struggle! Unify the conscious elements of the proletariat! Make the Communist Party actually the party of the militant proletariat!

The problems are large, but they do not daunt us. The task that we must perform is a necessary task, vital and vitalizing. Upon our movement depends the future of the proletariat. Upon our proletariat depends the future of world Socialism, since American Capitalism is now the most powerful and reactionary; and only with the crushing of American Capitalism can the proletariat of the world realize its emancipation.

We know that the struggle will be a harsh one. We know that the master class will use all means at its disposal to crush our movement.

But the more the repression, the more will we struggle to awaken the workers to action — action against Capitalism, action for the Social revolution.

To the Communist Party — the revolutionary struggle and the future!

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

The constitution of the Communist Party provides:

Any branch of the Socialist Party or of the Socialist Labor Party which endorses the program and constitution of the Socialist Party and applies for a charter before Jan. 1, 1920 shall be accepted as a branch.

Until State and District Organizations are established branches in states other than Massachusetts and Michigan which do not belong to Language Federations affiliated with the Communist Party, should send their application for charters direct to the National Headquarters.

Dues stamps, membership cards and applications for membership are now ready for distribution. Dues stamps prices are:

To members 40c. per month.

To Branches where there is no City Central Committee 25c.

To City Central Committee 25c.

To State Organizations 15c.

Branches and City Central Committees which are not affiliated as described above may remit direct to the National Headquarters for dues stamps.

Application cards are 4.50 per thousand; \$2.50 for five hundred; 75c. per hundred.

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but surely, toward the consciousness of aggressive action against Capitalism.

Into this situation the Communist Party projects itself, with a realistic program and a clear understanding of the problems.

The impulse generated by the Russian Revolution is now seizing upon the workers of the world. The Soviet Republic is intact. But even should the Russian Soviet Republic break down, as in Hungary and Bavaria, the revolutionary inspiration will not break down. It will develop stronger and stronger, until the workers of the world end Capitalism.

For the great fact is that we are now in the epoch of the proletarian revolution. Capitalism cannot endure, it cannot solve its own problems. It has come to the end of its resources. Peace Conferences may meet in Paris, but the process of economic and political disintegration goes on. Capitalism weakens more as each day passes; and as