

To the Workers of the Entente Countries

WITH inexhaustible resources and great energy, the capitalistic assaults on the Russian Soviet Republic are being continued, and yet no effective effort is reported by the workers of the remainder of Europe to resist the crimes that are being committed against our Russian class comrades. In fact, there is hardly a trace of desire discernable to help our struggling brothers in Russia.

Unprecedented quantities of arms, munitions, and machines of warfare of every kind, are being shipped from England, France and America and forwarded to counter-revolutionary centers in Russia. In addition to the support of the counter-revolution and the attacks of the capitalistic world trust against the Russian workers republic, which stands like a barricade against the autocracy of capital, there are being maintained in Russia great military forces of these same capitalistic nations.

Comrades of these countries. Do not be misled by the false statements of your capitalistic press to the effect that armed expeditions and transports that are being sent to Russia are for the purpose of rescuing troops in Russia and bringing them back home. That is a base lie.

The Russian workers' republic is to be put down at any cost, and we here in Denmark have every opportunity to observe the great efforts that are being made for this end, in the form of the

"Solidarity" the organ of the Danish Syudicalists, prints the following appeal to the workers of the Entente countries:

enormous daily cargoes passing through Danish territory. The warships of England, France and other nations, as well as transports, are daily passing on their piratical voyage to the Baltic Sea and to other places, with great cargoes of arms and ammunitions.

We ask: Is it compatible with the dignity and class-duty of English seamen to lend their services to this end? Some may perhaps say that they are struggling against the dictatorship of Bolshevism for democracy, and that they understand by democracy the equal right of the people in all fields. But we, even in our democratic country, are living under the most ruthless capitalistic autocracy.

In their cast-iron dictatorship, they are putting their feet upon our necks. They rule the land, the factories, in short, all of economic society. Their celebrated democracy has created a parasitic class of capitalistic transients in all large cities, whose number exceeds even that of the producing masses, and they will continue their oppressions until we free ourselves by force, for capitalism will never give up voluntarily its autocratic domination. The parasites of Russia are at present promoting the counter-revolutionary struggle in order to put the Russian workers once more in the

chains of Capitalism. Class-comrades, it is high time to put an end to the crimes and transgressions of capital.

We particularly address our fellow-syndicalists in the Entente countries, exhorting them not only in their own circle to work against this shameful traffic but also to carry on agitation on the economic field, wherever they may have influence, to make the workers utilize their economic resources to force a cessation of such transports. We have come to the point where practical action is a necessity, if our Russian brothers are to retain their hard-won freedom — a question which is of decisive importance for the world revolution.

Only by actual co-operation can the working-class defend its position and resist the forces of capitalism and by an economic industrial union of the workers in all countries they may be able to build up a new society based on free Socialist principles.

The Russian population of workers needs real action on the part of its foreign class-comrades, first and foremost, in order to attain the goal of obliging the capitalistic and imperialistic governments to stop the bandit war which they are at present waging in Russia.

Comrades, let us discharge our duty towards our Russian brothers by real action.

Stop the transport of material for the criminal counter-revolution in Russia.

Communist Party and Socialist Party

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voting strength on the side of the working class consists of the skilled mechanics, who have fairly permanent homes, many of them owning their homes. This group of workers has already shown that it has such jealousy of its little property, or its "property in skill" as protected by tight little craft unions, that it will vote and act against a fundamental change of the social system. The Labor Party, assisted by Moderate (Reformist) Socialism, may build up this voting strength of about 2,500,000, together with as many more of the small farm-owners and small shopkeepers and clerks, into a powerful phalanx against the revolutionary momentum of the 25,000,000 unskilled or semi-skilled wage-workers. That is exactly the situation in Germany today, where the Social-Democracy is doing such splendid service for German Capitalism and Junkerdom against the working masses.

But the spirit and understanding of Communism is already making rapid headway against reactionary Socialism and Laborism in the United States. American Imperialism has overplayed its hand, and it is no longer so easy for reactionary unionism and reformist working-class politics to fool the workers. Also there is the stirring example of successful social revolution in Russia, and the demonstration in Hungary and Bavaria that there is no power of capitalism which can cope with the organized, conscious mass action of the workers. It is going to be hard any longer to stave off the working masses with

the false hopes of capitalist democracy, even when held out by Socialist or Labor parties.

The capitalists understand keenly their own voting game. Note the statements of Mark Sullivan in the current issue of COLLIER'S: "If you have nightmares about revolution in America, there is one thought you can always take to bed with you. Farmers who own their farms don't engage in revolutions. In any presidential election in America the farmer and his sons contribute over a third, and close to a half, of the entire vote.... In politics the farmer gets what he wants and keeps what he has. Every politician knows that the farmers are not only the most numerous class of voters, but the most dependable. The farmer swings the country."

"Now, the farmer who owns his farm is a conservative and a capitalist. There is no more intense devotion to any form of property anywhere than the farmer has toward his acres. Not only is the farmer certain to oppose anything in the nature of communism; further than that, the farmer hates labor as a class. With the farmer dominant in politics, the real difficulty is going to be to put through as many concessions as labor seriously ought to have.... The farmer is the dominant element in American politics and American life, and there isn't going to be any revolution."

Mr. Sullivan journalistically plays up the farmer to the exclusion of similar city groups, like the shopkeepers and the artisans. But it is undoubtedly true that

so far as the use of the ballot is concerned, the case is complete against fundamental change by count of the farmer vote alone.

The "dominant element in American politics" is the farmer, manipulated for the general capitalistic use by the astute political experts employed by the financiers, manufacturers and jobbers. But the "dominant element in American life" is the proletariat in the basic industry.

And the game of politics of which the farmer is himself the dupe is only a small aspect of the class conflict. Mr. Sullivan's reassurance against the proletarian revolution in America will not end the capitalistic "nightmares". They will go on with their Loyal American League preparations for working-class massacre. They will go on with their assassinations, deportations, jailings and bomb-planting.

They know that the use of the ballot is only a side-show. They know vaguely that there is reason for "nightmares" in the mass power of the industrial workers. And their civilization and its culture has taught them only one method to use against this power, the method of terrorism.

The Communist Party calls upon the workers to give effective organization and direction to their mass power. Not to be deceived by the emptiness of capitalist democracy or the evasiness of Socialist or Labor reformism, but to meet squarely the issue of capitalist dictatorship of society versus working-class dictatorship.