

The Communist International

Polish Communists

ONE sided reports from Poland have created the absolutely erroneous impression that the Polish working classes favor the present regime in that country. In Poland as well as in former border provinces of Russia, the proletariat generally is in favor of a Workers' Republic and opposed to the nationalistic policies of small ruling cliques who are backed by foreign bayonets. There is a strong Communist party which is gaining ground day by day. The problems of this party are outlined in an appeal recently issued in Warsaw and widely circulated among Polish workers. The following is quoted from this proclamation:

"The Russian workers and peasants were the first to overthrow the rule of the lords and exploiters. All over Russia they have established a new order,—a Socialist order. The Russian factory owners no more are able to rob the workers, because the Russian people have confiscated from the exploiters all their riches and made them into common property.

"Following the example of the Russian workers the working class of the Central Powers likewise joined the struggle.

"We are being assured that the people of Poland have acquired everything that they have aspired to. It is being pointed out to you that Poland has become independent. Attempts are made to divert your attention from your vital interests,—from the revolution. You are being excited against the Germans, the Ruthenians, the Czecho-Slovaks, the Russians and the Jews. The Polish bourgeoisie has already started a fight against the Ruthenians in eastern Galizia, and against the Lithuanian workers and peasants. Savage and bestial massacres of Jews are taking place in White Russia. All this is being done so that the working class of Poland should become imbued with a spirit of hatred toward their fellow workers in Germany, Russia, Bohemia and toward the Jewish workers. The Polish bourgeoisie wants to use you as defender of its class interests. It is to the great advantage of that bourgeoisie that you should forget your own needs and forget Socialism.

"The Communist Party of Poland is marching toward the dictatorship of the proletariat, toward a Socialistic order of society.

"If we do not want to be bound by new fetters we must begin our own revolution, we must throw down the rule of the bourgeoisie and transfer all power into the hands of the Councils of workers' delegates in all towns and villages of Poland and we are deeply convinced that these councils will become the centers of the struggle of broad masses of the proletariat.

"We want no classes in the country and we want to deprive the millionaires of their millions.

"Workingmen and women! All promises that the Constitutional Assembly will bring happiness to the masses are lies. The masses of the people can expect nothing good from that Assembly. The main task of the Assembly is the struggle against the working class. Supported by the power of the Assembly the Polish bourgeoisie will start a warfare against labor organizations, against the right to strike and against the "loafing of the unemployed." They will attempt to prolong the working day, to legalize starvation wages and to drive us out into the rural districts to slave for the landowners. The Constitutional Assembly will only initiate special laws against the workers and the peasants. It will approve of the budget of the nationalistic Government and it will heavily tax the poor people, and what is more, the Constitutional Assembly will establish military conscription and will give to the Government soldiers for a war against revolutionary Russia and against the Ukraine of the peasants."

Italy Prepares for Civil War

According to news from Milan, Italy, "L'Avanti", Central Organ of the Italian Party, printed a manifesto to the demobilized members of the Socialist party in Rome in which it says: "All members, especially those who still have their military uniforms and who have the rank of officers, are requested to send their addresses to the secretary of the Socialist Party of Rome. They are also requested to state the rank they held in the army. From the moment when it is permitted to a small minority of

officers who fish in muddy water to appear with arms in their hands and threaten the large majority of the people, we think, we are at liberty to call upon our comrades to prepare for defense."

Voluntary Work for International.

Krasnaja Gazeta prints the following news item: There are at this time special Saturday working shifts. The men who work on Saturday in these special shifts receive no remuneration. In Petrograd alone more than 10,000 are working four hours extra Saturday. The money thus earned is turned over to the government, which forwards the money to the department of propaganda of the Third International for the purpose of creating a fund to spread the Idea of Communism throughout Europe and America. The Commune of Petrograd appeals to all other communes to follow the example of the Petrograd workers and emphasizes that only through the efforts of the Russian Communists can the final victory of the World Proletariat be assured.

Japanese Communists to the Russian Communists

WE, the Japanese Communists in America, send our warmest greetings to our Russian Communist Comrades upon the second anniversary of their successful revolution.

We are greatly indebted to the Russian Comrades who are fighting for the Proletarian Republic not only of Russia but also of the world, under the most difficult and trying conditions that are pressed upon them by the brutal imperialistic Allies.

This struggle and heroic and enthusiastic fight against the worst reactionary capitalistic and imperialistic powers is all for the world's proletariat.

We hereby celebrate the second anniversary of the Russian Socialist Republic.

We congratulate our Russian comrades above all in their splendid display of capacity exhibited in the actual work of building the new Socialist Republic in spite of all the obstacles and difficulties.

Their constructive works already so far advanced will encourage the workers of the world in their struggle against their own exploiters and oppressors.

Russian Soviet Republic has become now the guiding spirit and living example that is causing the working masses everywhere to realize what a great possibility and hope there is in the Soviet system for them!

The Socialist Revolution was victorious not only in Russia but also in other capitalist countries. See how those capitalistic and imperialistic governments are rapidly losing their heads and proceeding to adopt unusual methods to sustain their lost cause against the ever growing proletarian power! Capitalism, indeed, is in the death struggle. It faces the rising power of the proletariat who are guided by the Russian Communist comrades.

It is a fitting occasion for us, the Japanese Communists, in congratulating our Russian comrades upon the second anniversary of the Russian Soviet Republic and the November Bolshevik Revolution to make a report to them upon the condition of the Japanese workers at home.

Thanks to the Russian revolution the Japanese workers have awakened, and since August 1918, the month of the great food riots all over the country, they are revolting

Lorraine for Third International

The socialists of Lorraine recently held a well attended convention at which the question of affiliation with one of the two Internationals was discussed. After a hot debate, the convention adopted a motion to affiliate with the third, the Moscow International, by a large majority. In Alsace soon a special convention will be called to decide the same question.

The Spanish Socialists have also aligned themselves with the Communist International.

Unity of the Revolutionary Industrial Organization of Germany

According to the "Kommunistische Arbeiterzeitung" of Hamburg, unity of the General Workers Union, the Miner's Union, the General Workers Federation and the Syndicalist Federation was accomplished at a congress in Düsseldorf. The name will be "The Free Workers Union"

against the ruling classes in strikes and riots.

The latest development of our workers' tactics in fighting the greedy employers is something very interesting. They wisely adopted a sabotage, a passive form of sabotage, which has been proving a great success to them.

Recently this form of labor fight was conducted successfully by 15,000 workers at Kawasaki ship yard at Kobe. The method they adopted was sabotage for ten days. Every worker reported at the ship yard as usual, all 15,000 on duty getting of course wages, but actually producing nothing!

Thus they earned not only wages but also 8 hour day with 10 hour pay and even increase of this pay.

This has now proved to be the best form of fight against employers in Japan, for the law and police cannot reach the workers and there is no need of strike funds! The sabotage has now become a vogue in Japan.

It is also reported that some Japanese soldiers have joined the Bolsheviks in Siberia; and much propaganda is being carried on there and also in Japan. The latter by the returning soldiers from Siberia, Japanese comrades with underground literature. Also there are some Russian Bolsheviks in Japan.

It is also reported that the Korean uprisings of last spring were the direct result of propaganda of the Bolsheviks.

It is admitted by the Japanese army authorities that the anti-Japanese movements in China have been converted into a Bolshevik movement. Their principles are all those of Bolshevism and their leaders are utilizing the masses already roused against the Japanese Imperialists to turn them against the rich and the Pekin Government.

These and many other happenings in Japan are the direct influence of the Russian Soviet System, and so we send the warmest greetings and congratulations to the Russian Soviet Republic.

Long live the Russian Soviet Republic!
Long live the Communist International!

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