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Long Live The Red International!



First Congress of The Third International, at Moscow, March 2-6, 1919.

THE UNITED STATES is not at war with Russia. The United States is not blockading Russia. Nor England. Nor France.

But there is war against Russia. There is blockade against the Russian people. Though this war and blockade seem about to collapse, thanks to the might of the Red Army.

It is the League of Nations—the Black International—that carries on this war and blockade. And in fact it is not against Russia. It is against the proletarian revolution—war and blockade against the Red International!

The same war and blockade were carried on against Communist Hungary. War was ordered by the Black International against Communist Munich, and against Communism wherever it asserts itself throughout Germany.

The same war goes on in a smaller way in every country of the world today: the armies, the police, the jails—all the powers of the capitalist world are turned against the Red International, even in its least manifestation of life.

LONG LIVE THE RED INTERNATIONAL!

Late in the year 1847, in some out-of-the-

way place in London, there was a meeting of a few political exiles from the continent. This little Communist League instructed two of its young members, Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, to draw up a statement of the Communist principles. That document, issued early in 1848, is the most fateful, the most impelling, the most inspiring political writing in all history.

At the Moscow Congress of the Third International, during five days of March, 1919, were gathered thirty-three voting delegates representing nineteen nationalities. Other delegates were kept out by the cordon of armies assailing Russia. Since March, in one country after another, new parties have been formed on the principles laid down by that Congress. Such a party is the Communist Party of America, called into being on September first, 1919.

This Congress was held in the halls of what was two years before the highest citadel of the black forces of life repression. The delegates were not exiles; they were leaders of powerful organizations of enlightened workingmen—some of them the actual military leaders of a powerful Red Army, fighting victoriously against the Black International. The Congress was held in a country where the working class

is the ruling class, held in the Red capitol of the world!

"A SPECTRE IS HAUNTING EUROPE—the spectre of Communism. All the powers of old Europe have entered into a holy alliance to exorcise this spectre; Pope and Czar, Metternich and Guizot, French Radicals and German police-spies." This is the opening sentence of the Manifesto of 1848. How little need be changed for the situation of today! Not only Europe, but also America; Asia, Australasia, Africa! No longer Czar, but now Democratic President! Now in the place of French Radicals, the Yellow Socialists of all countries!

A SPECTRE IS HAUNTING THE CAPITALIST WORLD—the spectre of the working class come to consciousness of power, the spectre of a working class resolved to conquer freedom from wage slavery, determined upon the annihilation of destructive Capitalism, inspired by taste of victory to carry everywhere the red flag, symbol of life triumphant!

DOWN WITH THE BLACK INTERNATIONAL!

LONG LIVE THE RED INTERNATIONAL!

ONWARD TO THE WORLD-FEDERATED COMMUNIST REPUBLIC!