

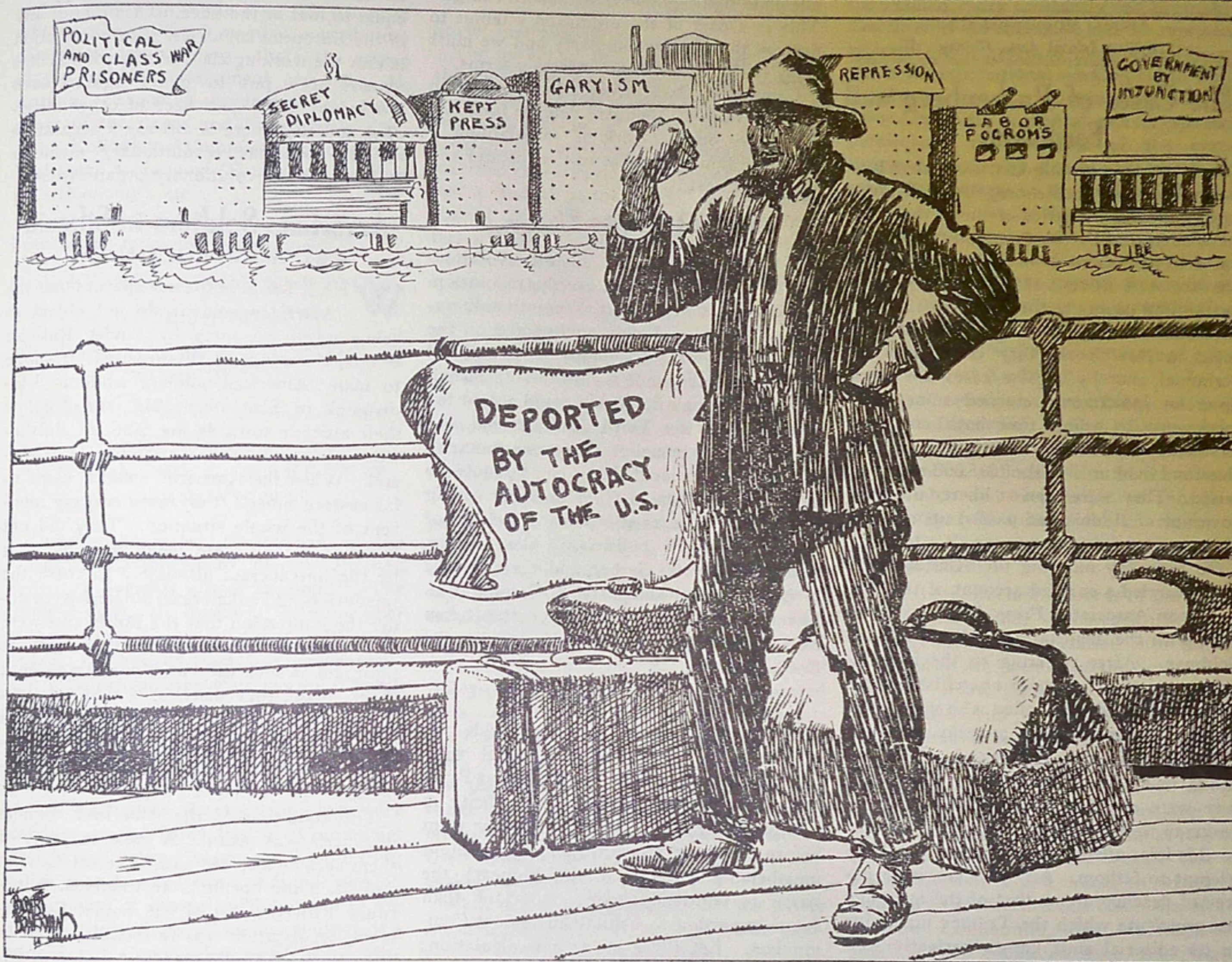
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The Deportee: "Where liberty is, there is my country." (Benjamin Franklin)

The Futility of Deportation

NOW that the "Soviet ark" is on its way for shores at present unknown, with its 249 deportees, we would like to ask the prussian junkers and short-sighted officials of the administration what good they expect to achieve by their performance.

Will the deportation of alien workers whose economic and political ideas have been branded "red" by the guardians of American capitalism in the administration, create any degree of respect for that symbol commonly referred to as government?

Next to the injunction issued against the miners a few weeks ago, the deportation of the 249 men and women this week ranks as one of the prize acts of stupidity that has been committed by the cuckoos who are attempting to run the machinery of government.

With sixty to seventy per cent of the workers in the United States of foreign birth or extraction, will the deportation of their kind induce them to have any other attitude but one contempt for American institutions?

Many foreign workers came to the United States after they had been persuaded to come here by agents of American capitalism. Opportunity, justice, plenty, were the

inducements that were dangled before the eyes of European workers by the U. S. Steel corporation, the coal barons, the oil trust, and other big industries.

So European labor came here... at the behest of American capitalism. And now that the workers of European birth rebel against industrial slavery, they are warned of deportation unless they conduct themselves as good citizens, permitting themselves to be exploited by patriotic profiteers. The promises of opportunity, justice, plenty exploded and left in their trail a process of disillusionment.

Economically, this process of disillusionment on the part of European, as well as American, workers in the United States revealed itself in sweatshops (which today, due to the efforts of the foreign workers have been partly relegated to the past), long hours adulterated foods, uncertainty of unemployment, intimidation, violence, Homestead, Ludlow, Calumet, Garyism.

The political side of their disillusionment has been embodied in government by injunction, the Tom Mooney case, the threat of the military to compel the miners to return to work, the "war to save democracy",

the infamous treatment of Soviet Russia, the American support of Kolchak and Denikin, the espionage act, denial of free speech and assemblage, provocation to disorder by the ruling class in the recent steel strike, and the arrest or imprisonment of men and women whose ideas of economic freedom do not suit financiers and imperialists dominating the United States.

This disillusionment, this ever-increasing disgust with the hypocrisies of democracy, is general throughout the United States and has affected American as well as alien workers. The recent mass strike of the miners and the revolt of the Pittsburgh steel slaves composed of Americans and European workers has served to impart to them that they have but one enemy to deal with: the Dictatorship of Capitalism.

And deportation cannot lessen the spirit of rebellion against capitalism. The present government and its successors can send boatloads of deportees each passing day, but that will not prevent American men and women workers, and European men and women workers in the United States, from carrying out their determination to crush the dictatorship of American capitalism.