

"TALK CONSPIRATORS"

While the insistence of the majority of the C. E. C., as above set forth, on its right to use its power for factional purposes, is the immediate cause of the repudiation if its authority, the fundamental causes lie deeper.

Since the beginning of the party there have been two viewpoints represented in the Central Executive Committee. The majority members of the committee considered themselves "great theorists". They constantly talked about the word "principle", but never about how to relate Communist principles to the working class movement of this country and to make these principles a living reality in action. Although the Manifesto of the party declared proudly that "the Communist Party is a party of action," the kind of action this majority believed in, was hours and days of sitting about a table wrangling about who should go to Europe and be the hero to announce the organization of the American Branch of the Communist International.

This majority talked about theory, but never discussed and applied their theories; they continually used the word "principle", but the principles they adhered to they kept sacredly hidden from the light of day. They believed themselves super-Bolsheviks and were quick to fling the epithet "Menshevik" at those who opposed them, but the difference between Bolshevism and Menshevism they never discussed. They have been aptly designated "talk conspirators", who expect to establish the Dictatorship of the Proletariat by hiding themselves away in some dark room and talking about theory and loudly shouting the word "principle"

In order to maintain themselves in the position of "leaders", this group pursued the policy of exclusiveness in their attitude toward party membership. They wished to keep the party a small sect of which they could pose as the high priests.

The Executive Secretary and the minority group, on the other hand, stood for a policy which would make the Communist Party in reality the "party of action" which its Manifesto so proudly proclaims it. They endeavored to relate the party to the life struggle of the workers. They sought to inject the party viewpoint in every struggle of the masses. They believed that a Communist Party should be, not a party of closet philosophers, but a party which participates in the every day struggles of the workers and by such participation injects its principles into these struggles and gives them a wider meaning, thus developing the Communist movement. It was the Executive Secretary and those who stood with him who initiated such efforts to make the party an organization functioning in the class struggle as the Gary leaflet at the time of the Steel Strike, the leaflet on the miners strike and even the recent leaflet on the Railwaymen's strike.

To break up our party into two organizations at a time when all our efforts have been hampered by the existence of two parties calling themselves Communist would be doing the greatest injury to the Communist movement in this country. While the majority group believes in splits and have made them part of their theory of action, the Executive Secretary and those supporting his position desire to preserve the unity of the Communist Party of America through the action of the membership of the party. They will take no steps to split the membership.

The Executive Secretary will continue to conduct the work of the organization through the District Organizers. In those Districts in which organizers will not work with the

secretary a new organizer will be appointed.

We urge every member to participate in the District Conventions in regard to which information will be conveyed to the membership by the District Organizers, and through these District Conventions to send delegates to the national convention. Thus they can themselves take control of the party, preserve its unity and elect such officials as will carry out their desires.

Let us build the party of action, the fighting organization which a Communist Party can be through the effort of the virile membership of our organization, which has already proven by its sacrifice in time of stress its willingness to give everything for Communist principles.

Hail To The Soviets!

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of rebuilding and reconstructing the economic life of the nation so as to end exploitation and secure the necessities of life, education and recreation to those who work.

The means through which the workers have ousted their exploiters and carried on the work of reconstruction is the Soviet Government, through which is expressed the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. The workers found that they could not exercise their power through the governmental machinery of their exploiters. They found that the state machinery of their exploiters, whether it appeared in the shape of the autocracy of the Czar, or in the shape of a so-called democratic parliamentary government, such as we have in the United States, was an instrument for their oppression which they must replace by their own institution of government before they could use their power and destroy capitalism.

THE SOVIETS — WORKERS' COUNCILS—ARE THE NATURAL EXPRESSION OF THE POWER OF THE WORKERS. WHEN THE WORKERS OF HUNGARY WRESTED POWER FROM THEIR EXPLOITERS THEY DID SO THROUGH THE SOVIETS. WHEN THE WORKERS OF BAVARIA ACHIEVED THEIR VICTORY IT WAS THROUGH THE SOVIETS. IN GERMANY THE WORKERS HAVE FOUND THAT MODERATE SOCIALISM OF THE EBERT SCHEIDEMANN TYPE AND THE MILITARIST AUTOCRATS ARE EQUALLY THEIR ENEMY, AND THEY ARE FIGHTING AGAINST BOTH FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

WORKERS OF AMERICA, YOU MUST JOIN IN THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE OF THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD IF YOU WOULD EMANCIPATE YOURSELVES FROM CAPITALISM. The parties of your enemies the capitalists — the Republican and Democratic party — have proven to you that

they stand for your oppression and exploitation. Labor parties, Moderate Socialism, and the reactionary Trade Unions are merely the new tools through which the capitalists maintain their power when they can no longer dupe you by the old methods.

YOU MUST BREAK THE POWER OF THE CAPITALISTS. You cannot compromise with them as do the Labor Parties, the Moderate Socialists and the reactionary Trade Unionists.

You must develop your power through engaging in the present struggles against the capitalists. The general political strike is the means of expressing your power and the beginning of the revolutionary struggle which will finally establish the Soviet Government and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

While in this country we are not ready for the final struggle, the Communist Party of America calls upon you to show your power on May Day.

There are in the prisons of the United States hundreds of political and industrial prisoners whose only offense is that they fought the battles of the workers. Shall they rot behind steel bars forever? Other thousands are to be imprisoned and deported as the result of the effort of the capitalist government to destroy the revolutionary movement in this country. Are these workers to be removed from the class struggle while you remain silent?

STRIKE FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRISONERS ON MAY DAY. CLOSE THE SHOPS AND FACTORIES. DEMONSTRATE YOUR POWER.

DEMAND THE FREEDOM OF THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR FIGHTING THE BATTLES OF THE WORKING CLASS.

Make the slogan of the day: **ALL POWERS TO THE WORKERS.**

Hail to freedom for all political and industrial prisoners!

HAIL TO THE SOVIETS AND THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT!