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### OUR MOVEMENT IS INVICIBLE — WE WILL FIGHT ON!

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Communist Party of America.

"The spectre of Communism is haunting Europe", wrote the framers of the Communist Manifesto nearly three-quarters of a century ago. The threat of working class revolution has become a reality in Europe and the American capitalism is trembling with fear lest this same spectre, which haunts it, become a reality here.

It is because American capitalism feels itself insecure that it is striking out with all its power in an effort to destroy the Communist movement, which is in the forefront of the revolt against capitalism in this country.

The raids and arrests of the last week have never been equaled even in autocratic Russia, in the blackest days of Czarism.

More than four thousands workers have been herded into prison pens and are held for prison sentences and deportation. With a brutality outrivalling the Cossacks and Black Hundred of the former Czar they have been snatched from their homes, husbands from their wives and mothers from their children, and now with the barest mockery of a hearing and trial are hurried away, deported and imprisoned, so that American capitalism may be freed from the threat of their opinions.

A few weeks ago "democratic America" startled the world by reversing the process which began when the heretic Puritans landed from the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock three hundred years ago. The Puritans were fleeing from oppression. They sought the shores of America to escape persecution. Today the nation which they helped to found is expelling from its shores men and women who are political heretics. The United States has become the land of blackest political oppression, and Soviet Russia — the land of freedom ready to welcome those whom the American capitalists and their government expel because of heretical opinions.

Comrades, can the Communist movement be destroyed by this unheard of persecution and oppression? Will the arrest of the four thousand members of our organization free American capitalism from the threat of loss of its position of privilege — its opportunity to extort profits from the workers?

Comrades, take courage! We are invincible. Capitalism has merely struck down the front rank of the army of workers that is mobilizing against it. It has taken four thousand of our organization of fifty thousand. It has struck at those who have been active in our work, — but others will step in their places and take up their work. Our organization is not destroyed; our ranks will quickly fill up with those who will be aroused to action by the very persecution through which the capitalists seek to destroy us.

Did all the persecution of the Czar prevent the workers of Russia from marching on to victory? Did the Cossacks' knout, the black prisons and Siberian exile

prevent the ranks of our movement from filling up again in Russia?

Persecution and oppression can never win. It defeats itself by rousing new determination and energy among the workers.

And remember, comrades, the fifty thousand members of our party do not stand alone. They represent the conscious element among the workers, the militant organization which by its heroic effort arouses the mass of the workers to action.

If we stood alone, American capitalism would hardly cast to the wind its pretenses about 'American democracy' and blacken itself before the world in the effort to destroy our organization. It is just because the capitalists realize that the masses of workers are beginning to stir, because the signs of mutiny and revolt are apparent on all sides, because of this it aims its vicious blows at our organization. The great steel strike, the coal strike, the wave of strikes which are rending the entire industrial structure of the country, these are the portends which have roused the capitalists to action against us.

And these, comrades, are also the signs that we are invincible. Capitalism cannot conquer; the Communist movement cannot fail. Behind our organization are the forces which are sapping the strength of the capitalist industrial structure and forcing new masses of workers into the open struggle against capitalists. These forces inevitably bring the workers into conflict with their masters; they arouse more and more workers to a conscious revolt and conscious struggle against the existing system of industry.

Let the government of the capitalists imprison and deport every "red" agitator in the country! It will avail it nothing: Let it imprison or deport every one of the fifty thousand members of our party, — a task that is already beyond its power. It will avail in nothing. It will drive new sections of the workers to revolt. A new Communist movement will arise. A new army will challenge capitalism.

Communism is not the foreign growth which the lackeys of capitalism try to make it appear. It is innate in the structure of the present industrial order.

With this knowledge in our hearts and minds let us rally to our movement. Where capitalism has for the moment damaged our organization, the work to repair and strengthen it must be undertaken at once.

The national organization will assist with all its power. It will help to develop new methods to place the movement beyond the attack of our enemies.

Comrades, the workers struggle calls you! In the face of the cruel attack and persecution you must rally to your cause, you must mobilize anew for the struggle.

On with the struggle! On to Victory!

### LONG LIVE SOVIET RUSSIA!

But the menace of Russia continued to terrify the master class. So it decided to throw all its united resources with the colossal death-dealing machinery tested in a "victorious" war against the Russian proletariat to force it back into slavery. With bravery unequalled in all the annals of history, the Russian working masses withstood the onslaught of the entire imperialistic world and as if by miracle, gathering ever increasing power in the bitterness of the

struggle, became invincible. It created an army of its own representing its class interests: the Red Army! Under the control of the Communist Party of Russia, the Red Army became the powerful weapon for defense of the Russian Revolution. It repelled the Cheko Slovak invasion. It inflicted a crushing defeat on the armies of Kolchak, subsidized by international capitalism. It is driving Denikin's army headlong into flight. It has defeated all the foreign armies sent by the "victorious" allies and forced them either to surrender or to be withdrawn.

Today Soviet Russia stands erect, strong

and unconquerable, and like the Red Dawn in the skies is shedding a new light upon the earth and is bringing a New Day for awakening humanity! In every corner of the world myriad masses of exploited toilers are rising and breaking their chains, their eyes turned for hope and inspiration toward the East: to Soviet Russia.

The year which has passed presents a record of the severest trials, but also of the brightest hopes for the triumph of the world revolution. In Germany the Spartacans were overwhelmed by the reaction through the treason of the yellow Socialists, those Social Patriots who drowned the revolution (Turn to page 2)