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## Wilson's Last Note.

Capitalism is sick and dying and it is fitting that a sick and discredited man should be its able theoretician and spokesman.

Woodrow Wilson once fascinated the bourgeois world with his diplomatic notes, "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Out of his poor paralyzed brain there issues again, his latest, perhaps his last, on the Russian question.

Wilson speaking for that dictatorship of the capitalists, known as the American Government, again expresses his love for the Russian "people," for he "maintains unimpaired faith in the Russian people, in their high character and their future."

What Russian "people" is Wilson here referring to? The emigres? The expropriated capitalists, aristocrats and land owners? The Russian bourgeoisie and former exploiters of the Russian peasants and proletariat, represented here by Bakhetoff.

Certainly not the Russian workers and peasants, against whom Wilson sent an American army in Archangel and Vladivostok to express America's love for them with bayonets, shrapnel, and machine guns. How well Capitalist America loves the Russian Workers' Government is further attested by the support given to Kolchak, Denikine, Yudenitch, and every other reactionary Czarist counter-revolutionist who warred upon the Russian Soviets. This wonderful and abiding faith in the high character and future of the Russian people is further manifested by the shipment, by his government, practically gratis, of tons of war material to aid the Polish imperialists in their attempt to destroy the Russian Workers' Republic, and in the blockade maintained against them, during which hundreds of thousands of these beloved Russian workers, men, women, and children died of hunger and disease. The sentencing in an American court of four young Russian workers to twenty years imprisonment at hard labor for issuing a leaflet calling upon this government to raise the blockade, and the raids and assaults upon the persons and property of Russian citizens who are members of the Communist Party of America which is affiliated with the dominant party in Russia, and their subsequent deportation, are further examples of how the American capitalists love the Russian working class.

The hypocrisy of this discredited politician, Wilson, is so colossal as to be almost farcical. "That the present rulers of Russia," he states, "do not rule by the will of any considerable number of the Russian people is an uncontested fact."

Wonderful Wilsonian logic. If this be true, if the present government of Russia is now supported only by an inconsiderable number of the Russian people, and with this slight support, Soviet Russia has been able to exist in spite of the blockade and six years of continuous warfare, and has succeeded in defeating and humiliating the United Allied Imperialists of the world including America, in all their efforts to destroy this proletarian republic; if in spite of all the deceit, slander, and vilification heaped upon them by the whole lying capitalist press of the world they have succeeded in winning the confidence and support of the working class of every country, if it is an uncontestable fact that the present rulers of Russia do not rule by the will of any considerable number of the Russian people—we tremble to think what these Russian peasants and workers will do to you, Mr. Wilson, and to the class and the government you represent, after they shall have gained the adherence of the 150,000,000 people of Russia, to say nothing of the 6,000,000 British trade unionists, and the workers of Poland, France, Italy, Germany, Turkey, India, China, America, etc.

Woodrow Wilson, in his note, expresses his unalterable opposition to the recognition of Soviet Russia, which is utterly repugnant to his moral sense and because of the propaganda carried on against American capitalist institutions and "the cynical repudiation of their obligations," etc. etc.

No, Mr. Wilson, we do not expect you and your class to recognize the government of the workers and peasants of Russia—at least not until the American working class take you and capitalist friends by the nape of the neck and the slack of your stolen breeches and force you to do so—as the British workers have so recently done to your colleague Lloyd George.

Immediately upon the receipt of this remarkable American document, France officially recognized the German Baron Wrangel, operating in the Crimean peninsula, as the head of the new "All-Russian" government, while the two armies of Soviet Russia are closing in on the Polish capital, and a new Workers' Soviet Republic is about to be born.

Hubert Millerand, spokesman for the French bankers and imperialists, believes that the American note commits this government to the

French policy of backing Baron Wrangel and of waging war upon the workers of Soviet Russia. Millerand agrees with Wilson that "the future of civilization is at stake" and says:

"The American and French governments cannot have official relations with a government resolved to conspire against institutions of France, whose diplomats would be instigators of revolt and whose speakers proclaim they will sign contracts with the intention not to live up to them."

And so, while the Bolsheviks are smashing the "cordon sanitaire" freeing the peasants and workers of Poland from the bondage of the Polish and Allied imperialists, they at the same time, and with consummate skill, are splitting the Allies themselves, so that now the pauper nation France, is taken under the munificent wing of Capitalist America, while Imperialist England takes care of bankrupt Italy.

Thus, after two years of peace making and treaty making and war making, this is the end of the League of Nations, that fatherless offspring of the old hag capitalism, a still born corpse, delivered by the mid-wife Wilson, and which is now stinking carrion. And this is the thing which is the issue in the coming presidential elections. Quick, Wilson, another note, and some disinfectant.

While Wilson is spewing forth his venom at the victorious Russian proletariat, and Millerand raving in impotent rage; while Giellet is playing hide and seek with the Soviets, and Lloyd George is walking the tight rope of British politics, looking for a soft place to land, there met in conference, at London, the representatives of British Labor, who created a "Committee of Action" which was instructed, "To remain in being until it obtained guarantees 1) that British forces would not be used in support of Poland, General Wrangel, or ANY OTHER MILITARY OR NAVAL EFFORT AGAINST SOVIET RUSSIA; 2) of the withdrawal of the British Naval forces blockading Russia; and, 3) the recognition of the Soviet Government and the establishment of unrestricted trading and commercial relations between Great Britain and Russia."

This ultimatum was handed to Lloyd George backed up with the threat of not only a general strike, in case of non-compliance, but the overthrow by British labor of the present capitalist imperialist government of England.

When workers begin to talk like this the beginning of Soviet power and the end of the bourgeois parliamentary regime is in sight.

Robert Smille, of the Miner's Union asks, significantly, "If France and General Wrangel cut off Russia's coal supply, will it be interfering too much with France if the British miners cut off France's coal supply?"

Robert Williams, secretary of the Transport Worker's Union, asserted that labor was far more representative of the country than the House of Commons, and Tom Shaw, secretary of the Textile Worker's Union said, "This is the beginning of a movement that will lead to a real league."

The delegates observed the solemnity of the occasion by standing in silence for a full minute, and adjourned after singing "The Red Flag and the International."

At the same time the International Seamen's Congress, meeting in Brussels adopted a resolution that "any vent future capitalist wars the seamen will refuse to transport troops or munitions, applying this measure to the Polish-Russian conflict."

In Germany, Italy and France the workers have taken similar action. Mass meetings are being held in every industrial center in France protesting against the attack of the French Capitalist Government upon Soviet Russia.

The working class throughout the world are realizing that while Wilson, Lloyd George and Millerand may send "notes" to each other, potential political power is in the hands of the workers. But they must rise, arm themselves and disarm the bourgeoisie; overthrow and destroy the machinery of the bourgeois state and organize workers' councils (Soviets); establish their own government, the dictatorship of the proletariat, which during the transition period from capitalism to Communism will expropriate the capitalist exploiter, and administer industry in their own behalf, thus setting free the elements of the new society with which collapsing capitalism itself is pregnant.

The handwriting is on the wall. The capitalist system is doomed.

Soviet Russia has blazed the way and the working class are challenging the governments, the authority and the power of the ruling class.

The inevitable process of internal friction and dissolution is already taking place in the United Central Party. Less than two months after the so-called unity convention, the State of Washington confirms the rumor that this part of their organization has repudiated the U. C. P. At their State convention they denounced the program and principles adopted at the "unity" convention and have severed all connections with the new party.

It is interesting to note that this state organization of the former U. C. P. was reconstituted by proxy at the convention with the following instructions: "To stand by the principles of International Socialism, to eliminate as much as possible of the foreign words and phrases usually used in our manifestos...; to work for a continuance of the new form in organization; to support the candidacy of Eugene V. Debs for President; to work for the unity of the U. C. P. and the C. P. if could be effected without a surrender of democratic Social-

principles; and, in case unity were effected, retire all those acting as national officials and elect others from the ranks of the united party."

This incident throws another light upon the "unity" convention so ably described by a member of the C. E. C. of the U. C. P. in their Jewish organ refuting Y. F.'s article on the convention and translated and reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

It is reported that the Russian branches of the U. C. P. recently held a convention and decided to organize a Russian Federation despite the decision of their convention.

The German Federation of the former C. L. P. we understand are also taking steps to secede and organize a new independent Socialist Party.

In the future the members of the I. W. W. will have to swallow John Sandgren's venomous attacks against the principles and parties of the Third International in shame and silence. From the columns of their official organ "Solidarity" we reprint the referendum vote for the editorship of the "One Big Union Monthly" which speaks for itself. John Sandgren—742. Billy Waldon—163. L. S. Chumley—186. John Sandgren, theoretician and editor-in-chief of the I. W. W. monthly organ is the most rabid anti-Bolshevik, anti-Communist, opportunist and syndicalist within the I. W. W. To judge by the vote there must be many like him.

The I. W. W. has long been the prey of its own inherent contradictions—of attempting to reconcile the irreconcilable. In form and structure it is an economic organization; in function and character it is a political organization. As an economic organization it must do all in its power to organize all the workers in each industry and rightly so. As a political organization it must rigidly exclude the backward immature sections of the workers or be swamped by an influx of workers who are interested in nothing but the immediate betterment of conditions in their particular industries. Torn between these two conflicting aims the I. W. W. falls economically and politically. On the former, it is being superseded by the One Big Union movement. It has failed to win over the secession unions of the A. F. of L.; it has failed to organize the overwhelming mass of the unorganized workers.

Aside from its syndicalist tendencies this conflict of structure and function is the greatest defect of the I. W. W. It cannot be an economic organization and a political party at the same time. It must be one or the other. We suggest the reading of the thesis on political parties submitted by the Executive Committee of the Third International to the Second Congress of the Third International recently held in Moscow printed in this issue as shedding more light on this subject.

Analyzed from this angle the incident of the Philadelphia longshoremen will be clearly understood. The expulsion of this local does not change the situation. As the I. W. W. grows as an economic organization the recurrence of similar "incidents" will rise in proportion. The I. W. W. must throw off its political functions—that is propagandizing its anti-Communist ideas and endorse the principles of the Third International, and help spread them among its own members as well as to the working class in general. It must accept the Communist Party on the political field and work hand and hand with it for the organization and education of the great masses of the workers to Communism. Otherwise the I. W. W. is doomed to find itself in the camp of the enemies of the working class as the class antagonisms sharpen and the struggle for political power begins to loom on the horizon.

The Government has just turned over \$500,000,000 to the railroads which represents the subsidy of six per cent, guaranteed by the government when it turned the roads back to its private owner. Add to this the twenty-five to forty per cent. increase in freight and passenger rates which has been computed to represent \$1,600,000,000 in round figures and deduct the \$600,000,000 wage increase award, and we have a PLUMB PLAN which differs from Glenn E. Plumb's only as to the proposition in which this huge booty is to be split up. The PLUMB PLAN seeks a fifty-fifty division of the spoils. The workers get a further boost in the High Cost of Living in either case.

Lloyd George, Millerand and Wilson will soon throw their arms around the "yellow" Socialists and Laborites to save them from the menace of Bolshevism—and these dirty tools of imperialism will jump at the chance. Fieldston, Snowden, Hensadel, Thomas, Gompers, Hillquit & Co. will know how to improve on Noake, Phert and Kerensky—they will have learned by the latter's mistakes.

THE LEAGUE OF SOVIET REPUBLICS will soon challenge the Imperialist LEAGUE OF NATIONS for world supremacy.