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Coal Miners of America!

At your convention in Cleveland last year, your delegates drew up a program for wages and conditions which were to prevail throughout the coal industry. At that convention you demanded a six-hour day and a sixty per cent increase in wages. Your leaders were instructed to call a strike if these and other demands were not granted. After much bickering between the Government, the mine owners and your own leaders, the strike was called in the bituminous fields. That was in mid-winter, under conditions in which you were bound to win. The Government stepped in; invoked the Lever Act; issued an injunction tying up your funds and crippling your organization. You were ready to fight to a finish, in spite of injunctions, soldiers, jails. Your cowardly, spineless, leaders abjectly obeyed the Capitalist Government of the U. S., intimidated by threats of jail; with tears in their eyes they said that they could not fight the government. Betrayed by your faithless leaders, you were forced back into the mines, in some places at the points of bayonets; you were forced to accept the award of a commission appointed by the arch-hypocrite, Wilson, which ignored every demand made by your convention.

In the anthracite region, you miners, after waiting months for an adjustment of wages to meet the increasing cost of living, received a 17% increase by a commission appointed by the representative of capitalism in America, Woodrow Wilson. Again your union leaders, Lewis and the Executive Board of the U. M. W. made common cause with the mine owners and the Capitalist Government, against you, in spite of the protest and walk-out of a hundred thousand miners.

In West Virginia you have been compelled to arm and fight for the elementary right to organize in order to gain a bare subsistence. Actual civil war is in progress between the mine owners and the miners. Again the Capitalist Government at Washington has sent Federal Troops against you, in the interests of the Coal Barons. In Alabama the same conditions prevail.

You have lost strike after strike. In spite of your determination, your sacrifices, your courage, you are always defeated.

You miners have been in the forefront of the class struggle in America. You have, with painful effort, built up a vast organization, the United Mine Workers, which is potentially powerful.

Yet every struggle you entered was either lost or betrayed. Why?

Is it not time that you miners began to find out what is wrong with your fighting tactics and organization? Is not time that you, in common with all other workers, should stop and think and find the way out of wage slavery?

THE CAPITALIST STATE.

The whole capitalist state machinery: the courts, jails, police, gun-men, sheriffs, mayors, governors, legislatures, militia, the army, Congress, the President, the press, the church, AND YOUR OWN UNION OFFICIALS, are lined up solidly AGAINST YOU in every fight you make.

The courts enjoin and jail you; the police club and arrest you; gun-men and secret service men intimidate you; the militia and soldiers shoot you; sheriffs break up your meetings; mayors and governors, execute the laws which legislatures make against you; The President of the United States brings the force of the

Federal Government against you; the capitalist press lies about you; the church damns you; and the OFFICERS OF YOUR UNION BETRAY YOU.

ALL IN THE NAME OF "DEMOCRACY" and of LAW AND ORDER.

In every strike, and all the time, you are up against these combined forces—the machinery of the Capitalist State—the GOVERNMENT of the U. S. A. THIS CAPITALIST STATE MUST BE OVERTHROWN AND DESTROYED, ROOT AND BRANCH, AND IN ITS PLACE THE WORKERS MUST ESTABLISH THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT—THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT—FUNCTIONING THROUGH WORKERS' COUNCILS OR SOVIETS.

In other words, you miners in common with all other workers, must learn to understand the forces that are opposed to you, and how to intelligently fight and defeat them.

THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE.

Repudiate and get rid of your reactionary and traitorous leaders in the U. M. W. and the A. F. of L. Kick your Lewises out and take

One Day's Pay

The Second Convention of the Communist Party unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the membership to contribute ONE DAY'S PAY to a national organization fund.

In accordance with the decision of the Convention, the C. P. C. issues this call to all members of the Communist Party to contribute one day's pay for the national organization.

Comrades, the need is great. You know it. We need not waste time and space telling you about it.

The Communist Party is united and solidified on the basis of principles and tactics as never before in its history.

There are difficult tasks ahead of us—education, organization, propaganda and agitation.

The spirit, the will, the determination, the energy exist to carry on this highly important work.

BUT WITHOUT FUNDS WE CANNOT CARRY ON!

Comrades! Rally to the support of the Communist Party!

GIVE ONE DAY'S PAY TO MAKE THE PARTY A PARTY OF ACTION.

possession of your own organization. This is your first duty to yourselves and to your class. Make the United Mine Workers a REVOLUTIONARY organization. YOU have the POWER. USE IT.

Organize mine committees in every mine and in every district, to take care of YOUR interests. Organize district committees in every district and connect these committees up throughout the entire mining industry. Keep control in your own hands, and thus build up the organs of workers' power and control. **THE NEXT TIME YOU STRIKE YOU WILL HAVE THE MACHINERY IN YOUR OWN HANDS.**

You must learn to broaden and deepen your strikes. REFUSE to mine coal for export to the enemies of Soviet Russia, or to supply factories engaged in the manufacture of munitions or

war for use against your brothers in Russia who are fighting against the Capitalist-Imperialist Governments of France, England, and the U. S. Demonstrate your solidarity with all the workers of the world in their struggles against their capitalist oppressors. Join the Red Trade Union International—the international organization of the revolutionary labor—unions of the world.

You miners are in a strategic position in the class struggle. You are engaged in a basic industry. Without coal not a wheel can turn. The United Mine Workers can become a powerful factor in the revolutionary struggle for the conquest of political power by the working class.

THE COMMUNIST PROGRAM.

The present government of the United States, in spite of its pretense of representing all the people, is, in reality, the dictatorship of the Capitalist class. It can only be overthrown by MASS ACTION, culminating in armed insurrection and civil war.

MASS ACTION, led by a consciously revolutionary vanguard of workers organized in a highly centralized political party, is the ONLY way to conquer political power for the workers; to destroy the Capitalist Government and establish the DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT.

THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT, in the transition period from Capitalism to Communism, is the ONLY means to destroy the institutions of capitalism based on private property and the exploitation of the workers; making all wealth the property of all the workers in common; abolishing all classes; and inaugurating the Communist Society.

WORKERS' COUNCILS (Soviet Power) which are organized during the revolution, are the organs of working class power, by means of which the workers become the ruling class in society; suppress and expropriate the capitalist class; crush their counter-revolution; and safeguard the fruits of the proletarian revolution for the workers.

This is the program of the THIRD INTERNATIONAL and of THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

The Communist Party of America is a section of the working class; its most advanced, its most class conscious, and therefore its most revolutionary section. The Communist Party has no interests distinct from those of the working class. It is distinguished from the general mass of the workers by the fact that it reviews and analyzes the whole historical development of the working class in its entirety, and strives, at every turning point in that path, to defend the interests, not of separate groups, not of separate professions, but of the working class as a whole. The Communist Party is that lever of political organization which, with the help of the foremost sections of the working class, guides along the right road, the whole mass of the proletariat and semi-proletariat.

The Communist Party of America calls upon the coal miners of America to recognize their class interests and class solidarity with all the workers of America, of Soviet Russia, and of the world.

DOWN WITH CAPITALISM!

DOWN WITH THE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES!

HAIL TO THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT!

LONG LIVE COMMUNISM!