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We Can Make Good!

On the first anniversary of the Workers Party, to which this last issue of the New Militant was devoted, solid achievements were recorded.

the problems of war and Fascism, the treachery of Stalinism, the struggle in the S. P., the trade union question, and besides present simple agitational material to educate uninitiated workers in the fundamentals of Marxism.

Fight Against Bourbon Rule

THE Scottsboro boys must be freed! Not so obviously as Angelo Herndon are they a symbol of the oppression of the struggling Negro masses.

Trotsky Urges Committees of Action

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The last Congress of the Communist International in its resolution on the Dimitroff report expressed itself in favor of elected Committees of Action as the mass support for the Peoples' Front.

And the "Lefts" of the Marceau Pivert type serve to shield this apparatus from the indignation of the masses.

the revolutionary vanguard but also upon a number of objective conditions; in any case the mass movement that has today run up against the barrier of the Peoples' Front will be unable to move forward without the Committees of Action.

Workers' Militia

Such tasks as the creation of workers' militia, the arming of the workers, the preparation of a general strike will remain on paper if the struggling masses themselves through their authoritative organs do not occupy themselves with these tasks.

Conclusions

From the propositions sketched above there flows a number of conclusions for the political activity of the proletarian revolutionists in France. The cardinal conclusion touches upon the so-called "revolutionary (?) Left."

Parties and Soviets.

Does this mean to say that the Committees of Action are substitutes for party and trade union organizations? It would be stupid to pose the question in this manner.

Danger of Sporadic Outbreaks.

The greatest danger in France lies in the fact that the revolutionary energy of the masses will be dissipated in spurts, in isolated explosions like Toulon, Brest and Limoges, and give way to apathy.

Does this mean then that the Committees of Action are simply—soviets? Under certain conditions the Committees of Action can transform themselves into Soviets.

THE DEADLY PARALLEL Social Patriotism versus Revolutionary Struggle

Editor's Note: We are indebted for this deadly parallel to "Revolution," organ of the Young Socialists of the Seine. So vivid are the quotations in both columns, so eloquent of the position of renegades or social-patriots on the one side and revolutionary internationalists on the other that lengthy explanation is not needed.

1914 - 1918

The Camp of the Bourgeoisie The Camp of the Workers

"... This historic date, this prelude to a new era in which immortal France, soldier of Justice, can throw her might into the march on toward progress, toward socialism."

"Propaganda for the class struggle is the duty of socialism even in war time, the work of transforming the war of the nations into civil war is the only socialist course in time of armed conflict between the capitalists."

"The head of the government (Poincare!) believes that he must have the support of the whole people to line up the country, to organize it, to support it in a struggle which will and must be desperate."

"To national war as the method of solving the insoluble contradictions of capitalism the working class must counterpose its own method, the method of social revolution."

"Of his own will, without waiting for any further demonstrations of the people's will, he has called upon our party. And our party has replied: Present!"

"The bankruptcy of the Second International is a tragic fact."

"Faced with this aggression the Socialists must do their whole duty to their country."

"We must push the class struggle through to its end on every front; fight for civil war and against civil peace; use the war situation to rouse the masses."

"This aggression against Republican and peaceful France, this menace to humanity and civilization, we must answer with all our strength and energy."

"The question of just who first declared or first began the war has absolutely no bearing on the tactics of the socialists. Phrases about defense of the fatherland, about the necessity of resisting the enemy invasion, the necessity of defensive war, etc., are nothing but the other side of the same betrayal of the people."

"We calmly await the result of the battles of our armies in Belgium, convinced as we are that our generals in whom we have implicit confidence, are aware of the great responsibilities which rest on their shoulders."

"If the socialist parties continue as they have from August 4, 1914, until today, to deny class struggle, they will become the fatal instruments for paralyzing mass action; in other words, they will become tools of the counter-revolution."

"Forward Generals! We give you men, you give us victories!"

"Is it possible for an honest Socialist not to fight against you! You have turned the Socialist Party into a docile chorus, an apologist for capitalist brigandage at the very moment when capitalist society—of which you yourself were once a mortal enemy, Jules Guesde—stands revealed in its true role."

"Our blood, our flesh, our life belongs to you."

"An infantry regiment, riding in trucks, waved red flags and sang the Internationale: the officers sang the Internationale in time with the soldiers and appealed for strikes and rebellion."

"Here in this warm and living province of Giroude, every heart beats as one, every soul is united in love for our threatened country!"

"At Solson the mutineers opened up with machine guns. A major of the Medical Corps received two knife wounds."

"Paralyzing and poisonous gases, high-speed, well-armed, airplanes, the latest automatic guns—everything that physical, mechanical, or chemical science can add, everything must go to strengthen our forces."

"The mutineers wanted to start an armed march on Paris."

"In my opinion parliament need not yield to anyone in patriotism."

"With each month of the war, revolt of the masses grew. Karl Liebknecht, who alone of 110 Socialist deputies voted against war credits, organized street demonstrations on May 1, 1916. Mutinies became more frequent on the French front. German and French soldiers fraternized. The Russian workers, in the midst of the war, overthrew the Czar and after having swept away the Menshevik-Socialist agents of French and English capitalism set up the workers' and peasants' government. In Central Europe, revolutionary forces grew.

"As you know, gentlemen, the morale of our country is not so good."

"In Germany, in 1918, the workers took power in many sections. In the Black Sea the French sailors refused to fire on the Russian workers and mutinied against their officers."

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"Any defense of the capitalist national state is reactionary. It leads to the abandonment of the class struggle, to civil peace, for how can we struggle to the death against our own capitalists if we are prepared to support them in their struggle with other capitalists. On the contrary, we must take advantage of the difficulties in war to overthrow them."

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"To bind ourselves to our own imperialism under the pretext of defending democracy against Hitler is pure deceit and treachery. What will French democracy look like during the war with its censorship and its firing squads? Mutinies on the French front and fraternization with the German soldiers will reawaken the strength and rebelliousness of the German workers and give them mighty support in the battle to rid themselves of Hitler. To remain docile, on the contrary, faithful to the trifler is to lend support to Hitler who can then incoincidentally the German working class with the poison of patriotism."

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"To bind ourselves with our capitalists under the pretext of defending the Soviet Union is also pure deceit and treachery. The capitalists cannot be fooled. That policy can only mean catastrophe for the French workers and for the U.S.S.R. itself. The sole defense of the U.S.S.R. which is more than an illusion, is the revolutionary assault of the oppressed masses of the entire world, of the French Young Socialists of the Seine. The enemy is at home!"

"Bad Frenchmen want civil war."

"Well, in case of a war launched by Hitler against the U.S.S.R. would you advance your slogan: turn the imperialist war into a civil war? Well, no!"

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North China Falls to Japs

(Continued from Page 1) bourgeoisie is beginning to exert pressure on Chiang Kai-Shek and his Kuomintang government.

Chiang has definitely tried during the past week to arrive at a deal with the Japanese which would enable the situation to drag out a little longer. He made promises to the Japanese ambassador on November 21 and subsequently, to negotiate for a full "settlement" of outstanding Sino-Japanese issues.

That American imperialism cannot wait much longer before acting in its own interests in the Pacific was made glaringly evident: this week by the fact that for the first time it found itself displaced in the China trade by Japan, which took first place for the month of October—a warning to American imperialism and a signpost in the advance of Japanese imperialism in Asia!

Youth Meet In Toledo

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The wind-up speaker, and chief attraction of the evening, however, was Reverend Theodore Adams, pastor of the Ashland Avenue Baptist Church. The Reverend put on a regular revival and offered as the solution of the problems of American youth the slogan "Come to Jesus!" (sic!), and punctuated his pious exhortations with an attack on the Soviet Union, linking the workers' fatherland with Nazi Germany!

The actual conference, attended by 40 delegates, a majority of Y. C. L. and New America members in a bloc, lasted about 4 hours on Saturday afternoon. One hour of this time was spent in again listening to Mr. McNutt say nothing in the polished platform manner of a washing-machine salesman who just slays the Y. W. C. A. secretaries. Then the conference was divided into "commissions," directed in reports on youth and "unemployment, industry, education, war and fascism. This was intended to prevent any full and open discussion before the entire congress on resolutions introduced by the Yipsels and S. Y. L.

However, a majority report in favor of the joint anti-sanctions resolution was reported by the commission on war and fascism, of which Sam Pollock was elected chairman. When the report was read to the congress, Lottie Gordon, Y. C. L. representative and wife of the district C. P. organizer, took the floor and charged the contents of the report to be out of order. After an hour's fight on the floor, in which the Y. C. L. members by parliamentary conviving, succeeded in preventing any discussion on the actual contents of the resolution, it was tabled. During the course of the debate, however, it was revealed that the leaders of the A. Y. C., those staunch defenders of democratic rights, were opposed to "any controversial subject being discussed, since such subjects are against the program of the congress which is limited only to those questions on which all are in agreement." (sic!)

The one significant phase of the entire affair was the genuine and principled united front affected between the Young Socialists and Young Fourth Internationalists on the basis of a fundamental agreement on the war question.

THIS IS SOCIAL PATRIOTISM THIS IS REVOLUTIONARY DEFEATISM

Today

"If I were asked I would say that among the great leaders of the war, Petain is the one whose modesty, seriousness and deep and sensible honesty is most deserving of sympathy."

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