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U.S.S.R. Faces Crisis on Twentieth Anniversary of October Revolution

Revolt Flares In Morocco; Arrest Heads

French Morocco is again seething with revolt. This time, against the People's Front Government. The People's Front Government is, of course, no more friendly to the idea of freedom of colonial peoples than was its predecessor.

A widespread movement has developed which expressed itself on October 23, in the demonstration of Moroccan Nationalists in the strategic northern town of Khemisset. Fighting broke out. It reached its peak when thousands of Arabs, armed with knives and guns attacked the barricades erected around the government buildings. The French People's Front Government responded by sending more troops from Rabat to "put down the disorders." The leaders of the group were arrested and given quick trials and sentences of from ten days to one year in the jail at Rabat. The People's Front Government has ordered "Imperial Maneuvers" of the French Air Force to take place in Northern Africa in order to demonstrate to the natives that they will tolerate no moves for independence in the future.

The French Minister of Colonies, Marius Moutet, claims to have uncovered a "plot" to unite all of the Arabs under one banner. The discovery of the alleged plot led to the arrest of four Arab Nationalist Leaders. Numerous outbursts have taken place recently. The outbursts are more than of local significance, for they are linked up with similar demonstrations in Palestine, Syria, and Egypt.

Stalinists Support Repressions

In France, the "disorders" are being met with quick action from the People's Front Government.
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World Revolution Alone Can Save Workers State

Twenty years ago this week there took place the greatest event in the history of mankind. Led by those magnificent, firm, and clear-sighted men forged by Lenin into the Bolshevik Party, the workers of Petrograd, through their insurrection, began the era of the socialist revolution. At long last, mankind, after untold centuries of barbarism, violence, ignorance, brutality, oppression, was nearing its maturity. Men, grown conscious of their destiny, were launching the final conflict, to lift themselves out of the darkness of pre-history into the freedom and expansion of a truly human society.

No courage ever before witnessed was comparable to the courage of these workers and their leaders. Millions of their brothers and comrades lay dead on the vast battlefields of the War; and countless millions more lay wounded, ill, and dying. Starvation and exhaustion were universal. A backward, hopelessly inadequate industrial economy had broken to pieces; the primitive, disrupted agriculture was unable to supply food enough to eat. The terrible dead weight of generations of despotism, of habits of servility, of lack of culture and education, of social and moral corruption, pressed the Russian people to the earth.

Everything was against the workers. Thousands of years of traditions, habits, customs, with all the great power these have over men. Training, skill, authority. God, in the person of the decayed and vicious Orthodox Church of all the Russias, was against them. The world was against them: the money, resources, machines, guns, bullets, tanks, battleships of both sets of the imperialist powers.

But not everything. With all their boldness and audacity, they were not dreamers, visionaries, utopians, these men of the revolution. They knew that what was against them was not everything; that it seemed to be everything only to those whose eyes were still focussed on, whose minds were still circumscribed by, the old and dying world.

Fighting Against Odds

With them was the future of mankind. With them were the inescapable needs and requirements of the very productive mechanism which men have built in their age-long battle with an intractable nature. With them was the cry for justice burning

in the hearts of the oppressed and suffering. With them were the hopes and aspirations of the masses. With them was the great and only ideal which can lead men forward to the new world.

Upon the social needs, upon the masses and their hopes, upon their great ideal, the leaders of the revolution put their stake. Brushing aside the head-shaking wise-acs, the Philistines, the doubters, the betrayers, they held their course, and they won. There was not enough strength left in the old world, for all of its grandiose trappings. The storm of the revolution swept through the Russian workers, engulfed the myriad peasantry, burst the national boundaries, and spread throughout the world. Nothing could stand against it. The life-blood of the revolution nourished the masses, almost physically lifted them from their exhaustion, misery, starvation, and despair. Superiority of arms, of numbers, of material resources, were unavailing.

The revolution conquered. It conquered the hordes of the internal counter-revolution, the armies of imperialist intervention, the traitors in its own camp, it conquered its own weaknesses. Fiercely and relentlessly the revolution defended itself; often harsh and cruel in its justice, for it permitted itself no sentimental illusions; unsparing of itself. There was no time for idle debate and metaphysical speculation. The workers' power must be maintained; the enemies defeated; the path toward socialism blazed.

Simultaneously the revolution took the great measures to establish the foundation of the new social order. The factories, mines, railroads, means of communication,
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Most Gained by Bosses in A. L. P. Deal

The American Labor Party polled nearly a half million votes in the New York City elections, but got very little for its pains.

The fundamental objective of labor in an election, the demonstration of class strength, which brings real gains for labor even when no candidate is elected, was not achieved by the ALP. For the city-wide ALP vote went to capitalist candidates. In the ensuing haggling for the next electoral combination, much of this vote will be discounted with the argument that many of the votes wouldn't have gone to the ALP for an independent candidate.

The Bronx presidency and its seat in the Board of Estimate, the one important city office that was supposed to go to the ALP as its share in the deal with the Republican and Fusion parties, it didn't get. For there was a neat division of labor whereby the Bronx Republican machine refused to withdraw its own candidate and helped throw the election to the Democrat, Lyons. Fearful of injuring LaGuardia's Bronx vote by a sharp fight for the presidency against LaGuardia's Bronx Republican supporters, the ALP didn't take its gloves off. The ALP ran no other candidates for the Board of Estimate, the real seat of city power.

Votes for minor borough officers, where ALP candidates ran against both Republican and Democratic opponents, indicated that the ALP will poll at least twice as many votes for members of the new City Council as will actually count for ALP councilmen. For part of the ALP deal with Republican-Fusion involved withdrawing most of its council candidates.

20th Anniversary Celebration of the Russian Revolution

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the seizure of power by the Bolsheviks under the leadership of Lenin and Trotsky!
For the international extension of the October Revolution!

Protest the suppression of workers' democracy!
Protest the bloody purges of Stalin and the extermination of the genuine revolutionists!
Protest the monstrous frame-ups against Leon Trotsky!

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