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Murderers of the People

THE reported recognition of the Omsk Government under the dictator Kolchak by the Governments of England, France, Italy and the United States fittingly caps the hypocrisy, double-dealing and treachery which has characterized the policy of the capitalist governments toward Soviet Russia.

Ever since Soviet Russia, by Revolution, brought down in ruins the might of Hohenzollern Germany, the Allied Governments have openly assumed the imperialistic task of crushing human liberty in the world. Severely repressing the opposition at home, the Governments of England, France, Italy, Japan and the United States have insisted that the German and Austrian revolutions shall not be social revolutions, and have sent troops to attack the Russian Soviet Republic.

The European Governments openly proclaim that their object is to destroy the Soviet Government, and Bolshevism with it. The Government of the United States, through its mouth-piece, Woodrow Wilson, expresses vague humanitarian phrases full of noble sound, but dares not tell the truth about invasion in Russia.

As a matter of fact, the Associated Powers have been engaged, without a declaration of war, in murdering workers and peasants in cold blood, in order to make the world safe for the bloody regime of capitalism, which has watered the earth with the blood of the working class for a hundred years, and finished up with the gigantic holocaust of the Great War.

Immediately following the Proletarian Revolution, the excuse for hostility toward Soviet Russia was that the Germans were in control. The United States Government supported this view by the publication of a series of forged documents, which deceived no one. The fall of Imperial Germany completely destroyed this fabrication.

Then it was "to guard military stores and protect the rear of the Tchekho-Slovaks"—the Judas nation—and to "restore law and order." The United States Government deliberately incited the peoples of the world against Soviet Russia by publishing an "appeal to humanity" against the greatly exaggerated Red Terror—at the same time ignoring the horrible White Terror of the Tchekho-Slovaks in the Volga Valley, and of Mannerheim in Finland.

With phrases about "justice" and "self-determination" on their lips, the statesmen of the capitalist Powers sent armed troops to shoot down Russian workers and peasants defending their own proletarian government—the first Government of the People in the history of the world. While issuing lofty invitations to Prinkipo, the Allied and American Governments drew closer around Soviet Russia the iron ring of their blockade, dooming to death by starvation hundreds of thousands of women and children. Their soldiers co-operated with the Horvaths, the Semionovs, the renegades, the Black Hundreds attempting to restore Tsarism, the restorers of vodka, Cossack rule and pogroms.

While protesting against "Bolshevik propaganda," the agents of the Associated Powers in Russia corrupted officials, actively assisted the counter-revolution, and under cover of diplomatic immunity, plotted to overthrow the Government of the Russian People.

Now they recognize the "Government" of Kolchak; Kolchak the Tsarist, the man of black reputation under the old regime; Kolchak, the debaucher of Siberian peasants; Kolchak, who suppressed the last vestiges of democratic association; Kolchak, who forbade labor unions, even as the Tsar did; who arrested, jailed and massacred thousands upon

thousands of workers and peasants without trial; Kolchak, whose "death train" of Bolshevik prisoners is the horror of the whole world; Kolchak, who is repudiated by all liberty-loving men the world over, whatever their political opinions.

Today the capitalist press is screaming exultantly that the battered and starving armies of the Proletarian Republic are being pushed back on all fronts. Already in their columns is beginning to appear the fierce foreshadowing note of the great Revenge. If Capitalist Imperialism wins in Rus-

Don't Leave the Party!

Chicago, May 26, '19.

Comrade Cohen:

Thanks for your good letter. I expect the Right Wing to try the same tactics nationally as locally in New York. Gerber is here helping to steer the game. But they are losing and they know it—hence their panicky actions. The rarer they go, the harder they will fall. Have no fear whatever of the final outcome. We are sure to win. Ninety per cent of the present membership wants Revolutionary Socialism.

So sit tight. Keep your membership intact. Let no one quit. Let not a single member or Branch withdraw from the Party voluntarily. Wait till they are expelled. Stick. Help us with the national fight. It will take three months, but the Red Wins. Don't let anyone talk split. This Party is Ours and we are going to prove it.

Yours in Revolt,

L. E. KATTERFELD.

sia, there will follow a massacre that will make the punishment of the Paris Commune look like a picnic. The capitalist class the world over is licking its lips in anticipation.

It is the fault of the world's working class if Soviet Russia is made a shambles by the capitalist governments of the victorious Powers. It is our fault if our Comrades in Europe are stricken down by the murderers of the people!

The Still-Born City Convention

The State Executive Committee has declared that the City Committee exceeded its authority in calling a City Convention of the Party Branches of Greater New York, and declares that the Convention will be illegal. This action is taken to save the face of the Right Wingers, who withdrew from the City Committee as soon as they discovered that the Left Wing had a majority there. In the beginning the Right Wingers were just as anxious to call the City Convention as the Left Wingers. The Right Wing still imagined that it had a majority among the rank and file, and that the Left Wing Manifesto and Program could be disposed of in the Convention. But now the Right Wing knows that the majority of the membership is with us. So it persuades the State Executive Committee to declare the Convention illegal.

Simultaneously the Rand School has refused the use of People's House auditorium for the Convention.

These are the latest tactics of the Party bosses. They know that the referendum is going against them overwhelmingly, so they reorganize and expel Branches, and then throw out their votes. They know that the National Emergency Convention is going against them, so they disenfranchise the membership.

It will not work. We intend to put our candidates in office. We intend to hold the National Emergency Convention. And we herewith inform all comrades that the City Convention will be held, on the date agreed upon, according to the original plans. Instead of the People's House, we shall probably meet at Queen's County Labor Lyceum.

From all over the country a landslide Left Wing victory is moving down on Chicago. Expel as they will—reorganize as they will—they cannot reorganize and expel Branches as fast as they go Left Wing.

Panic-stricken, the Right Wing, through the mouth of Hillquit, calls for a split in the Party—the Right Wing, which accused us of wanting to split—in order to have the pitiful remnant of the movement they have wrecked.

They cannot save it. The Party is ours. Life itself is with the Left Wing!

Statistics of the Pink Terror.

Many Comrades imagine that we are exaggerating the proportions and gravity of the ruthless campaign against the Left Wing inaugurated by Local New York's Executive Committee. For the benefit of these Comrades we publish the following list of Branches reorganized, in process of reorganization, and those to whom ballots have been denied, or whose vote has been thrown out:

English Branches.—1st A. D., 2d A. D., 3d-5th-10th A. D., 8th A. D., 17th A. D., 18th-20th A. D., 22d-23d A. D.

Foreign Branches.—1st Russian, 2d Russian, 20th Ukrainian, 2d Jewish, 52d Lithuanian, Estonian, Hungarian (Yorkville), Spanish, German-Hungarian, Italian 2d A. D., Jewish 2d A. D. Jewish 8th A. D.

The following new Branches have been refused charters:

5th Russian-Ukrainian of Russian Federation; 88th Ukrainian of Ukrainian Federation; new Hungarian Branch of Hungarian Federation.

Between three thousand and thirty-five hundred members of Local New York have no voice nor vote in Party affairs.

The State Executive Committee is "reorganizing" the entire State, which means, expelling all Left Wing Locals.

The First Russian Branch has been expelled from the Party, and the expulsion has been endorsed by the N. E. C.

The Right Wing, on the eve of counting the votes of the referendum on Party officials, thus disqualifies the Left Wing votes. On the eve of the Emergency National Convention, called at the instance of Left Wing Locals, the Right Wing takes action to prevent the attendance of delegates representing the vast majority of the Party membership.

After all the protests against the "illegality" of "an organization within an organization"; after the outcry that "the Party Constitution and by-laws provide adequate means for formulating new Party policies and tactics"—the officialdom of the Party deliberately violates its own rules and its own Constitution.

These are the methods of the capitalist political democratic State. It professes "democracy" until the popular masses undertake to exercise their prerogative; then it calls in the Courts to interpret, or the police to suppress.

We, of the Left Wing, were right in refusing to trust our Party "leaders". We of the Left Wing were right when we accused them of not being Socialists.

Left Wing Bogey

By Nicholas I. Hourwich

The successes of the "Left Wing" of the American Socialist Party begin evidently to frighten the official leaders of the Social Opportunists. From this fear spring the "radical measures" to which individual Party "leaders" and the Party machine resort in their struggle against the "seditious" elements within the Party; from this fear springs the haste with which, foreseeing the alarming possibility of defeat at the Emergency Convention, they expel from the Party or discredit the independent thinking members, and even whole "Left Wings".

The magnitude of the danger threatening the dominating Right Wing can be judged, for instance, from the fact that "Left Wing Sedition" has penetrated even such a bulwark of "respectable" Socialism as Milwaukee, guarded by the maestro and ideologue of American Social Opportunism, the "Socialist" Congressman, member of the National Executive Committee of the Party, Victor Berger.

The Milwaukee Leader, published in Milwaukee and edited by Berger—a "Socialist paper"—deems it even wise to devote to this "danger" a special editorial under the significant caption: "Do We Want Violence?"

This editorial is worth discussing, because it gives complete expression to the "philosophy" of the Right Wing, as well as to those weapons with which, the latter is ready to arm itself in its struggle to crush and destroy the hated "Left Wing".

The central point of the editorial, as can be seen from the caption, is the question of "violence".

We shall not discuss here the scientific incorrectness of the term "violence". The main weight of the question, as it is put by the Left Wing, consists not in whether "violence" should or should not be used; but in the application of the revolutionary mass method of struggle. As can be gleaned from the text of the article, the term "violence" is used by the editorial writer of the Milwaukee Leader instead of the term "revolutionary method of struggle", and used deliberately—in the vein of the whole provocative character of the editorial. The more abstract, and therefore less definite expression "revolutionary method of struggle", might prove to be a harder task to classify under the articles of the "penal code" than the more concrete and definite—and therefore, more useful for the purposes of the Milwaukee "Socialist" prosecutor, Mr. Zabel—term "violence".

Berger's editorial proclaims first: "The Left Wingers want to use violence. Of course, they do not directly say so"—maliciously remarks the writer, with a look towards police headquarters. "Such things cannot very well be said openly. But if you read their writings you can come to no other conclusion. . . .

"The Left Wingers want to incite a series of violent uprisings, using the methods of the Spartans of Germany as their model, hoping that each uprising will bring them a little nearer to the goal and