

in the school of Bolshevism, will never permit the bourgeoisie to retourn to power. Capitalism is reeling to its very foundations and is daily suffering new blows, new decisive defeats. The Soviet institution forms the great thought of the Community, namely, the idea of organizing society according to economic units and to make of these units, by means of a democracy directed against the bourgeoisie, by means of the dictatorship of the working class, by means of proletarian democracy, a true united commonwealth, a member of a great world-wide economic community.

The Entente no longer has the power to shatter Soviet Russia. The World War ended with the demolition of one of the belligerent states, of one of the financial powers and with the military and economic exhaustion of the other. The world solstice is approaching. Whether it comes today or tomorrow or the day after makes no difference—it cannot be long distant. And in all lands there appears among the foremost fighting ranks of the working class the flaming motto which was first written on the banners of the proletariat in the great French Revolution, which was engraved with steel upon the pages of the history of old Europe, which constituted the golden rule of the Paris Commune and which in time will re-echo even in the ranks of the working class of America, those words in which are contained today as they were a hundred years ago the longing and the hope and the iron will of the working class, the meaning and the spirit of the new epoch: War against palace and peace to the huts, death to want, and to idleness!

The historic essence of dictatorship is dominion—stark, coercive dominion; without infringing the rights and interests of minorities, it is as impossible as the quadrature of the circle. The historic justification of the dictatorship of the proletariat lies in this, that the dictatorship is exercised in the interests of the enormous majority of the population, and that it is no more than a means of transition, for it aims at suspending itself, at rendering itself impossible, at realising the ideal of democracy—a free people, in a free land, living by free labor. Clara Zetkin.

The period of imperialism means the division of the world between the "great" privileged nations which oppress all the others. Undoubtedly, certain crumbs from the plunder, arising out of these privileges and this oppression, fall to the lot of certain sections of the lower middle class, aristocracy, bureaucracy, and a privileged minority of the working class. This last section, which constitutes an infinitesimal section of the laboring class, has a leaning towards "Struvism", for it justifies their union with the national bourgeoisie as opposed to the oppressed masses of all nations. N. Lenin.

We are requested to insert an appeal for funds on behalf of the thirty-six deportees with their families now retained at Ellis Island in a most pitiful condition. They are absolutely destitute and the National Defense Committee is collecting money to care for them. Please send contributions to Dr. George M. Dunaif, Treasurer, 339 Stone Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Manager's Column

We greet May day, the Worker's holiday. The poor men, the landless and the propertyless all over the world, realize on this day the approach of universal brotherhood, of international solidarity. In Soviet Russia, May first is celebrated in every public square, in every village. For there the workers and peasants own the country and their holiday is the nation's holiday.

In the United States the workers do not own the country, nor the tools they work with, nor the jobs that should provide for their livelihood. They do not because they do not realize their power. And their leaders too fail to realize the vast power of these thirty-eight million workingmen and workingwomen, when united and consolidated to one purpose—the achievement of their economic freedom. The leaders dicker and beg from the powers that be, instead of consolidating the armies behind them.

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