

Lenin's Famine Appeal to World's Workers

"In several Russian provinces the famine equals that of 1891. This is the severe consequence of Russian economic backwardness and the seven years of war, first the imperialist war and then the civil wars, which were imposed upon the workers and peasants by the landlords and capitalists of all countries.

"Aid is required. The workers and peasants of the Soviet Republic await this aid from the toiling industrial and agricultural workers of all countries. Though these masses are themselves everywhere oppressed by capitalism and imperialism, we are confident that, despite their own difficult situation, caused by unemployment and high prices, they will respond to our appeal.

"Those who have experienced capitalist oppression throughout their lives will understand the situation of the Russian workers and peasants, will understand intuitively, as toilers and exploited, the necessity for giving aid to the Soviet Republic which was the first to undertake the welcome but heavy task of overthrowing capitalism.

"Therefore the capitalists of all countries wreak their vengeance upon Soviet Russia. Therefore they plan against her new interventions and new counter-revolutionary conspiracies.

"We are convinced, however, that this will cause the workers and small farmers living by their own toil in all countries to aid us with redoubled energy and self-denial."

didn't get even this dole. They will continue to starve and suffer. This winter they will freeze.

In the days of the chattel slave there was work for all. The country was open towards the west. The chattel slave brought his price, and usually a good one.

To-day the chimneys of great industries smoke from the Atlantic to the Pacific when there is a market at a profit for the goods produced by the wage slave of 1921. But the domestic and foreign market is now glutted and stagnant.

There is no market for the goods produced by the slave of to-day; there is no market for his labor; there is no demand for even his muscle, flesh and bone. His power to toil is worthless, because he has toiled so well.

President Harding has the usual solution—he is going to have a commission investigate. But not along class lines. Certainly not.

There was but one solution for political slavery to the British throne in 1776. It was wiped out. Chattel slavery was ended, 1861-65, through complete extermination. Wage slavery must go in 1921 through its complete abolition, the ending of capitalist misrule and oppression forever. That is the goal, slaves of 1921. While you are fighting for a mouthful of bread to-day, recognize that that is your only salvation. Join in the war for your own emancipation.

The United Mine Workers of America meets in convention at Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 20. May the actions of the workers at this gathering cause the capitalist ruling class to tremble.

STILL FIDDLING

History tells the story of Emperor Nero who fiddled while Rome was burning about him.

Thus does Editorial Writer Oneal of the Call, September 13, keep up his fiddling over the disintegrating Socialist Party.

Oneal was one of the original heresy hunters of the party, who worked side by side with Seymour Stedman, famous for his Red Raid at Detroit, in the expulsions of 1919.

The party officialdom has seen the party dwindle from more than 100,000 to less than 10,000.

It seems that all the Hillquits and Bergers need to make that decrease look like progress is to take one of Oneal's editorial injections.

"The dope works," says Oneal. "Have some more."

Of course, Oneal would like to interpret the efforts of the Workers' Council as the organization of another "little neo-Communist band." That is the way he translated the meaning of the withdrawal statement of the Committee for the Third International of the Socialist Party.

Far be it from the Call "to poison the news at its source." But it has space for only two or three paragraphs from the statement of withdrawal, and it absolutely censors the names of the comrades signing the statement, no doubt because those names would carry influence with the party membership.

Signing the statement are minority delegates of party conventions for many years past, notably the last three conventions held. The list includes party editors and speakers with national reputations. There are comrades who stand high in the labor movement, one of them being a former manager of the joint board of one of the largest labor unions in New York City.

Oneal fiddles away in his editorial column to keep up his own and the courage of others. But in their saner moments Oneal and the others know that the 100,000 Communists who have left or been expelled from the Socialist Party are uniting in a disciplined host, their ranks cemented by the spirit of solidarity born of the struggle with renegade reactionaries within and capitalist oppressors without.

Go to the Masses!

A MANIFESTO OF THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL TO THE PROLETARIAT OF ALL COUNTRIES:

The Third Congress of the Communist International is ended. It has completed its survey of the status of the Communist proletariat of all countries.

In a number of countries, in which Communism had as yet hardly gained a foothold, the movement during the past year has become a gigantic force, capable of organizing the masses and constituting a menace to the existence of capitalism.

On the day of its initial congress, the Communist International, with the exception of Russia, consisted of small insignificant groups.

Since its Second Congress it has endeavored to create great organized mass movements. At the present time the parties in Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Italy, France, Norway, Jugoslavia and Bulgaria, besides Russia, have succeeded in rallying the masses to their standards.

The Third Congress asks the Communists of all countries fearlessly to continue in the great undertaking, and to put forth every effort to the work of rallying millions upon millions of new adherents to the ranks of the Communist International.

The power of capitalism will be broken only when the idea of Communism is translated into the invincible strength of the great majority of the proletariat, under the leadership of the Communist Parties, the backbone of the working class movement.

Go to the Masses.

"Go to the Masses!" is the battle-cry which the Third Congress issues to Communists of all countries. "Prepare for the conflict!"

The masses will come to us, they will flock to us, because the capitalist system is constantly making it clear that it can live only by continuing to embroil the world more and more, and by constantly increasing the chaos, the misery and the enslavement of the masses. In the face of the economic world crisis, which forces millions of workers on the streets for lack of work, the social democrats, henchmen of capitalism, and bourgeoisie who have for several years past been exhorting the workers to "work, work," are obliged to be silent.

Before calling the working class to work, it is necessary to call them to battle, and the appeal to work can be obeyed only when capitalism will have been destroyed, and when the proletariat will have taken possession of the means of production.

Capitalism and Imperialism.

The capitalist world is on the eve of new wars. The American-Japanese and the Anglo-American conflicts, the quarrels of the Near and the Far East, are forcing upon the capitalists a policy of increased armaments.

They are asking with anxiety, "Must Europe be thrust into a new world war?"

HOW ABOUT A PAMPHLET?

Fall and winter are coming on. The weather is getting cooler and the workers will want to read more. How about issuing the accompanying historic manifesto of the Third Congress of the Third International, with the withdrawal statement of the Committee for the Third International of the Socialist Party, appearing in another part of this magazine, in a suitable pamphlet? Just the thing to sell at all the Russian Famine Relief Mass Meetings. We will make the price just as low as possible. How many can you use? Let us know! Write the Workers' Council, Room 233, 80 East 11th St., New York City.

They are not afraid of sacrificing millions of human beings. For on the very morrow of the great war, in blockading Russia, they cold-bloodedly doomed millions of human beings to starvation.

What they fear, however, is that another war will hurl the masses into the throes of a world revolution. They are afraid that a fresh war will ultimately involve the uprising of the world proletariat.

They are seeking, therefore, through diplomatic means, as they did before the late war, to bring about an understanding to delay as far as possible such a crisis. But when such an understanding is brought about, it only serves to create a new tension.

The negotiations between England and America, regarding the limitation of armaments, necessarily create an attitude of antagonism towards Japan. The Franco-English reconciliation delivers up Germany to France, and Turkey to England.

The efforts which world capitalism is making to create any sort of order in the ever-increasing chaos of the world, far from bringing peace to the peoples of the world, only augment their enslavement and subject the conquered peoples to the domination of the victorious bourgeoisie.

The capitalist press is at present claiming an improvement in conditions because the bourgeoisie of Germany has surrendered to the conditions of the allies, because, in order to maintain its power, it has delivered up the German people to the monsters in control of the stock exchanges of Paris and London.

At the same time, however, this press which is at the beck and call of high finance, announces the economic ruin of Germany, deploring the heavy taxes, which will fall like a hailstorm on the unemployed masses this fall, and will formidably increase the price of every morsel of food and every bit of clothing.

Bankruptcy of the Capitalist Regime.

The Communist International, which bases its policies on the calm and objective examination of the present world situation, because it is only through surveying the field of action with clear-sightedness