

The Russian Miracle It Must Not Fail

"I HAVE LEFT EUROPE, WHERE ART HAS BEEN KILLED BY COMMERCIALISM, AND I AM CONVINCED THAT THE GREATEST HUMAN MIRACLE THAT HAS HAPPENED FOR 2,000 YEARS IS NOW PASSING IN RUSSIA."

Thus writes Isadora Duncan, the famous dancer, who has gone to Russia to teach her art, in a letter to the Paris "Humanite," the French communist daily.

"We are, doubtless, too contemporary," she continues, "and can only see material facts; but those who shall live 100 years hence will understand that in the reign of Communism humanity has taken an immense step forward, and

THE MARTYRDOM WHICH RUSSIA IS SUFFERING WILL BE AS FRUITFUL FOR POSTERITY AS THE MARTYRDOM OF THE NAZARENE.

"Only the fraternity of all the workers of the world, only the Internationale, can save civilization."

Swept by Famine and Plague

WE ask our readers to read over again the above news item taken from a current issue of The Herald, the London labor daily, so ably edited by George Lansbury.

Soviet Russia is today facing her greatest agony. She is combatting the distress that is gripping some of her richest provinces, swept by famine and plague.

Let the fraternity of the toilers of America with the workers of the world rally in the effort to raise \$220,000,000. This is the amount needed to meet this crisis.

Demand that the Russian workers receive immediate and adequate assistance from the United States government.

Get behind the national and international drive for funds. The Russian miracle must develop into a complete reality. You must help!

Send Contributions to "The Workers' Council" Now!

THE WORKERS' COUNCIL asks all its readers to send their contributions to Dr. Moses Aronson, Treasurer, Workers' Council Russian Famine Relief Fund, Room 233, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

Every penny received will be turned over immediately to the American Federated Russian Famine Relief Committee for immediate use.

Among the first to respond to the Workers' Council appeal for the Russian Famine Relief Fund are the following: J. M. Naron, California, \$10; I. Serier Washington, \$5; Loggia Giuseppe Verdie, Richmond, Va., \$6.75; T. H. Stone, Virginia, \$6.58; and Painters'

Union, Local 1018, Richmond, Va., \$1. The total to start is \$29.33. Readers of the Workers' Council will be interested to learn that their editor, J. Louis Engdahl, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Russian Federated Famine Relief.

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If the jobless get hungry, they can still look at "Sammy" Gompers and "Steel Kaiser" Schwab standing side by side in the picture taken of the unemployment conference at Washington.

LIMITING ARMAMENTS

Under the spiritual guidance of the Gompers' regime of the American Federation of Labor, the organized workers in various sections of the country are planning to celebrate Armistice Day, November 11, with the holding of Disarmament meetings.

In New York City the labor officialdom announces that there will be no co-operation with "pacifists." This, no doubt, refers to those who opposed the late war.

First preparations for the New York demonstration were made at a meeting held in the City Hall presided over by the "patriotic" head of the Central Trades and Labor Council.

"Among those present" were representatives of the American Red Cross, the Girl Scouts, National Security League, the American Defense Society, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association, all hysteria promoting organizations during and before the late conflict. These were the original champions of "preparedness" in 1916-17.

Gompers is carrying out this idea on a national scale thru the organization of a national advisory committee on disarmament, to which he has invited Ralph Easley, of the Civic Federation, and other flag waving jingoes.

Gompers is thus trying to repeat his pantomime

entitled, "The Lion and Lamb," in which the lion and the lamb lie down together, the lamb inside the lion.

Under the Gompers' chloroforming policies, at least a part of the labor movement will persuade itself that capitalism is serious about this disarming business.

But it will wake up with the next strike, as was the case in West Virginia. The private armies of the employers, the state constabulary and militia, and the federal troops, with tanks, aeroplanes and poison gas, will again be brought into effective use.

If the Harding administration at Washington is interested in limiting armaments let it disarm the ruling class of the United States.

But this it will steadfastly refuse to do. It wouldn't so much as rob a Thiel or Burns Detective Agency assassin of a single bullet from his precious automatic.

The American ruling class is armed to the teeth against the workers of this country. The Washington conference will make sure that any disarmament hypocrisy that may develop will not weaken the international exploiters in their war upon the world's workers.

This is the time for the lukewarm to warm up. If in doubt where to make your power felt politically, get into the **WORKERS' COUNCIL**, 80 East 11th St., New York City.

SOLVING THE JOBLESS PROBLEM

When the American Federation of Labor Executive Council met several weeks ago at Atlantic City, the question of participating in the proposed unemployment conference was discussed.

John Tobin, member of the council and treasurer of the federation, remembering labor's experience with Wilson's industrial conference, urged ignoring the equally futile Harding conclave.

Tobin even threatened to resign if the council should decide to participate. Gompers, always a staunch believer in capital-labor parleys, insisted on taking part.

Against five labor representatives, Secretary Hoover selected twenty industrial and financial magnates, most of whom are open shoppers, with glorious records of union smashing.

The professors who were also invited to this capital-labor love feast were intended only for decorative purposes.

When the real issues were reached—the present wage standard and the closed shop—these professors could be depended on to produce enough scientific data to "prove" how a decrease in wages and the open shop would benefit the workers.

After a great deal of vaporous generalities and picture taking—Charley Schwab and Sammy Gompers always standing together in the center—the conference came to the "heart of the unemployment problem" by receiving a recommendation from its most important sub-committee for a return to normalcy, via wage cutting.