

Launch the National Campaign

TO the strains of "The International," comrades representing a host of organizations joined in launching the national organization campaign of the Workers' Council of the United States at a Dinner-Meeting held Saturday night, Oct. 8, at the New York Labor Temple.

The spirit of this historic gathering was voiced in short addresses by those who have been identified with the struggle for the Third International within the Socialist Party during the past two years.

Many Speakers for Different Organizations

The exception was Ludwig Lore, editor of the New York Volkszeitung, the German daily, who left the Socialist Party two years ago and helped organize the Communist Labor Party.

Steven Bircher, of Newark, N. J., was toastmaster. The other speakers, in addition to Lore, were J. Louis Engdahl, national secretary of the Workers' Council; Benjamin Glassberg, ousted instructor from the Rand School; J. B. Salutsky, of the Jewish Socialist Federation; Rose Weiss, one of the legal representatives in this country of Soviet Russia; Alexander Trachtenberg, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Workers' Council; Isadore Cohen, New Jersey organizer of the Independent Young People's Socialist League, and John Di Gregoria, of the Italian Socialist Federation.

Trachtenberg's appeal for funds resulted in raising a considerable amount for organization purposes, while the pledges made will bring in a goodly sum each month.

Engdahl read messages sent in from all sections of the country supporting the position and purposes of the Workers' Council, and wishing it every success in its efforts.

Read Manifesto on Another Page.

The struggle of the immediate future, as clearly expressed at this gathering, is set down in concrete form in the manifesto that appears on another page. Every reader should study this declaration carefully.

Since the last issue of the Workers' Council went to press, carrying the withdrawal statement of the Committee for the Third International, the work of uniting the really revolutionary elements in the American working class has been proceeding rapidly.

Secretary Engdahl appeared before the executive committees of both the Jewish Socialist Federation and the Workers' Educational Society (German). Both these committees discussed the situation thoroughly and frankly and then voted unanimously to co-operate with the Workers' Council in its activities.

Work of Re-building Is Successful.

One result of this co-operation has been the sending out of letters and organization material over all the country to all the secretaries of the Jewish branches, urging united action to restore the English-speaking organizations as groups of the Workers' Council. This work is meeting with excellent results.

It may be mentioned in passing that the Jewish Federation has launched a campaign to raise \$100,000 to start a daily paper. In the meantime, its weekly official organ, the New World, has been changed to an eight-page, newspaper size publication, and is meeting with an ovation and increased circulation everywhere.

The Volkszeitung, the German daily, is proving a great aid in securing publicity in many sections of the country. This is also true of its weekly edition, the Vorwärts.

Push Organization Activities.

Application cards, membership cards, dues stamps and "certificates of affiliation" for the Workers' Council are now ready, and there is no reason for failing to push organization activities everywhere. The first "certificate of affiliation," temporary until the holding of the national conference, went to the Chicago organization, of which George Struve, 832 Newport Ave., is the secretary. Hyman Schneider, president of Local 39, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, with 12,000 members, is treasurer. The organization is growing rapidly.

Local Rockford, Ill., of the Socialist Party, like many other "S. P." locals, are coming over bodily to the Workers' Council. The secretary, Comrade Reesberg, has a bunch of dues stamps that he is putting to good use.

Hardly a state in the nation is lacking among the numerous requests that are coming in for information.

First Membership Card Issued.

The first membership card was written for Comrade Peter Larsen, of New Jersey, aged 70 years. This would refute the statement of the S. P. conservatives who claim that only the young are radical. Comrade Larsen has been in the Socialist movement for 45 years. He wants to carry a really red card and so joins the Workers' Council. He feels that all the S. P. could give him is a yellow card.

Now that the national organization campaign has been launched in New York City, the comrades in the nation's metropolis will get on the job and build up their organization. The first group was organized in the Brownsville District of Brooklyn, with Julius Wattman as chairman. One of the first activities of this group will be the holding of several mass meetings.

This is the work that must go forward everywhere. As shown in our last issue, the dues paying membership of the Socialist Party had dropped to 5,781 for the month of July. Ten years ago the S. P. had this number of locals and branches scattered through every state in the nation.

JOIN NOW!

Now is the time to join the WORKERS' COUNCIL and get into the struggle it is making to unite all the elements that have seceded or been expelled from the Socialist Party during the last two years.

We also want all additional workers who have been awakened to the necessity of a real working class political organization. Organize a group in your town.

The Workers' Council of the United States is a temporary organization. It is planning to call a national conference in the near future, to help build nationally along the lines laid down in the manifesto on the inside two pages.

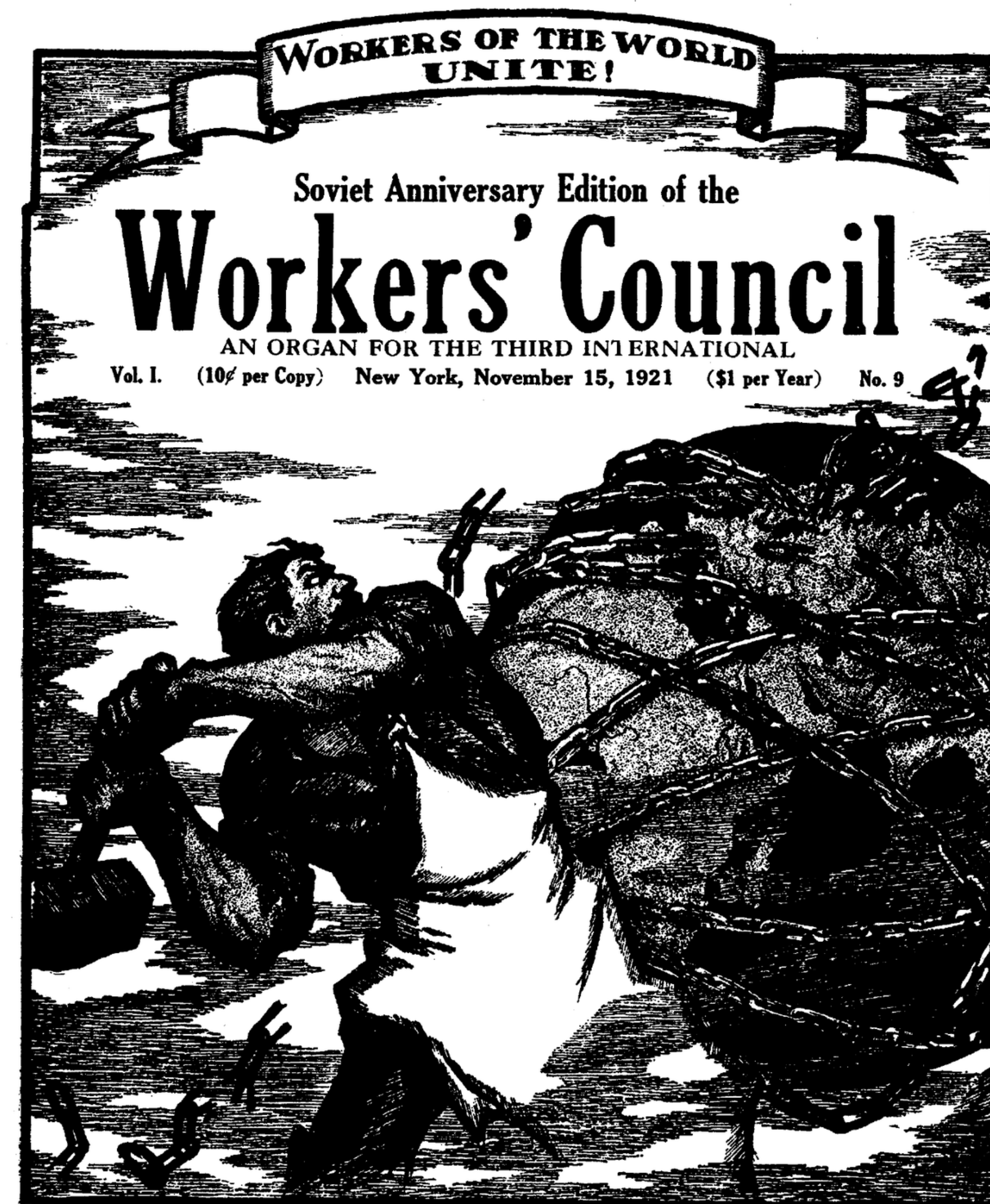
Read this manifesto for yourself and decide whether it states your stand. If it does then fill out the application blank below and mail it to the WORKERS' COUNCIL, 80 E. 11th St., New York City. The initiation fee is 25c., the dues 50c. per month. Here it is:

Application for Membership in the Workers' Council OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I recognize the class struggle between the working class and the capitalist class. I favor the abolition of this system of class division of society. I realize the necessity for the working class organizing independently, as a class, both politically and economically, to lead in the struggle for the acquisition of all power for the workers. This final aim, the abolition of all classes, will be achieved by the working class obtaining for such limited time as may be necessary all the power in the state and doing away with all economic inequality at present covered by the system of would-be political democracy and the capitalist state. Communism, the complete abolition of any and all exploitation and the inauguration of a free, human society of socially equal men and women, is the final aim of the workers' rule. For the purpose of aiding in the struggle toward this goal, I apply for membership in the WORKERS' COUNCIL and I agree to be guided by its Constitution, Declaration of Principles and Program.

Signature _____

Address _____



The Workers of the World Unite in Sending Their Fraternal Greetings to Their Victorious Russian Comrades on This, the Fourth Anniversary of the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic, November 7th, 1921.