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# B.R.T. Strikers!

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## FELLOW WORKERS!

Once again you carmen on the BRT are out on strike.

Again you are facing the same forces that have slugged and betrayed you in the past.

You went out like men, despite the cowardly attempt of such traitors to labor as Shea, who threatened you with expulsion from the Amalgamated.

Did you notice that these sleek officers of the union, that you pay to protect your interests, are always on the side of the boss and the government, and against you?

What are you up against in this strike? Stop and think!

The capitalist state — the government of the United States, the government of New York, City and State.

The government is always against you — always on the side of the rich, the capitalist.

When you go out on strike — when you ask for a mere pittance to meet the increasing cost of living — the first representative of the capitalist state that you meet is the police. They ride on every scab car. They are ready to club you or shoot you.

Today you face this Capitalist Government in the shape of the United States District Court represented by Judge Mayer and Receiver Garrison — former Secretary of War.

He has ordered you back to work. All the power of the government is behind that order. He has declared you outlaws. Many of you fought in

France “to make the world safe for Democracy.” Then you were heroes — now when you are fighting for yourselves and your own families — you are Bolsheviks, outlaws.

We, the Communists, are with you in your battle against your oppressors, the BRT and the Capitalist State.

But, we want you to think!

In the Coal Strike, the Steel Strike, in Denver, in West Virginia, in every place where workers struck against the boss — you meet the army, the militia, the police, the hired gunman. You are shot, clubbed, thrown in jail and driven back to the shop, the mill, the mine, the railroads, by the brutal forces of the Capitalist State.

The boss stays in his luxurious home — built by workers. The Capitalist Government — Mayors, Governors, Legislators, Congressmen, and the President — are always ready to do his dirty work, are always against you.

Every Capitalist newspaper is against you — always.

We, the Communist Party of America want you to think and act. We call upon you to stop begging and striking for crumbs. Repudiate your false labor leaders.

Broaden and deepen your strike.

**Make it a political strike.**

Get ready for armed revolution to overthrow the Capitalist Government and create a Workers Government — as your brothers did in Russia.

Stop asking merely for a little more wages.

Overthrow the dictatorship of the capitalist — the present Government of the United States

— and through the Soviets and the Proletarian Dictatorship take possession of the BRT and of every mill, mine, factory, railroad, field, and farm in the US.

The Communist Party of America sounds the call for revolution — we stand for the Workers Soviet Republic. You are slaves today. You can be free only by fighting for freedom.

Down with our Industrial Kings and Kaisers.

Hail to the Soviets — the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

**STRIKE — yes, but STRIKE for political demands — STRIKE to overthrow the Capitalist State and abolish WAGE SLAVERY.**

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