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# Lovestone, Wolfe & Co. Stand Naked in the Marketplace: Unsigned Editorial in *The Daily Worker*, Nov. 30, 1929.

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The declaration by Comrade Bukharin of acceptance of the line of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the acknowledgment of his extremely dangerous errors in the estimation of the Third Period and of socialist construction in the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics has left the latest recruits to the ranks of the enemies of the working class and of the Communist Party of the United States — Lovestone, Wolfe & Co. — stark naked with their renegade sores exposed in the marketplace where capitalism purchases its servants.

There is no question but that the petty bourgeois opportunists Lovestone, Pepper, Wolfe, Brandler, Hais, Jilek, etc., who form the first screen between the masses and their capitalist oppressors — in the United States and internationally — built their whole campaign upon the belief that there would be a split in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union led by Bukharin, Rykov, and Tomsky and backed by the kulaks and Nepmen.

This counterrevolutionary hope has gone glimmering. That the actions of Comrade Bukharin, with the opportunist, pessimist platform upon which he then stood, could bring a split in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was never more than a desperate wish on the part of the enemies of Communism and the working class who found temporary refuge in the ranks of our world Party.

Every member of the Communist Interna-

tional, every revolutionary worker who accepts its program, welcomes the proof that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the masses of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics whom it leads are so solidly united behind the program of the Central Committee of the Party that such comrades as Bukharin, Rykov, and Tomsky are unable to make successful use of the prestige of past services in the Party to tear the Party of Lenin into wavering factions, nor to mislead it into anti-Leninist lines. The Party of Lenin has exposed and corrected their mistakes with merciless Bolshevik determination.

Despite the profoundly dangerous nature of their errors, we do not wish to compare the revolutionary record of services rendered in the past by these comrades with the agent provocateur acts of a Lovestone and his satellites. And yet it was only yesterday that the renegade Bertram D. Wolfe was “defending” Bukharin against the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Communist International! It was only yesterday that *The Counter-Revolutionary Age* featured Mr. Wolfe’s article which pictured the 6th World Congress of the Communist International as a gathering of Tammany politicians gossiping in corridors and carrying out sinister maneuvers against Comrade Bukharin and such “great leaders” of mass struggles as Messrs. Lovestone, Wolfe, Pepper & Co.

Today Mr. Lovestone writes in No. 3 of *The Counter-Revolutionary Age*:

Compare the brilliant forces of the Russian Party thrown into Comintern work up to the first 4 World Congresses with the incompetents and political ignoramuses who are “leaders” today.

Yet 5 days ago Comrade Bukharin (whom Mr. Lovestone numbers as one of the “brilliant forces”) declared his admission without reservation that he was wrong and that those whom Lovestone calls the “political ignoramuses” *are fully correct!*

In the same issue, referring to the leadership of our Party in the United States the renegade Lovestone says:

They have so compromised themselves by their unprincipledness in the eyes of the Party membership and of the revolutionary workers that a fundamental change of the political line of the Party can take place only through the elimination of these elements.

Lovestone speaking of “unprincipledness!” This is surely a sight for gods and men! The young gentleman who began his career as a police probation officer, who, true to his training in this broad field of anti-working class activity, added fresh laurels by appearing as a state’s witness against a comrade in 1920, who found his way into our Party by methods best known to himself but of which others are not entirely ignorant — the petty bourgeois careerist who systematically corrupted the younger and weaker elements of our Party and who only 8 months ago called Salome-like for the head of Bukharin in the vain belief that he could thereby save his own — this leader of such elements as Wolfe, who twice deserted the Party when it was in danger — now talks about “unprincipledness” with his tongue in his cheek, daring to call the leaders of the Communist International “incompetents and political ignoramuses.”

Gitlow, who follows this kind of a leader and fully identifies himself as one of the corrupt crew of renegades, writes in the last issue of *The Counter-Revolutionary Age*:

United States imperialism is driving headlong towards war on account of ITS VERY STRENGTH; on account of its ABILITY TO EXPAND its markets for manufactured goods and finance it is sharpening the antagonisms between it and its imperialist rivals.

Petty bourgeois gentlemen like those mentioned above have not the slightest hesitation in announcing in their counterrevolutionary organ that:

We regard it as our duty to hold aloft the banner of Leninism where the official Party “leadership” has dropped it and to rally the workers around this banner.

To “save” the Party this gang of renegades *declare and make war upon it*. They announce that their counterrevolutionary campaign is not to be confined to an inner-Party struggle about that, true to their traitorous role, they are going to make more determined efforts to divide and weaken working class organizations:

Our struggle to win the Party and to save it is carried on not only within the Party organization itself BUT ALSO in the mass organizations, among the masses of the workers.

This is not the first time that counterrevolutionaries have tried to “save” Communist Parties for their sinister purposes — better to carry out their task of betraying the masses. Fortunately for the American working class our Party was strong enough to expose and drive these treacherous elements from its ranks.

These renegades can no longer hide behind Comrade Bukharin. Among the greatest of Comrade Bukharin’s transgressions against the Communist Party and the International was that for a time he made this possible and there can be little doubt that this was of the greatest influence in forcing him to admit his grave errors.

Now it is easier than ever to strip the mast from such petty bourgeois pretenders. Indeed, they unmask themselves, for in the current issue of their sheet Lovestone, Wolfe & Co. declare their soli-

darity with their foul brethren throughout the world. They say:

...the revision of Leninism that is at the root of the present crisis exists on an international scale. The decisive defeat of the revisionist Party-wrecking course cannot be fully accomplished unless it is accomplished internationally. The return of our Party to its Leninist course is directly bound up with the return of the ECCI to the line of Leninism. National in immediate aspects and form, our struggle is international in essence and substance.

Comrade Bukharin has declared his acceptance of the line of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, with which that line is in complete agreement.

Lovestone & Co., corrupt anti-Communist adventurers, can only declare war on the Comintern and our Party — its American section.

Lovestone will try to reformulate his program but it will remain a program of counterrevolution — national and international.

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