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# Aid For Russia.

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Russia is in a state of overt revolution. The forces of progress and civilization in the vast empire are arrayed in fierce combat with the sordid powers of a despotic mediaeval government and brutal capitalist exploitation. The heroic battle for freedom is being fought almost exclusively by the Russian working class under the intellectual leadership of Russian Socialists, thus once more demonstrating the fact that the class conscious workingmen have become the vanguard of all liberating movements of modern times.

Whatever may be the immediate results of the present revolts in Russia, the socialist propaganda in that country has received from it an impetus unparalleled in the history of modern class wars.

The cowardly murder of thousands of peaceful workingmen and women has revealed to the world the brutality of the Russian governing classes in all its hideous nakedness, and has made the hitherto inert masses of the Russian population susceptible to the world-redeeming gospel of socialism. In the face of these unequalled opportunities the means and resources of our Russian comrades are entirely inadequate. Deprived of the right of maintaining a regular organization and establishing regular sources of income, the Russian Socialists are forced to fall back upon the support of their comrades in other countries in this crisis in their fatherland.

Comrades, if there ever was an occasion for a practical demonstration of the international solidarity of the socialist movement, this is the occasion. If it ever was our duty to assist our struggling brethren abroad, this is our duty now.

Proceeding from the above considerations, the undersigned have constituted themselves a committee to issue this call to the American Socialists for contributions to the Social Democratic Party of Russia to aid it in its grand battle.

Dr. S. Ingerman, of 121 East 112th Street, New York City, will receive and receipt for all contributions and forward the same by cable to the proper destination.

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