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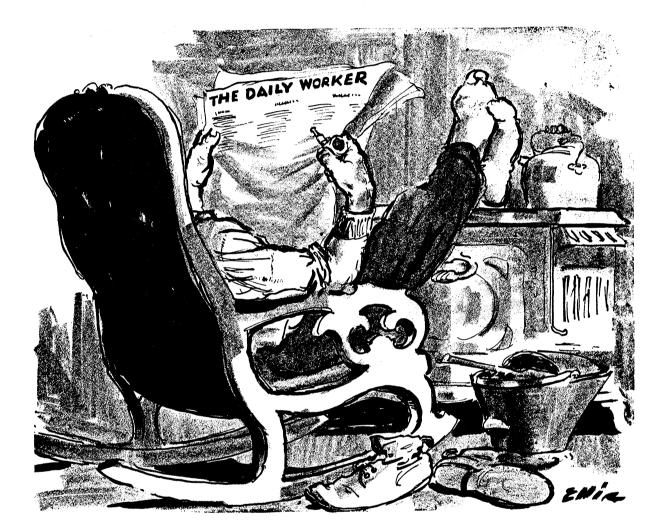
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-By Fred Ellis

The DAILY WORKER Nov. 20, 1924 THE workers are creating a new world. Signs of the great change are as apparent as the buds on the trees on each May Day. Everywhere new life is stirring and in Soviet Russia life has burst into full bloom. There we can witness, as in a laboratory, what the new workers' world will be like.

Government is different there, factories are different, the workers and farmers are different—they are new men. Women are different, homes are different, soldiers are different. What is happening is a revolution; not a single bloody storm of a few months, which is what ignorant or malicious people define as a revolution, but a collossally unfolding change in the way men act, think, feel and make their living.

I need not go into the whole process here. There are hundreds of pamphlets and books that describe the Russian Revolution, and that are well worth one's study. I wish to speak of some of the effects of the Revolution on art.

The Soviet artists have completely broken with the old stupid shop-keeping idea that art has nothing to do with the life of the masses that it is a toy, to be purchased and enjoyed by a few idle rich, or that it is a special esoteric sensation, to be understood only by a few aesthetic useless aristocrats and Bohemian loafers.

Art, the Bolsheviks say, is useful or it is nothing. It springs from the life of the masses. It shapes the thought of the masses; is their expression, their daily accompaniment. It is not the monopoly of a few—it is shared, like the land and the factories, by everyone who labors. Art is no more an idle pastime than science; it is as necessary.

With Art is a weapon in Soviet Russia. mass recitations, plays, pageants, and great singing choruses the Bolshevik artists teach history and economics on a vast scale and weld the masses into a firmer solidarity of the revolutionary emotions. "Our palettes are the public squares, our canvasses are the cities," chanted Mayakovsky, one of the new poets. Painters have taken to designing textiles and buildings, and sculptors plan factories and communal apartment houses. Writers in Soviet Russia are closer to the masses than writers have ever been since the distant primitive days when Homer chanted his own compositions from Greek city to city. They write like participants of the daily life in fields and factories and union halls; and they are well beloved and understood. Mayakovsky, a great poet, has sold three million copies of his works;

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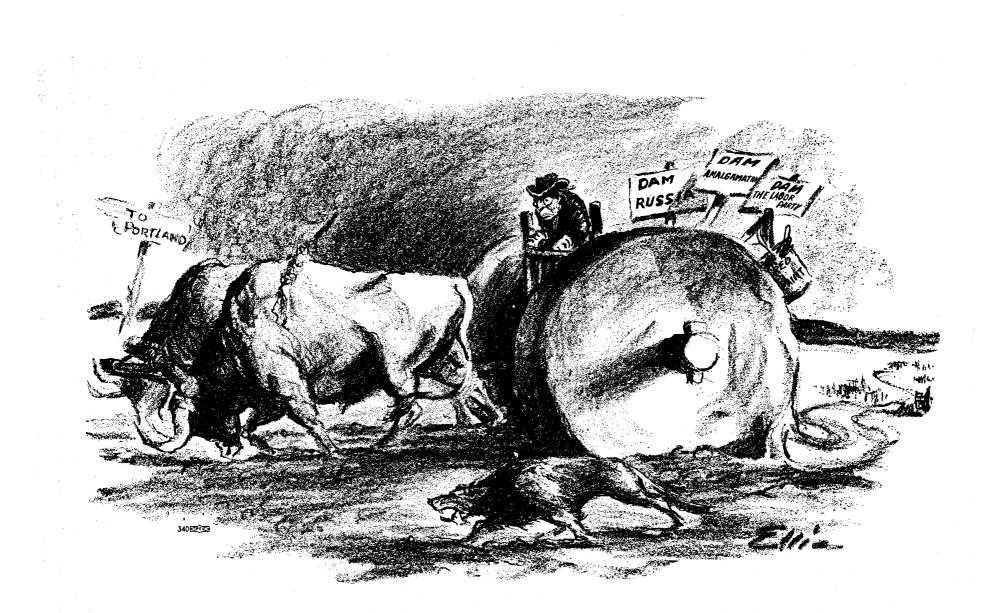
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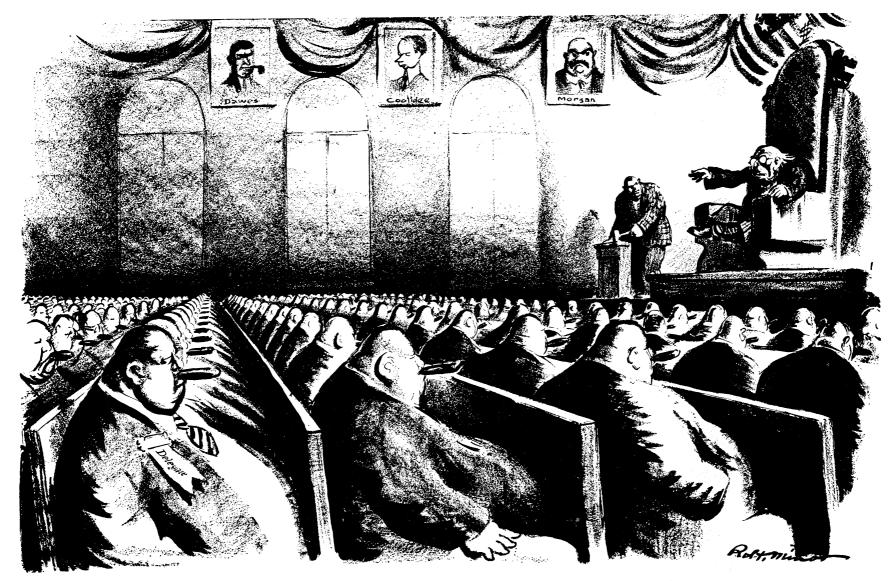
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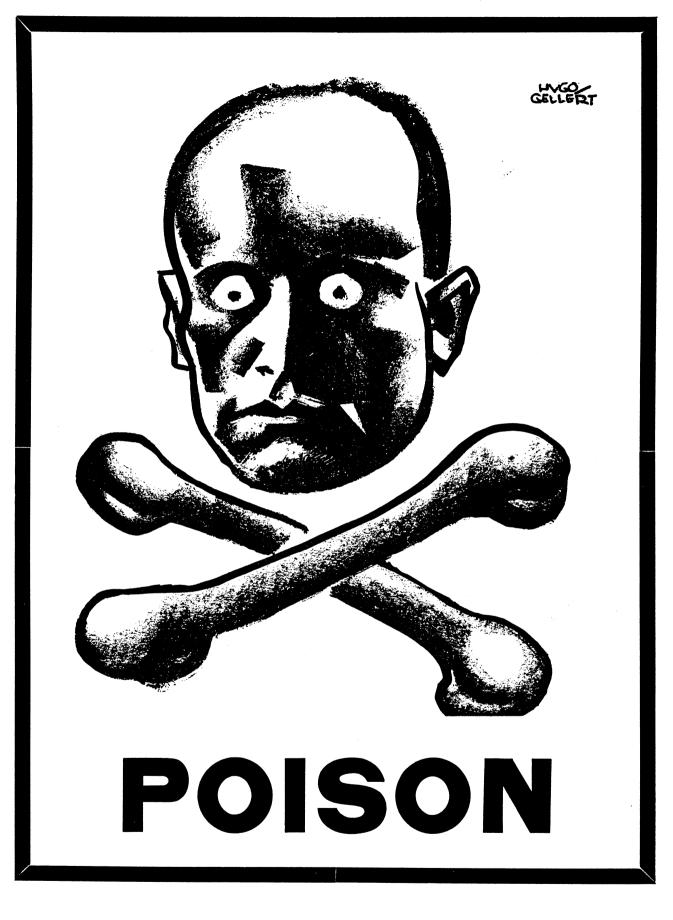
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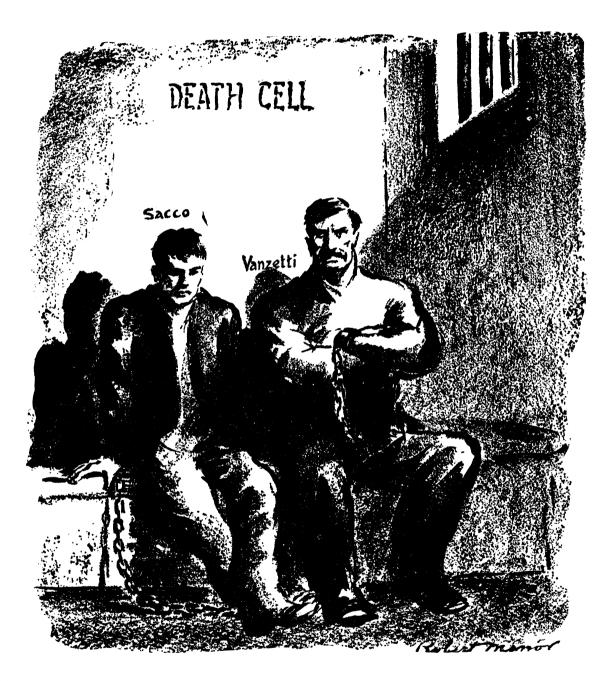


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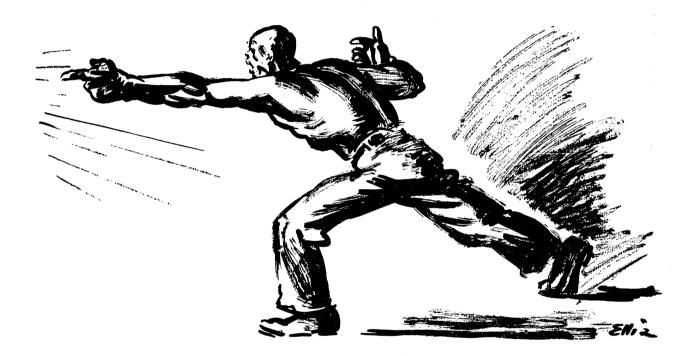


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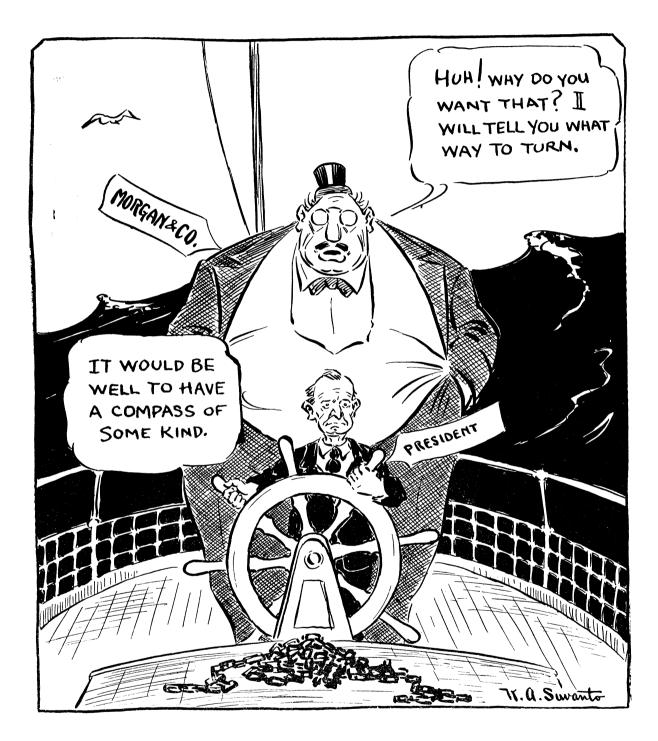
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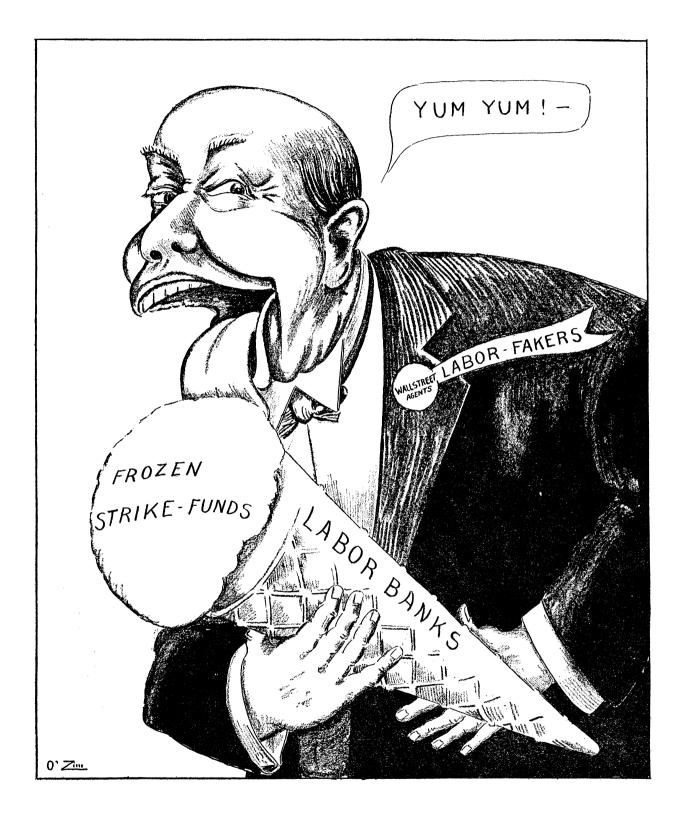
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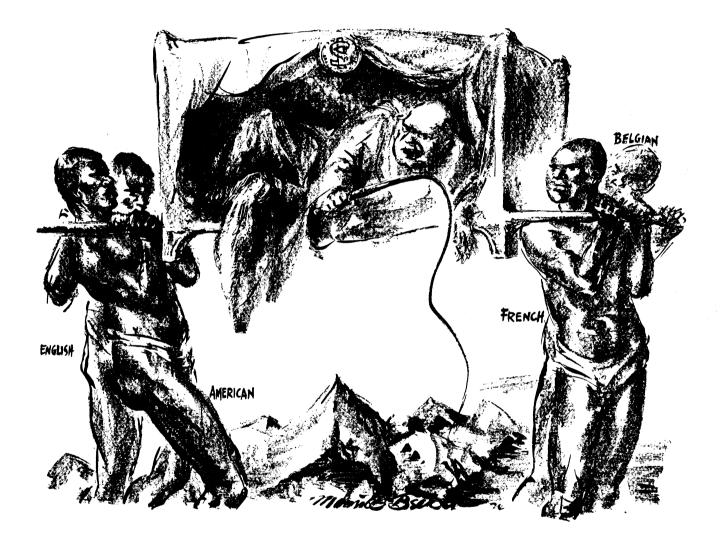
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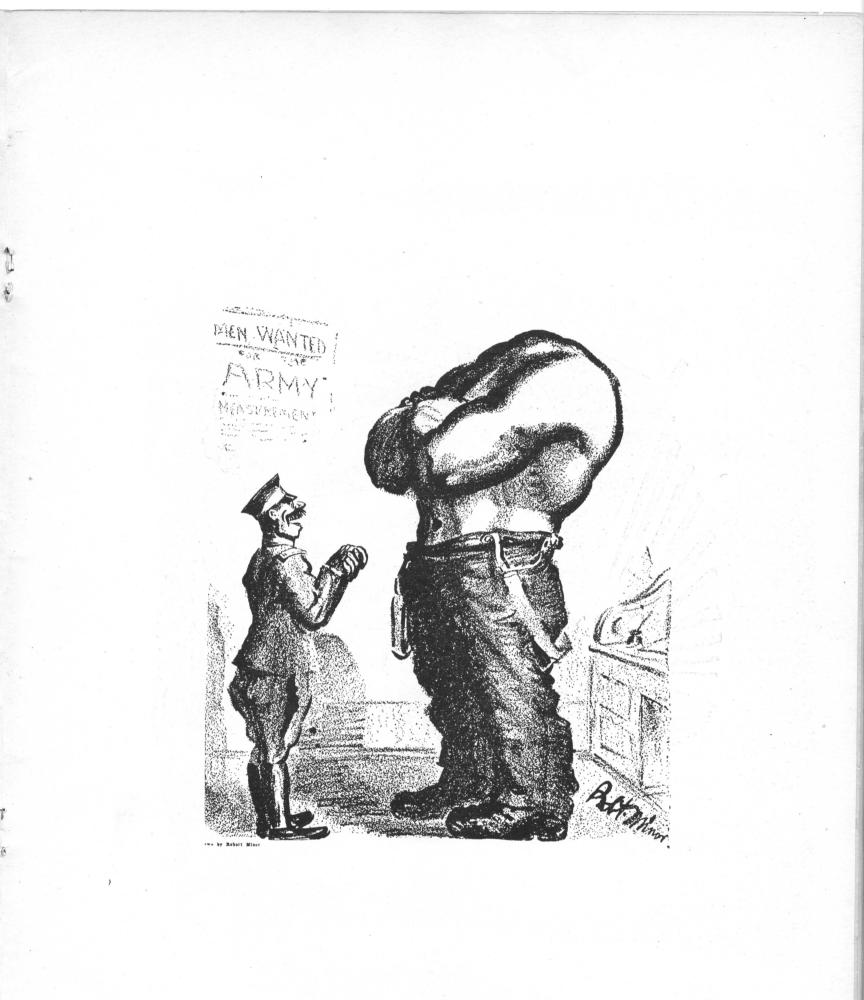


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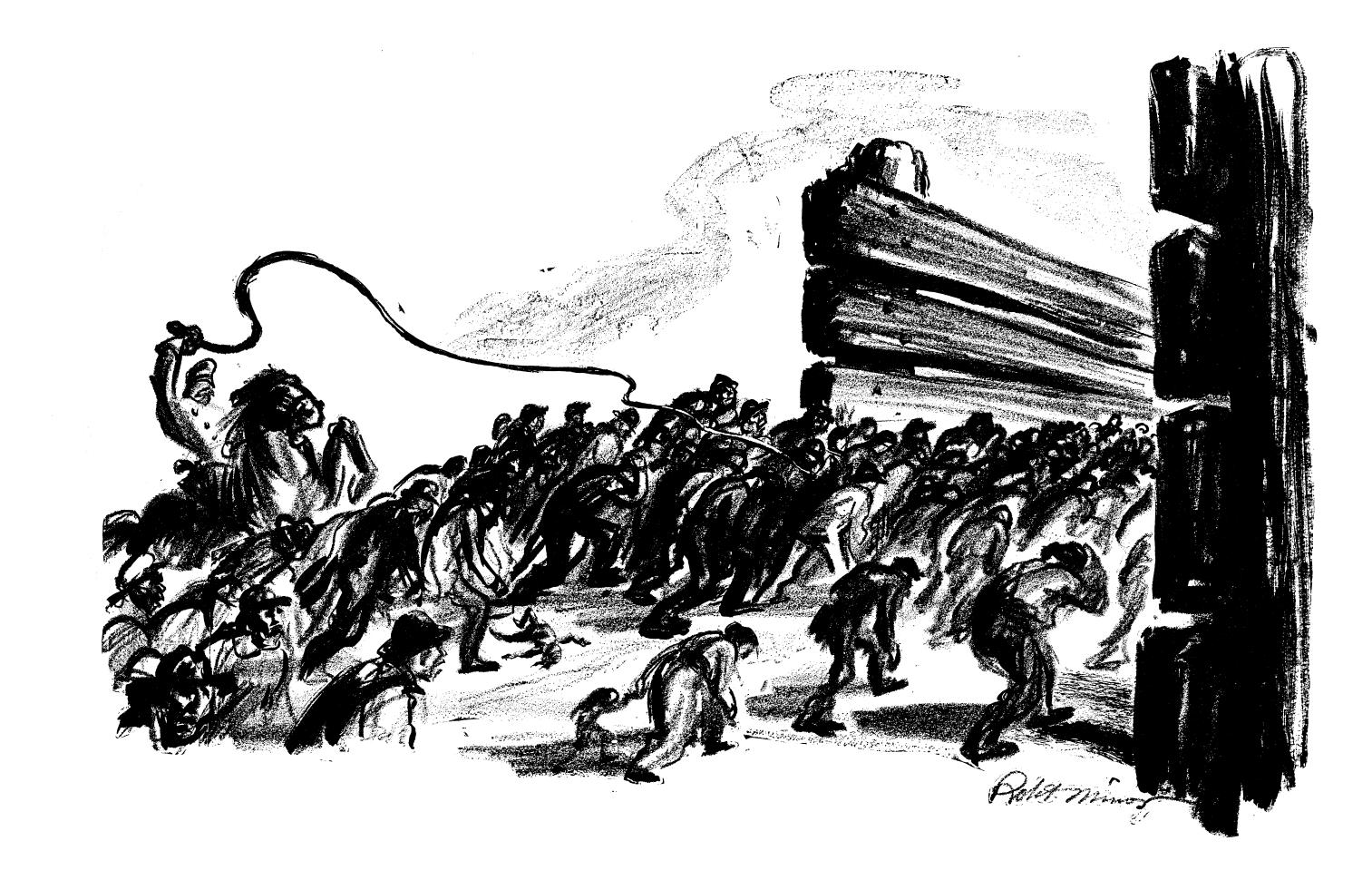
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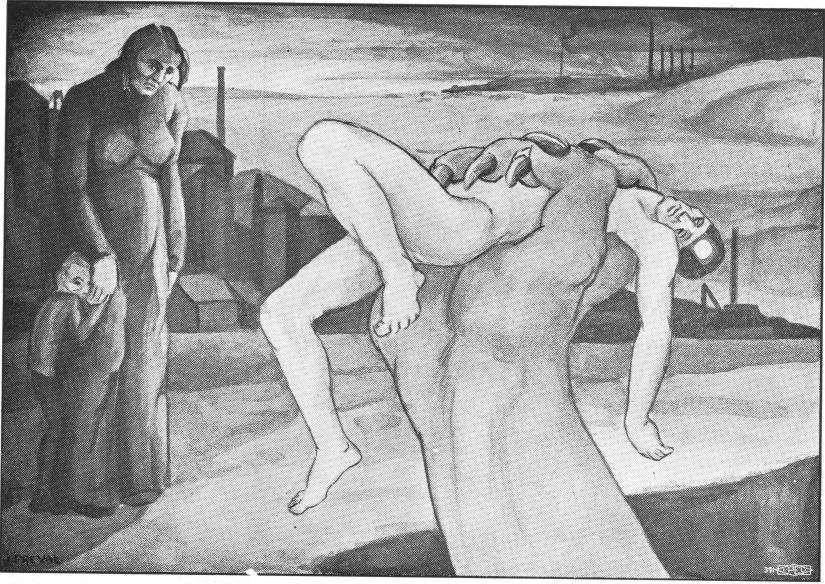
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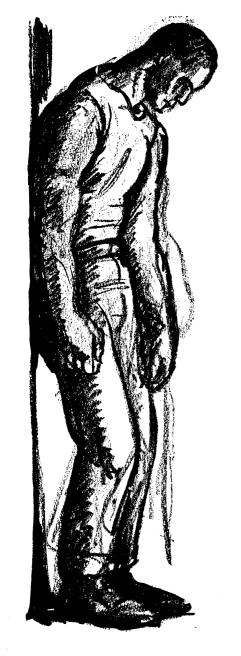


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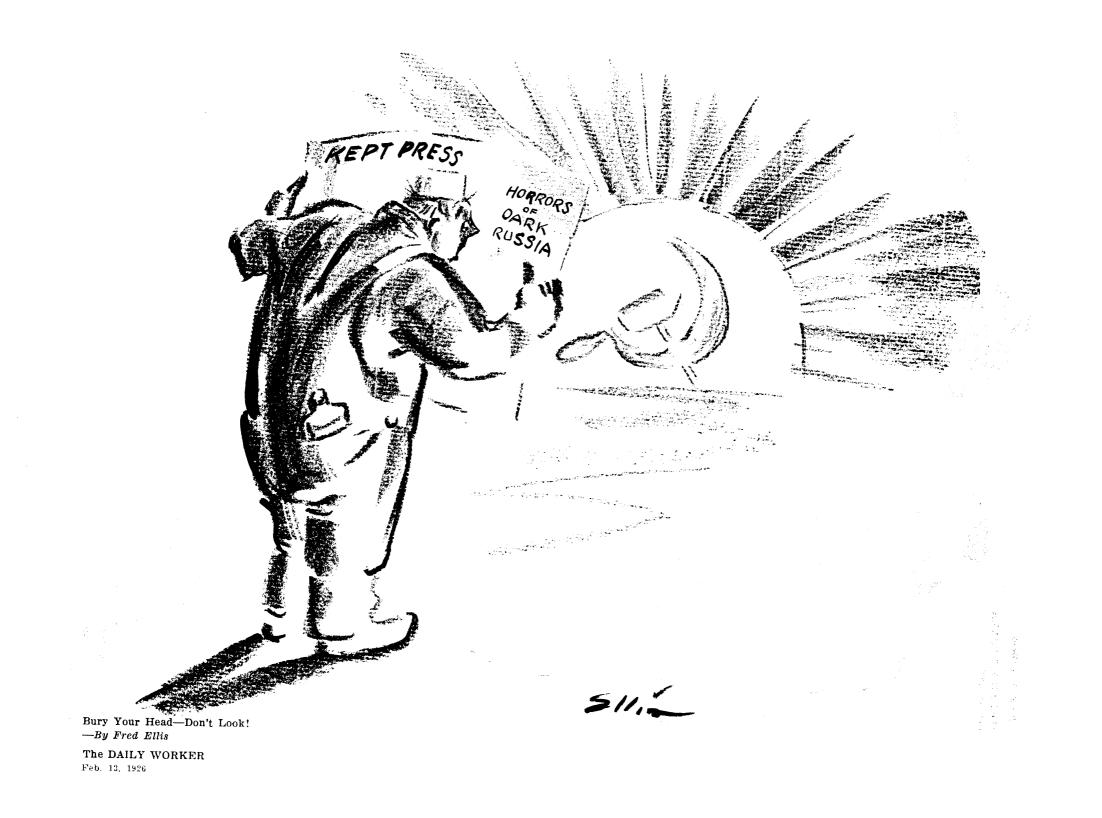




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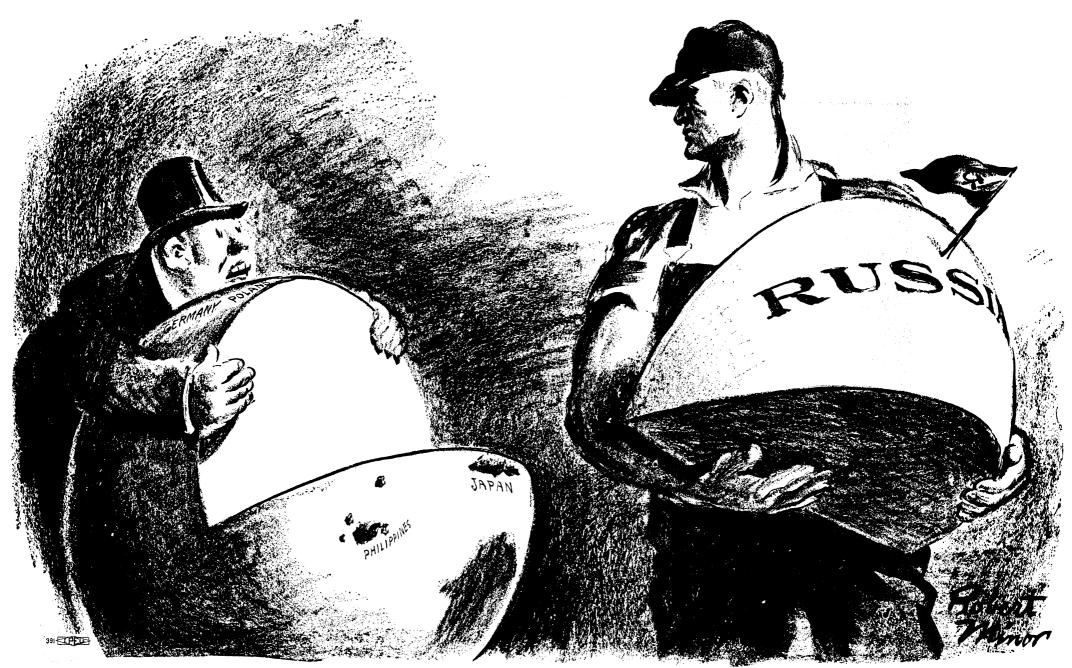
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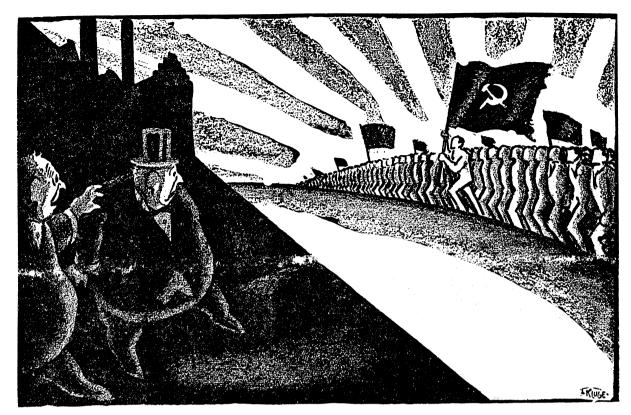
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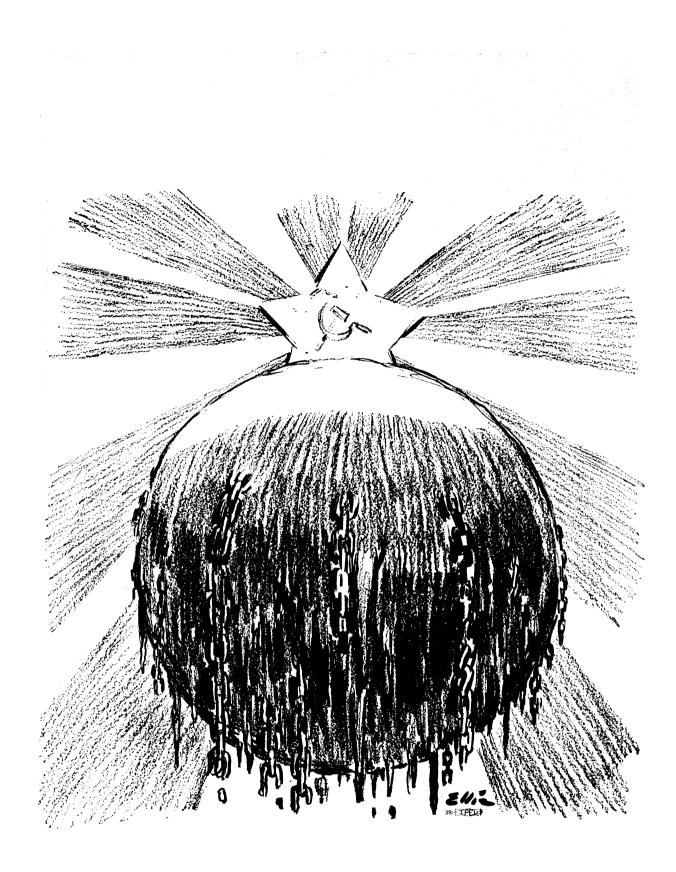
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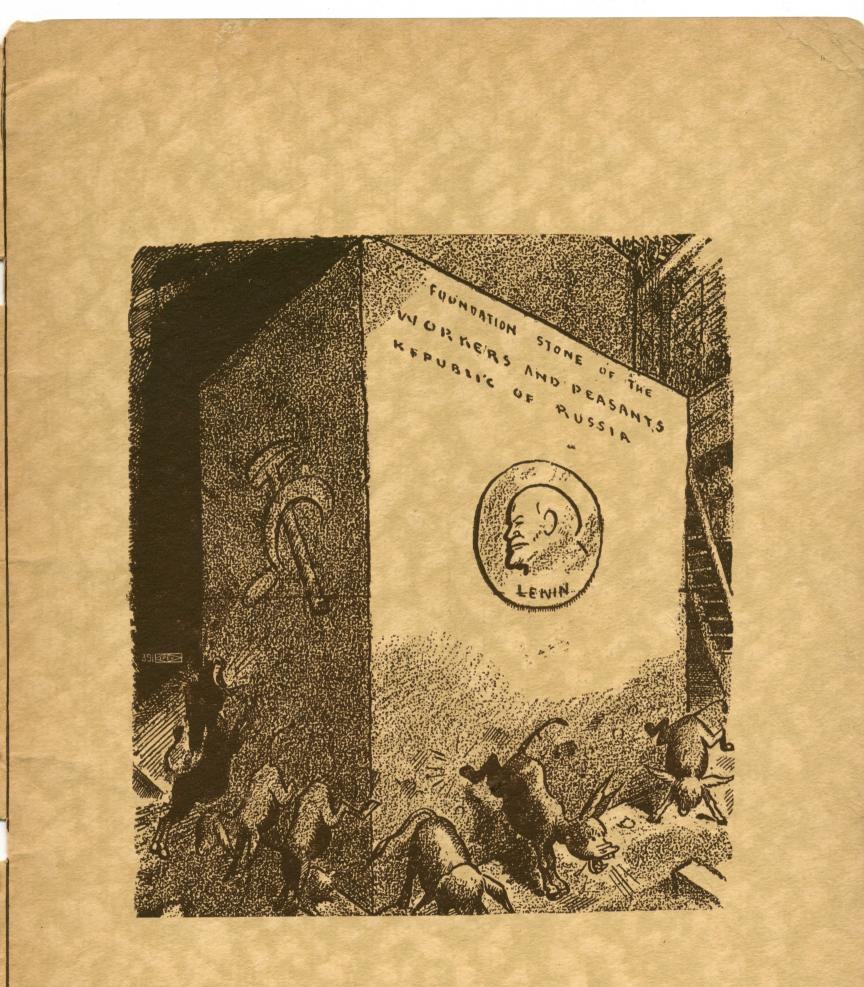
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