

VOICE FROM THE SOUTH

"Murmurs of Protest, Soon Storm of Revolt"

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A NEW voice is heard below the Mason and Dixon line. It is a voice of thunder and brings a storm in its wake.

Gone are the days of silence. The weary backs of the Southern masses no longer bend meekly. The murmurs of protest are fast becoming a storm of revolt. Still a little reticent to enter the battle openly, still oppressed heavily by weapons of terror and intimidation—the southern worker lifts his head and his fist to a new horizon.

Can it be otherwise? The Southern workers have always borne more of the brunt of Yankee capitalism than their brothers in the North. New on the fighting front, they have not yet advanced to the organizational stage of Northern labor. But what has taken years for the workers up North to learn, the Southern masses grasp in a short time. We, have no democratic illusions to fight here. Class lines are too sharp for that. Workers even in the newly organized American Federation of Labor locals are asking for revolutionary leadership.

Unemployment has buried its claws deep in Southern soil. Mass misery stalks across the land, thru textile, mine and steel towns, in the dynamos of Dixie. Lucky workers are living on the fatback of the land. There is many a mill village in the South where a bread or food wagon dare not enter. Food stores and company commissaries are double-barred at night. There is no keeping down the rage of two thousand workers indefinitely laid off without even a day's notice in the Ensley mills of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, nor of thousands of textile workers turned out into the streets. The last bit of coined hope is gone when after working two days a week at \$2 a day the final reward is: "Indefinitely laid off." Big struggles coming. Do not the workers say: "Things can't go on any longer as they is. Somethin's goin to happen mighty quick. Can't stand this no mo'."

On the farm lands sporadic, aimless armed clashes are to be looked for this winter. Nine cent cotton and seven cent tobacco speak a clear language. Not enough for the small farmer to pay state taxes and interest. Not enough for the tenant farmer to have a bite to eat for the long winter months after the landlord takes the crop. Fifty cents a hundred pounds for the cotton pickers—\$1 a day of 12 hours for the cotton picking season. Long ago the landlords have already refused to advance more credit to tenant and share

farmers. Twenty-six thousand tenant farm families, more than half the total of tenant farmers in the state of Alabama, will be starving at the end of this season. This is the cool admission of the state department of agriculture. The smell of gunpowder mingles with the peppermint on the cotton fields.

The bosses of the South have no padded fist. Shot gun after shot gun is reloaded and emptied again into Negro workers or farmers who "don't like the way things are." Lynching has become almost a daily exercise for white fiends. Double lynchings are found to be more efficient. *Thirty-six lynchings in the first nine months of this year!*

Eight of them during the last two months in Georgia alone, state of the insurrection laws! Shotgun and faggot pave the way for the more polite and civilized high powered voltage of a legal lynching in Georgia. Did not our six Atlanta comrades organize the workers for struggle? To squelch that struggle, to kill its leading forces, the ruling class strews the public parks with the bodies of lynched Negroes. Not so easy now, masters. Did not the Negroes of Thomasville tell the International Labor Defense representative that had there been arms, Kirk would not have been lynched.

Picture exploitation as an iron-clad monster and you must see that in one hand he must hold the chains of economic oppression and in the other the gun and rope. Oppression clouds every minute of the life of a Negro toiler. The states are "doing away with unemployment," by putting the jobless on the chain gangs to build the roads and public works. Its police shanghai Negro workers seen walking the streets after dark, or in broad daylight if found loitering on a corner.

Bigger struggles are coming—and with them tremendous defense struggles. The organized campaign of the Southern bosses to railroad the six Atlanta defendants to the electric chair is a part of this continuous attack.

Communists and militant leaders of the Trade Union Unity League and the American Negro Labor Congress, being in the forefront of the class war, are necessarily singled out for the most savage persecution. The workers in the South—in the mills, factories and mines—are recognizing more and more the vital role of the International Labor Defense in repulsing these attacks.



Red Aid Appeal Tells Crimes Against Chinese Masses

THE unparalleled horrors of the four-year reign of White Terror in China by the reactionary Kuomintang and other militarist cliques have been recently intensified and extended. This new terror reign began with the recapture of Chang-sha, capital of Hunan Province, by Kuomintang armies from Red Armies of the workers and peasants. The bloodthirsty Kuomintang press boasts that in the reoccupation of the city 4,000 suspected "Reds" were executed. They were shot to death or beheaded in the streets where captured. Their heads, still dripping with blood, were hung up for days in public places as warning. Some eighty students, asleep in the dormitory of a local school, were pulled out of their beds in the dead of night and shot at sunrise. Hundreds were arrested in Wu-Han, where squads of Kuomintang soldiers with long executioner's swords in their hands patrolled the streets. In Canton and thruout Kuangtung province, petty local military chiefs instructed to kill suspected "Reds," at sight.

In these barbarities there is no distinction between the various cliques so far as brutality and the announced determination to wipe out every trace of the revolutionary movements are concerned. Chiang Kai-shih, Yen Hsi-shan, Feng fu-hsiang, Chang Hsueh-liang; Wang Ching-wei and the Reorganizationist and other factions of the counter-revolutionary groups—all are participating in these wholesale massacres and giving them their heartiest approval. All are loudly promising the imperialists that no mercy will be shown the "Reds," that they will stop at nothing to destroy every trace of the revolutionary struggle in China.

The imperialists, for their part, are doing their utmost to assist in these massacres. Chang-sha was recaptured from the Red Armies only after a tremendous struggle by the united imperialist and Kuomintang forces. A missionary agent of imperialism writes in the Shanghai English press describing how an American gunboat there "fired in all 67 shells along the waterfront into the 'Reds,' besides using machine guns and

other guns." He adds that "Other boats also fired." These "other boats" were British and Japanese warships. It was the shells from these foreign warships that started the disastrous fires, afterwards blamed by the reactionary native and foreign press upon the "Communist bandits," the slanderous term used by those hirelings to characterize the heroic workers and peasants who are struggling to overthrow militarist oppression and imperialist exploitation.

The Chinese Revolution is the pivot upon which the World Revolution turns. This has long been recognized by friends and foes alike. In the worldwide struggle against imperialism, we workers and peasants of China, appeal for your renewed support. It is urgent that in this crisis in our common struggle against the White Terror you shall immediately and on the largest possible scale use extraordinary methods of blocking aid from your respective capitalist governments and bourgeoisie to the bloodthirsty butchers who constitute the ruling class of our country.

1. Organize everywhere "Committees of Action" for "Hands Off the Chinese Revolution."
2. Bring every possible pressure to bear upon your respective governments to compel the withdrawal of their armed forces from China.
3. Expose in every possible way the United Front of the Kuomintang Murder Gang and other Chinese militarists with the imperialists.
4. Prevent by any and every means the shipment of war supplies to the contending militarist factions, even to the extent of wholesale sabotage and strikes in the factories concerned and among the transportation employees.
5. Demonstrate militantly in masses before the Kuomintang Consulates, exposing with your slogans and propaganda the bloodthirsty regime of the Chinese militarists.
6. Raise funds for the relief of the widows and children of the revolutionary martyrs and for relief of the thousands in prison.
7. Reveal to your toiling masses the treachery of the social-reformists, who in China as in

RADICAL STARTS RUSSIA'S ANTI-AMERICAN TROUBLE

Propagandist From Germany Said U. S. Opposed Socialism and Had Hanged Mooney.

LONDON, April 25.—Petrograd reports today laid the demonstration against the American embassy in that city Saturday night at the door of German propagandists.

Nikolai Lenine, a Russian radical, who returned recently from exile in Switzerland through Germany, is said to have roused a mob to frenzy by declaring that America was an enemy of Socialism, and that Thomas J. Mooney, the San Francisco labor leader, at present under sentence of death, in the city of Alkellhood, was an immense through.

NEWS OF MOONEY CASE COMES VIA PETROGRAD

Until Russian Demonstration, Many Americans Were Ignorant of Frame-up, Says the Globe.

Discussing the Mooney case, the Globe said yesterday:

"Remarkable is it that no inconsiderable number of Americans will learn of Thomas J. Mooney because radicals in far-off Petrograd attempted a demonstration in front of the American embassy in protest against his execution, which the Petrograd agitators mistakenly assumed has occurred. Yet the case of Mooney, whose trial

HOW GOOD IS YOUR MEMORY? Photograph shows clipping from the New York "Call," of April 26, 1917. Notice how this organ of the socialist party treated the demonstration led by Lenin before the American Embassy in Petrograd demanding the release of Mooney and Billings, and note the lying, counter-revolutionary reference to Lenin as a "German agent." The Petrograd demonstration attracted world wide attention to the frame-up and was responsible for saving Mooney and Billings from the gallows.



CHINESE WORKERS suspected of being "Reds," being brought to "trial."

all other colonial lands, have proven themselves the most unscrupulous running-dogs of the imperialists.

This is especially important because the intervention of the imperialists against our revolution—as well as against those in the other colonial countries—is supported by the social-reformist elements in the homelands of imperialism. Thus the British Labor Party approves the handing over daily of suspected revolutionary workers arrested in the British (alias "International") Settlement at Shanghai to the Kuomintang butchers, to be fearfully tortured and then executed. Similarly, the socialist party of France has never once raised a protest against the same state of affairs in the French Concession at Shanghai. Scores of former Kaiserist army officers have become military advisors to the Nanking Murder Government and the social-democratic party of Germany not only has not had a word to say in opposition but on the other hand actively upholds the Kuomintang despotism. American gold and military supplies, American advisors of all kinds, are at the Butcher, Chiang Kai-shih's disposal.

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