

Support the International Red Aid

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Reaction dominates the world outside of Soviet Russia. Having survived the war, capitalism has succeeded in reconstructing its forces, even tho it may only be for a short period. It has succeeded in breaking up or weakening the trade unions to such an extent that, for the present, they offer no great resistance to capitalist designs.

In this work the capitalists have been aided by the trade union officialdom, who are upholders of the capitalist system—against the workers. Millions of workers have left the trade unions, but the trade union bureaucracy has made no efforts to get them back. Tens of millions are outside the unions, scabbing on the organized workers in strikes, but the trade union leaders remain indifferent. The purpose of trade union organization is FIGHT—and the leaders are opposed to fight. Hence the opposition to capitalist schemes is weak.

Socialist Treason.

The Social-Democratic parties, without exception, have placed themselves on the side of the capitalist system. Long the preachers of the "Socialist commonwealth," when the moment for action came, they flunked and supported the capitalists against the revolution. Since 1914 it has been one systematic campaign of betrayal, until today the Social-Democratic government in Germany and now in Denmark, and the so-called (Socialist) Labor government in England, are the best exponents of capitalist and imperialist oppression. The methodical campaign of slander against Soviet Russia by the Social-Democrats the world over demonstrates conclusively that social treason is class treason without mitigation.

Also the hands of capitalism have been freed for any acts of vandalism against the working class, the capitalists and capitalist governments do not feel perfectly secure. They no longer trust to "democracy" to keep the workers peaceful. "Equality before the law" no longer impresses the workers. Hence, the rule of Mussolini in Italy, and the Fascist dictatorship in Hungary, Bulgaria, Spain and Germany. Capitalism has shown its real nature—"FORCE WITHOUT STINT."

10,000 Red Prisoners in Germany.

The application of this force has cost the working class many victims. In Germany 10,000 of the best proletarian fighters are behind prison doors; in Italy, thousands have been slaughtered and thousands more fill the dungeons. The Bulgarian hangmen have not hesitated to murder the leaders of the workers and peasants. In Poland, four thousand workers; in Roumania, Jugo-Slavia, Greece, Turkey, Finland, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania; in Spain, France, in Palestine, India, Java, Japan and China—tens of thousands of workers and peasants are languishing in the prisons, where they are beaten and tortured—and suddenly disappear. This, we are told, is CIVILIZATION!

Communists Lead Fight.

Only one power raises its hand and voice against the dastardly savage deeds of the capitalists, the capitalist governments and their executioners: the Communists. For these protests and struggles against the further ex-

ploitation and oppression of the working class, thousands of Communists and revolutionary workers are thrown into prison and many of them murdered. Their wives and children are persecuted; from town to town the capitalists follow them, denying them bread and work. In the prisons are also hundreds of syndicalists and left democratic workers who have not yet freed themselves from a false philosophy and false leadership.

These tens of thousands of revolutionists and their families must be helped. Taft declared that a political prisoner is more dangerous than an ordinary criminal. For capitalism he is more dangerous; for the working class he is invaluable. Tens of thousands of political prisoners in all countries and their families are waiting for help from the workers outside. To aid these prisoners is to aid the revolution.

International Organization.

Capitalism is internationally organized. The working class movement is international in form. The struggle is not local, not national—it is international in scope. The ranks of the revolutionary workers are internationally organized. Hence the help for the revolutionary political prisoners must also be international in form. The INTERNATIONAL RED AID is the realization of this idea.

The International Red Aid is a militant, fighting organ of the revolution. Wherever revolutionary workers and peasants are thrown into capitalist prisons the International Red Aid mobilizes the workers in protest and extends its helping hand.

1,500,000 Russians in I. R. A.

Where does the International Red Aid get its funds to assist the tens of thousands of political prisoners? The Russian workers and peasants, who have passed thru seven years of struggle and suffering, in combat with the counter-revolution and against hunger, are giving of their weekly pay to help the revolutionary workers all over the world.

One million and a half Russian workers and peasants are enrolling in the Russian section of the International Red Aid, never faltering, never hesitating to give even tho it means to give up meals. Five hundred thousand workers and peasants in and about Leningrad are in the International Red

Aid. They constantly ask to do more than merely give of their material aid. In the Don Basin, in Turkestan, in the Ukraine, in the Urals and in Siberia—in all parts of Soviet Russia, the workers and peasants are joining the I. R. A. by the hundreds and thousands. The Russian workers and peasants understand the struggle and are determined to stand by the Western proletariat in their fight.

Capitalists Doomed to Failure.

In Germany, Poland and Italy, in the Baltic States and Bulgaria—in all countries where reaction rules, the workers are unable to collect large sums for the assistance of the political prisoners and their families. In some countries, as, for instance, Poland, Esthonia, Roumania, Hungary, Finland, Lithuania, Bulgaria, it is a crime to help the political prisoners. Officials of the sections of the I. R. A. are arrested and their funds confiscated. The capitalist governments are determined to uproot the revolutionary movement.

But they shall not succeed! The workers have learned that ways of the revolution—and what the capitalist governments will not allow to be done openly, they will do secretly. The thousands of political prisoners in these countries must be helped—and they shall be helped.

This is Your Fight.

The struggle is demanding ever larger numbers of victims. The demands upon the International Red Aid are growing day by day. Who should help—if not the revolutionary workers all over the world. The revolutionary workers in countries where the White Terror is not yet dominant should be the first to help. The workers of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, of England, South Africa and Australia, should be the first to come forward and give—and give with a free hand. If the Russian workers and peasants can do it, no worker of these countries can refuse.

Workers of the Americas, England, Australia, South Africa! Tens of thousands of political prisoners now behind prison bars and the tens of thousands who will follow them demand your solidarity and assistance. Give now! Give regularly! Join the International Red Aid! If there is no section in your country, form one together with the trade unions, co-operatives, workers' and peasants' organizations! In this too, follow the lead of the Russian workers and peasants, who give and give without stint.

War Vets Strike Against Graft and Abuses in School

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10.—About 150 students are on strike at the U. S. Veteran's Rehabilitation school at Perryville, Md., in protest against graft, maltreatment, insanitation and lack of medical attention. The charges are said to involve several of the highest ranking officers at the institution.

A few of the charges are: That tainted meals, and insect infested food is served in the mess hall; that instructors are incompetent; that the tubercular students are not segregated from the others.

A riot resulted in \$500 worth of dishes being broken in the mess hall.



The Poor Fish Says: Senator LaFollette was having a good time for himself at Atlantic City while the Communists were raising hell with Daugherty and Burns. If LaFollette had come to Daugherty's assistance in time without waiting until he was licked he could now have valuable assistance against the Communists.