

WORKERS PARTY MAKES STATEMENT ON THE PULLMAN STRIKE DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE ISSUES INVOLVED

(Statement Issued by the Workers Party, Local Chicago.)

TO THE WORKERS AND STRIKERS OF PULLMAN!

Dear Sirs and Brothers:—

The Pullman strikers are now engaged in a life and death struggle with the Pullman corporation to maintain a human standard of living. On April 14, the riveters, buckers, fitters, heaters, reamers, vestibule and steel shop car building forces of the Pullman corporation struck. The profit-greedy Pullman attempted to put over a 10 to 40 per cent cut on the employes. On top of that, the Pullman Company was enforcing the terrific and murderous Taylor or speed up system and thus sucking the last ounce of energy out of the bodies of the workers. The cost of living has gone up and yet the Pullman Company attempts to cut wages.

The company has refused to deal with the carmen. Instead, the company has put over what it calls the "Pullman Plan of Employee Representation," a fake union game in which the EMPLOYERS have their own representatives on the so-called General Employes' Committee, and the WORKERS HAVE NO REPRESENTATION WHATEVER on the Company's committee. The steel carmen struck.

Carry On Militant Struggle.

You must understand that the action of the Pullman corporation is but the beginning of another systematic wage-cutting and longer hour campaign. What the Pullman corporation is trying to sneak over on the carmen, it will, if it succeeds now, attempt on all the workers employed by it. But the Pullman Company will not succeed if YOU WORKERS are organized and carry on a militant struggle to prevent it.

In 1894, in the great Pullman strike, the workers put up a remarkable fight which frightened the bosses and nearly brought them to terms. During the next strike, the men organized in the Railway Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor. They forced the Pullman corporation to an agreement which brought also union recognition and representation. Even thru this small organization the workers brought about the abolition of piece-work, established the 8-hour day, time and a half for overtime, and secured proper classification of employes, besides improving tremendously the working conditions.

In the present strike, the striking carmen have been putting up a fine and courageous battle against the Pullman bosses. The picketing of the strikers has been great stuff and inspiring to workers everywhere and already is causing the powerful Pullman corporation to want to talk "agreements" with the Strikers' Committee.

The Workers Party of Chicago and its Pullman Section are with the strikers 100 per cent and stand ready to help in every way they are called upon. Your battle is our battle, is the struggle of all workers against oppression and exploitation by the capitalist robber system.

Organize the Union.

In this strike, the striking workmen are making some headway in organizing into the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen. At all costs you must endeavor to hold this nucleus of a union organization together after this strike is over and continually to bring in more and more of the workers for future inevitable attacks. Unions are the economic organizations by which the workers can defend themselves from the attacks of the bosses. Bosses fear organized workers and their unions; they are not disturbed a bit if you are not organized. But the organized strength of the workers makes them talk "turkey" to you.

Because workers have struck in some shops in Pullman, other workmen have also had to lay down their tools. We say, this is the time to bring all these workers together, to make common cause with them. Unite your forces. The Pullman Company of bosses is organized 100 per cent against the workers. The workers must organize 100 per cent against the Pullman bosses and then you will be able to lick them and prevent 40 per cent wage cuts, the Taylor speed-up system and even worse slave conditions.

During this strike, the workers of Pullman have had an opportunity to see how the Workers Party is ready to give the strikers all possible assistance. The DAILY WORKER, official organ of the Workers (Communist) Party, is the only daily paper that has told the facts and the workers' side, the only true side, of the strike. The DAILY WORKER and the Workers Party are always at the com-

mand of the workers in their struggles.

No Language or Race Division— Workers United.

In this strike, foreign-born workers of many lands are out with American workers. The Workers Party of Chicago is glad to see the unity of interest that prevails among the striking workmen, and that they are not divided, as the Pullman capitalists would like to have them, along race and language lines. The Workers Party of America, a political party of the exploited masses has no color line, no race line. All workers accepting its program are welcome into its ranks.

The Workers Party, supporting the striking workmen in all ways, points out at the same time, that the struggle of the workers is a wider and bigger one than that of the Pullman workers against the Pullman bosses. This is only a skirmish of the world's working class against the capitalist class.

Government Protects the Bosses.

In this struggle between the workers and employers in Pullman and elsewhere in America, you will note that the bosses depend also upon protection from the Government, the State forces, the police, militia, etc. You have seen how well and easily the Wall Street interests control the Republican and Democratic parties. You are beginning to realize that the Government and the Republican and Democratic parties are but tools of the American capitalist class. You have seen how powerfully the privileged capitalist class uses the Government it owns body and soul against the workers in many strikes, thru injunctions, etc. Your pickets, too, have been arrested and thus again you see that the government protection is only protection of the bosses, in this instance the owners of the Pullman plant.

Workers Must Own and Manage Industries and Government.

The Workers Party of Chicago declares that the only real remedy against capitalist oppression, wage cuts, long hours of toil, speed-up system and many other ills, is a united struggle of the exploited workers to do away with Capitalist society and Capitalist government. The Workers Party, Local Chicago, declares that the workers must organize into their unions and other economic organizations of the working class against the bosses. But they must also join the political party of the working masses and then engage in a struggle to displace the capitalist class and its protector, capitalist government, with political rule and power by the workers, in order that the workers who produce all, may take over, own, operate and manage the factories, mills, fields, shops, etc.

The Workers Party of America is organized to do away with capitalist Tea Pot Dome Government and to replace it by a government of Workers' councils, Soviets. The Workers Party is the only political party of the working class which actively participates in the struggles of the workers at any and all times, and thus proves its right to be the acknowledged representative of the interests of the workers. As before, so in the future, we stand ready to work with you in closest harmony and co-operation. We are with you 100 per cent on the struggle against the Pullman corporation. We will work with you to effect a strong union organization for the future and to win the strike today.

Fight the attacks of the Pullman Corporation!

Hail the Pullman Strikers!

Hail the Solidarity of the Workers!

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