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19 Years of the Soviet Union; 12 Years of Stalinism

Imperialists Harass U.S.S.R. Weakened by Defeats of World Proletariat

International Revolutionary Action; Creation of a New Communist Party Can Save the Workers Dictatorship

In November 1917 the Russian masses, under the leadership of Lenin's Bolshevik party established the first proletarian dictatorship and began the world revolution. The Bolshevik revolution proved for all time that capitalism can be overthrown only by the armed working class which leads the nation on the path of a new life; that society can exist without capitalist; that production and distribution can be planned, organized and administered by the workers; that peasants, oppressed nationalities, colonial peoples and racial minorities can achieve freedom only through the proletarian dictatorship. Above all it proved that the indispensable instrument for the liberation of the working class and all humanity is a Bolshevik party. The founding of the Communist Third International in 1919 proved that the Bolshevik party can be only an international party with a world program, strategy and organization.

PROLETARIAT DEFEATED

But the world revolution which began so wondrously suffered defeats in Finland, Germany, Hungary and Germany again in 1923. By the time Lenin died in 1924 capitalism was achieving a measure of stability and the Soviet masses were exhausted by the years of war, revolution, civil war and deepening economic crisis.

When Lenin died the Stalinist bureaucracy came out into the open and took power. In four years it crushed Trotsky's Left Opposition and also the opposition from the right. Its policy was nationalism; abandonment of the world revolution, expressed in the Bukharin-Stalin theory of Socialism in One Country.

In the conflict which developed on a world scale between the revolutionary interests of the proletariat and its own nationalist policy the bureaucracy defended its poli-

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To celebrate Navy Day, October 27, the Young Workers League distributed leaflets on board the battleships anchored in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, calling on the sailors to throw in their lot with the working class.

cy which reflected to an ever increasing degree the class interests of world capitalism and the anti-working class forces in the Soviet Union.

The result abroad has been defeats for the English, Chinese, German and Austrian proletariat. Today in Spain Stalinism pursues a counter-revolutionary policy of defending capitalism against the revolutionary need of the proletariat to overthrow it.

THE DICTATORSHIP UNDERMINED

Internally the nationalist policies have increased the size, weight war. So are the anti-working class forces in the economic, political and social life of the country; and weakened the workers.

The victory of Stalinism over the world working class has undermined the dictatorship. The situation in the Soviet Union is moving toward serious social convulsions. World capitalism is increasing its pressure now over the Spanish civil war. So are the anti-working class forces internally. Attempts to violently overthrow the property relations established by the October revolution may be expected.

The Russian workers will fight with arms to defend and perpetuate what they conquered in 1917. Whether they are successful depends essentially on revolutionary action by the world proletariat and the timely creation of a new Communist party in the Soviet Union to clean out the Stalinists and restore the dictatorship to the path of Marx and Lenin.

Why We Need A Communist 4th International

Lenin's Position

"The First International laid the basis of the international struggle of the proletariat for Socialism.

"The Second International marked a period of preparation, a period in which the soil was tilled with a view to the widest possible propagation of the movement in many countries.

"The Third International has garnered the fruit of the labors of the Second International, casting off the refuse of its opportunist, social chauvinistic, bourgeois, and lower middle class tendencies, and has set out to achieve the dictatorship of the proletariat."—Lenin.

Under Stalin's "leadership" the Third International has ABANDONED the policy of achieving the dictatorship of the proletariat in the capitalist countries and is undermining the proletarian dictatorship in the Soviet Union.

The Fourth International will continue the work begun by the Third International under Lenin's leadership.

WORLD CAPITAL SECURES UPPER HAND IN SPAIN

Counter-Revolution Wins As Reformists Prevent Capitalist Overthrow

The steady advance on Madrid, the export of the country's gold, the flight of the government to Barcelona, the recognition of the rebel junta by Portugal and the opening of an offensive by the counter-revolution in Aragon and Catalonia signify that the counter-revolution is winning.

The end is not yet. Every mile will be bloodily contested. All over the world millions of workers who are waiting for a victory look anxiously to the Soviet Union to ship arms to Spain.

ARMS NOT ENOUGH

But arms alone will not crush the counter-revolution. Only the proletarian revolution can do that. In Lenin's day the Soviet Union would have used its enormous resources to help the Spanish workers overthrow capitalism. But the Stalinists are more firmly opposed to that than they are opposed to fascism. In Italy the "Communist" Party has issued a manifesto calling for the liquidation of the struggle against Fascism. In Spain the Stalinists have proclaimed that they are defenders of capitalist property relations, opposed to the dictatorship of the proletariat.

In the Russian civil war Yudenitch, backed and armed by world capitalism fought his way almost to the gates of Petrograd. Yet he was defeated. Many workers hope that it will be so again. We profoundly hope so.

NO REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

But the bitter truth is that it is unlikely. In Russia the workers had a Bolshevik party which took away from the counter-revolution its popular bases in the masses and appealed to the workers in the capitalist countries to overthrow their governments and come to the revolutionary aid of the Russian workers.

In Spain there is no revolutionary party. The Socialist and Stalinist parties, for all that their members are giving up their lives, pursue a counter-revolutionary policy of holding the workers back from overthrowing capitalism and carrying out the policy of the Bolsheviks under Lenin. The POU in Catalonia demonstrates again that the role of centrist parties is to head the workers off from revolutionary action under cover of "left" policies and revolutionary

Fourth International Moves to Chicago

According to schedule the Fourth International, theoretical organ of the Revolutionary Workers League, has moved to Chicago.

The new address is 2159 West Division St., Chicago, Ill. All subscriptions and all mail should be sent there.

The November issue is off the press. It is a special issue dealing with the question of centrism.

Money for Spain

The Revolutionary Workers League is raising funds to help the Spanish workers create Soviets and a revolutionary Marxist party. All money collected will be sent to Spain through our representative there. Future issues of the FIGHTING WORKER will report the amount collected. Donations should be sent to 2159 W. Division Street, Chicago.

The anarcho-syndicalists, despite their heroic sacrifices demonstrate that their philosophy does not answer the revolutionary needs of the working class and is a reactionary trap.

THREAT TO CAPITALISM

The struggle of the Spanish workers is the greatest threat to world capitalism since the general strike in England in 1926 and the Chinese revolution in 1925-27. A proletarian victory in Spain would guarantee the victory of the French workers tomorrow; rouse the Russian workers to destroy Stalinism; weaken Fascism on a world scale; initiate revolutions in the capitalist countries and in the colonies; and establish the Communist Fourth International to organize them.

Defeat of the workers in Spain will not solve the problems of Spanish society, but will aggravate them. But it will be a great victory for capitalism.

Let us work for victory in Spain today, in France tomorrow, in the United States the day after. Build the Communist Fourth International.

Final Workers Vote Campaign Meeting in NY

Roberts to Speak

The wind-up of the New York Workers Vote campaign will be dramatized by the address of Louis Roberts, candidate for Vice-President on the Workers Vote ticket at Germania Hall, 16th Street and Third Avenue, on Sunday, November 1 at 8:00 p. m.

Roberts will expose the fake election campaign of the Democratic and Republican parties and explain the real issues before the country.

Other speakers will analyze the Union Party, Coughlin and Townsend, the Farmer-Labor and American Labor parties and the Socialist and Stalinist election campaigns.

RESULTS OF CAMPAIGN

Wiesenfeld, organizer of the Young Workers League in New York will narrate the experiences of the youth in canvassing for votes on the Workers Vote lists in Harlem, the lower east side and on the streets.

BUILD THE YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE

French Workers Weakened; Bosses Strengthened; Will Force Gov't Shift to Right

One of the disastrous consequences of the impending triumph of the counter-revolution in Spain is the strengthening of the French bourgeoisie who are facing a rebellious proletariat and will now be emboldened to proceed more forcefully against the workers. The French proletariat will lose a powerful ally.

Against fascism the French working class will fight for its life. The great struggle of the Spanish workers guarantees that. The bosses are preparing now the next steps to secure their rule. They unquestionably plan the stabilization of the regime by shifts to the right which may take many forms.

CONSERVATIVE GOVT.

As long as the Peoples Front holds out they will use the Blum government to introduce a series of measures to the right. As soon as Blum can no longer hold the workers down the Blum cabinet may be reshuffled to give it a more conservative make up; or it may be dissolved altogether to be replaced by a more conservative government, possibly on the order of Von Papen or Von Schleicher in Germany.

The Social Party of De La Rocque will strengthen its illegal apparatus preparing, as Hitler did, for the forcible conquest of power. Like the German Fascists the French will make use of legality including participation in so-called democratic cabinets.

The situation is rushing toward civil war. Either the workers will overthrow capitalism and establish a proletarian dictatorship or the Fascists will establish their dictatorship.

Streeter and Clarke in Jail; Need \$400 Bail

Bill Streeter, National Secretary of the Young Workers League, and Sid Clarke, member of the League, arrested in Chicago on a charge of "speaking without a permit" at an open-air meeting in the Workers Vote campaign, are back in jail. When their lawyer, Albert Goldman, moved for a change of venue on October 21 the labor-hating judge assigned the case to the Chief Magistrate and raised the bail from \$20 each to \$200 cash bond or \$400 property bond each.

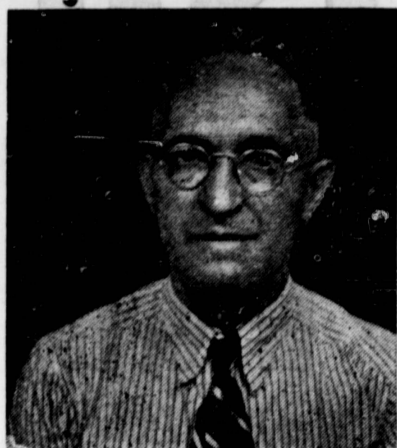
The Revolutionary Workers League and the Young Workers League are campaigning to raise the bail. All workers are asked to help. No amount is too small.

All donations should be sent to:
Streeter-Clarke Bail Fund
2159 W. Division Street
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WORKERS VOTE ELECTION PROGRAM

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REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE, U. S.

THE WORKERS VOTE

The Workers Vote is a vote against capitalism for a Workers Government conducted by the Revolutionary Workers League of the U. S. independently of the capitalist election system.

To vote for the program and candidates of the Revolutionary Workers League you sign your name to the Workers Vote list, after you have read our program and our literature.

WHO CAN VOTE

ALL WHO WORK SHALL VOTE.

All workers, poor farmers, all the oppressed in the United States, regardless of color, sex, citizenship in the United States or elsewhere, residence qualifications, etc., can vote in the Workers Vote. All who toil who are over seventeen can vote. And only those who toil. Bosses and their direct agents are barred.

The candidates of the Workers Vote stand on the platform of the overthrow of capitalism and for a Workers Government.

Workers who vote in the Workers Vote should also vote in the capitalist elections, if they can, for the candidates of the Workers Vote by writing in their names on the capitalist election ballots.

For a Workers Government in the U. S.

The workers of the United States must organize on a class struggle basis as the first step in the fight:

For the six hour day, five day week, and no reduction in pay.

For unemployment and social insurance to be paid for by the capitalists and their government. For work relief at a thirty dollar a week minimum wage.

For economic, social and political equality for the Negro masses.

For the coordination of free education and practical vocational training for all youth; for equal pay for equal work; for independent relief for all youth, equal to the adult.

For immediate complete independence for the colonies and protectorates of the United States.

For democratic rights; for the right to organize, strike and picket.

CIVIL WAR TO END IMPERIALIST WAR

The workers must struggle for these demands today in order to better their living conditions, and in order to prepare for bigger struggles tomorrow, for the struggle for power. Partial gains through victories of the working class today cannot solve the problem of the oppressed. Only the establishment of a Workers Government in the United States and workers control of production can remedy the problems confronting the working class and the oppressed masses.

The working class must fight imperialist war

with civil war and must work for the defeat of its "own" imperialist armies and navies in the war.

The workers must establish a Workers Government. The workers can accomplish this only by overthrowing American Imperialism, by smashing the rule of the exploiters, by establishing in its place Workers Councils.

FOR A NEW SOCIETY

The Workers Government will expropriate the expropriators, will socialize industry, will be a dictatorship against the exploiters to insure workers democracy. Under this new government the workers will carry on production for use instead of for profit, will organize production on a higher level to insure abundance for all, will eliminate poverty, unemployment and wars, will establish a workers state, cooperate with the Soviet Union, and will lay the basis for a world communist society by giving material support to the revolutionary movement throughout the rest of the world.

A Workers Government can be obtained only by the independent political action of the working class, through a party of the workers, completely independent of all other parties. This party must be an international party, a party of Marxism, a communist party.

FOR THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL!

REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS LEAGUE OF THE U. S.

NOTE: Agrarian Program printed separately.

Roosevelt & Landon Hide Boss War Plans

In his speech on October 24 on "Peace and Foreign Policies" Landon laid down a policy which is identical with Roosevelt's: "disarmament"; "neutrality"; "lowering trade barriers"; "a good neighbor to Latin America".

Nothing better illustrates the fact that the Republican and Democratic parties' campaigns avoided the real issues in the country. All the high-sounding talk about peace conceals the preparations for war in aeroplane factories, ship yards and chemical plants.

ONLY A MIRACLE

What the capitalist rulers of society really have in mind was revealed in a series of radio speeches by the American Ambassador to Poland, Cudahy. On October 12th, for example, Cudahy said: "All Europe is preparing for war. Only a miracle can avert a genuine conflict during the next four years."

The working class must utilize the coming war to apply Lenin's policy of working for the defeat of "our army, navy and government in order to turn the imperialist war into civil war to overthrow capitalism and establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

PARTIES AND ISSUES IN THE 1936 ELECTIONS

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Main objective is the preservation of capitalism. Roosevelt administration used by the Rockefeller bloc of capitalists against the Morgan-Mellon-Dupont bloc. Used government supervision of industry as a bid for popular support and as a weapon against the Morgan interests. Foreign policy is to hit England by "neutrality", international currency stabilization, trade agreements; and by preventing England from forming an anti-American bloc in Europe. For industrial unions on a class collaboration basis as a "progressive" method of suppressing the working class. Gave undercover support to CIO to line up workers for Roosevelt's reelection. For further curtailing relief and WPA. Agrarian policy is to reduce crops and cut farm exports to promote export trade. For starvation relief for poor and tenant farmers. For lynching and Jim Crow. For oppression of Puerto Rico, Philippines, Latin Americans, under cover of "good neighbor" policy. Put through biggest war budget in peace time. Uses troops against workers on strike. Militarizes youth through CCC, ROTC, National Guard. Makes an enormous chauvinistic propaganda through movies, radio, press.

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Main line is to preserve capitalism. Main tool now of the Morgan-Mellon-Dupont bloc of capitalists. For "individual enterprise". But for government ownership as a threat against capitalist rivals of its controlling interests. For the open shop and company union method of suppressing labor. For curtailing relief and WPA. For high tariffs and unchecked farm production and dumping. Has the same fundamental foreign policy as the Democratic Party—against England—but modifies it in practice to the needs of the Morgan-Mellon-Dupont bloc. Agrees fully with Democrats on war, colonial, Negro and other questions.

FARMER LABOR PARTY

Reformist two class party. Talks about abolishing capitalism but is for its preservation. Opposed to class struggle. For class collaboration. Supports Roosevelt in this election for "democracy" against reaction. For "long term mortgages" to protect farms. Against crop reduction. For "collective security". Has no foreign policy. For thirty hour week. For trade union wages on WPA. For the abolition of monopoly. For government ownership of natural resources. For curbing the Supreme Court.

UNION PARTY

Party of middle class discontent, essentially agrarian. For the preservation of capitalism. Program consists of demagogic promises to all classes. Promises farmers and small home owners to refinance mortgages. For "decent security for the aged". For a "decent living" for the youth. Promises big business to protect it from "confiscation through unnecessary taxation" and to pass laws assuring "production at a profit". Promises small business to decentralize monopolies. Promises to limit inheritances, incomes and gifts. For a central bank and inflation. Leading supporter, Rev. G. K. Smith, reported planning organization of a hundred thousand storm troopers. Another leading supporter, Townsend supporting Landon in 14 states in which Union Party is not on ballot.

COUGHLIN

Organizer and leader of the Union for Social Justice. Supports Union Party in the elections. Uses "radical" demagoguery against finance capital. For distributing wealth "fairly and justly" but is against Communism. For a central bank and inflation. For permanent public works. Indicates support of Roosevelt in those states in which Lemke's Union Party cannot get on ballot.

SOCIALIST PARTY

Reformist. Left wing party of "democratic" capitalism. American section of the counter-revolutionary Second International. Has a middle class concept of Socialism like Blum. Against revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat. For getting Socialism by legislation. Ignores the colonial question. For a "genuine" farmer-labor party. Demands six billions for WPA. For abolishing tenant farms and nationalizing industry under capitalism. Advocates bills like Farmers and Workers Rights Amendment to assure civil liberties. For bourgeois "neutrality" laws, national defense and "friendly relations" with capitalist governments as the means of abolishing war. Maintains Jim Crow party branches in the South. Has class collaboration policy in trade union and unemployed fields.

AMER. LABOR PARTY

Reformist party for preservation of capitalism. Offshoot in New York of Labor's Non-Partisan League, plus Old Guard Socialists. Composed mainly of trade unions. Workers were dragooned into joining. Labor fakery and capitalist demagogues in the leadership. Opposed to class struggle. For class collaboration. Supports Roosevelt. Program is almost identical with New Deal.

"COMMUNIST" PARTY

Reformist party of capitalism. For world status-quo of capitalism including Fascist countries. Against armed insurrection. Policies shaped by aim of making a political and military alliance between the Soviet Union and the U. S.; at the present time through the Rockefeller gang and the Democratic Party. For a national farmer labor party as the American Peoples Front. Supports the American Labor Party. For preventing war by "collective security", collective action by capitalist governments against "aggressor nations," disarmament. Makes no struggle against the American oppression of colonial and semi-colonial peoples. Has class collaboration policy in trade union and unemployed fields. Supports the CIO. For an amendment to the constitution to curb the Supreme Court to protect the "people's liberties". For abolishing lynching, Jim Crow through the capitalist government by enforcing the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments. For nationalization of munitions industry and taking over mines, mills and factories, given up by private capitalists, to be run by the bourgeois government in the "interests of the people". Conducts a reformist election campaign. Uses physical violence against revolutionists.

The Election Campaign Must Be Carried on for the
Revolutionary Mobilization of the Masses Around
the Slogans of the Proletarian Revolution-LENIN