
New Offensive Against Soviet Russia: Communication of the Amsterdam Sub-Bureau of the Third International.

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TO THE WORKERS OF ALL COUNTRIES:

The International Conference of the Communists at Amsterdam has warned you already in February [1921]: “World Capital is preparing another attack on Soviet Russia. Behind the peace negotiations and commercial relations there lurks a treacherous aggression.”

This new offensive has now begun in the Far East. Japan has concentrated a big army and has begun the offensive. It announces in the world press that its army is strong enough to annihilate also the reinforcements on their way to the Red Armies to defend the Workers’ Soviet.

In the meantime, Poland is preparing for a gigantic struggle. Already it has accomplished a move eastward and has, in agreement with the Entente, advanced such demands as everybody knows to be *absolutely unacceptable*. French and American war material continues to be piled up in Poland.

The Finnish minister of foreign affairs negotiates in London, and Finland will be granted the special honor of attacking Petrograd, whilst Poland advances towards Moscow, and Petliura towards Kiev.

But the German counterrevolution, too, must be considered in this light. Up to this day the secret understanding between English diplomatists and Kapp has not been explained. Even now the Entente does not demand the disarmament of the "Junkers," but supports the disarmament of the workers. Already a new "coup" is being prepared by the German military band of robbers and both Austria and Hungary are about to initiate a monarchy by an attack on Russia. Agents of the Entente have already negotiated about the compensations to be allowed to Hungary for attacking the Bolsheviki. Only the willful blind can believe in peace.

Workers! The fate of the world is now to be decided: enslavement or freedom.

Financial capital cannot forget that it had to acknowledge an initial defeat at the hands of Soviet Russia.

This new and last effort will surpass everything in ruthlessness and cruelty. In this contingency the revolutionary spirit of our Polish comrades is the vulnerable spot of the world capital. Will they allow themselves to be led into misery and death for the sake of their exploiters?

Not if the German proletariat gives them hope of support from the rear, if there is a chance left of Soviets in Western Europe of coming to the rescue of their brothers in the East. This is why the Entente must help German reaction to regain power, under Ebert-Noske, if possible, under Kapp-Ludendorff, if necessary, so as to protect Poland in the rear and to provide troops for a second attack if the latest onslaught should break upon the unflinching courage of our Russian comrades.

This is why France must make haste to occupy German cities with <illeg.> troops, for though Germany will be allowed to act as executioner, France will not let go her prey and the industrial proletarians of Western Germany continue to constitute a danger for the Polish adventure.

And in the meantime the comedy of Polish negotiations continues in <illeg.>; the most competent leaders of Russian economic life are invited in Western Europe for "the beginning

of commercial relations"; committees of research (or, rather counterrevolutionary espionage) are talked about.

Workers! All this is so monstrous that you hesitate to believe it. But the offensive has already begun. The attack had to begin in the East in order that a strong Japanese army might be able to draw Russian troops away from the Western frontier. And this beginning has now been made. In due time alarm will <illeg.> in the capitalist press of the whole world about a Russian offensive against Poland and Finland, and England has already promised its full support to tall the border states in such an event. Have we then really learned nothing during these 5 years and a half from the monotonous lies of our adversaries? Do the workers not understand even now that Soviet Russia, the Russia of the workers and the poorer peasants, wishes to live in peace, must wish to live in peace, and does, literally, everything in order to secure peace? Must we <illeg.> again and again believe our enemies and betray our friends?

The proletariat of the world over have the answer now, so as to show its determination to prevent this crime.

The Amsterdam Bureau of the Communist International appeals to all workers and to the transport workers in the very first place, to boycott all ships and goods from and for Japan. So long as the policy of intervention in Siberia is maintained, class-conscious workers should not touch any goods destined for Japan, or coming from Japan, nor should manufacture or handle the transport of such goods.

Workers of Japan! We address ourselves to you in the first place. But also the American, the British, the Dutch, the Norwegian, the French, etc., workers can give active support.

Such action will show those in power that the workers are on their guard and prepared for deeds.

But this is not enough.

We have already issued a call for a general strike of protest against intervention in Soviet Russia on MAY 1st [1921].

Such a protest is all right, but it must be followed up by coercive deeds, for capital will give way to power only when its very existence is at stake.

In hatred against Soviet Russia, all capitalist states fraternally unite. Though Lloyd George may so hypocritically play the peacemaker, Britain nonetheless remains the mainstay of the reaction and the leader of reaction the world over. It is in the British workers, therefore, that a most important part in this struggle will fall. Let us firmly resolve that we all do our duty.

Be prepared for a general strike against the *coming attack on Soviet Russia*.

Answer the Polish-French-American-Finnish-British-Romanian-Japanese-etc. offensive by a strike movement the world over. In all countries and with one common purpose, the rescue of Soviet Russia and of the world out of the hell of imperialism into the new life built up by labor, for labor.

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