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# A May Day Message.

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To the Comrades of Cleveland:

The “times that try men’s souls” have appeared in the history of every great movement. Those movements which have been founded upon right and justice, and which have inspired their adherents with the willingness to suffer and sacrifice for their cause, have stood the test and have weathered the storm that threatened to destroy them.

Our movement is now undergoing that test. In some countries our Comrades have faltered, in some those that were our Comrades have capitulated and surrendered to the enemy, but everywhere there are those who have stood firm and refused to yield in the slightest degree.

Liebknicht and his companions, Trotsky and the Bolsheviki and the brave Comrades in every land who have upheld our sacred principle of Internationalism — these are the men and women who inspire us with increased confidence in our cause.

It will be the eternal glory of Socialists of this country that in the hour of trial the great majority were steadfast in their support of the same principles that these Comrades of ours in Europe have upheld.

Now is not the time for discouragement or to draw back. Though maligned and misrepresented, we must not lose courage. Nothing has happened in the last year that should change our position. Hark to the words of our Comrades of the Russian Soviet in answer to President Wilson! Did they tell us to surrender because for the moment they were under the iron heel? No, their message was to stand firm — that working class solidarity upholding the principles of International Socialism is the hope of the future.

We must continue the fight for our principles as boldly and bravely as ever. The fact that the progress of events is ever thrusting forward our movement to bring relief to a suffering world should give us new courage and inspiration to carry on the struggle no matter what the odds we must face.

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