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# The Turning Point in Human History

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A Happy New Year, Comrades, to you and all of you, here and everywhere.

To the 150 million proletarians of factory and field in all Russian territories, the pioneer-warriors for human rights and human dignity, for liberty and bread. May the new year bring them unity and power, victory and peace, and deliverance from all reactionary onslaughts, domestic and foreign.

To the workers of Germany and Austria and Poland and Bohemia, freed from the choking yoke of their sanguinary political and military rulers. May they achieve in the new year their emancipation from economic slavery, and may they rear upon the unshakeable foundations of true democracy the enduring structures of free, happy, and pacific Socialist republics.

To the workers of Great Britain, France, Belgium, and Italy, who are emerging strong and valiant and true from the capitalist purgatory of blood and ruin. May the new year bring them added influence and power in their respective countries to the end that justice, peace, and security be assured to their own peoples and to all the nations of the world.

To the workers of the United States, the rearguard in the onward march of revolutionary international labor. May the new year bring them enlightenment and progress, and may they conquer for themselves that position in the government of their

country to which their numbers and economic importance entitle them.

A Happy New Year, a happy new era, a happy new world!

The coming year will probably mark the turning point in human history. It will be a decisive year for international Socialism. It will bring us great triumphs and conquests, but also hard struggles and trials. Let us meet them like men and like Socialists, Comrades — loyally, courageously, and unflinchingly.

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