

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, FEB. 1st TO VIBRATE WITH SPIRIT OF LENIN, MOST BELOVED LEADER OF WORKERS

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"He would walk up and down in the Kremlin, with his hands behind him. Sometimes he would walk quickly, then stop short in reflection.

"Once we found him on a dark, stormy night out in the rain, walking up and down, unheeding. He was deep in thought—and then suddenly stopped.

He had found a solution to the problem."

The Task Before Lenin.

This was Lenin—the man of the workers and peasants of Soviet Russia—always deep in thought on the question that ever concerned him: what could he advise for the consolidation of the power of the Soviet government; what could he propose to improve the condition of the workers and peasants.

Lenin was not a politician in the capitalist sense of the word. He did not devise ways and means that would win him votes. His was the serious task of building up the state—and thru practical results proving to the workers and peasants that only the Soviet government could benefit them. Lenin had even a more difficult task than that: he had to deal with the international situation as well. The lone Soviet government has a difficult struggle against the massed counter-revolution outside the country—it has a tremendous battle to keep off the attempted invasions by the world imperialists. Soviet Russia was and still is a primarily agrarian state—a country dependent to a great degree on the industrial countries for the supply of manufactured products. In this industrial era, when economic life depends in the main on industry, it is an almost insurmountable task to find ways and means of maintaining workers' and peasants' control, when the mainstay of the economic life of the country is agriculture.

Hence consideration of the situation in Soviet Russia was inevitably linked up with the international situation—and, above all, with the relations of Soviet Russia to the capitalist countries.

What statesman has had to face this task before? What leader has been compelled to consider such gigantic

issues? What man has ever had such responsibilities resting upon his shoulders—the fate of 150,000,000 workers and peasants—the fate of the Russian proletarian revolution—the fate of the world proletarian revolution?

Life Dedicated to Workers.

When not at sessions of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, or the Executive Committee of the All-Russian Soviet, or the Executive Committee of the Communist International; when not at a meeting of workers or peasants; when not receiving a delegation of workers or peasants who came with their grievances and doubts that he had to smooth out; when not out in the garden or in the Kremlin working out his plans; when not suddenly sitting down on a doorstep to write the outline of a thesis or resolution—Lenin was to be found in his study till late in the night. When all others were asleep the light shone in his room—out into the night.

He was sitting at his desk—thinking, writing. The word of a worker—the suggestion of a peasant—this rankled in his mind till he found the solution to the problem that they propounded. Here was a man whose ear was close to the minds of the people. Here was a man whose thoughts dwelt entirely upon the lives and welfare of the workers and peasants. Here was a man who thought only of the development of the Soviet state, the strengthening of the Communist vanguard—the growth of the world revolution.

With the weight of the revolutionary movement resting upon him, it was little wonder that his strength broke down. Lenin was a rugged man, one who could endure great hardships. But the seven years of travail

tore into his vitals—till he was laid low.

Three pictures of Lenin will forever live in the minds of the workers of the world: Lenin before the factories where the workers produce; Lenin before the masses, telling them of the tasks of the revolutionary workers and peasants; and Lenin in his study elaborating the problems and the solution of the proletarian revolution.

Proletarian Revolution Still On.

Lenin lies in the mausoleum on the Red Square, on which is inscribed in bold letters the word LENIN. He lies there—while the world proletarian revolution that he led still rages. Only in Soviet Russia have the workers and peasants seized power; the workers and poor peasants in the capitalist countries are still under the oppression of the capitalist class; the colonies are still held by the armed forces of the imperialists.

Lenin is in his tomb—but LENINISM, the embodiment of his revolutionary policies and methods lives in the Communist Parties, in the lives of the revolutionary workers and peasants of the world. Leninism, Bolshevism, Revolution!

This will be the message to the hundreds of thousands of workers who will attend the memorial meetings arranged by the Workers (Communist) Party. Lenin, Soviet Russia, World Revolution with a Soviet government in the United States will be slogans to the workers who will assemble in Madison Square Garden on Feb. 1. Lenin is alive in the hearts of the Communist workers, in the ranks of the Workers (Communist) Party of America.

Washington, D. C., Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—Senor Vicenti G. Bunuan, director of the Philippine Press Bureau, will address the Workers Party of Washington on "The Labor Movement in the Philippines," Thursday, January 29, 8 p. m.

Pianiste Disappears.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Ethel Leginska, pianiste, was missing from her home today, following her mysterious disappearance last night on her way to give a concert recital.