

# "PURELY A MONEY DISPUTE"

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The city executive committee of the socialist party under pressure of mass sentiment has passed a resolution demanding that Hillquit withdraw from the case.

**MORRIS HILLQUIT**, leader of the American socialist party, on the eve of his departure for the congress of the Second International, was announced as lawyer for the Russian white guard concerns, formerly owners of the Baku oil fields. This created a sensation even in socialist circles, whereupon Hillquit issued a statement.

"It is purely a money dispute between different capitalist concerns. . . . If and when our (!) government will recognize Soviet Russia there will no longer be any basis for these actions," says Hillquit in his statement.

The complaint filed by Hillquit declares that "In and after November, 1917, a revolution occurred in Russia and the supporters of the said revolution, acting together under the name or designation of the Federated Socialist Soviet Republics of Russia or Soviet Government of Russia, thereafter wrongfully, unlawfully and by force of arms seized possession of all the plaintiffs' oil lands, wells, etc., etc. . . . and have ever thereafter wrongfully and forcibly retained and maintained possession of said lands, wells, etc. . . . without the consent of the owners thereof and of the persons lawfully entitled to the possession of the same, including the plaintiffs."

Hillquit says "it is purely a money dispute." Charging that the Russian workers and peasants in November, 1917, had no right to confiscate the land and property of their oppressors—a right recognized even by the United States imperialists, when it does not concern their booty—but a right demanded by the Working Class Revolution—Hillquit turns the guns of the black socialist party through its leaders on the rising Working Class Republic of the Soviet Union, side by side with those of the U. S., French, British, Italian imperialist governments. And at the same time, he has the nerve to call it "purely a money dispute."

Hillquit was on his way to the congress of the Second International, which will put the stamp of approval on his act. The leaders of the Second International are meeting to complete their war plans in league with the imperialist powers which have brought Germany into line by helping the German bosses to keep off the coming German Revolution, which has been caused by the growing misery and starvation of the German masses and the growing prosperity in the Soviet Union.

Hillquit speaks of recognition of the Soviet Union by "our government!" If the government is "ours," which is preparing to sell out the miners to the coal operators; if the government is "ours," which is breaking the strike of the textile workers in Allentown; if the government is "ours," which uses police, tear gas, shot guns and machine guns against the Kentucky miners, police, jails, injunctions, gangsters and racketeers against needle, food and other strikers who are fighting against hunger; if the government is "ours," which sends the unemployed to jail and the chain gang on charges of vagrancy; if the government is "ours," which clubs and lets the unemployed starve; if the government is "ours," which hounds the foreign-born and lynches the Negroes—then Hillquit is welcome to it.

It is the kind of government which Hillquit's friends headed in Germany and murdered Liebknecht and Luxemburg and tens of thousands of courageous working class fighters. It is the kind of government which, with Hillquit's friends at its head, today in England is murdering the workers and peasants in India. It is indeed "our" government, which is preparing for war on the Soviet Union and has just concluded

the pact with France, which forms the united front of the imperialist powers, the reactionary union leaders, Green and Woll, and the socialist party leaders.

Thomas pretends that he does not share Hillquit's opinion. That is a lie. Thomas knows that it was indiscreet for Hillquit to take over the complaint so openly, but Thomas in turn, praises Hoover's "master stroke" in bringing about the "debt holiday" for Germany, the price that the imperialists are paying for solidifying the united front of machine guns, airplanes and war machinery against the Soviet Union and the coming German Working Class Revolution. Thomas is just as black though he covers it up with churchly hypocrisy.

Workers! Hillquit says it is "purely a money dispute." This attack is clearly a political and war move on the part of the socialist leadership of the United States, and the entire world. Answer this new step in the war front against the Soviet Union, at the monster United Front demonstration led by the Communist Party on August 1! Make this demonstration the answer to the imperialist government and its allies in arms, the leaders of the American Federation of Labor and the socialist party! ~~Let Hillquit and Thomas know that the days of their treachery to the working class of this country are coming to an end!~~

The Soviet Union grows in power. The German Working Class Revolution and the Polish Revolution are advancing. The American working class, with hatred in its heart for the starvation and hunger that the bosses are forcing on it, and for the black fascist treason of the leaders of the socialist party, who are preparing for a new act of betrayal to the working class of the world, will answer the war plans of the enemies of the workers by organizing the solid ranks of the revolutionary workers and poor farmers, white and Negro, in revolutionary declaration and struggle FOR DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION, FOR OVERTHROW OF THE IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR FASCIST STOOL-PIGEONS, FOR THE AMERICAN WORKING CLASS REVOLUTION!

Expose these rats! Crush them underfoot! Demonstrate on August 1! Support the Communist Party in the election campaign on the program of CLASS AGAINST CLASS! FOR THE WORKING CLASS AGAINST THE CAPITALIST CLASS!

## *Lovestone Club in Brooklyn Losing Members*

**A**T a meeting of the Borough Park Youth Club (which is controlled by Lovestone renegades), held in the latter part of June, a group of fifteen members split away from them, and have since then returned to the Borough Park Workers' Club, which is a left-wing organization honestly supporting the revolutionary movement of the working class.

The following are excerpts from a statement drawn up by these fifteen members:

"At present we find a situation, where the working class is going through the most trying moments. Mass unemployment, wage-cuts, deportations, lynchings, war danger, defense of the Soviet Union, etc., are immediate issues which demand the welding together of all forces of labor. In all of the above-mentioned questions, we find that the Communist Party is the only one that really leads the working class.

"Our Club (the Borough Park Youth Club), instead of unreservedly supporting the Communist Party, used every excuse to tear down and to fight the Communist Party and its supporting organizations. Every one of our political lec-