

Seven Years of Triumphant Soviet Rule

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THE Workers' and Farmers' Soviet Republic, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, is now entering upon its eighth year.

The years of foreign invasion, the years of famine and war, the years of economic blockade are at an end. The enemies of the working and farming masses of Soviet Russia have been defeated. Communism is increasing its strength rapidly.

The economic chaos wrought by the war and czarist-capitalist inefficiency the ruin of industry and agriculture coming in the wake of counter-revolutionary insurrection and sabotage, the stifling of economic progress thru the imperialist blockade—are all at an end.

Ignorance, illiteracy, oppression, economic backwardness, exploitation—these are, more and more, happily becoming by-gones for the Russian working and farming masses.

The Birth of Red Russia.

November 7, 1917: The birthday! The capitalist Kerensky puppet government is overthrown. The Communists win power. "All power to the Soviet of workers, soldiers and peasants! Peace! Bread! Land!" are the slogans of the victorious Communists under the leadership of the old guard of the Russian Communist Party—Lenin and Zinoviev. Soviet rule is established. The roar and thunder of the social revolution strike terror into the hearts of the imperialists the world over. The workers of the world hail the new day.

Communism Ends World War.

November 7, 1918: The first anniversary! It was the Communist propaganda and the Communist spirit spread amongst the great mass of German soldiers that brought about the end of kaiserism and the imperialist war. Not until the effective Communist agitation directed by the Bolshevik Party of Russia broke up

the efficient German military machine, was the Prussian junker-capitalist alliance forced to seek an end of hostilities. Not until the allied imperialists began to dread the rising Soviet power were they compelled to consider even an armistice.

Soviet Republic Crushes Intervention.

November 7, 1919: The second birthday! The countless efforts of world imperialism camouflaged and inspired by Woodrow Wilson, to overthrow the Soviet Republic have been decisively crush by the prowess of the Red Army. While the Russian working and farming masses under the leadership of their Communist Party were putting to rout their enemies at home and abroad, the social-democratic leaders in other European countries were serving as the hangmen of their proletariat. It was the traitorous social-democracy of Germany that drowned the Spartican revolution and that aided and abetted the overthrow of the Soviet Republic in Bavaria. It was with the connivance and comfort of the Hungarian social-democracy that Mr. Hoover was able to engineer the drowning blood of the Soviet government in Hungary. In all these dark hours the Russian Communist Party, at the head of the Soviet Republic, held aloft the banner of the world social revolution.

Ring of Iron and Fire Broken.

November 7, 1920: The third anniversary! More and more the capitalist powers are beginning to recognize that Soviet Russia is invincible. The oldest capitalist government, on whose land the sun never sets, Great Britain, recognizes its failure to crush the workers' and farmers' Soviet Republic by force of arms. Captain O'Grady is appointed to negotiate with Comrade Krassin at Copenhagen. This marks the beginning of the collapse of the murderous blockade of the Soviet Republic. It marks the beginning of the end of the so-called cordon sani-

taire—the capitalist imperialist ring of iron and fire thrown around Soviet Russia in order to break the backbone of international Communism.

Last Imperialist Attack Shattered.

November 7, 1921: The fourth birthday! The victorious Red Army has succeeded in sweeping into oblivion the imperialist counter-revolutionary lackeys. The Kolchaks, the Yudenitches, the Wrangels and the horde of lesser hooligans have all been smashed by the workers' and peasants' Red Army. The American working men are beginning to demand peace with Soviet Russia. American soldiers stationed in Murmansk and Siberia mutiny. Reactionary Poland is forced to give up its war against the Soviet Republic. The Kronstadt revolt, the last flicker of counter-revolutionary hope, is extinguished.

Vanquishing the Famine.

November 7, 1922: The fifth anniversary! The allied imperialists, despairing of their nefarious plans to overthrow the Soviet Republic thru a frontal attack, are planning to resort to other means. Soviet Russia is invited to meet the imperialist agents at the Genoa and Hague conferences. The famine sweeps the Volga valley. The working classes thruout the world rally to the support of the starving workers and peasants of the Soviet Republic. The Fourth World Congress of the Communist International and the First World Congress of Red International of Labor Unions mark the victory of the Soviet Republic over the worst famine in the history of Russia. The trial of the social-revolutionary enemies of the Soviet Republic brings into ugly relief the alliance between the saffron social-democracy and the black monarchist reaction.

Rebuilding Soviet Russia.

November 7, 1923: The sixth birthday! The famine has been completely liquidated. The harvest brings a bumper crop. Gigantic exhibition in

Moscow shows inestimable progress in the rebuilding of agriculture in the Soviet domains. Red Russia is building a huge air fleet and increasing the effectiveness of its revolutionary army. Tremendous headway is being made in the reconstruction of industry.

Communist Russia Triumphant.

November 7, 1924: The seventh anniversary! The Union of Socialist Soviet Republics is triumphant. Imperialist France, the arch enemy of Soviet Russia, the essence and incarnation of capitalist hostility to the first workers' and farmers' Soviet Republic, recognizes the bankruptcy of its anti-Soviet policy. The French government is compelled to extend unconditional de jure recognition to the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. At least nineteen capitalist governments have been forced to confess the failure of their campaigns against the Soviet Republic and have granted full recognition to the Soviet government. Within one year at least twelve capitalist governments, amongst which are to be found England, Italy, the Baltic countries and France, have formally recognized the Soviet government. Japanese recognition is now only a matter of weeks at the most. Soon the entire continent of Asia will have recognized the Soviet Republic.

Soviet industry and trade are making remarkable progress. Soviet Russia has come out victorious over counter-revolution, foreign invasion, famine and capitalist blockade.

The Communist International, the leader of the international revolutionary proletariat, is stronger than ever. Its active, disciplined adherents are increasing by leaps and bounds. Today the Communist International is the mortal and only dreaded enemy of the imperialist blunderbuss at the head of which now stand the American financial and industrial capitalist overlords.