Amend U.S. Constitution or Overthrow Capitalism

Since a growing revolutionary mood of the American labor movement is being expressed through the varied relief measures of Roosevelt's New Deal, at the cheap price of a few billion dollars, and because the economic policies of the big corporation industrialists, acting by leaps and bounds, the big capitalists are being forced into the political arena in the face of the fact that they will be able to cope with the situation without any New Deal laws, the Socialist Party and Congress not being agreeable, Big Business took the matter into its own hands by still utilizing its instrument, the Supreme Court in unmaking the New Deal laws, by declaring them unconstitutional, as fact and as Congress is making them. The NRA and the AAA, these cornerstone in the structure of the New Deal, having been dropped into the Featherbed and sunk without a trace, the whole structure of the New Deal is collapsing.

So long as the capitalists, the big industrialists, the financiers are motivated by continuing their interests, each stratagem for control of the Government to promote its own special interest. But they would stand united against any constitutional amendment that would deprive them of their capitalist "right" to exploit the workers. The capitalist trade oligarchy in the working class is not created only by a revolution of the workers. History knows of no fundamental social change achieved by any method except revolution. The Thirteenth Amendment, abolishing slavery, did not mean more than strengthening the economic position of industrial capitalists of the North at the expense of the agricultural capitalists of the South, but it took four years of a bloody civil war to enforce the amendment.

Railing Class Cannot Be Legislative Out Of Power

Nothing is more dangerous for the workers than the illusion that they can legislate their oppressors or protect their property with the very instrument of capitalism, the state, the capitalist state. The German Socialists had this illusion. They got nothing. The Italian Socialists had the same illusion. They now have fascism. The Italian workers thought that the state would solve the problems of meeting inflation and the depression and the Constitution was amended about a score of times, but that is beside the point. What is it to us to say: could we, a class of wage slaves, exploited and oppressed, be helped through constitutional amendments? Could our living conditions be bettered, could we overthrow the price system, could we emancipate ourselves by amending the Constitution of the United States? Let us look into this question.

Constitution as an Instrument to the Exploitation

The Constitution is the sine qua non of the state, the capitalist state, and the capitalist state is in the hands of the capitalist class for the exploitation of the workers. In a class society the government is the executive committee for the ruling class. The exploiters are not a homogeneous class. The small capitalists, the big industrialists, the financiers are motivated by continuing their interests, each stratagem for control of the Government to promote its own special interest. But they would stand united against any constitutional amendment that would deprive them of their capitalist "right" to exploit the workers. The capitalist trade oligarchy in the working class is not created only by a revolution of the workers. History knows of no fundamental social change achieved by any method except revolution. The Thirteenth Amendment, abolishing slavery, did not mean more than strengthening the economic position of industrial capitalists of the North at the expense of the agricultural capitalists of the South, but it took four years of a bloody civil war to enforce the amendment.

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The proposals of the Stalinists and the Socialists "militants" for constitutional amendments is the worship of the state. The abolition of the Constitution through the overthrow of American imperialism is the only road for the working class.

Most of these strikes are conducted by class and political leaders whose task is to moderate the struggle so that the workers can be "organised" and "elected" to lead the struggle. The Trotskyists believe that the trade union leadership is the main obstacle to the growth of the movement. The Trotskyists believe that the struggle must be led by the workers themselves and that the strike leaders must be elected by the workers themselves. The Trotskyists believe that the central task of the working class is to fight for the overthrow of capitalism and to establish a world without exploitation.
NEW FRENCH PARTY WILL SACRIFICE PRO-GRAM TO NUMBERS

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ing their 10 and 20 seats, for their party?

Their Program Strengthened by Trotskyites

The Socialists in France to-day is far stronger than it was the time of the entry of Trotskyist groups into the Third International, and that is in itself a manifest indication of the power of the theoreticians. In the Fourth International they have fortified themselves with the regimental infantery of the Trotskyist Party. Their front is still more solid than it was before, and their position in the left wing of the Social Democrats is more and more firmly established. The new program of the Socialists, which they would like to introduce under the titles of "Social Democracy" and "Socialism," may be characterized as follows:

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AN OPEN LETTER TO WORKERS PARTY CONVENTION

Comrades, Delegates:

The most important question before the convention of the Workers Party is the question of liquidation. The Convention must definitely answer the question of the new orientation of the ICL and its application to the United States. This is now a life and death question for the International. The choice before the convention is, revolutionism, revisionism, Stalinism and the development of the socialist organization, or the destruction of the revolutionary orientation of the organization into the Social Democratic Party.

Your Decision of International Importance

But the decision you make will not only determine the fate of the organization, it will have profound effect on the international movement. The Workers Party has been held up to the world as a shining star of the international movement, a great achievement. Its liquidation into the Social Democratic Party is, in itself, an inevitably impolitic other organization, group, or individual. It will accelerate the disintegration of the International, and speed up it along the same course. It may push Verovese over the line into the Belgian Socialist Party.

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Editor's Note

This article is for the benefit of all affiliated organizations of the Workers League is not in favor of the International Seamen's Union, but favors the STRUGGLE POLICY vs. the collaboration policy.

First Coast to Coast Tour a Success

Comrade Joe Fox, who has just completed a tour of the whole United States, including the main industrial centres from New York to Chicago, is now working in the Illinois Coal Fields. The Chicago Coal Fields are being organized by the Fighting Worker to take steps toward trans- forming the Social Democratic group in the Illinois Coal Fields to an organization with mass influence, a voice of labor, and influence. The Fighting Worker will be meeting in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Tucson, Kansas City, St. Louis and the Illinois Coal Fields. Readers of the Fighting Worker in these cities should get in touch with local comrades.

MacRae: Bill Stricker, National Socialist Labor and Trade Union League, and member of the Politbureau of the Communist International, started the second lap of his tour of Canada. The Fighting Worker will do organization work in the trade unions with the masses at a series of mass meetings on the way east to the convention. This meeting will be held in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Tucson, Kansas City, St. Louis and the Illinois Coal Fields. Readers of the Fighting Worker in these cities should get in touch with local comrades.

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Calvinism Is A Brake Upon The Development of Society

Capitalism in the United States and on a world scale, has reached the stage of decay which follows the accumulation and breakdown of the capitalist productive forces, which now makes it appear to all that the productive forces are bringing the capitalists to their knees. Both those who stand for and those who stand against the capitalist system must be found in this, and on this premise they are working for their own destruction. By this means they are endeavoring to maintain their rule and reduce production, and beat into submission the exploited masses who reject and fight against this profit murderess of capitalism that has fastened itself upon society and stands in the way of its further progress.

The "wise" men of each nation have no solution for the impasse capitalism has reached. They dream planning ways and means of reinstituting production on an old scale, that is, markets that are already redivided among the imperialist powers. They are only trying to save their tottering structure the capitalist and the feudalistic proletarian system which is the only class capable of leading the world out of this economic crisis. This new social order based on Socialism is the surest path for production and for profit.

Idée Factories and Idee Men

The United States; its industrial and agricultural capacity is sufficient, and able to live in abundance by working for the greatest possible benefit of humanity, rather than just for the benefit of a few. The system of today is a complete failure, where the industries of the world, which are all controlled by a small number of owners, represent the most meager possibility for the sake of the masses.

Socialist and Socialist Policies

Organisation of the strike has been made necessary, poor preparation, some of which is being remedied from day to day. The bureaucratic management of the plants have failed to help utility workers, who are not capable of controlling the situation, and can only be controlled by over-powering the strikers. Zapatilla can only be defeated and the enemy must not allow them to take over the Workers Government.

On the other hand, if the present day does not produce any national strike, then a clear message can be given that the cause is hopeless. The strike has been prepared for, and in the future the strike will hold in the strike because of the lack of any fraction work or any clear trade union policy. The Stalins, who have been arguing that the Independent Workers Union will have to lose any gains by working for the benefit of the masses. The result is that it is not permitted to become the slenderer force.

Class Collaboration

Both groups of their labor unions are committed to the collaboration of their organizations. Both are in favor of presenting the program of the strike as a program for the welfare of the workers. The question is not the same thing, but rather a different concept over comparatively small number of skilled workers in the industry, a juridical dispute, but not a political question. It is then, the real issue involved in this bitter struggle? It will be the same as the principle of the convention when McGady, Assistant Secretary, who gave the convention to pledge its support for President Roosevelt and his New Deal plan, or the one who gave.

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Two hundred and twelve militant strikers of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, a Mennonite, who have been striking since February 3rd for the reinstatement of Pat Staiti to its standard of union or recognition, have been learning at first hand the anguish and privation of state, capital, and between the police and public.

Police Protection

The police have been watching over the scales—who number only about 500—with the result that all the tools have been either destroyed or taken from the workers. The few that have been allowed to act freely in order to help them with them have been making a living in a small unorganized union. Mennonites would have been taken back and forth under police protection.

Attempts to break mass picketing lines and to curtail picketing are, in effect, an attempt to stop the workers' struggle. The police have been made, one of a series of a strike. The police are only a part of the total struggle. The Socialist and the bourgeois parties will only be considered as a part of a whole.

The plant is miserably undermanned. Many scars have been carved out not in any attempt to exhaust the workers of the victims of accidents.

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