To the Russian Workers in America
Relative to Recent Raids and Arrests:
Proclamation of the Chicago District Committee
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Pravda has received from Chicago a proclamation
issued by the District Committee of Russian Branches
of the Communist Labor Party appealing to the Rus-
sian workers relative to recent raids and arrests.
Marking the growth of reaction in the United
States and the severity with which the hirelings of
capital have attacked the revolutionary organizations,
the proclamation says:

Do not our enemies rejoice rather early? Do they not
proclaim their victory rather prematurely?
The Tsar’s officials have repeatedly rejoiced and
celebrated their victory when our comrades, the fighters for
the freedom of Russia, were on their way to Siberia; when
jails were filled with prisoners, when the streets of Russian
cities were drenched in blood and covered by dead bodies.
But neither exile, nor shootings, nor hangings have save
the Tsar and his gang. And neither will exile, nor jails, nor
shootings save American capitalism now.
The rapacious attack of the international bourgeoisie
upon Soviet Russia and the attempt to resurrect Tsarism
by way of Kolchak, Denikin, Yudenich, and other Tsarist
generals; the devastation of Hungary; the cynical open
brigandage, by which the imperialists attempt to liquidate
the war; devastation of our own countries in the name of
God-Gold and miraculous profits — all this could not but
open the eyes of the masses of workers.
The most backward American workers now know that
the “heroes” of the present raids are nothing but thieves,
who run before the mob shouting, “stop, thief!” so as to divert
the people’s attention from themselves.

Then the proclamation reveals the hypocrisy and
cruelty of the persecutors and emphasizes the steadiness
of the victims and their firm belief in the final triumph
of the Bolshevist cause:

We know that fate demands expiatory sacrifices — and
we are ready for these sacrifices.
We are ready to moisten with our blood every step
forward towards liberation from capitalist slavery, just like
our glorious Fatherland, the Red Russian Revolution, is
doing. We are prepared to experience all the sufferings
and trials which the American Bashibuzeks (roughnecks)
are preparing for us.
But we will not give in!
Hand in hand with the international proletariat we will
continue the struggle for the destruction of the capitalistic
system, which exists on plunder and violence, and which
has drowned the entire world in blood.
We appeal to all workers who value the interests
of the laboring people to join us and raise high the Red
Banner of Revolution to throw our challenge and slogans
at international imperialism.

Down with Capital!
Long Live the Third International!
Long Live the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet
Republic!
Long Live the Communist Labor Party of America!