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# Socialist Russia Against the Capitalist World

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Seven hundred and thirty days the first proletarian republic of the world has lived, and each day has been a day of titanic struggle.

When the Socialist workers and peasants of Russia assumed control of the government of the vast domain of the former Tsars the hapless people of the country were miserably succumbing to the cumulative weight of age-long oppression and rapacity, a monstrously voracious war, and a treacherous and incompetent bourgeois regime. The class-conscious workers of Russia determined to take the government of their country into their own hands and to make a clean sweep of all exploitation and all exploiters of human toil. The class-conscious capitalists of Europe and America were fully alive to the challenge of their rule.

Thereafter it was war between Socialist Russia and the capitalist world, a war of aggression on the part of the foreign capitalist governments, a war of defense on the part of the Russian people. The world has never seen a war so desperate and persistent, so ruthless and brutal as the uncon-

fessed, unsanctioned, and uncivilized war which the capitalist powers have been waging against Soviet Russia in the 2 years of its existence. From open warfare without declaration of war to secret plotting with counterrevolutionary adventurers; from armed support of Tsarist reactionaries to coercion of neighboring countries into active hostilities; from a shameless press campaign of calumnies and lies to an indiscriminate savage food blockade, no weapon has been too base or dastardly in the desperate effort of the predatory powers to throttle the first effective revolt against their tottering rule.

And the Socialist Republic of Russia lives. The 2nd Anniversary of its birth finds it strong and stable, confident and invincible, dreaded and cursed by the oppressors of all lands, acclaimed and cherished by the forward-looking workers of all nations and races.

Hail, Soviet Russia! The bright proletarian hope, the symbol of the new world spirit and new world order!

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