



Karl Marx on India

In order to understand the present struggle in India, it is well to recall some of its historical background.

The outrages committed by the revolted Sepoys in India are indeed appalling, hideous, ineffable—such as one is prepared to meet only in wars of insurrection, of nationalities, of races, and above all of religion.

The first blow dealt to the French monarchy proceeded from the nobility, not from the peasants. The Indian revolt does not commence with the Ryots tortured, dishonored and stripped naked by the British.

Even at the present catastrophe it would be an unmitigated mistake to suppose that all the cruelty is on the side of the Sepoys, and all the milk of human kindness flows on the side of the English.

Another writer informs us that, some inhabitants of Peshawar having caused a night alarm by exploding little mines of gunpowder in honor of a wedding (a national custom), the persons concerned were tied up next morning, and "received such a flogging as they will not easily forget."

News arrived from Pindee that three native chiefs were plotting. Sir John Lawrence replied by a message ordering a spy to attend to the meeting.

"We have power of life and death in our hands, and we assure you we spare not."

Another from the same place: "Not a day passes, but we string up from ten to fifteen of them (non-combatants)." One exulting officer writes: "Holmes is hanging them by the score, like a 'brick.'"

From Benares we are informed that thirty Zemindars were hanged on the mere suspicion of sympathizing with their own countrymen.

And then it should not be forgotten that, while the cruelties of the English are related as acts of martial vigor, told simply, rapidly, without dwelling on disgusting details, the outrages of the natives, shocking as they are, are still deliberately exaggerated.

For instance the circumstantial account first appearing in the Times, and then going the round of the London press, of the atrocities perpetrated at Delhi and Meerut, from whom did it proceed?

The cutting of noses, breasts, etc., in one word, the horrid mutilations committed by the Sepoys, are of course more revolting to European feeling than the throwing of red-hot shell on Canton dwellings by a secretary of the Manchester Peace Society, or the roasting of Arabs pent up in a cave by a French Marshal, or the flaying alive of British soldiers by the cat-o-nine-tails under drum-head court-martial, or any other of the philanthropical appliances used in British penitentiary colonies.

Cruelty, like every other thing, has its fashion, changing according to time and place. Caesar, the accomplished scholar, candidly narrates how he ordered many thousand Gallic warriors to have their right hands cut off.

The infamous mutilations committed by the Sepoys remind one of the practices of the Christian Byzantine Empire, or the prescriptions of the Emperor Charles V's criminal law, or the English punishments for high treason, as still recorded by Judge Blackstone.

The frantic roars of the "bloody old Times," as Cobbett used to call it—its playing the part of a furious character in one of Mozart's operas, who indulges in most melodious strains in the idea of first hanging his enemy, then roasting him, then quartering him, then spitting him, and then flaying him alive—its tearing the passion of revenge to tatters and to rags—all this would appear but silly if under the paths of tragedy there were not distinctly perceptible the tricks of comedy.

What it simply wants is to write up funds and to screen the government. As Delhi has not, like the Walls of Jericho, fallen before the puffs of wind, John Bull is to be steeped in cries for revenge up to his very ears, to make him forget that his government is responsible for the mischief hatched and the colossal dimensions it has been allowed to assume.

GANDHI CONFERS WITH BRITISH TO STAB REVOLT

Censorship Covers All Cases of Militant Actions by Masses

"Labor" Go-Betweens 600 Salt Raiders Are Injured; Many Jailed

BOMBAY, India, May 21.—Latest reports show the number of those injured by British police here yesterday to be over 600.

As predicted already, "Mahatma" Gandhi is busy negotiating with the British government authorities to call off as much of the anti-imperialist movement in India as still will listen to him.

The London Daily Mail's Bombay correspondent announces that MacDonald's "labor party" has sent reporters of "British labor papers" as agents to carry on the negotiations.

Such a move will explain in very satisfactory manner the reasons for arresting Gandhi just at the time he was arrested.

It is difficult to tell what happens in India, even capitalist press reports being heavily censored by the British government.

Another indictment. Much of Vause's activity was exposed yesterday—so much that the Federal Grand Jury had to indict him for perjury.

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"Forging" Is the Correct Word!

FORGING THE SWORD

By Sykes



For any who doubt the Communists are correct in their analysis of Briand's "Pan-European Federation" being a weapon of war against the Soviet Union, we reproduce above a picture from a capitalist paper, the New York Post of Tuesday, May, 20.

JUDGE VAUSE'S WORK OR WAGES; PERJURY BARED NOT WET OR DRY

But Tammany Grafter Is Out on \$5,000 Reading Meet Slogan in Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA, May 21.—While one corrupt gang in the republican party is crowing over getting the republican nomination from another corrupt gang, the Communist Party is calling all workers' organizations to elect delegates to the Communist state nominating convention to be held at Reading on June 1.

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NEWARK JOBLESS LEADERS ON TRIAL HIT POLICE LIES

Judge and Prosecutor Hold Secret Meets Against Toilers

Prejudice the Jury Flaiani Tells of Work or Wage Speech

NEWARK, N. J., May 21.—While nine witnesses testified for Dominick Flaiani, Communist Party organizer on trial for sedition before Judge Walter Van Riper, the judge and prosecuting attorney, Simon Fisch, were plotting for his conviction.

Today's cross-examination was featured by the attempt of the prosecutor to prejudice the jury by constantly referring to the fact that the witnesses "do not believe in god," also by sneering and making sarcastic statements when cross-examined.

ANTI-LYNCHING MEETS IN BROOKLYN, FRIDAY

All workers, Negro and white, are called to a huge protest meeting in Brooklyn against the lynching of the Negro worker in Sherman, Texas.

BARBERS MEET IN SPIRIT OF THUGS

All the efforts of Tartamella, with the use of gangsters in unlimited numbers, use of police, and assistance from the rain, failed to prevent the militant barbers of New York from spreading their leaflets yesterday calling on barbers to take over the fake strike and make it a real one.

Tartamella, the Journeyman Barbers international representative in New York threatened every barber at his meeting that if he left to go to the Trade Union Unity League Barbers' Section mass meeting at 13 West 17th St., that man would be set on and beaten to a pulp by the hired thugs the Tartamella clique had massed in his hall.

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Schenectady Meet Sunday to Nominate

Hundreds of delegates of workers' organizations are preparing to gather at Schenectady next Sunday for the Nominating Convention of the Communist Party.

Over three hundred delegates are preparing to leave from New York City, but large numbers are also coming from the many industrial cities of the state.

From Buffalo, among the 75 delegates expected, from steel, auto and chemical plants, are also delegates from the Iroquois Indian Confederation, whose leader, Chief Thundervoice, spoke at the Communist Party demonstration on May Day in Buffalo.

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LEGALISM HIT BY FOOD UNION

Call Bakers Saturday to Plan Action

Unanimous condemnation of tactics involving any voluntary approach to capitalist courts was voted at Tuesday night's session of the executive committee of the Food Workers' Industrial Union, meeting at 18 W. 21st St.

They were recommended to the bar association, where a lawyer obligingly told them that all they had to do (!) was to have duplicated copies printed of the Local 3 constitution, dues books, stamps, etc., get a court order stopping payment on checks issued by Local 3 officials, call a membership meeting to have themselves elected as new officials, and the union would be saved!

No dissenting vote was cast to a motion condemning such legalistic skulduggery as a betrayal of working-class interests.

Reports of the winning of 17 new union shops since the opening of the F. W. I. U. headquarters in the Bronx and Brooklyn were made by the food clerks' department; while both bakers and hotel, restaurant and cafeteria workers' departments reported large gains in membership.

Final preparations were made for a mass meeting of bakers this Saturday in Brooklyn at 76 Throop Ave. Here, members of Section 3, Local 500, are expected to come en masse as a result of enthusiasm aroused by an F. W. I. U. committee, headed by Secretary S. Wiseman, which addressed their union meeting last Saturday.

RED ARMIES CAPTURE 46 CHINA TOWNS

Control 60,000 Square Miles, Eve of First Soviet Congress

New Victories Daily Anti-Communist Drive Paralyzed

As the general crisis in China deepens, as the forces of reaction in the country are at each others' throat, and as the All-China Soviet Congress, which is scheduled to meet on May 30, draws near, the drive of the Chinese Red Armies and the revolutionary workers and peasants increases in intensity and momentum and is piling up brilliant records of victory in the form of a rapid extension of the area under Soviet rule and the broadening and deepening of the revolution throughout the country.

A total of 46 additional towns and cities in the provinces of Kiangsi, Kwangtung, Fukien, Hunan and Anhwei have been captured by the Red Armies and revolting peasants within the last 30 days, according to a special cable dispatch to the New York Sun yesterday.

The dispatch also contains an estimate of the size of the territory under Soviet rule which is put between 50,000 and 60,000 square miles, about the size of the state of Illinois or Michigan. City or town Soviets were established in place of the old magistrates, who, of course, are thrown out by the revolt.

Soviet forces in other provinces are also advancing to new positions and gaining victories almost every day. Associated press reports that "local authorities (in Fukien) believe Communist activity will continue to expand throughout Fukien province."

The helpless condition of the Chinese militarists in the face of the victorious advance of the revolution is very clearly reflected in the dispatch to the Sun which states that "the Nationalist government's anti-Communist campaign in South China, which was begun the first of May, is making little progress."

BERLIN, May 21.—The Northern militarists in China published a statement recently through London that the French authorities of Indo-China have intercepted a consignment of poison gas which was sent from Germany to the Nanking government.

All information relating to the subject of German supply of poison gas to the Nanking militarists indicates that the above charge can not be unfounded, despite the hysterical denials issued by the German foreign office. The incident, however, throws another side light on the situation in China. The fact that the statement of the Northern militarists was issued through London is not without significance.

300 SMASH ALA. JIM CROW LAW

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 21.—Three hundred Negro and white unemployed workers packed the Trade Union Unity League hall yesterday afternoon to form a Council of the Unemployed and protest the attempt to railroad Powers and Carr to the electric chair.

The crowd overflowed the hall into the stairway and necessitated adjournment of the meeting to the park. The crowd marched from the hall to the park in a body.

Burns, organizer for the Trade Union Unity League, and Tom Johnson, organizer for the Communist Party, were the speakers. There will be a larger turnout at the meeting called for Thursday by the Communist Party, to protest the lynching terror in the South and the attempt to legally lynch Powers and Carr in Atlanta. The Powers-Carr trial is May 27.

15,000 Florida Toilers Hear 'Daily' Call

We Are Waiting to Hear from Your City, Only Organized Action Will Help Us in This Emergency

"La Traducción," a paper published in the Spanish language at Tampa, Florida, and which circulates among 15,000 cigar makers in that state, has called upon its readers to aid the Daily Worker.

This appeal in this paper will be read to the workers in the Florida cigar factories by official readers, who, mounted on high chairs, read to the workers they perform their daily labors.

The cigar makers of Florida have aided the Daily Worker before. They recently chased A. F. of L. organizers out of their midst because they know this reactionary organization and want none of it.

This will be read to 15,000 workers in the Florida cigar factories. These workers will respond.

And now we again turn our eyes to the immense northern territory, where we have millions of workers in basic industries, enslaved, sweated, driven to exhaustion under thousands of shop, mill and factory roofs. These workers have no official readers to read the Daily Worker to them as they speed up their weary bodies to make more profits for the bosses.

We must bind these workers to our revolutionary vanguard by making them readers of the Daily Worker.

We appeal to you again, to hold an emergency meeting of leading comrades in your city. Decide to organize a mass collection (tag day, house to house collection), decide to visit every single workers' organization in your city for contributions. Insist that every comrade put his official Daily Worker campaign list to use at once and secure the \$5 quota in new subs and donations the Party has assigned to him.

The response from individual supporters to our call for a \$25,000 Emergency Fund is increasing. Organized action in cities where we have Party membership does not yet measure up to Bolshevik standards. Party members, answer this—when will your city get into action?

