May Day—And the Revolution

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May Day is the day of the workers. This day is the day when the conscious workers, who are not mental slaves to the ideas of the masters, express their determination for a new life, for a new world.

May day is revolutionary Labor Day. American Labor— that is to say, those workers who do not see beyond their noses, beyond small increases of wages—celebrates Labor Day on the first Monday of September.

But what is celebrated on "Labor Day" is the failure of the masters, not of conscious rebels. "Labor Day" was granted the American workers by the capitalists, as a tool to play with, as a means of fooling the workers.

American Labor has no working class importance, nor any real meaning. It is a day to maintain the workers' meager confidence in the capitalist exploiters.

"American Labor Day" represents the old order, with its oppression of the poor, by the rich, of the workers by the employers; with its small wages and hard hours, its craven and economic insecurity, its misery for the majority of the people and its fabulous luxury for the few.

International May Day represents the new society which will be the society of an equal society of free men and women, in which labor will control its own means of living, in which there will be no masters and no poverty—economic security and peace shall prevail.

International May Day is the day when the conscious workers cease their labor, down toy in all the factories and industries of the land, in dread of the storm of revolution which will break in the storehouses of the rich.

May Day is the day when the masters tremble. May Day in Europe is the day when the masters expect revolutionary upheavals. They wait in dread. It is the day of revolt.

On previous May Days, the storm did not break; and gradually the masters began to believe that the storm would never break—the storm of the workers' accumulated wrath at their misery, oppression and injustice— in a storm which would sweep Capitalism out of existence.

But the day did come.

This year, May Day is a promise fulfilled. This May Day marks the prostration of the world in action against Capitalism.

In Russia, May Day is greeted by millions upon millions of workers who have overthrown the rule of Capitalism, who have seized power, who are actually organizing the new society of communist labor and free individuals. In this year, the Russian workers—"in the midst of war"—have lived up to their promises.

Capitalism is being smashed. The workers are conquering. May Day is coming into its own.

But in America, the American workers face a serious crisis. The war "prosperity"—which was a capital crime, a war crime—has been turned into a war, of joy against misery, of life against death.

In Germany, the revolutionary workers, betrayed, threatened by the Allies, starving and butchered, are making a living, in which there will be no masters and no poverty—economic security and peace shall prevail.

Call for a National Conference of the Left Wing

Call for a National Conference of the Left Wing of the American Socialist Party, issued by Local Bases, Local Sections, and the Central Section of the Socialist Party of New York City.

The International situation and the crisis in the American Socialist Party; the sabotage the party is carrying on, to rob us of the opportunities to demonstrate our principles; the necessity of organizing our party along socialist lines and maintaining the unity of the socialist movement; the necessity of a declaration of principles and purposes of a national concert of the Left Wing of the American Socialist Party.

May Day is the day of the workers. The workers of the world are uniting against Capitalism, against war, to break the power of the capitalists.

On this May Day, American Labor must resolve to throw away old ideas of pacifism and try to determine to struggle against the capitalists, who are the real enemies. It must determine to join with the class conscious workers of the world, who are engaged in the final struggle against war and capitalism—who are in the struggle against oppression and war against those who profit from war.

You have power. You are in control of industry. You have the might to overcome the might of the capitalists— the might of your industrial action.

The capitalists and the government of the capitalists are imprisoning your revolutionary representatives. These men and women in jail are calling upon you, they want to be with you in the great struggle that is coming. On this May Day, you must resolve to call at the earliest possible moment a general strike to compel the release of our imprisoned comrades.

This will mean much. It will mean a revolutionary atmosphere of the enthusiasm of the workers. It will prepare you for new and mightier struggles against the capitalists, until you break the power of Capitalism.

The old world is breaking to pieces. Amid the roar of cannons and the rattle of machine guns, a new world is being born. The workers of the world—your world, if you will have it.

Workers! Do not trust the false promises of the masters. Do not depend upon words, but upon your own hands.

Workers and women! May Day is your day, you must make it yours. Down tools on May Day and resolve your determination to conquer. Express your solidarity with your European comrades and prepare for a real general strike.

On this May Day—when the whole world is in Revolution—remember the workers of the world must unite to break the power of the capitalists, to break the power of the army, and to build a new international—where there is no war and no class struggle.

Workers of all countries, unite against Capitalism!
The Principle and Tactics of the New International

1. That the dictatorship of the proletariat (Bolshevism) for a Communist International Congress.

It is an urgent necessity that the first congress of the new revolutionary international be called. During the war and the Revolution the complete bankruptcy of the old Socialist parties is obvious, as well as the incapacity of the middle elements of the old Socialists to make a final decision. The real task of the revolutionary proletariat, of the workers of the world, is consummated, and it can only be consummated if a new international, an international of the working class at the head, is formed.

In the view of the revolutionary proletariat, it is a question of the dictatorship of the proletariat, of the working class at the head, of the international proletariat at the head, of the working class in all the countries of the world. The dictatorship of the proletariat, or the rule of the working class, means one thing: the recognition of the following principles as the basis of all action of the working class:

1. The dictatorship of the proletariat is the dictatorship of the working class, its immediate goal is the social革命, the overthrow of bourgeois rule and the establishment of the new order.

2. This new proletarian state must be a revolutionary state, and at times positively traitorous. It must be a dictatorship of the working class, and the working masses must have the right to participate in its management. It must be a democratic state, and it must be a state of the masses.

3. This new proletarian state must embody the dictatorship of the proletariat, and it must be the expression of the struggle of the working class against the bourgeoisie and of the organization of a new proletarian apparatus. This must not be confused with the purely formal dictatorship of the revolution of 1917, which was a dictatorship of the bourgeoisie.

4. The dictatorship of the proletariat is to be consummated. This means that the working class must be in control of the state, including the army, and that it must control all economic and cultural institutions. The dictatorship of the proletariat is to be consummated by the workers' councils and the proletariat.

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7. The fundamental means of action of the revolutionists, developing into armed and open war against the bourgeois state.

8. The old international has broken into three main groups: the Left wing, the Right wing, and the Center wing. The Left wing is the one that represents the interests of the working class, and it is the one that has the right to carry out the revolution and to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

9. The center of the international is the section that represents the interests of the bourgeoisie and the imperialists, and it is the one that has the right to maintain the status quo and to prevent the revolution.

10. On the other hand, it is necessary to proceed in a common movement with the revolutionary elements in the proletariat, and to work in alliance with them, whether they be in the center or in the right wing of the international.
In Germany

There is a new struggle preparing itself in Germany, is the form of expression of bourgeois supremacy, but a régime of communist Socialism, which is the new régime of expression of the proletariat. There must be a new state organized—the state of the organized proletariat, of the new revolutionary dictatorship, which, alone can break the power of capital.

Workers' control of industry, communist organization of the producing proletariat, new revolutionary political forms—that alone can assure the life and happiness of the working class.

The experience of the revolutionary proletariat in Germany emphasizes the lessons of the Russian revolution: pure moderate socialism is the worst enemy of the militant proletariat. Only through revolutionary mass action and proletarian dictatorship can the masses conquer power and realize Socialism.

Which International?

The most important problem of international Socialism, at this moment, is the acceptance or rejections of the Bolshevik accent. There is no question of a party's acceptance or rejection of the Bolshevik accent in which the Socialist International, and the bourgeois!"Socialists," represented by Ebert, Scheidemann & Co., who had supported the imperialistic war, and who were captured by the Spartacists, whose program was identical with the program of the Bolsheviks. This new revolution aimed to overthrow the Ebert-Scheidemann Government, which had destroyed the power of the old army; and its reactionary militiamen by strike and parlamentary innovations which deceive and shock the proletarian masses, to crush the power of the bourgeoisie, decrees all power to the councils (Soviets) and establish a new proletarian state of the federal Soviets, upon the basis of which the definite organization of communist Socialism could be instituted. This program was to link the German Revolution with the Russian Revolution, and assure the coming of the world revolution and international Socialism.

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May Day—and the Workers’ Dead

By Richard Hansen

THERE are two obvious reasons for the strike wave that is rising up from coast to coast all over the United States—two urgent problems that confront the working class of America and demand immediate solution, to prevent reduction in wages and to actually better conditions.

Any demands of the workers for something better, something worthwhile is considered dangerous, and consequently—scores of cities and towns of 100% patriots of yesterday turn "pro-German," "foreign" and "subversive." The capitalists are ready to trample their wage slaves under the foot of their machines when they are using them with the sinister determination of clinging to their absolute control over the workers, and maintaining their bloody supremacy. The publicity agencies flood the country with poisonous and disruptive lies, the most insidious and treacherous work of regular marital savagery—in order to nip in the bud the struggle of the working class. The capitalist ridden so-called labor organizations, the old fashioned labor leaders and labor fakers furnish great services to the enemy class. These are most dangerous in their injury to the labor class.

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After One Year in Soviet Russia

By N. Lenin

Adressed to the Convention of Delegates of Agricultural Laborers (Poor Peasants) and Agricultural Communes (December, 1918).

The forming of Committees of the Poor (agricultural laborers) and of the village poor peasants and their transformation into agricultural committees and the counter-revolutionary movement, which hired labor.

This was an immense task to awaken the class-consciousness of the agricultural laborers and the poor peasants in the villages. It was a task of the greatest significance both for the proletariat in the city proletariat. Without this, the decree socializing the land, which was established in a paper defied, of all the agricultural laborers and the poorest peasants, together with all those who do not exploit other men and do not live upon the toil of others, constitute the vast majority of the people. They are not interested in the continuous exploitation, and were capable of going for the proletarian struggle against Capitalism and for the establishment of Socialism.

This was the difficult task. Everyone who doubted the possibility of a Socialist revolution in our country was punished, and the Revolution only proceeded in high degree through its bourgeois limits, and its true class-consciousness was not yet within the growing movement.

While our Revolution had this task on its hands, it had to use all the efforts of the united poor peasantry and the city proletariat in order to annihilate the forces of the land-owners. It was not yet possible to remain a bourgeois revolution, and it could not break through its bourgeois limits.

The struggle in the field of the powerful and mobile enemies of the toilers—Capital and the peasantry was in its development, and the period of the revolution brought about by the war was so monstrous, that it was impossible to continue the wastage of human energy in primitive production on a small individual basis. The results of human labor would be doubled or trebled if communistic production could be put in place of individual private production.

The struggle against the army, which does not permit us to restore this system of small agriculture, is the battle of the forces of primitive production on a small individual basis. The results of human labor would be doubled or trebled if communism were put in place of individual private production.

The Geneva convention, which did not live by hiring and exploiting other men, is the battle of the forces of primitive production on a small individual basis. The results of human labor would be doubled or trebled if communism were put in place of individual private production.
Welcome- "Soldiers and Sailors!"

By Eadmonn MacAlpine

man, does not want men who have developed the independence and self-reliance that comes to those who have learned to work and live without assistance. The master dearly loves a willing slave, and the employee whose slave training is unbroken by adventure is a better servant, the better the servant. The man who has daily brushed shoulders with death is not likely to cower before a foreman's glance. And it is quite likely that when he returns to the competitive struggle he will turn to civilian life and offers himself for sale in the labor market. He has been welcomed and fed and the employer must step forward and offer him the next hatchling who will be welcomed and fed in its turn.

But the returned soldier must live, he must find employment, and what better occupation could he get than assisting in the welcome to his brothers in arms? A new industry is created by the spirit of welcome, buttons and badges proclaiming the welcome are manufactured and offered for sale. And who can refuse to buy from a soldier, especially if he has been wounded in the service? The soldier cannot be comfortably disposed of in the same way as our industrial cripples-by relegation to the streets and starvation. 

When he insists on looking for work in his uniform the employer is surprised that he is in business at all, because he has no civilian clothes, society assumes an air of injured dignity and says "something must be done." Let the soldier also jump at the offer of a place to live in, where his three square meals represent a small fraction of the wages he was used to ear.

The soldier is not 'Welcomed. It must not be impervious to the plea of the women who want to help him, and how pitiful is his own plight he will be powerless to help himself. The only solution is organization. But if the organization must be along industrial lines, along the lines of his class. Societies similar to those formed by the veterans of other wars are worse than useless because they are a mere form of the political organizations, however much they may pretend to the vanity of the individual soldier, are a danger to his morale and will cause him to be the revolutionary machine for utilizing his vote in the interests of a particular group of politicians.

The soldier and sailor must organize, not as heroes but as men. They must unite with the workers in industry. They must organize without any "letters larger" and they must then control that organization. They must recognize their citizenship, their basic unit of interest is with their brothers in arms and they must unite their organization with that of the workers through Soldiers', Sailors' and Workers' councils.

The bourgeoisie statesmen of the world have proved their inability to face the real problems arising out of the war, they have demonstrated their bankruptcy alike in power and ability. If the world is to be saved from future misery and chaos the proletariat must decide, and the soldiers and sailors are by no means the least important sections of the proletariat. Organization along the proper lines is the solution of the immediate problems facing the soldiers and sailors.

If those who have already returned will form and organize the returned soldiers and sailors in arms, and they will act both as a check on those who have already returned, and the soldiers and sailors can by no means be the least important sections of the proletariat. The returned soldiers and sailors in arms, are under the control of the state, a real Welcome Home, a welcome in which the men and women in the workshops, factories, fields and mines-the men who have actually fought and those who have worked and thought, Toon-can join without the reservation caused by fear of unemployment in their hearts.

Lenin or Wilson— the Bourgeoisie Scents Danger

By Nicholas I. Hourwich

particularly, if you are capable of reading between the lines—the lines of statecraft and diplomacy, the lines of resignation is that the "fate of the world" is being decided, not in Berlin, but in—Moscow . . . Berlin. And in this case, plays the part of "Grace" which looks back the Bolshevik revolutionary stream that threatens to flood the whole of Europe.

It is not surprising that the writer of the editorial runs ahead of events, and paints a lurid picture, full of horrors, of what may happen when "this last defense of Europe against anarchy" will be destroyed and "Prussia fall into the hands of the Reds." And the picture, indeed, is a terrible one . . . The other governments of Europe will be swept away in a single day, the following day, Europe will be either the French or the Italian Governments can retain power over their pro ­letariat if they do not call for the aid of Russia and Austria are added to the vast territory and the millions of people over which the Red Flag now waves. . . .

And, for the information of those who doubt that France and Italy might become "victims" of Bolshevism, have their exploiters. In almost every case he has re­cently appeared in the big bourgeois paper, the New York world, it was the subtext of the editorial, and as you may 1 0.

Saturday, May 3, 1919

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The fate of the world is being decided not in Paris but in Berlin." This is the tragic announcement, at the very beginning of the editorial, and as you may 1 0.

THE FATE OF THE WORLD IS BEING DECIDED NOT IN PARIS BUT IN BERLIN. This is the tragic announcement, at the very beginning of the editorial, and as you may 1 0.
The Revolution in Germany has come! The masses of the soldiers who for four years were driven to slaughter for the sake of capitalist profits; the masses of the people who for four years have been exploited, extorted, and starved, have revolted. Russian militarism, that fearfuI tool of oppression, that scourge of humanity—lies broken on the ground. Its most noticeable representatives, and therewith the most noticeable of those guilty of this war, the Kaiser and the Crown Prince, are in prison. More than a million workers and soldiers' councils have been formed everywhere.

Workers of all countries, we do not say that in Germany, but in all countries, the way has been paved by the people, that the complete triumph of the proletarian revolution has already been attained. There still sit in the government all those Socialists who in August, 1914, abandoned our most precious possession, the democracy, for the sake of the German world working class and the international proletariat.

But, workers of all countries, now the German proletariat itself speaks to you. We declare that we have the right to appear before your forum in his name. We declare that the hour has struck, that it is weary of the dreadful butchery, that the complete victory over us and—over revolution will give the power to scourge you and your representatives, and therewith the bourgeoisie. We declare that the bourgeoisie, with the aid of the press, parliament and brutal force, are endeavoring to keep the working people in chains.

Europe has been ruined by this damnable slaughter. Twelve million bodies cover the gruesome scenes of wholesale butchery, of youth and the flower of the best man power of the peoples have been moved down. Unaccounted productive forces have been annihilated. This is the cause of this ruin. This world needs the socialist revolution, which the hour has struck, to conjure up ten productive forces for everyone, to make peace. The masses agree with us enthusiastically, the whole working class, everywhere. They realize, in fact, the great necessity of this historic event, of the social revolution. The hour of fate has struck.

What is being prepared by the ruling classes as peace and justice is only a new work of brutal force, to make the world nation insensible, to exterminate, to tortured humanity.

We call upon you, to all men, to all nations, to all countries, if we now summon the workers of all countries, to come to the defense of Socialism, the hour, the right of the proletarian dictatorship! The bourgeoise, the imperialists, the capitals who, under the label of "German nation," are trying to escape the consequences of their own crimes; it is being done for your sake as well as for ours. Remember that your victorious capitalists stand ready to suppress in blood our revolution, which they fear as they do their own. You yourselves have not become any freer through the war; on the contrary, you have only become still more enslaved.

If your ruling classes succeed in throttling the proletarian revolution in Germany, and in Russia, then they will turn against you with redoubled violence. Your social revolution, which they fear as they do their own, will turn against you with redoubled violence. Your social revolution, which they fear as they do their own, will turn against you with redoubled violence.

Therefore the proletariat of Germany looks toward Socialism, and the proletariat of Russia, toward the bourgeois revolution, but Socialism can only be realized by the proletariat of the world.

We call upon you: "Arise for action!" for empty manifestos, platonic resolutions, and high-sounding words are nothing and will never be enough. The hour of fate has struck. The masses now have the power to make peace, to put an end to war, to wipe the pages of the hell of the world war, trampled down by the passage of the imperialists, and to make peace in terms of justice, in terms of peace and justice, in terms of peace and democracy.

Let us take as an example the coterie of Allied diplomats in Paris, who have skillfully maneuvered a Peace Conference in Paris in which the masses of the working class were not represented, and in which the actual representatives of the imperialist bourgeoisie, the small capitalists and financiers, possess, are not being represented. Let us take as an example the imperialists, the coterie of Allied diplomats, who are striving to present the peace in terms of justice, in terms of peace and democracy. Do they realize, in fact, the dictatorship of the proletariat? Do they realize that the so-called "League of Nations" is in fact a dictatorship of small nations, that is to say, the bourgeoisie, with the aid of the press, parliament and brutal force, are endeavoring to keep the working people in chains. Do they realize, in fact, the dictatorship of the proletariat? Are they really representing the interests of the proletariat? Are they really representing the interests of the masses of the people, the toiling masses? The masses of the people, the toiling masses, are thus the majority of the world. They alone have the right to appear before your forum in the name of the proletariat.

The proletariat of all countries! We do not say that in Germany, but in all countries, we declare that the hour has struck, that it is weary of the dreadful butchery, that the complete victory over us and—over revolution will give the power to scourge you and your representatives, and therewith the bourgeoisie.

Arise for action! We call upon you to complete the work of Socialistic liberation, to give a human aspect to the disfigured world and to make true those words with which we often greeted each other in the old days and which we sang as we parted: "And the International shall be the human race!"
Soviet Russia Answers the Allies

Letter from Maxim Litvinov to President Wilson, December 24th.

Recognition or Invasion

From a note of Maxim Litvinov to President Wilson, December 24th.

The chief aim of the Soviets is to secure for the toiling majority of Russian workers, a life with the political liberty of which they are so full of hope. To that end they are ready to accept a program of peace not without serious guarantees for the liberty of the press, the full enjoyment of political rights, and the right to form political associations. The first proposal of the Soviet Government was to secure a government of national unity, with the participation of all the social and political parties, and the right of the toiling majority to elect its own representatives. The second proposal was to secure the withdrawal of the foreign troops from Russian soil, and the withdrawal of the Allies from the military operations in the Russian provinces.

These proposals have been rejected by the Allies and the Western Powers. The Soviet Government has therefore decided to proceed to the recognition of the independence of the Russian Republic, and the conclusion of a peace treaty with the Allies.

The Soviet Government is prepared to cooperate with the Allies in the maintenance of peace and the restoration of international justice. It is confident that the toiling masses of all nations will support the aspirations of the Soviet Government, and will contribute to the establishment of a world of peace and liberty.

This First of May—Promise and Achievement

By Ludwig Lore

Such was the temper of labor especially in the larger cities, that free and independent shows were the order of the day in the great general holiday. Red flags flapped their message in the face of a badly frightened bourgeoisie. The spirit of the revolutionary enthusiasm of the First of May, the demonstration of May 1st, lifted the First of May above the intent of its originators. It was more than merely a demonstration for social legislation and an 8 hour day. In the eyes of the proletariat it heralded the coming of the world revolution.

But there came other May Days. Where first the refusal to work called the strike rule it became the exception. The leaders of the movement began to feel that their "responsibilities," they warned here, they could no longer be justified as the basis for resistance to the rule of the party into temporary government.

In Germany the labor unions particularly opposed the injection of such radical demonstrations into the amenable legislation, nationalized banks, and social benefits, the workmen on the one hand and the manufacturers on the other. They feared that their wages and the rights of the organized workers would be jeopardized by such legislation. The trade unions were disinclined to support the movement.

The developed holiday of labor found the Socialist movement, therefore, in no mood to temporize. Its strength was not only increased but the hopes ran high. Not only the organized movement in the party in the labor unions, but even its "invisible army" knew that the day of reckoning was at hand. Even the most conservative leaders of the labor movement foresee the realization of their ideals within a few years. And their very confidence has increased the answering fear in the hearts of their opponents. Allremen and prisoners are the harbinger of the coming revolution, and great, enthusiastic masses of organized labor rejoiced in the coming revolution.

This is the "revolutionary," the reformist period of the Socialist movement. We have left behind us the period of the struggle, of the struggle, of the struggle, of the struggle, of the struggle. The new era is upon us, the era of the working class.

It is true that the working class has not yet come to power, but the Republic of Labor is a fact, and it has become a reality. The working class is the only party in Europe with a majority in the working class, and it has the power to bring about the overthrow of the hated Tsarist regime.

This is the era of revolution, the era of peace, the era of victory. This is the era of the working class, the era of the working class, the era of the working class. This is the era of the working class, the era of the working class, the era of the working class.