Combined with "The Revolutionary Age"

All Power To The Workers!

Gary and the steel strike are a challenge to the workers...

Capitalism is desperate. It senses the awakening of the workers and their coming revolt. Capitalism in the United States finds it more and more difficult to maintain its power, to prevent the workers from acting as a class for the overthrow of Capitalism.

The workers, as if just awakening from the sleep of ages, are becoming conscious of larger means and purposes in the struggle for Liberty. They are being organized. Everywhere there is unrest and developing revolt. Strikes are assuming a menacing character; Congress is held in contempt; the power of the press over the workers is weakening; while, most menacing of all, workers in the trade unions are in actual revolution against their old officials and reactionary policy.

Capitalism must act. Congress passes law after law against the militant workers. Agitators are imprisoned by the scores. "Criminal Syndicalism" measures in state after state make almost any advocacy of militant proletarian action a crime. Congress is considering prohibiting strikes in certain industries. The iron claws of reaction are seizing the proletariat.

Legislative measures are not the only means of repression of the workers used by Capitalism. Capitalism maintains itself by force; and behind all these measures there is the armed force of the capital state, the agency for the oppression of the workers by capital. This armed force is now being mobilized against workers on strike, as it is mobilized in Europe against workers in Revolution.

The steel strike had not yet started when capital mobilized its armed forces against the workers. Meetings are prohibited; strike agitators are murdered and imprisoned. The terror of Capitalism is in action against the militant proletariat.

At this moment the class struggle is flaring up in all its intensity in Gary, Indiana, where thousands of steel workers on strike are being repressed by the power of the Federal government, including its army.

In the city of Gary—named after Steel Trust Gary and symbolical of Steel Trust domination—the steel strikers were held in their determination to carry on to the end. They had revolted against intolerable conditions, against the deprivation of their living, against being compelled to live as beasts of burden. It was a terrible thing, this strike, making their livelihood still more precarious; but they struck, and they stood firm.

The city administration was against them. The press was against them. Church, press and government united against them.

It was not enough that the strikers should suffer the ordinary deprivations of a strike. It was not enough that they should suffer state and local. Theirs was the highest type of industrial mutiny, and they had to pay the price of mutiny in blood.

Rioting law prevails in Gary. The local government no longer exists. The army is in control and Major-General Leonard Wood is dictator. The Terror of Capitalism is in action.

What was the immediate cause for calling in the army? The strikers were denied the right to hold public demonstrations and parades. The hilarions of Capitalism know the value during strikes of demonstrations, parades and meetings. They arouse the spirit of the strikers, developing enthusiasm and courage. Unless they meet together and demonstrate, the workers are isolated, and isolation breeds suspicion, fears and a weakening of morale. Morale is vital during a strike; meetings and demonstrations are necessary to maintain this morale. Realizing this psychological factor, the first act of the hilarions of Capitalism during a strike is to prevent meetings and demonstrations of the strikers.

The strikers of Gary were prevented for two weeks from holding a mass parade. Permission was denied them. Then the strikers determined to hold their mass demonstration in spite of the mayor's order to the contrary. And they did. In spite of the mayor, in spite of the order: the mass power of the workers conquered.

This was dangerous—to the capitalists and Capitalism. Capitalism acted. The army was called in; grenades and rifles and machine guns were to answer the workers.

And now Gary is under martial law. Now Gary is in the control of a military dictator. To the devil with civil liberty!

The Terror prevails in Gary. Machine guns and rifles and armored trucks bristle everywhere, prepared for action. And behind the array of military power, the skulling hilarions of Capitalism are active—the spies and the agents of the Department of Justice. Automobiles rush through the city, arresting strikers and agitators. Hundreds have been arrested; dozens are being prepared for deportation.

"This is the terror of Capitalism in action. This is the terror used against the workers whenever the workers assert their independence.

There is industrial mutiny in Gary, and industrial mutiny is the prelude to industrial revolution. The mutiny must be crushed in order to crush the oncoming industrial revolution of the proletariat.

Every blow at the workers of Gary is a blow at the workers of the whole country. If the Terror prevails in Gary, it will prevail in every community where the workers mutiny against their industrial masters.

The capitalist state has intervened in Gary. The power of the capitalist state is being used against our fellow workers in Gary. This power will be used against the workers everywhere. Capitalism and the state have issued a challenge to the workers.

The workers must answer this challenge! The workers must rally to the cause of their comrades in Gary, to the cause of their comrades in every city where the steel strike prevails.

The defeat of the steel strike would make all the more difficult victory for other strikers.

The victory of Capitalism and the state in Gary means victory again in the days to come.

Armed force must not prevail!

The workers must conquer!

They can conquer by means of solidarity, by means of using their mass power against Capitalism and the state, by rallying in mass strikes to the cause of their comrades in Gary.

Bring pressure to bear upon the state by means of mass strikes.

The class struggle is becoming acute. Terror is in action against the workers. The workers must resist the terror.

The process of the proletarian revolution consists in weakening the class power of the capitalists as against strengthening the class power of the workers. Victory for Capitalism and the state in Gary means strengthening the class power of the capitalists. Victory for the workers in Gary means strengthening the class power of the proletariat.

Workers, act! Out of your mass strikes to aid the Gary workers will come the impulse and the action for establishing a state of the workers, proletarian dictatorship, which will crush the capitalists as the capitalist state now crushes the workers.
The Joy of Life

In a recent interview, N. Bukharin, a leading member of the Soviet Republic and the Communist Party of Russia, discusses the problem of prohibition. Bukharin declares that prohibition is a flagrant violation of the constitution and a severe penalty being imposed for violation of the Soviet regulations; that it is an injustice to the man in Moscow or Petrograd is a rarity.

But, proceeds Bukharin, these restrictions are temporary, made necessary by the civil war; after this necessity is over, the restrictions will be modified "and fine wines introduced for the use of the workers." The Communist, declares Bukharin, is not an ascetic, but a firm believer in life and the joy of life.—A Page from the Blue Bundles.

In this, there is another contrast between the sincere, human philosophy of the Communist and the dehumanizing hypocrisy of bourgeois "civilization".

Capitalism develops two extremes—compulsory self-denial for the workers and complete freedom for the bourgeois. Each extreme is vicious, dehumanizing, a denial of life and the joy of life.

The bourgeois possesses an animal conception of life. Power—debauchery—that is the unholy trinity. A social system based upon oppressor and oppressed, upon master and slave, can never develop a human conception of life.Luxury is considered joy, excesses—self-expression. Through it all there runs the black thread of hypocrisy: does one know that this prohibition prohibits for the rich?...

The other philosophy—for the oppressed, the workers—is a slave philosophy of work. The masses live to work, and not work to live. The burden of excessive toil imposes a burden upon the human spirit—there is no real self-expression for the masses of the people. Self-denial is the ideal that religions and class morality impose upon the workers. Self-denial—its denial of life and the urge of life! Work—a means to an end made necessary by the self-indulgence of the bourgeois. Self-denial and self-indulgence each pervert the human spirit. The urge to life becomes under Capitalism the urge to the metricatization of the individual. Erotic expression becomes either a perversion of life or mechanical routine; liberty of the individual becomes compulsory upon the workers and an incitement to degeneracy among the bourgeois. Life is suffocated, joy perverted, and culture vitiates by the fetters imposed upon individual self-expression.

Capitalism, moreover, perverts life by making it a struggle for material well-being. In a class society, the struggle of man over nature becomes a means of aggravating the masters, and not a means of realizing life for the people. Communism, by ending class divisions and by mobilizing all the industrial resources for the use of life, ends the miserable struggle for existence, makes work a secondary consideration. Life and the joy of life become supreme—self-expression becomes the means to a finer culture, individual liberty the inhibition to self-imprisonment.

There have been moments in the history of the world when the potential...
Tactical Problems

The development of an American Communist of the development, of the Communist party in all nations, there is necessarily an abandonment of old methods and the creation of new. There are elements who still cling to the old; and other elements who in the enthusiasm for the new reject the experience of the proletarian revolution in action.

This process of adjustment between the old and the new is difficult, although indispensable. Some, like the I. W. W. and the S. L. P., reject the new altogether and cling to the old. But the Communist Party, along with the Communist Labor Party, make a hash, instead of a synthesis, of the old and the new.

Its program the Communist Labor Party is not at all clear on fundamentals. We have mentioned its misleading formulation of new ways as old, its failure to limit its participation in the elections, its confusing the revolutionary use of parliamentary procedure, as that of the bourgeoisie state. In its program the C. L. P. makes still another serious error. It says:

"The A. F. of L. is a highly developed Labor movement, and this makes it impossible to accomplish the overthrow of Capitalism. For the agency of the organized workers."

This means—

—either, that the American Federation of Labor, which is "the highly developed Labor movement" in the United States, becomes the agency of the revolutionary movement. The A. F. of L. is a bulwark of Capitalism; it will in the final crisis acute its faults with the bourgeoisie state. Our attitude toward the A. F. of L. must be to fight it, to split it away from its unions and workers who accept the revolutionary conception of the revolutionary movement. It is difficult for us to believe that there was any delegate at the C. L. P. convention so reactionary as to accept this view of the A. F. of L. But the C. L. P. program says: "In America there is a highly developed labor movement" — this can mean nothing but the A. F. of L.; — and this makes it impossible to accomplish the revolution of Capitalism except through the agency of the organized workers.

But we shall grant that this is not the C. L. P. conception. In another place the program the C. L. P. says: "There is in America a centralized economic organization of the workers—unions—" which is a unit in its battle with the working class, and which can be opposed only by a centralized economic organization of the workers."

The Communist Party appreciates the importance of a centralized industrial organization of the workers, of industrial unionism. This is a problem not alone revolutionary, but of the transition from Capitalism to Communism, since after the conquest of power and proletarian dictatorship the industrial unions will become the starting point of the Communist reconstruction of society. But the C. L. P. program makes it appear that industrial organization is the most important, ignoring the dynamics of mass action and the process necessary to achieve proletarian dictatorship. But it is a repudiation of Communist fundamentals to isolate industrial unionism. The Communist program to confirm their interpretation.

The divergent elements at the C. L. P. convention united under one thing: opposition to the old Socialist Party. But they were not united on theory and practice. The different elements compromised each other, that a compromise program was manufactured. But a compromise program of this character is not the basis for a real Communist movement.

THE JOY OF LIFE

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beauty of life partly flowered. There were the Pagan Greeks; there was the Renaissance—each with its philosophy of self-expression, of life and the joy of life. But these efflorescences of the human spirit were limited by their class character, by not including the whole of humanity, but being based upon the oppression of the majority. The Pagan Greeks ended in degeneracy, the Renaissance in libertinage. The emancipation of humanity is necessary to realize life and the joy of life.

The Communist program implies the emancipation of humanity from material oppression; but it equally implies emancipation from oppression of the spirit of man—freeing life from the fetters imposed upon its expression, its joy and its beauty.

Distribute leaflets

READY NOW:

"Proclamation of Communist Party on Military Invasion of Gary."
"Declaration of Communist Party on Russian Blockade."

IN PREPARATION:

"Your Shop—your appeal for Shop Organizations."

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Begin your Communist agitation work by ordering as many as you can distribute.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA

1219 Blue Island Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.

"The Class Struggle"

In the spring of 1917 a group of communists, led by a group of communist leaders, decided to issue a Left Wing group. Among these comrades were Leon Trotsky, N. Bukharin, Alexandra Kollontai and Sen Katayama. Before the end of the year they issued the first three comrades left for Russia. The magazine, "The Class Struggle" appeared in May, 1917, with L. B. Boudin, Louis C. Fraina and Ludwig Lore as editors.

The group issuing the magazine was not a unified group. The first struggle of policy appeared on Boudin's attitude on the war, a struggle emphasized by the Bolshevik Revolution and Boudin's opposition to it. One group, led by Fraina, insisted that Boudin should be ousted; another group, led by Lore, urged compromise and unity. Finally Boudin's actions became so impossible that the compromisers were compelled to yield and Boudin resigned.

But the attitude of these compromisers toward the Left Wing was vacillating. Lore never participated actively in the Left Wing organization, insisted on his right to speak on the same platform with Eight Wing speakers, and generally compromised and hesitated. Then about two months ago Lore was elated for expulsion from the Left Wing, charges having been preferred against him.

At Chicago, during the conventions, Lore again compromised seriously. Although instructed to participate in the Communist Party convention, Lore disobeyed these instructions and participated in the Communist Labor Party convention.

At a meeting of "The Class Struggle" group two weeks ago the question was the disposal of "The Class Struggle". At first Lore proposed neutrality for the magazine concerning the Communist Party and the Communist Labor Party; but then changed his mind. At the meeting eight voted in favor of neutrality; on the final vote 13 favored turning the magazine over to the Communist Party and 16 in favor of the Communist Labor Party, six of those favoring the C. L. P. having first voted in favor of neutrality and at least one still being a member of the Socialist Party!

Precisely those who wavered concerning Boudin, who compromised miserably on the Left Wing—Centrists all—voted in favor of the "The Revolutionary Page".

This is significant of the elements which are rallying to the Communist Labor Party—compromisers, Centrists, masters of the revolutionary phrase and potholes in action.
The Drift of Things

ONE OF the correspondents at the Industrial Convention, convened by Wilson for the solution of the differences between capital and labor, described the "public" group as varying from darkest brown of reactionism to "salmon pink" of radicalism. The drift of the group at the end of the spectrum denotes the traitor Socialists, Spargo and Russell, who have given such thorough protection to their capitalist serviceability as to be acceptable to the President. We beg to suggest that accuracy would demand that the reporter change his description from "salmon pink" to plain "yellow."

And, by the way, this Industrial Convention performance is so tame that even the A. F. of L. moshboggs are threatening to bolt!

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The American average per annum is found deficient for food, clothing, and medicine. The startling result was that 50% to 75% of the families were found to be getting not enough food to provide sufficient nourishment for normal activity.

An adequate diet is not reached until the scale of family income goes to $1800, the usual income being $1200-$1500. The difference between capital and labor, and the lack of any middle class, is what is to be lamented.

There is the additional boast of the world's best society, that such a measure comes up for consideration in this, if the bill becomes a law.

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HEARST'S Chicago Tribune*, September 28, 1914.

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The first great campaign undertaken by the Communist Party is the struggle to arouse the workers to action against the blockade of Soviet Russia.

The Central Executive Committee calls upon all units of the organization to celebrate the beginning of the third year of the existence of the workers' government of Russia by widespread agitation against the blockade. It is the work of the Communist Party to furnish the leadership that will lead to action. From November 7th to 9th all branches should arrange mass meetings and adopt resolutions against the blockade. Use your local speakers for this purpose as the nationally known speakers will be used for great mass meetings that will be held in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis and in other cities.

Our meetings, however, will be only the minor effort of this campaign. We must reach more people than will attend our mass meetings, be they ever so large. We must speak with a million voices and to millions of people.

We can do this through a literature distribution. The National Organization has prepared a leaflet "Break the Blockade of Russia" that will stir the workers of this country to action. We must distribute this leaflet by the millions during the first week in November. The presses are already running printing the first big edition and will be kept running until every party organization is supplied.

Every party unit must act at once. Call a meeting. Decide how many leaflets you can distribute in your city and send in your order. The leaflets will sell at $1.50 per thousand.

Comrades, agitation must come before the work of organization which will make possible the use of the mighty powers of the workers. This is a campaign to stir the workers to come to the rescue of our comrades in Russia whom the international financial pirates are seeking to strangle to death.

Communists, ours is a party of action. Let us show by our first major campaign that we have power, we can influence the masses. Let us speak in a million voices in the interests of our comrades whom the shining example has inspired us all.
Comrades:

DURING the imperialist war it was the industrial and agricultural workers who bore the heaviest losses. Millions and millions of factory workers and rural workers fell,—in the flower of their youth a sacrifice to the interests of the money-guzzling capitalists. The bourgeois governments sent the conscious youth of the working class into battle for a twofold purpose: 1) to conquer the so-called-bourgeois competitors, and thus increase their profits; and 2) to annihilate the most restless, the most aggressive and the most revolutionary among their workers.

The proletarian youth it was that suffered most during the war of 1914-1918. But the proletarian youth it was also that first raised the voice of protest against that destructive war. When the official Socialist and Social-Democratic parties went over to the bourgeoisie and began to praise the bandit-war as a war of "right" and "freedom," the organizations of the youth rose up against this treachery. The Scheidemanns and Eberts in Germany, the Renaudels and Thomenses in France, the Hyndmans and Hendersons in England, the Renners and Austelitzes in Austria, the Brantings in America, the Compromises in America, and the impostors and traitors in all other lands met with opposition on the part of the proletarian youth.

The time has now come to strengthen the YOUTH'S INTERNATIONAL. The working-class youth must determine their own history.

AFTER a long period of silence the "apostle" of the American Socialist Party, Morris Hillquit, has again spoken. His declaration appeared in the Chicago Daily (September 22) under the somewhat solemn and hollow title: "We are all Socialists." This declaration was reprinted in the Chicago Socialist and no doubt in other of the Socialist Party papers.

Like all apostles, Morris Hillquit appears on the scene pronounces judgments only under the most extraordinary circumstances. His preceding public statement in the press appeared a few months ago just before the national organization of the Left Wing, preceding any formal break with the Right Wing.

This statement was freely credited at that time with being the effective appeal to "clear the party decks" of non-conformist and insurgent elements. It was the text read and discussed by the old National Executive Committee at the meeting when they removed the greater part of the party committee.

Now the reason for breaking his vow of silence (since this illness can hardly be considered the only reason for the silence like that of the grave which Hillquit has maintained lately, especially as the convenience for the purpose of the former press statement)—

the reason is undoubtedly the consummation of the split of the Socialist Party into three separate parties, and especially the formation of the Communist Party.

The Communist International, founded in Moscow in the month of March 1919, invites all the organizations of the youth to align and unite themselves with the Communist International. The Communist International, founded in Moscow in the month of March 1919, invites all the organizations of the youth to align and unite themselves with the Communist International. The Communist International, founded in Moscow in the month of March 1919, invites all the organizations of the youth to align and unite themselves with the Communist International. The Communist International, founded in Moscow in the month of March 1919, invites all the organizations of the youth to align and unite themselves with the Communist International. The Communist International, founded in Moscow in the month of March 1919, invites all the organizations of the youth to align and unite themselves with the Communist International. The Communist International, founded in Moscow in the month of March 1919, invites all the organizations of the youth to align and unite themselves.

Young Peoples' Communist Leagues

The convention of the Young People's Communist Party of America decided that Young People's Communist Leagues shall be organized under the jurisdiction of the party and in affiliation with the party.

"To carry out the decision of the convention the Executive Council of the party has issued a call for a National Conference of Young People's Communist Leagues to bring into existence a National organization.

The Executive Council has also authorized the publication of a monthly magazine to be the official organ of the Young People's Communist Leagues.

All young people's organizations which endorse the principles of the Communist party and in the formation of a national organization are urged to communicate with the Executive Secretary, 1219 Blue Island Ave., Chicago, concerning the immediate organization of the Young People's Communist Leagues.

The motto of the League is the formation of the Youth's International.

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German State Organization Joins in Communist Party.

The representatives of over two hundred members of the German branch of the party met in Cleveland on Oct. 12 to decide the future affiliation of their organization. After a thorough discussion, during which all sides were heard, a vote was taken which resulted in a unanimous decision to affiliate with the Communist Party.

Forty-six delegates voted for such affiliation, eight did not vote at all because they wished to remain neutral and two had left before the vote was taken.

With this decision of the Ohio German organization about half the former German Federation has become part of the Communist Party. The Cleveland convention also adds "The Echo" German weekly, published by the Ohio StateAnticommunist Committee, to the list of Communist publications.

Jewish Communist Federation Convention.

The former Left Wing Branches of the Jewish Federation held their convention in Philadelphia from Oct. 9 to 12. Forty-five branches, having 3,600 members, were represented. The convention was under the auspices of the Committee of the Jewish Federation, and the federation is now the Jewish Communist Federation.

Cleveland Louis C. Fraina and Nicholas Hourich addressed the delegates as representatives of the Central Executive Committee of the party, and also spoke at a great mass meeting held the evening before the beginning of the convention. The convention began work to raise a fund of $50,000 for the purpose of publishing a Communist Jewish daily. Of this amount $2,500 was subscribed at the convention.

A central executive committee, including Comrades Loomis,髻ttesman, Hiltz, Wanck, Halpen, Pintoft, Retuts and Lipshitz, was elected.

The Jewish Communist Federation is expected to be a strong unit of the Communist Party.

Ohio Membership in C. P.

Although the Ohio State Office is the headquarters of the Communist Labor Party, and the state secretary is executive secretary of that organization, the greater part of the Ohio membership is in the Communist Party. The decision of Local Cleveland alone carried one-third of the members of the state organization. The action of the German State Organization, the affiliation of the Federation and the Federation branches with the Communist Party leaves not more than a thousand members who are not affiliated with the Communist Party. Of these, some have not yet acted on their future affiliation and some have joined the Socialist Party.

A Fine Unity.

The Leftish Branches No. 1 and No. 2 of Cleveland celebrated their unification in the Communist party the other day. The two branches had existed as separate organizations for three or four years. When the Communist Party was organized both endorsed that party and they decided to unite. The day this was accomplished the united branch voted to donate $100.00 to the Communist Party Organization Fund. That is the kind of unity that counts.

The Russian Soviet of Cleveland gave the Organization Fund another big boost when it sent in $200.00. Other remittances to Organization Fund are as follows: Sungaamore, Russian, $41.75; Clarence, N. H., Russian, $29.20; St. Paul, German, $25.00; Lincoln, Pa., Russian, $18.00; Sixth Russian Branch, New York, $15.00; Minneapolis, Russian, $12.00; Cleveland, Russian, $7.25; Pittsburgh Russian No. 1, $12.15; Kuznetz Russian, $3.15; Racine Russian, $20.00; Central Russian, $96.00; Russia, $10.00; Wilting Russian, $1.62; Lithuanian No. 50, $7.60; E. S. Smith, Warren, $26.00.

The way the Organization Fund is going up is a tribute to the membership of the Communist Party. The fund must reach $25,000. That means millions of leaflets, thousands of meetings, organizing school committees and speakers and a powerful organization.

The North Side Branch of Pittsburgh has secured a Communist Party charter.

The Erie, Pa., City Central Committee has been chartered by the C. P.

Two New Jersey County Organizations have secured charters from the C. P.

Warren, Ohio, is the latest Ohio local to secure its charter. The Cincinnati German and Jewish branches have also joined the party.

Branch No. 2 of Passaic, N. J., is in C. P.

Charter applications are reaching the Communist Party headquarters in batches these days. Eighty-six in one day recently was the record.

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"We are all Socialists", and the protestation that "the division was not brought about by differences on vital questions of principles": that those differences which do exist "arose only after disputes on methods and tactics". (And in the previous statement Hilliquest regarded a division of the party into its two fundamentally inconsistent elements, so that each could carry on its work to suit itself.) This differentiating between differences of "principles" and of "tactics" by the way, discloses the misunderstanding of the fundamental logical and vital connection between the two. This is another illustration of the unreality of political thought of this celebrated "leader of the American Socialists" who has bragged about his god—in circles where least of all it might be expected.

In conclusion, to characterize this document, let us quote in full the following profound sentence: "Our newly named 'Communists' have not ceased to be Socialists even though in a moment of de­structive exaltation they have chosen to discard the name that stands for so much in the history of the modern world.... The bulk of their following is still good Socialistic material and when the hour of the real Socialist fight strikes in this country we may find them again in our ranks."

In this quotation—every word is a chef d'oeuvre!—Take, for instance, the external patting on the back of the American Communists, and with them the entire Communist International, this did not innocent naivete, then the height of political impertinence. And about the renaming of the Socialist into the Communist International! How many pens were apostled upon this. Such a Titan of revolutionary thought as Lenin de­voted series of articles to this subject, pointing out the necessity and the scientifi­c reason for such change of name. But, this, according to Morris Hillquit, is no­thing but an act of "destructive en­thusiasts"!....

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The Socialist Party of Italy became engaged in the bourgeois revolution. The formation of the proletariat party was accomplished only after the victory of the bourgeoisie. The struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie has been marked by the victory of the bourgeoisie, which has established itself as the ruling class in society. The bourgeoisie has established a system of representative democracy, in which the property holding groups of individuals so as to increase the volume of the productive energies as rapidly as possible. The subsequent measures of socialisation and expropriation will be co-ordinated to the economical and social conditions, and to the necessity for paralysis production to the least possible degree during the process of transformation from private to communist ownership. The first measures will be: the socialisation of the capital, and the suppression of the State debt, excluding small capitalists; the socialisation of houses, means of transport, large industrial and agricultural property. Special measures must be instituted affording inducements for small proprietors to come into the communist organisation voluntarily. We maintain that such a process as this is the sole means of concrete realisation of equality and human liberty, which predicates the disappearance of exploitation between man and man. The proletarian State will be marked by its repressive activities against individual or organised collectivities who endeavor to obstruct the realization of the communist program, not feeling justified in delaying the rapid evolution of social relations, and in the abstract and formal conception of liberty.

Together with the socialisation of the various economic divisions they will cease to be a private affair of either individuals or groups of individuals so as to become the collective function of associated humanity.

The means and the measure of production and transport and the due disposition of products will be ordered by competent internationally affiliated organisations.

When expropriation of all capital is finally effected, the bourgeoisie will gradually be absorbed and will cease to exist as a separate class. Public executive power will then lose its political character as there will no longer be two classes, one dominated and the other dominating.

Little by little the sad inheritance of degeneration which characterises capitalistic rule will be eliminated, and in the place of the old society divided into classes conflicting one with the other, an association will be instituted in which the free development of each individual will constitute the necessary condition for the free development of society in general.

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According to the Swedish "Politiken" a Moscow report states that a Conference (International Bureau) of the Communist International will be held sometime in December to make final arrangements for the second Congress of the International. A report from the Lettish Communist Party says the Congress will be held this January. The social-patriotic second "International" will hold a Congress at Geneva in February.

NOTES on the Revolutionary Movement of the World.

The Socialist Party of Italy has become the Socialist Party of the Communist International.

The Socialist Party of Italy was revolutionary during the war. This spring the Party affiliated with the Communist International. The revolutionary conquest of the Party was completed at its Convention in Bologna last week, where the Socialist Party was organized definitely as a Communist party. There were 48,000 votes cast for the Maximalist program, uncompromisingly Communist; 14,000 votes for the "Abstentionist" program, which urges complete abstention from participation in the elections.

The Maximalist program, which is the program of the Party, is as follows:

The history of society up to the present time has been a history of class war. When productive energies come into conflict with the interests of property and production and their social and political organs a phase of social revolution results by the passage of political power from one class to the other. Modern bourgeois society, arising from the ruins of feudalism, has not dissolved the class conflict. It has merely created new classes, other oppressive conditions and a new form of struggle replacing the old. During our own epoch society tends more and more to divide into two classes which oppose one another; the bourgeoisie and the proletariat. From the moment that the bourgeoisie revolution brought these classes into contrast, they set up political rule by representative democracy, in which economical disparity is superimposed on the formal liberty and political equality of citizens of all classes in the constitution of the elective organs of the State. In spite of the numerical supremacy of the proletariat over that of the bourgeoisie, the democratic state still remains the organ of the interests administering the affairs of the bourgeois classes.

All classes and political struggles tend toward the transformation of the basis of production. The aim of Communists is the international organisation of the proletariat into a political class government. The destruction of bourgeois property, the conquest of political power by the proletariat. The specific instrument of the action is the Communist Party.

This party, as the struggle must evolve within the limits of bourgeois rule, undertakes propaganda, proselytism, the criticism of capitalistic rule and political opposition to the ruling classes; in this way the Party justifies, as a temporary measure, participation in electoral and parliamentary struggles.

When the revolutionary phase of the historical struggle between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie is initiated, the task of the proletarian political party is the violent overthrow of the rule of the bourgeoisie and the organisation of the proletariat as the dominant class. From this moment it becomes incompatible to send deputies of the party to the representative organs of the bourgeois rule in which the proletariat is the oppressed classes, and in the same measure to those organs in which the property holding classes participate. During the great war which precipitated the desperate crisis of the bourgeoisie, and which made it impossible for them to regulate the intimate conflicts of the world of production, the overthrow of the Socialist revolution marked the revolutionary period in which the proletariat rose successively to power in various countries by the violent conquest of state powers and therefore the Communist Parties must arm themselves by forming a class militia. The class political party maintains intimate collaboration with the working syndicates (unions) co-ordinating and directing the organisation of the political struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat.

They constitute the provision of temporary organs of the working classes destined to prepare for and to organise measures for the crushing of bourgeois rule, and to assume power in the early phase of the revolution.

When the proletariat shall have succeeded in their struggle against the bourgeoisie, it provides temporary Committees to be immediately set up to assume local and centralised executive functions; the elections of local councils of workers must be instituted independently of the professional categories to which they belong, and divided into two classes, one activist and passive electoral rights will be reserved to the workers alone of both sexes independently of sex and personality, only excluding those who live by exploiting the labor of others. In this way the foundations of proletarian dictatorship are laid. A Congress of local Councils will be convoked which will elect the Central Council; and this will assume executive functions by means of appropriate organs.

Any delegate can be recalled at any time by the will of the electorate. This system constitutes the proletarian State, an organ for the domination of the working classes over the bourgeoisie and for its expropriation.

To prevent attempts at counter-revolution by the capitalistic class and so as to overcome the resistance that the bourgeoisie will oppose to expropriation the proletariat must be armed by forming a class militia.

So soon as the Socialist State is formed it will form unlimited political and economical solidarity with any other Communist Republics in the world, and will aid the Communist movement in those countries still dominated by the bourgeoisie with all the means at its disposal.

The task of the proletarian Government is to take over gradually from the bourgeoisie all capital so as to centralise all the instruments of production into State ownership, that is among the proletariat itself organized as a ruling class, so as to increase the volume of the productive energies as rapidly as possible.

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