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Murderers of The People

The reported recognition of the Omsk Government under the dictator Kolchak by the Government of England, France, Italy and the United States fittingly caps the hypocrisy, double-dealing and treachery which has characterized the policy of the capitalist governments toward Soviet Russia.

Ever since Soviet Russia, by Revolution, brought down in ruins the might of Hohenzollern Germany, the Allied Governments have openly assumed the imperialistic task of crushing human liberty in the world. Severely repressing the opposition at home, the Governments of England, France, Italy, Japan and the United States have insisted that the German and Austrian revolutions shall not be social revolutions, and have sent troops to attack the Russian Soviet Republic.

The European Governments openly proclaim that their object is to destroy the Soviet Government, and Bolshevism with it. The Government of the United States, through its mouthpiece, Woodrow Wilson, expresses vague humanitarian phrases full of noble sound, but dares not tell the truth about invasion in Russia.

As a matter of fact, the Associated Powers have been engaged, without a declaration of war, in murdering workers and peasants in cold blood, in order to make the world safe for the bloody regime of capitalism, which has watered the earth with the blood of the working class for a hundred years, and finished up with the gigantic holocaust of the Great War.

Immediately following the Proletarian Revolution, the excuse for hostility toward Soviet Russia was that the Germans were in control. The United States Government supported this view by the publication of a series of forged documents, which deceived no one. The fall of Imperial Germany completely destroyed this fabrication.

Then it was "to guard military stores and the rear of the Tehekho-Slovaks"—the Judas nation—and to "restore law and order." The United States Government deliberately incited the peoples of the world against Soviet Russia by publishing an "appeal to humanity" against the greatly exaggerated Red Terror—at the same time ignoring the horrible White Terror of the Tehekho-Slovaks in the Volga Valley, and of Mannerheim in Finland.

With phrases about "justice" and "self-determination" on their lips, the statesmen of the capitalist Powers sent armed troops to shoot down Russian workers and peasants defending their own proletarian government—the first Government of the People in the history of the world. While issuing lofty invitations to Prinkipo, the Allied and American Governments drew closer around Soviet Russia the iron ring of their blockade, dooming to death by starvation hundreds of thousands of women and children. Their soldiers co-operated with the Horvaths, the Semionovs, the renegades, the Black Hundreds attempting to restore Tsarism, the restorers of vodka, Cossack rule and pogroms.

While protesting against "Bolshevik propaganda," the agents of the Associated Powers in Russia corrupted officials, actively assisted the counter-revolution, and under cover of diplomatic immunity, plotted to overthrow the Government of the Russian People.

Now they recognize the "Government" of Kolchak; Kolchak the Tsarist, the man of black reputation under the old regime; Kolchak, the debaucher of Siberian peasants; Kolchak, who suppressed the last vestiges of democratic association; Kolchak, who forbade labor unions, even as the Tsar did; who arrested, jailed and massacred thousands upon thousands of workers and peasants without trial; Kolchak, whose "death train" of Bolshevik prisoners is the horror of the whole world; Kolchak, who is repudiated by all liberty-loving men the world over, whatever their political opinions.

To-day the capitalist press is screaming exultantly that the battered and starving armies of the Proletarian Republic are being pushed back on all fronts. Already in their columns is beginning to appear the fierce foreshadowing note of the great Revenge. If Capitalist Imperialism wins in Russia, there will follow a massacre that will make the

punishment of the Paris Commune look like a picnic. The capitalist class the world over is licking its lips in anticipation.

It is the fault of the world's working class if Soviet Russia is made a shambles by the capitalist governments of the victorious Powers. It is our fault if our Comrades in Europe are stricken down by the murderers of the people!

Proletarian Dictatorship

Socialism is a science. Marx scientifically proved that Capitalism generated within itself the forces which would destroy it; and that it also generated the class antagonisms which would unite the workers to rise against it, and finally overthrow it. He also predicted that during the transition period between Capitalism and Socialism, the working class would be the ruling class; and, to make his meaning perfectly clear, he went on to say that this working class rule of society in transition "cannot be anything else but the dictatorship of the proletariat."

There are very few Socialists to-day who do not see that Capitalism is approaching its doom with tremendous speed; that the forces generated within the system have, under the intensifying pressure of war, finally burst it asunder. Also, the very desperation with which Capitalism attempts to reconstruct the shattered world, reveals it in all its naked class-character, as the Dictatorship of the Bourgeoisie. This, with gigantic strides, is awakening and uniting the working class, and sharpening its class consciousness to the point of action for the overthrow of Capitalism. So are the main points of Marx's thesis proven true.

The character of the Seattle strike, and more particularly of the Canadian strike, must be emphasized. The Seattle workers, after they had tied up the city, discovered that a human community cannot be tied up. The workers must be fed, the sick must be attended, the dead buried, refuse removed, and lights, water and such public needs supplied. Moreover, the city must be policed.

The Strike Committee thus found itself "licensing" certain industries and services to operate, in order that, primarily, the working class should not suffer. The restaurant and hotel employees being also on strike, the Committee established its own restaurants. In order to safeguard lives and goods of the workers, a proletarian police was established.

In Winnipeg and Toronto to-day the same condition is observable. The General Strike, by paralyzing industry, paralyzes government. The Strike Committee are forced to rule the cities, to "exempt" certain industries and services in order to provide for elementary human needs; they must police the cities themselves. Willy-nilly, this "production for use and not for profit" is undertaken for the benefit of the workers. It displaces the capitalist government which operated for the benefit of the bourgeoisie. It proves that the capitalist government is incapable of acting for the benefit of the working class; but what is more important, it shows up in glaring colors the class-character of capitalist government, which in time of Labor troubles always acts as the agent of the bourgeoisie against the working class, and must be replaced by a working class government of a peculiar working class character whenever the working class becomes the ruling class, as it is to-day on a small scale in some Canadian cities.

And here another of Marx's predictions is proven correct. This government of the workers "cannot be anything else but the dictatorship of the proletariat." And still another, demonstrated to all who have eyes to see, that "the working class cannot simply laid hold of the capitalist state machinery and use it for its own ends."

An editorial in the New York Times of Monday, June 2nd, sums up the situation from the capitalist point of view:

"CANADA'S PROBLEM

"In form it is a strike that is on in Canada. In intent it is revolution. The Government is inactive and seems powerless. Let us not be too quick to condemn the Government for inaction. Under the laws, Governments are not empowered to act unless there is violence. There are no riots worthy of the name; the "strikers" simply assume the