

**McKENZIE'S CRITICISM**

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others are gradually coming under the control of the Soviets.

To show the nature of some of the restrictions, I quote the following on "Workmen's Control," taken from the "Bolsheviks and the Soviets," by A. R. Williams.

"I mean by control," said Trotsky, "that we will see to it that the factory is run not from the point of view of private profit, but from the point of view of social welfare. . . . For example, we will not allow the capitalist to shut up his factory in order to starve his workmen into submission, or because it is not yielding him a profit. If it is turning out economically a needed product, it must be kept running. If the capitalist gives it up, he will lose it altogether, for a board of directors chosen by the workmen will be put in charge."

"Again, 'control' implies that the books and correspondence of the concern will be open to the public, so that henceforth there will be no industrial secrets. If this concern hits upon a better process or device, it will be given to other concerns in the same branch of industry. Thus the public will promptly realize the utmost possible benefit from the find."—From an interview with Trotsky by Professor E. A. Ross, of Wisconsin University.

As to paragraph 18 of the original article by Comrade McDonald, it must be stated that if we take it as it is written it gives the impression that the Bolsheviks were guilty of a breach of Socialist principles by compromising with their enemies, etc., and it would have to be stated otherwise to offset that impression, and I still maintain that the majority of Russian workers are solid for Socialism. Otherwise it would have been impossible for them to withstand the repeated assaults of world capital.

As to the statement that while the revolution might be a good thing for the Russian workers, as many impartial persons and delegations had testified, it had a detrimental effect in many ways on the working class movement in other countries.

He refers here to the supposed attempts of various organizations in America and Europe to imitate the Bolsheviks by advocating "mass action," "suspension of education," and similar "actions."

One must remember that movements "founded on enthusiasm alone" and advocating such action as stated above existed long before we ever heard of Bolshevism. What about the anarcho-syndicalist movements such as the I. W. W. in America with various counterparts in Europe founded wholly or partially on the anarchistic philosophies of such famous characters as Michael Bakunin, Johann Most, Enrico Malatesta, and others. These movements have lots of "revolutionary order" and plenty of enthusiasm.

As a matter of fact these "mass action" movements that my opponent speaks of are not "copying the Bolsheviks," but are simply practicing anarchistic methods which are as old as capitalism itself, in spite of the fact that they may imagine they are "copying the Bolsheviks."

The Bolsheviks did not act in that way.

I wish to call the reader's attention to this fact, that Comrade McDonald asserts and tries to prove that Socialism does not exist in Russia. Ask yourself this question: If I am building a house, I commence with the foundation and build gradually up from that. I cannot finish the structure at once. It takes time. Nevertheless the foundation is not a house, but one in process of construction. Apply this analogy to Russia. The Bolsheviks are laying the foundations of Socialism. It will be a long time before the structure is built to suit such an exquisite taste as Comrade McDonald's; but eventually it will be built, unless an alliance of the capitalist powers should succeed in destroying it, which is highly improbable now. To say that Socialism does not prevail in Russia is like saying that because I haven't finished the building of my house it does not partake of the nature of a dwelling.

In conclusion I quote the following from Radek's pamphlet mentioned previously: "The workers of Europe will, without a doubt, advance so rapidly in the near future that they will not have the time to

study the Russian revolution at work out of learned books; they will get a practical understanding of it before they are in a position to make themselves acquainted with its documents."

Anent the "imputations" against my opponent in my last article, they were based on his article, and not against him personally.

As to the "more vigorous means" of spreading our propaganda, I intend to write something that may help along at some future time.

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**BOOKS REVIEWED**

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square deal, fair play, relief from the grind. To find out the absurdity of such a position, however much it may have been justified then by the general ignorance, students must study the works of Marx and Engels, they will grasp a philosophy there that nothing can shake, or disprove.

The book under discussion is published by Longmans, Green and Co., London, England. This feeble attempt to stimulate interest may not be entirely in vain.

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**Conditions for Joining Communist International**

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ities is necessary. Each party desirous of belonging to the Third International shall be bound to denounce without any mercy all the tricks of "its own" imperialists in the colonies, supporting not in words only, but in deeds, all liberation movements in the colonies. It must demand the expulsion of its own imperialists from such colonies, and cultivate in the hearts of the workmen of its own country a truly fraternal attitude towards the worker population of the colonies and oppressed nationalities, and carry on a systematic agitation in its own army against any oppression of the colonial population.

9. Every party desirous of belonging to the Communist International shall be bound to carry on a systematic and persistent Communist work in the labor unions, co-operatives and other labor organizations of the masses. It is necessary to form Communist nuclei within these organizations, which by persistent and lasting work must win over the labor unions to the side of Communism. These nuclei must constantly denounce the treachery of the social patriots and the fluctuations of the "centre." These Communist nuclei must be completely subordinated to the Party in general.

10. Any party belonging to the Communist international is bound to carry on a stubborn struggle against the Amsterdam "International" of the Yellow Labor Unions. It must insistently propagate among the organized workers the necessity of a rupture with the yellow Amsterdam International. It must support by all the means in its power the international unification of Red Labor Unions, adhering to the Communist International, which is now beginning.

11. Parties desirous of joining the Third International shall be bound to reinspect the personnel of their parliamentary factions, remove all unreliable elements therefrom, subordinate such factions not verbally only, but in reality, to the Central Committee of the Party, and demand from each proletarian Communist to submit his whole work to the interests of real revolutionary propaganda.

12. In the same way should all the periodical and other press and all publications be fully subordinated to the Central Committee, whether the Party as a whole at the given moment is lawful or illegal; it is quite inadmissible that any publishers abusing their autonomy might carry on a policy different from that of the Party.

13. The parties belonging to the Communist International must be organized on the principles of democratic centralism. At the present moment of acute civil war the Communist Party will be able to fulfill its duty only if it is organized in the most centralized form, if it is ruled by an iron discipline, almost a military one, and if its Party centre is an organ of authority with full power, enjoying the complete confidence of the members of the Party.

14. The Communist Parties of countries where the Communists may carry on their work lawfully; must

periodically weed out (by re-registration) the personnel of the Party organizations, in order to clean the Party systematically from all the petty bourgeois elements which inevitably creep into it.

15. Each Party desirous of belonging to the Communist International shall be bound to render all possible aid to the Soviet Republics in their struggle against counter-revolutionary forces. The Communist Parties shall carry on an unflinching propaganda to induce the workers to refuse to transport objects of military equipment addressed to the enemies of the Soviet Republics, and also by lawful means or illegally to carry on a propaganda among the troops sent out against the Workers-Republics, etc.

16. The Parties which up to the present moment have stood upon the old Social and Democratic programmes must revise them within the shortest time possible and draw up a new Communist programme in conformity with the special conditions of their country, and in accordance with the resolutions of the Communist International. As a rule the programme of each Party belonging to the Communist International must be confirmed by the next Congress of the Communist International or its Executive Committee. In the event of nonconfirmation of the programme of any Party by the Executive Committee of the Communist International, said Party shall be entitled to appeal to the Congress of the Communist International.

17. All the resolutions of the congresses of the Communist International, as well as the resolutions of its Executive Committee, are binding for all parties joining the Communist International. The Communist International, operating under the conditions of most acute civil warfare, must be organized in a more centralized form than the Second International. At the same time the Communist International and its Executive Committee are naturally bound in all their work to consider the variety of conditions under which the different Parties have to work and struggle, and generally binding resolutions shall be passed only on such questions, on which such resolutions are possible.

18. In connection with the above all Parties desiring to join the Communist International must alter their names.

Each Party desirous of joining the Communist International must bear the following name:

Communist Party of such-and-such country (Section of Third Communist International). The question of denomination of a party is not only a formal one, but it is a political question of great importance. The Communist International has declared a decisive war against the whole bourgeois world and all yellow Social Democratic Parties. It is necessary that each rank-and-file worker should be able to distinguish clearly the difference between the Communist Parties and the old official "Social Democratic" or "Socialist" parties, which have betrayed the cause of the working class.

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