

# An Appeal From Hungary

(From June 12 Labor Leader)

From the Hungarian Socialists to Workers of Allied Nations

**T**HE Soviet Government of Hungary still stands. In view of the conflicting and heavily censored telegrams which are appearing in the capitalist press, the following translation of the appeal issued by the Hungarian Socialist Party to the workers of the Allied nations is of more than historical interest:

"Comrades,—The mask has fallen from the face of your governments. They are about to close the most formidable of all wars with an Imperialist peace such as the world has never known. They plunged you into this war in the name of Democracy, Justice and the Liberty of the Peoples. You have given your blood, your strength and your miserable lives in order that the vanquished German people might be economically crushed, and that the power and riches of your capitalists might be swollen indefinitely, and in order that their power, based upon oppression and exploitation, upon blood and iron, might extend throughout the world."

After enumerating the crimes of the Allied Capitalist-Imperialism, and the shameless deceptions practised upon the peoples of the Allied countries during the war the appeal points to the unmistakable deadly intention of Allied Capitalism, in the flush of victory, "purchased with the blood of the proletariat," to crush the power of the workers wherever it rises, particularly in the young Socialist republics, few against many, and almost defenceless.

"Comrades, the Russian and Hungarian workers cannot alone achieve the victory of the revolution. They cannot do so even if the German workers range themselves on their side. Today, when your capitalism has attained the height of its power, when it is about to subjugate the whole world to its iron militarism, today there is only one force that can save the Russian and Hungarian revolutions and lead the international revolution to victory.

"That force is your own, workers of the Entente nations. On your shoulders, comrades, reposes today the terrible responsibility of the future of the workers' revolution, which means the future of humanity. It is your sacred duty, your historical task, to remove the horrible burden that Entente Capitalism has fastened on to the backs of the starving and bleeding peoples to save the revolutions menaced and to prepare the victory of Socialism throughout the world.

"Comrades, when in July, 1918, in the intoxication of victory, German Imperialism prepared to impose its reign of violence in the east of Europe, a million workers rose up in Germany, in Austria, and in Hungary, and proclaimed the general strike. They did not succeed then in breaking the powerful machine of the State and their uprising was crushed by the army. But, for the

first time the structure of German capitalism was shaken, and they placed the first stone of the revolution of November, which shattered the peace of Brest-Litovsk. They saved the honor of the working class of Germany, Austria and Hungary, so shamelessly deceived and led astray by its leaders.

"Comrades, it is your turn now to act likewise. It is not enough for your representatives to refuse the credits; they will be dominated by the majority. It is not enough for you to protest in meetings, for your Clemenceaus, Lloyd Georges, Orlando, and Wilsons despise protestations. You must not wait to conquer a majority in your parliaments, for each day that passes without action on your part signifies the deaths of thousands of workers, the destruction of natural wealth, the engulfing of humanity in the morass of Capitalist Anarchy. Each day that you allow to pass without action approaches the downfall of the workers' revolution in Russia and Hungary, the promulgation of capitalist slavery for long years or, if capitalism cannot establish itself on the butchery of the world war, the destruction of all European civilization and the return to barbarity.

"The eyes of the workers of the East, fighting, suffering, creating, are upon you. On your revolutionary will, on your revolutionary acts, depends the fruits of their heroic efforts—the preparation of your own liberation—depend your future and the future of the workers of the world. To you the war has brought no well-being or happiness, but intensified misery and slavery. Every victory of your Imperialists over the Workers' Republics reinforces reaction in your land, and destroys the remaining vestiges of your democracy.

"Show your exploiters by acts, by demonstrations, by mass strikes, that you will pursue the struggle for Socialism, bring aid to your brothers of the working class, that you are worthy of your revolutionary ancestors.

"Committee of Foreign Affairs of the Hungarian Socialist Party." (La Vie Ouvriere, May 28, 1919.

## INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS REPORT.

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rotten tree it came.

The strike forced on the workers has now to all appearances reached its end. Only a scattered band here and there are still stubbornly holding out for terms, either for themselves or as with the Vancouver Longshoremen, in behalf of the telephone girls. The strikers are going back because of financial exhaustion. The spirit is still as grim as ever. They are merely bending to circumstances. Even the stoutest oak does that. Out of the present experience they will fashion superior methods for accomplishing their needs and desires.

We repeat, this strike was deliberately forced on the workers. They had no option, or at least no option which men with any spark of class solidarity in them could accept. Because once a blow had been aimed at a vital and accepted principle of the organized labor movement in Winnipeg, it then, especially as the Government was the aggressor in chief, it then became a matter of concern for all the rest of the country. Through the mouth of their Minister of Labor, the oligarchy of interests spoke and the "kept" press and the pulpit took up the cry and every capitalist toady and lickspittle echoed it, that labor should not bargain through its central councils of allied crafts, but by craft alone. And they won, but by what methods. No need to recount them, they are fresh in our minds. But there is still a fight on our hands. There are those labor officials and others who were arrested. There is their cause to fight. Funds are needed.

## CONSERVATISM IN GREAT BRITAIN EXPECTED TO TRIUMPH (?)

Referring to the political situation in Great Britain a Vancouver Liberal paper says hopefully that "time and time again have the Conservative Party in that country been in a similar position and has emerged triumphant." That is what the flim flam of bourgeois politics is for. Out of its so-called drastic legislation always emerges, triumphant conservatism.

## GREEKS FRATERNISE WITH RED ARMY.

A Russian radio of May 19 states that Greece has decided to take no further action against Soviet Russia. The Greeks of the Black Sea contingent condemned the conduct of the Entente which had forced the Greeks to fight against the Red Army. In the evening (this probably means the evening of the fraternization of the French and Greeks with the Bolsheviks) all the Greeks, including their admiral, visited the President of the Revolutionary Committee, wearing the insignia of the Red Army.

## CIRCULATE SOCIALIST LITERATURE

A wider spread knowledge of the fundamentals of the Socialist philosophy is needed. Assist by circulating this literature of the movement:

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Wage Worker and Farmer . . . \$6 per 100. Single copies 10 cents.

The Present Economic System, by Professor W. A. Bonger . . . \$6 per 100. Single copies 10 cents. Postage Paid.

Make all Money Orders payable to C. Stephenson, 401 Pender Street East, Vancouver, B. C.

## IS LABOR-POWER A COMMODITY?

Why not appoint another commission to find out why labor power, if it is bought and sold on the labor market, is not to be regarded as a commodity and also, how it can escape the economic laws of the commodity market so long as it is bought and sold?

### THAT SAFE!

That the Vancouver strike has been without violence, no thanks are due to the inflammatory sheets which have been appearing on the city's street with such profusion. The worker class alone are responsible for the peace and quietness. The only violent acts have been perpetrated by the forces of "Law and Order" (?). In the night, the Dominion police, in true militaristic fashion, without notification or by your leave, burst through windows and doors into the Labor Temple, and the Socialist Party Headquarters. From the latter place they took a safe that must have weighed over a ton. No doubt, as they tugged and sweated at unaccustomed and hated labor, they thought they had at last found the long-sought-for plans of the Soviet Republic for Canada. We can imagine the look of profound disgust and chagrin on their faces when they opened it and found it empty of all but a couple of heavily mortgaged deeds. To the victors, the spoils.

P. S. (Later.) The safe is back again and we had the pleasure of watching the tugging, the hugging and listening to the he haws and the yo ho's of as inefficient a bunch of miserable sweating slaves as ever existed. One longshoreman would have waltzed that safe into position in two minutes without batting an eye.

## SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

### PROPAGANDA MEETINGS

SUNDAY, JULY 6

At 8 p.m. Sharp

EMPRESS THEATRE

Corner Gore and Hastings