

But Lenin did not mention the owners of the factors, but the skilled employees, the men who under capitalism really direct industry.

The average worker is in the habit of looking upon the engineers, shop experts, executive heads, etc., as the bosses, the capitalists. In reality these men are members of the working class although they class themselves and think alike with their masters. The owners of the industries also own the men who enforce their dictates, and it is one of the tricks of Capitalism that these men are removed from the ranks of the workers.

Take for example the captain of a ship. He is necessary to the ship, but no more necessary than is a fireman. Under Capitalism the captain is given tremendous powers and privileges. He holds the power of life and death in his hands, he is the arbiter of all the affairs of the ship, he and his officers sleep in fine quarters, eat fine food, wear fine clothes, while the crew are treated like brute beasts. Soviet Russia recognizes that the captain of a ship performs a useful function. He is the navigator and as such he has his duties to perform. part of those duties is to direct the work of the ship, but outside of this he has no more authority than any fireman. The administration of the ship is carried out by a committee elected by the whole ship. Every member of the crew sleeps, eats and drinks of the best that is available. All are workers, each performs his task and all together they bring the ship to port.

What is done in the ship is done in industry and what is done in industry is also done in the administration of the affairs of the country. During the transition period the Soviets found it necessary to employ the skilled men until they could train men from their own ranks, but they have never denied the right of these skilled men to accept the Soviet form of government and take their places in the life of the community as part of and contributors to the welfare of the community.

Capitalism purposely keeps men apart, Bolshevism, which is merely another name for Socialism in action, brings men together so that all may work for the good of all.

The new era has already dawned. The day of the workers of the world is at hand. The propertyless, the earth's disinherited, are the coming masters of the world, a world wherein every one that works for the benefit of society shall be benefited by society. But in the period of transition many perils face the advancing proletariat, many mistakes will be made unless the workers prepare themselves for their new destiny. Socialism is no longer a theory, it is a living fact working out its problems in the face of tremendous odds. The future lies with the workers, but in order to take their place they must understand the nature of the problems they will have to face. They must think for themselves, organize for the benefit of all and act as reason dictates.

Divided you are helpless, united you are invincible. The great slogan of the dawning day is: "Workers of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains, you have a world to gain."

"SHALL CAPITAL CONQUER"

The war was considered as a means of realizing a new world, a new civilization. But the war is now over. Instead of peace and happiness—more misery and oppression; instead of democracy—more reaction.

That is the new world that has come out of the war!

Soldiers who are demobilized can't get jobs. Or they get jobs where they meet the abominable conditions of old. Capitalism has secured enormous profits, has become richer and mightier; but the workers must meet the old conditions and the old struggles. The working class has secured nothing out of the war except death and misery, while our Capitalism has secured virtual world power.

That is the new world! Capitalism, out of the war, is snatching new life and new power. It is organizing itself to maintain the exploitation and oppression of the workers. It is trying to continue its domination of the world, to make reaction and oppression supreme.

To this end, it forms a camouflaged League of Nations which is simply an instrument to maintain the power of the strongest imperialistic nations. This League is based upon Capitalism, to promote the profits and supremacy of Capitalism. Under its shield, colonial peoples are being subjected to new slavery and oppression; under its shield, the world is being territorially and financially divided among the great powers—England, France, Italy and the United States. The Imperialism of these nations is ascendant. The slavery of colonial peoples is necessary to them, and this slavery is made more intense.

This is a threat to the peace and liberty of the world, a direct threat to our own workers' peace and liberty.

The European workers didn't bother much in the past about their governments enslaving colonial peoples. It seemed far away, and not concerning them directly; but out of the competition to secure control of colonial peoples came the war, in which the European workers paid an enormous price for their blind policy on international affairs. Imperialism is directed against the proletariat, and unless the proletariat

overthrows Imperialism, the workers will ultimately pay the price in death and agony.

The Peace Conference at Paris, by its imperialistic policy, is preparing new wars. That is inevitable. Capitalism cannot exist without wars and in these wars it is the proletariat that pays the price.

But the workers apparently are not interested. They do not concern themselves with these problems. They do not realize that their own destiny as workers is intimately connected with the great conspiracy in Paris against the peace and liberty of the world.

But this conspiracy is equally in action at home. Unemployment is on the increase; violence is used against strikers and Socialists; the government of the capitalists is preparing to impose a reign of terror upon workers who are conscious of their class and who engage in the struggle against Capitalism. Reaction is ascendant, and will become more brutal in the measure that the proletariat does not protest and act.

We were promised a new world out of the war. But that new world is coming only in those nations where the proletariat has acted for the overthrow of Capitalism and Imperialism, where the workers have crushed the power of capital and organized their own government—the Soviet Republics of Russia and Hungary. Everywhere else the "new world" is the old world of oppressive Capitalism, made much worse by new means of oppression and exploitation. There is no hope for the workers unless they consciously engage in the struggle for Socialism.

This struggle for Socialism means a struggle of the workers to secure control of their own destiny, to organize the world for the workers. It means a struggle for workers' control of industry—for a new social system in which the workers will control their own jobs, in which industry will be managed for the happiness of the workers and not for the profits of the employers. It means a new government of the organized workers, and of the workers alone.

Workers' control of industry, exercised by means of their own organizations in the shops and the industrial vote, is the basis of the new social system proposed by Socialism. Not the state, not politicians and bureaucrats, but the workers themselves shall manage industry for the workers—for peace and liberty and happiness.

Capitalism is breaking down. Capitalist parliamentary government is breaking down. But Capitalism tries to maintain its supremacy. And this means that the proletariat must suffer, that the proletariat must be crushed—unless it acts for Socialism.

That is the great conspiracy. It is the purpose of Capitalism to maintain its power, come what may; and to carry out this purpose, it is dividing the world territorially and financially, enslaving colonial peoples, adopting measures to crush the workers.

Life will not be worth living if this great conspiracy proves successful. Life will be a nightmare of misery and oppression, of new wars and threats of war, if Capitalism maintains itself in power. The proletariat must act against Capitalism. The proletariat must realize its class position, must organize to crush Capitalism. The accomplishment of the overthrow of Capitalism alone can assure the peace and liberty of the world. The coming of Socialism alone can assure bread and work and happiness to the workers.

All the world problems are, after all, simply problems of industry. The complex problems at Paris, the sinister purposes of Imperialism, can be disposed of in a very simple way: by the workers using their industrial power to overthrow Capitalism, organize workers' control of industry, to realize the industrial democracy of communist Socialism.

The workers possess the power. They must use the power. Capitalism must not put it over. The proletariat must rally to the cause and the struggle of international communist Socialism.

MAY-DAY DEMONSTRATIONS IN SCOTLAND

Despite cold and showery weather, the May-Day demonstrations in Scotland, were almost everywhere impressive and enthusiastic, giving the Capitalists who witnessed the procession great pain and apprehension.

The Glasgow Herald admits 100,000 persons on Glasgow Green, and the procession through the streets certainly took fifty minutes to pass. Banners, decorations, gaily-caparisoned horses—especially the Co-operative Societies horses—red rosettes everywhere. There were no untoward "incidents," although at one point some of the "young bloods" made remarks to the police about "Bloody Friday," which were not—distinctly not—appreciated; and Andy Cameron, marching in the Discharged Soldiers' contingent, was not popular with the capitalists, as he shouted out mockingly, "Ye're no throwin' chocolates at us noo!" A cyclist, too, holding up photographs of the smashing of Davie Kirkwood by the policeman's baton in George Square—he also was not popular!

A little girl in white, riding on a pony, was a distinctive feature of the procession.