

# The Struggle Against Fascism In America

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ONE of the most important tasks of the Workers Party of America and of the Trade Union Educational League is the struggle against their own native Fascism. There are some people who think that Fascism in America is represented only by the Ku Klux Klan and the American Legion; in reality, however, American Fascism possesses something much more important—the Gompers machine.

Powerful American capitalism has in the official trade union machine the best weapon for their rule. The almighty dollar has long since subdued the labor bureaucracy, buying their various representatives just as pigs are bought in the Chicago stockyards. The tragedy is not in the fact that there are mercenary, thoroughly corrupted leaders—the tragedy is that there are considerable masses of workers who still follow these defilers of the proletarian temple.

## Jack London's Picture.

In the Iron Heel, Jack London gave a splendid picture of the corruptness and power of this labor bureaucracy, backed by the privileged groups of workers. However, Jack London over-estimated the power of capital, and its agents, and underestimated the dormant forces of the working class. What transpires now in America is the emancipation from the ideology and practices of Gompers. The creation and consolidation of the Communist Party, the steady growth of the Trade Union Educational League, these are directly

aimed against the demoralizing influence of the labor bureaucracy.

The American proletariat numbering many millions, is not yet sufficiently strong and class conscious to overthrow the mightiest capitalist system in the world and to drive out its agents; however, among the working class of America there is a sufficient number of class conscious men who took up the great historical cause, and this marks a tremendous forward step towards the emancipation of oppressed humanity.

## An Advanced Step.

The revolutionary workers of America are now publishing a daily militant revolutionary organ—the DAILY WORKER. Heretofore the printing presses of the United States have been serving the interests of capital, filling the minds of the working masses with the capitalist opium. The press at the present time is one of the mightiest weapons for the enslavement of the working class. The contemporary capitalist press, like a street woman, sells herself at every street corner. The kept press of the United States, serving the financial and industrial sharks, is a model of corruption and graft. Our French comrades claim that the capitalist press of France is the most mercenary press in the world. The British Communists hold the same opinion of their capitalist press. No doubt the American Communists will claim priority for the press of their country, in the matter of corruption.

It is not easy to say which of the bourgeois press, the French, British, American, German or Italian is more corrupt, and has broken the world

record. I think that the capitalist press of every country is entitled to the world record in this sphere. But can there be more than one champion in any one sphere? Apparently, yes. For each of the capitalist papers of the various countries is more mercenary, more corrupt, more bilious than the other.

You will raise the voice of the revolutionary proletariat against American capital used to enslave your class.

## The Task of the Daily.

You will have to carry on from day to day a desperate struggle both against your direct class enemies and against the former members of the working class who sold their proletarian birthright for a mess of pottage. The struggle against capital, against Gompersism, against reformism, against the bourgeois reformist traditions, which demoralize the labor movement, the struggle to win over the many millions of the working masses, to create powerful revolutionary unions, the struggle against the corruption of the labor officials, the every day persistent struggle against the capitalist state, and for the creation of a mighty, mass Communist party—this will be the task of your daily.

## Workers Watch America.

The revolutionary workers of all countries follow with profound interest the growth and development of the revolutionary labor movement in the United States. They are joyous over your victories and over your struggle to end the Gompers betrayal. Our faith in the ultimate victory of the revolutionary workers of America is unshakable. May your

DAILY WORKER, which is the standard bearer of the revolutionary part of the American proletariat, become a ringing call for the battle to the mighty proletariat of the United States of America, which is still tied hand and foot. Let all the fakirs of the pen and the scoundrels of the press attack you, let all the Gompers valets viciously slander you, they cannot stop the approaching revolution any more than they can stop the earth from revolving around its axis. The social revolution is upon us and a few years sooner or a few years later, it will conquer the entire world.

Zinoviev, at the Congress of Scientific Workers of Russia.

At this Congress which, I am sure, will mark an important date in the history of our revolution and of our intellectual class, you will form your ranks in order to set yourselves with ardor and devotion to the task of reconstructing our country. We want to give a place of honor in the family of peoples to our Russia which has groaned for such a long time under the yoke of autocracy and which was ruined, set on fire, and its blood spilled under the rule of the capitalist class. We will see to it that there shall be no more illiterates; we will create a vast network of institutions of instruction; we will lead upon the broad road of the future our great people which was a century late in its bourgeois revolution, but which, by a combination of fortunate circumstances has been the first to make its proletarian revolution, and we will help it to occupy in the world the place which it deserves.