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Hands Off Workers' Germany!

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YOUNG WORKERS OF AMERICA! You are against oppression and robbery. You believe in fair play. You are against scabs; against strike-breaking. You, sons and daughters of workingmen and women, know what it means to be hungry. Your father, perhaps you yourselves, have been out on strike. You know that thru unity, thru solidarity, you can lick the boss and win the strike for better wages, hours and working conditions. But you have been bitter and mad when scabs worked or gunmen or soldiers or militiamen were used to beat you back to work. And you vowed never to scab or to let anyone else scab on fellow workers.

The workers and farmers of Germany are beginning to strike, huge strikes, national strikes, railroad workers, office workers, coal miners, machinists, farmers, everybody in Germany is beginning to strike against oppression and starvation—against those who exploit and hoot them. The gaunt, starving masses of Germany are beginning to strike now with guns in their hands against the capitalists of Germany, against Stinnes, Thyssen, Ludendorff, Hindenburg, Stresemann, Ebert, who have so long starved and robbed the toiling masses. The workers have suffered so long; they can stand no more. They are preparing now to strike for freedom from capitalist slavery. They are preparing to establish the rule of the workers and farmers in place of the rule by capitalists.

Especially the young workers who have suffered so tremendously from starvation of their bodies and their minds. The children of the working class are emaciated, unkempt, ill-clad, their bodies worn and deformed by rickets. Hundreds of thousands of young girls have been forced onto the streets into prostitution for the sake of a meal. Even the young students are on the verge of starvation. Over 150,000 have had to resort to co-operative kitchens in order to scrape together a few crumbs. The desperate condition of all the youth now compels them to turn toward revolution as the only road out of chaos, misery and hunger.

The German youth has seen the difference between their condition and that of the Russian youth. In the land of the rule of the workers and peasants, the young are the first care of the state. There all the laws and decisions made which affect the young are the result of a consultation between the legislators and the organization of the Russian young workers, the Young Communist League. They have seen the great opportunities that have been given to and taken by the young workers and farmers to educate themselves. They have seen the children cared for in the best manner, in the richest mansions and palaces of the old and forgotten nobility. The contrast was too

strong for them to hesitate for long. The German youth has gone along with the adult workers on the road of Revolution to Peace and a new life.

But in Bavaria, the Fascisti, the German Ku Kluxers and American Legionites, are mobilizing their reactionary forces to drown in blood the attempts of the workers to free themselves from the yoke of greedy profiteers and rule of blood and iron, supported, too, by fake labor leaders and yellow "socialists," by the Hilferding-Ebert-Scheidemann clique. In the Rhineland, the French and Belgians have tried to break the solidarity of the workers' forces by lending financial, moral and military aid to the Rhenish capitalists in their recent setting up of a separate "republic." Already Stresemann, the tool of the reactionaries, has set up a dictatorship and sent troops against Workers' Saxony.

What do you think about this, workers? The reactionary Fascist leader of Bavaria, Adolph Hittler, the German Mussolini, declares loudly: "It means rule by the swastika or by the Soviet Star!" This means either the rule of black terror, murder of workers, burning of homes, undreamed-of enslavement of the workers in mill, office, field and factory; or it means rule of the working class, bread, peace and reedom!

You choose, of course, to line up with those who stand for workers' rule.

Germany must pay! Was the cry of the French, Belgian and English

capitalists at the end of the World War. And while the German, English, French, Belgian capitalists have been piling up profits, it has been the German workers, and especially their children who have paid the pound of flesh of reparations and capitalist exploitation, with their blood, lives of their children, horrible poverty and starvation. Tens of thousands, men, women and children alike, march to the fields to dig up potatoes and other vegetables, break into loaded stores, to seize some of the food they have produced. The German workers have determined not to die without a struggle. Capitalism has given only misery, starvation and death to the German working class. Today they see the only hope of salvation—a rule of, for, and by the workers and farmers of Germany, a Workers' Government!

In setting up a Workers' Government, they face the united opposition of the European capitalists. These capitalist governments of Europe stand prepared to furnish money, food and ammunition, even to march with troops against the Workers' Government of Germany, as soon as established, even as they have done in the case of Soviet Russia and Soviet Hungary. The crushing of a Workers' Germany would encourage the capitalists of America and Europe to a new attack upon Red Russia, now swiftly developing her industries, agriculture and educa-

The German workers are on the verge of starvation!

Driven to desperation, they are following the leadership of the Communist Party of Germany and fighting for the establishment of a Workers' Republic.

All over the world the capitalists look on with fear at the activities of the German workers. In the event of a revolution they will try to suppress it with the blood of the workers.

This must not be allowed! There must not be any intervention in the German workers' revolution!

Unite for no intervention in the German Workers' Republic!



From the New York Times

Young Workers in the German Turmoil: Left—Bearing away a wounded comrade shot in Schoeneberg, a suburb of Berlin; Center—Reading a “Down with Stinnes” manifesto of the Communists; Right — Reichs police arresting two young unemployed workers for demonstrating against the government.

tional institutions and thus demonstrating the superiority of workers' and farmers' government over capitalism.

The bankers and capitalists of the United States see already in the German revolution a chance to coin new millions out of the lives of the workers. It is not for nothing that the United States is building new battleships, new submarines, more airplanes, more and more of the deadly instruments of warfare. Let us not forget that the government has on its hands 3,000,000 pieces of gun, rifle, cannon, for which it is seeking some employment. Let us not forget that plans for the increase of all varieties of training camps are being made; and that over 85 per cent of the government budget goes for past and future wars.

First, the guns and bullets. Then, young workers, you will be sent to use them against the struggling and revolutionary workers of Germany, just as the Hessians were imported by the English against the brave American revolutionaries of '76. Only a few years back you, perhaps, your brothers or fathers, sailed across the seas to “make the world safe for democracy.” What was the “democracy” you fought for? A Militarist France? An Imperialist England? A Fascist Italy, Spain and Bulgaria? An Open Shop America? A Hindenburg and Ludendorff Germany? Was it for democracy's sake American soldiers were stationed on the Rhine or to help Allied Imperialism maintain a stranglehold on German industries? Was it for democracy's sake, that American soldiers were deluded and led into Siberia to help the counter-revolutionists crush the First Workers' Soviet Republic? Was the reward of democracy the return to unemployment, the open shop, the refusal of a bonus?

You must not fall into the capitalist war trap again. You must not allow the government of the bankers and munition makers, the government of the capitalists of America to join hands with the German reactionaries and outside interventionists against the German workers.

Young workers made up the largest amount of labor in the munitions factories, as in the last war. Young workers, especially, must be and are interested in prevention of war since they are the first to be mobilized. They are the first and heaviest sufferers. They are the ones called upon to shoot down their brother workers in other countries. They will be called

upon first to drown a Soviet Germany. This must not be allowed.

Workers, young and old, must now unite to prevent American capitalism from dragging the masses into another World War.

American workers have a particular duty. American workers must refuse to manufacture ammunition and guns to be used against the German workers. American workers must refuse to transport supplies for the enemies of the German workers. American workers must keep away from munitions plants. Dockworkers, longshoremen on American waterfronts, sailors on American, English, French, Italian and German ships must refuse to load and sail on ship bearing supplies to be used against the German workers. Not a ship must leave America whose purpose is to down the German Revolution.

Young Workers must agitate everywhere for the protection of the German Revolution. Meetings and demonstrations must be held in every city and town.

The situation is critical. Time must not be lost. Communists, revolutionists, militants, workers, young and old, men, women and children, students—all must unite and as one voice cry:

Give the German youth a chance to live!

Down with military training camps and capitalist preparedness! No food, no ships, no armies to crush Red Germany!

Don't scab! Stay away from munitions factories and help the German youth from starvation!

HANDS OFF WORKERS' GERMANY!

The unreasonableness of modern wars disguises itself under dynastic interest, nationally, balance of power, honor. This last pretext is perhaps the most extravagant of all, for there is not a nation in the world that is not sullied with every crime and loaded with every shame. There is not one of them which has not endured all the humiliations that fortune could inflict on a miserable band of men. If there yet remains any honor among the nations, it is a strange means of upholding it to make war—that is to say, to commit all the crimes by which an individual dishonors himself: arson, robbery, rape, murder.

—Anatole France.