
Crime, Violence, Terrorism and YOU!

[Defense leaflet of the Communist Labor Party]

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And You —

It is **YOU** we want to talk to — **AND HERE GOES!**

You've heard about the thief who stole a purse and then ran down the street crying, "Stop Thief! Stop Thief!"

Well, Capitalism is playing that game right now.

With its hands steeped in crime and its menials doing violence and imposing terrorism wherever and whenever an attempt is made to talk and act for the workers' freedom, Capitalism runs amuck shouting, "Crime! Violence! Crime! Violence! Terrorism!" points its finger at the workers it hates most and they are "taken in."

It's a great game Capitalism is playing — but it won't work. It's not working. For every intelligent worker knows that Capitalism is but sounding its own retreat, its own defeat.

IT ALL MEANS — WE ARE WINNING! It means that the workers the world over are advancing, steadily, determinedly, courageously. When Capitalism begins to squeal, it's time for us to be jubilant, to take new hold, to double our efforts.

YES — WE ARE WINNING. The world over the forces of reaction and despotism, the mouthpieces of "high" and "mighty" capitalism, have been compelled to bend the knee to Soviet Russia. The blockade has been lifted and imperialists are beginning to **BEG SOVIET RUSSIA FOR PEACE.** This is victory.

This victory for Soviet Russia is our victory. The workers of England, France, Italy, Germany, America helped to win the victory. Capitalism and its agencies covered the world with **LIES** about the victorious Russian workers. We nailed these lies and **SPREAD**

THE TRUTH.

And because the **TRUTH ABOUT RUSSIA** is winning, capitalism is becoming frantic, hysterical, violent. Arrests take place. Workers' meeting places are looted. Mob rule is encouraged. The workers' platform and press are gagged. And what flag-waving, notoriety seeking mouthpatriots are pleased to call "foreigners," workers like you and I, are being spit upon, and slated for deportation. **DEPORTATION** seems the **LAST STRAW** to curb the **RED UNREST.**

Your comrades at the front are braving the wrath of a dying order. They face prison sentences and deportation undaunted. They stand their ground. They battle on. They are where the contest is hottest — **FOR YOU.**

AND YOU? The **LEAST** you can do is **BACK THEM UP!** Back them up with your dollars. **BACK THEM UP WITH ALL THE DOLLARS YOU CAN SECURE.** You have helped before. You have assisted in many ways in this contest for the world between the capitalists of the world and the workers of the world.

You've helped before and **YOU MUST HELP AGAIN AND AGAIN!** Never before has your help been more **URGENTLY** needed.

This then is a campaign to mobilize Dollars for defense and relief. You are enlisted. Begin duty at once. Use the blank on the opposite page. Ask everybody to give generously. Report very soon. Final victory is sure!

Now then — AT IT!

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Executive Secretary.

Addressed to you and signed by John Reed, Charles Baker, L.E. Katterfeld, Jack Carney, Alexander Bilan, Edward Lindgren, Benjamin Gitlow, Edgar Owens, L.K. England, Max Bedacht.

Send All Remittances to:

*Gertrude Nafe, Treasurer, Defense Fund,
164 Waverly Place, New York City.*

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**Mobilizing
Dollars for Workers' Defense!**

No matter what your affiliation, it is your duty and that of every Worker to contribute to this Fund for defense and relief. Capitalism aims to stay the onward march of the workers by brutal persecution. Not only have fellow workers of ours been deported and threatened with deportation but labor unions have been raided, wholesale indictments and arrests have been made, looting and mob rule has been encouraged, and the workers' press and platform has been gagged by those who would kill the human race to preserve profits.

Workers slated for deportation on Deer Island, Boston, have gone insane because of brutal treatment. One committed suicide. Eight deportees upon Ellis Island, New York, have died because of inadequate care. Families are in want of relief.

We must rush to the defense of all workers who, because they bravely face capitalism and with it contest every inch of ground, face prison sentences or are held for deportation.

**Give Dollars and Help Get and Keep
These Workers Out of Prison.**

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**Help Deportees' Families!
Comforts for Deportees!**

Funds Are Needed, Give All You Can!

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Contribute Generously.*

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