
Socialist Party Protests

Allied Invasion of Russia:

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Chicago.— The Socialist Party, through its National Executive Committee in session here, adopted a statement on the Russian situation calling on the workers of the world to aid the Russian people in their struggle for freedom.

The proclamation declares:

Since the French Revolution established a new high mark of political liberty in the world, there has been no other advance in democratic progress and social justice comparable to the Russian Revolution. The Russian people have cast behind them three centuries of tsarist oppression. They have established an advanced form of democracy — a Socialist government — based on cooperative effort for the common good. They have cast aside the false idols of a secret diplomacy and imperialism and are abolishing exploitation of every kind. Economically and socially, the Russian Socialist Soviet Republic is a government of the workers, by the workers, and for the workers.

Capitalists Against Them.

The French people, a century and a quarter ago, found all nations turned against them because of their ideals of political liberty. The Russian people are facing a similar experience because of their ideals of economic freedom. The forces of capitalism and reaction throughout the world are determined to crush the newly won freedom of the Russian workers. They are working with the remnants of the old regime and the wealthy bourgeois exiles for the overthrow of the Soviet government and for the restoration of the rule

of feudalism and imperialism in Russia.

German imperialism, recognizing democratic Russia as its worst enemy, has attempted to crush Russia from the west. It has wrested from Russia, by brute force, under the legal form of a brigand's peace, the Russian border provinces and the great territory of the Ukraine, against the will of their peoples.

Imperialists in the countries at war with Germany have adopted an attitude towards Russia similar to that of the Prussian junkers. They have been demanding an invasion of Russia from the east and north and the crushing of the Soviet Republic by the Allied armies.

Scheme is Denounced.

We denounce the schemes of these imperialists to use the Czecho-Slovaks as a counterrevolutionary force, used against the declared will of the Czecho-Slovaks themselves.

We denounce as utterly incompatible with any principle of democratic or international decency any and all plans of invasion. Such action can only result in throwing Russia into a bloody struggle of which Germany imperialism will be quick to take advantage. We believe that such an invasion would outrage every principle of justice and international law and make a rearrangement of friendly international relations very difficult.

The representatives of Russian junkerdom in the Allied capitals are now fomenting plots for the counterrevolution in Russia. They know that a reactionary government in Russia, such as they

desire, could maintain itself only with the aid of German bayonets, as do now the reactionary governments in Finland and the Ukraine. We urge the United States government not to assist these enemies of democracy and freedom.

Protest Soviet Isolation.

We protest against the continued isolation of the Soviet government of Russia, which is being held incommunicado by the governments of the world.

We call upon the workers throughout the world to aid the Russian people in their struggle for freedom.

We call upon all true believers in democracy in the United States to join with us in urging our government to recognize the Russian Soviet Republic.

In spite of the hostility of the most powerful forces, it has endured for 10 months, successfully performing the great task of reconstructing the social and economic life of Russia. The Socialist Party of America declares itself in accord with revolutionary Russia and urges our government and our people to cooperate with it and to assist it to the end that democratic forces of the world may be victorious and autocracy and imperialism banished forever.

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