

RISING TIDE OF WORLD REVOLUTION

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DURING the past months news has piled up from all over the world, indicating a great intensification of the struggle of the toiling masses internationally against capitalism. This great struggle, despite its varying degrees of development in the various countries, tends to take on more sharply the character of a counter-offensive against the whole capitalist system. It is a manifestation of the crisis of world capitalism and the rapid strengthening of the forces of the proletarian world revolution. It is entirely in accord with the Comintern's analysis of the world situation.

First in importance, in this tremendous revolutionary movement, are the splendid achievements being registered from month to month by the Russian workers in building socialism. The huge process in constructing the industries and in collectivizing the land not only enthuses the world's workers but startles the capitalists everywhere. It undermines the entire capitalist system and enormously strengthens the ranks of the world working class.

Then, there is the vast upheaval in China. The indomitable Chinese workers and peasants recovered rapidly from the counter-revolutionary treachery of Chiang Kai-shek, and organizing under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and the Communist International, now go militantly forward to the establishment of Soviet China. China's countless millions are on the revolutionary march.

And finally, the spreading Indian revolution. Not the sell-out by Gandhi, not the guns of Ramsay MacDonald's "labor" government can prevent India's masses of revolutionary workers from finding organization and leadership in the Communist movement nor from striking a mortal blow to British imperialism and its allies, Indian capitalism and feudalism. Even if not yet at so high a stage of struggle, the myriads of Indian producers go rapidly into revolutionary battle.

These great movements in the Soviet Union, in China and in India (to say nothing of the vital struggles in the various colonial countries) show the tremendous volume the world revolutionary movement is now taking on. The vast East, counting about half of the human race, is increasingly ablaze with revolt against world imperialism and the whole system. Sooner, perhaps, than we realize, Soviet China and Soviet India will be solidly united with Soviet Russia in a still greater Soviet Union.

Let the capitalists tremble at these awakening masses; let the social-fascists lead the capitalist forces against them, let the renegades of the Trotsky-Cannon-Lovestone-Brandler stripe minimize and slander them—they will nevertheless go ahead irresistibly in the face of a maze of obstacles. They are beginning the writing on the wall for the capitalist system.

World capitalism faces ever-sharpening difficulties—economic crises, danger of imperialist war, seething colonial revolts, etc.—and its troubles intensify on all sides. Before long it will also have to confront its common enemy, the proletariat in its industrial countries, unshakably determined upon revolution.

For the past several years the workers in the industrial countries of Europe and America have been relatively quiet, following their unsuccessful post-war struggles, which were betrayed to defeat by the social-democrats. They have distinctly lagged behind the colonial

countries, but now they begin to awaken and to go into action. Many related factors are now bringing about the radicalization and organization of the workers in these lands.

The most basic of these is the world crisis of capitalism which, as it deepens, radicalizes the working class by worsening their living and working conditions, through unemployment, wage-cuts, speed-up, etc. Secondly, there is the growing disillusionment of the workers regarding the "revolutionary" pretensions of the socialist parties, which as they get into power, thoroughly expose their capitalist character. The British labor government is doing marvels in this direction—and which tends rapidly to weaken the powerful and deadly influence they have wielded for two generations upon the workers through their political organizations, unions, cooperatives, etc. A further tremendous factor in arousing the proletariat in these countries is the very rapid growth of socialism in the Soviet Union, a striking object lesson which comes as a very inspiration to the workers, and finally, there is the growth of the Communist International and its parties in the various countries which are giving real organization and leadership to the workers.

All these great forces are irresistibly drawing the masses of workers in the industrial countries into struggle against the capitalist class. Before long world capitalism will confront not only the victorious Soviet Union and the vast upheavals in the colonial countries, but also a militantly revolutionary proletariat in the imperialist home-lands. Then the decaying world capitalist system, despite all the efforts of the capitalists and social-fascists to prop it up, will indeed begin to totter preparatory to its overthrow.

We live in great times, in the period of the breakdown of the capitalist system and the beginning of socialism. And we, living in the U. S., have a vital role to play in this vast social drama. The great task of our Party is to mobilize our huge working class, together with the poor farmers, to strike a mortal blow at the very heart of world capitalism, American imperialism.

The situation becomes increasingly favorable for our Party's work of organization, education and leadership. American capitalism goes deeper and deeper into crisis, disillusioning millions of workers and poor farmers and worsening their conditions. These toilers will follow our revolutionary lead provided we know how to make our first approach to them through the T.U.U.L., revolutionary unions and other mass organizations on the basis of struggle for their pressing demands. Historically important was the great March 6th demonstration, with 1,250,000 workers openly accepting Communist leadership. It was a signal of the coming mass organization and leadership of our Party.

Now is the time for every class conscious worker to join the Communist Party. The period immediately ahead of us, with an intensification of the crisis, the further swelling of the huge army of the unemployed, the wholesale slashing of wages, etc., will be one of keenly sharpening class struggles. In these fights, our Party, confronted with the hostile triple alliances of employers, government, and treacherous union and socialist leaders, will need the active support of every militant worker. Let the workers in this country do their full share to further the world attack against capitalism now developing rapidly under the leadership of the Communist International.