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DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION!

Statement by the Central Committee of the Workers (Communist) Party of America on the Tenth Anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

TEN YEARS AGO, on November 7, 1917, the workers and peasants of Russia, under the leadership of the Communist Party, overthrew the rule of the capitalists and big land-owners, nationalized the land, the factories, the mines and the banks, and established a government of their own. This brought the dawn of a new day for the oppressed and exploited throughout the world. It put an end to the imperialist world war. It ushered in a new period of the world proletarian revolution, which will only end with the end of capitalism itself.

In spite of all the predictions of failure, in spite of all the misrepresentations and slanders, in spite of economic blockade and the financing of counter-revolutions and actual invasion by all of the big imperialist powers, the Soviet Union has endured for ten years, and developed so that all the world can see that the workers can get along better without their bosses.

Report of the Trade Union Delegation

SUCH success have the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union made in the construction of socialism during these ten years, that no lies, no campaigns of misrepresentation, of slander, of calumny, can any longer hide the fact that the workers and peasants are now better off than they were under capitalism. Through numerous delegations of trade unionists, of poor farmers, of peasants from all parts of the globe, the toiling masses are learning of the tremendous work of economic reconstruction in the Soviet Union, of the constant strengthening and growth of Socialist industry, of the steady improvement in the working conditions and the enrichment of the cultural and social life of the toilers.

During the past few months, the first American trade union delegation visited the Soviet Union and is now making its report to the American working class. The reactionary officials of the American Federation of Labor, feeling that the American workers would be inspired to more militant methods of struggle and to imitation of the example of the workers of the Soviet Union, desperately tried to prevent the delegation from going. But it refused to be terrorized and went to see with its own eyes what is happening in the land of the workers and peasants. The delegation carried with it prejudices which prevented it from fully appreciating what it saw there. But the essential superiority of the new social order in the Soviet Union over the old order and the tremendous progress that the Russian workers are making in the building up of Socialism was strongly impressed on the minds of the American trade unionists. They were convinced by the evidence of their own eyes, and they so report.

James Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, who headed the trade union delegation, had this to say about the Soviet Union:

"The workers of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics are building up that about which the working sections of mankind have been dreaming for ages—a socialist economic system which excludes exploitation of man by man. Socialist forms of economy have shown their superiority over capitalist economy. In spite of post-war destruction, blockade and backward technique, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics has been able to raise the standard of living of the workers to a higher level than that of the pre-war period. This means that, under favorable conditions, the U. S. S. R. will astound the world by its economic and cultural construction work."

An Inspiration to All Who Toil

THE Soviet Union is an inspiration to the workers and poor farmers of America and to the oppressed peoples throughout the world. Its growth strengthens the labor movement everywhere. That is why the capitalist press of America is so busy lying about the Soviet Union. That is why Matthew Woll and William Green and other reactionary labor officials who support capitalism will not send a labor delegation to the Soviet Union to investigate conditions at first hand. That is why they do their best to prevent such delegations from going. The example of the Russian workers helped to inspire the British miners in their struggle against wage cuts. During their general strike, the workers of the Soviet Union raised millions to aid their brothers of Great Britain. This act, which called forth the admiration of every worker loyal to his class, called forth the hatred of the entire capitalist world. The inspiration of the Soviet Union has strengthened the Chinese people in their determination to be free, has stirred up Ireland and Egypt and India and all the colonies of Great Britain, has inspired the workers and peasants of the Philippine Islands, Latin-America and other peoples ruled by Wall Street. That is why the imperialist

world, under the leadership of British imperialism, is planning a new attack against the Soviet Union.

Capitalism Is Plotting War Against USSR.

EVERY DAY, new steps are taken openly to bring about intervention and actual war. The American capitalist class is working hand in hand with British and Japanese imperialism in attacks upon the Chinese revolution and in attempts to bring about war against the workers' and peasants' republic. We call upon the American workers to defend the republic of the workers and peasants against imperialist attack.

Why Workers Should Defend the USSR

IN the Soviet Union, they have just established the seven-hour day. The American capitalist papers have not breathed a word about this big piece of news, because they are afraid that the American workers, with their eight, nine, ten and twelve hour day, will want to imitate the example of their Russian brothers.

In America, the land of the speed-up, workers grow old early. Most industries will not employ a new worker over 45. Old age means poverty, means dependence. In the Soviet Union, they have done away with the economic terrors of old age by their system of old age pensions.

Unemployment on a large scale is again beginning to show its ugly head in America. The government reports that over a million workers are marching the streets in search of jobs and more than three million are working half time. In America, unemployment means starvation. In the Soviet Union there is a system of social insurance for unemployment.

In America, there is child labor, inadequate education for working class children, pitiless exploitation of women. In the Soviet Union, the child of the worker has the first claim on the education system. Child labor has been abolished, women receive equal economic opportunity, are protected from difficult work and get two months leave of absence with pay before and after child-birth.

In America, our bosses are fighting bitterly to prevent the organization of the unorganized workers, and to smash the existing unions by means of terrorism, persecution, blacklists, spy systems, company unions and open shop drives. They use the government openly to issue injunctions, to break strikes, to smash picket lines and destroy unions. In the Soviet Union, the workers are their own bosses and the government of the workers and peasants does everything in its power to aid in the organization of the trade unions.

In America, the unions are weak and divided. Their leadership is corrupt and supports the capitalist system, showing energy only in struggling against the militant workers, never in fighting the bosses. Eighty-five per cent or more of the American workers are unorganized. In the Soviet Union over 90 per cent of the workers are organized, and the unions are powerful, well led, well organized industrial unions, that play an important role in the administration of industry.

In America, the overwhelming majority of the working class still has no political party of its own. The reactionary officials of the American Federation of Labor try to keep the workers tied to the bosses' political parties and trade support for bribes and favors. There is no powerful labor party including the entire labor movement. In the Soviet Union the workers rule through the Communist Party.

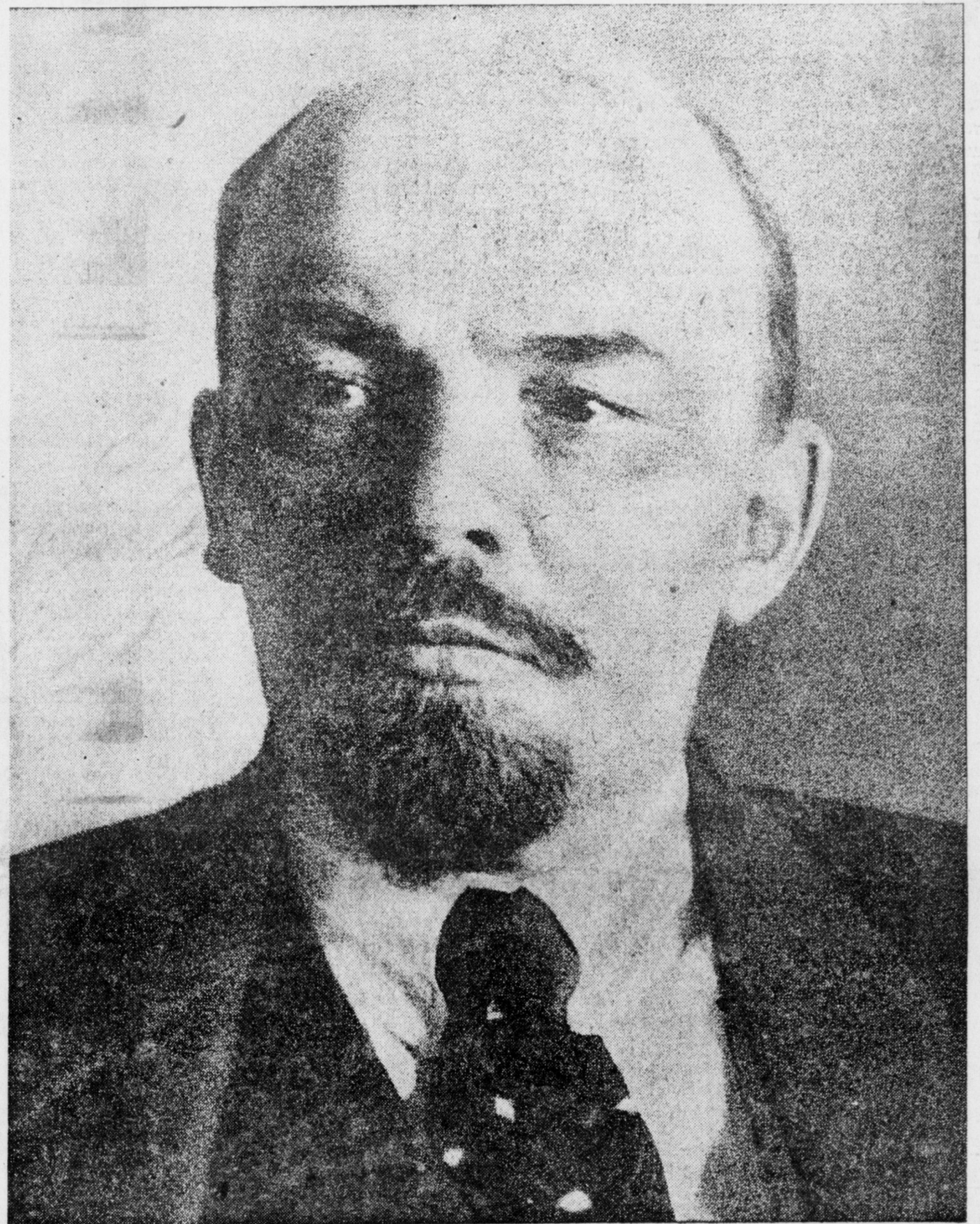
In America, corrupt politicians and open grafters are elevated to high office. In the Soviet Union, grafters are severely punished and even shot.

In America, the plight of the farmer goes from bad to worse. Mortgages and tenant farming grows. Politics is played with farm relief measures. The working farmers leave the land by the hundreds of thousands, because they cannot continue in the face of the exploitation of banker, railroad magnate and middleman. In the Soviet Union, the land has been given to the users. It has been nationalized. A system of electrical power, of reduction of the prices on things that the farmer needs, of old age pensions for peasants, of progressively reduced taxes has been inaugurated. The banks and the railways are the servants and not the masters there.

In America, the trusts own the government. In the Soviet Union, the government owns the trusts.

America is the land where militant workers are framed-up, where Mooney and Billings still lie in jail, where Sacco and Vanzetti were murdered, where picket lines are broken and strike leaders arrested. The Soviet Union is the land where the workers rule and the government is used, not against the workers, but against the bosses.

In America, the foreign-born workers are terrorized and the Negro suffers discrimination, persecution and



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even lynching. The marines are sent into Latin-America and China. The Filipinos are denied their freedom. Wall Street has become a symbol of imperialist dominance throughout the world. In the Soviet Union, there is freedom for all national minorities, for all races and peoples. There is help for all peoples struggling for freedom. The Soviet Union has become the symbol of freedom to the oppressed peoples all over the world.

We, the workers of America, have much to learn from the workers of the Soviet Union. We must strengthen our labor movement, give it a policy of militant class struggle, amalgamate our weak craft unions, organize the unorganized workers, fight for a system of social insurance, of unemployment and old-age pensions and wages during sickness and compensation for accidents. We must fight for a shorter work-day, such as the workers in the Soviet Union have already won. We must fight for a labor party. We must fight against the bosses' control of government and for the establishment of a workers' and farmers' government in America.

The greatest lesson of the Russian workers for the workers of America is the lesson that to achieve the things they have achieved we must build a powerful Communist Party in America.

The Workers (Communist) Party is the American section of the Communist International as the Communist Party of the Soviet Union is the Russian section. The Communist International is the leader of the oppressed throughout the world in the struggle against war, in the struggle against imperialism, in the struggle against capitalism, in the struggle for a new social order.

The Workers (Communist) Party of America is the party that fights in America to strengthen our unions, to organize the unorganized, to stop imperialist war, to defend the Soviet Union, to stop injunctions, to stop the use of courts and police and government against the workers, to build a labor party, to take the govern-

ment away from the bosses, build a workers' and farmers' government, to abolish capitalism and establish a better social order.

On the tenth anniversary of the victory of the Russian workers under the leadership of the Russian Communist Party, we call upon the workers of America to join the Workers (Communist) Party and fight for the things the Workers Party is fighting for.

The workers of America must prevent America from being drawn into a new war against the Soviet Union. We must stop the danger of a new world war. We must pledge ourselves never to raise a rifle against our brothers of the Soviet Union. We must pledge ourselves on this tenth anniversary of the revolution of November, 1917, to defend with all our might and all our power the conquests and achievements of our class which now rules over a sixth part of the earth and will yet rule over the entire world. We must demand that the American government recognize the Soviet Union as a step away from war and as an aid to the farmers and workers of America. We must send more delegations of workers and farmers to see with their own eyes the amazing achievements that are possible where the workers rule. We must bring about a closer relationship between the Soviet Union and the workers and farmers of the United States.

Demand Recognition of the USSR!

WORKERS of America! Demand the recognition of the Soviet Union! Send delegations to the Soviet Union! Strengthen the bond between the American and the Russian working class! Stop before it is too late, the plans for a new world war! Pledge yourselves to defend the workers' and peasants' government! Build a powerful labor movement in America! Fight to realize in America what the Russian workers have won in the Soviet Union! Fight for a Workers' and Farmers' government in the United States!