
Proclamation on the 2nd Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution: Issued by the SPA National Executive Committee

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The following proclamation has just been issued by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of America:

On the second anniversary of the establishment of the Socialist Soviet Republic of Russia the Socialist Party of the United States sends its hearty greetings and reaffirms its solidarity with the workers and peasants of Russia. In all the annals of human history there never has been a more heroic struggle of the masses against such tremendous odds as that waged by the revolutionary republic of workers and peasants.

From the hour of the proclamation of the Soviet republic, it has met the hostility of the world imperialists — German, Allied, and neutral alike. Our Russian comrades have decreed the abolition of the rule of capital, finance, and landed junkers in the life of Russia. They have repudiated the crimes of the imperialist statesmen and renounced the proposed annexations of the former criminal regime.

Soviet Wins Hatred of Ruling Classes.

Against the counterrevolution they have stood in arms, defending the Socialist fatherland, the only fatherland the workers can ever have to defend. The Soviet republic's repudiation of the intrigues and crimes of the imperialist diplomats has provoked the hatred of the ruling classes of the world.

Menaced by German bayonets at first, they now face the armed mercenaries financed and supported by the Allied governments. The vassal border states sustained by the Allied diplomats are used as so many mercenary tools to serve the finance oligarchy which seeks to destroy the Soviet republic.

Surrounded by a ring of bayonets, blockaded and denied the foodstuffs and raw materials essential for its economic and social life, interned from the world by the lying bourgeois press of the capitalist nations, forced to divert its energies to military defense, menaced within by the intrigues of the counterrevolutionists, maligned and slandered by the infuriated international thieves, the Socialist Soviet Republic of Russia bears aloft the banner of internationalism and serves as an inspiration for the workers of all countries.

Diplomats Loot Great Countries.

The imperialist diplomats, with an assumption of holy indignation, charge the Soviet power with confiscating bourgeois property, while at the same time they have looted China, Egypt, India, and the former German colonies in the interest of Allied exploiters. They charge the Soviet power with suppressing the rights of the citizen, while in their own countries thousands of citizens are imprisoned for their opinions.

They charge the Soviet power with internal repression of counterrevolution, while in Ireland,

Egypt, and India they hold down whole populations with the mailed fist.

They charge the Soviet power with being a bloody regime, while they make the Finnish assassins their accomplices and supply arms to bandit armies in the Baltic and Siberia. They charge the Soviet power with ambitions for world domination, while they have organized a world union of imperialists which they parade as a League of Nations.

Russian Masses Hold Looters.

For 2 years the masses of Russia have held back the international looters and have appealed to the workers of all countries to renounce the aims of the imperialist governments. The Socialist Party is proud of its record of service in behalf of the beleaguered Socialist Republic of Russia. To the extent of its power it has demanded with-

drawal of troops from Russia, the lifting of the blockade, resumption of trade, and the settlement of all internal questions by the Russian masses themselves.

On this second anniversary of the birth of the Socialist republic we reiterate these demands and call on the masses to protest against the attacks upon Russia and demand the lifting of the cowardly blockade which condemns thousands to a miserable death this winter. It calls upon them to remember our own revolutionary traditions and the 15 years required to stabilize the new republic.

Greetings of solidarity and internationalism to the tired and suffering workers and peasants of the first Socialist republic in history!

Long live the Russian Socialist Soviet republic!

Long live the international brotherhood of the workers of the world!

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