
Hands Off Russian Republic.

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The proletarian revolution in Russia now in its third year has demonstrated to the entire world that it rests upon the revolutionary consciousness of the great mass of the Russian people. Begun in November 1917, it has, during the past two years, taken deep root among the workers and peasants of Russia, who, through their soviets, have been forging a state based upon industrial democracy. All plots to undermine the trust of the Russian workers and peasants in their chosen leaders and attempts to overthrow the Soviet government by means of a counterrevolution have hopelessly failed because the system of government which the revolutionary workers and peasants have established is of their own creation and controlled by them.

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Besides the attempts of the internal enemies of the proletarian revolution to overthrow the workers' government, all the reactionary powers of the world have banded themselves together to destroy the Soviet Republic. Armed intervention, starvation, blockades, financing of counterrevolutionary elements, and other heinous methods were used to frustrate the accomplishment of the political and economic conquests of the Russian workers and peasants. The Soviet Russian democracy has withstood all these nefarious attempts. The Soviet government is now stronger than ever. The Soviet army has defeated the armies of the

counterrevolutionary bourgeoisie, and Kolchak, Yudenich, Denikin, and the other tsarist leaders of hired military bands have been almost completely annihilated. The allied powers, which sent invading armies into Russia and raised the hopes of the counterrevolutionists for a return of tsarist rule, are now announcing the withdrawal of their troops and the support of the reactionary groups in Russia. This was made possible because the Russian workers and peasants were united in their determination to defend their Socialist fatherland from foreign invasion and counterrevolution, and also because the organized Socialist and labor movements of the world have come to the aid of the Russian workers' republic, and have served notice upon their governments that they will not permit the sacrifice of the Soviet Republic on the altar of world imperialism.

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A special representative of the United States government to Russia, who recently made public his report before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, has stated to the government that:

1. "No government save a Socialist government can be set up in Russia today, except by foreign bayonets, and any governments so set up will fall the moment such support is withdrawn."

2. "No real peace can be established in Russia or the world until peace is made with the revolution."

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And now the workers of the world, inspired by the accomplishments of their Russian fellow-workers, are celebrating the second anniversary of the proletarian revolution, and are renewing their pledge of cooperation and solidarity. The Socialist Party of America, which, from the very beginning of the Russian Revolution supported the Russian workers in their attempts to establish a Socialist commonwealth, again sends its greetings to the valiant champions of political and industrial liberty, and wishes them success. In common with the Socialists of other countries, it pledges its undivided support to them. It promises that it will continue to carry the message of the Soviet Republic to the workers of this country and to enlist their aid in the demand that the American government shall immediately withdraw its armed forces from Russian territory; that it shall not give any material or moral aid to the reactionary Russian elements; and that it shall forthwith lift the blockade against the Soviet Republic.

LONG LIVE THE RUSSIAN FEDERATED SOCIALIST SOVIET REPUBLIC, THE HOPE AND INSPIRATION OF THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD!

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Socialist Party.*

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