

The Workers Delegation to the Soviet Union

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ONE of the most important movements now taking place among the workers of this country, is the organization of the Workers' Delegation, under the auspices of the Friends of the Soviet Union, to go to the Soviet Union in the middle of October. It is the purpose of this delegation to examine at first hand the building of Socialism by the workers of the Soviet Union and to report back their findings to the workers in this country.

The capitalists intensify their attacks upon the Soviet Union. They see in the Soviet Union the handwriting upon the wall so far as the capitalist system of the world is concerned. The workers in the Soviet Union are not only building Socialism over one-sixth of the area of the globe, but they are also giving a practical demonstration that will, sooner than we imagine, be followed by the workers in the rest of the world. They live in mortal fear of the successes of the Five Year Plan. Hence they multiply their war preparations against the Soviet Union and intensify their campaign of lies to prevent the masses of workers from understanding what is actually taking place in the Soviet Union and its tremendous importance to the workers of the world. The current lies in the American capitalist press, the Wales articles, etc., on the so-called "failures" of the Five Year Plan in Magnetogorsk, etc., are but following up phases to the intense anti-Soviet campaign around "dumping," the anti-religious activities, etc.

A very powerful means of exposing these slanderous misrepresentations and the whole capitalist attack against the Soviet Union is for the American workers themselves to see what is actually taking place in the Soviet Union. Any worker who visits the Soviet Union must be convinced of the falsity of the capitalist slanders of Matthew Woll, Hamilton Fish and Co. against the Russian workers, and be enormously impressed by the unparalleled successes of the Russian worker.

The present delegation has been invited by the Russian Trade Union. It consists of representative workers from the mining, metal, marine and chemical industries. These workers, nominated by the TUUL unions, are elected by the workers themselves in the industries. The delegation will be representative of the most basic sections of the American working class.

The importance of this delegation is especially great at the present time. The workers in this country, aroused by the encroaching starvation from unemployment and wage cuts, are rapidly losing faith in capitalism and preparing themselves for militant struggles against the employers. Seeing the capitalist system in this country, in fact all over the world, lying prostrate in the industrial crisis, large numbers are inclined to question the whole existence of this system and to look for a revolutionary way out of the encircling hardships. Many are becoming keenly receptive to the revolutionary lessons taught by the successes of the workers in the Soviet Union. The delegation of the Friends of the Soviet Union will be a powerful means for bringing about the revolutionary enlightenment and organization of the workers of this country.