
Stand by Soviet Russia: Proclamation of the United Communist Party of America [circa August 1, 1920]

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WORKINGMEN OF THE UNITED STATES!

The World War of the capitalists fighting to destroy their rivals in the struggle for profits cost millions of lives and billions in treasures. All Europe still suffers the fearful misery produced by that war.

The bloody struggle never really came to an end.

Ever since the workers of Russia overthrew the capitalists and landowners who robbed and exploited them, the capitalist governments of the world have been scheming to destroy the Soviet Government the workers established.

The capitalists are constantly lying to you about the conditions in Russia. They dare not let you know what the workers and peasants have achieved in spite of the blockade and the never-ending war against them. They know that, with such example before them, the workers of every other country will destroy their capitalist governments and put an end to the capitalist system.

In order to preserve their system of exploitation, the capitalists, therefore, attack the Soviet Government with every means at their command. They financed all the tsarist generals who would act as their tools. Kolchak, Denikin, Yudenich were only tools of Lloyd George, Clemenceau, and Woodrow Wilson. It was English, French,

and American gold that paid for their work of murdering Russian workers and peasants. But in place of destroying the government of the workers and peasants, these tsarist generals and their armies have been destroyed.

Then the Allied imperialists drove Poland to attack Russia.

Soviet Russia desired peace with Poland. But the Polish brigands had their orders from London, Paris, and Washington. Without warning, they invaded the Ukraine, destroying cities, murdering women and children.†

But the Russian workers and peasants have hurled back the bloodthirsty invaders and almost wiped out their armies paid and supplied by the Allies.‡

NOW THAT THE IMPERIALIST ALLIANCE IS BEATEN, IT IS TRYING TO AROUSE YOU ONCE MORE AGAINST THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA.

England and France are going to send their armies to help the Polish bandits. The United States will furnish money and munitions to Poland.

Workingmen of the United States, this is only the beginning of a new great war — a war to crush the first Workers' Republic. As before the world war, first this country will furnish money and munitions. Then it will call upon

†- Pilsudski's Polish Army invaded Right-Bank Ukraine in an offensive which began April 20, 1920.

‡- Polish forces were driven back from Right-Bank Ukraine into ethnographically Polish territory by the end of July 1920.

the youth of the nation to go forth and kill. The capitalist press is already carrying on the propaganda for sending American armies to do the dirty work of the world capitalists in Europe.

AMERICAN WORKINGMEN! ARE YOU GOING TO LET THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT KILL RUSSIAN WORKMEN AND PEASANTS BECAUSE THEY HAVE RID THEMSELVES OF ROBBER CAPITALISTS AND LANDOWNERS AND ARE MANAGING THEIR OWN INDUSTRIES?

The Polish workers and peasants, under the leadership of the Communists of that country, have risen again and again to prevent their capitalist government from making war against Soviet Russia. These workers and peasants are appealing to the workers of the world to come to the aid of Soviet Russia. They know that they will be free only after the capitalist government is beaten and destroyed.

The workers everywhere are answering the appeal of the workers and peasants of Russia and Poland. They are mobilizing their power against the Polish Government and the Imperialist Alliance which is trying to destroy Soviet Russia. The dockworkers and the railwaymen of England have refused to handle munitions for Poland. The

German, Italian, Austrian, and Czech workmen refuse to move trains of war supplies across their country to Poland. Even English soldiers have mutinied because they were ordered to unload munitions at Danzig.

Workmen of America! What are you going to do about it?

Will you act now, not only to save Soviet Russia, but to save the youth of this country from being led into another great capitalist war?

You have the power in your hands. Follow the example of the workers of England, Italy, Germany, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia! **Refuse to manufacture munitions! Refuse to transport them! Refuse to do anything that will help the Allied Imperialists to make war on Soviet Russia!**

Down with the brigand government of Poland!

Down with the Imperialist Alliance!

Down with capitalist War!

Down with all capitalist governments!

Long live the Communist workers and peasants of Poland!

Long live Soviet Russia!

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS SOLIDARITY!

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