
The Workers' Council: An Organ for the Third International.

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The working class of the United States, today, is as much exploited economically and as much suppressed politically as any other in the world, and it has the weakest labor movement on the political as well as on the economic field. Still the American masses are by no means inherently reactionary or conservative. They have shown a keen response to the appeal of the Russian proletarian revolution, and their attitude towards Soviet Russia has been so unmistakably sympathetic that though unorganized it has prevented the government from active military hostilities during the last two years.

Moreover there is a growing sentiment that sands behind the Third International and its principles. All that is needed is a force that will cement this unorganized sympathy and understanding and loose allegiance into a compact body.

The Socialist Party vacillating between the Second and the Third International, standing upon a platform of ineffectual reforms and parliamentarism of the kind that have, since the war, been discarded by every European socialist party outside of the Second International, is not today the instrument of revolutionary working class education and action.

The American working class undoubtedly offers a field for fruitful action. But this action can be undertaken only after all those who are today working as individuals and in groups for its culmination have been gathered behind a great driving force functioning on

the political as well as on the economic fields, reaching the working class in the shops and in meetings, in the labor organizations and through the press, in political campaigns and in political organizations.

The Workers' Council, a biweekly organ for education and propaganda, which is about to make its first appearance, intends to become the medium through which this force will find expression. In launching the new undertaking we are fully conscious of the task which we are facing. But it must be undertaken and can be met successfully if every one of us does his duty.

The Workers' Council will stand uncompromisingly and unreservedly for the Third (Communist) International and its principles. It will attempt to carry such agitation into working class circles that have never been reached before.

It will endeavor to become the expression of revolutionary Socialism, as it was conceived by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels in the Communist Manifesto of 1847, and as it has been interpreted, in the light of modern conditions, by the Russian Revolution, culminating in the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The Workers' Council will stand by these principles and endeavor to make them a conscious force in the American labor movement. It calls upon the class-conscious elements of the workers to rally to its support.

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