

APPEAL FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR RUSSIA.

In every country directly touched by the war, hunger, deprivation, and disease have demanded, and are still demanding their terrible toll. Tuberculosis and syphilis, typhoid and small pox, influenza and a host of other diseases that are the direct outcome of malnutrition and actual starvation have decimated the populations of the earth.

Of all the nations none have suffered more from the ravages of disease than Russia. Under the regime of the Czar there was practically no public sanitation. Public welfare and public health were ignored. The attention of every part of this most corrupt of all governmental machines was concentrated upon its police and military organizations. There had never been an organized effort to combat the unclean and unhealthy living conditions of the great masses. The public at large was suffered to remain in ignorance of the most elementary rules of sanitation.

The war served to aggravate already unbearable conditions. It broke down the weak industrial and commercial structure and added hunger and want to the sufferings of the nation. When the March revolution came, and the soldiers broke their ranks and by one common impulse moved homeward, they carried with them the diseases with which the Russian Army was afflicted. Tuberculosis, syphilis, typhus and cholera raged everywhere. The spirit of hunger went stalking through the land, and its path was strewn with the bodies of sick and starving children. Medicines were scarce and so high in price that only the wealthy could afford the luxury of medical care. During the first months of the Bolshevik regime matters went from bad to worse. The physicians, in a body, belonging as they did to the bourgeoisie sabotaged the revolution by refusing to attend to the sick, the disabled and the invalid. The few who remained at their posts, were hampered on every hand by the entire lack of medicines.

In the face of these seemingly insurmountable difficulties, in the midst of a period of industrial reconstruction such as the world has never seen, in spite of a bloody struggle against usurpers and invaders on every side, the Russian Soviet Republic has built up a system of health control and public welfare that may well serve as an example to the progressive and democratic governments of Europe and America.

Before this new system of medical relief could be put into effect, however, the peculiarities of the old class society had to be destroyed. There were for instance, the difference in price for medical attention, the great variety in the character of hospitals and clinics for the rich and the poor, there was the gamble in medicine for speculation. Above all, the abysmal ignorance of the people of the simplest health measures; The crowded quarters of the poor, overworked, underfed mas-

ses, and the lack of physicians and nurses, and the lack of physicians and nurses Against all of these, Soviet Russia through its public health and public welfare agencies waged relentless warfare. All apparatus for the care and treatment of the sick, maimed, invalid and deformed were immediately placed under the control of the Soviet Department of Health. They imposed upon those who were economically independent by virtue of the social position and wealth the duty of helping the poor, not as an act of charity, but as a right that they owed to those who produced the comforts they were enjoying. An inventory of the entire medical resources of the country was made and the scanty supplies distributed to the numerous medical centers established in every corner of the land. Physicians have been placed under the direct control of the government and are assigned to their patients as they apply to the health center for medical assistance. As the number of physicians is entirely inadequate to care for the enormous number of sick and suffering large bodies of intelligent men and women have been trained to act as assistants under the direction of the physicians in charge of the cases, rendering valuable assistance, and materially increasing the efficiency of the medical staff.

Equally, even more important than this medical service is the campaign of disease prevention that has been carried on. Lectures on public and personal sanitation are held everywhere. Tons of literature, treating these questions in simple language have been distributed. In the cities the sanitary inspection of the houses has been introduced. Epidemics have been checked by the rigorous fumigation of houses where cases of illness occurred. Vaccination was made compulsory—an accomplishment that only those who knew the superstitious nature of the uneducated Russian can fully appreciate. For the first time strong efforts are made to increase sanitation. The streets of Petrograd are thoroughly clean. The drinking-water is being filtered. Baths, washhouses, disinfecting stations have been established.

Military, naval and transport medical services have all been placed under the control of the Commissariat which has been greatly aided thereby in its struggle against epidemics. In addition to sections for the study of different branches of medicine, dentistry, radiography, etc., a special educational and publishing section has been instituted, which has organized at Moscow a museum of social hygiene, and has published popular booklets on points of hygiene and sanitation in millions of copies. A Central Library of Medicine, containing more than 30,000 volumes, has been open at Moscow since May. The Commissariat has convoked two conventions of bacteriologist and epidemiologists, two conventions of local sanitary sections, one pharmaceutical conference, one dental conference, and one conference for the study of

school hygiene. It is intended that a Central Institute of Health will be the supreme controlling and scientific authority of the Soviet Republic in the domain of hygiene, epidemiology and bacteriology.

Never before have the working people participated so wholeheartedly and so enthusiastically in the reconstruction of their life as they do now. Whatever the hospital person require is supplied for them by the Trade Unions to which all workers must belong. At the meeting of these, the chief of the hospital is chosen and all orders and demands filled. There is a sub-department of the Health-Commissariat where the doctors come together and discuss the various health problems. Special committees of the Trade Unions decide upon the different sanitary rules and regulations. The whole structure is like a pyramid, broad at the base and tapering to an apex; it extends from the Commissariat to the health departments of the village soviets; it controls all available medical apparatus controls hospitals and takes care of all bath-houses and sanatoriums; has its own laboratories and apothecaries, and controls all medical and pharmaceutical personnel of the Workers' State. The whole system is characterized by unique coherence. A spirit of fairness, justice and kindness pervades the entire structure. The Commissariat hopes to give medical attention to all comrades of the Republic. It is moreover impossible to speculate in health products and health-service.

Prostitution, that scourge of modern society, has met in the Russian government its first effective combatant. In other countries, prostitution is regarded as a crime; the war against prostitution consequently is conducted by the police. Everywhere the result is the same. In spite of segregation and suppression, in spite of workhouse sentences and nightcourts, in spite of persecution and agitation, prostitution has grown, and sexual diseases have spread. Russia alone has found the only effective method of combating this social evil by removing the source that stimulates its growth. Prostitution can and will flourish only so long as favorable economic conditions last. In Soviet Russia, prostitution means starvation, for only those who are engaged in socially useful occupations are entitled to food.

But nothing that Soviet Russia can do, can save the country from the horrible effects of the Allied blockade. It is a horrible thing to see so many millions of hungry people, children dying from the lack of milk and medical supplies. New diseases are making their appearance, diseases before which the most competent physicians stand helpless, because the only things that can cure them, nourishing food, cannot be procured. Russia is being slowly starved out by its foreign foes. The supply of medicines is practically exhausted, Iodine, disinfectants, quinine, codliver oil, anaesthetics to alleviate the sufferings of the soldiers at the

front and of the surgical patients at home, all of them are needed and needed at once.

Send Medicine to Russia.

So long as the Allied blockade remains in force it will be impossible for the Russian government, through its accredited representatives, to buy these sorely needed drugs in the foreign markets. Russia is helpless. It appeals to you, you of the American working-class, to you who like they are fighting capitalistic oppression and capitalistic exploitation, to you whose future as workers is inextricably wrapped up in the fate of the Russian worker, to help save Russia. Save them from starvation by inducing our government to give up its murderous blockade. Save them from disease by sending drugs and medicines to Russia.

How you can help.

A number of sympathizers with the cause of Soviet Russia have recently organized the "Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee." This organization will function as a Red Cross for the Russian people. It through this appeals to every labor union, to every workers benefit organization and to working class political organizations to join hands in raising an enormous fund that will buy for the unfortunate, suffering people the sorely needed medicines they themselves cannot procure. Ways and means of sending these drugs to Russia have already been found. The health and the virility of the Russian people depends upon your willingness to help.

The proletarian revolution in Russia has aroused a frenzy of devotion in the hearts of the class-conscious proletariat all over the world. Everywhere its glorious example has inspired the working-class with new hope and new zeal. Its splendid spirit, its unflinching, unflagging devotion to the cause, of the world movement of the working-class have been our hope and consolation in the days of the darkest reaction. Up to this time the Russian Revolution has only given—given with full hands and with a willing heart the only thing it had to give—hope and encouragement to the workers of the world.

The time has come when we can repay, in, oh, so small a measure, the service they have rendered to us. We have here the priceless opportunity of expressing in a more tangible form of admiration and the devotion our lips and pens have been expressing. We will send to Russia a message of cheer and good will that will say to her, to her starving children, to her sick in the hospitals, to her workers in the factories, to the men and the women who are giving their life blood in her defense, to all who love and who live in the Russian revolution:

"International Solidarity Lives"

Funds to be sent to the Treasurer:

Dr. Wm. Mendelson,
362 DeKalb Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

An Enemy of Mankind.

Ignorance is the enemy of mankind. To remain ignorant is to make one's self an enemy of all men and women. Knowledge gives power and without knowledge, the working-class can never gain nor retain power. To remain ignorant is to remain a slave to other's will and opinions. The workers must learn to view the world from the standpoint of the useful producer. They must supplant their master-class teachings with the teachings of Science interpreted from the proletarian viewpoint. Workers who refuse to read the literature of the proletarian revolution that is now sweeping capitalism from the face of the earth are a loadstone about the neck of Labor.

The literature listed below will educate you in the CLASS STRUGGLE without a knowledge of which you can never assist your fellow workers to win and hold the world. ALL POWER TO THE WORKERS—but it must come thru knowledge.

READ — THINK — LEARN
HERE IS OUR LATEST LIST. READ IT EVERY WEEK FOR ADDITIONAL TITLES.

- No Compromise, Liebknecht, 15c, 10 or more 11c each.
- Think or Surrender, Kirkpatrick, 15c, 10 or more 11c each.
- Two Minute Talks, Allison, 10c, 10 or more 7 1/2c each.
- Industrial Socialism, Wm. D. Haywood, 10c, 10 or more 6c each.
- Wage, Labor & Capital, Karl Marx, 15c, 10 or more 11c each.
- Crimes of the Bolsheviks 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Russian Socialist Constitution 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Soviet Russia, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Debs Goes To Prison, 15c each, 10 or more 11c each.
- The Dream Of Debs, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- The Trial of Debs, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Mr. Block and The Profiteers, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Manifesto of the Communist International, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- The Class Struggle, Kautsky, 25c each, 10 or more 18c each.
- Communist Manifesto, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Evolution and Revolution, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- How the Farmer can get His, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Scientific Socialism Study Course, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Industrial Autocracy, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Marxism and Darwinism, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Socialism Utopian and Scientific, 15c each, 10 or more 11c each.
- Shop Talks on Economics, 10c each, 10 or more 6c each.
- Violence or Solidarity, 5c each, 10 or more 3c each.
- Bullitt Mission to Russia, 50c each, 10 or more 40c each.
- Communist Manifesto (cloth), 60c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Evolution Social and Organic, 60c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Law of Biogenesis, 60c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Debs Authorized Life and Letters—Karsner, \$1.50, 5 or more \$1.25.
- Man or the State, Essays famous writers, \$1.00.
- Russia in 1919, Ransome, \$1.50, 5 or more, \$1.25.
- Lenin, the Man and His Work, Williams, \$1.50, 5 or more \$1.25.
- Philosophical Essays, Dietzgen, \$1.25, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Savage Survivals, \$1.25 each, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Socialism for Students, 50c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Socialism and Modern Science, \$1.25 each, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Stories of the Cave People, \$1.25 each, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Socialism and War, \$1.00 each.
- Ten Days That Shook The World, \$2.00 each.
- The World's Revolutions, 60c each, 5 or more 45c each.
- Universal Kinship, Moore, \$1.25 each, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Value Price and Profit, Marx, 60c each, 5 or more 45c each.
- Principles of Scientific Socialism, Vail \$1.25, 5 or more \$1.00
- The Iron Heel, J. London, 85c, 5 or more 70c each.
- War of the Classes, J. London, 85c, 5 or more 70c each.
- Puritanism, Mally, 60c each, 5 or more 40c each.
- Positive School of Criminology, Ferri, 60c, 5 or more 40c.
- Positive Outcome of Philosophy, Dietzgen, \$1.25, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Philosophical Essays, Dietzgen, \$1.25, 5 or more \$1.00.
- Origin of the Family, Engels, 60c, 5 or more 40c.
- Value, Price & Profit, Marx, 15c each, 10 or more 11c each.
- Feuerbach: Roots of Socialist Philosophy, Engels, 60c, 5 or more 40c.
- Ethics & Materialistic Conception of History, 60c, 5 or more 40c each.
- Essays on Materialistic Conception of History, Labrioli, \$1.25 each, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Economic Determinism, Lida Parca, \$1.00, 5 or more 85c each.
- Economic Causes of War, Loria, \$1.00, 5 or more 85c each.
- Critique of Political Economy, Marx, \$1.25, 5 or more \$1.00 each.
- Ancient Society, Lewis H. Morgan, \$1.50, 5 or more \$1.25 each.
- Ancient Lowly, Ward, 2 vol., \$2.00 each.
- Anarchism and Socialism, Plechanoff, 60c, 5 or more 40c each.

ism in a hurry—is knocking at our door. Every street corner is vocal with remedies, The Gospel of Christ has a solution for every problem." What solution has the Gospel of Christ for this problem? We find it in Ephesians VI verses 5&6 "Servants be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart as unto Christ: not with eye service as menpleasers but as the servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart."

The Black Sheep.

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I know that all rivers in this part of the country flow into Lake Coner D'Alone upon the shores of which is the cabin of my friends. I really wish you had been with me today and could have seen and enjoyed it all. It is a wonderful world in which we live, full of wealth which money cannot buy; but which all may have simply for loving it. True you cannot enter it in the physical sense of that word; but then it is written "Man shall not live by bread alone." Food for the mind is not a market value. Often it consists of things which can neither be bought nor sold and yet their possession enriches one with a wealth that cannot tarnish.
What a contrast there is between the great wilds and prison bars. It is better to be alone in the woods than broke among ones fellow men.
Sincerely and thankfully,
Jack Thurston.
He closed his book and put it in his pocket and being tired with the days travel he fell asleep and knew no more until he was awakened by the cold in the small hours of the morning.
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SPARKS

"Ten Communists are worth a hundred Socialists when it comes to work" writes a comrade. Pretty high average eh?

Kansas City Mo., comrades are learning to like The Toiler judging by the subscriptions that are coming in from that city. If they support us as well as they did their paper, The Workers' World, we well feel mighty good.

Our soldiers bonus cartoon if two weeks since brought us a number of orders we were unable to fill for lack of extra copies. Yes, some cartoon and some article with it, that one of Bill Smith's.

H. W. of Dundee—that's not in Scotland—sends in 6 yearlies and gets a bunch of pamphlets for premium.

We are still doing it—giving \$1.50 worth of premiums in books for \$7.50 worth of subscriptions.

The Toiler Educational Leaflets No. 1 and 2 are still going, in fact going fast as we have only a few left. Better send in that order who have been intending to and get it filled NOW.

"Send me the Toiler", writes a comrade at Leavenworth Federal prison, who adds: "I am another victim of Wilsonian Democracy".

O. Z. of Kansas City Mo., is another live one who is on the leaflet distribution job. He orders 200 of Soviet Labor Code and Strangling American Workers.

Give a days wages to the Movement on May 1st. Keep away from the boss.

Some have learned a lot by the great war. For instance, writes one, "I served in the 32nd Division in France fighting for Democracy—NIT". Well, he ought to know, he was there.

Those little boosts continue to arrive. We mean the extra subscriptions which comrades send in with their renewals. They help, help The Toiler and help those who receive it. Better send your friend a trial sub for 25c.

We appreciate the support tendered

us by a group of Spanish comrades. They are helping to acquaint a number of their countrymen with The Toiler.

If you haven't read them do it now—The Red Ruby, Gitlow's speech before the jury in his trial at New York, and except of Darrow's speech 10c. Also The Soviet of Deer Island, story of the days our comrades spent awaiting deportation, or disposal of their cases after the famous Palmer Raids of January last. 15c. The Truth about the Lusk Committee, some facts every worker ought to know about this reprehensible crew of therty smashing marauders 25c. Order of The Toiler.

He wants the truth, does comrade Smith of Akron, so he subscribes for The Toiler.

That's a nice little bunch of subscriptions, comrade Hazel. Thank you.

Out in Omaha some workers are learning how Russian workers are legislating for themselves. Comrade Anderson orders 100 leaflets of the Soviet Code of Labor Laws.

And at Arlington Wash. too. Thanks to comrade Thorsen.

"For Heaven's sake send me The Toiler. I want something with some truth in it", this from Robert S. of Chilton, Mo.

It's becoming truer everyday—the capitalist press is losing its strangle hold upon the minds of the workers. Steadily the labor press is gaining their support.

Comrade L. is waking up the sleepers at Salt Lake. He increases his bundle of TOLLERS 100 per cent.

Lots and lots of comrades are writing to us and asking: Can we obtain The Black Sheep and Proletarian Science History in book form. We are sorry that neither can be obtained in book form now, but we hope they will be obtainable soon.

In spite of Skynac's prickly jabs at the false teachings of the Church, he is getting a lot of compliments these days. Folks like his boiled down truths so tersely expressed.

MILWAUKEE—There are 1,200 undernourished school children in Milwaukee, said Dr. John P. Koehler, Milwaukee health department, in his address before the opening session of the Wisconsin health congress.

"We have found that the main reason for their critical condition is that their parents are unable to buy enough food," he said.

Three Stingy Little Hours

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The slogan of the Kaiser's forces was "Gott mit uns" and early in the war Billy Buncombe Sunday drafted Christ as the Commander in chief of the American forces. Hatreds were deliberately cultivated which will take generations to overcome. There is one problem the Gospel of Christ did NOT solve. Other problems can be named by the score.

The same paper that carried the "Don't buy—Don't sell" advertisement carried an advertisement paid for by the Michigan "Wood—for-President League" which said "What is America's Greatest Need" and answered their self-asked question by saying, "A Great Administrator" and of course then proceeded to attempt to prove that he of the "ship-or-shoot-radicals" fame was the GREAT administrator. The point I want to make is that the Holy Name Society tells us in twenty four point type, that America Needs Christ, and the Michigan Political League just mentioned tells us that America Needs him of the "ship-or-shoot" fame.

Now it is not reasonable to suppose that any one would claim that Christ was Wood, also there are many trying to tell us that Wood is a modern twentieth century Christ, but I can only infer that neither of the advertisers know what it is that America needs!
The Communist Service leaflet number 4 contains an address by the

President of Community Service, which tells of another unsolved problem. I quote from page 2.

"Man is by nature an outdoor animal, a hunter, a fighter and a fisherman. The machine has locked him up in factories and tenement houses, where he sickens and dies not from physical disease alone but also from homesick-

ness. In ancient times a remedy for the evil of industrialism—though not then aggravated by machinery, was, FOR THE UPPER CLASSES, found in slavery. The rulers reserved to themselves the ancient and instinctive pursuits of war, of hunting and OF GOVERNMENT. Industrial work was relegated to the slaves. Out of this form of civilization, with all its evils, came wonderful discoveries in art, in music and in science; and life. FOR THE RULING CLASS, reached a higher level than would have been possible without the advance of the industrial arts.

OUR PROBLEM, ever since has been to conserve these benefits and at the same time to ABOLISH THE INSTITUTION that first made them possible. THAT PROBLEM HAS NOT YET BEEN SOLVED. SLAVERY HAS NOT BEEN ABOLISHED."

The caps in the above quotation are mine but the wording is in the Community Service book (published at National Headquarters of Community Service, One Madison Ave New York City).

It seems Big Business, hiding behind the Holy Name Society knows that there are many unsolved problems and problems which the Gospel of Christ has not, does not, and can not solve. In the "Don't Buy—Don't Sell" advertisement they admit the truth of the above. They say "Unrest is in the air. The popular mind is feverish and uneasy. Sudden gusts of passion and resentment sweep over the multitude. Bolshevism—Social-