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The appeal of Soviet Russia to the world's proletariat for help in the present famine must be heeded by every worker. The interests of every worker of every country are indissolubly bound up with the Russian working class.

Europe's working classes, impoverished as they are by years of privation and suffering brought on by the capitalist world war, are giving of their scanty store aid and relief to the drought stricken Russian comrades.

Every worker's dollar given to Russian relief is a loan made to the Revolution. Russia must not be allowed to fall a victim to scheming imperialists who seek to dethrone the Soviets with preffers of aid.

DEBS AND PUBLIC OPINION.

There is an ancient supposition that the newspapers express "public opinion". The newspapers may have done so when newspapers served as an honest expression of the thinking portion of the people in the early days of newspaper enterprise.

Yet the ancient supposition, now become a myth, still persists. The newspapers perpetuate it for the glory of their masters.

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EDITORIAL PAGE OF THE TOILER

THE COMMUNIST SOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL QUESTION.

By Stalin in Russian Press Review.

The method of approaching the national question adopted by the Communists, is fundamentally different from the method used by the leaders of the Second and Second and a Half International.

The first point is the consideration of the national question as a part of the general question of the liberation of the colonies.

The Irish, Teheks, Poles, Finns, Serbians, Armenians, Jews, and a few other nationalities of Europe represented all the oppressed nationalities whose destinies had any interest for the second International.

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The second point is the substitution of the nebulous slogan of the right of nations to self-determination for the clear revolutionary slogan of the right of every nation and colony to achieve complete political independence.

In speaking of the right of self-determination the leaders of the second International never hinted at the right of complete separation; the right of self-determination was interpreted as the right to autonomy.

The third point is the development of an organic connection between the national-colonial question and the question of the power of capital.

actionary slogan be repudiated and substituted by another revolutionary slogan which could dispel the distrust of the working masses of the oppressed nations towards the proletariat of the ruling nations.

1) It does away with the possibility of suspecting the workers of one nation in aggressive designs against the workers of another nation.

2) It tears off the mask from the imperialists who hypocritically chatter about self-determination but who endeavor by every foul means to retain the oppressed nations in utter submission to their imperialist control.

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It is equally certain that the accumulating failures of the imperialist powers in the East despite their claim to stand for the rights of self-determination of nations.

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Hence follows that we cannot limit ourselves to "national equality," but we must proceed from "national equality" to such measures of practical national equalization as will guarantee the actual realization of this principle.

1) A study of the economic status, the mode of living and culture of the backward nations and peoples; 2) The development of their culture; 3) Their political enlightenment; 4) Their gradual and normal introduction to higher forms of economic organization;

man power should be recognized as the rear or the reserves of imperialism. To win a war it is necessary not only to be victorious at the front, but to revolutionize the rear of the enemy.

The Fourth Point is the introduction into the national question of a new element, i. e. the element of actual (not merely juridical) equalization of nationalities (assisting the backward nation to rise to the cultural and economic level of the advanced nationalities).

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WHAT A FOOL LABOR HAS BEEN

By DAVID CRATON.

This is a very propitious time, with labor crucified, disorganized, and all but annihilated at the hands of the capitalist offensive, to recall those fateful days in 1917, when the American capitalists declared war on the capitalists of Germany.

And did not "May-not-suggest" Wilson, as spokesman for the capitalists, suggest to the working masses of America to sink all differences during this critical period?

This is the story of the GREAT BETRAYAL by the Labor Army Commanders in America, and in all of the warring nations—the history of the collapse of the Second International and Amsterdam International.

The voice of the farsighted leaders, the true leaders of labor who sounded the warning, "DO NOT SIGN THE TRUCE, BUT NOW, WHEN THE CAPITALISTS ARE WARRING AGAINST EACH OTHER, IS THE OPPORTUNE TIME FOR THE WORKERS TO TURN AGAINST THE CAPITALISTS AT HOME."

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Beginning with next week's issue we will begin the serial publication of G. Zinoviev, "My Twelve Days in Germany."

How German Communists Work.

Basing itself on the experience of the March insurrection which brought out certain inherent weaknesses in the organization of the German Party, the National Council has worked out a new scheme of organization for the party along the following lines:—

The Communist branches in the large towns break up into sections and groups containing about a dozen members, each of which elects a leader.

Such are the fundamental points which characterize the method adopted by the Communists in solving the national problems.

Capitalists Break Truce. With the security that they were no longer menaced by foreign capitalism (for a time anyway), capitalism here now thought it safe to break the truce signed between capital and labor.

When it was most imperative, for the craft unions to consolidate their positions (to form industrial unions) to withstand this treacherous blow of the capitalists (just as it is folly for single army regiments to fight the greater foe single-handed, but must unite into divisions, corps and full armies), again their leaders failed them.

Here, then, is the immediate aim for re-organizing the workers army.—FROM CRAFT UNIONISM TO POWERFUL INDUSTRIAL UNIONS —FROM SINGLE REGIMENTS TO CORPS AND FULL ARMIES—to resist wage reductions, open shop drives, and for the final impending battle. This program must be carried out if vital victories are ever to be expected.

All hindrances in the path of this re-organization must be absolutely crushed—all leaders who refuse to stand 100 per cent for labor in words AND DEEDS, must be cast by the wayside. (There is a big job here.) This must be the first aim of the labor army in order to pave the way to victory in the final battle.

Every member of a group will be charged with serving one or more houses, according to the size of the field of action appointed. In these houses his work will be:— To distribute leaflets. To secure subscriptions to the Communist press. To recruit new members. To work at election time. To stick up posters and propaganda sheets. To collect information.

The collection of information consist of being acquainted with all the events of the houses: each member must know in the centre attributed to him how many independents, majority socialists, and non-political individuals there are. He must also know how many counter-revolutionary elements there are, and amongst these how many are ready to enter into active operations against the Communists.

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"From Rome To Wall Street"

JAMES H. FISHER, most popular labor speaker of the Pacific Coast will speak on the above subject at the points named below. Comrade Fisher's lecture deserves the attention of every thinking worker in these cities.

- OHIO: TOLEDO, August 27, at Labor Temple, Michigan and Jefferson Sts., 8 P. M. CLEVELAND, August 28, at Picnic at Lee Rd. Take Broadway-Cortlett car to end of line. Transfer to Dinkey or Bus, get off at Lee Rd. CANTON, August 30, at Canton Music Hall, 8 P. M. YOUNGSTOWN, August 31, at Central Square, 8 P. M.