
MAY DAY

LABOR'S INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY

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The First of May is the anniversary of working class solidarity and the international brotherhood of Labor. It is the festival of the proletariat.

Millions of workingmen and women will parade the streets of European cities — marching behind the red banner of revolution.

The capitalist governments of the world tremble at the approach of May Day, 1921. For May Day is the day of the Proletarian Revolution.

May Day is a challenge to the Masters of Bread. May Day is the day of the oppressed and toiling masses.

WORKINGMEN OF AMERICA! The bosses — the capitalist class — have organized to crush you. They openly declare that they intend to smash your unions — destroy your resistance — reduce your wages and bring you to the level of serfs.

This May Day you must demonstrate. Let us answer their challenge. Let us resolve this May Day to prepare for the REVOLUTION.

WORKINGMEN — look back. We see millions of our fellows slaughtered like cattle in the war which made the rich richer and the poor poorer. Look about you. We see millions of our fellows unemployed and hungry. Look ahead. What are the prospects which confronts us if the capitalist slave drivers remain in power? Nothing but new wars, slavery, billions upon billions of taxes, poverty, starvation, and perpetual oppression.

The Government of the United States is a Capitalist Class Government. It is at all times ready and prepared to use ARMED FORCE against the WORKERS.

When the WORKERS go on strike, or otherwise protest against capitalist oppression, the GOVERNMENT sends policemen to club us, judges to jail us, soldiers to shoot us. In every strike the GOVERNMENT acts as a STRIKE-BREAKER. All the machinery of the GOVERNMENT of the UNITED STATES is used AGAINST the WORKERS and FOR the CAPITALISTS, ALL THE TIME. The Government of the U.S. is a Government OF THE CAPITALISTS, FOR the CAPITALISTS, BY the CAPITALISTS.

WORKINGMEN OF AMERICA! All over Europe the workers are arming themselves. They are preparing to FORCIBLY overthrow their capitalist governments. They are learning to use FORCE AGAINST FORCE. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY.

The Government of the U.S. was established by FORCE; it is maintained by FORCE; it will be destroyed by FORCE.

On this May Day let us PREPARE for the SOCIAL REVOLUTION which is spreading around the globe.

This May Day there is only one country where the workers will celebrate as FREE MEN. THAT COUNTRY IS SOVIET RUSSIA. In Soviet Russia the WORKERS RULE.

The Capitalists and their GOVERNMENT are AFRAID OF MAY DAY. They are afraid of the aroused workers whom they have robbed and oppressed. They tremble at the sight of the red flag. They fear SOVIET RUSSIA and the heroic example it has set for the workers of the world.

On this May Day let us resolve to join hands with the revolutionary workers of the world. Let us march shoulder to shoulder with our brothers in England, France, Italy, Germany and Russia.

LET US DEMONSTRATE OUR SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THE WORKERS OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.

This May Day let us resolve to PREPARE for the destruction of the capitalist government and the establishment of a WORKERS' GOVERNMENT — The Dictatorship of the Proletariat — in America. Let us ORGANIZE to build a SOVIET REPUBLIC in America.

The road to working class freedom lies through REVOLUTION.

GET READY FOR THE PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION IN AMERICA.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA CALLS:

ARMS AGAINST ARMS!

FORCE AGAINST FORCE!

WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

By the Central Executive Committee

COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA.

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