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AND 30,000 MINE WORKERS SAY -- "RELEASE HIM AT ONCE"

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Yes, we can hear the determined voices of the 30,000 Indiana mine workers speaking their demand as one man-- "RELEASE HIM AT ONCE!"

Do you hear them? Is your ear attuned to justice for Debs and all political prisoners? Does your heart beat in sympathy for the 63 year old prisoner in the Atlanta penitentiary, who has labored diligently for forty years so that the working class might come into its own?

LISTEN!

Toil begrimed mine workers, black with coal dust from head to foot, sentenced by the capitalist system to work away their lives in dark coal pits, come forth to the light, look the "democratic" administration squarely in the face and shout--

"RELEASE DEBS AT ONCE!"

THEY MEAN IT! And Debs WILL be released, for the demand of these 30,000 wage slaves will become the demand of the 30,000,000 wage slaves of this "land of the free."

Nothing shall stop, nothing can stop the swiftly gathering forces of the working class as they join by the thousands the ARMY LIBERATORS, pledged to labor day and night that the cell doors and prison gates might swing open and Debs and all other political prisoners step forth FREE MEN AND WOMEN.

Now then--HERE'S A JOB FOR YOU.

You members of Labor Unions--ATTENTION!

Take the resolution passed by the convention of Indiana miners, which is printed elsewhere in this issue, to the next meeting of your union. Under the proper order of business arise, and read the resolutions and make a motion for their adoption.

DO THIS--PLEASE.

And then send the OHIO SOCIALIST a line or two, informing us of the adoption of the resolution by your union, and telling us how many members it contains.

We shall compile a roster of the unions and the membership they represent.

We shall mobilize these hundreds of thousands of workers into a compact army, ready to insist that their demand for Debs freedom be complied with.

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE GREAT!

Standing shoulder to shoulder, invincible and determined, there are already nearly half a million workers unyielding in their insistence that Debs be freed.

HERE THEY ARE--the workers who have voted that the champion of the slave class shall again be placed into the protecting arms of labor:

Chicago Federation of Labor, representing	250,000
Mine Workers, Indiana, 11th District,	30,000
Federated Shop Employes, Denver,	8,000
Socialist Party membership,	100,000

Hundreds of smaller worker's organization, of which we have no record, have called for the release of Debs. Send us their names and membership if you know of any who have joined this ever-increasing demand for freedom for Debs.

WE WANT TO REGISTER THEM ALL.

Numbers count. There is nothing which open prison doors quicker than an army united upon a single issue.

AND NOW--ALL TOGETHER!

There's no time to lose.

Let's lose no time. Even if you are not a member of a Labor Union, YOU ARE NEEDED JUST THE SAME.

There will be hundreds of thousands of leaflets to distribute. There will be posters to post. And first of all, there will be a call made upon you to assist in collecting a LIBERATION FUND.

AND NOW--WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

We announced this campaign for Debs' freedom two weeks ago. We followed our own device--WE LOST NO TIME in preparing copy for the printers, in engaging an artist for special drawings, in placing an order with a photo engraver for illustrations.

EVERYTHING WAS ALL SET, READY FOR OUR FIRST OFFENSIVE, when, after nearly a week had passed we were blandly informed by the capitalist engraving concern THAT THEY WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE THE WORK WE HAD PLACED WITH THEM.

THEY TOO WANT TO KEEP DEBS IN JAIL!

We hurried to another engraving company. This concern also accepted the job. When we called for it three days later, we were given back our photos of Debs, of the prison gate, of the steel cells--and politely told to go elsewhere.

THERE YOU HAVE IT!

A conspiracy as complete as any ever concocted, to MAKE DEBS DIE IN A PRISON CELL.

There is no other interpretation.

THE EMPLOYING CLASS IS ORGANIZED TO KEEP DEBS IN!

YOU MUST ORGANIZE TO GET DEBS OUT!

We must join forces AT ONCE to beat the inhumanity of the class that knows it can only keep up its game so long as the workers remain in darkness.

DEBS IS A TORCH-BEARER! He enlightens workers. He is dangerous to the shirkers. He threatens their graft, the

YES, IT IS!



"So you are back, Mr. Wilson, and the world's now safe for Democracy!"

"RELEASE DEBS AT ONCE" No News of Debs Permitted to Reach Outside World

CONVENTION REPRESENTING 30,000 INDIANA MINERS PASS STRONG RESOLUTIONS FOR DEBS' FREEDOM

We, the delegates of the Twenty-seventh Consecutive and Fourth Biennial Convention of the United Mine Workers of America, representing approximately 30,000 miners of the 11th District, realizing that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, adopt the following resolutions.

Whereas, Eugene V. Debs, a most beloved citizen of Terre Haute, who has devoted his gifted life most unselfishly to the cause of labor, and who while organizing the West Virginia miners almost a score of years ago, in the face of extreme danger of assassination at the hands of thugs and gunmen, suffered a severe stroke, which condition renders him unable to endure extreme heat, and

Whereas, He has been recently mysteriously transferred from Moundsville, W. Va., where he was originally committed to serve a ten years' sentence, to the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Georgia, in the hottest zone in the United States, and at the age of 64 years has been set to hard, exhausting labor in the prison factory making clothes, compelling him to scab not only against the union principles to which he has devoted his life, but against the splendid Garment Workers' Union itself, and

Whereas, This fearless humanitarian and faithful fighter for the working class is now caged in a five-by-ten iron barred cell for fourteen hours after each day's work and permitted only twenty minutes in the fresh air, and

Whereas, A. Mitchell Palmer, Attorney General of the United States, inhumanly takes the position that as far as he is concerned Eugene V. Debs

shall remain for the entire ten years, suffering under these tyrannical conditions, stating that if Eugene V. Debs were released he would continue his agitation against our free government and in favor of general strikes, and

Whereas, We are led to infer that the sole reason for his confinement and brutal treatment is to break the spirit of this undaunted fighter for the working class, which to us, knowing this man as we do, is equivalent to a death penalty.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That we demand that the President of the United States remove A. Mitchell Palmer from the high office of Attorney General for the good reason that his true character as being un-American, arbitrary, tyrannical, despotic and typical of the inhuman Czars, Kaisers and Kings of Europe.

Be it further Resolved, That if the late war was fought to make the world safe for democracy, this principle must be applied, and we therefore demand that the mask of hypocrisy be removed from the public officials who clearly manifest they are the enemies of democracy, inasmuch as the profiteers of this country have been and are immune from prosecution, proving conclusively their unjust discrimination between capital and labor, and we further demand the immediate release of Eugene V. Debs from prison, and

Be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States and to the press.

COURT DISMISSES RAND SCHOOL CASE

NEW YORK--The complaint filed by Attorney General Newton of New York state in proceedings instituted at the request of the joint legislative committee investigating radical activities to have revoked the charter of the Rand School of Social Science in this city was dismissed today by Supreme Court Justice McAvoy.

Deputy Attorney General Berger asked for adjournment until October, asserting that he wished to serve an amended complaint setting forth "certain additional allegations against the defendants," and that he would seek authority to have a commission

examine witnesses outside New York state.

Sammuel Utermeyer declared in behalf of the school that the institution has about 5,000 students and that the time for opening its fall season is approaching.

Justice McAvoy declined to grant the request for delay by Mr. Berger, and the deputy attorney general then asked for dismissal without prejudice. The motion was granted.

Attorney General Newton announced later that he proposed to renew the action to annul the charter of the school and "to present to the courts of the state the entire facts in relation to the business of the corporation as soon as they can be properly prepared."

ceaseless flow of surplus value in their already overfilled money chests.

The forces of DARKNESS will do all they can to rout the forces of ENLIGHTENMENT.

IT'S FOR YOU TO SAY WHICH WILL WIN!
JOIN THE ARMY OF LIBERATORS.
HELP!

A. WAGENKNECHT,
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CLEVELAND, OHIO

Dear Comrade Wagenknecht:

Your favor of the 19th is received and I should have made earlier reply but I have been away from the office for a couple of days. I note with satisfaction that the Ohio Socialist is to inaugurate a vigorous campaign for the release of political prisoners, but I am afraid that I can be of little help to you in getting anything from Gene. Personally I have been unable to get anything to him. On three separate occasions I have mailed packets to him, none of which found their way into his hands. I had Mrs. Debs make inquiry, as Gene's writing privilege is limited to one letter a week, on a single sheet of paper, and that to his family, and in reply he told her that he had received nothing and especially requested that nothing more be sent.

Under prison rules Gene can give no interview nor can he give out anything for publication. Quite recently a Pittsburgh paper made a request similar to your own which was denied. No member of the family has yet visited Atlanta and other than what has appeared in the press do we know of the conditions that exist in the prison. Letters from Gene to his wife pass through the hands of the prison censor and a copy of each made for the prison files so you may well understand that his letters contain little of real conditions. We have received letters from a number of friends and comrades that called at the prison, all of whom were denied admission. So far as we have been able to learn the same treatment is accorded to Gene as to all other prisoners, that is, the same rigid rules apply to all alike, no exception being made in his case. This is probably due to the fact that in our democracy--so-called--no distinction is made between criminals and political offenders. That the administration places the latter in the former class is evidenced by the statement of Attorney General Palmer to the effect that he saw no difference between Gene and a Georgia boot-legger.

I am quite certain that Gene will never stultify his manhood by asking for any special privilege, or favor of any kind as long as he is in the Atlanta prison.

Yours fraternally,

THEODORE DEBS.

British Workers on Verge of Revolution

UNSYMPATHETIC TO LABOR, GOVERNMENT FACES DISSOLUTION IN FACE OF GROWING DISCONTENT AND PROBABLE REVOLUTION.

LONDON--Joseph E. Herbert, labor expert for the Times, has written an analysis of the labor situation in the United Kingdom as follows:

The labor issues maturing in the next few weeks are bigger than any Great Britain has yet had to face. The labor organizations are bigger than they were before the war. Labor ideas are bigger. On the one hand we have the organized workers and on the other, the employers' organizations, never better financed or better consolidated.

Left to themselves a terrific conflict would be inevitable and would be fought as a war of extermination by each side.

It probably would end in the exhaustion of both sides, but there is a third party vitally interested in keeping peace, namely, the general public, whose trustees are the government.

RESTS ON GOVERNMENT.

The question of a destructive industrial war or peaceful industrial reconstruction will be determined by the action of the government. The present cabinet has not yet shown anything like a broad, sympathetic progressive policy towards labor.

Whether the government will have foresight and courage to do its duty is Premier Lloyd George's secret. The outcry against the state to purchase

coal mines and the indecision of the ministers on this test question of democratic good will create a strong suspicion that without drastic changes in the composition of the cabinet, the government will fail to satisfy labor.

WAIT CABINET CHANGES.

Labor therefore will await eagerly the foreshadowed reshuffling of the cabinet before taking extreme steps. The danger in the present situation is the increasing want of confidence among the workers, in the government and in Parliament. The majority of the British trade unionists still retain some trust in the House of Commons and the ministers, but unless the House and the Cabinet produce convincing evidence that they intend to give workmen all they can legitimately claim, respect for the existing system of government will inevitably disintegrate.

If, and when, that happens we Britishers shall find ourselves staring into the face of revolution.

COULD CALL ELECTION.

Mr. Lloyd George might decide that the present House of Commons is too one-sided to carry out real progressive measures. The shrewdest course would be to dissolve Parliament and give the working class electors a clear field in new elections. Of the 20,000,000 British electors,

No Hope in Russia For Financial Pirates.

STRENGTH OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT SEEN IN FAILURE OF ANTI-FORCES TO MAKE HEADWAY; ALLIES FEAR TO SEND TROOPS.

Russia is absolutely in the hands of the Bolsheviks. The world financial pirates have signally failed in their every attempt to foist upon Russia an army of allied powers for the overthrowing of the Red army of the Soviets. Just how hopeless for capitalist exploitation Russia is viewed by the capitalist financial interests is shown in the following cable dispatch from the Chicago Herald and Examiner.

LONDON--The Bolsheviks, or the Bolshes, as they have been dubbed by the British troops on the Archangel front, have got Russia. It is of no use longer to mince words. Russia is Bololand. How far German intrigue and German military genius figure in the problem must be left to conjecture. The fact remains that Russia has passed out of the calculation of the entente.

The exclusive information from Robert Wilton, London Times correspondent with the retreating army of the Omsk government, combined with the detailed data brought to London in person by Andrew Soutar, novelist and war correspondent, who has been representing the London Times service with the British troops south of Archangel, demonstrates that the situation in Russia is grave, almost hopeless for the plans of the international financial interests seeking the downfall of the Bolsheviks.

REVEAL FLIGHT OF ARMIES. Although many hundreds of miles apart, these two armies have been fighting for the world's attention since the Russian Revolution.

The Russian situation at this moment is a source of deep concern to the cabinet and to the financiers of Great Britain and France and to such the Russian upper classes who have managed to reach a friendly haven. Troops to Archangel and the collapse of the 23,000 anti-Red Russian forces under Gen. Ironsides, was almost a foregone consequence of the disjointed allied military policy, and the Americans are lucky to have got off from northern Russia before the crash of plans came.

Take a map of Russia and run a finger southeast of Archangel until the name Kotlas is reached. This was to have been the objective of Gen. Ironsides' Russian army. Now jump the finger to Perm and trace a course along the railway to Glazov, which designates the advanced limits reached by the Omsk forces under Gen. Dietrichs.

BIG SPACE NOT COVERED.

Span fingers across the distance between Glazov and Kotlas, several hundred miles, and realize the hiatus which was not covered by the army of Gen. Kozlov and Troitski on the Dyina River, the present outpost of Gen. Ironsides' army about a hundred miles, and contemplate what the army of the northwest failed to accomplish.

The probable presence of large numbers in the armies arrayed against the Reds of male inhabitants of the Oloentz, who are pure blood Russians, was the basis at that time of the refusal to consider Mannerheim's proposal.

Hence, Petrograd was lost to those who desire Russia out of Bolshevik hands.

CONTROLLED BY REDS.

Summed up, Russia today rests in control of the Reds. The British, in the light of the announced position of the labor party, are disinclined to send further troops to Russia; the original plan was for the withdrawal of those already in Archangel as well as in the Murman area before Winter set in. France shows slight willingness to send troops to Russia. Nor will America act.

The Reds now have it in their power to make or break their future, to set up, if they can, a stable government in place of the imperial Russian dynasty. The single hope of those interested in the downfall of the Reds at this critical moment hinges upon the arms of Gen. Denikin, protecting the ports of the Black Sea, and centering around Ekaterinoslav, Kharkov and Bielogrod, in Ukraine.

at least 14,000,000 are workmen and workmen's wives. Labor, therefore, if it chooses, can control the existing constitutional machine. This is the surest safeguard against a violent revolutionary outburst by any large body of British workmen.

Only when balked by the Cabinet and flouted by Parliament will the workers attempt drastic action. Meanwhile the public must expect intermittent and sometimes extensive strikes. They are the growing pains of the labor movement.

