

## **Russian Workers!**

World capitalism is giving you a second chance. A century ago Russian workers and peasants overthrew a parasitic capitalist dictatorship making them the first to present the world with a system based on the needs and interests of the productive class. But all major capitalist states saw the liberation of Russian workers as a threat to the continued wage slavery of their oppressed workers.

Twelve of them sent armies, and along with two native counterrevolutionary forces, used the latest military equipment from the world war to wreak havoc on those that had not only overthrown the old order but replaced it with a humane communal system (also known as communism). They followed a scorched earth tactic of total destruction -- bombs, poison gas that killed 100,000 Jews -- Hitler's invasion twenty years later was in part to make up for the shame of the earlier imperial defeat.

That brief experience of worker freedom brought forth the will and the strength for a victory over those twelve foreign armies -- in part because those forces were largely drafted workers who were no inclined to send their fellow free liberated workers back into wage slavery.

But the destruction left postwar Russian life in dark ages conditions. Starting with nothing more than one's labor power, and that of workers that came from foreign lands to help preserve what must not be lost: a free society of the productive class. Struggle, survival and labor led to a rapid improvement in conditions. Educating the masses, equal rights for women and ethnic groups, sexual freedom, construction of railways, electricity, etc.

Lenin of course knew that without the liberation of workers abroad to serve as mutual defense forces the revolution would die. He knew that the lumpen prole he had been instrumental in placing in important

positions was a danger to the revolution. Shortly before his death he sent Stalin a note stating that he was breaking off all personal relations with him because of his insulting conduct toward his wife who was trying to keep her husband informed of political matters that Stalin wanted to be kept secret. He then wrote a 'last testament' to be read at the 1924 congress that included the removal of Stalin as General Secretary.

But Lenin died before the congress convened and Stalin persuaded the leadership to have the testament read to delegations as they arrived, not before the congress as a whole. Thus Russia was to experience a counterrevolution from the standpoint of Marxism -- a bureaucratic dictatorship within the framework within nominal communism. A parasitic bureaucratic caste ruled over a nominally free working class. The repressive reality of that relationship created conflicts between authority and workers much like under capitalism. Meanwhile the bureaucrats were privileged much like capitalists, but in no position to freely enrich themselves because they were compelled to publicly defend 'communism' while oppressing workers fighting for the real thing.

As parasitic caste much like the capitalist class there was no question that eventually they would gravitate toward becoming capitalists when an opening occurred. Trotsky accurately predicted what would transpire – future generations of workers would not have the will to keep the system from sliding toward capitalism. The conversion of Stalinist executives to capitalists, and of 'oppressed' workers to 'free' wage slaves became a natural progression – there was no revolution involved except the Stalin counterrevolution in which he murdered all the prominent Marxists.

So we had a change from 'communism' to capitalism as easily as a change of clothing. But as new capitalists the old commies retained as much of their bureaucratic power as possible. Even the transition from feudal relations to capitalism required much state intervention, but the

ex-commies are slow in making the transition that would open up their economies for the shared exploitation of workers and resources. That is the sum and substance of the conflict between original capitalism and that which evolved out of the collapse of communism. All references to freedom and human rights is bullshit. The only freedom involves the right to exploit. One side wants its share, the other wants that share to be as small as possible.

And that's where we are today. Capitalism must constantly seek new sources of investment and exploitation for its capital, and countries like China and Russia must be compelled to permit their entry. Both know that the greatest criminal organization in that world has the break up of both countries in their sights. Russia saw the Ukraine as a key instrument toward that end and quite properly acted to prevent it though perhaps not in the best manner.

So once again as in 1917 Russians are the enemies of 'freedom' and to a lesser extent the Chinese are regarded in much the same way. Since Russian workers have had an historical experience of the real thing, and the Chinese to a lesser extent, and with the world being overburdened with a concentrated flood of insurmountable crises, it would be appropriate for them to counter the destructive aims of the Nato clique with what most scares them – the specter of communism.

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The markets took massive losses this week and it's possible that the economy may soon be in official recession.

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