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CANADA LUKE-WARM TO WAR

Toronto, Canada - The imperialist war here is meeting with a lukewarm reception. F e w people are outspokenly against the war, but there is no patriotic hysteria, either.

A parade of soldiers through the streets a few weeks ago was met with almost stony silence. People contribute to the Red Cross and Salvation Army, but merely as a routine, with no en-thusiasm. Long patriotic newsreels in the theatres seldom, if ever, provoke applause, even when the King or Queen is shown.

Recruitment is now closed. The figures have not been published. But it is evident that those enlisting are not especially patriotic. In most cases, especially in Quebec province, enlistment is an economic question. Pay in the army, plus the allowance for dependents, is far higher than relief rations or the low wages of the Quebec sweatshops. A large proportion of the boys who now

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RWL in Relief Crisis

Members of the Revolutionary Workers League and the RWL unit in Cleveland played a prominent role in forcing Mayor Burton and the city council to restore relief. The council to restore relief. unit has given its unqualified support to the militant As-sociation of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief - the only organization that was active throughout the 3 week crisis.

Although the radical press-Socialists, Trotskyites, Stalinit-es, etc. — has played down the role of the Association, the work of this organization was recognized in bourgeois dispatches and radio talks not ly throug out ited he I



MURDERED MAN. 1 19

COMRADES IN 4 PRISON CAMPS

We reported last month that two leading comrades of the Provisional Contact Commission have been interned in concentration camps since the war began. This sociation, over its system. month we learn of another Commission comrade so interned, and of a member of the French Davoust group who has also written us from the concentra-tion camp for help.

The Red Aid Committee of the RWL has sent money orders to all four comrades and is making every effort to bring at least two to America. .We again urge our friends and sympathizers to help

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Jobless Force Cleveland Mayor to Restore Reliefafter **3 Week Crisis**

Association of Unemployed Leads in Victory; Prepares For New Crisis in January

BULLETINS

Despite a full restoration of relief, the EDCR in Cleveland is chiseling relief clients out of one-third of their food order. Following a leaflet on this question by the Association of Unemployed the EDCR announced that it had rescinded the order. Whether that is true, however, has not yet been checked.

On December 15 an Association member was arrested and severely beaten by a policemen in Doan's office.

The Mutual Broadcasting Company, which has been attacking the Association in its broadcasts, has finally consented to read a 90 second statement by the organizer of the As-

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ORGANIZER, ASS'N OF UNEMPLOYED ON DIRECT AND WORK RELIEF

Dec. 16 — The City administration of Cleveland has been forced by the mass action of the workers to do a right-about-face on the question of relief in that city. After stating publicly that 50,000 men, women and children from the city's relief rolls would have to live on two-thirds of their former starvation food budget and do without orders for rent, light heat and fuel, mayor Burton stated to the hundreds of workers assembled in the council chambers on Monday December 11, that relief would be restored in full on Friday the 15th. One million fifty thousand dollars was voted to take care of the old deficit and provide relief for a few weeks.

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After ordering 14,000 single men and women and childless couples cut completely off the rolls and stating that they would have to do without food until after the first of the year, Burton was forced to retreat and order these unemployed restored to the rolls on their former status.

COUNCIL REACTS TO BOLD PRESSURE

Prior to this complete retreat of the administration the hungry Cleveland masses, under the leadership of the Association of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief, had successfully broken up a united front of the 33 City Councilmen and Mayor Burton and his aides by visiting the individual councilmen at their business

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What is Behind the War in Finland?

States, but in Canada as well. Of the other "unemployed" organizations, the Workers Alliance played on openly disruptive role, supporting Mayor Burton; the Workers Security Federation and a small white collar union were entirely absent from the scene until the last few days and played no role whatsoever in the relief stations where the unemployed congregated.

In the three weeks time the Association of Unemployed gave out 20,000 or more leaflets, made a few hundred speeches in local relief stations, and gained food orders for literally hundreds of sympathizers and members.

The work of the Association and the small R. W. L. unit shows what successes can be gained even by a small force providing it operates on a correct program.

press — of all shades and colors — is outraged. Britain, which only 2 months ago shot down helpless peasants in Afghanistan who dared think of "independence", and which has consistently refused to give India its independence, is, nevertheless "deeply concerned" over the "independence" of Finland. American Imperialism, its hands hardly dry from the murderous assault by American marines against Nicaraguan workers and peasants, by the blood-baths of American puppets like Machado in Cuba, Trujillo in the Dominican Republic, Vargas in Brazil, etc., is "aghast" over the "brutal" invasion of Finland.

As Marxists, we condemn out of hand Stalin's latest military venture. But we condemn it not because they are attempting to extend Russian borders outward, but because BY THE USE OF FALSE TACTICS AND RUINOUS POLICIES THEY ARE THROTTLING THE WORLD **REVOLUTION.**

Every war and "invasion" must be judged on its own merits. Wars may be bloody, but it is an unalterable fact that in the three epcohs of "civilization", wars - both

The Red Army has invaded Finland and the world civil and national - have been the main vehicles of progress (and of reaction, too). Who, for instance, would condemn the "invasion" during Robespiere's time of Belgium — an invasion which freed backward Belgium from Feudalism?

> This is not the first time the Red Army is "invading" Finland. It did so in 1918 in an attempt to save the Finnish revolution. Who will deny that the defeat of the Red Army and Red Guards in Finland in 1918 - primarily by German troops — is one of the tragedies of our epoch? A Workers State in Finland might have been the starting point for revolutions in the west, might have paved the way for a world in 1939 totally free from the bloody wars of our day.

A BASE OF COUNTER—REVOLUTION

The unanimity of world imperialism — and their social-democratic and other lackeys — in condemning the Red Army today, shows that there is more to the Russo-Finnish war than appears on the surface. The truth is

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Trade Unions and the Decay of Capitalism

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When capitalism was expanding, the exploiters could afford reforms to a section of labor as a means of creating a labor aristocracy to use against the great majority. But with capitalism in decay, the economic basis for even such crumbs has narrowed.

The "high" wages of American labor has been used to conceal the fact that the American worker was among the most highly **exploited** in the world. It is not generally understood that the degree of exploitation is determined by the relation of the wages to the commodities produced; and is not a question of low or high wages.

CAPITALIST DECLINE IN UNITED STATES

But now in decay capitalism history has caught up with us. Not only does the process of relative decline in the number of workers in relation to the means of production continue as in the past; but it has now transformed to an absolute decline in the number of workers while production continues to soar. That is one of the surface sores of internal decay of capitalism. It is an aspect of the permanent army of millions of unemployed. The Chickens have come home to roost. The U.S. with its "high" wage (the highest degree of exploitation) becomes the country with the greatest number of unemployed. The richest nation, the country with the best industrial system becomes the nation with the greatest unemployed — and still remains the country with the greatest number of unorganized workers.

With this economic decline there proceeds a decline in its political counterpart, the decline of bourgeois democracy. When bourgeois democracy was the flower of capitalist development reforms could be granted. When the flower withers away with the drying up of the profit well, the reforms are fought most bitterly. Only by increased class pressure can any material gain be obtained or held today.

In the past when the accumulation of capital extended over years, reforms gained could be guarded over a number of years before bitter class oppression would snatch them away, and often one material gain would later be supplemented by even more material gains. But today, in decline, a material gain in one season can be wiped out before the next season, and the position of the working class placed in a more difficult position.

One who does not understand the difference between money wages and REAL WAGES has no place in the trade union struggle. A gain in money wages today can be wiped out in a commodity rise, inflation, etc., in less than a week. What may look like a victory, a raise in money wages, may in reality be a reduction of REAL WAGES. So too, what may look like a gain of the class, a reform instead of a class gain, may be a set-back for the class as a whole.

BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY AND REFORMS

The narrowing economic base of reforms, and the inability to grant important material gains in relation to the productive process forces the exploiters to placate the increasing class pressure (often pressure that is objective and leaderless) by granting social-reforms direct through the state structure, such as: social security measures, labor relations, etc. They may look good at the start, but these

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offices and their homes with the demand that Council exercise their authority under the City Charter to transfer available City money for the purpose of immediately restoring relief.

Some of these committees to the councilmen. composed of large numbers of the unemployed, were threatened with bodily harm and forcible eviction from the councilmen's premises; and in some cases police were called in an attempt to intimidate the workers' committees.

Those councilmen most violently objecting to the peaceful petitioning for stood by their constituents were Messrs. Pucel and Crown, leaders of the Stalinist fellow-travelers bloc in the City's government; and these gentlemen in futile efforts to defeat the militant actions of the hungry jobless, joined with Stalinist agents at the head of the local Workers Alliance. Baxter and Horvath, in urging the unemployed to break with the militant Association of Unemployed, to refrain from directing their attentions to the local councilmen, and to stay away from the meetings of the Council: and instead urging the workers to direct their action against Roosevelt's New Deal political opponent, Governor John Bricker.

This treachery was exposed by the Association of Unemployed when it pointed out in thousands of leaflets and dozens of meetings that while it was true that the reactionary governor and his boss-controlled State Assembly were primarily responsible for creating this misery, Burton and his councilmen were little less to blame for the condition of mass starvation and misery; and that these latter forces lied when they stated that the City could not restore relief, and that the unemployed should concentrate against them at the moment in order to secure the restoration of relief.

REFUSE TO STARVE

The unemployed ate in restaurants without paying, travelled to councilmen's homes on street cars in groups and advised the conductors to send the fare bill to the City Hall and continued to drive against the councilmen with such telling effect that, in council meeting December 4th, 33 Councilmen who had previously supported the administration's position that there was no City money for relief, that relief could not be restored, that the State government alone was responsible, reversed that position and unanimously adopted a resolution stating that relief could and should be fully restored at once. This resolution was a demagogic gesture on the part of Council and did not restore relief, since it did not carry the necessary financial appropriation; but it did dump the responsibility squarely in the lap of Mayor Burton.

Following this capitulation under pressure

showing where the necessary money could be raised by an easy action of Burton and the City Council thus proving the charge of the Association of Unemployed that "there is no financial necessity for the stopping of relief to Cleveland's needy . . . the action of stopping relief is but a political trick of Mr. Burton's to strike at his aspiring political opponent, Governor Bricker."

Although the Mayor of Cleveland is a Republican by party affiliation and elected on that ticket, Mayor Burton has been a New Deal Democrat and Roosevelt supporter in the execution of his office. Franklin Roosevelt, Mr. Farley and Co. seeing their Ohio favorite son, Mr. Burton, being thoroughly exposed by the workers as an enemy of the unemployed, stepped into the picture placing the responsibility for Cleveland's relief crisis on Governor Bricker through the statements of Col. Harrington, Mr. Ickes, New Deal Republican La-Guardia, and finally the President's statements on the matter. In an attempt to politically save Burton for a possible Senate seat in the next Congress Roosevelt authorized him in the name of the national administration to promise the Cleveland unemployed 6,000 new WPA jobs, which, of course, have not yet materialized.

The latest attempt of Roosevelt and his clique to save Burton has been to call in David Lasser and instruct him to proceed to Ohio to mobilize the Stalinist-controlled Workers Alliance which has so far refused to participate in the struggle against the hunger regime in Cleveland, to save Burton by driving against Governor Bricker and attempting to smash the organization which alone despite the distortions in the Socialist and Trotsky press led the fight of the workers against hunger - the Association of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief.

The Association of Unemployed and the Cleveland workers prepared for the President's aide, Mr. David Lasser and his Stalinist clique in the Workers Alliance, by carrying the fight to a statewide front against the whole unprincipled clique of boss-controlled politicians and their agents in the ranks of the working class.

DANGER NOT YET OVER

While extending the fight statewide the Association of Unemployed has warned the workers that unless their neighborhood action committees are maintained and strengthened and thrown into action against the visitors and supervisors of the relief apparatus and the police and firemen who terrorize the workers at the relief offices, that the victory won in Council last Monday night by the order to restore relief, will be an empty victory.

The Association points out that the relief apparatus is continuing to carry out the Mayor's

state measures are words and not deeds, (see the R.W.L. by Council, the Cleveland capitalist newspamphlet "Social Security Measures") and at the same time tighten the state control over all labor organizations. This has a two-fold effect. It not only stems the tide of revolt but it also directs the class energy into false parliamentary channels instead of direct class action.

The agents of the capitalists in the workers ranks will advocate the political "independence" of the union movement. Under this formula they then proceed to work for one of the two CAPITALIST parties, or the third, Labor party of capitalism. We don't think the workers in the unions should be compelled to vote for any parcticular party or candidate. They should have their independence. But the officials of the unions, if they represent the workers INTEREST will advocate NO SUPPORT TO ANY CAPITALIST PARTY; Democratic, Republican, Labor Party, etc. Vote only for a working class party. We of course will advocate a vote for the revolutionary Marxian party and candidates, who will promise nothing under capitalism, but a chance to further expose the capitalists,

papers editorially castigated Council for its "desertion of our Mayor" in his "noble" (??) stand for the continuation of hunger.

A further splitting of the City government's united front was effected by the workers at the same time. Mr. Gesell, City Finance Director in Burton's cabinet, who had previously stated that the City had no money and could find none for relief, cracked under the onslaught of the organized jobless and their committees and betrayed the Mayor by making public the City's finances together with a statement of Unemployed in the last period.

hunger policy by reducing its staff of visitors by 200 and refusing to restore to the relief rolls the workers previously cut off unless they are re-investigated and re-establish their need. With a reduced staff it will be impossible to "re-investigate" any but a small fraction of the needy unemployed and unless the workers smash this plan, only a few now off the rolls will be restored.

The victory gained on Dec. 11 can be assured and extended only by the same kind of militant action organized by the Association

and point out the plots against the workers they are hatching.

Above all we demand in the union the right of political expression for all working class groups, organizations and individuals. That is our main demand.

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What is **Behind** War in Finland? (Continued and page 1)

that Finland was yesterday under its White Guardist that Finland was yesterday under its White Guardist class — similar to the Negroes yet felt. There is some sentiment government, and is today under its Social-Democratic in the States. They work in for unity into the United States government an agent of the imperialists, specifically, British and American imperialism, in their drive against the Workers State.

The myth that Finland is "independent" — or that es as syphilis and tuberculosis. any small nation in the present imperialist epoch CAN BE independent — is a brazen lie. The "peacefulness" of Finland is attested to by the cold-blooded massacre of 20,000 Finnish workers after the victory of the Finnish bourgeoisie in 1918 — and by the same General who heads the army today.

Finland is not just "little Finland". On Finnish soil was and is being prepared — with the full knowledge and support of British, German and American Imperialism the counter-revolution against the Workers State. The struggle of the Soviet Union against Finland is a struggle against World Imperialism — which is supporting Finnish capitalism and the Russian counter-revolution to the hilt.

DOES NOT AID SOVIET DEFENSE

The unfortunate part about the present "invasion" of Finland is not the "invasion" itself, but the fact that this type of attack by the Soviet Union, under Stalin's leadership, will neither fully destroy capitalism in Finland nor expose the role of the imperialists, nor help the defense of the Soviet Union.

A healthy Workers State, without the Stalinist cancer, faced with the present danger of Hitler and Chamberlain uniting and using Finland as a base for an attack against the Soviet Union, would have exposed the machinations of the Finnish AND GERMAN and other bourgeois forces, and would have prepared the social-revolution in Finland. But Stalinism, because it fears the social-revolution-more than anything else on earth, and because it recognizes the pressing danger of a combined world attack against the Soviets, can resort only to stupid and costly military measures to burocratically conquer Finland. It can not and does not rely on the initiative of the working masses either to take power or to develop the revolution after power is seized.

DEMORALIZES WORKING CLASS

The result is that neither the Finnish nor the world working class can understand or sympathize with the present invasion. Whatever gains from a military point of view Stalinism may make in Finland it will have lost a hundred times more in the demoralization and confusion it fosters in the world working class; it will thus deal a blow to the defense of the Soviet Union a thousand times more severe than any possible gains it can make by its military venture.

The desperate moves by Stalinism, despite the big negative factors of the situation, reflect two things:



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swagger through the streets are unemployed youth who never had jobs before.

of the British The sore spot and American imperialists in Canada is Quebec. Here a French Canadian population, which is a majority in the province, is muly and strongly anti-war. FRENCH CANADA FIGHTS

WAR The French are mostly Catholic and therefore have little or no ties or sympathies with Protestant France. Furthermore here in DEFEATISM BOUND TO GROW they are the most op-Canada pressed section of the horrible sweatshops for as low as and staying out of the war. So \$5 to \$6 a week. Due to their far there are no casualties outnoor economic conditions they side of the boys killed in training suffer severely from such diseas- camps.

violently anti-war. The church date. The and other bourgeois groups take organize today a powerful Marxadvantage of this sentiment to push it nto pacifist channels. But cies. Both the English and French the French have broken these chains on many occasions.

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In Quebee in the last war a British war machine and the es-revolt by the French Canadian tablishment of a Socialist Canada.

working masses led to the shooting of over 200 and wounding of many more. In retaliation the French-speaking workers went home and killed far more British and Canadian soldiers by sniping tactics. Recruiting officers sent into the area never came back. Rumors in the present war indicate that similar actions are

taking place. It is doubtful if Britain will rally this section of Canada to the war, especially when the struggle becomes sharper. Many into enlisting by wily officers who "aid" for Poland and Finland. tell them they won't have to The Red Cross is a political "defend" Canada abroad in Europe. So the French Canadians Throughout Canada the full working implications of the war are not

Defeatist tendencies are bound As a result the backward and to develop here. as well as in the xploited French Canadians are rest of the colonies, at an early revolutionists mustian force to direct these tendenspeaking workers must unite to

work for the defeat of the



Herbert Hoover, who handled Red Cross for Eastern Europe and Russia after the last war, and later became President, is again French soldiers are being fooled playing a large part in organizing

The Red Cross is a political weapon of the finance capitalists join because the army wage is of America. In the post-war higher that the factory wage. {period it was used in behalf of the White Terrorists, against the workers and peasants, and for American imperialist needs. Lundberg in his book "America's 60 Families" says "Thompson and Robins, according to their own statements, functioned in Russia (As Red Cross Directors) as a political arm of the War Department." Thompson spent over one million dollars trying to stem the tide of revolution and save the tottering Ke ensky exploiter's government. At all times he and exploiter's Hoover were in contact with Morgan and other financeers.

> Hoover's experience in that period is again used by the Red Cross in Poland and Finland to bolster up the White Guardists and to smash the development of the revolutionary workers movement.

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inghouse and other workers deliver talks under the auspices of this forum, run by miltant elements in the K. C. labor movel ment.

to the pressure of the far-sighted capitalist elements in Russia who are looking forward in the near future to the days of a new imperialist Russia. It is quite evident that the capitalist counter-revolution in the Soviet Union T. is closer today than ever before.

THE SOVIET UNION IS IN THE MOST CARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES SINCE 1921! THE FINNISH INVASION SHOWS THAT MORE CLEARLY THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ITS STALIN AGENTS

But precisely the weakness of the Soviet Union demands from revolutionists the greatest vigilance and measures for defense. The attack on Finland today by the **present** methods, hurts, rather than helps, the defense of the Soviet Union. But even though Russia fired the first gun, it is the imperialists who are the aggressors.

4 COMRADES IN PRISON CAMPS

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The League wishes especially to express its thanks to the Current Events Circle in Chicago which has contributed more than any other single source to our Red Aid Fund and has helped make possible this aid to unfortunate comrades in Europe.

Contribute your share now to our Red Aid Fund and help save a comrade from the misery of a concentration camp!

RWL TOURS

Four comrades were assigned by the Political Committee of the R. W. L. to make trips to the PRE- East Coast and the Mid-West during December. Comrade Allan Kohlman was sent into Cleveland to help with the work there during the relief crisis; Comrade Stricker made a special trip to New York: Comrade Robbins made a trip to Columbus and Youngstown; and Comrade Okun toured Buffalo, Boston, New York and Cleveland, and made a short trip into Toronto and Canada.

DEBATE IN BOSTON

1 — Soviet foreign policy is now being dictated by Hitler. The invasion of Finland gives Hitler an excuse in the near future to cut a slice of industrial Sweden, and of central Europe. What's more, Germany is using the invasion as a two-edged sword to try to achieve its "peace' with England on the basis of a attempted joint attack against the Soviets. American Imperialism is pushing for this variant. And if Hitler can not achieve a "peace" with England, he will at least have involved Russia in the war on his side and completely subordinate to German Imperialism. It must be remembered that both England and Germany are trying desperately to involve Japan, Italy, the U.S. and Russia before they begin the "big push."

And, 2 — The capitalist elements within Russia are constantly gaining strength in their straight drive towards open counter-revolution.

The incorporation of Latvia, Esthonia, and Lithuania into the Russian sphere of influence, without the destruction of capitalist property relations, greatly strengthened these elements. The present moves by Stalin in both Poland and Finland undoubtedly are attributable in part

The Red Army can not turn back. Otherwise the imperialists and counter-revolution will be victorious. But it must fight to the death the present policies of Stalinism. The war must be used as an occasion to destroy Stalinism. Red Army men must overthrow their officer caste, democratize the army, re-establish the Soviets throughout Russia, fraternize with the Finnish workers and help them overthrow the Finnish agents of World Imperialism. It is a fight on two fronts — against world imperialism and its present spearhead, the small Finnish bourgeoisie, on the one hand; and against Stalinism, which can not defend the Soviet Union. on the other hand.

FOR A POLITICAL REVOLUTION AGAINST STA-LINISM AND OTHER COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY **ELEMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION!**

FOR THE DEFEAT OF THE FINNISH BOURGE-OISIE AND FOR THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION IN FINLAND!

EXPOSE THE REACTIONARY ROLE OF ROOSE-**VELT'S FINNISH POLICY!**

Comrade Sid Okun debated Comrade Morrisey of the Workers Socialist Party in Boston in the December on the early part of question of "Is the Soviet Union a Capitalist State." The R. W. L. presented its position that it is a Warped Workers State" and the WSP maintained that it is a capitalist state. The meeting was fairly well attended.

> LENIN, LIEBKNECHT, LUXEMBURG 1 1 MEETING

Sunday, January 21, 8:30 P. M. Hugo Oehler, H. Robbins Speakers

For meetings in other cities get in touch with local comrades.

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hundred thousand armed workers a long illness. massed in the streets of Berlin and demanded that the capitalists great revolutionaries the labor be expropriated, that power should pass to the working class, that security and bread be assured the toiling masses. At the head of these workers stood Karl Liebknecht, dynamic leader of the Spartakusbund, and Rosa Luxemburg, brilliant theorist of the Communist movement.

For eight or nine days the workers held on to the newspaper offices and police stations they had captured. Finally, however, the "Socialist" minister Noske rallied enough counter-revolutionists to put down the revolt and slaughter thousands of workers.

And a few days later, on January 19, the same Noske and Schiedeman deliberately murdered Liebknecht and Luxemburg while they were on their way to prison.

Five years later in the same m o n t h of January, Vladimir Lenin, heroic leader and guiding genius of the victorious Russian

On January 6, 1919, two Revolution, died as the result of

With the death of these three movement entered a new epoch. Social-democracy revived. Under the leadership of Stalin the Comintern h as degenerated after many years into an open counter-revolutionary force. The world proletariat suffered one defeat after another — Germany, Italy, Bulgaria, China, England, Spain, etc. World Imperialism, after the lapse of only one generation, is again plunged into a new bloodbath.

But the revolutionary move-ment is far from defeated. It can take courage in the achieve-ments of Lenin, Liebknech and Luxemburg. It recalls the gigantic odds against which Liebknecht fought when he stood up one man amongst millions to denounce the war. It recalls the terrific isolation of Lenin during the war period, the smallness of the Spartakusbund, the politcal struggles at Zimmerwald against the Kautsky 'centrists. It recalls these things and can go on undaunted in the struggle for proletarian revolution.

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