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The Class Struggle
Is Being Prostituted to the Fight Between Rival Imperialisms

A realistic view of European events is that in a Capi-talist World Russia is not a free agent. Russia must counter rival Imperialist interests so far as its own national af-fairs are concerned. A strike at another point of view is that in Capi-talist Europe there is no one country or nation more than another, but seeking to play each one off against anoth-er in the age-old Power Politics Way. The countries and the people in the order States and/or spheres of influ-ence suffer the fate of all who get caught between rival Powers.

Elsewhere in this issue is an Appeal of the Austrian workers to the workers of Russia in their struggle against the Empire. The appeal is a product of the situation, as the Austrian workers are fighting a losing battle against the Capi-talist Em-pire. Russia is the only country that can fight in a world war with the Capi-talist Em-pire and win. Russia is the only country that can fight in a world war with the Capi-talist Em-pire and win.

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We must be on our guard that we do not back up Anglo-American Imperialism to the detriment of Russian Imperialism, which is primarily Imperialistic only because it is forced to counter Anglo-American Imperialism. We must not forget that we have a stake in the Russian Revolution.

The Capi-talist workers are actually working for Russian Power. The working class Must Reject the Capi-talist and Anti-imperialist, anti-social movements, which are a product of the Russian revolutions and the Russian social革.

The official Russian practice shows no sympathy for the suf-fering of the world's workers. Russia is bitterly opposed to all we regard as Capi-talism, even Hitler was, as ever is.

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REVIEW

(Herman Singer, editor of the Call, has written and asked us to reprint the following matter to give it the fullest cir-culation possible.)

A Discussion Supplement of the Call (official organ of the Socialist Party of U.S.A.)

RED STAR IN THE WEST

By Lucy Clair

(The opinions expressed are those of the writer, and merit a close reading and analysis by all readers. We do not wish to introduce theoretical doctrine op-position to any particular view or state-ment with which we may not wholly agree, but leave it to the unbiased reader to make her or his own evaluations. —Editor, C.S.R.)

1. PREFabricated Revolutions

"Yes," said the man from Berlin, "be-fore the Russians came here, everybody adored them. In the first days of the occupation most workers would have voted for the Communist Party if there had been an election. But now? Well, you know, those who are party members try to conceal the fact from their friends."

This revealing comment is typical. For many years, European revolutionary so-cialists, held forth endlessly seeking to start a revolutionary worker movement, had developed a leftward gravitation almost automatic-ally toward the Communist Party. It seemed an insoluble problem. European revolutionary groups that were anti-Stalinist seemed destined to be defeated.

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STRIKES

Law and the Working Class

It used to be understood that if overseas vessels entered into Australian coastal trade they must pay the Australian Seamen's Award rate of wages and Australian conditions as to hours, etc., would apply.

But Twenty British seamen were arrested in Melbourne on May 18 last for demanding Australian conditions whilst the vessel, Ocean Vagabond, was trading around the Australian coast. The seamen had been on strike for 10 days, and are now "charged with disobeying the lawful commands of the master," and also with combining to impede the departure of the vessel.

Owing to exchange rates, British ster-ling pay is higher than Australian, but the hours are longer and general con-ditions worse. The only Australian condition "granted" the seamen was the much lower issue of cigarettes and to-bacco.

A meeting of trade unionists in the Prince's Theatre on the 18th passed a resolution protesting against the arrest of these seamen.

Where, then, are the "rights" that Australian seamen, thought they had won for seamen trading in Australian waters?

In every strike the workers run up against the Law.

On May 23 the strike was settled, and the right by choice established of crews of British ships entering the Australian coastal trade to work on Australian rates of pay and conditions.

But much is said and written about work-ers "rights."

The employing class is not prepared to admit that the workers have any rights.

The employers always want the Law.