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Expose Hughes Frame-Up Against Russia

U. S. Senators Flay Hughes

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WASHINGTON—Secretary Hughes was alternately ridiculed and flayed by Senator Norris and Senator Borah, and his defender, Senator Lodge, was forced to pledge a sincere investigation by the foreign relations committee into the merits of Borah's resolution proposing recognition of Russia, in the debate that started on the senate floor just before the holiday recess. The skirmish, in which the secretary of state cut so sorry a figure, was due to Hughes' attempt to defend his Russian note by publishing an alleged plan by the Third International to create a revolutionary organization in the United States.

The significant feature of the debate was the evident contempt felt for Hughes by senators, and the resentment at his discourtesy in dealing with the Russian government.

The progressive senators expressed in interviews strong disapproval of the Hughes note.

"The note is an insult not only to the Russian people but an insult to millions of conscientious American citizens who believe that we ought to recognize Russia," said Senator Norris. "We cannot expect to get anything done in international affairs if the state department is going to resort to methods of this kind. Even if we agreed that Russia should not be recognized, we ought to say so in language that is courteous."

Senator Shipstead remarked that the moral reprobation expressed in the note was "all bunk," in view of the fact that the state department finds no reason against doing business with Mussolini and with such despots in Europe. Only a government alleged to be a working class autocracy becomes outlaw to the conscience of Hughes. The country could not take seriously Hughes' fear of Russian propaganda, in view of other foreign propaganda which it has always had to deal with.

Senator Ladd introduced a resolution prepared before the Hughes note was published, but which he felt was a suitable answer. It calls upon Hughes to lay before the senate the details of his financial and moral claims, together with the facts as to illegal blockade of Russia in time of peace. It reads:

"Resolved, That the secretary of state be and he is hereby requested, if not compatible with the public interest, to transmit to the senate for its information all papers, documents or other matter in his possession pertaining to the indebtedness of the government of Russia to the government of the United States; the names of the companies and corporations following allegiance to the government of Russia, to whom the Russian government is indebted and the terms and circumstances under which the indebtedness was contracted, the amount of indebtedness to each person, company or corporation, together with the rules, regulations and requirements formulated by the department of state, if any, which are made a condition precedent to the exercise of the incontrovertible right of every American citizen to exchange his products for the products of citizens or subjects of a friendly nation with whom we are not now and never have been at war; and information as to whether there exists at this time or have existed since the armistice any secret agreements, confidential understandings, diplomatic arrangements or verbal compact between officials of the department of state and the officials of any foreign governments with the view of prohibiting, restricting or retarding trade between the peoples of these countries and the people of Russia; also, all documentary evidence, if any, in his possession as to the activities of the Russian government in spreading propaganda during the past three years detrimental to our institutions and encouraging the overthrow of our government.

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Upon this resolution and the Borah resolution calling for recognition of Russia a spirited debate will be begun in the senate soon after the holiday recess. Progressives say they will challenge both Hughes and Coolidge to show exactly where they stand on the Russian debt in contrast with French debts, and as to bullying Russia, in time of peace, as contrasted with the treatment given white terrorist countries like Bulgaria and Hungary.

First Communist Daily Will Appear on Jan. 13

The first Communist Daily in the English language will be published January 13. After a short but terrific campaign a hundred thousand dollars was raised by the Workers Party and the Daily is now an assured fact. Don't miss the first issue and every issue thereafter. The publication office of the Daily Worker is 1640 N. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill.

Again Lies About Soviet Government

By H. M. WICKS.

Secretary of State Hughes, in his latest attack upon the Russian Soviet government, used as evidence a forged document furnished by the notoriously mendacious Department of Justice, purporting to reveal a gigantic conspiracy engineered from Moscow to train American Communists in the art of guerilla warfare. The forged document was declared to be "instructions" from Zinoviev, president of the Communist International, to the Workers Party of America, for the establishment of groups for rifle range practice and other military training.

The excuse for this latest outburst from the secretary of state was a note from the Soviet government to the American government regarding the opening of negotiations looking toward the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two governments. Tchitcherin, foreign minister of Russia, is aware of the widespread sentiment existing in the United States for recognition of Russia and thought he detected in the Coolidge message to congress a desire for opening negotiations. Hence his note to the state department. The reply of Hughes to Tchitcherin is unique in the history of diplomacy. No effort is made to present facts. Russia is accused of indulging in propaganda for the violent overthrow of the United States government. When evidence was demanded, Hughes had recourse to the department of justice, from whence he readily obtained a forged document. The weird story about military instructions was so palpably a frame-up that even the widespread agitation of the capitalist press failed to convince the public of its authenticity. Its publi-

cation immediately called forth the most emphatic denial from both the Soviet government and the Executive Committee of the Workers Party of America.

Zinoviev Charges Forgery.

G. Zinoviev, president of the Communist International, also branded the thing a forgery. United States senators and other prominent individuals scoffed at the attempt of Hughes to base his diplomacy upon reports from the discredited department of justice, which is under the joint control of the disreputable Harry M. Daugherty and the malodorous Wm. J. Burns. The general opinion at Washington, outside the state department, seems to be that anything that comes from reports of department of justice agents is so notoriously unreliable that one desiring to establish a fact would depend upon it.

So quick was the reaction to this brazen attempt to label the revolutionary movement by attributing to it the most inept and infantile tactics that Hughes was forced to abandon his first lie and invent another. This he did without the slightest compunction. An ability for lying seems to be his greatest qualification for holding the office of secretary of state. The second lie to back up his charge that the Soviet government was indulging in subversive propaganda in the United States, was based upon an article written by Stoklof, editor of the Izvestia, official organ of the Soviet government. The article was a greeting from the editor of Izvestia to the delegates who had assembled at Moscow for the Fourth Congress of the Communist International. Although the article distinctly showed the difference between the Soviet government and the Communist International, Mr. Hughes labored hard to falsify the article to make it appear that the Soviet government and the Communist International were one and the same, under different names. The article by Stoklof emphasized the fact that the preliminary work of the organization of the Communist International had been started before the revolution in Russia at two international congresses—Zimmerwald and Kienthal—in the early part of the World War. He also emphasized the fact that the Russian revolution itself, in a wide historical sense, was not the creator, but the creation of the Communist International. The fact that its actual organization occurred after the Russian revolution is due to the general conditions in war-torn Europe at the time, but the International existed in the consciousness of all revolutionary Marxists long before even the Russian revolution of 1917.

Investigate!

The Workers Party Insists That Congress Probe the Forgery Imposed upon the Public by Charles Evans Hughes.

HUGHES, Secretary of State, has been guilty of the most flagrant prevarication recorded in modern times. His alleged information upon which he based his insulting and bombastic note to Russia was obtained from a source that is held in the utmost contempt by all intelligent people in the nation, the Department of Justice. Harry M. Daugherty, the alleged chief law enforcement officer in the country has, since his appointment by Harding, prostituted his office to the most base purposes. Hughes, Daugherty, Burns and the whole crew involved in this brazen attempt to besmirch the Russian Soviet Government and create sentiment for a new Communist movement of the United States are forgeries. If the House and Senate want to strike a blow that can do no greater service than force the snivelling hypocrisy of Hughes completely discredit this abhorred man who has stooped to the level of the meanness to justify his puerile attacks upon the Russian Soviet Government, INVESTIGATE HUGHES!

Workers Party Charges Coolidge Administration Faked Letter Used in Anti-Recognition Campaign

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unist Internat- d of the prole- rid, serving the that proletar- the fact that Soviet is today the outpost of the World Revolution and it does fight and will continue to fight to defend that government against all enemies wherever they may attempt to strike at the proletariat of Russia.

Hughes' Ancient Lies.

At regular intervals Hughes bursts forth with a denunciation of Soviet Russia. If he cannot find any excuse for such attack he relies upon some other capitalist lackey to create a spurious issue for him. His last effort in this line was when the stone-age leader of the political machine at the head of the American Federation of Labor, Sam Gompers, addressed an inspired note to Hughes asking about the government's position on Russia. That was the occasion for Hughes to rehash the exploded lies that have served every intellectual prostitute who manufactured "news" against Russia for the past six years.

The United States government once the inauguration of the Harding administration will certainly go down in history as having possessed the lowest degree of intelligence of any government the world has ever seen. The fabrications of Hughes result only in ever more glaring examples of stupidity. Like the Baptist hypocrite that he is he endeavors to conceal his viciousness under the cloak of high moral purpose. Not only does this pious hypocrite rely upon forgeries furnished by the Department of Justice agents, but he himself indulges in personal falsification that would rouse the envy of the miserable Burns, known for his ability as an all-around scoundrel skilled in every form of perjury from ordinary labor frame-ups to subornation to perjury, as in the Oregon land fraud cases, or organizing a German spy system in the United States as he did in the early part of the World War.

Recognizes Hungary.

The moral objections of Hughes are completely exploded when we consider the fact that the United States government never for a moment hesitated to recognize the Hungary of Horthy, where the most insane and monstrous organized cruelty passes for government. It is not despotism that Hughes objects to, for in Hungary the most malignant ferocity holds the populace in a grip of terror.

He also recognizes without reservations the despotism of Mussolini in Italy where political opponents are murdered in cold blood. As a matter of fact there is no bloody despot on earth that Hughes does not extend recognition to.

But to Soviet Russia, where people live under a government that is a million times more democratic than the democratic government of the United States of America, where the government represents the interests of the immense majority of the population and not a minority of capitalist plunderers, as in these glorious United States, the charlatan secretary of state refuses to extend recognition. It is not on moral grounds, but on class grounds that Hughes refuses recognition. But signs are not lacking that he will be forced to abandon his position toward Russia as it increases toward

The Workers Party, in a statement issued from its national office in Chicago, charges that the Coolidge Administration faked the letter issued by Secretary of State Hughes in his campaign against the recognition of the Russian Soviet Republic.

The letter, supposed to have been instructions from Gregory Zinoviev, chairman of the Communist International, to the Workers Party of America, is denounced as a vicious frame-up. The Workers Party demands an investigation of the origin of this letter and calls upon the progressive members of the senate and house of representatives to continue their fight for Soviet recognition.

The statement issued by the Workers Party in full is as follows:

Secretary of State Hughes is seeking to victimize the whole country with a vicious frame-up.

The Secretary of State has had published a letter supposed to have been sent by Gregory Zinoviev, chairman of the Communist International, to the Workers Party of America.

The letter, from the first word to the last, is a falsification.

The Workers Party declares that it has never received such a letter. It asserts that no such letter was ever written by the Communist International.

The frame-up of the Secretary of State sets forth that the Communist International instructs the Workers Party to practice shooting and "sapper" work.

Any one at all acquainted with the position and activities of the Communist International knows that Zinoviev would never send out such foolish and childish instructions. The Communist International knows that there can never be a successful Communist revolution in the United States until the Communists win over the majority of the American working class.

The Communist International proposes, not shooting practice, but trade union practice; not "sapper" work on imaginary drill grounds, but the building of impregnable trenches for the working class on the political field in America.

The only armed shooting groups in this country are the gangmen, hired by the employers' private detective agencies and the Department of Justice to smash the labor and farm organizations. An army of over 6,000 of these highly armed special deputy marshals were mustered by the Department of Justice to break the last railroad strike.

The Communist International never sent out, and never could send out such stupid and assassin instructions. The whole idea was conceived in the brains of madmen. It was spawned by maniacs, who are professional spies, living off fake exposures of an alleged "Red Menace."

We publicly accuse the Department of State and the Department of Justice with having forged this letter to mislead the people of the United States.

We demand an immediate and thorough investigation of the origin of this letter, and of those responsible for its circulation.

We assert the Department of Justice and the whole Coolidge administration knows that this letter is an outright forgery. The only reason they can have for stooping to such desperate deeds is that they fear the rising tide among the American people, for the recognition of Soviet Russia.

The Administration knows that the masses of workers and farmers are ever more recognizing that American prosperity depends on the existence of the world market. No sound world market is possible without the complete recognition of the Soviet government.

The Workers Party calls upon every honest worker and farmer, regardless of his political opinions, to help expose this monstrous frame-up. We urge the progressives in Congress not to permit themselves to be stampeded by this reactionary attack.

We call upon the progressive congressmen and senators to demand an investigation of this fraudulent letter, and to continue their fight for the recognition of the Russian Soviet Republic.

(Signed)

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WORKERS PARTY OF AMERICA.

C. E. Ruthenberg, Executive Secretary.

Hughes Joins the Ananias Club.

As a prevaricator Ananias had nothing on Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State for this benighted government. It was Theodore Roosevelt who consigned expert political liars of his days to the Ananias Club. He bludgeoned them into this Club with the Big Stick, where they usually remained in seclusion.

Since the proletarian revolution in Russia the accommodations have been taxed at this popular club. Beginning with Edward Sisson, a pen prostitute who forged documents, purporting to prove that Lenin was a German agent, and sold them to George Creel, head of the official gov-

ernmental establishment for manufacturing lies under the Wilson administration, there has been a steady stream of public men and women qualifying for a place in this club.

The eminent Secretary of State, by publishing the recently forged document purporting to contain instructions from Zinoviev to the Workers Party of America qualified for a place in the Ananias Club. He was not content with mere qualification for an ordinary place so he did not stop at utilization of a forgery furnished by the Department of Justice. He had the audacity to pillage an article of Steklof, editor of the Moscow Izvestia, distort it, leave out important parts and insert others and publish it to the world as evidence that the Soviet Government and the Communist International were one.

Hughes has for a long time striven to attain

continue this struggle in spite of the endeavors of Mr. Hughes and the venal Department of Justice to arouse sentiment against us thru forged documents. The Communists of this country would continue the struggle for Communism here if there were no possibility of even communicating with Russia, and not all the studied mendacity of Hughes and the government of capitalism that he represents can suppress our agitation.

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Communist International Brands Hughes Letter Forgery

Officially denies charges in special cable to Workers Party, Moscow, December 23: In a special cable to the Workers Party of America the Communist International emphatically declared that the Hughes letter is an "open forgery."

Gregory Zinoviev, chairman of the Communist International, signed the cable which was sent to the National Office of the Workers Party of America in Chicago. Zinoviev said that Hughes must have a low opinion of the Senate to base his charges on such fraudulent documents.

The cable reads: "Alleged instructions sent by C. E. Hughes to Workers Party, signed by me as you know of Hughes has low opinion of Senate if bases charges on forged documents."

Zinoviev.

The Workers Party of America had already denied ever having received such a letter from the Communist International or ever receiving any instructions of any kind from the Soviet Government. A thoroughgoing investigation of the whole situation was demanded by the Workers Party in order to prove the Hughes charges as utterly unfounded.

The Steklov Article

Hughes' Brazen Lie Against Editor of Moscow
Izvestia Exposed in Historic Document.

(Editor's Note.—We herewith print the complete text of the article that was so mendaciously garbled by Secretary of States Hughes to back up his "test assault upon the growing movement for recognition of Soviet Russia. This is the article in which Hughes claimed Steklov proved that the Third (Communist) International and the Soviet Government of Russia are one and the same. A perusal of the article will convince any person with a normal mind that Steklov here proves directly the opposite of Hughes' contention. This document is now historic as it furnished the basis for the exposure of the very lowest strata to which it is possible for alleged statesmen to sink. To distort this article as did Hughes exposes either a disordered mind or deliberate prostitution to capitalist imperialism. The reader may judge for himself the category to which Charles Evans Hughes belongs.—H. M. W.)

Comrade Kalinin observed that the force of the Soviet Federation is a very "important element in the general strength of the Third Communist International" and that the workers and peasants of the Soviet Republics constitute one of the strongest of the parts comprising the Comintern.

This is a profound truth. The counter-revolutionary press ridicule the assertion that the Russian peasants are interested in the Third International, but they do not dispute the fact that the Russian workers are interested in it. Kalinin's assertion, however, is true as regards the peasants. Perhaps, the average Russian peasant has a rather vague idea of the Communist International and is still less familiar with its program. He is fully aware of its existence, however, and feels himself attached to it. Forced during four years to fight, to repel the onslaught of world capitalism, the Russian toiling masses became intimately cognizant of the significance of the international solidarity of labor. The worker and peasant masses of the Soviet Republic, still boycotted and blockaded by the capitalist imperialist powers, are fully aware of the fact that their most vital interests are closely bound up with the success of the international revolutionary movement. In this sense Russia is at present a country in which the broad masses feel and think internationally.

Considered from this point of view, the existence of the closest contact between the Soviet Republic and the Communist International cannot be questioned. This contact is a fact not only of a moral but of a material and tangible character. On the other hand, the Comintern is equally bound spiritually and materially with Soviet Russia. We do not refer here to any material support about which the bourgeois press raises such a clamor and which is largely legendary. At all events, the material support rendered by the workers of all countries to the Soviet Republic during the last year's famine was not less than the aid which the Russian Communist Party could ever extend to its sister parties abroad.

Of course, in case of need, both sides will extend to each other the utmost assistance, but at the present time we emphasize, only the contact which exists between them in the spiritual and political sense of the word.

The Comintern rests on Soviet Russia. The mere fact of the existence of the Socialist Republic which during five years repelled the attacks of all its enemies, increased the revolutionary sentiment of the world proletariat, encouraged it in the most trying moments, and inspired it to carry on the struggle indefatigably.

The world proletariat possesses in the Soviet Republic an impregnable fortress where the world communist program and tactics are shaped and the systematic accumulation of proletarian constructive experience and the building of the proletarian state is achieved. Here all the fighters for the Socialist Revolution find a secure refuge where they are protected from the fierce vengeance of the bourgeoisie and where they are able to study the success of creating Communist society.

The mutual solidarity of the Soviet Republics and of the Communist International is a fact of everyday reality. To the extent to which the existence and the growing strength of Soviet Russia is important for the Third International, to the same extent the development and the strength of the Comintern is important for Soviet Russia. The International has already helped Russia to repel the onslaught of world capitalism.

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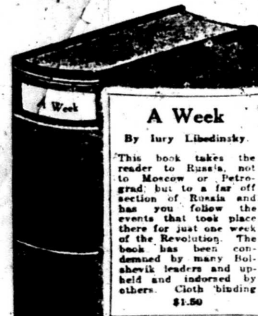
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The Soviet Republic and the Third International

By U. STEKLOV.

(From the Izvestia, Moscow, Nov. 7, 1922.)

The coincidence of the dates of the fifth anniversary of the October revolution with the opening of the Fourth Congress of the Communist International is neither accidental nor arbitrary. This coincidence is of profound significance and emanates from the organic connection between the two historic events.

The Soviet Republic celebrates today its fifth anniversary and the Comintern convenes its Fourth Congress. Thus the Comintern appears to be the younger of the two brothers. Indeed, it was organized during the second year of the existence of the Soviet Republic and officially its chief sponsor was the Russian Communist Party. The majority of the Communist parties which the Comintern were organized at a later date than the Russian party. This gave rise to the assertion of our enemies that the entire Comintern as such is the "creature" of "Moscow." This is not the case at all.

Paradoxical as it might at first sight appear we maintain that both the October Revolution and the Russian Communist Party, which was instrumental in bringing it about "from a broad historic viewpoint were the product and creation of the Communist International.

It is true that as a definite and official organization the Comintern came into being later, but as a moral force it presided them. Before its formal inauguration the Communist International lived in the consciousness of all revolutionary Marxists. Its fundamental elements evolved at the Zimmerwald and Kiental conferences and in the inter-party debates during the entire period of imperialist war. As the categorical imperative and the moving spirit it acted a long time before the Inaugural Congress of the Third International. The Russian Bolsheviks particularly, as far back as 1914-15 considered themselves part of the future Third International, acted in conformity with its principles and, impelled by them, carried out the October Revolution.

But no matter how we regard chronological sequence of events and their historic continuity, the closest organic and spiritual relation undoubtedly exists between the Soviet Republic, the product of the October Revolution, and the Communist International. Even if this relation had not been repeatedly announced from both sides, it would be clear to all.

his closing of the last session in Central Executive Committee, in some line. He failed of the United States, and he mediocre Secretary of State. His mentality would enable him to qualify as an excellent Salvation Army drum major, but his imagination was too keen for that position, so he has now found a place where he can realize his ambitions for leadership. In the Ananias Club he will have no rival.

on Backs Hughes.

of capitalist morons, the iteration, through its chairmen, one Conde B. Pallam, Hughes' attack upon the fact that Hughes because of the exposure character of the alleged letter, Pallam, is loudly proclaiming, through the medium of every capitalist sheet that will give him space, his conviction that everything cited by Hughes in his original attack is absolutely true.

Pallam, being an ingenious sort of cuss, adds proof of his very own to the heinous plot to overthrow the U. S. government by citing the fact that the Communists of America are soon to start an English language daily newspaper.

"For the last six months," says Pallam, "the Communist Party (the Workers Party) has been making a drive in this country for the purpose of starting an English Communist Daily."

Mr. Pallam shudders to contemplate such a Daily, for he says:

"The printed matter used in this drive, as well as the material published in The Worker, indicates the venomous character of what will appear in the proposed daily, the first number of which is announced for Jan. 13, 1924."

While we do not expect Chairman Pallam to like a publication that regularly pays its compliments to his friends, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Gompers, where, we ask, is his evidence to substantiate Hughes' statements? If the Soviet Government were establishing an English Daily

it is hardly logical to presume that we American Communists would be devoting a great deal of our energy to raising a hundred thousand dollars.

We presume that in the course of a few weeks old man Gompers will join the anvil chorus. The anti-Russian combination has about narrowed down to the supporters of Hughes, Gompers and the Civic Federation. The enmity of this combination should be sufficient recommendation of the Soviet Government for any intelligent person.

Mr. Pallam is also greatly exercised over the "venomous character" of articles appearing in The Worker. To the apologists of capitalism everything is venomous that exposes the shams of this class society. We can easily understand his unrestrained fury at the thought of the establishment of a Daily Worker, with six times the power to propagate Bolshevism among the masses of American workers. Instead of exposing Hughes and his ilk in our weekly and monthly publications we will have the medium of smashing the shams of capitalism every day. Of course we are venomous toward capitalism. We intend relentlessly to expose every pious fraud of capitalism, no matter how venerable it may be. All that capitalism holds sacred, the Daily Worker will profane. It will be the deadly foe of capitalism and for that very reason it will gain the support of all intelligent members of the working class.

If the Weekly Worker gives headache to Mr. Pallam and his Civic Federation cohorts, the Daily Worker will drive them to distraction.

Chichern Calls Hughes Bluff

MOSCOW.—Foreign Minister Chichern charges Secretary Hughes with consciously broadcasting a for-

gery in the publication of an alleged letter from Zinoviev, Third International, ordering the Workers Party of America to undertake shooting practice and raise the red flag over the White House. Hughes used this alleged letter as one excuse for his re-

fusing to negotiate with Russia. Chichern after denying that he or Zinoviev ever sent such a letter demands the unconditional withdrawal of the document or challenges Hughes to produce the document before any impartial court of arbitration.

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