

ANARCHIST FEDERATION

Aims and Principles

AIM

The establishment of an anarchist society which will render impossible the growth of a privileged class and the exploitation and oppression of man by man. The Anarchist Federation therefore advocates free access to the land, industry and all means of production and distribution, on the basis of voluntary co-operation.

CLASS STRUGGLE

Class struggle is necessarily inherent in governmental society, and therefore the exploiting class and the working class have no interests in common. For the workers', solidarity with their own class both at home and abroad is the fundamental consideration, which must take precedence over all others.

THE STATE

We are therefore opposed to all monopolies of power whereby the division of society into a ruled and ruling class are maintained. Similarly, we oppose all the means of maintaining the class-divided society—parliament, the legal system, the police, the armed forces, the Church, etc. All such means are the expressions of the State, which always exists to protect the interests of a privileged majority, e.g., capitalists, landlords, bureaucrats, etc. We are therefore unalterably opposed to the State.

MILITARISM, NATIONALISM, IMPERIALISM AND WAR

We oppose militarism because the armed forces are used by the ruling class to maintain their class rule.

National frontiers being the lines of demarcation between ruling class spheres of interest, they can only be a check to the natural aspirations of the workers. Therefore, against nationalism and its colonial expression, imperialism, we call upon the workers to demonstrate their solidarity with each other by destroying the artificial barriers which enable the ruling classes to exploit their traditional method of divide-and-rule.

We oppose the war as the outcome of the clashing interests of rival imperialisms. Since empires exist only to serve the interests of the ruling classes, wars undertaken for their extension or defence have nothing in common with the interests of the workers. The rivalries between the national sections of the ruling class should be utilised by the workers to their own advantage, by prosecuting the class struggle more vigorously at a time when the masses of the people are being forced to shed their blood in the interests of their masters. Nationalist sentiment aroused by war is the most effective means employed by the ruling class to deceive the workers and conceal the underlying class struggle.

We expose and reject the facile slogan "Democracy *versus* Fascism." Under capitalist "democracy," the ruling class has everywhere shown itself ready to compromise with Fascism rather than make concessions to the workers. In Spain the forces of bourgeois "democracy," aided by Stalinists and socialists, strangled the social revolution under cover of this treacherous slogan, and thereby drained the life blood from the only effective resistance to Fascism—the spontaneous direct action of the armed workers. Rather than face revolution, "democracy" will join hands with Fascism; but at home and abroad, social revolution alone can defeat Fascism.

DIRECT ACTION

Victory in the fight against class domination can only be achieved by the direct action of the workers themselves. We reject all parliamentary and similar activity as deflecting the workers from the class struggle into paths of class collaboration.

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORKERS

Since direct action on the part of the individual produces only partial and inadequate results, it is necessary for the working class to organise collectively. Anarchists advocate the organisation of the workers into syndicalist

unions free from the craft divisions and bureaucracy of trade unions. While trade unions seek to be permanent wage-bargaining institutions, syndicalism fights for the abolition of the wage system, and the destruction of the property-relations of existing society. To do this the workers must organise at the places of work.

SYNDICATES AND RECONSTRUCTION

The workshop committees will be federated into industrial syndicates. These industrial syndicates will be able to control each industry when the workers have locked out the employing class and administer production and distribution on behalf of the community. All industries will then co-operate in a Federation of Labour, controlling and co-ordinating the whole economy of society. Production will be freed from wage slavery and profit-seeking, and the whole energies of labour will be directed towards the satisfaction of human needs. There will be no capitalism and no State.

SOCIAL REVOLUTION

As the imperialist war drags on it is time for the scattered forces of the world revolution to redouble their efforts for the task of preparing to meet social collapse with the revolutionary message to the workers: No compromise with the forces of reformism or reaction. Organisation for the social revolution ANARCHISM.

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