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### A Woman's Warning to Mrs. Worker.

Look out, Mrs. Worker! Your homes and your children are in danger! The Communists, who want to see revolution in Britain, are trying to steal away your freedom. They will make you a State slave!

They tell you that we workers are the "slaves of the capitalists"; that we are poor because other people are rich; and that if only the rich could have their wealth taken away from them, everyone would be well off and have plenty to eat and every comfort.

*Do not believe them!* It is absolutely untrue.

The Communists did this in Russia. They took away houses, land, furniture, and wealth from those who possessed them. But *they did not give these things to the poor.* They kept them for the State.

Who and what was the State? *Themselves!*

### No Rule by the Workers.

Communists tell you that Russia is ruled by the workers, Mrs. Worker.

The truth is, that out of 180 million (180,000,000) people in Russia only two hundred thousand





(200,000) are Communists. These few Communists rule Russia by terrorism and bloodshed. Communism is not democracy. It is not "rule by the people for the people." It is the dictatorship of the Communists under a few tyrannical Bolsheviks like Trotsky. *Communism means dictatorship.*

### **Tyranny.**

One of the most cherished possessions which we British workers possess is our freedom and independence, isn't it, Mrs. Worker?

The Communists will take away your freedom. In Russia only those who agree with the Communists are allowed to vote; the ballot is not secret; no one is allowed to speak against the Communists. If they do, they are put in prison and sometimes shot; only Communist newspapers are allowed to be printed.

There is no majority rule or freedom of speech.

*Is this freedom?*

Listen to what Mr. Tom Shaw, now Socialist Minister of Labour, said in *The Times*, August 17th, 1920:—

"There is no proletarian dictatorship (rule by the workers) in Russia. No freedom, no democracy, only the autocratic rule of a small group. The

workers have no liberty. They must work where directed and at what they are told."

*Communism means tyranny.*

### **Slavery and Child Labour.**

In Russia, under Communism, trade unions are not free associations of the workers. They have been turned into State organisations. Strikes are illegal. Hours are longer. Wages are starvation wages, and are paid mostly in kind—by tickets for food, clothes, etc. Everyone is forced to work—including women and children over 8 years old, who are compelled to give three hours forced labour every day. You cannot choose your work or where you shall work. The State can send you to work where it likes and to do whatever work it wishes.

"A sweated wage, long hours, industrial conscription, prohibition of strikes, prison for slackers, diminution of the already insufficient rations, an army of spies"—this is what Communism means. (From *The Practice and Theory of Bolshevism*, 1920, page 169.)

A man's employment, hours, and wages are fixed for him. He must work wherever he is allocated, and he cannot leave his district without special permission.

*Under Communism the workers are slaves.*



**Militarism.**

“Compulsory military service is in force.”  
(Ben Turner, *Yorkshire Post*, June 10th, 1920.)  
Every man is forced to serve in the Red Army. Everywhere there are spies on the workers, and if they hear anyone speaking against the Communists they put them in prison. Sometimes they are shot.

“Their (the Communist) régime has destroyed more peasants and poor people in one year than did the Tzars (Emperors) in a hundred.” (Colonel John Ward, M.P., an eye-witness in Russia, in a letter, November 29th, 1918.)

Communists in Britain would take away *your* sons and put them into the Red Army. You would be terrorised, and would know no peace from day to day.

“Two unprotected and defenceless women waiting for the tram to go into the city shopping” were murdered by the Communists.

“A working woman was *shot for the sport of the thing* while running across the road to purchase a bottle of milk for her children.” (Rev. R. Courtier-Forster, late British Chaplain at Odessa, in *The Times*, December 3rd, 1919.)

That is the Red Terror, Mrs. Worker.

*Communism means death and terror.*

**No Equality.**

Only those who are Communists are treated well in Russia. They get the best houses to live in; the best education; the biggest positions; the highest salaries; the most food; the best clothing; and the free tickets for theatres. Those who are not Communists receive short rations, and do not get any of the privileges of the Communists.

“The peasants need clothes. The townspeople need food. Everybody needs a new pair of boots” (Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of Socialist Chancellor of the Exchequer).

*There is no equality.*

**No Capitalists, but—**

Communists say your misery, Mrs. Worker, is due to “capitalists,” and that if they were done away with you would be perfectly happy. In Russia, the Communists have abolished “capitalists”!

The owners and managers of factories were made into ordinary workmen. The Communists tried to “run” the works themselves. They could not, they did not know how. The factories were worked badly and extravagantly. They did not pay, and had to close down. Thousands of workers were thrown out of employment.



They could not get on without the "capitalists" after all. They have now come over to Britain to ask British capitalists to lend them money, having wasted and lost all their own.

*Now, they are allowing "capitalists" to come back.*

### **No Landlords, but—**

Communists also blame the landlords for the misery of the workers. They say the land should be given to the people.

In Russia they took it from those who owned it. But they did not give it to the people. They kept it, and the workers are no better off. In Russia, nothing you have is your own. You have no possessions; neither house, land, furniture, nor children.

At any time the State can put anyone to live in your house, and appropriate it for their own use. You cannot turn them out.

*Under Communism you have no possessions.*

### **No Education.**

Communists say everyone should have an equal chance of being educated.

In England, education is free and universal. By means of grants and scholarships, the child

with ability of the humblest worker can reach the university and the highest posts in national life.

In Russia the large houses of the aristocrats have been turned into schools. But they have no equipment for the children, no books, no maps. They cannot be taught. The best education is given to the young men who join the Red Guards—the special Communist army—to teach them revolution and bloodshed, and make them into "good" Communists.

*There is no Education.*

### **No Home Life.**

Under Communism there is no family life and no privacy.

You, Mrs. Worker, would no longer be allowed to look after your own little home and children, or take a pride in keeping it clean and neat. You would not be able to say "my children"—only "the State's children." The State would take away your children and bring them up for you.

The Communists tell you that under their method of government your household "drudgery" would cease. True, Mrs. Worker, you would no longer spend your time in your own home; you would be a "compulsory worker," just like the men folk. You would be put in one of the "central laundries,"



or in one of the public restaurants, or communal kitchens where everybody would feed, so that you would cook and clean or wash for *other people's* families.

*Under Communism you would have no Home and Children to call your own.*

This is the "Workers' Paradise" which the Communists offer you, Mrs. Worker. What do you think of it?

### **What Capitalism has done.**

At the present time, you may not have all you desire under "Capitalism." But you may be quite sure, Mrs. Worker, that you would be much worse off as the slave of a Communist State.

Nobody wants to claim that your life now is all that could be desired; we know there is room for much improvement. You have cares and anxieties. It is hard to make ends meet; to keep the children decently fed and clothed.

But there are better times in store for you.

Anything that is wrong, the Communists say, is due to the "failure of the Capitalist system." They want to sweep the system away.

*What is the truth?*

Under Capitalism hours of labour are shorter; conditions of work are better; housing accommodation has improved; sanitation has been

revolutionised; education is not only universal, but free. The workers are richer than before the industrial revolution—and it is much easier for a working man with brains and initiative to work his way to the top. This was recently acknowledged by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Socialist Colonial Secretary, who started life as a carriage cleaner, and by other members of the Socialist Government.

Think of many of our great men who have risen from the ranks to the top. Where would our Labour leaders have been under Communism? They would have been ordinary working men—doing what they were told by State officials. They would have had no chance to rise in life. Any ambition would have been thwarted and suppressed. Only those who were ardent and fanatical Communists would have been given such a chance.

### **What Communism would mean.**

Communism, Mrs. Worker, would bring anarchy, bloodshed, and misery to the workers.

The Communists want to force Communism upon the workers of Great Britain *for their own ends*. They want to get the power and wealth of the country in their own hands, and suppress everyone who does not agree with them. Under Communism no one will be rich—except the chief Communists—



and everyone else will be poor—much poorer than you are now under “Capitalism.”

The Communists will be far harder taskmasters than the present employers. You will be forced to do what they tell you, and if you refuse they will not give you any food. When have the “Capitalists” treated you like that? You have your freedom of opinion and speech, your trade unions, and the vote. The Communists would deprive you of all these things.

*They would take away the workers' rights.*

This is Communism.

*Do you want it?*

The way to save yourselves, your children and your homes from Communism is to work for the party that believes in preserving the freedom and the rights of the British workers against tyranny.

You believe in freedom, Mrs. Worker. You hate the tyranny, slavery, and militarism of the Communists. Then *help to fight them* by voting and working for those who mean to preserve our ancient constitution from the attacks of foreign tyrants.

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