

order. Conservative anti-progressive circles throughout Europe will probably hope that the Allies, endeavoring to restore the Balance of Power, will protect them.

The Revolutionary Situation.

Ordinary democratic practice has shown itself inadequate to cope with revolutionary situations - it is capable only of handling peace periods, with plenty of time at its disposal, when people are more or less satisfied with the existing institutions. Democratic political methods would be a dead-weight in a revolutionary crisis. If the average Democratic methods are used in the revolutionary crisis the cause of liberty will be jeopardized because people will be disillusioned by the confusion and incompetence of its defenders. The Communists - only popular party which, realizing this danger, have organized themselves with rigid discipline, but their exclusive working-class separatism and their dependence on Moscow makes them a sectarian element weakening everything in decisive moments. Should the Communists succeed in seizing power and establishing, as in Moscow, a bureaucratic dictatorship, this would mean the failure of the European revolution.

Large groups of people still cling to Communist beliefs because they can think of nothing better: this is reaction. The revolutionary movement must spring from those who can judge and criticize the old political forms, it must cooperate with democrats, Communists, and all other anti-totalitarian forces, without being influenced by their ideas.

The forces of reaction will play their trump card of patriotic sentiment, i.e. the old nationalistic state, in order to get back into power. This will be the most insidious