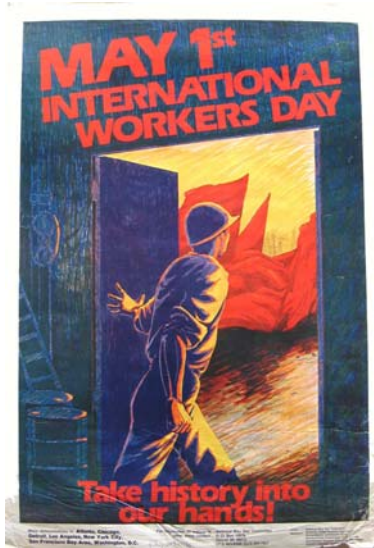


#185 V. I. Lenin – May Day and the Soviet Union

The Russian revolutionary movement utilized May Day to great advantage. In the preface to a pamphlet, *May Days in Kharkov*, published in November 1900, V. I. Lenin wrote:



In another six months, the Russian workers will celebrate the first of May of the first year of the new century, and it is time we set to work to make the arrangements for organizing the celebrations in as large a number of centers as possible, and on as imposing a scale as possible, not only by the number that will take part in them, but also by their organized character, by the class-consciousness they will reveal, by the determination that will be shown to commence the irrepressible struggle for the political liberation of the Russian people, and, consequently, for a free opportunity for the class development of the proletariat and its open struggle for Socialism.

Since he called attention to them six months ahead of time, it can be seen what importance Lenin gave to the May Day demonstrations. To him May Day was a rallying point for "the irrepressible struggle for the political liberation of the Russian people," for "the class development of the proletariat and its open struggle for Socialism."

May Day and the Soviet Union.

During its "short space" life, the Soviet Union officially endorsed May Day. After the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, the Soviets chose May Day as the day to honor the proletariat – industrial workers of the lower social and economic class, and the people for whom the revolution was ostensibly fought and won. The Russians also called May Day "The Day of the International Solidarity of Workers." Throughout the Communist world, May Day would be celebrated with large military parades and thousands of marchers showing their support for the government.



May Day, 1920, in Petrograd (formerly St. Petersburg)

Key Understanding: *May Day and the Soviet Union.* May Day was strongly attached to the V. I. Lenin-founded Soviet Union for the purpose of pointing to the theme of the V. I. Millennium, or the VI Millennium, or the *May Day Millennium.* The May Day Millennium

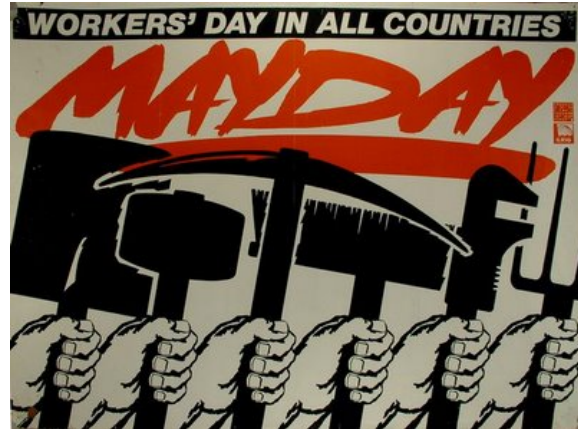
represents the glory of man, and is a counterfeit of the Lord's Seventh Day-Sabbath Day Millennial Rest for mankind. God did rest the Seventh Day from all his works. As a counterfeit, Man did rest the Sixth (5 + 1, or VI, or 'May Day') Day from all his works.

Genesis 1:27 (KJV) SO GOD CREATED MAN in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:31 (KJV) And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were THE SIXTH [VI] DAY.

Isaiah 40:6 (NIV) . . . ALL MEN [Number of Man is 6 or VI] are like grass, AND ALL THEIR GLORY is like the [May] FLOWERS of the field. [May Day and May Day's Mayflower represent 5/1.]

Hebrews 4:4 (KJV) For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, AND GOD DID REST THE SEVENTH DAY, FROM ALL HIS WORKS.



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