



THE EFF COMMEMORATES THE 105th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) commemorates the most historic revolution, which shaped the lives of the working-class indefinitely and informs the consciousness of socialists globally, The Great October Socialist Revolution.

On the 6th and 7th of November 1917, the Bolshevik Party led by Vladimir Lenin waged a bloodless coup, removing the reactionary and liberal Provisional Government which had led Russia into massive unemployment and poverty and financial ruin due to debt to foreign countries.

The October Revolution is commemorated in November, because in the year 1917 Russia still subscribed to the Julian Calendar and began aligning with the more universally used Gregorian Calendar after the Revolution. As a result, activities which happened in what Russia regarded as October during that period, such as the October Revolution which was on the 25th and 26th of October 1917 according to the Julian Calendar, are officially recognised as having occurred in November according to the Gregorian Calendar, which was used after the revolution.

Lenin, inspired thousands of workers and ordinary people into an insurrection and the ultimate storming of the Winter Palace, signifying the era of worker and peasant control over the levers of state-power. The immediate revolutionary changes implemented by the Bolsheviks continue to be the basis for all socialist movements and their blueprint for the re-organisation and redistribution of wealth from the greedy hands of capitalists.

The decrees announced by the Bolsheviks included after the revolution included; the nationalisation of private property, the rejection and nullifying of all foreign debt which

was accumulated by the Provisional Government, increase of wages for all workers and the introduction of what is today known as the 8-hour work day.

The Bolsheviks dealt decisively with all regressive titles and ranks which characterised the pre-revolution inequality and distribution of resources and were scathing of reactionary elements which had aligned themselves with imperialism to the point of initiating civil war at the behest of imperialism.

The gains made by the October Revolution continue to define progressive labour struggles to date and remain an inspiration to all Marxist-Leninist formations around the world. The EFF is inspired by the Great October Socialist Revolution and has adopted Leninism as one of the founding ideological guides to the struggle for Economic Freedom being waged in South Africa and the continent.

Lenin and the strategic advances made by the Bolsheviks prior to the ultimate usurping of state power is an instructive guide to the EFF on how to seize power by means of occupying relevant legislative bodies such as councils and committees. The revolutionary tactic of contesting state power while organising the masses through grass-roots rebellion and strikes outside the arms of the state, in order to expose the contradictions of the state, is a guide for all socialist revolutionaries.

The EFF subscribes to the idea that the state is an organ of class rule, used by the bourgeoisie to oppress the proletariat and that the state is a manifestation of the irreconcilable class antagonisms. It is therefore the duty of the revolutionary left to expose this to the people, not by assuming that the understanding of the revolutionary left of the role of the state is the same understanding of ordinary people. An appreciation of class consciousness will always dictate the pace and success of the revolution, and therefore the revolutionary movement must labour to improve the class-consciousness of the people in order for them to appreciate the illegitimacy of capitalism and its organs of class rule.

The October Revolution marked the first genuine acceptance of communism as a popular alternative to capitalist modes of production and means of organising society. The Soviet State became the first of its kind, which promoted massive industrialisation

and collective sharing of the wealth of the land for prosperity and peace. This must always be our guide, so that the legitimacy of the Economic Revolution and its policies are not questioned by the masses of our people.

May the spirit of the Great October Socialist Revolution engulf all revolutionaries, and produce an internationalist revolution to overthrow capitalism in our lifetime!

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