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"How explain the outspoken sympathy for the Bolshevik régime among so many well-meaning democratic Americans?"

"Our credulity, our impatience in sifting evidence will explain much. We will take a hazardous trip to Russia, talk to Lenine and his *commissars* through an interpreter, return with a phonographic reproduction of their utterances. But we will not study the utterances of the Bolsheviki when they are not talking propaganda for America. We will not bring critical analysis to bear on their claims. We will not try to ascertain whether in the nature of things their statements are possible."

—MANYA GORDIN STRUNSKY in *The Century*.

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FOREWORD

What everybody wants to know is not what the Bolshewiki *claim* to stand for, nor even what they honestly *think* they stand for, but what they actually do stand for—according to a fair summary of their own acknowledged words and deeds.

In the following summary first weight is given to the Soviet constitution and decrees—as issued by the Soviet or sympathetic publications—the speeches of Lenine and the other Bolshevist leaders, the Bolshevist press. Only occasionally is other evidence referred to. The opinions of the greatest Bolshevist writer, Maxim Gorky, are quoted as giving a suitable background to hold the material together.

The volume is prepared for the use of the general public, which has shown a full appreciation of the fact that this type of evidence is conclusive. To the fair-minded reader a fraction of the material here brought together would be sufficient. He must be warned, however, that the Soviet sympathizers will endeavor to impugn even Soviet testimony, whenever it is damaging.

Let the facts speak!

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