

Lenin on Police Oppression of the Masses

No persecution by the government, no devices resorted to by its Black-Hundred and bourgeois allies, can put an end to the manifestations of the proletarian struggle in the most varied and sometimes unexpected forms, for capitalism itself at each step of its development teaches and unites its grave-diggers, multiplying their ranks and intensifying their wrath.



Vladimir Lenin,
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In all bourgeois republics, even the most democratic, the police (like the standing army) is the chief instrument of oppression of the masses..... The police beats up the "common people" in the police stations of New York, Geneva, and Paris; it favours the capitalists either because it is bribed to do so (America and other countries), or because it enjoys wealthy "patronage" and "protection" (Switzerland), or because of a combination of both (France).

Vladimir Lenin, They Have Forgotten the Main Thing