

## The Clarion Mail Bag

BY SID EARP

THE revolutionary movement in Canada is very quiet these days. It may be that the prospect of another world war in which the working class again will attempt to annihilate itself on behalf of interests utterly opposed to it, has had a depressing effect upon the correspondents of the "Western Clarion," or perhaps they are busy working for that slender stake upon which they hope to exist through the coming winter. Anyway their ink has dried up and their writing paper has played out, except in the case of a few loyal hearts to whom may fortune come with bright smiles.

Comrade Ashton of the Winnipeg Local writes with a view to getting in touch with Jack McDonald and Sam James sends in a renewal of his "Clarion" sub. We hold the opinion that the city of Winnipeg is capable of being made a centre of Marxian thought and revolutionary activity without equal on the North American continent. We urge all comrades to work with this object in view; to build up a movement that will be a force to be reckoned with by the opponents of a revolutionary working class. As an intelligent, constructive task, Capitalism offers nothing finer, or with greater scope than to work for its abolition. To the revolutionist comes that real joy of life and labor, which the development of the mighty machine has all but stifled in the mind of man.

From Alberta a few letters have been received including one from a farmer comrade in Mayenthorpe. He speaks of the hard struggle to live and sends a renewal of his sub. A comrade writes from New Lindsay renewing "Clarion" sub and expressing best wishes for the success and furtherance of their efforts to those who make the paper so educative and enjoyable.

F. Cusack sends a bright letter giving a few impressions of the slave and slave minds that he meets on and off the job. He says he will consider himself a greater hero than O'Leary, V.C., if he is able to stick it until Oct. 1st.

A comrade in Salmon Arm, B. C. writes for "Two Essays on History," and "Evolution of Man" which have been forwarded.

Writing from Vernon, B. C. Comrade Andrews expresses disappointment that the mail has come in without his "Clarion." He wants to get every copy as he is keeping them on file for future reading. He considers the article "Leaving Home" to be very good and should be a great lesson to all slaves.

A cheering letter comes from James Island containing two subs. and expressing much pleasure with Com. Lestor's articles on "Rebelology," also the "Mail Bag Articles." Wm. Braes sends a short note from Cumberland with two dollar subs. P. Danluck notifies us of change of address to Read Bay, B. C. where his paper will be sent. G. Dart writes from Sardis, enclosing a sub and one dollar to the Maintenance Fund. Subs also come from Allenby and Westminster.

Com. Harman writes from Victoria, in which he expresses the hope that the Local there will become more active this winter. He sends subs for himself and McGregor. We should like to hear more news from Victoria. John Kirchman sends notice of change of address to Burke, Idaho. An order for various literature has been received from Sydney, Australia.

Local Vancouver is not having such big meetings as in previous years but an improvement is expected from now on. The recent war scare brought many people to the Sunday night meetings at the Star Theatre, who have been absent for a long time. Two exceptionally fine lectures were delivered by Comrades Harrington and Pritchard. Charles Lestor speaks every night weather permitting, at his old stand on the corner of Carrall and Cordova St.

An effort will be made to arrange for the usual study classes in the Headquarters. All local supporters are invited to attend the next business meeting, Tuesday Oct. 3rd at 8 o'clock, 163 Hastings St., West, room 12.

### A WAR OF RESTITUTION.

All the wealth the capitalist class possesses has been produced by the working class. In taking it the working class would but be taking it back. Wealth is not a fixed and indestructible quantity. It is being constantly destroyed and renewed. Even the most stable portions are being constantly worn out and replaced. The workers of one generation may be said to produce with their own hands practically all the wealth in existence at the end of their generation, so that in taking it they would actually be taking the very things they themselves produced, things taken from them without any compensation. They would therefore owe compensation for them to none. And, indeed, there can be no question of compensating the capitalists. S. P. of C. Manifesto.

With the story of Allied policy toward Turkey fresh in our minds there can be but one view of this threatening war; it is the product of Allied intrigue in Asia Minor, and if the Near East becomes the scene of a new war today it will not be because Moslems are conducting an offensive, but because England, fearing for her prestige in Mesopotamia, in Palestine, in Persia, and in India, is using military and naval force to prevent the realization by the Turkish army of things which are Turkey's and which were promised to Turkey by the very powers which England is now seeking to unite to keep that promise broken. When the entire British Atlantic fleet is ordered to the Dardanelles it is rather obviously not to defend their neutrality; it is to maintain the present British overlordship of that strategic capital.

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## PLATFORM

### Socialist Party of Canada

We, the Socialist Party of Canada affirm our allegiance to, and support of the principles and programme of the revolutionary working class.

Labor, applied to natural resources, produces all wealth. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production, consequently, all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is, therefore, master; the worker a slave.

So long as the capitalist class remains in possession of the reins of government, all the powers of the State will be used to protect and defend its property rights in the means of wealth production and its control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-swelling stream of profits, and to the worker, an ever-increasing measure of misery and degradation.

The interest of the working class lies in setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system, under which this exploitation, at the point of production, is cloaked. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into socially controlled economic forces.

The irrepressible conflict of interest between the capitalist and the worker necessarily expresses itself as a struggle for political supremacy. This is the Class Struggle.

Therefore we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada, with the object of conquering the political powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic programme of the working class, as follows:

- 1—The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) into collective means of production.
- 2—The organization and management of industry by the working class.
- 3—The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.

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