

powers of government? For the simple reason that you say that they can do so by voting them into power, and when you make up your mind that they won't control the powers of government, well, they won't control that power any longer! For as you know, parliaments are made by votes, and, it so happens, the working class has the majority of those votes. And when you do this the capitalist class won't have any power behind them when they say that they own the means of production whereby they rob you of the fruits of your labor. Do you think that you deserve the full product of your labor? Of course you do! Then vote for the Socialist Party, which stands for it.

But what about the other parties, don't they interest you with their platforms, programs and "issues"? Not a bit. What interests you is the fact that you are being robbed as a producer by the present system of capitalism. All political parties other than the Socialist, are supporters of capitalism. No matter whether they label themselves Liberal, Tory or as in some cases in places where the workers are getting conscious of their position—the so-called "Labor" party. Make no mistake, the Socialist Party alone advocates Socialism and it only will destroy capitalism in the interests of the working class alone!

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### THE FALLACY OF REFORM.

The present system of property in the means of wealth production is based upon the production of things for the profit that may be obtained from the process. The fact that people require the things that are produced, in order to consume them in the satisfaction of their wants is merely incidental to the real purpose of production. When there is no longer a profit to be obtained by the production and disposal of any commodity, its production will cease no matter what suffering may be entailed upon humankind because of such cessation of production. Once the capitalist motive is lacking—that is, the ability to obtain a profit by the process—industry must cease, no matter how many persons may actually starve to death in consequence.

With the production for profit as the prime motive of industry there flows from it, as a perfectly logical consequence, all of the abnormalities, paradoxes and pestiferous phenomena that beset and afflict human society today, and reduces its members to the level of brute beasts engaged in savage warfare among themselves, each one consumed with the purpose of saving his own hide at no matter what cost to the rest. Arrogant and vulgar wealth upon one hand and servile and equally vulgar poverty upon the other, greets the observer whichever way he may turn. Almost within the shadow of the mansion of wealth is found the rabbit hutch of poverty. Gaunt hunger slinks along streets that are lined with warehouses filled to the roof with everything requisite for human comfort. Ships, rich-laden with the products of industry, go abroad to dump their contents upon people who do not want them, while the plundered victims of capitalist robbery starve and die because of that robbery. Vice, crime, corruption and degradation