

# The Wisdom of the East

OLD-TIME residents of Western America grow more or less accustomed to continually meeting people of more or less radical views on matters political, economic or religious. It is so commonplace that one thinks it a natural state of affairs which must by now obtain everywhere. Particularly is this true of men who have associated almost exclusively with revolutionists for years.

Back in 1909-10, up till the war in fact, it was an ordinary experience to be assured that the revolution might come any day, as so many people were now saturated with socialistic views that an economic or political crisis from any cause would see the hungry millions seething to the Red Standard of Revolt.

But, come East, young man, come East!

Seven years after the Last-of Wars. It is Empire Day in Toronto, Ontario. University Avenue, over half a mile long, and plenty of space on it, leading to the Parliament Buildings in Queens Park, which at this writing presents a lovely spring picture of green grass and flowers, is filled with uniforms. Children from 10 to 18 or so, and about 11,000 of them, in either red or khaki, some with real rifles, the most with wooden guns. Bugles blare, drums beat, the old flag waves, the 25,000 spectators are surcharged with patriotic emotion. Especially so, 3,000 young girls in sailor dress parade with wreaths to be laid on the altars of departed gods, whose statues encumber the earth.

Frock coated business men remove their toppers and lay the flowers with touching reverence even at the foot of "Tommy's" statue, which should the while drip blood at this base treason perpetrated o'er it. The Crown, the Church, Capital, are strongly represented at the saluting base. All appear mostly pleased at the display, at themselves, and, no doubt, at the prospects for the future.

The kids may think differently when Fate unrolls the bloody screen at some future date, when the need of saving the Empire from some other breed of "Huns" becomes apparent.

Reaction is rampant in this East.

See Toronto on the coming "glorious 12th", its scores of fife and drum bands, its amazing King Billy worship after these centuries. And this Orange tradition is strong all through Ontario. Just as strong, and aggressive, as is French Catholicism in Quebec, a province you could handpick for a Red outside Montreal, and find none. Churches everywhere in Toronto, all in the pink of condition, and blooming. By some mysterious act of God, a couple were gutted by fire this winter, but they are being fixed up once more, the congregation apparently believing that it couldn't have been God, as no gentleman would do such a thing. Paradoxically, until rebuilt, a sign stands outside: "Danger, keep away." Unfortunately, it will be removed, with the return of the sanctified.

While Toronto is used as an example here, it is worse outside in the smaller towns. Labor organization is negligible outside favored trades. Interest in matters revolutionary is faint outside the Jewish and Russian workers, of whom there are many in this city. The mass of workers are interested mainly in sport, and in the sport of kings particularly. There is more excitement today over who will win the King's Plate than any political possibility of the future near or far. Also, have we not now got what we hear!

But, I should judge the Canadians of English descent a more steady, dependable social emergencies, than Americans as I have tarding prof. But that point can be labored over by end at the. have lived with both, know them more ever was invt. and, who care to go into the matter the anthropoid sistence in this. in the West gathers his impressions of our power, since the "Worker" published in Toronto, er plane of existenc.

surface enthusiasm to indicate a here. "The Worker" is given us habit as "headlining," that

is, the shrieking type of the Yellow Press, is copied too much. A little more critical thoughtfulness and philosophic impersonality, would be a welcome change from an unvaried diet of denunciation of the bloated plute.

For after all, the bourgeoisie is not a distinct biological species immeasurably inferior in every way to our proletarian class, as one is lead to think at times from distriber. Experience shows us often enough that all humans acquire a different psychology as they progress up or down the ladder of life. An ignorant proletarian suddenly placed in authority would not be as fitted a person to supervise administrative work as some cultured bourgeois, broadminded and consequently tolerant and adaptive. There is a danger in this worship of labor as being all right, if not so oppressed and downtrodden. When one sees them glorying in their uniforms, and basking in their master's smiles, one can only conclude they hug their chains. And their chains are mental slothfulness, inertia, and plain damned ignorance.

Trotsky's little book, "Problems of Life," show done in Russia, to make a people fit for self-governus clearly enough what a weight of work has to be ment. No amount of shouting will hurry any revolt, and this spade work must go on both before and after an overturn.

So, why not now?

F. S. F.

## HERE AND NOW.

E. S. Robinson, \$2; H. Arnold, \$1; C. W. Sies, \$2; J. B. Ray, \$1.50; J. M. Brown, \$1; F. Neale, \$1; O. P. Lundgard, \$1; R. Kirkman, \$1; H. Webster, \$1; A. D. Goodwin, \$1; J. Carson, \$1; J. W. Bennett, \$1; F. Chadwick, \$1; J. A. Antinen, \$1.

Above, Clarion subs. received from June 1 to July 31, inclusive—total, \$16.50.

## CLARION MAINTENANCE FUND.

St. John Comrades (per S. E. White): May, \$5; June, \$6.25. J. Carson, \$1; "B. L. J.," \$2.

Above, C. M. F. receipts from June 1 to July 31, inclusive—total, \$14.25.

## THE REAL CAUSES OF THE CHINESE DISTURBANCES

(Continued from page 5)

broke out among the workers employed by British and American industrialists. As China has no social legislation, foreign capitalists look upon her as especially well-suited for their purposes; and they are backed up in their exploitation by the governments of the Great Powers, who have not always done all they might to promote the formation of a solvent and efficient government in China.

Looking back over recent events (namely the strikes, the rebellion against foreign capitalists, the demand for social legislation, etc.), it must be admitted that this is no sudden movement, but that Chinese labor has reached a new stage in a process of development of which it is impossible to foretell the end.

The statement of the non-labor press, which is inclined to regard the events in China as little else than manifestations of Chinese nationalism, must be denied that there is evidence of growing national feeling, such as has been observed in other nations who have endeavored to throw off the yoke of foreign powers or foreign capitalists.

Within living memory Japan too was in a similar state of subordination to foreign powers; but Japan has succeeded in throwing off the foreign yoke, and she now ranks as an equal of the Great Powers, a fact which is of great significance. Attempts to suppress the present disturbances in China may for the moment be crowned with success, but it is inevitable that the anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist movement should in the near future make rapid progress in the Far East.—I.F.T.C.

# 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 cleaved. 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 power 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.

## Literature Price List

Cloth Bound.	Per Copy
Revolution and Counter Revolution (Marx)	\$1.75
Ancient Society	1.65
Capitalist Production (First Nine and 23 Chapters)	
"Capital," vol. 1, (Marx)	1.00
Vital Problems in Social Evolution	80c
Science and Revolution	80c
The Militant Proletariat	80c
Evolution Social and Organic	80c
Puritanism	80c
Ethics and History	80c
Germs of Mind in Plants	80c
The Triumph of Life	80c
Social Revolution (Kautsky)	80c
Essays on Materialist	
Conception of History (Labriola)	1.50
Social Studies (Lafargue)	80c
Paper Covers.	Per Copy
Evolution of Man (Prof. Hootch)	80c
Wage-Labor and Capital	80c
Independent Working Class Education	10c
Communist Manifesto	10c
The Present Economic System (Prof. W. A. Roemer)	10c
Socialism, Utopias and Science	15c
Slave of the Farm	10c
Manifesto, S. P. of C.	10c
Causes of Belief in God (Lafargue)	10c
The State and Revolution (Lenin)	5c
Value, Price and Profit (Marx)	15c
Two Essays on History (C. Stephenson and G. Deville)	5c
Economic Causes of War (Geekie)	25c
Civil War in France (Marx)	25c
All prices include postage.	
Christianism and Communism (Bishop W. M. Brown)	25c
Quantity Rates on Paper Covered Pamphlets.	
Two Essays on History	25 copies 75c
Communist Manifesto	25 copies 25c
Wage-Labor and Capital	25 copies 25c
Present Economic System	25 copies 25c
Socialism, Utopias and Science	25 copies 25c
Slave of the Farm	25 copies 25c
Manifesto of S. P. of C.	25 copies 25c
Evolution of Man	25 copies 25c
Causes of Belief in God	25 copies 25c
Value, Price and Profit	25 copies 25c
Economic Causes of War	25 copies 25c
Christianism and Communism	25 copies 25c
State of Canada, printed by E. Macdonald, P. O. Box 111, Toronto, Ont. C. 1919.	