

to our cause and create a more favoring environment for practice that will approach the ideal. Like many more in all party camps opposed to the Labor Party, Comrade McDonald, consciously or not, mistakes action for motive—the objective facts of labor policy imposed by circumstances for the underlying purposes of labor which have been forced to find expression in facts which belie their real nature.

I think a fair criticism, an honest criticism, that is to say, an informing and educative criticism of the British Labor Party and the acts of its government in office would be guided by some such considerations and methods as I have advanced in this article. As to Comrade McDonald's so-called criticism of the Labor Party, it is not a criticism, it is a piece of deliberate misrepresentation. Words with him, are not symbols of real things, but clubs.

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VALUE AND EXCHANGE VALUE

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distribution, I don't think Marx had any intention of throwing bouquets at the class that does not labor when he used these terms. When he used the term "socially necessary labor," he was referring to the social, or co-operative labor, of that part of society that does labor. He had to use some term that would generalize the proposition, because it was evident that the actual amount of labor expended on the production of each individual article of commerce did not determine its exchange value. And this ability of Marx to generalize the process of production and distribution and find the law of value proves his superiority as an economist, not only over his predecessors, but also over most of his successors as well.

However, it is true that the terms "social" and "socially," understood in their correct sense, imply society as a whole, and although it is not hard to explain their meaning in this connection it might be well to avoid such terms as much as possible when dealing with wealth production.

DAMNING THE LABOR LEADERS

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and scramble and looking after the immediate interest under their nose, according to their lights. The brotherhood of man is not their aim, but, Business as Usual. An industrial union, if feasible as a proposition, has plenty of material to work on, yet so far, efforts to corner the common variety of labor power have been failures. Naturally so, seeing that the average laborer, unskilled and compelled by hunger to wolf it alone or die is too much engrossed by the effort to find or keep a job to spare interest for idealistic attempts to organize his kind. And it cannot be ignored that it is almost impossible to maintain a corner in a commodity where the supply outweighs demands, as is the case with labor power.

It would seem, in the light of this Marxian viewpoint, that whether there had been an A. F. of L. or not the trend of events would not have varied so much. If conditions are favorable for a monopoly to arise, then arise it will. One might venture to say even unions priding themselves on being Socialist would be no whit different to our present craft unions, so long as they had comfortable livings. Aye; even a nation of Socialist voters would be in no hurry to change things, if jobs were plentiful.

Unions are in politics now, mainly, to consolidate their favorable position under this system if they have one. But, the preceding argument is intended as a protest against this wrong-headed railing at craft union leaders, a la S. L. P., or at Socialist leaders as the freakish variety of Communists do.

Denunciation of leaders does not educate the followers who after all, make the leaders.

Revolutions do not spring from the heads of leaders, even of Lenins!

The masses must want a revolution, and, given right conditions and an enlightened proletariat, it will be successful.

Meanwhile, we await the collapse of capitalism, and try to clarify the thinking faculties of the members of our class.

F. S. F.

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