

# SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA

Specially Edited for Those Young in the  
Study of the Principles and Doctrines

OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

## THE INFERNAL VISION

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Upon a certain day it chanced that I  
Had once an angel take me by the  
hand  
And lead me from the plain wherein I  
dwelt  
Unto the summit of a mighty hill.  
And when at last we reached the top,  
he paused  
And with his bright forefinger pointed  
down  
To the black shadows lying far be-  
low.  
Bade me with stern significance, to  
look.  
Far, far below, I saw a writhing mass,  
Like angle-worms brought newly from  
the ground—  
Though I perceived they were not  
worms, but men—  
Lashed in a struggle for supremacy.  
Murder and rage and robbery—all  
crimes  
Hateful to God and poisonous to men  
Were all enacted in that slimy place  
Indecently and at the hour of noon.  
And from this web of monsters as they  
slew  
And robbed and ravished, there came  
up a noise  
Of pain and wrath and hopelessness so  
great  
That I grew sick and trembled as I  
heard.  
Like mad, infernal beasts they roared  
and gored  
And maimed each other in that fearful  
fray.  
Some pled for pity, some blasphemed  
their God—  
And so death came to them, and they  
were not.  
So vile were they, so brutal and so  
base,  
So prodigal of cruelty and blood,  
That much I marvelled heaven should  
demean  
With its dread thunderbolt to blot them  
out.  
And when I could no more endure, I  
turned  
And to the Spirit at my side I said:  
"What is this thing which you have  
shown me? Hell?"  
And thus he answered me: "Not so,  
The world."

## LITTLE LUMPS

GERALD O'CONNEL DESMOND

If a right or a privilege or a liberty  
is worth having, it is worth fighting  
for.

The socialists get licked often enough,  
but we always fight. No socialist ever  
"takes it lying down."

"Time is money." Perhaps it is to  
some people. But the unemployed  
somehow don't seem to be able to cash  
the draft of time at the prosperity bank.

Marx said that "Capitalism would  
produce its own grave diggers." He  
is correct. Some of these grave diggers  
are making the dirt fly right now.

It is reported that T. Roosevelt in his  
recent attack on Socialism exhausted  
the English language so far as adjectives  
are concerned. That is nothing.  
The writer decided to pen something  
about T. Roosevelt himself once, but  
had to abandon the idea. I couldn't  
find adjectives to begin on.

The proletariat produce the wealth  
and the plutocracy waste it. Our  
modern middle class reminds me of a  
fat poodle dog following a fast rig.  
"Towner" starts off all right and  
makes desperate efforts to keep up,  
but after a while we see him far in the  
rear, about all in; with his tongue  
out. The small trader is in the same  
way now.

The voter is an ass, it seems to me,  
When he votes for the Grits and the G.  
T. P.

And equally foolish the others are  
Who vote for the Tories and the C. P.  
R.

Some day, when they get to know what's  
best,  
They'll quit 'em and vote for a Socialist.

The death struggle of capitalism is a  
wild clutch for money.

considerations. This is now pretty  
generally recognized by the greatest  
historians and sociologists though few  
of them make known the fact—in many  
cases because they are unaware of it—  
that it is a cardinal principle of the So-  
cialist philosophy.

## Reflections and Comments

GUSTAVE PRAGER

Here is a little story of how a "work-  
ing plug" lost his job. He was a de-  
liverer for a bakery and drove a worn  
out old skate, that should have been re-  
tired long ago. On several occasions  
he suggested to his employer the ad-  
visability of getting a better horse.  
"Well," said the boss to him recently.  
"Keep your eyes open and try and find  
a buyer for the old horse, and then I'll  
invest a few dollars more and get a  
good animal." So our "faithful em-  
ployee" looked about, and finally found  
a victim to buy the worn out horse.  
Then the boss informed him, that as  
business was slow, he had decided not  
to buy another and better horse for the  
time being, but to try and manage  
with one rig less on the road, and so  
our friend joined the ranks of the  
"army of the unemployed." That's  
capitalism! Our moral philosophers  
will say, it served our Mr. Working-  
man right for being so mean as to skin  
some poor victim with a worthless old  
skate; others will perceive that accord-  
ing to the law of "the survival of the  
fittest"—this employer stands a fair  
chance of succeeding, as he is sufficient-  
ly mean and sordid to win out in a  
system based on selfishness and cunning!

Recently a Toronto preacher in his  
pulpit expressed the hope that Can-  
ada and the other colonies would build  
several Dreadnoughts, to show loyalty  
to the British empire. He said he be-  
lieved that peace can best be maintain-  
ed by increasing armaments.

We presume that in case of war, this  
divine would invoke the blessings of  
God for the success of British guns and  
sea-engines of destruction. So would  
many of his colleagues. So would  
the preachers of our opposing nation  
offer up prayer for the victory of their  
forces. And still we are sending  
missionaries to the so-called "Heathen  
nations. And nineteen centuries ago,  
Jesus, "the prince of peace," praying  
in the garden, struggled against the  
two temptations, that of fear and that  
of using violence!

Napoleon I. is said to have remarked:  
"Ability is of little account without op-  
portunity." You, gentle reader, who  
recognize the ability of "COTTON'S  
WEEKLY" to espouse the cause of the  
common people, help to swell its cir-  
culation, and give it an opportunity to  
carry on the good work more effective-  
ly!

We were discussing social questions,  
and how the hard times seem to be felt  
by our party press, and one of the com-  
rades asked: "What is to be the out-  
come in the near future of the great  
unrest of the day? Do you think we  
will live to see the ushering in of the  
co-operative commonwealth?" One of  
the men remarked, we would have the  
commonwealth as soon as the common  
people willed it. A true, correct view,  
no doubt, but a rather indefinite one.  
We live in trying times to-day, agitated  
by a greater problem than was faced by  
the abolitionists 50 years ago, and we  
must be brave and bold, and make  
sacrifices to help abolish wage-slavery.  
The capitalist system such as it is, can  
not much longer maintain itself. What  
then, is to be the next step in the de-  
velopment of human society? Jack  
London, in his essay: "The question  
of the maximum," deals with the possi-  
bility of an oligarchy coming into  
power, retarding progress, and for a  
time making impossible the realization  
of the socialist ideal. He deals again  
and more fully with this problem in his  
book, "The Iron Heel."

He conveys the lesson, that ceaseless  
agitation must be sustained, so that the  
cause of the common people be not  
temporarily defeated. Let us hold to  
the hopeful view, that the common  
man, who has fought his way up from  
savagery to chattel-slavery, and from  
serfdom to his present state will fight  
on and not let a plutocratic oligarchy  
even for a time gain ascendancy. Let  
us feel that the next stage in human  
progress will be the realization of the  
socialist ideal of co-operation, and  
banish the thought, that humanity will  
much longer be crushed by "The Iron  
Heel." For as Jack London says:  
"The common man is worthy of a  
better future, or else he is not worthy of  
his past."

"I can truthfully say  
that I believe that, but for  
the use of your Emulsion  
I would long since have  
been in my grave. I was  
past work—could not walk  
up-hill without coughing  
very hard."

THIS, and much more was  
written by Mr. G. W. How-  
erton, Clark's Gap, W. Va. We  
would like to send you a full  
copy of his letter, or you  
might write him direct. His  
case was really marvelous,  
but is only one of the many  
proofs that

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## ON OVER-PRODUCTION

Namely, Luxury

A Birmingham correspondent sends  
a long article on the necessity of re-  
stricting the output. "We need not  
quote it. The argument carries the  
stamp of stupidity on the face of it.

Our people are charged with being  
over industrious. They are ruining  
themselves by producing too much  
wealth. Our cotton mills make too  
much cotton. How is it, then, that  
nine men out of every ten in England  
have fewer shirts than they need?

John Smith, of Bolton, weaves calico.  
Tom Brown, of Dunmow, has not a  
shirt to his back. Why? Poor Brown  
cannot afford to buy shirts. He is an  
agricultural labourer. Smith, on the  
other hand, is short of potatoes; his  
wages being low. Would you cure  
this state of things by compelling Brown  
to grow fewer potatoes and Smith to  
weave less calico?

You will find another reason than  
over-production if you look for it. Ask  
Brown how much the noble Lord who  
owns his land gets for that land in  
rent. Then ask Smith what profit his  
master makes out of his mills.

True, Lord Rackrent and Sir Thom-  
as Shoddywell spend their money. And  
their spending is said to be good for  
trade. But you will find in both their  
houses a number of pampered flunkies.  
You will find them supporting prima  
donnas at £400 a night, and portraits  
painters at £1,000 a picture, and you  
will find the painter and the singer  
have flunkies and parasites living on  
them. And all this comes out of the  
furrow of Brown and the loom of  
Smith.

There is over-production. But it is  
not an over-production of shirts and  
potatoes. It is an over-production of  
tramps and thieves and aldermen and  
flunkies and machine guns and bad  
whisky and lawyers and parsons and  
lion comiques, and policemen and sol-  
diers and money-lenders and parliamen-  
tary candidates and fashionable millin-  
ers. All these have to live on Smith  
and Brown, and that is why calico  
weavers go short of food and farm la-  
bourers cannot afford sheets and table-  
cloths.

You remember Mr. Mallock's "Cabi-  
net"? He said if a lord had a cabinet  
worth a thousand pounds it would pro-  
fit no man to take it away. You could  
not cut it up and distribute it. It would  
be useless to a working man. But now  
consider the cost of that cabinet. To  
make it a number of skilled craftsmen  
must work a long time at nothing else.  
Who fed them while they worked? They  
got wages from the lord. The lord paid  
their wages out of his rents. His rents  
were paid by farmers. The farmers paid  
the rents out of profits on the sale of their  
farm produce. The farm produce is pro-  
duced by the farm labourers. You see,  
then, that the farm labourers have had to  
pay for the lord's cabinet. It is no use  
now to the people. It cannot be divided.  
But the people would have been a thou-  
sand pounds better off if that cabinet had  
never been made. It was a direct cause  
of "over-production."—British Clarion

## PLATFORM

### Socialist Party of Canada

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

Labor produces all wealth, and to the producers it should belong.  
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  
their property rights in the means of wealth production and their 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 the direction of setting itself  
free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system,  
under which is cloaked the robbery of the working-class at the point of  
production. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of cap-  
italist property in the means of wealth production into collective or work-  
ing-class property.

The irrepressible conflict of interests between the capitalist and the  
worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the power  
of government—the capitalist to hold, the worker to secure it by political  
action. 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 public  
powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic pro-  
gramme 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 the collective property of the working class.

2. The democratic organization and management of industry by  
the workers.

3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use  
instead of production for profit.

The Socialist Party, when in office, shall always and everywhere  
until the present system is abolished, make the answer to this question  
its guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests  
of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against  
capitalism? If it will the Socialist Party is for it; if it will not, the  
Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.

In accordance with this principle the Socialist Party pledges itself to  
conduct all the public affairs placed in its hands in such a manner as to  
promote the interests of the working class alone.

## How to Organize

FROM OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

In order to affiliate with the Socialist Party of Canada, the first requisite  
is to become thoroughly informed as to the necessity of the political orga-  
nization of the workers on strictly class lines. This calls for some study of  
Socialist literature in order to be able to grasp at least the fundamental  
principles of capitalist economics, and the reasons for increasing poverty among  
the workers alongside of increasing wealth and power in the hands of the  
capitalists. It is of the utmost importance to become familiar with the pro-  
gram and principles of the Socialist Party of Canada, by a careful reading of  
its platform, constitution and other literature, which may be obtained from  
Locals, Provincial or Dominion Executive Committees.

Having become convinced of the soundness of the party's position and the  
correctness of its program, write the Provincial Executive Committee or the  
Dominion Executive Committee where no provincial organization exists, for a  
copy of the regular charter application form used by the party.

Five or more persons may make application for a charter, by signing and  
forwarding such application to the Provincial Executive Committee, or where  
no provincial organization exists, to the Dominion Executive Committee, ac-  
companied by 10 cents for each signer to cover the current month's dues, and  
\$5 to cover the expense of supplies, including charter, financial books, war-  
rants, membership cards, etc.

Upon receipt of charter proceed to elect officers as laid down in Article II.  
of the party constitution. At each business meeting follow out the order of  
business as laid down in Article VI.

It would be well to devote the first business meetings of the Local to be-  
coming thoroughly familiar with all of the provisions of the party constitution,  
platform, etc. When this is well in hand, the work of spreading the propa-  
ganda by holding public meetings, circulating literature and other means  
should be taken up.

A Local from its inception should train itself to attend as closely as  
possible to such work as legitimately belongs to it. It should learn to be  
accurate and methodical in keeping its records, both financial and otherwise,  
in making reports to the party committees and in attending to correspondence.  
It should be strict in requiring its officers to give close attention to their duties;  
it should give close attention to all reports made by the Dominion or Provincial  
Executive Committees, thus keeping closely in touch with, and well informed  
in regard to all party work.

Locals should realize that a continually increasing volume of work is fall-  
ing upon the Executive Committees of the party, a burden which they will make  
easier to carry if they refrain from fault finding, suspicion and distrust. A  
measure of confidence must of necessity be placed in officials, and it is but fair  
to presume that they will attend to their duties and carry out their instructions  
as closely and completely as possible under the circumstances surrounding them.

It cannot be too strongly impressed upon Locals and party members that  
energy expended in spreading party propaganda and building up the party in  
their respective localities will prove more productive of good than picking flaws  
with party officers, committees and representatives, or bothering them with  
unreasonable or ridiculous requests. The pernicious activity of a few who are  
qualified to find fault and pick flaws, can easily nullify the work of the many  
who are actuated solely by a desire to build up the organization by furthering  
its work.

The Socialist Party of Canada has to deal with a population scattered over  
a vast territory. It has a stupendous task to perform. If its members be  
guided in their actions by reason and good judgment, the task may be speedily  
accomplished, and the Canadian workingmen come into control of Canadian  
industry and resources, a position that properly belongs to them by virtue of  
both usefulness and numbers.

For Charter Application, etc., write to D. G. McKENZIE, Secre-  
tary of the Socialist Party of Canada, Box 836, Vancouver, B. C.