

SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA

Devoted to the Study and Discussion
of Problems Incident to the Growth

OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

THE CANADIAN MOVEMENT

There exists in Canada a Socialist organization for the purpose of overthrowing our present political system and for the establishment of an industrial democracy. The platform of the Canadian Socialist party is set forth in another column of this page.

The Socialist party of Canada is organizing locals throughout Canada. Each member of a local must pay a small sum of money every month towards the maintenance of the organization. These locals exist for two purposes. They are, first, clubs for the study of economic subjects from the workingman's standpoint. They are, secondly, political clubs for the election of members to the legislative body of Canada who will work for the Social revolution.

Just as feudalism was doomed and went down to defeat before democracy and capitalism, so the present capitalist feudalism is doomed and must go down to defeat before the rising tide of a workingman's industrialism.

The leaders of the Canadian Socialist movement are fiery enthusiasts and are giving their life to the propagation of the Socialist doctrines and to the bringing in of the Socialist revolution.

When the revolution comes all able bodied persons will be set to work. The luxuries of the rich will disappear and all Canadians will enjoy the maximum of comfort on a minimum of labor.

A WORKINGMAN'S MOVEMENT

Socialism is a workingman's movement. Socialism is a scientific theory of economics which no writer has yet succeeded in refuting. The over rich fight it because under a Socialist system of government the over rich would not exist.

Socialism believes not in dividing up the wealth of the world but in giving all the products of his labor to the workingman. The capitalist would get nothing. His services would be as useless to a Socialist system as they would be in a Quaker settlement.

By the ownership of mills, buildings and stores, and by the control of legislatures whereby laws are made suitable to the wishes of the capitalist class, the worker is virtually made a wage slave. This applies not only to the workers in factories, but also to the small farmer who works his own land.

The owners of mills become wealthy, the workers remain poor. Through rents, interests and profits, the capitalist class pile up indebtedness against the workers. The man who works in the mill gets from one to two dollars a day. The capitalists get the rest. There is no reason under the heavens why the capitalist should exist save the blindness of the workers to their own interests. The class conscious Socialist movement exists to-day for the purpose of overthrowing the present system and for the doing away with the capitalist class.

THE PRESENT SYSTEM

The present system of economic production is highly praised by those who draw great revenues from it. The large city papers, whose proprietors pocket a

couple of hundred thousand dollars a year from their papers, do not want Socialism and consequently fight it. The people and the workers get their ideas from the daily papers and the public can rest assured that the owners of these papers will do nothing to help Socialism. In fact Socialism is constantly misrepresented by the large dailies. They put up a straw man, label it Socialism, and then proceed to demolish the fiction of their brains. The public are like crows they cannot tell a scarecrow when they see one from the real man.

If it is a duty to do unto others as we would be done by, the maximum must be carried out and it must be carried out in commercial relations as well as in social life. When one man draws fifty thousand dollars a year from a business and another person under him draws but three hundred and when the man who draws fifty thousand dollars does nothing and the man who draws three hundred a year works from daylight to dark, there is something wrong somewhere and the golden rule is not brought into operation. The rich man to-day will do nothing whereby his income will grow less for the benefit of the worker. The capitalists to-day have entirely lost sight of the golden rule. If the golden rule cannot be applied to business under our present laws, a revolution is necessary in order that laws may be made under which it can be applied.

NATIONALIZATION OF LAND

Nationalization of all land is one of the aims of Socialism. In Canada, land has been given away in large sections. Land is regarded as private property and anyone who owns land is supposed to get as much profit out of that ownership as possible.

In Canada land is cheap. In country places it is easy to buy land and the landless man can become a landed proprietor if he wishes to work hard enough. In England, however, land is not for sale to any great extent. The landed proprietors hold on to their title deeds and make the forty million inhabitants of the British Isles pay dearly for the privilege of living in their native country. In Canadian cities land is held for all it is worth and the ordinary working man can never acquire a home out of his wages. He must drudge all his life paying rent to his landlord.

Henry George has seen the evil of the private ownership and his remedy is to tax land so highly that it will not be worth holding for a profit.

The Socialists recognize the single taxers, as the followers of Henry George are called, as partially right. The Socialists desire to eliminate private profit from land by the means of public ownership. The single taxers desire to eliminate the profit from land values by high taxation. While the single taxers, however, believe they have a complete remedy for social ills in removing the profit from land values, the Socialists hold that social ills will not be removed until the profit is removed from all commercial commodities as well as from the land itself.

The Only Way

The Man from Mars wandered into a quoniam hall packed with people who were engaged in sucking their thumbs and crying for mercy.

"What is the trouble?" asked the Man from Mars.

"We are cold," answered an ill-clad wretch as he blew on his fingers.

"Why don't you put coal in the stove?" asked the Man from Mars.

"We have no coal."

"There is coal in the ground. Why don't you go and dig it out?"

"It does not belong to us."

"To whom does it belong?"

"It belongs to a few men."

"Well, how can it be secured then?"

"It must be bought, but we have no money with which to buy it."

"You say that individuals own the land containing the coal? How did they get it?"

"The law gave it to them."

"Who made the law?"

"Our ancestors."

"Why don't you make a law which will take it away from them?"

"The Constitution won't let us."
"Who made the Constitution?"
"Our ancestors."
"Why don't you take it without law?"
"That would be immoral."
"Who made the morals?"
"Our ancestors."
"What are you going to do about it?" asked the Man from Mars, finally.
"We have sent for a spiritualist to see if he can't get us some advice from our ancestors," answered the poor wretch.—Ellis O. Jones in Life.

GOOD BITS

From the Little Old "Appeal."

Senator Bourne of Oregon, has introduced a bill to increase the president's salary to one hundred thousand dollars a year. Bourne is the same gentleman who made a double-eared spectacle of himself insisting that a third term of Roosevelt was necessary to the salvation of the country. Some are Bourne asses and some had better be.

The daily press said nothing of it but the Congressional Record, on page 213, shows that the president has sent a special message to congress, recommending that \$120,000 more be paid to the Roman catholic church (that is, to the hierarchy) in Porto Rico. These things are so common they have ceased to be news, still it may be well to remember that the game is still in progress.

This country consumes one million dollars' worth of sugar each day, and it is controlled and sold by three men—Havemeyer, Spreckles and Arbuckle. They say how much the producers may have for the raw material, how much the people shall pay and of which member the people may buy. And that is what you call liberty! What would you designate as tyranny? With the sugar industry owned and controlled by the nation, it could and would be sold at a much less price, and there would be no sugar trust manipulating congress and the courts. Is that too complicated to get through your think-box?

The Pacific states are becoming exercised over a threatened raise in freight rates which they have figured out will result in a freight grab of \$200,000,000 a year. Of course this will come finally from the producers, and will go into the pockets of bond and stockholders in the east. During the late campaign much was said about the threat against railroads, and the vote was supposed to indicate that the people were willing to let the railroads alone. So soon as the election is over however, it is found that the captains of industry will not let the people alone. This assessment of \$200,000,000 a year from the people of the Pacific coast is part of the price that they pay for voting to continue a monarchy in industry.

MEANING OF "COMRADE."

Question—Why do the Socialists use the term "Comrade" in addressing each other, and what is its special significance as compared with "brother," "friend," etc.?

Answer—The word "comrade" is derived from the Latin *camara*, meaning a chamber or room; hence the original signification was a room-fellow—one of those who live or labor in a common room or shop. From that its meaning has been extended to include the fellowship of laborers; and in this sense it is used by Socialists in addressing each other.

What do you know? Did you ever sit in silence and try to look at your own knowledge? Take any subject you like, and think how much there must be about that you are ignorant of. And then think of all the subjects, any one of which could not be absolutely known even if you gave a whole life to its study! None of us are wise, but only struggling toward wisdom or the right conception of things. As a republican or democrat how much study have you put upon the subject of economics? The Socialist, single-taxer, anarchist, prohibitionist, populist, and others of that element have each done more or less thinking and reading on the subject—but have you? Are you not playing the game of government without any preparations at all? Have you a single book in your home on the subject? Or have you read a single work, and did you get any understanding from it when you did read it? There is nothing the matter with humanity association except ignorance—a wrong perception. If we knew the real facts we would not be suffering from any ills. Socialism is the study of economics, a course in the science of

PLAYING HAVOC WITH PATENT MEDICINES

An Old-fashioned, Home-Made Mixture which Cures Kidney and Liver Troubles.

A prominent local druggist states that since the celebrated prescription of a distinguished specialist has become more or less known it is interfering with the sale of secret medicines, especially the patent or advertised kidney pills. The prescription, which first appeared in a leading health journal, is reproduced here, just exactly as originally written:

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A merchant well known in public affairs states that this recipe cured his rheumatism. Save the prescription.

government, that you may play the game with intelligence. Again I ask, what do you know?

Notes on the Movement

Socialism is bound to triumph provided it does not become respectable and fashionable. Wilshire has uttered the first plea against this danger.

Instead of being denounced and execrated by the mass of people, the Socialists are being regarded as the true reformers who see clearly what they want and are going after it.

Gaylord Wilshire, a noted New York Socialist, publisher of Wilshire's Magazine which has a circulation of 400,000, recently published a letter in the New York Times in which he deplores the Conservatism of the American Socialist movement.

In Hampden's Magazine, Charles Edward Russell publishes an article on the Socialist movement. He traces the development of Socialist movement from its first days when a socialist was regarded as a fire-eating anarchist down to the present time, when the Socialist are being praised as the leaders in necessary economic reform.

The Socialists are revolutionary beings who desire to do away with the present system of rents, interests, and profits. They want to bring about a state of society where the workers will manage things for themselves and get all the return from their work, instead of the present system where the workingman has to divide up with mill owners and tenement owners and landlords.

The Useful Spider Thread

The cultivation of certain species of spiders solely for the fine threads which they weave has an important bearing upon astronomy, the oldest physical science, says the Inventive Age. No substitute for the spider's thread has yet been found for bisecting the screw of the micrometer used for determining the positions and motions of the stars. Not only because of the remarkable fineness of the threads are they valuable, but because of their durable qualities.

Recently the set of spider lines in the micrometer of the transit instrument at the Alleghany Observatory were examined and were found to be in good condition, though they had been in use for 47 years. These threads withstand changes in temperature, so that in measuring sunspots they are uninjured, when the heat is so great that the lens of the micrometer eye-piece is often cracked.

The spider lines are only one-fifth to one-sixth of a thousandth of an inch in diameter, compared with which silkworm threads are clumsy. Each line is made up of thousands of microscopic streams of fluid. In placing these lines in the micrometer, experts are employed, who operate with the aid of powerful magnifiers. The lines are placed parallel with each other, and two one thousandths of an inch apart.

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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 capitalist property in the means of wealth production into collective or working-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 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 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.



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