

## HERE AND NOW

We approach our task, Here and Now, with a measure of confidence this issue, and a glance at Comrade Kirk's skillful strategy in another column will show the reason why.

Now that Kirk brings his pen to our aid we give our readers fair warning that he's of a very abusive nature and he will stop short at nothing to gain his point. The only possible hope for your future peace of mind, if you would avoid anathema, excommunication and positive discomfort, is to fall in with his proposals and see to it that they are carried out to the letter.

At the present time, here in Canada as elsewhere, the policies of the confusionists are at work, and the "Clarion" point of view is needed more than ever. Our guess is far out if time does not justify that point of view and that is, in the main, that our immediate business in life is to make Socialists and, in the words of the late D. G. McKenzie, to "make them good and red." The policy makers and program manufacturers may go their way. Illusion is their stock-in-trade. Our business is to educate the working class, not to treat them as sheep to be led.

Our support must come from those who are in accord with our point of view. We need it now.

Here follows our record since last issue:—

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## FRANK CASSIDY IN THE EAST

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needed to understand these things in order to more clearly understand the economic and social problems with which society is faced, so that they could be solved intelligently and scientifically."

It seems the faculty of Dalhousie University had been lording it over the local labor bodies in the matter of working class history and so forth, and it seems that Comrade Cassidy joyfully took the situation in hand. Thus:—

## Cassidy Ready to Debate With Dal.

"Frank Cassidy, the Pacific Coast orator, is ready to debate any phase of the economic and social problem with any lecturer that Dalhousie or any other educational institution can produce. This fact was made known today when the Labor Economic Group issued a challenge on behalf of Cassidy to the Faculty of Dalhousie College to select a representative to meet Cassidy on the public platform.

"It is not learned yet whether Dalhousie will accept the challenge, but it is hoped the answer will come in time so that the debate can be advertised, as it has created a great deal of interest among the workers of Halifax.

"Mr. Cassidy, interviewed by The Citizen, said he hoped the debate could be arranged, as he expects to leave next week, but if the Faculty would desire a day or two to perfect arrangements he would gladly wait over a couple of days."

What the result was, or whether there was any we do not know.

We are expecting Frank to be on his way back now across the continent. He will not come direct on the non-stop plan, but will jump off at various points and stay awhile, for there is some real educational work to be done in places where there is nothing now but wind and fireworks.

One of these days Frank will give us a written history of his tour; he's been too busy to do it up to date. On our roll of honor we have him listed up for the order of "the O'Brien."

## THE "WESTERN CLARION" APPEALS TO THE READER.

Buddy, you know how easy it is for an auctioneer to sell "phoney" jewelry to the crowd and leave it with more than the average of profit accruing to himself.

You know, too, how quickly dollars change their habitat when a quack "doctor" starts his "spiel" about the merits of his "cureall" to the social derelicts gathered around him.

It is the same with writers and their productions. The folk who read "fall" just as easy for the dope and brumagin' ware of writers as the other folk do for the gee-gaws of the auctioneer or the poison of the quack.

Books often contain a more potent poison than any ever concocted by a druggist. But, such is the magic of words, the lure of them so great, the critical faculty—employed mostly in destroying the things it does not like—is asleep while the subtle poison enters the mind.

The love of the toiling masses for sentiment is so great that those who can supply it (their numbers increase!) can have the purse of this same mass. What a price has been paid for sentiment, and what a price will be paid in future for it!

Buddy, it is strange that sentiment should pay a writer or a speaker better than facts. But such is the case—an ye be a writer, Buddy, nursing an ambition to earn a livelihood from your pen, beware of facts; their presentation has always been attended by tragedy.

Spencer had to "sponge" upon his friends so that his synthetic philosophy could be completed. The publisher had to have security against the risk of printing it. Marx would have starved had not Engels worked to keep him until "Capital" was complete, and the novels of the greatest nincompoops will continue to beat "Capital" in circulation.

Darwin's "Origin of Species," which revolutionized human thought, leading, as it did, to the destruction of misconceptions concerning "creation," "design," beliefs in gods, devils, hells, and heavens, was not printed because the publisher saw in the sale of this work immense profits to himself but because the cost of printing was assured him.

So with the "Western Clarion," whose function is to present facts relating to present social development. For in the minds of the working masses are misconceptions, confused notions, concerning the cause of their miserable condition. And facts alone will destroy these ideas, correct these opinions, then a new point of view will take their place.

Yours is the task, Buddy, of spreading far and wide the facts the "Clarion" at all times presents to the workers.

You must help the staff, consisting of writers and "mailers," extend their sphere of influence. They want a circulation of at least 10,000 before the end of 1922.

If every present reader was to find a new subscriber this circulation could be gained before the end of March. If—ah, there is the rub!

But you can get more than one new subscriber or renewal from an old one, you can get many, Buddy, and to induce you to go after them I am offering you the "Positive Outcome of Philosophy" (Dietzen) and the "Social Revolution" (Kautsky) for a prize and for the Buddy who gets the next highest number the consolation prize of the "Industrial History of England" (Gibbons).

Should two or more readers get the same number then the "judge" will use his discretion and being one those good-natured beggars who hates to see good efforts go unrecognized, you don't need to worry about his judgment. Your list of subscribers must be in by the end of March, as a second competition will start in April.

The "Genoa Conference," which will decide "peace" amongst the nations of the world, or almost immediate war, will be dealt with in the "Clarion" by those who look at such events from a materialistic point of view. This being the most important conference in the long series arranged by the capitalist class it is essential that the workers should understand the significance of this outstanding event.

Now, go to it Buddy!

R. K.

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