

organization of society capitalism was necessary. This organization perfected, the working class organized into a disciplined army of production, the utility of slavery is past. The time for freedom is ripe!

In modern society the classification is clearer than ever before. On the one hand the capitalist class, on the other the working class; between them—nothing. The individuals of each class have become completely merged into the class. The individual master no longer exploits individual workers by means of his private property in the means of production. The capitalist class collectively exploits the working class by means of its collective property in the means of production. To speak of Socialism seeking to abolish such private property is truly ridiculous, for capitalism has already abolished it. Not even the small capitalist can say today, "This factory is my private property." His landlord or his bankers may have more real claim upon it than he has, though his name may be over the door. Capitalist property is collective and international, just as is the process of production. As a class the workers produce the world's wealth by their collective labor. As a class the capitalists own collectively the means of production and collectively exploit the workers of the wealth they produce. Profits, the proceeds of that exploitation, flow into the hands of the capitalist class to be divided among its members according to the extent of their holdings. On both sides the individuals have been submerged—