

Socialism is nothing but a reflex in thought of the conflicts in fact which exist under capitalism. The fact exists outside of us, independent of the will or actions of even the capitalists who have brought it on. These conflicts are the contradictions I have mentioned and are the cause of the antagonisms between what are called Capital and Labor. Some people would have us believe that war is an economic necessity. In its origin when primitive tribes spread over the earth in search of pastures new, because of famine or inadequate fertility of the soil, war may be termed an economic necessity, but today, while it may be an economic necessity for the capitalist class, to the Socialist it results from the instability of capitalism. The breakdown of the capitalist system, leading to the social revolution, is being brought about by the inherent contradictions of the capitalist system of production itself.

Meanwhile the discontent of the workers is growing, and the sense of the injustice of the present social system has developed a new code of ethics. Having no property of their own, and the means of wealth production being owned by companies and corporations, having no body to be kicked or soul to be damned, the workers fail to see the need of private property in production and shout for government ownership and control. But we must point