

ARE YOU A SPUG?

By Ross Pastor Stokes.

Are you a Spug? I am. I belong to the original, genuine Spugs. The rich people in New York who are at the present moment calling themselves Spugs, are not the real things by any means. They are merely a sham, a rank imitation, a parody on the only original.

The Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving, just organized in the city (where rich young women teach poor young working girls how not to spend ten cents out of their starvation wages on a Christmas card for someone outside of their immediate family) is merely stealing the thunder of the only original S. P. U. G. and turning it into a Mother Goose rhyme (something like the metamorphosis of the Progressive party planks went through after they were taken from the Socialist platform.) That kind of Spuggery should be thoroughly exposed and discredited.

There are no Spugs worth the name except the Socialists. The Society was started when Marx and Engels first put their heads together. They were the Charter Members, and there are millions of Spugs now, all over the world.

They have a common program, and they work as never a sham Spug works. Their aim is the Prevention of Useless Giving by the Workers to the Shirkers, of

Private yachts, Summer resorts, Pleasure trips, around the world or anywhere.

Monkey dinners, Poodle parties, Automobiles.

All the costly fobs and foibles that go with these things.

Heaps of gowns and jewels to their ladies.

Heaps of costly toys and things for their children.

Special private schools and extra special tutors.

Private parks.

Nurse girls, governesses and hosts of servants.

Private palaces and all that there-in is.

All the dividends that make these useless gifts possible.

Nor do the genuine Spugs stop here. They also aim to prevent the Useless Giving by the People to the Interests, of all the

Mines.

Factories.

Workshops.

Railroads.

Telegraphs and Telephones.

Gas and water works, in fact, any of the great systems of transportation, communication and exchange, and all the great public utilities without the Useless Giving of which the dividends and all the other Useless Gifts would soon disappear from the list.

Nor are we Spugs a Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving only among the poor. We believe that the Gospel should be carried to all classes equally. It's Poor Society that doesn't work both ways. If the rich are good enough to go a-slumming to the poor, why shouldn't we (a Society composed chiefly of poor folk), go a-slumming to the rich? We carry our campaign right into the heart of the Upper West Side.

This is the program.

The Prevention of Useless Giving by the Rich to the Poor of

The wage slave system, with its Long hours of labor.

Short pay.

Poor and insufficient food.

Shoddy and insufficient clothing.

Crowded, germ-filled and miserable housing.

Child slavery.

Prostitution.

The hell of insecurity.

Needless sickness.

Enforced idleness.

Maimed, crushed, broken bodies.

Premature deaths.

Besides these, we aim at the prevention of useless giving of

Bullets in strikes.

Intellectual prostitutes in the press.

Apologist preachers in the pulpit.

"Identity of interests," teachers in the unions and

Promises in pre-election days.

Yes, we Socialists are the only genuine Spugs—the original ones—of the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving, of which Marx and Engels were the two Charter Mem-

bers, and when our gospel has reached some few million natural Spugs more—who are only waiting for some of us to come and tell them the good news—our entire program will be put into effect.

Are you a Spug? I am. — New York Call.

What Socialists Mean by Revolution

Some people nurse the idea that the Socialists mean to spill blood when they accomplish the revolution. Nothing is further from the truth. The Socialists are strongly opposed to war and bloodshed. We belong to the working class, the class that has done the fighting, the class that has gone a thousand times to the bloody field of battle to gratify the lust and greed of the master class, who by falsehood and trickery made us believe that they were fighting for principle.

But then we were ignorant. We believed disputes had to be settled by the rifle and bayonet, the cannon and sword. We had not yet learned to question the motives of those who brought us the wars. Neither had we learned that there is no essential difference between wholesale murder and single handed murder so far as morals are concerned.

Revolution signifies "a turning over." It means "a fundamental change in the government."

When the Socialists capture this government by the ballot then the revolution, the change which is now taking place in the minds of the people, will be enacted into law.

Thus you see, Socialism will be established by legal and orderly processes.

A TORONTO MINISTER WORTH WHILE

Rev. Byron H. Stauffer preaches to a wealthy Toronto congregation, and the following from a recent discourse should sink deep into the hearts of the plug-hat brigade who attend his church:

"Wages in Toronto factories and stores are altogether unsatisfactory, but the dividends are large, and if you are a stockholder and do not know it, the manager does. It does not matter whether you are a stockholder, shareholder or director, you ought to ask, 'Have these people received enough to live on?' If not, the dividends ought to be cut in two and you cannot give them a living wage you ought to get out of business."

"What can a Canadian girl live on?" he asked. "Five dollars a week? No, no. Some men say they employ girls who live at home. That is the question. The mother at home has to work, and those whom the girl is dependent upon have to help support her. The smallest amount that a girl could live upon and have her share of life with all its enjoyment should not be less than \$100 a year," said Stauffer.

"The time will come when, as in England, we will have a minimum wage bill. We have a penitent for a man, for merchants and others who have gone astray, but we sadly need a penitent form for the skinflints."

The expensive dresses of society women came in for severe treatment. Women were wearing dresses which cost a thousand dollars or more, and they were taken from the stenographers, factory girls and girl clerks, who were the ones who felt the pressure.

Mr. Stauffer gave an instance of a New York woman who spent eight thousand dollars for a dentist, a manicurist and a hairdresser, for herself, but for her people, while not ten blocks away women were living on her husband's land who were suffering for want of bread.

Such vital facts as these are so different from the usual pulpit dope dished out, that it is a pleasure to give Mr. Stauffer's words prominence.

TORONTO NEWS

Dear Comrades, — The Toronto Comrades of the Social-Democratic Party of Canada have gone through a test campaign, the result of which was announced in Cotton's. Our candidates polled 6,317 votes for the Board of Education.

We distributed some 50,000 pieces of literature. These comprised 3,000 copies of a manifesto printed in English, and 20,000 copies printed in Jewish, with 25,000 copies of the campaign edition of the Industrial Banner. Comrade Simpson, who polled 16,240 votes for the Board of Control, distributed 50,000 cards to voters in all parts of the city.

A summary of our Toronto locals would perhaps be not out of place.

Local 1, English, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month, in Room 10, 100 St. George St. P. Young and Mrs. Cockett, who ran on the Board of Education, are in this local.

Local 2, Finnish, P. 235 members, own hall, 24 Adelaide St. West.

Local 3, Jewish, S.D.P., recently took in thirty new members, and now have 100 members. Meets every Friday night, 185 Queen St. West, upstairs. Progressive Library in connection, 1300 volumes in Jewish and 500 in Russian.

Prospects of new Jewish local in West Toronto soon.

Local 4, English, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 78 Fern Avenue, residence of secretary, until such time as their new hall can be built. Comrade Armstrong, who wrote our manifesto, is a member of this local. Have music and a good time in this local.

Local 5, Russian, S.D.P., meets every night 185 Queen St. West, upstairs. Sixty-four in the local had some heavy falls on people's verandahs while out distributing literature with me. People thought there was a revolution somewhere near.

Local 7, North Dovercourt, rear corner, 121 Dovercourt Road. Getting a quartette in shape. A. W. Moore, a comrade old in the movement, is secretary. A comrade in this local was laid up for a week from a fall sustained while distributing Socialist literature.

There are somewhere about 500 charter members of the S.D.P. in Toronto, and over 1,000 subscribers to Cotton's Weekly, but only one or two are not yet as well grounded as they would wish to be. Can you help us by bringing in more time from our literature agent, and are not debarred from joining by any means.

By the way, our largest campaign meeting was held in the Lyric Theatre, with delegates from over 200 unions and other workingmen's organizations on the platform, with an attendance of some 1,300, all the place would hold. — W. L. North, Central Committee, 1912, Toronto.

Special Pamphlet Bargains

We have 25 copies of Mental Dynamite, by George R. Kirkpatrick to clear out at 5 cents per single copy, or 3 cents per copy postpaid, when ordered in quantities of five or more. Its splendid propaganda.

These are the Socialists who in the past have been ridiculed, despised,

\$30,000,000 FOR MISSIONS

Canada is called a Christian nation. Churches established for worship dot the landscape. They rear their stately steeples in city, town and village. For the maintenance and propagation of the teachings of the Prince of Peace, ministers ordained and missionaries are sent to preach glad tidings of great joy to all the world.

To the people of Canada, therefore, the statistics of the missionary societies of the world will be anxious reading. How has the gospel spread?

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

The following statistics are from "The Missionary Review of the World" for January, 1912. The Rev. Louis Meyer, D.D., is responsible for their collection and tabulation.

The huge sum of \$30,000,000 represents the sum income of foreign missionary societies for 1912, as against \$25,277,970 the previous year. The total number of Protestant missionaries in the field increased from 22,568 to 24,992, and the total of adherents, including communicants, increased from 4,876,654 to 6,065,425.

The statistics of Canada are divided under five main heads, embracing the activities of the Baptist, Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches, and the other Protestant churches grouped together. The dates of origination in the first four cases are given as 1912, 1882, 1824 and 1844.

The total home income of the Canadian missions was \$648,010, and the field income \$31,447, divided as follows: Baptist, \$10,900 and \$2900; Anglican, \$12,651; Methodist, \$10,000 and \$2,453; Presbyterian, \$12,170 and \$25,668; two other societies, \$15,922.

The total of Canadian foreign missionaries is 541 and of native workers 1,854, giving a total force in the field of 1,297. The total of adherents, including communicants, is 6,065,425, divided as follows: Baptist, 1,494 native workers; the Anglicans, 55 and 11; the Methodists, 262 and 89; the Presbyterians, 135 and 488; the other societies 25 and 2.

In almost every paper we pick up there are accounts of the activities of Canada's religious organizations. Calls are made for money to spread the principles of peace on earth and redeeming love. Surely our Christian population will be pleased to discover a way whereby the missionary revenues of the whole world may be doubled.

There is a way. Why do not the millions of Canadian Christians bring pressure to bear upon Laurier and Borden to spend \$35,000,000 upon the propagation of the principles of love and peace instead of in the construction of three murderships, the construction of which will add to the world's hate?

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STALE BAIT

The Christian Science Monitor, of Boston, Mass., in its issue of January 16th, has this to say of the Democratic investigation of monopolies:

In short, when the champion of freedom of trade, equality of economic opportunity and the "square deal" in manufacturing and transportation comes to make his desired alterations in law and in social ethics, he finds that he is up against a very much more complex and far-reaching problem than he had anticipated, even assuming that he has a broad national point of view.

The American monopoly that he attacks may be only retaining certain forms of business for the United States because by monopoly it is made weighty and powerful enough to compete with groups in other nations. This argument often runs that is put up by defenders of monopoly. But what if the craft or the industry be internationalized as well as centralized? What if a group of producers of a limited number of nations set about taking toll of the consumers of all nations? Such action is not impracticable; it has been taken already.

What steps shall be taken to internationalize and to combine revolt against this extension of the monopoly scheme of trade, time will disclose. The situation opens a new field for diplomacy and for international legislation.

We find the steel trust making international agreements. We find the American paper makers, according to W. M. Taylor, of St. Johns, controlling three-fifths of the pulp areas of Newfoundland. We have international agreements in the tobacco, the steel, the thread, the shipping, and many other industries.

National boundaries are overlapped. Exploitation is international. To meet this international exploitation, the working class are organizing in international unions, and the Socialist parties consider themselves an international organization.

When capitalist politicians talk patriotism and wish the workers to divide themselves according to national lines, they are simply adopting in the interests of their masters, the old Roman maxim: "divide and rule." If the working class can be split, English hating German, and Canadian being suspicious of American, the international exploiters will pursue their robberies without let or hindrance.

The intelligent working class of all countries are not falling into the trap.

GROWTH OF COTTON'S WEEKLY

The total number of Cotton's Weekly in 1912 was 18,000,000, in 1911, 17,000,000, and in 1910, 16,000,000.

Through the energy and enthusiasm of the staff, the circulation of the paper has increased by two and a half millions of copies have been circulated. The Army is now at work beating their own record. It is not already enrolled in this army of subscribers, your comrades call you to your duty. They are working hard, and your failure to assist them in the class war against your common enemies weighs heavy on their hearts.

Bellamy's "Looking Backward" is now expanded. We are unable to supply for your copies.

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GRAFT IN NEW YORK CITY.

Bald Jack Rose, whose testimony obtained the conviction of Police Lieutenant Becker for the murder of the gambler Rosenthal in New York City, has been writing a series of articles for the Boston American. Rose declares that he has been able to obtain the police graft from three sources alone the police graft of New York City amounts to yearly \$15,000,000.

35,000 fallen women pay \$5 per week to the police; total for the year, \$22,500,000.

200 gambling places pay a toll of \$1,200 each per month; total for the year, \$28,800,000.

For jackpots, thieves, burglars, etc., to ply their trade, Rose figures the police get \$4,000,000 per year. These three items total \$15,000,000.

Besides these, there is the sale of privileges for saloons to keep open after hours, for which the police receive \$1,000,000 per year, for the privilege of walking with goods, for employers to have their things beat up the pickets of the strikers, etc. Rose does not estimate this graft.

Besides the police graft there is the graft of the city builders are allowed to erect firetraps against the law, etc.

All told, Rose figures that New York City is a juicy place for the grafters. He estimates that nine out of every ten policemen are honest.

CLERGY FOR SOCIALISM.

One hundred and twelve priests and preachers in regular orders in England have declared for Socialism. The Reading Labor Advocate gives their names, residences and churches. They say in declaration:

"We declare that the Socialism we believe in involves the public ownership and management of the means of production, distribution, and exchange, and is therefore essentially the same Socialism as that which is held by Socialists throughout the world."

There are some 100 clergymen in the United States who are declared Socialists. Yet, those who claim to have a strange hold on the religion trust and preserve access to the ear and influence of the Almighty would "freeze out" as destroyers of religion, all who do not belong to the big religion trust.

A SOCIALIST PARABLE

SINBAD THE SAILOR.

When Sinbad the Sailor had carried the Old Man of the Sea for many weary hours, his shoulders grew sore and comfort was impossible.

Food was very scarce, and the Old Man of the Sea had an abnormal appetite which he compelled Sinbad to satisfy by tightening his grip on the sailor's throat.

Sinbad complained to many people whom he passed with his burden, but no one would help to remove the Old Man from his shoulders.

Each had some excuse to offer for refusing to interfere. "It is the will of God," said one. "It is the will of the sea," said another. "It is the will of the wind," said a third. "There must be masters and servants," said a fourth. "It would be an interference with the liberty of the individual," said a fifth. "And would militate against the survival of the fittest," said a sixth.

So the weary days wore on, and Sinbad's plight grew every day more desperate. At last, his shoulders became so sore that he grew up on the ledge of a deep precipice and threatened to dash himself and his burden to pieces by leaping overboard.

As he spoke he moved a little, and Sinbad, feeling relieved, went on again.

Very soon, however, a new sore was created by his burden, and Sinbad protested once more. "You must get off," he said, "and remain off. I cannot carry you any longer."

But the Old Man said, "I cannot do that. Your proposal is too revolutionary. It would lead to Socialism and the destruction of religion and marriage and the whole social order. I will induce a reform which will permanently benefit you. A little further on there is a place inhabited by unutilized people. We will go there, conquer them, steal their land and goods. This will enable me to give you more to eat. I will also move a little, so that your sore will not hurt you."

The Old Man moved a little as he spoke, and Sinbad went on again, with out noticing that the Old Man he was carrying had only moved off the new ledge back to the spot where the old one was.—The Socialist, Sydney, Australia.

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WORKERS CAN PRODUCE TWENTY TIMES THE AMOUNT OF COMMODITIES THEY COULD ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO. THEN WHY IS THERE SO MUCH POVERTY IN THE LAND? Easy. The capacity of the thieves of the workers' efforts is so enhanced and the opportunities for exploitation made so easy under the capitalist system that big business profits sit back and things naturally flow their way. The producer of wealth is little better off than his fellow of olden times.

INDIA'S POVERTY.

Dr. Thorburn, financial commissioner of the Punjab, records that "70,000,000 of peasants are in such a condition of hopeless poverty that no reform can do them any good whatever"; and Sir William Hunter, director-general of Indian statistics, states that "forty million Indian people never have sufficient to eat."

J. P. MORGAN'S POWER.

J. P. Morgan was examined by the Pujo Money Investigation Committee of the U. S. government in December, 1912. \$22,245,000,000 are controlled directly by J. Pierpont Morgan, according to facts brought out in his evidence.

This vast control is secured by means of interlocking directorates through five powerful financial institutions, as follows:

J. P. Morgan & Co., The Guaranty Trust Company, The Bankers' Trust Company, The First National Bank, The National City Bank. These institutions are dominated by J. P. Morgan and represent aggregated resources totalling \$22,245,000,000.

Eighteen corporations and individual firms closely affiliated with Morgan hold an aggregate of 74 directorships in 134 corporations, having total resources or liabilities of the amazing total of \$25,235,000,000.

This is four times the revenue of European countries.

Total Revenue. Per annum.

Great Britain \$20,000,000,000

United States 1,000,000,000

France 800,000,000

Italy 400,000,000

Total annual revenue of the world's five great nations \$45,500,000,000

Morgan controls four times the amount of the European continent.

Morgan controls twenty-two times the amount of annual revenue of the United States.

Gone to Sleep?

You have gone to sleep, comrades. There are a few lone outposts who are awake and hustling for their freedom, but the most of you have gone to sleep your posts.

You are hustling hard enough for your masters. They see to it that you have a home life for your little ones, who will be glad that daddy need not work so hard and can bring them lots of pretty things and play with them for the cause which means all these things in the wake of its triumph, what are you doing?

I know you can do better than this report.

Have you sub hustlers forgotten your cunning? Have you forgotten how to fish and land your victims? Have you forgotten how to surprise, cajole or stampede that quarter out of your fellow