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## EVERYBODY'S VIEWS

(The Free Press takes no responsibility for any opinions expressed in letters to the editor. No letters can be accepted for publication, and will not be printed unless accompanied by name and address of writer).

Editor Free Press:

With the increasing opportunities constantly arising in all countries of the world the struggle for liberty (hot license) is continually becoming more apparent in the political movements now being staged. Education of a more liberal type, not fettered as of old by superstition and ceremonies, is assisting every race of people in the evolutionary process that is bound to lift man upward to a higher type of manhood and citizenship.

Too many humans not having had the privileges of civilization are still groping in ignorance because others selfishly desire to keep them in their present state that they may exploit their labor and keep them in servitude through the enactment of cunningly devised laws.

The present system of exchanging commodities is one of the main hindrances to progress, in that it gives those who are still too human opportunity to exploit the unthinking through the use of the age-worn curse of usury. In our civilization office seekers and public plunderers continue to parade in a nauseating round of gaudy exhibitions concealed by a thin tissue of assumed power the personalities of temporal authority disguised by empty show.

On the other hand the awakening of the proletariat class to a realization of the issues involved in the struggle now in its initial stages is awakening the exploiting members of society to a comprehension of their position as the element upon whom the greatest responsibility rests if the human family are destined to evolve upward or, as has been done in the past, sink back into barbarism.

Now that this most critical period in the history of this Teutonic civilization is upon us it behooves every right-thinking person to use his or her influence in every way possible to assist in eliminating all display of, or using the baser elements in human nature. Let reason take the place of brutality; then laws and customs can be substituted for those now admittedly so unreasonable and unfair.

ANON.

## WHO IS TO BLAME?

Editor-Free Press:

When we look around us and see the conditions of the workers as a whole, and when we hear their conversation or rather hear them grouse, we are very much struck when we find that still a deep black cloud of ignorance hangs around many, many workers. They grouse about (and their grouching is well founded) the H.C.L. They grouse about the government and they grouse about nearly everything. They know something is radically wrong.

But this is about as far as most of us get. They know they are getting bad food for much money; bad clothing and worse shelter, and they know that through much misery and domestic slavery, their wives are worried and unhappy and grouse as they do. They have reasons to grouse. Everywhere one goes he finds the same state of affairs. We ask ourselves "Who is to blame?" Who is to blame that millions of workers on this world stage are slaving, toiling, sweating, lying, and murdering each other for a bit of food? Who is to blame that they will cheat each other and fight each other? How did those people who produced all and yet own nothing, get in such a state? Is it because Mother Earth has not produced enough; is it because they did not produce enough that they could not be properly fed, clothed and sheltered? Not those workers who from day to day, walk the streets looking for that job so many are looking for, produced enough to fill the large packing plants, elevators, warehouses and storage of all kind.

Having produced too much in this mad society of today was just the cause of their misery. Isn't there a better, higher life for them, these "out of work"? When the old of age, worn out through over-hard work can not produce a profit for his master, he finds that he is no longer wanted, and he has to live with his son or daughter. All his life he has been producing wealth, yet at the end of it all he has for himself a pair of glasses and a stick. Many questions like these come to us when we look around. Who is to blame for all this? The fault is with them who grouse and only grouse. They prefer to leave their existence, better or worse, in the hands of someone who they trust, someone they thought knew how to better their condition, to lift them who themselves sit on the fence and grouse about their slavery.

They of course are nearly always disappointed with the result obtained and again grouse. They do not ever seem to have enough backbone to back those up who they had elected to do theirs, the slaves' business, at the office of their masters. And this our masters know only too well. This is why they have always been able to put our sons in a soldier's uniform and use them to further their interests, to extend their field of exploitation. Too much do some of us put the blame on the capitalist class of this monstrous society, where the raw material of life has full play, and the distribution of wealth is so bad. The fault is as much with the worker, who has always taken promises of "wait till I come" or of this or that commission, for real food and really

METAL TRADES  
STRIKE IS ON  
IN HONOLULU

A general strike of unions of the metal trades is on in Honolulu as a result of the alleged action of one Honolulu firm in discharging Brother Kerwin, a union machinist from the States, because of his activities in organizing the unorganized, according to a report brought to San Francisco by Brother Conroy, a member of Boilermakers' Union No. 6, who says that when Kerwin was discharged his former employers were so anxious to get rid of him that they presented him, within twenty-four hours after he was dismissed, first class passage to San Francisco, despite the fact that hundreds of people in Honolulu have been waiting all summer to get transportation to the mainland. Kerwin refused to be "deported," and is still on the job, according to Conroy, who says that iron works in Honolulu are tied up by the refusal of the men to return to work until Kerwin is reinstated, and all firms have recognized the right of their employees to organize. Honolulu firms threaten to send their work to the mainland.

better conditions.

If only the workers would go to the trouble of educating themselves, at least on the subject of ownership of land and the capitalistic production, they would then at least have an idea of where the shoe pinches. One can not cure a disease without knowing whether it is in the heel or the big toe. The fact of our birth gives us a right to live, but we cannot live without selling our labor power, at so much per, and when the whistle blows leave all we produced behind for someone else.

If we cannot sell our labor power, the right to live becomes a farce. Although we begin to see a little light here and there, it is just as it has been all through history—all sorts of doctors and labor leaders come along with it. Some would have you leave it to him, others to them. Some say vote, others say don't. Some say pay your union dues in the States, others say pay them in Canada. Others again would have you to be a Bible student and some to join the Seven Day Advents. The glorious press says produce more. But most of us don't believe in it for already we read of rumors of making fuel out of fruit and manure out of canned beef, while we pay enough for a pound of steak to put a first payment on a cow. Not fellow workers, try to get to the facts, find out what is wrong, and you will not find yourselves upon a stormy sea, being swept from one side to another. This present society is sick, badly sick, and begins to break down. See if you could not help to build up another in which there must be enough for all.

J. L. K. M.

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The blindness of many men to these elementary principles accounts for the weakness of many locals and for the indifference of many who are or have been nominally union men. These men want to reverse all the laws of nature and of business—to keep getting forever and to give never. They want the union to stand by them in sickness and to defend them in dilemmas; and when the union fails to do this they never stop to ask whether they have put into the union, to the help they ask at its hand.

If you wish the maximum return on your investment in organized labor, choose that investment wisely in all its parts. Give it your financial help—not grudgingly when your card is due, but gladly and generally when it must make a special appeal. Give it your moral support, always—not as though its officers were seeking to take an unfair advantage of their position, but freely and frankly, as fellow craftsmen. Give it your encouragement—not merely on the floor of the meeting room, but in the shop, the theatre and among non-union men.

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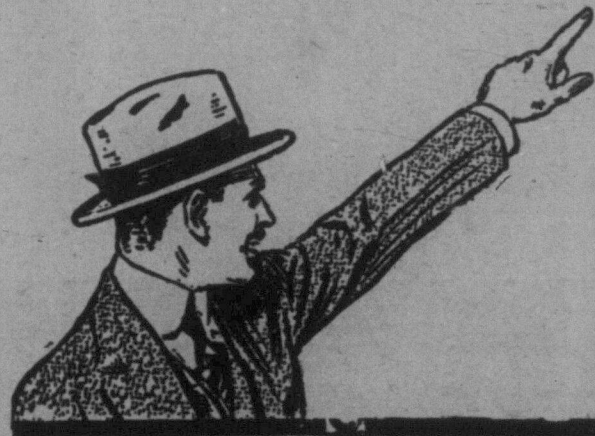
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