

Letters To The Editor

Kitchener, Ont., Aug. 25, 1917.

The Editor, Canadian Forward:

Dear Comrade,—There was published in the issue of August 24th a letter from N. J. Curry of Vancouver. In this letter Mr. Curry made certain statements and suggestions which, as a member of the S.D.P., I feel bound to criticize.

Comrade Curry's suggestion that we should concentrate on anti-conscription and form an alliance with other anti-conscription parties of a non-Socialist nature for the purpose of winning seats in the House, seems to me very like a desertion of Socialist principles and platform. For, while I am absolutely opposed to conscription and heartily endorse the efforts put forth against it, yet I recognize, as I think all true Socialists must, that it is but one of the outgrowths of the Capitalist system. And while opposition to conscription should undoubtedly be an important item in our platform and propaganda, it should not be made the main issue, to the exclusion or retirement of the greater matter of the overthrow of the entire system of which conscription is but one evil product.

And, as for allying ourselves with other anti-conscription parties of a non-Socialist nature, this surely could not be done without compromising our party and weakening our movement, for we must bear in mind, that while it is desirable to win seats in the Legislature, it is still more desirable to carry on a campaign which will increase the number of thoroughly informed, clear-headed, Socialists who, while they will pay due attention to all immediate questions, will not lose sight of the ultimate goal—the overthrow of Capitalism and the establishment of Socialism.

Comrade Curry complains of the remoteness and vastness of the Socialist objective. The remedy is surely to educate the people so that they can grasp it in all its vastness rather than to restrict our range to suit their limited vision. And a great and clearly understood aim, even if its achievement be somewhat remote, is surely a greater inspiration than a lesser aim, the achievement of which would leave so much still to be struggled for.

The Comrade speaks lightly of Marxian economics. Yet is it not upon the principles of those very economics that we base our internationalism and our consequent opposition to militarism, of which conscription is but one phase?

The Comrade also states that if we do not drop our theorizing and "go after practical issues another party will win the prize we have been striving for." What prize? We are striving to establish Socialism. That is the prize we desire to win. And I do not

see that in the event (if such were possible) of its being won for us by another party, that it would matter who did the winning, so long as it was won.

Yours for Socialism,
Hazel Halliwell.

To the Editor:

Dear Comrade,—The Montreal Locals of the S.D.P. have decided to run a campaign in the forthcoming Dominion elections. Comrade Michael Buhay, a devoted Socialist and Trade Unionist, was unanimously elected as candidate for the George Etienne Cartier electoral district.

The movement in Montreal is practically new, the forces of reaction are as strong as we could possibly have them. There will be five or six different candidates in this ward, and each one will pose as the real friend of the workers. Most will come out against conscription (it is fashionable to come out against conscription in Quebec in time of election). The forces against us have all the power, especially that power that generally wins elections—money! We, on the other hand, are but a small band of enthusiastic Socialists with little wealth except our earnestness and determination at our disposal, but in order to fight an election we must have money.

If ever there was an earnest time in Canada that time is now! If ever the chances of propagating our principles were good, it is now! The God of Capitalism and Militarism is stretching out his filthy hand over this fair land and is seeking to make of it the Hell he has made of the rest of the world.

We must battle the enemy now in our midst! The enemy that wishes to steal the lives of our children from us. The enemy that wishes to lay waste our homes!

You, Comrades, must help us with the bullets that will win our war (the war against Capitalism) Send how much you can. This fight is yours as well as ours. A victory for us in Montreal is a victory for the whole of Canada. One new Socialist convert here is a victory for us all.

Help, Comrades all!
Help! Help! Help!
Send your donations to Miss Rebecca Buhay, Sec. Campaign Com., 1118 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal, Que.

Fanny Bay, B.C., Aug. 24, 1917.
Editor Forward:

Comrade,—The report that such fancy wages were made by the B.C. berry pickers is untrue as some women came back and said they could not make their expenses. Some girls wrote saying they made \$1.25 per day.

So that was not disputed. But they all crow about how patriotic the women were—why not give them wages then? The lying report only tends to fool a lot of the people to come out here and be patriotic so they will be fit for the poorhouse.

How are U. S. and Canada going to supply Europe with wheat when they are 400,000,000 bushels short? And then a person may figure on a few bushels being sunk by the U-Boats yet; and they claim the Scandinavian countries will not get any wheat. How can they when they have not enough for themselves, and what are we driving at or where are we landing? Famine and starvation!

A Peace Lover.

To the Editor:

The Women's Social Democratic League held a very successful social gathering at the home of Comrade Mrs. Loeb, on August 9th, a good number of Comrades and friends being present.

The president occupied the chair, and songs and speeches were much enjoyed.

Comrade J. Conner told us about the work of the Canadian Freedom League, and Comrade Elstein, about the library scheme, much of which we had not hitherto understood.

Comrade Mance also helped to entertain, as did also Comrade J. Simpson.

We adjourned about 12 o'clock and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, the time passing all too quickly.

Apart from the Social aspect, a very nice sum was added to the treasury.

The social was the first of many such which we hope to enjoy before Xmas. The money accruing therefrom is to be devoted to the buying of material for a Sale of Work, which we propose to hold early in December, to help along the building fund.

The next is to be held on Friday, August 24th, at the home of Comrade Mrs. Conner, 350 Ossington avenue. Friends and sympathizers will be gladly welcomed at any of these affairs.

The election of officers took place on August 8th, and was as follows:

President, Mrs. Cook; vice-president, Miss Georgeson, rec.-sec., Mrs. Mance; sec.-treas., Mrs. Williamson. Cent. Committee delegates, Mrs. McGregor, Miss Georgeson and Mrs. Cook.

I should like to add that gifts or donations for the forthcoming sale will be gratefully accepted by any of the Comrades, offers of help being specially welcome. Work will be carried to anyone willing to sew same, such offers being sent to Mrs. E. Cook, 324 Symington avenue, Phone Junct. 4219.

We expect to have a good winter's work, and are preparing a syllabus, which I will send you more particulars of at a little later date, commencing on September 19th with a big rousing social. Everybody come and help us

off to a good start. Watch for notice in Forward.

Anyone desiring information re joining our movement, please write President, or Comrade Mrs. McGregor, 330 Western avenue, either of whom will gladly call and explain our aims and constitution.

With best wishes and fraternal greetings,

Edith Cook, President.

Buffalo Horn, Sask., Aug. 24, 1917.
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Dear Comrade,—Buffalo Horn Local No. 34 has received a vast amount of material assistance through the lecture of Comrade F. G. Tipping of Winnipeg, who is making a lecture tour of Sask. Comrade Tipping's subject, "Who Owns Canada?" was handled in a masterly manner.

Owing to the unexpected arrival and the short stay of Comrade Tipping we were compelled to call a short-notice meeting, which did not allow us sufficient time to fill the Buffalo Horn school to its capacity, as we would have done had we been notified earlier. It has been undisputedly proven to local No. 34 that lectures of this class are a necessity. We wish to compliment the Dominion Executive Committee on their foresight in sending lecturers throughout these provinces. It is hoped that this good work will continue. It may be of interest to other locals of the province to know that we hold monthly debates and social entertainments to arouse interest in our cause, and are more than gratified with the result.

We would like to know through your columns what other locals are doing to arouse interest in their localities, that we may introduce it here also.

Our aim is to place Sask. at the top of the Socialistic ladder instead of at the bottom.

Rev. Jas. McGill,
Local No. 34.

UKRAINIAN CONVENTION.

The Language Convention of the Ukrainian convened in Winnipeg on the 15th of August and continued in session until the 20th. There were thirty-two delegates present, and the convention is looked upon as a decided success.

The D.E.C. request for the convention to consider the "Provincial Refund" according to Article 6, Section 5, of constitution was favorably disposed of. This means that refund of two and one-half cents will be paid to Provincial Executives on the number of due stamps sold in the respective provinces.

Provision was made to place organizers in the field in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and two permanent organizers for the Dominion. An almanac for 1918 will be produced.

The convention was graced by the presence of Comrades Rigg, Queen, and Heaps, who delivered appropriate addresses. The boys are pleased with the good work done and look forward to a period of active propaganda. In this regard we may mention that their Toronto paper, "The Workers' Word," will be published semi-weekly, and a weekly pictorial section will be produced.

The Farmer—Say, don't you see that sign, "Private! No Fishing Allowed?"
The Fisherman—I never read anything marked "Private."—Brooklyn Eagle.

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