

SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA

Devoted to the Study and Discussion
of Problems Incident to the Growth

OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

SOME INTERESTING QUOTATIONS

Encyclopedia Britannica—"The ethics of Socialism are identical with the ethics of Christianity."

Professor Francesco Nitti, University of Naples—"The morality Socialism teaches is by far superior to that of its adversaries."

Von Schierbrand, author of "Germany" p.96—"Socialism, alone of the score of political parties in the empire, has great ideals and aims, and it, alone, is a living and growing force, throbbing with power, with hope, and with faith in its own destiny."

Professor Richard T. Ely University of Wisconsin—"It may be said, indeed, that nothing in the present day is so likely to awaken the conscience of the ordinary man or woman, or to increase the sense of responsibility, as a thorough course in Socialism. The study of Socialism has proved the turning point in thousands of lives, and converted self-seeking men and women into self-sacrificing toilers for the masses."

Von Schierbrand, page 95 of "Germany"—"Socialism has quickened the intellect of the worker, and has first enabled him to think, however faultily, on political and economic topics. It has, by organizing thousands of social clubs, given these whilom, dull and torpid masses a genuine taste for and appreciation of purely esthetic pleasures. The Socialists in Germany have done what the government had left undone, viz., founded thousands of workingmen's libraries. In this respect the socialist press has done wonders."

Professor Flint, University of Edinburgh—"Socialism is undoubtedly spreading. It is, therefore, right and expedient that its teachings, its aims, its tendencies, its accusations and promises, should be honestly and seriously examined."

SOME STRAIGHT STABS

With the Pen

GEO. W. PATTERSON

The man without money is the man without honor to-day. The meaning of success is simply to get rich any old way in double quick time; this is the highest honor modern society has to offer you, young man. When a man does become very rich, oh, he is so good and great; a kind of little God with wonderful brains; he must be looked up to you know. But when you come down to hard thinking it is the money that is worshipped and not the man. Bah! what a lovely civilization!

Now look here, George and Teddy and Bill and all the young ladies too: don't you want something better than the worship of Mammon? Why certainly you do. Well, then, on you rests the task and you have the privilege to abolish this rotten Capitalist System and to establish in its place the Co-operative Commonwealth. This matter of being rich or poor in worldly goods will be a back number then. Everyone will have all the material things they require if they do their share in the world's work. Making a living will be a pleasure. There will be leisure for cultivating the spiritual and moral side of the being instead of scratching for a miserable existence.

At last after centuries of the struggle for existence we have arrived at a system of living, or economy, where we can command mother earth to give us all the necessities and luxuries of life. It only remains to make it possible for every man, woman and child to enjoy this blessing. It can be done, it must be done and it will be done. Ten million men demand it. Millions would like to see it. A few thousand of Capitalists form the real opposition. We must own the things required to produce and reproduce life instead of allowing the Capitalists to own them. We must send men of our own class and ideas to Parliament. They must be Socialists because they will not try to patch up this old system but will abolish these laws that keep us down. Obey the laws, but make laws that are worth obeying.

Therefore I say to you To and Fred

and Harry, join in this world wide movement, read its literature and support its newspapers. Your life will not have been in vain if you do your best to ring in the great new period of civilization. You are wanted by Truth, Justice and Freedom. The twentieth century is yours boys! Join our ranks! March on!

COMPETITION

ROSCOE A. FILLMORE

No doubt you have many times been told that competition is the life of trade and you have settled it in your own mind that competition is a good thing. Let us consider the matter.

Ruskin said "Competition is war." John Bright in speaking before the Peace Society in Edinburgh said "In a short sentence it (war) may be summed up to be the combination and concentration of all the horrors, atrocities, crimes and sufferings of which human nature on this globe is capable." This is the competition system in industry. A truer definition could not be written.

And, my readers, you are voting for this system, which crushes virtue and crowds robbery, every time you vote the ticket of one of the old parties. You are upholding a system which places yourself and your children at the mercy of the worst bunch of cutthroats, thieves and adulterers that ever encumbered the earth.

You are condoning the use of militia to shoot your comrades when they endeavor to improve their conditions; the cutting of wages in department stores, factories, etc., which drives your wives, daughters, and sisters into the brothel; the murder of countless millions of little children by adulterated foods, labor in factories, and by overworking the mothers before the children are born.

You are voting for economic conditions which drive strong men to desert their wives and children and take to the road; which drive 2000 men into the bread line at the Bowery Mission in New York City and 5000 school children to school breakfastless in the same city; which are responsible for countless murders, burglaries, suicides and crimes too numerous to mention.

This is one side of the picture my readers. Now let us glance at the other side. By your votes you have allowed a small clique to gain control of the earth, nay, more, you have given them the earth and thus sold yourself and children into perpetual bondage. You have given them the right to appropriate four-fifths of the product of your toil; employ you in dangerous occupations without properly safeguarding your lives and if you are injured through the wilful negligence of these owners you may henceforth beg for bread.

By voting for the private ownership of the earth you have made possible of the existence such lecherous, lascivious beasts as have figured in the Thaw murder trial, the Gould and Hotje divorce trials, etc. You have allowed these human serpents to debauch the daughters of your class. You have allowed them to sport around in automobiles and steam yachts, which you built, while the blood of your children stained the very clothes which they wear. All this and much more you have done by your votes.

Now my brothers what are you going to do about it? Are you determined to continue supporting this regime of bloodshed, robbery, prostitution and crime or are you sick of it?

We of the Socialist party can offer you a chance to do away with all this. We can offer you clean, noble, live ideals and the education necessary to realize them. We offer you a chance to become a partner with the working-class in the ownership of the earth and in its exploitation for the benefit of all.

We offer you an equal share with all others in the tools which you must use in order to produce your daily bread. In short my friend we offer co-operation to take the place of competition; industrial peace against strikes, lockouts and the class struggle; beautiful homes instead of rented tenements; healthy, happy children and an education for them instead of stunted, deformed little creatures in sweatshops. All this we offer you and more.

Is not this worth sacrificing and fight-

ing for. Isn't it worth while to know that you are marching side by side with the greatest and best men and women that this old earth has ever borne upon her bosom, and in the greatest cause that ever inspired man? Are you with us readers? Competition or Cooperation—which shall it be?

CAUSE OF WAR

By WILLIAM RESTELLE

Someone, an Anglican divine, if we mistake not, once said that men have preached religion, argued about religion, fought and died for religion, but never lived religion. With commerce it is somewhat different. Men have never preached it, argued about it, or put it into thirty-nine articles, but they have lived, fought and died for it as ardently as they have burned heretics at the stake.

The love of riches, wrote the Apostle Paul, is the root of all evil. It is certainly the root of most wars, notwithstanding the many plausible reasons given for them by their promoters. Of course, men are naturally loath to admit that they split each other skulls with the intent to pillage each other's possessions. Higher motives, they insist, impel them to take up the sword against their fellow men. Such is human nature. The reason can usually justify any misdemeanor committed under the frown of a protesting conscience. So it is with nations. When they attack a rival nation or invade another's country, they always do so in the interests of liberty, civilization and religion. The individually we be selfish, collectively we are altruistic, for we are never snared into a war by the spirit of our own covetousness.

It is now admitted by historians that war is at bottom an economic institution. Behind all the grievances, real and imagined, with which races justify themselves in the eyes of the world for attacking other races, are usually to be found the symptoms of land-hunger, the craving for more customers, more markets, more wealth. The flag is pushed into foreign lands that trade may follow it.

CRIME AND EMPLOYMENT

Periods of depression always produce an increase in crime. If men commit less crime during periods of abundant employment, then it follows that the lack of employment causes crime. And if lack of employment causes crime, the men who commit crime are not to blame for the lack of employment is the cause. And you who vote for a system that permits a willing man to be unemployed are really guilty of the crimes. Crime will disappear when the causes of it are removed. Very few who have good jobs and comfortable homes commit crimes. But these same men commit crimes when they are thrown out of employment and begin to see their families suffer. Then, it follows that if all men were assured steady employment at decent wages, crime would disappear—at least all crimes against property, and such against persons as had for their object the obtaining of property. Socialism will assure every man and woman employment and hence will do away with crimes connected with the accumulation of property.

BRAIN JOGGERS

"Pour thy purse into thy head" said Shakespeare. That is good advice. You should spend money on books, especially on Socialist books, for they deal with interesting problems in an interesting way. The following pamphlets are brain-joggers—all of them being written by the ablest Socialist writers in America. "The man under the machine," "Easy lessons in Socialism," "Forces that make for Socialism in America," "Where we stand," "Packington," "Socialism and the organized Labor Movement." Any or all of these may be obtained from Will R. Shier, 314 Wellesley St., Toronto. Price five cents each or the six for twelve two cent stamps.

PROGRESS

But men march ever on to better things. The race inherits what the future brings. The flaming torch of Progress lights the way. And leads men thru the dark to meet the day. Earth holds the joys of life in store for all. And his just share to every man shall fall. Where'er the new enlightened day shall break, And all the world in Brotherhood awake.

LITTLE LUMPS

By GERALD O'CONNEL DESMOND

Under socialism we will all be stockholders in the Bank of Freedom.

All the world is to be free and it is a mighty big job. But the reward is as big as the task.

Don't call your fellow workers "ladies or gentlemen." It is more in the nature of an insult than a compliment, as things are now.

Don't try to raise yourself out of your class. That is the act of a traitor. Stay right with your class and help it in the struggle for emancipation.

Socialism does not mean a change from one kind of economic slavery to another. It means a full and complete abolition of all economic slavery.

There are three separate degrees of the Order of Comradeship. We all take the first degree. That is the degree of comradeship in misfortune—in economic slavery. We workers are initiated with that at birth.

The second degree in Comradeship is Revolt. We take that degree when we become "class-conscious" and join in the Socialist movement in the fight for Freedom. Have you taken the second degree yet? Any old socialist can put you through the initiation ceremony.

The third and last degree of the Order of Comradeship has never been administered yet. It is the comradeship of humanity in the co-operative commonwealth. Say, how I am longing to take that third degree!

The capitalist who tells you he will pay "what you are worth" is a liar. No capitalist ever, knowingly, pays you what you are worth. The essence of capitalism is to pay less than you are worth. That is how profit is made.

Our comrades in Russia and elsewhere must face death daily for the cause. Wont that thought spur us on to give a few cents, a little time, or an effort of hand or brain for it?

Capitalism tends to reduce the worker to a diet of liver—with bologna once a week for a change. Under socialism the worker would be able to stab his fork into the porterhouse steak and pass the liver on to Fido.

Every prospector knows that the gold will sink to the bottom of the pan and the rubbish come to the top. It is the same right through the world to-day. The real "gold" of humanity is at the bottom of the social system. The so-called "upper crust" is mostly scum and rubbish.

The grocer who puts sand in his sugar should be encouraged by all good socialists. The workers want "sand". As soon as they muster the requisite "sand" to demand the full value of their produce, they will never be that without the "sugar" of life.

It takes a combination of brains (to understand) pluck (to act fearlessly) and feelingly (for humanity) to make good socialists. The fool, the coward and the brute have no place in the mighty movement to strike the chains from the enslaved producers.

If you find a copy of this paper comes through the mail to your home, or if one is handed to you by somebody it is an invitation for you to subscribe. You will get your money's worth in sound education and help make the existence of a paper fighting the battle of the plain people.

The capitalists let the farmers own their own farms. It pays them better to make the farmers think they are getting rich while they are being kept poor and the capitalists get rich.

There were no unemployed people until capitalism came to hire them.

Every really hard-worked man or woman is working for somebody else.

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PLATFORM

Socialist Party of Canada

We, the Socialist Party of Canada, in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to, and support of the principles and programme of the revolutionary working class.

Labor produces all wealth, and to the producers it should belong. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production; consequently all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is therefore master; the worker a slave.

So long as the capitalist class remains in possession of the reins of government all the powers of the State will be used to protect and defend their property rights in the means of wealth production and their control of the product of labor.

The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-swelling stream of profits, and to the worker an ever increasing measure of misery and degradation.

The interest of the working class lies in the direction of setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system, under which is cloaked the robbery of the working-class at the point of production. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into collective or working-class property.

The irrepressible conflict of interests between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in a struggle for possession of the power of government—the capitalist to hold, the worker to secure it by political action. This is the class struggle.

Therefore, we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada with the object of conquering the public powers for the purpose of setting up and enforcing the economic programme of the working class, as follows:

1. The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads etc.) into the collective property of the working class.
2. The democratic organization and management of industry by the workers.
3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.

The Socialist Party, when in office, shall always and everywhere until the present system is abolished, make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it will the Socialist Party is for it; if it will not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.

In accordance with this principle the Socialist Party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs placed in its hands in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class alone.

How to Organize

FROM OFFICIAL CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

In order to affiliate with the Socialist Party of Canada, the first requisite is to become thoroughly informed as to the necessity of the political organization of the workers on strictly class lines. This calls for some study of Socialist literature in order to be able to grasp at least the fundamental principles of capitalist economics, and the reasons for increasing poverty among the workers alongside of increasing wealth and power in the hands of the capitalists. It is of the utmost importance to become familiar with the program and principles of the Socialist Party of Canada, by a careful reading of its platform, constitution and other literature, which may be obtained from Locals, Provincial or Dominion Executive Committees.

Having become convinced of the soundness of the party's position and the correctness of its program, write the Provincial Executive Committee or the Dominion Executive Committee where no provincial organization exists, for a copy of the regular charter application form used by the party.

Five or more persons may make application for a charter, by signing and forwarding such application to the Provincial Executive Committee, or where no provincial organization exists, to the Dominion Executive Committee, accompanied by 10 cents for each signer to cover the current month's dues, and \$5 to cover the expense of supplies, including charter, financial books, warrants, membership cards, etc.

Upon receipt of charter proceed to elect officers as laid down in Article II. of the party constitution. At each business meeting follow out the order of business as laid down in Article VI.

It would be well to devote the first business meetings of the Local to becoming thoroughly familiar with all of the provisions of the party constitution, platform, etc. When this is well in hand, the work of spreading the propaganda by holding public meetings, circulating literature and other means should be taken up.

A Local from its inception should train itself to attend as closely as possible to such work as legitimately belongs to it. It should learn to be accurate and methodical in keeping its records, both financial and otherwise, in making reports to the party committees and in attending to correspondence. It should be strict in requiring its officers to give close attention to their duties; it should give close attention to all reports made by the Dominion or Provincial Executive Committees, thus keeping closely in touch with, and well informed in regard to all party work.

Locals should realize that a continually increasing volume of work is falling upon the Executive Committees of the party, a burden which they will make easier to carry if they refrain from fault finding, suspicion and distrust. A measure of confidence must of necessity be placed in officials, and it is but fair to presume that they will attend to their duties and carry out their instructions as closely and completely as possible under the circumstances surrounding them.

It cannot be too strongly impressed upon Locals and party members that energy expended in spreading party propaganda and building up the party in their respective localities will prove more productive of good than picking flaws with party officers, committees and representatives, or bothering them with unreasonable or ridiculous requests. The pernicious activity of a few who are qualified to find fault and pick flaws, can easily nullify the work of the many who are actuated solely by a desire to build up the organization by furthering its work.

The Socialist Party of Canada has to deal with a population scattered over a vast territory. It has a stupendous task to perform. If its members be guided in their actions by reason and good judgment, the task may be speedily accomplished, and the Canadian workingmen come into control of Canadian industry and resources, a position that properly belongs to them by virtue of both usefulness and numbers.

For Charter application, etc., write D. G. McKENZIE, Secretary the Socialist Party of Canada, Box 836, Vancouver, B. C.