

Debs Column

Berger in Congress

A lone figure standing bravely for truth and justice is always a beacon of light and a tower of strength. A notable illustration of this fact may be seen in Victor L. Berger, the Socialist representative in the capitalist Congress of the United States.

Sacco and Vanzetti

The case of these two Italian workmen pending on appeal in the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. The defendants consisting of Sacco and Vanzetti are some of the most famous men in the judicial history of this country.

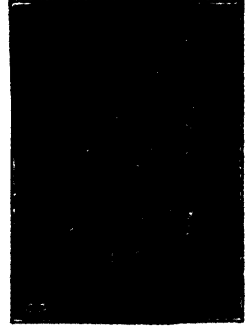
clean, honest, innocent workmen have stood in the shadow of death, on the verge of executions as murderers, and all that saved them has been the persistent protest and agitation led by the organized workers, and so effective has been this revolt against the infamous verdict of a capitalist court that it spread to Europe, especially to Italy, followed by demonstrations in which the quarters of the American legation were threatened with attack by angry mobs.

Ruined U. S. Agriculture Swings Toward the Socialist Solution

Debs Is Deprived of Citizenship for Saying What These Men Said



Gen. Leonard B. Wood



Eugene V. Debs



Woodrow Wilson

Before We Entered the War: "Officers of the army and navy are one of the most conservative elements of our population. They do not bring about war. You find no instance in our history where officers of our army brought about international strife."

That Debs told the truth; that the World War was brought on by industrial and commercial rivalries; that these rivalries were between property-owning classes, therefore, master classes, as Debs put it, is generally admitted now by economists and scholars throughout the world.

Mosleys Tell Labor Leaders What Real Labor Party Means

Labor leaders of Chicago and the state of Illinois listened to clear explanations of the British Labor political movement from Captain Oswald Mosley during the visit of these champions of Socialism in Chicago.

The farmers are the lowest paid workers in the United States. This industry is approaching ruin so rapidly that failures have increased 1,000 per cent in the last fourteen years. Farm property is declining at the rate of three billion dollars a year.

Red Letter Week, March 13 to 20, Declared by Appeal

The following cheering news comes from Marx Lewis, Secretary for Congressman Berger, Washington, D. C.: "The suggestion made to the Readers of the American Appeal that they communicate with their representatives in Congress to ascertain how they will vote on the Berger resolution to restore to Eugene V. Debs his citizenship rights is evidently meeting with a splendid response."

Debt Deal Saved Fascism, Declares American Writer

The American Debt Commission which cancelled 75 per cent of the Italian debt and presented the Fascist dictatorship with one and a half billion dollars from the pockets of American taxpayers, by that act, saved the Mussolini dictatorship, re-financed it, and enabled it to survive and gain a new stranglehold on the Italian people and march to new international victories.

Say Rich Estates Were Saved Millions by Congress Lobby

By Mark Lewis

During the Teapot Dome scandal in the last Congress, much was said, although little done to prevent the operations of ex-Cabinet members and others of influence to secure for their clients when they retire from office concessions and advantages for their clients which would not be obtainable but for the influence enjoyed by these ex-officials of the Government.

A splendid illustration of how that practice, inherent in a system which thrives upon the notion that Government is to be kept out of business, but not that business is to be kept out of Government, continues to operate, and along what devious paths it works its wondrous to perform, was brought to light several days after the enactment of the new Revenue Law. The suppositions have not been reduced to facts; they will not be unless an investigation will not be obtained, partly because those who are anxious to obtain an investigation have lost faith in the efficacy of investigations, and partly because the partisan motive is lacking, since both old political parties would be likely to become involved.

The Revenue Bill, as finally enacted, contains a provision by which approximately one-third of the inheritance

taxes under the old law are to be refunded. In other words, it is a retroactive feature. Why refund these taxes, if others are not refunded?

The reason given — and this is where the story becomes interesting — is that a number of former Senators and Congressmen, acting on behalf of certain clients, constituted themselves a lobby and succeeded in getting this retroactive provision inserted. Among those mentioned as having used the influence they acquired as representatives of the people to obtain special privileges for their clients is Frank W. Mondell, formerly floor leader of the Republicans in the House, more recently a member of the War Finance Corporation, and chairman of the Republican National Convention in 1924. He admits that he is representative of one of the big estates that was subject to the increased tax under the 1924 law, but will not say which.

Among the great fortunes that were bequeathed during the period is that of John I. Boggs, of Minnesota, and Missouri, who left about \$40,000,000. Another is the fortune of former Senator Clark, of Montana, amounting to as much. Mondell's client is presumed to be one of these.

The amount the Government must pay back under the rebate provision aggregates about \$85,000,000. The larger part of this goes back to the

heirs of the two estates referred to and the \$75,000,000 estate of James B. Duke, the Fleischman estate of \$50,000,000 and a score of others ranging from \$5,000,000 upward. The estates of the Dodge brothers, of which no appraisal is available, are included.

Other Alleged Lobbyists

Former Senator Peter J. McCumber, Republican, of North Dakota, now a member of the Boundary Commission, was another of those who appeared to be interested in the retroactive feature of the tax bill. He was conspicuous at the Capital while it was under discussion. Former Senator A. O. Stanley, Democrat, Kentucky, also was much in evidence, as was ex-representative Campbell, Republican, of Kansas. Former members of Congress have the courtesy of the floor of their respective chambers, which is of considerable advantage under such circumstances as surrounded the enactment of the tax measure.

That is why, incidentally, same-ducks, who are unable to find soft berths in the Government after their defeat, if they are lawyers, open up offices in Washington, to make use of their legal knowledge and years of participation in politics implies that — but of their influence.

Death Strikes Into Our Ranks

The Socialist movement of America has suffered a terrible loss in the death of our splendid Comrade, Swan M. Johnson of Chicago. The sad and shocking news flashed into the National Office from the far Southwest that Comrade Swan M. Johnson of Chicago, Attorney for the National Office in the Blaine Will case of New Mexico, died of pneumonia on Thursday, March 4, in Santa Fe, N. M. Comrade Johnson went to Santa Fe to effect a final settlement of the Blaine Will case. The funeral was held Monday, 2 P. M. at Mason's Hall, in Pullman, March 5th.



Swan M. Johnson

member with great gratitude his many efficient and kindly services as a representative of the local interests of our National Organization. In the legal fraternity in Chicago Comrade Johnson was held in very high esteem. He was a member of the firm of Steadman, Soelke and Johnson, more recently the firm of Soelke, Johnson & Koehn. Comrade Johnson was recognized as a very superior attorney.

Comrade Johnson was a member of the National Campaign Committee in 1924; he was powerful as a member of the legal defense force in the federal government's famous and infamous prosecution and persecution of the National Office and Congressman Victor L. Berger in the wild war madness of 1918.

Because of his splendid intelligence, his irreproachable character, his tireless service for many years in the Socialist movement, and because of his never failing generosity and loyalty as a comrade, and very specially because of his ever interesting personality, beautiful good nature and delightfully democratic spirit, Comrade Johnson had many thousands of friends among Socialists and non-Socialists in and around Chicago.

The members of the National Office force, the National Executive Committee and many thousands of Socialists in Chicago and surrounding states, extend to the widow and her children sincerest sympathy in the sudden and terrible loss of our noble friend, Swan M. Johnson, so fearless and upright as a citizen, so generous and loyal as a comrade, and so lovable and dear as a husband and father.

Local Camden, New Jersey, has just lost a noble comrade, a faithful and effective worker, a loyal and enthusiastic comrade, in the death of Comrade Adolph Weber. He died in a hospital last week; his last words were inquiries about local Socialists and the local movement. Comrade Weber was rich indeed in friendships, in high ideals and in good works.

If your neighbors do not read the Appeal, you are not doing your bit. Only \$1 for 52 weeks.

Weekly News Digest

Industrial Peace

The Watson-Parker bill, one of the most important industrial and labor measures now before Congress, has passed the House and it is believed will be the issue in the Senate within two weeks. It is favored by both the railroad workers and employers and represents a compromise agreement aimed to do away with the present Railway Labor Board, to do away with the necessity of strikes in the railway industry, and to settle by law the legal procedure the question of wages and labor conditions in this great industry. It probably represents the biggest attempt in the history of the United States to bring about industrial peace and harmony between capital and labor by means of law and legal processes.

This attempt is contrary to the present stand of labor generally throughout the world. The majority in the trade unions almost everywhere outside of the United States holds that the strike is absolutely necessary as the weapon of last resort under capitalism, and that it is a great mistake for a legal weapon as long as capital controls the government. The American railroad workers are trusting to a capitalist government to render decisions equally fair to railroad capital and railroad labor, although it has never been able to get fair decisions from a capitalist employer without backing up its demands with force. In the meantime, railroad labor refuses to enter this government as an independent force in order to make this government as favorable as possible to labor. The Appeal believes that railroad labor is slated for an experience that will be highly educational.

Wall Street Gouge

Wall Street has surpassed all previous records. Stocks declined four billion dollars and partially recovered within the period of a single week. Whatever technical explanations may be made to account for this, it means just one thing to the workers — WEALTH CONCENTRATED TO ALTOGETHER THE EXTENT OF FOUR BILLION DOLLARS IN AMERICA IN ONE WEEK AS A RESULT OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

Numerous explanations are offered in the capitalist papers to account for the greatest decline and recovery of stocks in Wall Street in one week in the history of Wall Street. There may be certain merit to some of the explanations offered, but the fact remains that this terrific slump and enormous recovery in stocks in so short a time rebounded to the advantage of the big bugs in finance and smashed the little bugs.

Listen to this "explanation" in a capitalist daily and you will begin to understand: "Stock prices staged a remarkable recovery today after uninterrupted decline of over a week, in which scores of issues had been carried down 10 to 20 points from their high levels of the year. The rally WHICH RECEIVED ITS STRONG IMPETUS FROM THE BUYING OF STRONG FINANCIAL INTERESTS COMBINED WITH THAT OF HUNDREDS OF SMALL INVESTORS WHO WERE ATTRACT-

Dangerous Secrecy

Splendid services for peace was rendered during the week by Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska in getting a resolution through the United States Senate demanding full publicity of the State Department and the Mexican government over the new Mexican land laws, which has been kept strictly secret by Secretary Kellogg.

That the situation was becoming dangerous was indicated by statements of Senator Norris. Even the religious crisis in Mexico, which has led to the deportation of many priests and nuns, Senator Norris declared, is apparently due to a newspaper effort to engender "hatred of a religious and of an educational nature on the part of our people against Mexico." He said he wanted all the cards "face up" on the table.

Under the secrecy maintained by Kellogg, the only angle on the controversy the American people were getting was the angle Wall Street and its agents in Washington chose to give. Statements in the daily press have been of an inflammatory character. THE WAR SPIRIT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEING DRUMMED UP.

Sales Tax Next

The Mellon tax bill has been signed by the President. It is a law. Tax revenues are reduced \$37,000,000 at a time when we are paying nearly a billion dollars a year in interest on war debts. Coolidge is increasing governmental costs in the future in order to bribe voters in the present. No more reprehensible, wasteful, cowardly, insincere policy than this has been inaugurated since the foundation of the republic.

Government costs are going up. According to the estimates of the Coolidge administration the revenue needed in 1928 will be a little more than \$2,700,000,000, while in 1927 it will be almost \$2,900,000,000. How will we meet the new costs? Basil Manly, economist and statistician, Washington, D. C., attempts to give the answer — A SALES TAX. A SALES TAX CAUSED THE BOSTON TEA PARTY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

Mr. Manly shows that the Harding and the Coolidge administrations with their various tax reductions and improper refund of taxes have helped the super-rich to the extent of \$3,371,357,157. This is a tremendous tax burden lifted from those most able to bear it.

Government costs are going up. Who is going to bear them? There is only one answer — the common people. THE NATURAL WAY TO GET THE MONEY OUT OF THE PEOPLE IS TO INSTITUTE A SALES TAX AND TO THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING THE PEOPLE BUY. BECAUSE IT IS THE SLYEST AND SLICKEST WAY TO RELIEVE THE RICH AND BURDEN THE POOR IT IS ALMOST A FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT IT WILL BE DONE.

Saving the Rich

Mr. Plain citizen, while you are talking the cheering prospect of a sales tax on most of the articles you buy is the not distant future, remember that some of your rich neighbors are benefitting by the Mellon tax law. The income tax on the biggest leeches was cut squarely in two by an existing government. This particular deduction affected 215 of America's richest millionaires.

According to Basil M. Manly, he will save the following citizens the following amounts this year: It will save John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in taxes this year \$2,762,171; Ford, \$949,544; Andrew W. Mellon, \$828,348; Payne Whitney, \$732,711; Marshall Field, \$526,946; George F. Baker, Sr., \$348,813; George F. Baker, Jr., \$241,619; Vincent Astor, \$230,474; J. B. Duke, \$232,150; Julius B. Glavin, \$225,438; Cyrus H. K. Curtis, \$265,903; Joseph E. Widener, \$210,724; Thomas F. Ryan, \$248,414; Thomas W. Lamont, \$211,526.

All but the last two of these heavy contributors to the Republican campaign. The last two gave large amounts to the Democratic campaign. The Republicans and Democrats in Congress voted almost unanimously to thus relieve them of taxes.

New Human Rating

The International Claims Commission sitting in Mexico City for the purpose of jointly determining the amount of damages Mexico is to pay United States citizens for losses in the revolutions broke up in an uproar during the week when the American members attempted to fix a valuation of \$100,000 per life on the fifteen mine operators killed by Carrillo, Francisco Villa, Jan. 10, 1915. The Mexican members would place that the life of an American citizen was worth that much or that the Mexican government should pay for the work of an outlaw and bitter enemy in view of the fact that the American government does not hold them responsible for the acts of private citizens and individuals.

The present U. S. government valuation of the life of a capitalist is illuminating considering the value it has attempted to place on human lives in its courts. That value runs from less than that of a cent to a few thousand dollars — little as it is, it usually takes a legal battle to get it, while in Mexico the well-to-do relations of American mine owners of Mexico mines had a whole obligation imposed behind them with an army navy pressing their vast claims.

Appeal Army Column

Lillis L. Stowe, Secretary of Local Redlands, California says, "The paper is fine. I wish you would insert a line suggesting to locals that they place it in the public libraries everywhere." The suggestion is so good that we place it right at the head of the column. Let us put The Appeal in every public library in the country. Comrade sends a subscription for the library at Redlands and with it she sends an order for a bundle of fifty.

Mum! Boom! A Zap raid! The organizations have been busy this week. Locals, unions, clubs all throwing them at us in bunches. That's the way to do it. You will enjoy your meeting night so much more when all of your fellow members are Appeal readers. You'll have some one to talk to and something to talk about. It's easy to get subs when you once get started. See how some of the good hot squads have done it.

Workmen's circle, Br. 509, Los Angeles, Cal., appointed a committee consisting of J. Levitt, B. Spaklin, A. Rotblat, H. Rubenstein, H. Sodas, to get subscriptions. Did they get them? We'll say they did, forty of them all in one bunch. Keep it up until you get everybody. How is that for another good suggestion. Appoint a committee to work for subs and leave its members free for just that one service.

Herman Rahm and Gustave Hiller, two good scouts of Staunton, Illinois, went out ahead of the lines to take a look over no man's land. They came back with eight subs and a bundle of order for one hundred. Jos. M. Carnella, Gillespie, Ill., sends four more subs.

B. Rosen, Stamford, Conn., one of the regular army who never fails, sends eleven new ones. Keep after them, Comrade Rosen.

James D. Graham, Billings, Montana, who has been right in the trenches from the start, says that the list of Appeal subscribers sent him has put him in touch with some fine wires. Good to have company, isn't it? It would be wonderful if all those who are working for the good cause could come together. Since that is impossible the next best thing to do is to come together in the Army Column.

By the way, have you been in the Army Column yet? If not, come on in. Don't be sitting all alone when everybody else is in the ranks.

Local Kings County, Brooklyn, N. Y. fires a second round. This time they send across eight shots and say there are more coming. Busy Brooklyn! It seems as though there is something from there every time we open the mail.

Frank Nevins, Brockton, Mass., wants ten rounds of ammunition to wake up the old Bay State. The Minute Men are awake!

New Jersey keeps a steady fire all along all the time. The old machine-guns fire their clip and just load 'em up and fire again. Just reports have sent in lists: Wm. W. Weeks, Elizabethtown, four more subs; Frank Canella, Bayonne, three more; and Anthony Steffich, Hoboken, three more. They'll be back again next week! You can't stop them.

Pennsylvania still holds the lead. F. J. Maroff, Harrisburg, sends four, R. Schein, White Haven, three, and Dr. W. Chas. Widowsen, Black Lick, three to hold up the honor of their state.

Two Wisconsin sharpshooters, W. M. Olds, Beloit, and H. Nolan, Milwaukee, land three each.

Phillip Bernstein, Santa Ana, Cal., is doing good work as a scout. He says: "Frank Miller, an old comrade, and I went to Huntington Beach and visited an Oilworkers' meeting. The men seemed much interested and I think they will organize a local." He sends two subs and says he will hear from him soon again. That's the way to do it. After you wake up the hometown go after the neighbors.

Frank Brosta, another regular, fired in two more from Cleveland, and J. Dubammel sends four from Medford, Oregon. In his letter he says, "This makes fifteen names I have placed on The American Appeal list. If we are to get Socialism in our time we must work, work, and then work some more. Evolution is all right but we must assist evolution all that we can. I wish I could send four hundred instead of four, but it is these 'little mites' from thousands, tens of thousands, yes, hundreds of thousands of Socialists all over this globe, that finally going to make Socialism inevitable against every attack that capitalism can bring against it."

The Bundle Brigade

Once more the heavy charge by the Bundle Brigade shakes the line from New York to California. The big guns are just getting their range for the special edition. The Debs Citizenship Special will be read by a million people. Those who are sending in bundle orders now are doing their part to wake up others who are waiting a word to join the Army and go to work. Bring them in. They will always thank you.

Boom! Right from the north. G. M. Campbell, Pontiac, Mich., sends a bundle order for one hundred. A few more like that and Michigan will be taking first place.

Are you getting your paper onto the newsstands and into the bookstores. Some of the comrades are doing good work along that line. If the paper is placed where those who want to read it can find it, you are sure to have returns. The more readers of the paper, the more new members for the local, and the more readers of the paper. It's a merry-go-round. Try it.

E. C. Carlson, Jamestown, N. Y., orders six a week to be placed on sale in his store and the Jimmie Higgins Book Shop, 127 University Place, New York, orders a bundle for sale.

Thos. E. Williams, Pansatabaway, Pa., is always right there. He never fails. This time he sends six new subs with his regular order for a bundle of twenty-five. Henry Whiteed, Farmington, Ill., roped three mavericks to send with his bundle order for twenty-five. The man worth while is the man who sticks. If all Socialists who start out with good intentions would stick week after week adding to their list of subs and keeping up their bundle orders The Appeal would soon be the greatest paper in the country.

C. E. Perry, another regular sends a charge in Lakansport, Ind., with a bundle of fifty. Darlington Hoopes of Norristown, Pa., wants twenty-five a week and with his order he sends \$8.00 to the Miners' Fund.

W. S. Wright, Blackgum, Okla., fires a regular broad-side of twenty-five a week. S. V. Kennison, Charles, S. C., orders fifteen a week.

Geo. D. Wood, Springfield, Vt., sends his subscription with an order for a bundle of fifty. He says: "A friend just sent me a copy of The American Appeal. I want to subscribe for a year and I would like fifty copies of the date of January 1, telling the truth about the Coal Strike. This town has no use for a union man. I am told it furnished fifty scabs to the Concord, N. H., railroad shops during the strike."

That's the kind of towns that need The Appeal. In distributing the paper you will find other comrades and as the weeks go by you will have more and more help. Join the regulars, Comrade Wood.

Clara Semendinger, Grantwood, N. Y., sends three new subs and a contribution of five dollars to pay for the distribution of sample copies. Her bread crust upon the water will return to her and the paper in the good days to come.

Ed Piekie, Richmond, Va., is going to wake up the Old Dominion. He starts by subscribing and ordering eight sub-cards for his friends. Fred Clausen, Los Angeles, sends two new subs and orders a bunch of cards.

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Comrades, Where Are You?

By Sam Flint. At some time in their lives approximately a million American citizens have voted for Eugene V. Debs. They were happy to vote for Debs. They went their length for Debs. They will subscribe for the "American Appeal" when they find out that the Socialist Party is reorganizing and that Debs is in charge of the party organ.

Cheap at any price—The American Appeal—but only \$1 for a whole year.

All Masters Alike

In the United States before the Civil War there were 18,000 negroes owned by the free negroes and the latter were opposed to abolition. Garrison, the great abolitionist, is said to have met one of these free negroes after the war and congratulated the negro on emancipation. The negro said: "No glad! No. They took all my niggers away."

Watch this space next week then write the National Office in a hurry.

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British Labor Wins Election

London Labor won a great victory in the Parliament by-election, the result, declared at midnight, being:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. MR. A. L. SHEPHERD (Lab.) 12,965; Capt. E. H. Peace (Con.) 12,638; Capt. J. P. Dickie (Lib.) 3,573.

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Socialist Party News

Pittsburgh to Celebrate

Pittsburgh Socialists are preparing to have a good time on St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday March 17th. An Entertainment including a Dance and Euchre has been arranged for that evening to take place in the Labor Lyceum, Reed and Miller Street. The proceeds will go to the National Convention Fund which is being raised by Pittsburgh comrades to take care of the National Convention, to be held in Pittsburgh on International Labor Day, May 1st.

The program is full of novelties, fun, prize contests, music, dancing, moving pictures and international joy. Tickets are already on sale and may be secured from Comrade Wm. Adams, 237 5th Avenue.

Comrade Adams reports an encouraging outlook. Dues Stamp sales for January and February are double those of last year. Local Allegiance County has nominated a complete ticket for the State and National Offices and comrades are urged to come to the office, 237 5th Avenue to sign them.

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Comrade Hilding E. Schoen, 16 years old, of Moose Lake, Minnesota, responds splendidly to the ideals of the Socialist movement and is acting out on a course of study in preparation for service in the movement.

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Human Nature

By Robert Whitaker. If I might venture such a quiz I'd ask the folks who tell us how selfish human nature is...

Brain-Drops

By GLENGARRY. INDESCRIBABLY ATROCIOUS MUST BE THE CRIME of an American-BORN whose CITIZENSHIP HIS GOVERNMENT DENIES.

INTOLERANCE could not POSSIBLY be PROVOKED by one LESS dangerous than the CALVARY felon who was SPIKED to a beam TIMBERS and SUSPENDED BY HIS WOUNDS UNTIL HE DIED.

WHAT "culperts" CRIME CONSISTED OF STIRRING UP THE PEOPLE? And in THIS day NO CRIMINAL MORE HATED than he who "STRENGTH UP" THE PEOPLE.

When CAPITALISM Made MILITARISM Both JUDGE and JURY DEERS OF THE EXCHANGEABLE. WAS PREVIOUS CRUIFIED TO THE POINT extent of the ESPIONAGE scheme By which is DENIED THE FIRST GOVERNMENT OF A FREE GOVERNMENT. And UNTIL America RESTORES HIS citizenship HER CITIZENSHIP REMAINS DISHONORABLE.

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Young People's Department

National Office YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOC. LEAGUE 25 Townsend St., Fitchburg, Mass. Aaron J. Parker, Nat. Director.

With the Circles

New York City, Central Committee. When this issue reaches the readers the Y. P. S. L. of Greater New York will be meeting in convention.

Fitchburg, Mass., Circle.—The annual elections of officers of the Fitchburg Circle were held Wednesday, March 3rd.

Hello Chicago

The Chicago Young People's Study Group had the privilege Friday night, March 5, of hearing a few words from Mr. Kurt Marx, grandson of Karl Marx.

Debate of Socialism

At a recent meeting of the Boston Y. M. C. A. Young Men's Congress a resolution on Socialism was taken up for discussion.

Appeal Paragraphs

By Lincoln Phifer. The best good to the greatest number—Number one.

The sun there is no darkness he likes others, but he loves himself. There is a headline in yesterday's paper.

Sometimes an open mind is open at all times. Happiness and misery are made of the same materials.

There are two goddesses—goodness and silly goodness. We know how small you are, but you don't know how small the other goddess is.

Every invention exercises its ingenuity in thinking up new ways to produce. The riches fastest through life's door are likely to be bumped.

The cartoonist ought to cut down on his work so he may learn it is impossible to make a living in the world of making and enjoying the things of life. It is needed so the producers can waste and squander the costly things.

Your union has not ordered a copy of the Appeal, what have you got?

SAM SAYS— Papa called the mald a mamma and the mamma canned her. SAM SAYS: Hitting off more than one shoe is all right, provided you don't get indigestion.

SAM SAYS the consumer has been waiting too long to tell. We are for our own "King Tut" will soon be asserting his rights and get us out of this hell. Ah, they have just dropped anchor. Dear me! I was afraid they were hanging outside for some time.

Buckshot

By August Claessens. England's prize pessimist, Dean Inge, dubbed "The Gloomy Dean," has let loose again. Recently he broadcast a selection of brilliant waxes and they were immediately seized upon by the capitalist press as gems of wisdom.

"A Quarter Truth" "Take a simple example. We are always being told that money makes money, the suggestion being that a rich man has only to sit still in order to grow richer.

Right you are, old top! The average millionaire doesn't sit still and he usually does grow richer. If he sat still you might say that the dividends, plums, bonuses, gratuities, rents, profits and interest just rained or showered upon the old skinflint.

"Claptrap" "It is true, of course, that it is easier for a rich man to make money than for a poor man, but money can only really be made by hard work, by brains and by a capacity for seizing opportunities."

"Contented Ignorance" "Many people talk contemptuously about money making money, as though there were no kind of merit in it at all, but the same qualities are required to make money out of money as to make money out of nothing."

"Intellectual Insincerity" "Indeed, the majority of capitalists have built up their fortunes from the smallest beginning. They are creators of wealth because they have vision and grit, and the people who sneer at them often have neither."

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which he may have inherited, borrowed or stolen, begins in a small way to exploit a small number of workmen at small wages for big hours. Succeeding in a small way he may accumulate a good pile of capital. Then he may invest this in a larger enterprise and exploit a larger number of small paid workmen and drive out of business some of his small competitors and worm himself into position to talk big to the bankers and brokers.

The Filling Station

LINCOLN PHIFER. Joe, the Filling Station Minion, looked up at the sky. Spring was on the way. Within a month the stream of tourists would begin to trickle.

"If I could only convert them all to Socialism," he thought, "we could sweep the land. Reckon I shall have to order a bundle of American Appeals, because when these fellows are camped they will read anything."

"How come?" he asked. "Most people equipped like you are headed for Florida, while you seem bound the other way."

"Yes, I am going to see if I can't find a place where I can get a little land. I don't care how far from anywhere it may be. With my car I can get anywhere I want, and my wife is a school teacher and ought to be able to handle the children. We are taking our radio and some books, and I am going to get away from the city and into the clean out of doors."

"Soundly pretty good," Joe replied. "But do you think you can make a living? Lots of farmers are not doing it."

"Well, I can raise a patch of corn and kill enough game and catch enough fish to supply meat. We will not need much clothes."

"Wait till the snow comes. I tell you, Buddy, you can't run away from it. I know what the struggle is, and that a poor man can't get anything ahead. But I have come to the conclusion that the best thing to do is to face the situation and work for Socialism. We can win faster in that way than any other."

"Socialism—that may come in a hundred years."

"It may come sooner if we work for it and stick together. But do you think you will get richer, quicker than that under this system?"

"I can't say that I do." And he stuck in his inside pocket the copy of the American Appeal Joe gave him.

The bread trust doubtless expects to cut a big melon, but you will not get a taste.

The fact that the plutocrats are saying there are enough laws on the statute books is indication that they have already got all they think they need.

Letters to Judd

By Upton Sinclair

Letter X. My dear Judd: We have seen the poor struggling to protect themselves against the rich in the field of politics, and meeting with no great success.

Seeing the employers combining into larger and larger organizations, it naturally occurred to the workers to combine, and sell their labor as a unit. At first the employers made this action a crime, and a great many working men went to jail, before the right of labor combination was granted.

You, Judd, are a non-union man. You grew up in small places, and live now in a suburban neighborhood which is like a small place, in that everybody knows everybody else, and the people you work for are not much better off than you are.

Why Labor Unions? Or suppose you had grown up in some industrial center, and worked for the coal trust, or the steel trust, or the beef trust. You have read "The Jungle," and know how the wage-slaves of Packingtown lived twenty years ago.

In such places the only hope of the workers is to organize, and present a solid front to their masters, and extort better terms by the threat of withholding their labor.

Within a few more years American capitalists will have so many factories in China and Japan they will not need American workers at all. Then see wages drop.

At one time the American people grew skittish at the mention of Socialism, just as the American jackass did at the sight of an automobile; but that day is gone forever.

The profit system is a great success. More than ninety per cent of the people die without having any property.

The worker produces more than ten times as much actual property these days as he did a century ago; and he is deprived of practically all of it through the profit system.

The reason the workers of the world have so little is because they have lived on the promises of deceitful political parties for so long.

No wonder the banks will not lend the farmers money. Last year they lent Wall Street brokers four billion dollars for speculation, and that was all they could spare.

The head of the American Legion says there will be another war and we had better prepare for it. Why not prepare to laugh it off the earth before it comes?

Sparking of entangling alliances, what kind are American capitalists making through their foreign investments? To say that war can be abolished is to say that the profit system can be ended; for the profit system is the maker of war.

The Injunction Weapon

I have shown you the judges taking by force the right to annul laws of Congress. Confronting the emergency of labor strife, these judges proceeded to invent another weapon, known as the "injunction," which means in brief that any ex-corporation lawyer on the bench will issue an order forbidding workmen to do anything that the corporations do not want them to do; and the workmen have to obey that order, or else the judge will send them to jail for any length of time that the corporation may desire.

What these injunction judges have forbidden labor to do makes a catalog over which you might have a good laugh, if you could forget all the heartbreak and agony of the poor that is summed up in the preposterous sentences. All the hopes that were blasted, the pitiful hopes of a little better food for a sick wife, of a chance to get the children in school! Such things are the meaning of a strike to workmen, and suddenly a grim personage in a black silk robe lifts a club and smashes these hopes over the head! As I write, some clothing workers of New York are on strike, and a judge has issued an injunction, forbidding them, not merely to picket the shops of their boss, but to go within ten blocks of the place! In the West Virginia coal fields, they are now forbidding mass-meetings, forbidding the mines, and even the use of coal-mines for the families of miners who have been ejected from company houses! In Oklahoma they recently forbade miners to pray! In Minneapolis I talked with a labor man who had spent six months in jail for violating an injunction, and he gave me the thing to read, a list of prohibitions that would fill a couple of pages of this book; as the man said, "I'd have broken the law if I'd waked up in the night and disliked my boss."

Workers Losing Rights. Every year they are encroaching a little farther on the rights of the workers, and of all citizens. They are trying to set up the principle that it is a conspiracy against the public welfare to interfere with "essential industries." Thirty years ago, when Grover Cleveland sent in federal troops over the head of Governor Altgeld of Illinois, and smashed the strike of the railwaymen, and threw Gene Debs into jail, it was considered quite a startling action. But now we have got used to things like that, and in 1927 they imprisoned eight railway leaders in Los Angeles, calling their strike "a conspiracy to interfere with the mail." Now President Coolidge, in his message to Congress, is calling for a law to forbid all such strikes, and take off the shoulders of the judges the embarrassment of having to create the law!

And so, once more, Judd, do you see why the rich are growing richer and the poor poorer? Do you see why the index figures of a University Professor revealed that the wage-earners of America, taken as a whole, were five per cent poorer today than in 1907? I told you that riches and poverty are not caused by the Will of God, nor yet by any implacable Economic Law, but purely and simply by the actions of men, driven by the basest of all human impulses, which is greed. And here you see, Judd, exactly what these actions are. Every time an ex-corporation lawyer on the bench issues an injunction which smashes a strike, he is reducing the average real wages of the workers of America; he is taking away a little more from the poor, and handing it to the rich—and that is the job for which the rich set him up in office, and bought him his black silk robe!

Debt Deal Saved Fascism. (Continued from Page 1) "After thorough discussion a settlement was arrived at, which, in the opinion of the American commission, fairly represents Italy's capacity to pay. The settlement was approved by you and was passed by the House of Representatives. If now the Senate failed to approve the settlement I think it would be obvious to the world that their reason was political, and not fiscal."

No wonder the Secretary of the Treasury attempts anxiously to build up an argument against any consideration of the political effects of the debt deal with Fascist Italy.

THE DEBT DEAL WITH FASCISM UNDOUBTEDLY TIPPED THE BALANCE AGAINST THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE DEMOCRACY OF EUROPE AND THE PEACE OF THE WORLD TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT IT CONSTITUTES THE MOST EXTENSIVE, DANGEROUS AND EVIL PRESENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE WORLD.

Are the men in Washington stupidly or criminally responsible for these political effects?

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Wall Street Grows Moral As Looting of America Goes On

Article II

By Lincoln Phifer

Wall Street repeats. She says so herself. It comes about because some of her trickery has been found out, and...

Wall Street Scared

A few days ago the board of governors of the New York Stock Exchange announced in a public statement that in the future the committee in considering ap-

PLICATIONS FOR THE LISTING OF SECURITIES WILL GIVE CAREFUL THOUGHT TO THE MATTER OF VOTING CONTROL. There you have the words of repentance! There is no pretense that new sales of such stock will not be listed; but the committee in charge will "give it thought;" if the industry involved does not please Wall Street, it may be shut out. If the heads of it are Wall Street men, they will be okayed, steal and all.

ican public, especially in points west of Chicago, have always tightened at the idea of concentrated corporate power. Whenever the control has been linked with Wall Street the tension of course has affected the nerves of Wall Street.

What the Employe Customer Stock Means

For just about a year there has been an active campaign for the sale of stocks in many concerns to employes and customers. To paraphrase a recent statement, this kind of ownership has brought in a mass of capital beyond the expectations of the originators of the scheme. Indeed, it has been found that it costs less to sell stock to employes and customers in small amounts than to banks in large amounts.

new financing has extended to public utilities, to department stores, and even to vaudeville theatres, cheap restaurants and a thousand other kinds of businesses. Some labor unions have formed investment companies for interesting employes in the purchase of shares of stock, under the assumption that they are thus acquiring interest in the industry, by a plan which they are led to believe is superior to Socialism.

And now the charge is openly made that in many cases these employe-customer shares do not give voting rights, nor call for dividends.

The Swindle of It

All this and much more is made clear in a story covering several pages of the Saturday Evening Post for February 15, 1926. The story is written by Albert W. Atwood, and is entitled, "The New Ownership." The sales campaign of this fraudulent stock emphasized the thought that it was "democratizing industry" and bringing "industrial democracy."

Those who by chance may have bought stock that is not marked not voting need not plume themselves on their acquisition. Suppose they should nominally have the right to vote, how are they going to register their preferences? All the candidates will be the choice of the big stockholders, and it would be impossible for the employe-customer purchasers to get together to have anything to say about management. Beside, not one employe or customer out of one hundred would know who would be suitable to run the business.

IT HAS BEEN FREELY HINTED BY OTHERS THAT MANY EMPLOYEES USED THE SALE OF STOCK TO THEIR EMPLOYERS AS A MEANS OF PRACTICALLY REDUCING THEIR WAGES. THAT IS TO SAY, WHAT HAD BEEN PAID OUT WAS RETURNED TO THE ORIGINAL OWNERS, WITHOUT OBLIGATION ON THEIR PART.

Suppose an employe who bought stock that is emphatically not for his benefit, how long would he hold his job? And if he was fired, what would his stock be worth? It would rest with his former employers to say whether it should pay dividends, and stock that did not pay dividends

would be mighty hard to sell. Of course, it might be, occasionally, that the managers of the industry which you paid for and do not own might think it best to give you perhaps a tenth as great dividends as they themselves receive; this would be merely a bribe to keep you from voting the Socialist ticket. But, Buddy, you have been taken in—millions of you. You have given up millions, perhaps billions, of dollars without promise of return. And the Republican party permitted the swindle.

What right have you to expect anything else of the profit system? It is essentially dishonest at its very heart. And it is continually swindling and deceiving the people in order to get their property. Suppose the masters of industry should decide to close down their business—would your ownership of a piece of paper save you, you working Dubs, who howl about the danger of Socialism?

Evans Clark, a supporter of the system, in his story in the New York Times, speaks in this way: "CONSIDER TO WHAT A SORRY STATE THE INVESTMENT BANKERS HAVE BROUGHT THE INSTITUTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, WITH THEIR PREFERRED AND CLASSIFIED STOCK ISSUES AND THEIR COMPLICATED REORGANI-

ZATION SCHEMES.... The owners of employe and customer shares of stock might enjoy the fruits of their investment—but only if the directors over whom they have no control see fit to declare a dividend. But surely they cannot use or control their plant, or alienate or dispose of it. Such matters are in the directors' hands. The people who have put their money into the property are shorn of all effective control, while those who have taken millions out of it are clothed with all the power. This divorce of ownership from responsibility, of financial risk from actual control, may well lead to dangerous abuse of power."

What of the Reform? Suppose that Wall Street should really reform—all that expect it please stand on their heads—the millions upon millions of dollars that have already been taken from the pockets of the poor and placed in the control of the rich, thus relieving them of investment and responsibility, would not be effected. That is gone right now. You "invested" your wages and blue!—you might as well have not received them in the first place. Now, you Gumps, hold up your heads and shout for the Republican or Democratic party. Bray, darn you, Bray

Russian Revolution Established But Dictatorship Remains—Bauer

Article IV The Dictatorship

By Dr. Otto Bauer

(Following an investigation of conditions in Russia by a group of Austrian Socialists.) But on the other hand it would be very foolish if we on that account were to refrain from the necessary criticism which we have to direct against the bolsheviks. You will allow me to say quite plainly what I have in mind here. I do not mean by this the fact that on numerous points we hold other views than the bolsheviks. Such differences exist also between Socialist parties, but I am not speaking of them.

There are two points which are conclusive. One of these is the terrorism which even now is being practiced towards our closest Party colleagues, the Russian Socialists.

Let me relate here a characteristic story, which has a connection with the question of the workers' delegation in 1922—the first English workers' delegation visited Russia. To them came a group of Russian comrades led by Comrade Deviatkin. He is the leader and organizer of the Russian printers, himself formerly a printer. Among the Russian printers he has played approximately the part which our comrade Hoeber (the founder of the printers' movement in Austria) has played amongst us.

Unnecessary Cruelty

Scarcely had the English delegation left when Deviatkin and the other Socialist printers who had visited the English were put into prison for having given Russia a bad name before the foreigners. Since then this veteran has undergone a terrible martyrdom. He was kept for a long time in prison, then moved to a concentration camp, then banished, then set free, shortly afterwards pursued fresh—he was obliged to live under an assumed name—and five years after he had committed this terrible

crime a fresh order of imprisonment was issued against him.

The Tcheka could not find him and thereupon imprisoned his daughter, a consumptive, and kept her in captivity, in order to force her father to give himself up.

Finally he did so, was imprisoned, but his daughter remained under arrest. Thereupon he started a hunger strike to force the authorities to set his daughter free. Six days afterwards his daughter was set free. He then requested to be removed to another prison where the other Socialists were kept. This was refused and Deviatkin resumed the hunger strike. They allowed him to continue for eighteen days, and only when he was nearly dying consented to remove him to the other prison. This is a contribution to the history of workers' delegation!

Terrorism No Longer Is Necessary

That during the time of the civil war the bolsheviks practiced a terrible dictatorship is a fact for which I have never blamed them, for at such a time democratic methods fall altogether. But the Russian civil war has been over for five years, the Soviet Government is established beyond question, it has no need for nervousness, the temper throughout the country is not opposed, and in spite of all this they persist in this method of terrorism against workers and Socialists.

We were all very indignant when a little while ago the Italian government dissolved the Socialist Party and declared it to be a punishable offense to be a member of the Socialist Party. There is still another country where membership of a Socialist Party is a punishable offense and that is Russia!

Democracy Still Unattained

When these matters were dealt with in Marseilles and some comrades said we demand full democracy for Russia, I said then that I could not endorse that. After all that has happened in Russia, after the deep hatred which has been bred there, it would still be too perilous to restore now in Russia full freedom of the press and of meeting. But, I add, there are demands which one can make, because the Revolution is already sufficiently established. I hold that one may demand amnesty for the Socialists now in prison and legal recognition of the Socialist Parties, so

that they may have their Press and their organizations. Even the capitalist state grants this right without question to communist parties, and if it attempted to refuse it we Socialists would take action. Everyone will understand that.

Professor (to small boy)—Some insects are wonderful; look at the grasshopper, which can jump thirteen times its own length.

Small Boy—That's nothing. I once saw a wasp lift a three hundred pound man three feet off the ground.

Did you call attention to the Appeal at your last union meeting, if not, why not. Go after that bundle order.

Saved!

THE GOVERNMENT FACED A CRISIS. It was last Wednesday evening the President was to escort Mrs. Secretary Jardine to dinner at the Willard. Should Cal call for Mrs. Jardine at her residence? Obviously not. Cal is President of the United States. Then should Mrs. Secretary Jardine go alone to the dinner and meet Cal there? Certainly not. Mrs. Jardine is the wife of Secretary of Agriculture Jardine.

The records of all the presidents were ransacked. Surely there must be a precedent! Washington can do nothing without a precedent. Feverish hands turned over the state papers until they came to the McKinley administration. "SAVED!" shrieked the third assistant doorkeeper as he waved a document in the air. Pale lips read the precedent. Then it was all simple enough.

One of Cal's aides went in the White House limousine and called for Mrs. Secretary Jardine. Mrs. Secretary Jardine, the aide, and the limousine returned to the White House, Cal stepped in. The crisis was averted. God rejoiced and the government at Washington still lived.

OIL, SAY, CAN YOU SEE! —R. H. L. in the Chicago Tribune.

If you do your bit, the Appeal will be America's most widely read paper. Get busy, comrades, get busy.

"After carefully reading this copy, give it to a friend.—Thank you."

Socialist Party Will Take Stand On These Questions at May 1 Convention

The Agenda Committee of the Socialist Party of America, consisting of Joseph W. Sharts and George E. Hoeber, has submitted the following list of subjects upon which the Socialist Party will make decisions at its national convention, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 1, 1926.

Do the policies and decisions stated below meet the approval of the membership? Where alternate stands are expressed here, which stand do you favor? Does this list include all the subjects that should be settled at the national Socialist Convention?

These are questions for the membership of every local in the United States to decide between now and May 1. Every subject should be gone over and debated at local meetings so that the delegates to the national convention will be thoroughly informed and instructed on the stand of the Socialist membership. Any suggested additions to this agenda should be sent to Joseph W. Sharts, 505 Commercial Building, Dayton, Ohio. Preserve this article for future reference.

War Debts

The Socialist Party favors reduction of the amounts to be paid by all our European debtors in proportion as they reduce their expenditures for military, naval and aerial preparation for war below their present scale. It is hypocrisy for nations spending more on warlike preparations than before the war, to plead poverty as the reason for their failure to pay our government the sums they borrowed. But in recognition of the especially favorable economic situation of this country, we would reduce our demands upon the European governments included to us in proportion as they lighten the burden of militarism and navalism which all the European governments are today laying upon the backs of their workers. In return for full disarmament, ourselves included, we favor complete cancellation of all governmental war debts, including the sums due from Germany.

We denounce the proposed terms for settlement of the war debts which have been agreed upon with the representatives of the murderous Mussolini regime. The terms of settlement amount to a gift of \$150,000,000 in interest to the Mussolini gang, since the interest Italy agrees to pay works out at one quarter of one per cent. Mussolini's representatives got this low rate of interest by pleading poverty. Yet no sooner was this agreement reached than the Italian government agreed to pay no less than seven per cent to the Wall Street bankers for a loan of \$100,000,000. Hypocrisy could not be plainer.

The Socialist Party of the United States favors the cancellation of all war debts due to this country from foreign governments on condition of simultaneous cancellation of all interrelated debts and of all reparations claims against the defeated nations. We are particularly opposed to the system of varying settlements on an arbitrary basis, which permits our government to discriminate between the nations of Europe and which has resulted in the revolting spectacle of American support of the criminal fascist regime in Italy through an extraordinarily generous settlement, while substantially heavier terms were demanded from the liberal government of France.

Mexico

To the workers of Mexico and their President, Calles, the Socialist Party sends fraternal greetings.

We denounce the continued attempt of our government to bully the government of Mexico. We affirm our belief that the Mexican people have a right to control their own natural resources in the way they see fit. This right is far superior to any alleged rights of absentee American investors who ac-

quired their claims under the corrupt and tyrannical Diaz regime, and whose only interest in Mexico is to exploit her people and her resources for their own profits.

China

The Socialist Party affirms its solidarity with the Chinese Workers in their struggle to obtain a higher standard of living. With their ultimate aim of freeing their country from control by Japanese, European, and American imperialism, we are in full accord. We particularly denounce the use of American gunboats to overawe the Shanghai strikers.

War

The Socialist Party points out the undoubted fact that the causes of war are economic and financial. The race for competitive armaments, with its base in the manufacture of munitions for private profit, the struggle to get control of backward lands to exploit their natural resources and population as a field for profitable investment are at the root of modern wars. The manufacture of munitions for private profit and economic imperialism are so close to the very heart of capitalism that it is hardly possible to abolish them without replacing capitalism itself by a saner system.

Russia

The Socialist Party reaffirms its stand in favor of immediate recognition of Soviet Russia and the opening up of trade relations with her.

Progressive Movement

The Socialist Party points out to the people of this country that the failure to launch an independent political party representing the producing masses of this country against the exploiting plutocrats has brought about the definite collapse of the progressive movement. The Democrats in the past few months have cooperated with the Republicans in a great extent in helping to pass the Mellon tax bill with its iniquitous plan of untaxing wealth and taxing the producers. Yet the reactionary Republican leaders of the Senate, are more willing to cooperate with the so-called Progressives than with the Democrats, as is shown by their willingness to take Robert M. LaFollette, Jr. back into the Republican fold and give him committee appointments as a Republican in the hope of getting his help in retaining control of the Senate against the Democrats.

The Negro

The Socialist Party seeks to unite all producers, whatever their race, color or creed, in the effort to substitute Socialism for capitalism and thus to relieve the world of poverty, unemployment, exploitation and war. Segregation is the very opposite of uniting. Therefore, the Socialist Party opposes all forms of segregation along racial lines whether in the schools or in attempted legal restrictions on residence.

We call to the attention of the trade unions of this country that the policy of excluding colored men from the unions where it is still practiced, is both extremely dangerous to the standards of the organized white trade unionists themselves and a bitter injustice to our colored fellow workers.

To the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters we send our congratulations and fraternal greetings, and our best wishes for success.

Lynching is a blot upon our civilization. In order to deal with it more effectively we favor the principles of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill. The fact that the Republicans have failed to pass this bill despite their complete control of the government is conclusive proof of the hypocritical character of their pretense of friendship for the colored man.

Organization

The National Office is directed, and the State and District Offices are recommended, to secure Socialist Party Correspondents in unorganized towns or states, provided that such correspondents will agree to distribute our literature in campaign times, or attempt to arrange meetings during campaigns.

The National Office is directed to draw up a system of rating for state and district offices, and such local offices as have paid officials, which shall make it possible to compare the ratio shown by those different offices, between salary, rent, telephone, postage and other overhead expenses on the one hand, and the number of indoor and outdoor meetings arranged, the number of leaflets and pamphlets distributed and other propaganda and organization activities and the number of legislative hearings attended on the other.

The National Executive Committee is directed to draw up leaflets on "SOCIALISM AND THE FARMER," Socialist Position on Foreign Affairs, Property Income and Giant Power.

The National Executive Committee is directed to draw up bills providing for nationalization of the railroads, nationalization of electric power, and unemployment insurance. Either the bills themselves or abstracts of the bills with the arguments for them should be printed as leaflets or pamphlets.

Associate Membership

Fraternal beneficial associations, trade unions, cooperatives and farmers' organizations may affiliate with the Socialist Party through our local or state organization or the national office, by paying in the case of local organizations which affiliate, one cent per member per month, and in the case of national organizations which affiliate one-quarter cent per member per month. Organizations which affiliate free from the party division to which they affiliate one-half of the value of their affiliation fee in leaflets and pamphlets.

Members of affiliated organizations shall be known as associate members. They shall have the right to vote on all questions submitted to referendum, or for selection of nominees, in the same way that ordinary members vote, but their votes shall only count for that portion of the vote of ordinary members which the affiliation fee which they pay bears to the amount received by the party organization to which they affiliate from the dues of ordinary members.

The N. E. C. is directed to make the changes in the Party Constitution necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Literature

The National Executive Committee stand instructed to arrange for the preparation of pamphlets, especially text books or syllabi for use in study classes by party members; these publications to explore the economic, political, social and institutional history of the United States, especially the history of the American working class, the evolution of American industry, the development of political parties, and related subjects that will give a rich cultural background to the Socialist movement and root the Socialist Party in the history of the United States.

American Appeal

The National Executive Committee stand instructed to initiate an active campaign to the end that every member of the Party in the United States shall become a sub-

scriber to the American Appeal.

That every member of the Party shall subscribe to the American Appeal, the cost of the subscription to be added to the annual dues.

Agriculture and the Farmers

That the National Executive Committee appoint a special committee from the membership of the Party for the purpose of making a study of the agricultural situation, and to formulate a political and economic program to avert the collapse of agriculture in the West.

The working program dealing with the desperate situation of the farmers in the West shall be made a part of our political platform in the coming Congressional elections as well as in the Presidential campaign in 1928.

World Court

That the Socialist Party of the United States favors the Government of the United States joining the World Court without reservations.

That the Socialist Party of the United States favors the Government of the United States joining the World Court on the basis of the reservations recently adopted by the United States Senate.

That whether the United States joins the World Court at this time is of no immediate concern to the working class of the United States and that, therefore, the Socialist Party refrains at this time from taking a position on the World Court.

League of Nations

That the Socialist Party of the United States favors the Government of the United States joining the League of Nations without reservations.

That the Socialist Party favors the Government of the United States joining the League of Nations on an condition that Russia and Germany are admitted to the League.

That whether the United States joins the League of Nations at this time is of no immediate concern to the working class of the United States and that, therefore, the Socialist Party refrains at this time from taking a position on the League of Nations.

The Socialist Party of the United States endorses the International Socialist position on the League of Nations as formulated by the Labor and Socialist International at its Hamburg Congress of 1923 and reaffirmed at the Marseilles Congress of 1924.

It declares that it is the duty of the working class to resist the tendency of the League of Nations to become an instrument of reaction and imperialism and to use its influence and power in every country to secure that all nations shall be admitted to the League, that its organization shall be made democratic, and that the work of each country shall exercise effective control over the actions of the representatives on the League. It is this way the League may be so transformed that it will become an effective instrument to secure (a) the interests of peace, (b) the rights of the people, and (c) the revision of the iniquitous peace treaties. In conformity with these views the Socialist Party favors the entrance of the United States in the League of Nations.

Trade Unionism

That the Socialist Party reaffirms its position on "Socialism and the Trade Unionism" adopted at its National Convention in 1923.

Workers' Education

That the Socialist Party reaffirms its position adopted at its National Convention in 1923 on labor education in the United States providing for the fullest cooperation and endorsement in this particular field.

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Petition for Restoration of Citizenship to Eugene V. Debs

WHEREAS, Eugene V. Debs was deprived of his citizenship when he was sentenced to a federal prison for opposition to the World War, and WHEREAS, Mr. Debs has been released from prison without citizenship, and WHEREAS, Mr. Debs was sentenced under a special emergency law to fit a special emergency, and in view of the fact that this law and this emergency no longer exist, and WHEREAS, Mr. Debs' motives from his viewpoint were pure and patriotic and in no way culpable or criminal, and WHEREAS, Mr. Debs is a man of loftiest and purest motive, devoted wholeheartedly to a life-long work of making this country, as he sees it, greater and better, and WHEREAS, amnesty or parole has been granted by the United States government in all cases similar to that of Mr. Debs and full citizenship has been restored in such cases by all the other governments of the former Allies; therefore WE, THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS, RESPECTFULLY PETITION THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO RESTORE TO EUGENE V. DEBS HIS FULL RIGHTS AS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

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