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Calling Socialist State Convention

OUR MOST PRESSING DEMAND

By Eugene V. Debs

It is only from a deep sense of duty that I venture to claim the attention of our party members at this time. Recovery from my recent attack of illness has been somewhat slow and I am still confined to my room, bearing with such patience as I can the enforced interruption of the work that lies nearest to my heart. I am sure the comrades know that my weakness is entirely of a physical nature. There can never be any faltering of the spirit in any true comrade, and the situation is trying enough, as the experience of some of us older members proves, when the spirit is so ardent, so militant and eager to serve, while the flesh, worn to the limit, lags and holds back and pleads for more time for recuperation.

But my voice can never be that of weakness, or of pessimism or despair. I am fettered for the moment, held prisoner for a time, but I shall recover myself after a period of release and needed treatment, and take up the work again my heart is in, and without which there would be little worth dreaming of, little to set ideals aglow, and little or nothing to challenge manhood and high resolve, and to fight for in the battle of life.

Since I am now unable to mingle with our comrades who are fighting so bravely in these testing days to rebuild the party; since I cannot make my appeal direct, as I have been making it these many years in all the states of the union, I am taking this means of addressing our members upon the one subject of most vital interest to me and, as I believe, to the Socialist movement at this time. The rebuilding of the Socialist Party, clean and uncompromising in spirit and purpose and upon a bed-rock foundation, is today the work of most pressing need and importance to the American workers.

The Socialist Party has from its very beginning been the party of the working class, has championed its interests and fought its battles with unwavering courage and loyalty. It is true that it has made mistakes, which is also true of every other party in

the world, but it has maintained its working class integrity and has never in a single instance failed the workers in their strikes, their boycotts and lockouts, and in all their struggles to shorten their hours, better their condition, and emancipate their class from industrial servitude.

When the great war was precipitated by the murder masters who rule capitalist society, the Socialist Party was the one and only party that stepped boldly to the front and with the courage of its honest convictions declared that menacing massacre a monstrous crime against the human race. The lightning thus defied struck at once, and from that hour all the powers of capitalism, aroused to a pitch of insane fury, combined against it and decreed the destruction of the Socialist Party. The party had taken its stand squarely upon the side of the conscripted workers who were swept into the red hell, and not a few of whom succumbed to the hysteria which seized upon the nation, and with the common enemy turned upon the party that alone stood like granite to save them from slaughter and destruction. In this ordeal of fire it is not strange that there were many desertions, that trials and troubles of all kinds, within as well as without, should beset the embattled members that refused to surrender, and that the party was reduced to a mere fraction of its former formidable strength and numbers. But while its membership was decimated, the unconquerable spirit survived, and now that the war is over and the world is seeking to restore itself to such sanity and order as are possible under the prevailing insane and disorderly system, the Socialist Party, true to the faith in itself and in its historic mission that has kept it alive, is again at work with renewed energy and determination to rebuild upon a more solid foundation and make itself stronger and fitter than ever before to serve as the political weapon of the workers in their struggle for industrial freedom.

To the Socialists of Oklahoma Greeting:

Acting upon instructions from the Chairman of the State Executive Committee, the Socialists of Oklahoma are hereby called to meet in mass convention in Oklahoma City, on March 9, 1924, for the purpose of drafting a State ticket, adopting a State Platform, choosing a State Executive Committee, electing a State Secretary, formulating a program for future work and transacting such other business as may come before them.

All members of the Socialist party who hold paid up cards are eligible to participate in the convention. An opportunity will be given to all those who desire to become members of the party at the convention. Write to the Socialists in your county and urge them to attend the convention.

From the many reports coming to this office this will be the largest convention held by the Socialist party in Oklahoma in the past four years. Come and help the Socialists of Oklahoma to make history for the working class.

Unless a change of meeting place is made, the convention will convene in the carpenters hall, third floor, at Second and Robinson Streets, March 9, at 10 a. m.

Fraternally yours,

Myrtle Blackwell,

State Secretary,

918 West Grand Avenue.

Phone Maple 4796.

New York, Jan. 22, 1924.

Ramsey McDonald,

London, England.

American Socialists hail with joy the advent of first workers government in Great Britain. Only the political rule of labor in the principal countries of Europe can bring economic order, social justice and universal peace to the distracted world.

SOCIALIST PARTY UNITED STATES.

Otto Branstetter,
Morris Hilquit.

Workers have as good a taste for T-bone steaks, french fries, good vegetables, fruits, pastries, and other palatable foods as bankers, parasites, poodle dogs and monkeys. Working people are just human.

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Knowledge is mankind's greatest benefactor, ignorance is civilizations greatest handicap.

You can't measure a man's religion by the length of his face.

I know no great men except those who have rendered great service to the human race.—Voltaire.

The union label is a protest against the exploitation of women and children.

Do you believe in collective bargaining? Then demand the union label.

Republicans, watch the cat fight in the Senate while it is trying to organize the regulars and anti-regulars, then retire and have a Soviet nightmare.

NATIONAL SECRETARY RESIGNS

Otto Branstetter, National Secretary of the Socialist Party of America has tendered his resignation to the National Executive Committee. Bertha Hale White has been elected to be our National Secretary for the coming year.

The Bugle welcomes Comrade White to the National Secretaryship, she is well known to many of the comrades, has been in the National Office for several years, knows the routine work and we feel sure that she will make us a good secretary. The Bugle trusts that the comrades in each state will give her all the support that you can. Let 1924 be a historical year in the advance of the Socialist Party.

Assails Stovall

Dispatches quoting Representative Dave Stovall and other supporters of the hooded K. K. K. in the state legislature of Oklahoma as calling for an investigation of the I. W. W. as an alleged secret organization brought a sharp comeback from Harry Feinberg, secretary of the General Defense Committee which has been handling the cases of oil and agricultural workers arrested in Oklahoma for their activities in I. W. W. unions.

"Stovall is trying to draw a red herring across the demand for an investigation of the klan which has arisen since the recent orgy of whipping outrages in his state, and the scandals incidental to the Walton affair," declared Feinberg. "There is nothing secret about the I. W. W. and he knows it. It is an established labor union, its books and meetings are open and its industrial aims are clearly stated. Its members carry their membership cards and credentials openly and wear neither mask nor camouflage.

The I. W. W. will welcome such an investigation as it always welcomes investigations of its activities. It has nothing to hide and everything to gain from publicity as to its facts and methods. The inquiry into the organization conducted by the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations several years ago brought it thousands of members.

Stovall's attack on the I. W. W., Oklahoma City dispatches say, came when he rose to speak for the Richard klan amendment to the klan bill demanding that lists of officers and membership rolls of secret organizations be filed. He described the I. W. W. and other radical movements as a danger which the klan and other conservative organizations must fight.

WE HAVE MOVED

The Bugle office in the future will be found at 918 West Grand Avenue. Telephone Maple 4796. The State office of the Socialists will also be found at this address

INSTRUCTIONS TO REMEMBER

Send all money for dues, applications for charters, and communications regarding the Socialist Party to Myrtle Blackwell, State Secretary, 918 West Grand Avenue, Oklahoma City, Okla.

PARTY DUES

The Oklahoma Socialist Party Dues are now twenty-five cents per month, or three dollars per year.

Send all money for party dues to the State Secretary, Myrtle Blackwell, 918 West Grand Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Debs Invites You

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This great work of party building, so vitally urgent at this hour, cannot be accomplished by a few only and pleads trumpet-tongued for the active and enthusiastic co-operation of us all. It is in this great work that I take the liberty to invite the comrades who have not yet taken hold to join us, that its success may be assured beyond all doubt in the very near future.

We are soon to enter upon a presidential year and the Socialist Party should be in a position to stand full-panoplied upon the threshold of that campaign, armed and equipped with all its mental and moral resources to challenge the enemy and to wage with bold and inspiring intrepidity the battle of the workers for industrial liberation.

What can you do, dear comrade, to help in this supremely important task? You can secure a new member, preferably one who has not before belonged to the party, or you can get a new subscriber to some Socialist paper, or, better still, you can do both and repeat the process as often as your time and means will permit.

There is not one of us who add at least one new member rolls and one new subscriber press.

To build up the party means to build up the press, just as building up the press means the building up the party.

These twin duties go hand in hand. We shall never have a real movement until we have a press of our own to speak our word, deliver our message, and fight our battles.

This then is the thing I am asking each member of the party to do for me at this season. I wish no other gift and I ask that none other be sent me. To comrades who are kind and generous enough to wish to send me a personal gift I beg to return my thanks as if the gift had already been sent, accepting the will for the deed, and asking that such gift be sent to some poor person who needs it while I do not, and the sending to whom will be a tenfold gift to me.

Sufficient unto me is the love and goodwill of my comrades. That I confess I wish above all else, on condition, however, that I may feel that I have in some small measure earned it and that I am not entirely undeserving in such a rich and satisfying possession.

With deep affection, hearty greetings and loyal devotion to all our comrades, and earnestly hoping the coming year may see our party rise to unprecedented power and prestige and realize our highest hopes and our noblest aspirations, I am, as ever,

Yours fraternally,

Eugene V. Debs.

'GENE DEBS PAYS GLOWING TRIBUTE TO NICOLAI LENIN

Terre Haute, Ind.—The death of Nicolia Lenin is a calamity to the Russian Soviet, Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, said here today.

"I regard Lenin as the greatest thinker that emerged from the world war," Debs said, "He towered head and shoulders above every other statesman in Europe,

"Lenin has passed through an ordeal in the past five years such as never before faced any human being. He has carried two bullets, fired into his body by an assassin, and at the same time been forced to bear a burden of official responsibility and care greater than any other man' in the world.

"His place in history is certain. He will go down in history as one of the greatest statesmen, a towering personality, a heroic soul, and in the loftiest sense a champion of the rights and liberties of the common people,"

—The Worker,

WAR

By Victor Hugo

Let us dishonor war; glorious war does not exist. It is not good, and it is not useful to make corpses. No. It can not be that life travails for Death.

Oh, mother, surround me, it can not be that war, the Robber, should take from you yo children.

It can not be that women should bear children in pain, that men should be born, that people should plant and sow, that the farmer should fertilize the fields, and the workman enrich the city; that industry should produce marvels, that genius should produce prodigies, that the vast human activity should, in presence of the starry sky, multiply eff-

orts and creations, all to result in that frightful international explosion which is called the field of battle.

SPEAKERS AND LECTURERS.

Write to The Bugle, 918 West Grand Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla., for a lecturer o organizer.

Finger-printing of the workers seem to be the order of the day. Why not try it on the silk hat crowd? They need it.

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SOCIALIST PARTY STATE HEAD-QUARTERS

The State Office of the Socialist Party will be found at 918 West Grand Avenue, Oklahoma City, Okla. Myrtle Blackwell, State Secretary.

THE BUGLE

The Bugle is again late in getting off the press. We were waiting for the date of the next State Convention to be set in order to announce same, and with our own pressing business and thin pocketbook we thought it best to wait till we could make this issue of service to the State Convention. The next issue will be out following the State Convention, with convention news. Send in your order for bundles and sample copies early.

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Leader's Threat

The Oklahoma Leader threatens to disrupt the Democrat Party. Oscar you are sure some red revolutionist.

The Oklahoma Leader's Big Boss," Oscar Ameringer, wants to name the man on the Democrat ticket for United States Senate. We trust that the Democrats will deal tenderly with Oscar and his orphans.

We have heard a good deal about the "Old Lady on Fourth street," (The Daily Oklahoman) but the "Young Lady on Third street" (The Oklahoma Leader) bids air to make the "Old Lady" go way back and sit down. For in the order of "The Knights of the Double Cross," The Young Lady has won the Blue Ribbon.

The Oklahoma Leader proclaims a hundred and fifty thousand voters in Oklahoma that don't know what they want or how to get it. Better have Langston herd them to Milwaukee and have them sit at the feet of Vistor Berger, and they will learn as "That Disciple," Oscar Ameringer, how to bring about the social revolution through the Democrat party.

"The Big Boss," Oscar Ameringer, says he is a "Red." That may be, but his profile reminds us of an animal that bothered mother's chickens when we were boys, that animal did not look "Red," nor did it smell "Red."

To Attorney General Daugherty Socialism is disloyalty to the government. Oil is loyalty, patriotism.

Our literature had passed the age of anti-war and peace propoganda. The Russian Revolution, Lenin, Trotsky and the Moscow Communist songs. Our need is for a literature on American Railroads, Coal Mine Problems, the Housing Question, Child Labor, Labor Injunctions, Immigration, Militarism and International Peace, the Problem of the Farmer and the Socialist Program, the Negro vuestion, and Race Prejudice, and the Koo Kooos. We now need literature of our everyday problems from the socialistic point to view. Comrades, buy good Socialist literature and pass it on to your friends.

La Follette stands as a leader of the middle-class politicians with all the weakness and vacillation of his class.

From all reports the meeting in St. Louis of the Conference for Progressive Political Action had a small attendance and brought orth no solution for the workers problems.

The privately-owned Reconstruction League plan will not work, that is certain, as its owners are themselves under a cloud labeled "Farm Labor Bureau alias Big Business"—Union News.

SOCIALIST PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in session February 12 1924, at St. Louis, Mo., fixed July 6th as the date of the 1924 National Convention, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Oklahoma Socialists should arrange to send a delegate to the National Convention.

TEAPOT DOME

From all reports it seems as though Washington, D. C. bids fair to become the center of the American Oil Exchange.

A socialist press is a prime essential of a successful flourishing socialist movement. Urge your friends to subscribe for the Bugle.

By a farm labor movement in Oklahoma, we mean that art of uniting the land owning farmer with the union skilled workman in order that the tenant farmer and the wage worker may be painlessly skinned.

Socialists should not become so interested in the fight between the K. K. K. and the Anti-K. K. K. as to lose sight of the socialist party and the class struggle. In the near future, both organizations will be past history, and without the socialist party, you will have no weapon with which to fight capitalism.

There is but little difference in the politician from Wall street, the land owning farmer from North Dakota or the labor union man in Oklahoma so long as they support the profit system in any form.

Senator Borah says that Secretary Hughes had a Soviet nightmare. If the whiskered Secretary listens to Daugherty's fairy wonder tales, he will soon be a fit subject for the bug house. We would advise that both be sent there now, but we have some respect and feeling for the inmates.

Dirt farmers and wage-earners must maintain their own political organization or the old party politicians will continue to hold you in the bonds of wage slavery.

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Chicago and Cook county socialists are very active in getting ready for the 1924 campaign. They will have a full ticket for the primaries. Cook county Socialists have many live locals that are holding good meetings With lectures, forums, and a good paper, The Chicago Socialist, our comrades in Chicago are pushing the Socialist movement to victory.

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FARM LABOR UNION CONVENTION

Ye editor attended the State convention of the Farm-Labor Union at Ardmore. We found a fine delegation of men, anxious to do something that would help the farmers.

An air of secrecy and mystery seemed to hang like a halo about each officer and delegate. He wanted to say something or do something that he did not want his fellows to know about.

We met a few old time socialists who seemed to believe that they could capture the democrat party and make a revolutionary organ out of the party machine.

In their desire for higher prices for cotton and other farm products it seemed that the delegates had lost sight of the class struggle and forgotten the evils of rent, interest and profit.

The speeches from the floor during the time that the meeting was in secret session, was a plea for the farmers in the union to use the democrat party machinery in order to put their friends in political power. Get a farmer who believes in socialism, one that is a republican, have both cancel his or her registration and register as a democrat, then with the democrats who will help, put a revolutionary program over on the democrat party and the co-operative commonwealth will have been established.

We do not believe that all the farmers will fall for this political bunk.

The farmers union is making industrial progress and we trust that they will not throw it away on the political field. If they win it will be with a woking class program that has for its intent the overthrow of capitalism, and the capitalist system.

This was the first farm-labor union meeting that we have attended where they claimed to try to put over a socialist program and yet did not want a member of the socialist party to speak. It reminded us of the Oklahoma City Trades and Labor Council under the yellow dictatorship of J. Luther Langston, where a member of the socialist party must support the De-struction League or forfeit his seat in the Trades and Labor Council, only the Farmers Union has a more honest body of workers seeking their salvation with not so many crooked politicians. The Farmer-Labor Union has an opportunity to bring much relief to the farmers of Oklahoma. Here is hoping.

THE DAILY WORKER

The Daily Worker, the first Communist Daily in English, has been launched by the comrades of the Workers party.

The Daily Worker presents a political and economic interpretation of Marx that is alive with the proletarian gospel of the working class.