

"It Is Not At All Certain That I Shall Be Permitted to Return to the Land of My Birth. I Am Sure That Strenuous Efforts Will Be Secretly Made to Bar My Entry Into the United States."—Eugene V. Debs.

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Law Hounds Trail Debs to Bermuda-- His Return Is Greatly Endangered

The first message from Debs since his arrival in Bermuda has come in a letter to George R. Kirkpatrick, national secretary of the Socialist Party.

It contains such astounding news of the treatment of Debs, in search of health for Mrs. Debs, by the secret service agents of two malignant governments, that we are submitting it in full to the readers of the American Appeal and the friends of Debs throughout the nation for their immediate consideration, judgment and ACTION

Shore Hills Hotel St. George's,
Bermuda, March 26, 1926.

George R. Kirkpatrick,
Executive Secretary, Socialist Party,
2653 Washington Boulevard,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Comrade Kirkpatrick:—We arrived safely, Katherine and I. It is a very beautiful and picturesque island in mid-ocean. Katherine is already feeling better in the balmy air of this semi-tropical climate.

But it is not certain that we will be permitted to remain here. You will see that our good patriotic friends at home are keeping a watchful eye on my movements.

On the boat leaving New York I was taken in hand the instant I stepped aboard, interviewed in detail, and photographed by four different camera men.

We went to New York quietly, but they, somehow, found out we were there. I do not know, unless we were trailed, how they learned the day and hour of our departure, as well as the boat we were to leave on; but it is evident that they were fully advised of our plans and movements.

There was no unusual incident on the voyage, though the feeling was strong upon me that there was the scent of a secret service agent in the atmosphere, and subsequent developments seem to confirm my suspicion.

I was made aware of the fact at once on landing here that my fame (?) had preceded my arrival. On stepping ashore I was confronted by the immigration inspector who asked me my name, the purpose of my coming, how long I intended to stay, etc. He also required me to show my ticket and to state where I was to stay while here.

Perhaps I should have mentioned that when we were in New York there was a great deal of discussion in the daily papers there about my case, editorially and through the columns given over to correspondents. The New York Evening World had a remarkably fair editorial protesting against my further persecution.

The Assistant Secretary of Labor at Washington was quoted as saying he did not think there would be any interference with my going to or returning from Bermuda.

The issue involved in the case seems to have aroused a good deal of sympathetic feeling, and I am inclined to believe some good will come out of the widespread agitation which has resulted. It is not that I care in the least, so far as I am personally concerned, what the ultimate outcome will be, but I am profoundly interested in putting an end to the brutal persecution and heartless hounding of men who have once been inmates of prison and must, therefore, have their footsteps dogged and be damned the rest of their days, and incidentally be made criminals in spite of themselves.

But to proceed with my story. Soon after we reached our hotel here, the proprietor, a very fine man, informed me that some government agents wanted to see me and that they would soon arrive for that purpose. Half an hour later the immigration inspector, accompanied by the chief of police and the sergeant of police, appeared, stating that they had come to investigate my case.

A long and detailed interview followed in which they demanded specific and detailed information, but treated me with all personal courtesy. They asked me questions without number, covering my life from the day I was born, taking down my answers in writing and making copious notes covering several pages.

Of course I answered fully and frankly, withholding nothing as to my position, my principles, activities, etc. They even had to know when and where my father and mother were born and much more about my family life, my own, of course, in particular—what labor organizations I belonged to, what political party, what business I was engaged in in the various periods of my life, what subjects I lectured on, whether I had ever been in England, or Canada; what prisons I had been in, and when, etc., etc.

They were particular to know every detail of the Canton speech, the Cleveland trial, the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, commutation, with dates of each.

They wanted to know my attitude toward the World War, and I told them flatly that I was opposed to it. They asked the reason why and I frankly told them.

They asked about my Socialism and received full information. They asked me if I had brought any propaganda matter with me, and it seemed to relieve them when I answered in the negative.

They then opened a ponderous volume and read to me the law concerning the exclusion of undesirable immigrants. I could certainly be excluded without straining its drastic provisions.

The immigration inspector then served notice on me that if I at-

tempted to make any speech or engage in any propaganda, they would have to deport me at once from the island, to all of which I listened with smiling indulgence if not approval.

Now, as to what will be the outcome of the investigation, I, of course, do not know. My present attitude is certainly one of "watchful waiting," and quite as certainly can I go or stay with like composure and serenity. If I have any preference, it is due wholly to the state of my wife's health.

Now, finally, it is not at all certain that I shall be permitted to re-enter the land of my birth. I know that I am kept under careful and constant surveillance and I am sure that strenuous efforts will be secretly made to bar my entry into the United States.

This may not come to pass, but I am prepared for it, and I shall not be surprised if I have to view the statue of Liberty by Bartholdi (who once called me a "noble American") in New York harbor from afar through the wistful eyes of an undesirable alien.

How strange it seems that my humble speeches and my feeble efforts and activities in the cause of the people should have excited the fear, wrath and vengeance—or shall I say, inspired the anxiety, vigilance and solicitude—of the two most powerful and professedly the most Christian, humane, enlightened and progressive governments in the world!

If we are to remain for awhile, I dearly wish you and all the good comrades at headquarters who are working so hard and loyally, and who so well deserve it, could be here to enjoy with us the beauty and wonder of these enchanted islands. I feel something strongly akin to a sense of guilt in being permitted to enjoy what is so rigorously and cruelly denied to many who most deserve it.

With dearest love to all, in which Katherine heartily joins me, I am always,

Yours devotedly,
EUGENE V. DEBS.

This Calls for Action

We ask the many thousands of the friends of Debs throughout the United States to calmly consider this situation.

A man whose life has been an open book. The American, above all other Americans whose life typifies and expresses love for his fellow men, hatred of violence, a life-long striving for essential law and essential democracy—finds himself, at the age of 70, in search of a haven of health and rest for his invalid wife—trailed, hounded, watched, spied upon, photographed, tagged, tabulated, booked, warned and threatened by two powerful governments as though he were a dangerous international criminal.

This cruel and grotesque procedure—this absolutely unnecessary action—is the usual method employed by capitalist governments to damn a prospective victim in the eyes of the public before sacrificing him.

When the powerful and sinister forces in this country absolutely bent upon destroying the influence of Debs and the cause he represents, are taken into consideration, there is only one conclusion possible:

THERE IS IMMINENT DANGER THAT DEBS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN.

There is danger from the few whose colossal power has been challenged fearlessly by Debs for a generation.

There is danger from the political elements that feel the onus of having sent Debs to prison for having told what every one now knows was the truth.

The only vindication they can hope for is a confession from Debs that he was wrong and they were right.

They have tried without avail to force that confession from Debs with the club of disfranchisement.

THERE IS GREAT DANGER THAT THEY WILL NOW ATTEMPT TO FORCE IT FROM HIM WITH THE CLUB OF EXCLUSION FROM THE LAND OF HIS BIRTH.

The Appeal has in its possession facts about the treatment of disfranchised American citizens out of this country without passports that will amaze and shock the readers of the Appeal when they are published.

These facts give no hope that Debs will be permitted to re-enter the land of his birth.

The one man in the United States who has had more to do with many of these cases than any other man—Sailendra Nath Ghose, secretary of the India Freedom Foundation—was asked by a representative of the Appeal if he thought Debs would be permitted to return to this country. This is his reply:

I do not believe Debs will be allowed to return. In my whole experience in defense of disfranchised and excluded victims of present laws, I have found nothing but an obdurate heart of flint opposed to the slightest concession regarding the re-entrance of these victims without passports.

I do not know of a single case where a person in a situation similar to the one Debs is now in who has been allowed to return to his country after having been allowed to leave it without a passport.

Here is one instance out of a number I am acquainted with like it: Taraknath Das, well known throughout the United States because of his prominent connection with the India freedom movement, has been a citizen since 1915.

He married Mrs. Morse, a native-born American, a citizen ever since the enfranchisement of women in the United States and one of the founders of the Woman's Party. She became dangerously ill and was advised by physicians to go to Germany for expert treatment.

In company with her husband, she started for Germany. Mr. Das was denied a passport on account of an opinion written down by Justice Southerland of the Supreme Court that East Indians are not eligible for citizenship. Mrs. Das was denied a passport on the ground that she was married to an alien.

They went without passports. Now they cannot return, although they have importuned the Department of Immigration for about a year, ON THE GROUND THAT THEY HAVE NO PASSPORTS. They are exiles and outcasts without a country in Germany, although the citizenship papers of Mr. Das have never yet been cancelled.

WHEN MRS. DAS MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO MOVE THE HEARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO LET HER RETURN TO HER NATIVE LAND, SHE WAS TOLD THAT SHE COULD NOT RETURN UNLESS SHE OBTAINED A DIVORCE FROM HER HUSBAND.

Debs, an eminent, native-born American, is in Bermuda on account of the dangerous illness of Mrs. Debs. They are there without passports. I expect to see Debs treated exactly like Mrs. Das is being treated.

DEBS CANNOT RETURN UNLESS HE OBTAINS A DIVORCE FROM EVERY PRINCIPLE AND IDEAL FOR WHICH HE WAS IMPRISONED.

Citizens, comrades, workers, when the Appeal, in future issues, gets through telling you of the monstrous treatment of men and women, native and naturalized, who have left this country without passports, you will realize the danger Debs is in.

THEY WILL KEEP DEBS OUT, IF THEY DARE, IN THE FACE OF PUBLIC OPINION.

They will keep him out if no widely organized and determined public opinion manifests itself in his defense.

THEY WILL LET DEBS RETURN IF EVERY READER OF THIS ARTICLE WILL JOIN THE BIG DRIVE AND HELP CREATE A PROTEST THAT WILL SHAKE THIS NATION FROM CENTER TO CIRCUMFERENCE.

Citizens, comrades, workers, awake, arise, act! Not only to prevent the most beloved American from becoming a wandering exile, but also to defend every other victim of the same unjust laws, to save the principles of liberty that underlie our government and to make impossible forever the repetition of these outrages.

The Appeal has prepared the one big blow that will mean victory and success—**THE DEBS CITIZENSHIP SPECIAL**—which will appear May 1.

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By GLENGARRY

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Sam says: He read the meek shall... earth. Yes, but after the... were through with...

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THOUGHTS

Tom Trust... pardon we want for Debs... crashes stocks in Wall... cracks heads in Passaic... one better government... Socialist Party—and... man does not finance it... is sometimes a un... service... Administrations are better... than gas masks... is multiplying... influence... and blockhead voting... occasions when a cell con... than a palace... of the riot clubs are... Passaic's last election... at only \$1—The American... but only \$1 for a whole year.

French Socialists

It is reported from Paris that the Socialist party of France is gathering strength so rapidly that in case of a general election being forced in the near future over the nation's financial problem the 103 Socialists in the parliament will come back so heavily reinforced as to make it impossible for any old party combination successfully to resist the Socialist demand for balancing the budget and restoring credit by making the war and post-war profiteers and wealthy bourgeois in general let go of a substantial share of their ill-gotten gains.

Young People's Department. National Office: YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT, 25 Vermont St., Boston, Mass. Anne J. Parker, Dist. Director.

With the Circles.

FITCHBURG, MASS.—The Fitchburg Yipset circle has been arranging a special entertainment and propaganda meeting on Sunday each month during the past winter, and will continue this program as long as practical this spring. An audience varying from 200 to 400 generally enjoys these meetings. The last one was held on the 25th of March, and the next is to come on April 18th.

When Summer Comes

Organizations such as the Y. P. S. L., which follow most of the year, an educational program and serious work, suffer greatly from the seasonal summer rise of the mercury.

How It's Done

The Nash Motor Company stock has increased in value more than forty fold in nine years (1916-1925), and Charley Nash profits not in understand his phenomenon. Wealth stands on the Nash family unaware! Those who work in the Nash plants, however, experience no difficulty in comprehending this multiplication of value.

The Filling Station

Joe, the Standard Berr, did his first arguing for Socialism this week. He did not risk doing it while on duty, but sitting in the park after hours, a friend seated himself at his side and himself broached the subject.

Women's Department

Josephine Conger

Industry Slowing Down

We are having good times, all right. Last week I was in Steelville, Illinois, where they have a splendid new shoe factory, owned partly by outside interests. The factory employs about 300 men, women and girls.

Line Upon Line

Today or not at all. Everybody is interested in trouble. If you don't know what to do, don't. The man who plays horse is an ass.

No Need of Insurance Waste

The Public Management of Industry, in giving all opportunity, would obviate the need of insurance. It would enable a calamity in one section to be relieved without delay of the humility of charity work.

Camden Comrade Dies

Comrade Mrs. Mary Emma Foss, agent and loyal member of the 11th Ward Branch of Camden, County N. J., wife of Andrew J. Foss, and the mother of Mrs. Katherine Rambo and Wilson Foss, died on Friday evening, March 19th.

Letters to Judd

By Upton Sinclair

Letter XIII

The essence of our industrial system is the private ownership of the means of production; with profit for the private owner as the motive power of industry. The capitalist produces the goods we need, and in order to get them we pay him everything above the bare means of keeping us alive and enabling us to raise the next generation.

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question is, who is to own that surplus—those who do the work, or those who live as parasites? That makes all the difference for whom a workingman has made too much wealth for his master, the workingman is out of a job; but when the workingman has made too much wealth for himself, the workingman is on a vacation.

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Iron Heel Descends in Italy Endangering All World-Labor

The new capitalism of Italy arose into full view this week with the announcement by Mussolini of the details of his new system. The American workers—the workers of the whole world—should understand what this system is like. IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE NEW CAPITALIST SYSTEM DESIGNED TO SUPPLANT THE OLD CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

stands clothed anew with dictatorial powers. Fascism pretends that this syndicalist body is a just representation of the various economic elements and insures equal treatment to all. In reality IT IS AN IMMOVABLE STRAIGHT-JACKET FOR HARNESSING AND EXPLOITING LABOR.

THE TOTAL REPRESENTATION, ALTHOUGH THEY REPRESENT AT LEAST 80 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE, AND EVEN THAT MEAGER REPRESENTATION WILL CONSIST OF HAND-PICKED FASCIST APPOINTEES OF MUSSOLINI, STaunch SUPPORTERS OF THE NEW SLAVERY OF THE WORKERS.

of "the new Roman empire." It is this spectacle to the south that causes the intensified Fascist campaigns in other countries.

Labor Rules in 5 Australian States

The Australian Labor Party was successful during 1935 in winning majorities in the parliaments of two further member states, New South Wales and Tasmania, which means that with the two other states won previously there is now a Labor government in five out of the six Australian states.

Farm-Labor Exchange Does Huge Business

Fourteen carloads of cooperative vegetables bearing the Farm-Labor Union label have just been distributed in middle western cities by the Farm-Labor Exchange of Chicago.

Socialists Have Important Convention in Finland

The convention of the Social Democratic Party of Finland, just held at Helsinki, promises to be a turning point in the party's history.

Boosting Judges' Pay

President Grant of the American Federation of Labor, urging a salary increase for Federal judges, was a strange role. If he expects a real contribution for labor from the judiciary he has read American labor history to little purpose.

Swords Are Rattling in Italy

While the U. S. Senate debated ratifying the debt settlement, which sanctioned the Morgan loan, the Fascist government rattled the swords more vigorously than ever against foreign nations, especially Germany.

Danish Socialists Lead World in National Disarmament Work

(An nation in the midst of savage warlike capitalism continue to exist with no army other than a small border police guard.) Will the development of disarmament, by example, lead to the disarmament of the world and end of war?

The working class in Denmark are faced with a severe struggle. On Friday, the 12th of March, the Danish Folketing (House of Commons) passed the Social-Democratic government's Disarmament Bill by 75 votes to 71 and sent it to the Landsting (Upper House).

convicted that the international labor movement will approve our stand point, when we declare that the DANISH WORKING CLASS DECLINES THE HONOR OF OUR NATION BEING THE GUARDIAN OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE BALTIC SEA.

Capitalists Join Fascists Pushing Europe Toward War and Revolution

From Labor, Washington, D. C. Paris, March 2.—European Fascism, with American assistance, is lifting its head higher right now than at any time in its existence.

Fascist Drive in Germany. In Germany, the new press utopias, headed by Alfred Hugenberg, with its hand on about half the German newspapers, has suddenly come strongly into the open with a Fascist campaign.

not result which Mussolini obtained in the Italian so-called election of 1923. In Hungary, where the Fascist dictators have never risked a free election since they seized power, both wings of the government have now combined to cover up the scandal in which they were all too publicly guilty.

Attach to blank sheets of paper for names and addresses. When filled, send immediately to American Appeal, 2653 Washington Blvd., Chicago.

Petition for Debs' Citizenship

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 was sentenced under a special emergency law, and this law and this emergency no longer exist, and

Report Shows Huge Success of State-Owned Power in Ontario

New York.—The government monopoly of water-power which exists in Ontario is an unquestionable success, according to a correspondent of the New York World, who wrote the history of its development for that paper recently.

the commission's financial statement. As there are no dividends to be earned for shareholders or profits to be piled up in other ways the only question that can be raised as to the stability of the system's operation is as to whether sufficient sums are being set aside for depreciation and sinking fund.

greater, than those charged for private operation elsewhere. Power rates are so complicated that it is hard to present a clear cut comparison.

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Private Grip 20 Years Ago

Twenty years ago Ontario was a grip of private corporations. It is to that period power was as a steam generated by local companies but the secret of transmission had been solved, large corporations were beginning to develop the power of Niagara Falls and were preparing to transmit it throughout Ontario and the adjoining states.

Page Liebknecht

The Hungarian authorities have ordered the confiscation of a pamphlet by Wilhelm Liebknecht and called upon the author to appear before the magistrate of Budapest.

Lower Rates Than Elsewhere

Another point of controversy is as to whether the rates charged for hydro power in Ontario are less, or

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