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TURNING RED THE RADICALS.

Where shall a radical turn for solace in these days of a tightening of the class lines that with an ever growing clearness divide society into two great camps? How delightful it was a little while ago to call one's self a radical, it was considered quite a mark of distinction. It was quite the popular thing to do, in fact a very profitable thing to do often times. Many of our dilettante socialists made names for them selves in those days, got their names in print and scraped up quite a reputation by it.

Lo, how, times have changed. You don't hear many going up and down the world with "radicalism" emblazoned upon their banners. Not much; more than likely, they would be mobbed, as damned bolshevi, and picked up on suspicion by our valiant protector, the Loyal American League, or some one or other of its allied conspirators against human progress.

And yet, what shall they do? Silently — sometimes not so silently, social forces are at work creating radicalism, sowing it broad cast over the world. They are ever at work crumbling into dust the ideas of yesterday, building upon the dead past the structure of to-morrow; creating new social ideas to replace the ancient beliefs. Turning the radicalism of yesterday into the conservatism of to-day. Man is prone to remain as he is. The law of inertia keeps him in the rut; says, let well enough alone. Keeps him silent when he should speak, palsies the uplifted hand, drags backward the feet that would press on.

But man is a social animal, and social forces are stronger than all others. Man moves forward, not because he wants to, but because he must. He is the slave of forces within the world of human activities and as such must obey their dictates and will.

And in this kind of a world the radical is faring badly. He would prefer to remain a mere radical, but social forces are ever at his heels driving him, on, lashing his back with the whip of necessity. He is kept in a ferment and turmoil of mind in which there is no peace. He must go onward, the times change fast; rushing past him he feels the tide of human events bearing him upon its bosom. Stop, he cannot. Reactionism may howl at radicalism. Its howls are wasted upon the air. As well, may it shout to the out going tide to remain in the deep of ocean's bed. It will not do so, it will rise again and again and beat upon the shores.

The radical must go the limit. He may not wish to, but his wishes will not be considered. One of the social forces which prevent him remaining a mere pseudo-active radical is that of reactionism itself. Reactionism is a builder of radicalism. Its methods of warfare against radicalism are the methods of desperation, it attempts to win by sheer force of power, and power alone without moral justification cannot survive. And a moral concept is a social force. Consider the tactics of re-actionism in America to-day. Of what do they consist but the methods of desperation of a class morally bankrupt, socially useless, which feels the world slipping from its grasp as it seeks to encompass it with its iron claws?

In the extremity of its needs, it damns every thing and every one not wholly for it. It weeds out with an unerring hand the radical from the pulpit, the teacher from the school, the writer from his job. It directs thru the public press its campaigns of misinformation and lies. Its methods are bestial and by its bestialness, it overreaches itself.

Of late months, reactionism in America has followed the line of active and open lawlessness against those not in accord with it. Aside from its practically complete control of the public press which is its most powerful ally—or rather tool, it has organized a nation wide force of house breakers property destroyers, murderers and thieves.

Not a state in the Union but has felt the monster's hands about the throat of the civil liberties of its citizens. Free speech is as dead in America as it was in Spain during the Inquisition. And the same methods, with variations, have been used to kill it. The entire machinery of the capitalist state has been subverted to the uses of that class which lives like a leech upon the mass of the people.

These extremes of reactionism are sowing a wind of revulsion among the radicals. The whirlwind of revolt is not far distant. More than one sign betokens the breaking of the storm. The excesses of reactionism are driving that great class of liberals and radicals that heretofore have stood upon a middle ground, against its will perhaps, but nevertheless, headlong into open and extreme rebellion against the monster, capitalism, that uses such means to retain its hold of greed upon a people struggling forward into a higher plane of human existence.

The radicals, and there are millions of them, may not desire the position they are being forced into, but social forces are the stronger, they will prevail. When the final accounting comes, their aid will be offered the workers in the rebuilding of a world for the use of the inhabitants instead of the profit of its parasites. The radicals will be made to turn "red" because no other recourse is being left them.

AMERICANIZATION?

An interesting sidelight is thrown on the Americanization question in the letter of resignation from the Americanization Committee of Ohio, tendered by State Representative George S. Myers. Mr. Myers charges that a political machine has gained control of the Americanization Committee of Ohio in the interest of the Republican Party. He states in his letter of resignation that the Americanization question is of too vital importance to allow it to become an object of exploitation for the benefit of any political party. Mr. Myers introduced the bill creating the Ohio Americanization Committee, which was supposed to be a non-partisan affair. Now that Mr. O. T. Carson, Republican, has been appointed state director at a salary of \$5000 a year and expenses, Mr. Myers sees in his appointment the rise of a Republican political machine in control.

This will not be a surprise to any one familiar with the history of the two old parties. We can safely believe what ever they say about each other

EDITORIAL & PARTY NEWS PAGE.

SPARKS.

The Russian Branch of the Communist Party of Linn, Mass., counting 150 active members has withdrawn from that party and joined the Communist Labor Party.

On the day that the miners' officials stated flatly that the miners would not accept the 14 per cent. generously tendered them by the government, and advertisement of one of Cleveland's banks stated that Americans should be thankful that the reconstruction in this country was not being attended by disorder and suffering like in other countries.

And the Plain Dealer lets the cat out of the bag after reciting the manifold blessings which had been showered upon the workers during the past year, by saying "response to charitable causes have been large, assuring necessities and comfort for the poor." Some "blessing" that! We hope the editor lives to get some of it.

We want to thank the many comrades for "The Little Boosts" they are sending in on the yellow slips with their renewals. Giving another worker a chance to learn what socialism is should be the first desire of every comrade. A trial subscription to The Toiler is a good way to do this.

Comrades J. H. Dickson and John Rehm of Springfield are still in the field for subscriptions we notice.

Local Toledo is on the job for subscriptions as a good big handful from comrade Tooley proves.

Many comrades who have become subscribers since the beginning of "The Black Sheep" are sending in for previous copies of the paper containing the first installments. This story is becoming more interesting with each chapter and we are certain it will be well liked by our readers.

Are your dues paid up? Better do it now comrade.

We don't know where it is, but we now have two subscribers there—Sandyville, O. And all due to comrade A. C. Holshoy. Thanks comrade.

Comrade Berinhaut, of Jacksonville, Fla., orders 50 copies of Industrial Autocracy. Have YOU read it, it's by Mary Marcy, being so, it is worth your while to read it.

Just an even dozen subs from comrade C. M. Savage of Crooksville, O. Some boost, say we. And what comrade Savage has done in his town, YOU can do in yours. Fill up that sub blank comrade. Get on the job.

Chinery of production and distribution would it not interfere with the rights of the rest of the people to own such machinery? Let use and occupancy be the only title to land and machinery!

N. C. Howell

THE WORLD NEEDS HAPPINESS.

"So I returned and considered all the oppressions under the sun: and beheld the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comfort; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comfort." Solomon the Preacher, Ecc. 1:1.

On the Siberian White front, a Red regiment has been captured. Their execution is about to occur. The sun is setting in the west, sending its long, slanting rays across the open field where are assembled the soldiers and their captors. The air is still and laden with the scent of sweet northern flowers. The shadow of the village church with its group of sleepy poplars, their restless leaves now still in the evening calm, are thrown athwart the scene.

The Communists are made to dig their own graves, first being made to disrobe to save their clothes and shoes, (clothes are scarce and badly needed by the White Guards). At last the graves are dug and in the growing dusk a few are making their last requests, sending a last word to their wives.

"I ask one of them, what made a Communist of you? In a peculiarly stiff and cold manner he replies: 'The accursed life! The world needs happiness'.

"And on the side of their oppressors there was power". Oppression and power go together. Where there is no power there can be no oppression. This fact the Russian masses understood. For centuries they had seen the evidences of the power of their oppressors. Oppression of the masses was the chief method whereby their oppressors' power was made manifest. In peace or war, oppression knocked daily at the doors of every workman and peasant's hut. He was the object of its oppression from his infancy to the hour that death ended his travail. And they had no comfort. The church took its stand with the oppressors.

At last the Russian masses threw off the oppressors' yoke. The Czar went down and out — it doesn't matter where, nor how. Kerensky, the compromiser, followed suit. The masses took upon themselves the direction of their own lives and the defense of their liberties. For two years they have maintained the government of their choice. Against capitalistic world imperialism, a national economy shattered by war and civil war against the reactionaries, they have not only stood their own but have grown to such power as to drive before them like chaff before the wind the last remnant of the armies of the White Guards.

Russia stands to-day the victor over her enemies whether within her borders or without. She is the master of her fate. For the first time in the world's history a nation of free men and women are working out their salvation, finding the road to happiness. The workers of the world may well rejoice at Russia's victory. Her victory is the victory of every worker. The oppressor has been stricken down, his power has been taken away. A nation of freemen now till Russia's soil, hammer at her anvils, sail her ships, sit in her councils, hold the power of Russia's and the world's fate in their hands.

Let the workers of the world rejoice, for the day of deliverance from all oppressors is near at hand. Let us inscribe upon our banners "All Power to the Workers", and under that banner march onward to the new world which has seen its birth in Russia.

DRAWING BLOOD.

Of course we know that many persons of doubtful character, such as editors of peanut capitalist papers, secret service men, gum shoe artists and other riff-raff of capitalism are on our mailing lists. We are aware that every thing we print, publish, or circulate finds its way into the hands of the reactionary elements who are attempting with the connivance of the government to throttle every expression of the workers for better conditions.

The Daily Times, Martins Ferry, O., an insignificant sheet which exists because of a generous use of "boiler plate" and borrowed editorials, expres-

THE NEW DAY

A Constitution should limit a people in but one acknowledged liberty—the liberty to vote their liberty away.

Democracy is chiefly dependent upon intelligence. Granted full liberty and justice, it would not take very long for an ignorant people to vote their liberties away under the cajoling of crafty politicians.

I am led to wonder why we have no better means of refuting the lies of the kept press. Weekly papers cannot compete with the great chain of capitalist dailies. But I hear many inquiries for a DEPENDABLE SEMI-WEEKLY socialist paper. Especially is this true in the country districts.

Among tests being sent out by various committees, endeavoring to learn what the American people really desire, none will receive such unanimous endorsement as occupational representation. By occupational representation of farmers for instance, they representing 40 per cent. of the population would be allowed that representation. The same rule applying to wage workers, legitimate and professional men.

The six hour day and five day week are destined to become an established fact of American life. This would permit of making Saturday a national holiday for wage workers, giving them one day in the week on which to transact their personal business without loss of regular time. Now a worker can scarcely get a money order without loss of time and wages.

J. C. C.

ses disapproval of us because of a circular letter from this office, which fell into its hands. We desire to express our appreciation of the little notice it gives us. We would much prefer disapproval from this source than approval.

The letter in question arouses the fake patriotic flames in the editor's bosom, because of its demand for the release of political prisoners and its call upon the workers to unite in their support of the worker's press. The words "revolutionary Socialism" stirs the very dregs in the ink bottle of the Times' editor. The words, "Communist Propaganda League" arouses his most fervent censure.

We disclaim any intentions of opening the veins of any proponents of capitalism—our appeal was directed to those whom the present system exploits. But this evidence that we have drawn a little blood is proof to us that we are on the right track. When our acts are disapproved by those who desire a continuance of the profit system, we feel doubly certain that our life is not wasted. If the workers were as class conscious and as readily sensed danger to their class as do the capitalists, the class-war would soon reach a happy conclusion.

The good work of separating all grafters and parasites from their victims will continue Mr. Times, and it behoves all such to get right with the workers while the getting is good.

PRESS FUND POINTERS

Press fund receipts have been rather lively these last few days. It is still a live matter in many comrades' minds, and therein lies a moral for some others. Never forget that we are going to have a printing plant of our own. Just put that under your hat band for it's bound to come true. Just keep it in mind—and boost the fund along with your donations. Remember this last.

Here are the latest donations.

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Have you made the acquaintance of Mr. Block? Oh, yes you have met him in real life and now you should meet him in book form. One copy costs ten cents. Ten or more at 7½ cents each. Order ten and sell them,

Grand Rapids, Mich., is under the iron heel of despotism. Meetings are prohibited and the free American Kings are not allowed to assemble in numbers exceeding one. Nevertheless, comrade Vrector finds a way to aid the cause of industrial democracy. He remits \$4.00 for various funds. That is the spirit that makes the Revolution speed, up

DEFENSE LEAGUE CELEBRATES DEBS' BIRTHDAY AT AKRON.

A very successful mass meeting was held here on Nov. 4th under auspices of the Workers Defense League which was the eve of Debs' Birthday, in protest against the confinement and persecution of political and class war prisoners. Woodmans Hall was crowded and addresses were delivered by Sam Neuman, Holman and Charles Baker. All the speeches were good. Baker is always good but it is safe to say that he delivered a masterpiece on this occasion.

The workers are beginning to realize that their individual salvation depends on the welfare of the working-class as a whole and the imprisonment and persecution of one is bound to effect us all.

Yours for Industrial Freedom,
JAMES B. O'BRIEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

GOVERNMENT WON'T RECOGNIZE BOLSHEVIK CONSUL.

From time to time efforts have been made to try to secure recognition by the Australian government of Mr. Peter Simonoff, the Soviet consul-general in Australia. So far, however, the Australian government has refused to do so. Mr. Simonoff is in the invidious position of having his mails stopped, and thus unable to get into touch with his country. He also stated that large sums of money cabled or sent to him have been withheld, while he is refused employment and has thus to rely on friends until such time as he can secure communication with his government.

MAN, RIGHTS AND LAND.

Man's rights and privileges should be as broad and liberal as possible, short of infringing upon or abridging the rights of others. The rights of no individual should be allowed to abrogate that of another. If one man should own all the land of a nation, would it not interfere with the rights of others to own land? If one man should own all the ma-

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