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SOCIALIST RED WEEK

Six Thousand Locals of the Socialist Party, One Hundred Thousand Members
CALLED TO THE COLORS! FOR ONE WHOLE WEEK! Sunday, Sept. 3, to Sunday, Sept. 10, Including Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4.

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HERE IS WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO THIS FALL!

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Elect Eugene V. Debs to Congress from the Fifth Indiana District.

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Elect Grant Miller U. S. Senator from Nevada.

Help Wisconsin carry Milwaukee county and re-elect Victor L. Berger and elect Winfield R. Gaylord to congress.

Help carry the city of Minneapolis.

Stir this nation as it has never been stirred before.

Double the Socialist vote and make it 2,000,000 this fall.

Double the Socialist Party membership and make it 200,000.

ALL FORCES UNITE!

This is what the Socialists of America must do this fall! Every Socialist force in the nation must help!

We call upon the Appeal to Reason and its splendid army of workers; we call upon the New York Call, with its thousands of readers and loyal workers; we call upon the Milwaukee Leader and the solid organized forces behind it; we call upon the Rip-Saw and all the other national, state and local papers to join forces in this, our greatest effort.

And they are joining and getting ready to boost. The Socialist Party can count on them.

And we call upon every candidate, every speaker, writer, propagandist; we call upon every official of the party, from the Jimmy Higgins that hustles the punch card and distributes leaflets to the candidates for president and for congress; from the least to the greatest to pull off their coats, buckle on their armor and get into this fight.

Let us present an invincible front to the enemy—united and solid from Maine to California, from Washington to Florida, from the Golden Gate to York State. Let us concentrate every Socialist force in America.

Let us remember the words of Karl Marx, and let us follow his inspiring, urgent call!

“WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!”

What The Socialist Red Week Is

THE SOCIALISTS of America have been getting ready for the campaign for many weeks, but the real formal, smashing opening will come the first week of September.

That week will be SOCIALIST RED WEEK.

One solid week of big meetings, big rallies, big distributions of literature, big recruiting of members, rallying of the youth, appeals to women, and last but not least, the collecting of innumerable contributions to put into the campaign fund to furnish the munitions of war.

A mighty eight-day campaign and opening assault upon the hosts of capitalism.

This Red Week for Socialism will be a black week for Capitalism.

WHAT THE LOCALS SHOULD DO

Elsewhere on this page we have set forth the great things to be accomplished this fall. We have also outlined the program for each of the big days for this SOCIALIST RED WEEK.

If every local of the Socialist Party and every local of the language Federations will unite in carrying out the above programs it will be the mightiest opening of a campaign this Party has ever made.

It may not be possible for every local to hold all the meetings outlined in the program, but they can carry out as much of it as their resources and energies will permit.

Every local should take this matter up at its next meeting, consider the matter carefully and decide just what meetings they will attempt.

The first week in September is distinctly and especially the week of the working class. It is the week of Labor Day. It is the week when the forces of the workers will be on the march and move thruout the nation. It is most fitting that the appeal of Socialism should be pressed home to the hearts and brains of the workers and of the whole people of the nation at this particular time.

In case the locals require further information or assistance in arranging meetings during this Socialist Red Week, let them address the Campaign Department of the Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

MAKE PREPARATION NOW

Engage your speakers early.

Order your literature at once.

Supply yourself with the beautiful Benson-Kirkpatrick posters, with buttons, pennants, red flags, campaign novelties of all kinds, and with slides containing the pictures of your candidates for the moving picture houses in your town—get out everything red that is around anywhere and wave it in the face of the foe.

Get your subscription cards for new readers to The American Socialist.

Get your application cards with which to rake in the new members and to rally back those who are behind in dues on Membership Day.

Make ready your appeal for the wage fund.

Order your women's leaflets.

And above all get out your subscription lists and “punch cards” for the final big appeal for campaign

funds on the last day of Red Week.

This week is going to be the concentrating effort that gathers together all of the different lines of activities that the Socialist Party is planning for the big campaign.

Comrades of America, awake! Set everything aside for this supreme effort.

Take action in your local and be sure to let us know here in the National Office what you have decided to do in order that it may be published abroad in the Socialist press. Let every comrade in the whole nation know that however feeble or effective his effort may be in his own community, there are hundreds of thousands of others helping to make the effort one tremendous and inspiring opening for the greatest campaign we have ever had.

Write to the National Office as soon as you have decided what you will do.

PROGRAM FOR SOCIALIST RED WEEK

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 3.—BENSON-KIRKPATRICK AND LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION DAY. Distribute literature in morning. Hold mass-meeting or picnic afternoon or evening.

MONDAY, LABOR DAY, SEPT. 4.—LABOR UNION AND FARMERS' DAY. Distribute appropriate literature among organized and unorganized workers and among the farmers. Join with labor unions and farmers' organizations in celebration of this day.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5.—MEMBERSHIP DAY. Devote this day toward rounding up the delinquent members, getting the deserters back into the organization, and in bringing new members into the party.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6.—WAGE FUND DAY. Urge the contribution by all workers of at least half the day's wages on this day to the Socialist campaign fund.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6.—YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUE DAY. Use all efforts in building up the Young People's movement in your locality.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8.—WOMEN'S DAY. Devote this day to spreading the propaganda of Socialism among women. Campaigns for woman suffrage are on in two states, South Dakota and West Virginia; women have the ballot in a dozen states and more are getting it at every election.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9.—THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST'S DAY.—Use every means possible to build up the circulation and influence of the national weekly, The American Socialist, or in strengthening the local Socialist press.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10.—THE FINAL EFFORT-CAMPAIGN FUND DAY.—Devote all energy toward getting contributions to the campaign fund, thru meetings, circulation of dime banks, contribution lists, punch cards, etc., etc., winding up the week in a blaze of glory.

Get your committees appointed NOW—decide NOW what you are going to do during SOCIALIST RED WEEK and then prepare to do it.

MAKE EVERY SOCIALIST VOTER AN AMERICAN SOCIALIST READER

THE HARVEST IS ON! That the comrades are busy harvesting Socialist votes right now in this hot weather is seen by the great response to our initial campaign offer...

Another record list containing 60 names comes from Comrade William G. Schultz, of Napoleon, Ohio. A regular Napoleon in fighting for the overthrow of the capitalist system.

ROLL OF HONOR

- Comrade L. Bierman, of Peoria, Ill., sends in a list of 19 of those 15 cents for 15 weeks subs. Comrade S. D. Shapiro, of Leavenworth, Kan., makes it four subs for 15 weeks and says, "I am sorry I can't get any more!"

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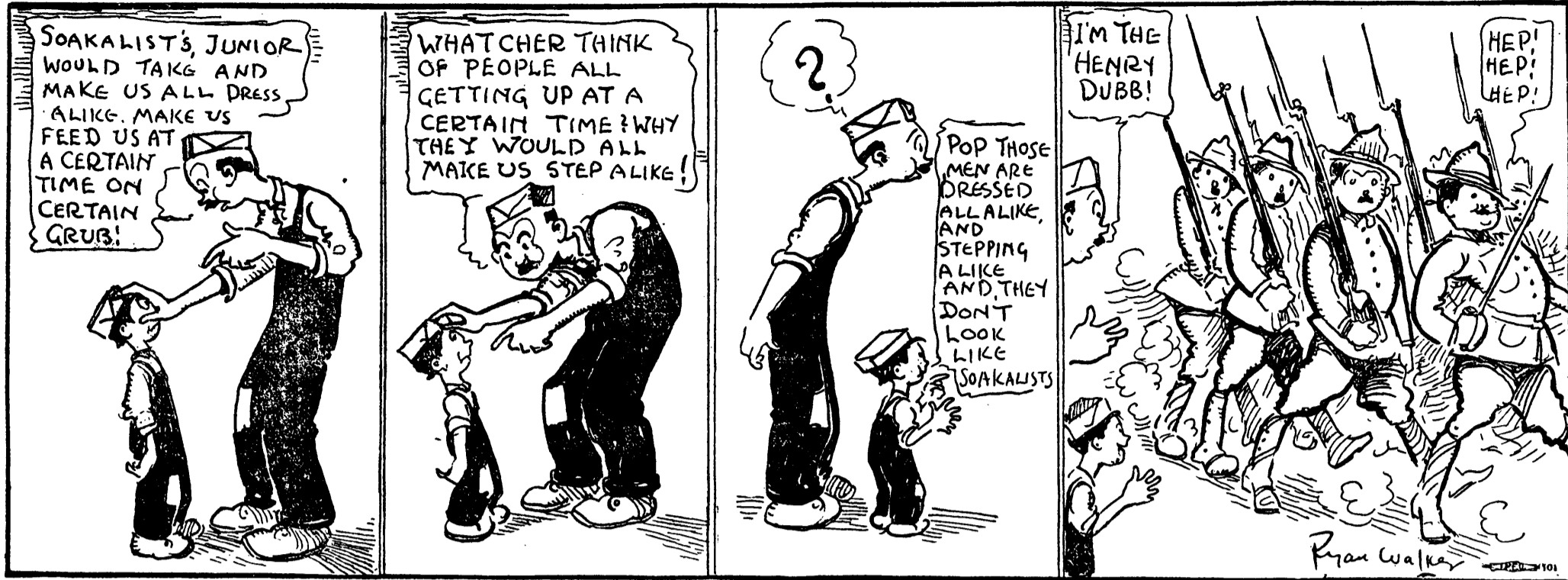
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HENRY DUBB WAS JUST KNOCKING CERTAIN IDEAS OUT OF JUNIOR'S HEAD - - By RYAN WALKER.



Socialists Kept U. S. Out Of War, London Tells Congress

By LUCIEN SAINT. (Special Washington Correspondence.)

CHALLENGING on the floor of the House the hypocritical thanksgiving by Representative Ferris, of Oklahoma, that the Democrats "kept the country out of war," and had been "the friends of organized labor," Socialist Representative Meyer London declared the country had escaped war largely because of the existence in this country of a powerful Socialist movement.

TRY TO SERVE TWO MASTERS. "You Democrats try to serve two masters. It is hard to serve the rich and the poor at the same time, for the rich fellow wants to own you 100 per cent—body, boots and breeches. To be frank, you and I know you haven't given organized labor so much as a pinch of snuff. But you dared smile to them, and that creates a state of fear in the minds of the industrial oligarchy. We Socialists rest our hope in the awakening of the masses."

NONE BENEFIT INDUSTRY. "None of them will earnestly contend that any of these measures could possibly have an immediate effect upon the industrial welfare of the country. Will they deny that the Underwood Tariff act did not get a chance, before the war broke out, to show what effect it might have had?"

BOTH PARTIES ALIKE. "As far as the great masses are concerned, there is no essential difference between the two parties. Both promise higher prices to the farmer, reduced cost of living to the consumer, bigger profits to the employer and higher wages to the worker."

Fires Hot Shot At Republicans.

WASHINGTON.—Hot shots were fired into the ranks of the Republican minority in the House when Socialist Representative Meyer London riddled the fake Republican opposition to the revenue bill. London also showed how Republican reasoning, logically followed out, would create a Prussian system of misrepresentation in the United States.

REPUBLICANS AID WEALTH CONCENTRATION.

"THE REPUBLICANS should be the last in the world to complain that certain States are poor and other States are rich. It was mainly under Republican management and a Republican tariff and a Republican protective policy, and under Republican stimulation of trusts and monopolies that the wealth of this country has been concentrated in the hands of a small number. (Applause on the Democratic side.)"

Admits It Is Commercial War.

ADOPTING the Socialist theory that the cause of wars is hunger for world markets and world power, based on the productivity of labor, Republican Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, startled the Senate out of its usual lethargy the other day with some striking facts.

VOICES CAPITALIST ASPIRATIONS. "As a people we will either become a dominant and world factor in this race for commercial supremacy or we will be sheared of our prestige, our power, and even our dominance into humiliation. We must either go forward finding an outlet for our trade, a market for our goods, and thereby a living wage for our workmen, insuring efficiency and prosperity at home, or we must be content to be shut in and circumscribed, to see our markets glutted, labor underpaid and discontented, internal dissension and dissatisfaction, and other things which I do not dare to prophesy. If we are to play the part which we should play and which we are entitled to play, shall we hope to do so without ability or the means by which to protect our own and without that preparation which shall insure respect to the flag and a due regard for our rights?"

Movement Of The Railroad Workers. By EUGENE V. DEBS. The eight-hour movement of the organized workers in the railroad service is a noteworthy and significant movement, that has for its object the correction of ancient abuses, which men have suffered in the railway service, and it ought to have the united support of all the organized workers in the country.

Where's Place For These. Thousands of shop and track employees and office clerks are scandalously overworked and underpaid, and is no one to voice their grievances, and are they to have no place in the eight-hour movement?

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Socialist locals and labor organizations should engage their Labor Day speakers at once. The National Office has a splendid list of speakers available for that day, but they will be rapidly gobbled up. If you want a good speaker you will have to hurry. Address Socialist Party, 803 West Madison St., Chicago, for terms, etc.

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BIG BUSINESS ANARCHISTS.

The Wall Street Journal, organ of the interests that prey, contains a short article in its current issue declaring that the "big business anarchists" of California are raising \$1,000,000 to help them take the law into their own hands in their war on organized labor. It says:

RETURNING to the United States on a visit after 20 years in Paris, General Edward Kirkpatrick, a veteran of the Civil War, says he believes the European war will end this year. "It is the belief of several prominent Socialists with whom I have conversed in Paris," he declared, "that the storm that is being raised in the Central Empires against the continuance of the war may lead to great and unexpected events before the end of the year; that a revolution, sweeping away the existing thrones, may come, which, compared with the revolution of 1848, may be as the present war is to the small affairs of former times."

WILL THE NEW WOMEN VOTERS TAKE TO SOCIALISM?

One of our western secretaries writes he believes that adding the women voters to the electorate will only double the task of the Socialist organization. Then a week later he says it will double the strength and effectiveness of the party organization. Why? Well, he wrote to a suffrage organization to co-operate in routing a Socialist suffrage speaker and a lady high in the councils of the suffragists replied (in part): "Permit me to say that I have read the Socialist platform and think it a very fine one. In fact, it is the only platform that I have been able to discover which says anything, or stands for anything definite. As yet our women have but one plank, 'Votes for Women', but your Socialist Platform appeals to me more than that of any other party."

WARNING.

All contributors to the Socialist campaign fund should be careful to see that the money contributed gets into the proper hands. Efforts will no doubt be made by impostors to collect money for the Socialist campaign under false pretenses. This is shown by the arrest in Chicago of a John Ruppert, charged with collecting \$492 on a fake list asking contributions for an imaginary Benson-Kirkpatrick meeting at the Chicago Coliseum. When arrested Ruppert was planning to leave for Pittsburgh where he would no doubt continue with this work. Where large sums are contributed send the money direct to the party headquarters. The address of the national office, Socialist Party, is 803 W. Madison St., Chicago.

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THROWN INTO VILE PRISONS. The county jail at Pittsburgh, Pa., is a vile institution—so vile that even the most hardened find it a nerve-destroying experience to stay there. The workhouse nearby is an equally barbarous place. These two infernos are most aptly described by the burning words of Oscar Wilde:

"The vilest deeds, like poison weeds, Bloom well in prison air; 'Tis only what is good in man That droops and withers there."

And yet, into these two hell-holes, numbered and caged like wild animals, even men and one woman have been thrust. These two infernos are most aptly described by the burning words of Oscar Wilde:

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And in those vile dungeons these men and this woman will stick until the legal battle for their release can be fought to a successful conclusion. Among the prisoners, by the way, is Rudolph Blum, known personally to the writer as a mild-mannered boy (he is 20 years old) incapable of harm to anyone. At the time of his arrest he was active as county secretary of the Socialist Party, and for this reason if for no other, Socialists and sympathizers should help in the work of freeing these persecuted workers. Money is needed to carry on the defense. It will not come from Rockefeller or Morgan. It must come from the workers—those who refuse to let their brothers be dragged away to jail without a protest.

If you are a working man or woman, do your share. Send in a contribution to the defense fund and urge others to do likewise. The money is needed—immediately, urgently. The fate of these brothers and comrades rests on the defense that can be carried on for them.

Send all funds to the Socialist Party Defense Committee for Westinghouse Strikers, 205 Lyceum Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. Receipt will be sent for every dollar contributed.

Don't you think that the man or woman working to make this a more democratic country, by asking for the extension of democracy to the industrial field, is as good a patriot as the man or woman that wants us to follow in the foot-steps of the nations now engaged in a slaughter putting savagery and barbarism into men's hearts?

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