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Appeal Army Wins Big Victory—Debs Citizenship Admitted in Congress

A Forced Confession

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The mails of members of con-

gress and of the Committee on Im-

migration and Natiralization were

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Representative Johnson's anno ince-

Americans! Do You Know That Liberty Has Already Been Slain in America? the public Smoked

Do You Know : That the War Espionage Law user which there were 1,500 convicta to for expressions of hunest opinion carne and AFTER the war, has not programmer repeated-is only suspended. NENT WAR!

Do You Know

. That a Supreme Court Decision - rmitting a conviction under the Septender Law if it can be shown a based judge or fanatical jury that and or written opinion constithe sta clear and present danger" to in government?

Do You Know

. That the Espionage Law as it n . stables and this interpretation by the Sapreme Court of the United Server is it now stands constitute a fur constitutional un-constitutional destruct to of liberty of expression int section the hands of the forces at gara a tam America?

Do You Know

4 That the supreme Court of the United States sustained a conviction recently of a Non-Partisan League speaker which, according to the disthe production of war illegal and gags tri- speech and the press DURING PEACE TIMES AND WHEN NO EVERGENCY EXISTS:

Do You Know

That when the Espionage Law As suspended UNTIL THE NEXT WAR Title 12 of Section 2, which 2 ... the Postoffice Department power solude matter from the mails conthat to its provisions, WAS LEFT IN EFFECT DURING THE PRESENT PEACE TIME PERIOD AND INDEF-NITELY IN THE FUTURE?

sons are suffering imprisonment, an that in California under a recent court injunction Communists and I. W. W's can be sentenced to prison without trial by jury"

Do You Know 11--That in many states picketing in behalf of a strike is illegal and in all states it is limited to the disposition of an injunction-wielding indge?

Do You Know 12--That under existing laws sympathetic strikes are conspiracies pun-

ishable by the law and that strikes that affect interstate traffic can be comstrued as conspiraries and the strikers pubished*

Do You Know 13.-That the Supreme Court of the United States recently declared unconstitutional an Arizona law forbidding the use of the injunction in indutrial disputes?

Do You Know

14-... That the Supreme Court of the United States a few years ago ruled that an employer can legally require an applicant for employment to sign an agreement NOT TO JOIN A UNION wither opinion makes the advocacy of WHILE IN HIS EMPLOY AND THAT THE UNION CAN AFTERWARD BE ENJOINED FROM SOLICITING BREACHES OF THAT AGREEMENT and that this decision outlaws trade. unions wherever enforced?

Do You Know

15-That ordinances have begun to abbear in various American cities give ing the mayor, the police commissioner, or the commissioner of public. safety, control over meetings and speakers EVEN IN PRIVATE HALLS OR ON PRIVATE PROPERTY!

Do You Know '

The first official admission from [from Auge at r ad the ar governmental sources that Debs and a new of exposure Albert Johnson. his 1,500 fellow war victims have not chairman of the Committee on Immibeen deprived of their citizenship gration and Naturalization, which was came this week almost at the same considering the fighter resolution for screasing productly in the later case time that the first issues of the Ameri the restoration of Debs' citizenship, and fear of expension of the governican Appeal carrying Morris Hill bastened to annoance in Congress quit's story of the fraudulent attempt that BERGER'S REBOLUTION HAD in Mentson's own word for it: to disfranchise these men mached BEEN TABLED BECAUSE DEBS.

Smoked into the open by the in. MAD NOT LOST HIS CITIZENSHIP creasing flood of letters and petitions BY REASON OF MIS CONVICTION.

PEAG No. MAMEN JUSTICE WOMIC THEFPOR INDU STRIN OVERNMENT FALLOF THE OF T OFI GODDESS

This Is the Liberty of **Our Fathers Destroyed** by American Plutocracy

U. S. Supreme Court The Constitution of the United States is a law for rulers and people. equally in war and in proce, and covers with the shield of it's protection all classes of mon, at all times and under all erromstances. No doe trans involving more perpicious consequences was even asserted by the when of man than that any of its provisions can be such adoit during any Such a doctrine loads directly to i where stouch is not tree, where the Mally 2nn, 4 Wall, 2, 1863) Amendments to Constitution

law respecting an establishment of is lighter or prohibiting the tree ever in all these respects not civil but barof speech, or of the press; or the right coust on climate can resist these of the people peaceably to assemble, suicidal mischiefs. and to petition the government for a endress of grievances

Article 4. The right of the people to be secure in their persons houses, ! papers, and effects against intrasonte violated, and no warrants shall sale, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and parficularly describing the place to be searched, and the per-on or things to he seized.

Continental Congress (1774)

The last right we shall mention regards the freedom of the press. The which dares not protect its humblest importance of this consists, besides and most hated member in the free the advancement of truth, science, utterance of his oplaions, no matter morality and arts in general, in its diffusion of liberal continents on the administration of government, its ready communication of thoughts be tween subjects, and its concequential

promotion of union among them. whereby oppressive officers are shamed or intimidated into more honorable and just modes of conducting ATAITS.

If there be any among us who would

change its republican form, let them

stand undisturbed 48 monuments of

the safety with which error of opinion

may be tolerated where reason is left

John Quincy Adams

The freedom of the press should be

Thomas Paine

secure, must guard even his enemy

from oppression, for if he violates this

duty he establishes a precedent that

He that would make his own liberty

free to combat it.

will reach himself.

inviolate.

their treasure and their blood in supporting war unless it be palpably necessary and just. in war, then, as in peace, assert the freedom of speech and of the press. Cling to this as the bulwark of all your rights and privileges.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

But if there by a country where knowledge can not be diffused without the perils of mobilaw and statute law; Such a doctrine loads directly to post office is violated, mathbags opened anarchy or despotiant (Ex parts and letters tampered with; ••• where blerty is attacked in the primary, institution of life: where the labore, is not secured in the earnings Article 1 Congress shall make not of his own hands; where suffrage is set iree and equal that country is, one thereof, or abridging the freedom barous, and no advantage of coll,

Wendell Phillips

No matter whose the lips that would speak, they must be free and unmagged. Let us believe that the whole able searches and seizures shall not i of truth can never do harm to the whole of virtue; and remember that in order to get the whole of truth you must allow every man, right or wrong, freely to utter his conscience, and protect him in so dolag. Entire unshackled freedom for every man's life. no matter what his doctrine-the safety of free discussion no matter how wide its range. The community how false or hateful, is only a gang of slaves

Daniel Webster

Important as I deem it, sir, to discuss the policy of the measures at present pursued, it is still more important to maintain the right of such discussion in its full and just extent. • • • • It is the ancient and constitational right of this people to canvasi Declaration of Independence guille measures and the merits of That whenever any force of govern public men. . . . Belonging to ment becomes destructive of these private life as a right it belongs to ande (The securing of the rights of public life as a duty. This highly conlite, liberty and the pursuit of happy stitutional privilege I shall defend and ness to all men; r it is the rout of the source is in all places in time of war, people to alter or abolish it, and to in time of peace and at all time, Liv-institute a new government laying its i mg I will assert it; dying I will assert foundation on such principles, and it, and should I leave no other in-organizing its powers in such form heritance to my children I will leave as to them shall seem most likely to I them the inheritance of free princioffect their safety and happiness ples and the example of a manly, independent and constitutional defense Jefferson: Inaugural 1801 For them

Do You Know

That this confers power of cenpoin a department of the govt not controlled by the votes · p-ople and can be used at any . destroy the freedom of the process and has been used within a ent scainst Carlo Tresca's anti-Fas- communications?

Do You Know

" That the Immigration Act passed 1220, confers on the non-judi and non-elective immigration authe power to deport for their even for philosophical anwhich teaches non-resistance .' a hearing or a day in court, have been here, even to the s and of cancelling their citizenship · · . • .

Do You Know

That thirty-four states and two intes now have criminal syndither sedition or anarchy laws, and the all these state laws are based the an attempt to punish mere belief " vious to the existing regime and ----- nitally contrary to the meanthe Constitution and American TY, WHICH AIMED ALONE TO PLNISH ACTS!

Do You Know

· That Pennsylvania has one of are contempt upon the government. " "at Connecticut has a law that ... in long imprisonment for any "... or more persons anything that : injuriously effect the governif the United States and the te of Connecticut, and that in Calmere membership in the L.W. ... Communist party or possession , ropiganda matter issued by these mizations is sufficient to earn sen-"" running from 7 to 14 years?

Do You Know

() - That 1.000 arrests have been ". time in "free America" 114 per-

17 That following alleged bomb explosions in 1919, the Department of Justice, contrary to all fundamental law and Constitutional guarantees. was allowed to usurp control and evpand its activities dangerously over the field of opinion, speech and inter

Do You Know

17-That in this new capacity of controlling beliefs and opinions the Department of Justice planted spins and agent provocateurs widely in various organizations, and through these deliberately provoked resolutions and situations that furnished excuses for violent and brutal raids, arrests and convictions?

Do You Know

18 -That thus ILLEGAL ACTS HAVE BECOME THE HABITUAL PRACTICE OF THE HIGHEST LEGAL POWERS IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE SUPPRESSION OF BELIEFS AND OPINIONS OPPOSED TO THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SYS. TEM?

Do You Know

19-That this same supreme legal power of the United States is now allied with THE INDUSTRIAL ES- : PIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES AND THAT a laws which prescribes savage PRESSION AND CIRCULATION OF - hment for expressions that might OPINION THE SAME MEN APPEAR IN THE DUAL CAPACITY OF SERV. ING THE GOVERNMENT AND SERV. ING PRIVATE BUSINESST peak conception of civil liberty.

Do You Know

20-That this highest legal power In the United States has become pri- any sincere belief and the supremexisting industrial system wielded ernments. olely in the interest of the owners

circles, incitement in capitalist cir- AND PUNISHMENTS MAY HAVE portations and imprisonments on its erty and Democracy are DESTROYED (Continued on Page 2)

marily a propaganda agency for the acy of the will of the people in the suppression of beliefs opposed to the ! making and unmaking of their gov-These Fathers possessed a vital and beneficiaries of the existing in gramp on the fundamental concept dustrial system, and operating in a of LIBERTY and DEMOCRACY-

vicious circle of provocation in labor THAT WHATEVER RESTRAINTS

IDEAS and OPINIONS

At the right is set forth the liberty

In America, Past, Present, Future William Ellery Channing Liberty Duties of a Citizen in Times Of Trial and Danger; (Written during

This is a graphic presentation of They had the undying democratic PRINCIPLES and the SPIRIT of the War of 1812) IN CASES DEALING WITH THE EX- | the status of liberty in America, past, faith that the people can and must Liberty of the Fathers and Founders . We live to hear a strange doctrine the trusted to express and promult of this Republic. present and future.

gate their beliefs, and they underof the tathers and founders of this stood that the free promulgation of them.

republic in word and SPIRIT the ideas and opinions is the true and i only corrective for erroneous or dan-They challenge tyranny they pro- gerous ideas and opinions, and the only possible basis for liberty and claim in flaming words the right of the individual to hold and express democracy.

Read corefully what they say by word and in their sphindid documents Congress, the DECLARATION OF It is the conception that Liberty all our interests require that a differ

INI EPENDENCE, and the LIBERTY must be preserved by force—that est sentiment should prevail. We AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTI- government is superior to the peo-should teach our present and all our TUTION, and you will realize that ple-that the people may not make future rulers that there is no measure the Appeal's interpretation of their or unmake their governments-that for which they must render so solemn UNDERISTANDINC and their SPIRIT the people cannot be trusted-that an account to their constituents as for cles, raids, arrests, convictions, de- TO BE IMPOSED ON ACTION, Lib- of liberty is the right interpretation. | ideas and opinions are dangerous and a declaration of war; no measure will Now turn to the columns at the must be restrained, regulated or sure be so freely, so fully discussed; and inder these monstrous inwa portations and inprovoked and planted testimony? the moment restraints are placed upon left and read and ponder the twenty- pressed. That opinions as well as that no administration can succeed in amending it, or their revolutionary (Continued on Page 8) six outrageous violations of the

this doctrine carried into practice The Appeal is not large enough to The cry has been that war is declared, contain an account of the outrages and all opposition should therefore be connected with the rape and assassi- hushed. A sentiment more unworthy nation of Liberty in America, begin-j of a free country could hardly be propagated. If the doctrine be adning with the World War.

A new and alien conception has mitted, rulers have only to declare seen born which blatantly calls itself war and they are screened at once the Is claration of the Continental one hundred per cent Americanism. from scrutiny * * * * Our peace and

wish to dissolve this union or to Theodore Parker (on Mexican War)

Your President tells us it is treason to talk so! Treason is it? Treason to discuss a war which the government made and which the people are made to pay for? Why, if the people can not discuss the war they have got to fight and pay for, who under Heaven can? Whose business is it, if it is not yours and mine?

James Russell Lowell

They are slaves who fear to speak For the fallen and the weak; They are slaves who will not choose Hatred, scoffing and abuse Rather than in silence shirk From the truth they needs must think: They are slaves who dare not be In the right with two or three.

Walt Whitman

Leay discuss all and expose all-I am for every topic openiy: I say there can be no safety for These States without innovators-without free tongues, and ears willing to hear the tongues.

And I announce as a glory of These States that they respectfully listen to propositions, reforms, fresh views and doctrines from successions of men and women.

Lincoln: Inaugural Address

The country with its institutions. belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of persuading this people to exhaust right to dismember or everthrow it,

These twenty-six are not all of



American Appeal

of Debs Arrest and Imprisonment The Meaning Ohio. Significantly, just before mak- [constitutional un-American methods of a clearly, to be sure, and unmistikably

By John W. Gunn (Formerly Associated with Debs on Appeal to Reason.)

War heroes, as a rule, have their slory traced with huge and terrible splotches of blood. Not so Eugene Victor Deps, who-clearly and proudly do we say it-stands loftily forth as a fine true hero of the Great War: an American hero, a real American patriot when others, beliewing lustily (and blood-lustingly) of their "patriotism" were engaged in the most colossal and brazen betrayal of the country's best ideals and interests. Let us say these things at the outset, to mark the record straight: Debs attasked no real American Interest. Debs opposed no true American principle. Debs violated no just, constitutional American law.

The Real Traitors

had pulled a sword from beneath his peace-professor's cloak, voted the country into war Threats, infinidation and contumely of the bitterest kind were used to stlence all but a handful of others. And almost immediately, with indecent and self-accusatory haste indeed, gag legislation was rushed through to suppress every accent or whisper of peaceful talk in America. Undemocratic censorship. and undemocratic conscription, were the outstanding instruments of tyrannical force employed to carry through this unpopular war. Terriorism, which reacted in a sceningly popular and really cowardly war spirit, became at once the most disorderly order of the day. It was a terrorism, not simply of mobs, but of a super mobism lifted to the height the sham-ful pinnacle - of a national policy. And this terrorism leads us directly to Debs and the Debs

It is worth while to recall who were case the real traitors, if treason is an epithet now to be cast in the teeth of any one. In the Spring of 1917, there was no doubt that the American people in an overwhelming and bona fide majority were in favor of peace. Notwithstanding the most unprincipled and unmitigated propaganda of the causes of war, he understand the selfwar-makers-a campaign without ish and sinister character of the parallel in the history of the country - | forces that coutrived and created war only certain loud and self-interested groups, and along with them an irresponsible jingo element, pretended of democracy and humanity, were to be thirsting for blood. It was recog- seeking in the war their own ginised generally that no genuine, or gantie -and blood-stained profits. extensive. American interests were in So Debs, watching, saw and underdanger. Did Wall Street have inter- stood. At first, he kept silent. None ests that would be protected or pro- knew better than he the futility of moted by American participation in trying to stop this terrible outbreak the World War? That was another of insanity. But, after all, Doos was a matter. There was obviously no threat great national figure. He was, to milto general, democratic, sound and plions of Americans, the most signifirealistic American interests. American point representative of a great national principles or American safety. And sitting in the White House was a President who, having all along upheld broadly the view we have just cording to its well-defined historic stated, had only a few months before been re-elected by virture of the slogan. "He kept us out of war."

Such was the situation- and what they deserve for it othe war makers happened? Suddenly-yes, with what appeared to be startling suddennessthe Wilsonian policy was received; America, and the b-wildered American people, were rushed into the war; peaceful counsel had a chance. These pieces by the authorities and interests of Jefferson and Webster and Lincoln fiberty-who accused him, who accused him and pretend had not advised nor mentioned any words had no chance, although the at the head of the war craze lie saw into a weilingh unrecognizable land Debs the true patriot, of being a trai- ed foes of militarism that brought obstructive measures; that he had not people wanted peace. But the war terrorism taking the place of liberty of terriorism and tyranny. And, in tor to his country. people wanted peace. But the war terrorism taking the place of liberty of terriorism and tyranny. And, in the true friend of peace and democ-interests in Wall Street and Washing-and law He observes a vast and ton, claiming hypocritically they were wicked machine of suppression play. Eugene V. Debs who felt the blood of the true friend of peace and democ-the Government; that he had not ad-ton, claiming hypocritically they were wicked machine of suppression play. Eugene V. Debs who felt the blood of the true friend of peace and democ-the Government; that he had not ad-ton, claiming hypocritically they were wicked machine of suppression play. Eugene V. Debs who felt the blood of the true friend of peace and democ-the friend of pea

Debs True American In a mad world, Eugene V, Debs had remained true to his lifelong belief in and advocacy of international peace. co-operation, brotherhood. It was not merely emotional pacifism that influenced him. He knew the economic issues; he was only too well aware of the interests that, behind all the cant party. That party -- the Socialist party had indeed spoken in clear-cut terms on the war issue, spoken boldly, acpolicy What had Debs to say? What could or should Dobs say?

Let us give them whatever credit they deserve for it othe war makers is hastened to hop decide what Debs the real issue of Americanism, as it American principles and rights. It was of their rights as free American cities to the higher issue-the real issueshould say All around him. Debs saw concerns Debs and his accusers? They Eugene V. Debs who was aroused to zens because they were truly and of free speech and American rights, the immemorial traditional American were the boasted patriots who were cry out in defense of real American not hypocritically nor spasmodically American fundamental laws, Ameriright and principles of free speech, making scraps of paper out of the Con- ideals and interests against the very nor one-sidedly-the friends of peace can Constitutional guarantees. It personal liberty and even decent pro- stitution, scorning reason and justice ones-the very arch-hypocrites, the first and last and everywhere. It was was sufficiently clear, and clearly tertion of the law tring smushed to and law, and converting the America ivery assassing of American law and Debs' sharp revelation of the hypoor stated, that Debs in the Canton speech

Berger Bill Would Punish



Back on the Job

The following message telling of Debs safe arrival in New York from Bermuda was received at the office of the American Appeal, April 22.

Admitted safely after a brief examination and a most cordial reception by | tarisni, of all exploitation and oppress the issue of free speech with the usual newspaper reporters, customs officers and immigration inspectors. Mrs. Debs sion, of all the displays of force in sophistry of the law courts. And they is much improved and we are happy to be home again. Leave for West this ruling-class world? The Social- tried to make out a crime for Debs tomorrow evening. Love and greeting.

E. V. DEBS.

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down their guilty hatred upon him, counselled any illegal resistance to ton, claiming apporticanty they were without an expression play | sugers v. bets who let the below the fatted at such folly about to enter a war in defense of ing have with American ideals, prine true Americanism, of true patriotism 16, 1918, that Debs delivered the patriot! And let us say this also, and as insurrection or treason or anything mout to enter a wai in science of ing navor with American means, princi true Americanism, of the pations in the say it plainly; it was not so much like these things. Debs had simply democracy, refused to let the people ciples and plain constitutional rights, rise protesting in his veins. It was appendent which brought upon him the say it plainly; it was not so much like these things. Debs had simply democracy, retused to let the people ciples and plain constitutional rights, rise protesting in the veron ad simply express their democratic sentiments [] is saw his old comrades hustled off to Eugene V. Debs who feit a profound hard of the new governmental ty- what Debs said about the war itself, expressed his opinion, like a man, like express their democratic settiments it saw his oil contrades nusting on to Eugene v. Gens which and splendid resentment at this sac-on the war issue. A few men in Con-stall for speaking their honest thoughts, and splendid resentment at this sac-gress, whipped on by a President who to be spoke about the terroristic un-but spoke his thought-spoken it Do we not here come face to face with rifice, this smashing, this slaughter of convention of the Socialist party of the spoke about the terroristic un-but spoke his thought-spoken it Do we not here come face to face with

HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONFESS THE TRUTH FIRST. In giving this advice to Congressmen, Mr. Johnson was unfortunate in First Amendment Violators OF WHICH HAD FOUND THEIR

The American Appeal has many of

To make the first amendment of the 'fers from the other amendment of [radical, since he said that violent WAY TO THE APPEAL. EITHER LOST HIS CITIZENSHIP.

ing his speech Debs had gone to the imposing the war machine upon county Jail and talked with three Obio the country, that struck resentment the war terror, charged with anti-war propaganda. And Debs, in the speech with them for years in the noble, ininterests fearful of honest opinionsample of what was going on throughout the land struck Debs with such vivid arousing force as all true men -and he spoke bravely, honestly, with the full utterance of sterling manly principle about the leading issues of that war-mail hour: He said what he thought about war; he declared that wars, all down through history, had gave the Socialist, economic explana- bloody glory in the faces of true Amer- plain as day he was not being intion of wars and war movements. Why Debs Was Arrested

But that, we say, was not the fea

ture of Debs' speech that, really

wounded the tender hearts of the

or angered, them worse. He spoke of

the "patriots" so-called (self-called)

who had suddenly revealed an alleged

antipathy to militarism (Prussian mili-

tarism of course) that they had shown

and war-making hypocrites. Who were, 1

and had always been, the true friends

Socialists-Ruthenberg. Baker and and rage and revenge into the hearts free speech and of American Const. Wagenknecht-who were victims of of those who knew he spoke the truth. tutional liberties, no one can at the Think of the mockery of it! Think of the miserable hypocrisy and inthat followed, made eloquent refer- justice of it! Debs was accused of beence to the situation of these, his ing a traitor to America, and a viola- by the true American spoke has of comrades. He had been associated tor of the law, and a criminal for the public opinion throughout the court very reason that he uttered a timely alike by pro-war and anti-war met, and telligent, humanitarian movement of and truthful word in defense of Amen SocialLim: and now the spectacle of Ican principles and rights-in defense them as the falled objects of bate of of American Ideals of liberty and law -in defense of the American Constiand this simply a dramatic close ex. tution itself, that document so vociferously eulogized by those who most execrably reduced it to fragments of futile waste paper! For being a true and women can imagine. Debs spoke American, Eugene V. Debs was shut into a felon's cell in an American prisen! For being a true American, Eugene V. Debs spent nearly three years in a felon's cell in an American prison1-while those who had lyingly misled, abused, betrayed and plunderbeen made by ruling classes, with the ed the American people counted their working classes as the victims; he bloody profits and vaunted their

Real Defender of America

dared to exercise his right of free In his arrest, trial and conviction. speech, and was to be vindictively Debs emphasized the fact that his punished for his opinions. war makers and war-leaders. Others stand was simply that of a true Amerthings Debs said that day which hurt, ican defending the Constitution of the country and his own rights thereunder. He bid behind no triffes nor technicalities nor patry subter-

And this issue is not yet settled fairly and honestly. It is not yet settled with safety to the present and fuges. He defended his right of free future rights of American citizens speech. He denied, he retracted, no The government after shameful de no trace of in all the years before. single word that he had uttered. Adlay opened the prison doors for Deta He showed all too plainly that this dressing Jury and Court, he repeated but denied him a pardon. Denied him professed hatred of militarism was with unyielding forcefulness and a pardon because of his true American simply the war talk of war-promoting courage the very sentiments he had ism in an hour when, God knows: at expressed in the Canton speech. The that we had been taught, in h gn proprosecutors ... or persecutors -- of Debs cept and honest practice, of true Amm of peace and the sincere foes of mili- were not equally honest. They met Icanism was being trampled reckiessly under foot by the warlords, tyrants and profiteers who had the country in their grip and under their grinding ists! The very ones who were then of having somehow "obstructed" the heels. It is the final, full and far being denounced as the friends of war. It was a ridiculous charge. It settlement of this issue of free space Prussian militarism, but who were i was shot full of holes by Debs' law--this issue of American constitutions actually being persecuted and robbed [yers, although Debs himself stuck close libertise -- this issue of the true Ames ican citizenship in the free air of truditional and true American institutions, that the AMERICAN APPEAL now demands.

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-and that was all. That Eugene V.

Debs was a martyr to the Jauss of

This truth, of the real nature of the

Debs case, was recognized at the time

women who, whatever their opinions

about the war, remained true to Marg.

ican right and principles and did not

wish to see contrary opinions struck

down with a brutal hand. Back of

the long fight to force open the prison

doors, and restore Debs to his free

dom, was the underlying and contin

ually stressed theme and issue that

the American Constitution, American

right, American principles of freedom

must be vindicated, must be restored

and must in future be upheid. Tais

issue happened to be all the more

dramatically clarified and emphasized

in that Debs had been sent to prison

after the war was over-so that it was

prisoned because he was a traitor and

menace to the Government's war

activities, but only because he had

• Issue Not Settled

late day challenge or deny.

We demand that this base and com ardly crime against free speech teus done.

We demand that this outrage upon the American Constitution, upon Am erican liberties, upon every point art plainest principle of true Americas ism, be undone.

We demand that Debs the America

The Rise and Fall of Freedom of Speech in the United States

age," and the display of the red flag mplied by the American Ci Libertien Union, New York City, Pebruary, 1925.) were adopted by state after state. Some of the war-time statutes were **Rise of Free Speech** extended automatically to peace-time

ment of the United States of Com necticut."

Regarding the need for such lecis tion, Professor Chafee says. "As far as state prosecutions and concerned, there has been very little need for specific legislation against anarchy and criminal syn dicatism. Actual violence against government, life and property 4 punishable everywhere. Thise who plan or counsel such v.> lence are liable even if they da not actively participate. Nor is it necessary that any crmnal act shall take place. An um successful attempt at a serious crime or a definite solicitation of another to commit it, is put ishable under the general comnal law. . . . The normal law of the states ... spart from any leg-Islation against enerchy, enables the police and the courts to deal vigorously with actual on threatened insurrection, explosions of assassinations."

injuriously affect the govern

Constitution, now a dead letter, once which we hear so much in that it was revolutions are needed every 25 years By IMPLICATION OR DIRECT STATEMENT. THAT DEBS HAD more effective, is the object of a bill designed to protect the liberty of the to preserve liberty "During war time the first

citizen, instead of limiting it. introduced this week in Congress by Representative Victor L. Berger, So-

tual enforcement of this much abused tution, is today a dead letter. and violated amendment would produce more profound changes in condilaw.could do.

federal offense punishable by two to impossible in this country." year's imprisonment, or a fine of \$5,-000, or both.

It will be interesting to observe how far this measure so eminently necess ism, Mr. Berger continued, it is desary, just and fitting, can go against cidedly unpopular in certain quarters the opposition of the American plutoc. FRCT.

In speaking in behalf of this measure, Representative Berger tore the

Berger said:

Would Put Teeth in Law "Putting teeth into the 18th amend munists, not on account of their methment has become a favorite topic ods, or because a small oligarchy is with the Anti-Saloon league and its ruling Russia, but because Trotsky. servants in public office ever since it Lenine and their friends have laid was adpoted. The Volstead act was the hands on the sacred rights of property. first law passed with that object in Every day one can hear business men view, and while other additions have deploring the fact that congress is in been adopted since, the talk of adding session and wishing it would adjourn such a revelation of the disfranchiaemore teeth still continues.

"It has never been suggested by any gross at that! "Of course we hear a great deal group of 'reformers,' however, that teeth also should be put into the first about Americanism, but in the main on Immigration and Naturalization, amendment, which was considered this means that children should be while Mr. Johnson was making that the most important one in our Bill of compelled to salute the flag, or to speech the first issues of the Appeal Rights by both Thomas Jefferson and write essays about the constitution - | containing the exposure of the dis-Alexander Hamilton, who otherwise even though the most important parts franchisement fraud were being pre-

of that constitution are a dead letter pared for the mails in Chicago. did not agree on very many things." Mr. Berger continued to express and apparently are to remain so. If Mr. Johnson's advice to Conbis belief that the first amendment "Patriotism today, likewise, does gressmen to write their protesting could be enforced without trouble if a not mean the greatest good for the constituents that Debs had never law is passed for that purpose. In greatest mass; it means military dis been distranchised was intended as this, he asserted, it differed from the play -Flag day. Navy day, Defense an effort to forestall exposure from

18th amendment, "which cannot be en- day, and so forth. And democracy to other sources, he was again unfortuday means jobs for 'deserving Demo- | nate. forced, as experience has shown." THE APPEAL EXPOSURE WAS TO BELIEVE THIS IMPOSING AR-"The first amendment," Mr. Ber- crats.' If Thomas Jefferson were to

ger said, "is the most essential to rise from his grave the Democratic IN THE HANDS OF THE CONSTIT. RAY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS tive sessions which followed the armthe preservation of the fundamental statesmen of the south would put him UENTS OF THESE CONGRESSMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CON- Istice, emergency laws against "sedirights of Americans. Moreover, it dif. into juit immediately as a dangerous BEFORE THEY COULD POSSIBLY | GRESS, MOST OF THEM LAWYERS. tion." "criminal syndicalism," "sabot-

"The right of the people to speak ment to the constitution was suspend freely, to write freely, and to assemble ed by the Democrats with the unant these letters EVERY ONE OF THEM by drafted contained no guarantees of The first amendment originally was for the purpose of discussing their mous consent of the Republican party. ARE REPLIES BASED UPON THE religious or civil liberty except to forthe corner stone of American liberty. grievances lies at the basis of all other it was supposed at the time that this iMPLICATION OR MAKING THE the corner stone of American intervy. Forsauces its at the basis of all other it was supposed at the time that the mention of maxing iffer text members of Congress in free dis-it provided that the rights of free rights. Yet, as a matter of fact, this was to be only a war measure, but DIRECT STATEMENT THAT DEBS cussion. The Constitution was bitter-speech, a free press and free asseminost important amendment, like seview what fursighted men predicted at that important and the state conventions. The most important time has happened. The most important time has happened. The most important action the state conventions. tion, is today a dead letter. portant rights guaranteed by the con-"At this very moment men are held stitution are still suspended, and un-conship if they get a chance; more the addition of the from measible and "At this very moment men are held stitution are still suspended, and un zenship if they get a chance; more the addition of the free speech and under \$29,000 bail at Passale, N J, less they are backed up by enforcing than a third of them state that they other Bill of Rights amendments. But tions of civil and personal liberty in merely because they dated to exercise laws, they will remain dead. And to tions of civil and personal liberty in inverse backet constitution would not an intervent of the right of free speech and free as re-establish the first amendment to our (accasion presents itself. FULLY A have been ratified by the states. The institution is protect free speech. THIRD OF THEM PLAINLY SAY semblage, even though they exercised constitution to protect free speech.

Berger's bill would make violations it only on a privately owned lot. Free free press and the right of free asof the amendment by public officials a speech has most or trainly become next sembly - is the purpose of my bill." Although the first amendment is the

Although the first amendment is the fundamental basis of all liberty, all The Appeal Army true patriotism and all real Americantoday

Americans Have Changed

"Many Anoricans today," he assert ed, "are for different from the Amermask off from American condutions licans of the 1sth century who demandexposing as has seldom been done by | ed adoption of this amendment before public officials the fact that civil lib- they would adopt the constitution. erty is dead in America and cannot be American business men today worresurrected until this fundamental pro- ship Mussoiini, who brags that he vision of the Constitution is enforced, wipes his feet on liberty. Many Among other things, Congressman wealthy Americans today envy italy. Spain and Greece their dictators

They find fault with the Russian Com-

ZENSHIP.

forever. And such an obedient con- ment fraud of the Administration as Morris Hillight was then making.

aralization? **Clearly Representative Johnson was** The Appeal pleads guilty to Johnnervous over the possibility of some on's charge that the Socialist papers misled the people only because it was Unfortunately for the Committee

misted by the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, which coufeases it knew the truth but didn't tell it; the Administration and De the absence of overt acts came with partment of Justice officials, who the World War in 1917, when sweepplainly stated or implied many times ing federal and state sedition legisthat Debs was disfranchised, and lation was passed. Not content with some thirty or more Congressmen the federal Espionage Act, under who reiterated this deception above which some 2,000 prosecutions were their own signatures.

PLEADS GUILTY OF HAVING applying to times of peace as well. BEEN SIMPLE-MINDED ENOUGH

will vote for Debs' citizenship if the for this, the Constitution would not debates in Virginia, New York, Massa THAT THE ONLY WAY DEBS CAN chusetts and Pennsylvania, and the HAVE HIS CITIZENSHIP REprotests of Rhode Island and North STORED IS TO OBTAIN A PARDON Carolina, which refused to ratify on any terms, express the distrust which These congressmen will have a difthe original omission of civil liberties ficult time after writing letters of safeguards inspired. At the first sesthis kind explaining that Debs has never been distranchised

sion of Congress, a Bill of Rights was adopted and submitted to the states. There is another peculiar thing and became part of the Constitution about Representative Johnson's ad-November 3, 1791. Similar clauses mission of Debs' citizenship. He were eventually inserted in the constitutions of all the states and became a part of the fundamental law of the country.

The Alien and Sedition Laws of 1798 speech and the press. These laws, enacted to counteract the influence of the French revolution, were bitterly fought, and when Thomas Jefferson became president in 1801 all those

convicted under them were pardoned and all fines were remitted. The laws never reached the Supreme Court, No other laws penalizing utterances were committee on Immigration and Nat- passed by Congress until the Esplonage Act of 1917, and though a few such state laws were passed, none ever

raised the issue by enforcement, nor were misleading the people regarding did any get to the Supreme Court of Debs' distranchisement. The Appeal the United States for decision.

> Free Speech Overthrown The first break in our traditional policy of not penalizing utterances in

brought, many states enacted similar THE STAFF OF THE APPEAL and more drastic laws of their own, The issue of freydom of speech did not end with the war. In the legisla-

The Federal Constitution as original or wore adapted to that purpose by slight changes.

"These statutes are not directed against those who commit or actually plan violence, but against those who express or even hold opinions which are distasteful to the substantial majority of citizens," says Prof. Zechariah Chafee of the Harvard Law School in his book, "Freedom of Speech." "Some of them are so sweeping as to suppress agitation which is neither dangerous nor anarchistic • • • Most of them • • • make opinions in themselves and for their own sake a crime, although there is no direct and dangerous interference with order, and only a remote possibility that violence will ensue."

There are neveral types of these acts, the most important being the group of criminal anarchy, syndicalism and sabotage statutes enacted by thirty four states. The criminal anarchy and sedition laws, patterned

"criminal anarchy" and "sedition" as ment should be overthrown by force or violence or by assassination* * *or by any unlawful means." The syndicalism statutes define

"criminal syndicalism" as "any doctrine* * * *advocating the commission of crime, sabotage* * * * or unlawful acts of force and violence. . . as a means of accomplishing any

> vocating them. Worthy of Dark Ages

Some of the statutes go even further in defining prohibited doctrines. In Connecticut, for instance, the forbidden doctrine need not involve force or violence;-

"No person shall in public, or before any assemblace of ten or more persons, advocate in any language any measure, doctrine, proposal or propaganda intended

Courts Uphold Gag Laws

The constitutionality of these lars after the New York Anarchy Act of has not yet been passed upon by the 1992, passed following the assassina- United States Supreme Coart tion of President McKinley, define test cases have been appealed to that court. One is the case of Bonama "the doctrine that organized govern- "Gitlew under the New York crimit" anarchy act and the other that -Charlotte Anita Whitney under the criminal syndicalism law.

Other Restrictive Laws

In addition to the criminal system callst and other laws described by several states have enabled 12 statutes limiting civil right - 1 a pt control, or effecting any political eight states have adopted and h change" "Sabotage" is defined as Flag Laws," all since 1917. S. "willful and malicious physical dam- them forbid the display of · 51 age or injury to physical property." flag in parades or public method These acts are almost uniform in some make possession of an end a phraseology, Idaho having supplied "distinctive of Bolshevism, and Sec the model in 1917. It is a felony to add or radical socialism" a misde of vocate these doctrines in speech or The Massachusetts red flag to ad writing or to join any organization ad- declared constitutional, but we fit pealed because it made the state?

flag of Harvard filegal. The Life Angeles red flag ordinance was " clared unconstitutional by the state supreme court in 1920.

In California, the injunction toold by Judge Busick enjoining v 12 of the state criminal syndle as he and recently upheld by the state of preme court (State vs. Wold and has become one of the chief ways against the I. W. W.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Wins Big Victory (Continued from Page 1)

flooded with requests that the citlzenship of Debs be restored, Chairman Johnson confessed in making

stated that his committee had tabled the announcement. Socialist newspapers, he stated, Berger's resolution because Debs had contained misleading stories as to not been deprived of his citizenship. the citizenship of Mr. Debs. and It is strange that this reason never that on the basis of these stories occurred to any of the spokesmen of again raised the issue of freedom of May Day demonstrations and ap this committee until the mails were

peals to Congress were being filled with protests and the exposure of the disfranchisement fraud was in planned. Congressman Johnson suggested the air.

Why was not this explanation ofthat members of Congress receivfered when Berger's resolution was ing such letters and appeals from their constituents SHOULD ANfirst tabled?

Why was Debs' citizenship kept a SWER THEM BY SAVING THAT secret so long by the members of the DEBS HAD NOT LOST HIS CITI-

American Appeal

Civil Liberties Union Explains Amnesty Drive Debs and the 1,500 victims of the | DRIVE IS NOT ATTAINED UNTIL | torney General has held that this ap- | in practicing any occupation for which | ing the war was stopped by considera | penalized utterances. This view was ber of convictions for utterances

War Espionage Act undoubtedly are citizens of the United States.

May 1, 1926.

After the concealment of this fact for years by two Administrations, a THE ESPIONADE LAW BECOMES A representative of the government, FACT. Representative Albert Johnson, chairman of the House Committee on imnigration and Naturalization, made an open confession of it on the floor of Congress.

No government official will dare to go back of that announcement. The diefranchisement myth has been definitely exploded.

But the work of the Appeal army, the Appeal readers and the friends of fivil Liberty in behalf of these 1.500 war espionage victims is not yet over, Most of the states in which they

live have laws imposing civil restrictions and disabilities on persons convicted of crime. Debs in this respect is more fortunate than most of them. His state, Indiana, imposing on him only withdrawal of his right to withheld any state office.

The Civil Liberties Union has invistigated the status of these men exhaustively. It was discovered that a pardon from the President will remove all these state disabilities. It has, therefore, inaugurated a great, nationwide drive for a general Amnesty Pro lamation by the President.

The Appeal unbesitatingly supports this drive. It calls upon its Army and convicted of a felony shall have the all its readers to give this worthy and important drive full and unflagging support. THE REAL OBJECTIVE OF

BY THE PRESIDENT COVERING ALL PERSONS CONVICTED UNDER

Full information concerning these Espionage cases and the drive to obtain an amnesty proclamation from the President covering all of them is given below.

Report on Espionage Cases and Amnesty by Civil Liberties Union

States

No federal statute prescribes loss of son and desertion.

Under the laws of the states, however, substantial civil disabilities fol-York laws may be taken as typical.

vides that no person who has been is specified right to vote, unless he shall have veniences suffered by persons convict-

such offenses are of a class which are required. They would doubtless would be regarded as felonies under be regarded as disqualified to hold the groups in 1919. the laws of the state. (Op. Attorney

(jeneral, 1912, page 339.) Section 477 of the Judiciary Law provides that a person convicted of a felony shall not be competent to prac tice law. The New York court has held in an anonymous case (86 N. Y. 563) that a pardon does not necessarily restore a person's fitness to practice law. Other courts have taken the view that a pardon wipes out the crime and the penalty, and that a disquali-

fication to practice law must be classed as a penalty.

Civil Disabilities Imposed by victed of a felony by any court, but been imposed under the stress of war provides that upon pardon by the gov- conditions. As a result a special retion was had, or by the President of eral to the President early in 1919 and different from those actually enter the majority as it was after the Civil such prisoners were commuted. Presicivil rights as consequence of convic- the United States, the right to prace 200 sentences were commuted, some to tained. The loyalty of the defendants' War. tion in a criminal offense, except in the medicine may be restored by the expire at once and others to much the case of two specific offenses, trea- State Board of Regents, in their dis- shorter terms than the original sen-

cretion. Section 502 of the Judiciary Law. prescribing the qualifications of trial ment proceeded to review sentences low conviction for felony, including jurors, provides merely that jurors passed upon soldiers by court-martial ing severe punishment. The New proved integrity; of sound judgment, where the sentences were excessive and well informed." But in other under the pressure of the war. As a Section 152 of the Election Law pro- states disqualification for jury service result several thousand cases were re-

There are also certain minor incon-

THIS AMNESTY PROCLAMATION plies to federal offenses, at least if a license and a "fair moral character" tions of public policy due to the in- supported in certain notable cases by be roughly estimated between 1,400

office of notary public or commissioner of deeds. In states where the common-law rules as to competency of witnesses are still in effect, a person convicted of a felony is disqualified as witness, unless he is pardoned. History of Release of the

Prisoners

Immediately after the armistice in 918, the Special Assistant to the Attorney General in charge of war cases, Mr. John Lord O'Brien, began a study

of the convictions under the Espion-Section 161 of the Public Health age Act with a view to recommending Law forbids the practice of medicine executive elemency, particularly in the

tences. At the same time the War Depart-

viewed and hundreds of sentences commuted. The government's policy of review-

creasing activities of the radical dissenting opinions by justices of the and 1,600. Those convicted are still today un-The necessity or expediency of sup-

der various civil disabilities. The acts for which the punishments ances and advocacies in time of war were imposed were in all these cases is not now involved. No interest of verbal. Whatever the statutory de the federal government is now served scription of the offense charged, the j by the protraction in time of peace of evidence consisted chiefly of printed the incidental consequences of such or spoken disapproval of the war or suppression in time of war. It is not of the draft.

honest citizens, however wrong-headed The basis of criminality was the supposed tendoncy of various opinions to their conduct in war-time may be prejudice the success of our arms. In deemed, should be permanently subaffirming convictions the appellate ject to civil disabilities. To exclude courts held simply that the records them from civic functions is to fasten contained evidence sufficient to go to upon them a sort of outlawry and to the jury upon the questions of harm- foster among them and their sympaby a person who has ever been con- cases where excessive sentences had ful tendency and intent. The stress thizers a hostility to the institutions of the times made it natural for from which they are debarred. Our jurors to exaggerate tendencies, and in country can afford to be as generous ernor of the state where the convie port was made by the Attorney Gen- some cases to impute intentions quite today toward those who differed with mer of 1922 twelve more sentences of

> expressions was hotly impugned; their During and just after the World sincerity, however, in all cases which War many persons were convicted have come under our observations, was under federal laws for utterances not open to question.

either directly opposing the war or construed as doing so. No exact figure Among all classes of offenders covered here the belief was prevalent of the total number convicted can be conviction for federal offenses carry must be "of fair character; of ap- with a view to extending clemency that their conduct was within their given, though Department of Justice rights as set forth in the first amend- reports show a total of 933 (363, 1917 ment to the federal Constitution. The to 1918; 514, 1918 to 1919; 56 after nized as a special group to be concourts held otherwise. The belief, June 30, 1919). Those figures cover however, was honestly entertained. It cases, not persons. Many cases in- and the extension of executive clemwas not unreasonable in view of the volve more than one person. In addi-

fact that at no previous time in our tion there were conspiracy cases in that the war emergency had passed been pardoned and restored to the ed of a felony under federal law. Such ing all the cases of persons imprisoned history (save under the Allen and volving approximately 200 persons not and that no public good was served THE APPEAL'S CITIZENSHIP rights of citizenship. The State At- persons would probably have difficulty for offenses of a political nature dur. Sedition Laws in 1798) had Congress listed in the reports. The total num- by their further imprisonment.

Supreme Court of the United States.

After the war most of those serving prison sentences were released by pressing and penalizing certain utter-Presidents Wilson and Harding by commutations recognizing that further imprisonment served no public gurpose, and that the sentences-many of them for very long terms-were imposed to meet an emergency which had passed. Public announcements of the spirit of our institutions that the government's policy were made both by President Wilson and by President Harding and by their at-

torneys general. The government did not again move to extend clemency to war prisoners convicted under the Espionage Act until December, 1921, when the sentences of Eugene V. Debs and twentyfive others were commuted by President Harding. Again in the sumdent Coolidge, on the report of a special commission, released all the remaining prisoners of this class in December, 1923.

The government did not follow any definite policy in dealing with these prisoners, due to changes in administration and in the Department of Justice. They were, however, recogsidered apart from ordinary offenders ency to them was based on the fact

Arises like a great shining hope. The Espionage Act-A Monster a thing of beauty and power--the That Awaits You In Next War

The infamous Espionage Act. the supreme blow against American Liborty is still on the statute books of the United States.

It has only been suspended during peace time.

IT WILL BECOME A LAW AUTO-MATICALLY THE MOMENT WAR IS DECLARED

is so n as the war is declared for which the agents of the administration are now taking an inventory of the resulties of the United States. you may not utter a word in protest against it. t. - matter what a horror or what an entrage it may seem to you. You may not acclaim the right, no matter how clear and sublime that right may be, if it opposes the slaugh-

Denies True Patriotism

You may not warn your country, no matter how much you love your counerry and how keenly you feel the dan-2. r to your country, if that warning a in opposition to that war.

You cannot be true to your con shere; you cannot be true to your sintry as you see it; you cannot be from self respecting, upstanding in- before the war. ductual, if being these conditions in-

Go You Know That

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"Whoever, when the United States is at war, shall wilfully make or convey false reports or false statements with intent to Interfere with the operation or success of the military or naval forces of the United States, or to promote the auccess of its enemies, and whoever when the United States is at war, shall wilfully cause or attempt to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty, in the mil-Itary and naval forces of the United States, or shall wilfully obstruct the recruiting or enlistment service of the United States. to the injury of the service or of the United States, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than twenty years, or both."

Present Espionage Act

A Weapon of Reaction

This is the act under which the ma jority of the convictions and drastic sentences were meted out to whoever dared to advocate during the war peace doctrines they had advocated

Experience has shown that it can ve opposition to the war-UNLESS | be so construed by reactionary fanat-YOU ARE READY TO GO TO PRIS- ics that persons who have always con-TTER PART OF YOUR iemned war of mass-murder cannot continue under REGARDING THE ESTABLISH NOMIC BELIEFS OPPOSED TO LIFE. its operation to do so. Mon who al- MENT OF A FULL FLEDGED DIG THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL SYS-ways stated the economic cause of TATORSHIP OF THE AMERICAN TEM Read this law. Get the meaning of mi ask yourself if you should not war cannot promulgate this truth dur- PLUTOCRACY, WHEN IN ITS JUDG- These are the first anti-free speech the mean it while you can and take steps to wipe it off the statute books while ing war. IN THE HANDS OF WAR FANAT. THIS. ysi may:

ICS AND REACTIONARIES SERV. ING THE GREAT SPECIAL INTER. ESTS. THIS LAW CAN BE SO AP. WILL MAKE THE WHOLE PEOPLE PLIED THAT ANY CRITICISM OF LOWNERS AND MASTERS OF THE THE GOVERNMENT, NO MATTER INPUSTRIAL AS WELL AS THE NOW ESSENTIALLY PATRIOTIC: POLITICAL LIFE OF THE NATION. ANY PROTEST AGAINST THE WAR REGIME. NO MATTER HOW JUST. CAN BE SO CONSTRUED AS TO LAND THE VICTIM IN PRISON FOR WENTY VEARS.

Death Trap for Workers advocates of industrial or political them. The time has arrived when changes or improvements in the exist- WE MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN ing system can express themselves with impunity. IT IS UNDOUBTED-LY AIMED TO SUPPRESS OF HOLD DUSTRIAL SYSTEM. IN CHECK ALL TENDENCIES TO

CHANGE THE PRESENT INDUS-TRIAL SYSTEM. This law is a sleeping reptile: It is one of the pleasant little devices of terror enslavement and destruction.

the ruling interests have in cold storage for the people -IN CASE OF NEED. In connection with the Amer-Ican Legion's bill providing in case of war for the compulsory draft of the

entire manhood of the nation for malitary and industrial purposes, and two territories have passed laws making the President a war dictator. | known as "criminal syndicalism" or

the Espionage Act acquires soniter [peace time "sedition" laws, providing significance

THE TWO TAKEN TOGETHER POINT MERELY FOR THE EXPRESS

NEW GODDESS OF LIBERTY-Socialism Industrial Democracy. Socialism Industrial Democracy will restore persenal and civil liberty. it will restore manhood and womanhood to true sovereighty, dignity and grandeur; it will make American life, freer, braver, safer, happier than

it has ever been before, BECAUSE IT IT WILL REALIZE COMPLETE lings are still in prison. They were

DEMOCRACY, AND IN DOING THIS convicted upon the evidence of wit-WILL REALIZE COMPLETE LIB nesses who afterwards confessed that ERTY. they had been bribed to commit per-

The time has rassed when we can win back our lost liberties while we grant official corruption, jury tamper-Under the provisions of this act, no leave intact the power that destroys ing and contempt of justice. The INCREASING SLAVERY OR THE

committee appointed by President ABOLITION OF THE PRESENT IN

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34 States Have Laws That Kill **Basic Liberty**

Since 1917 thirty-four states and incredibly long terms of imprison-

Lest We Forget These Martyrs **Imprisoned for Their Opinions**

Ford and Suhr

Twelve years ago the hop-pickers on

the Durst ranch, Wheatland, Call-

By Mary O'Reilly

Mooney and Billings

fornia, struck against intolerable conditions. They were organized and led Tom Mooney and Warren K. Bilby Richard Ford and Herman Subr. The strikers were peaceable until they were fired upon in an unprovoked attack by officers. One of the strikers returned the fire and was killed. Ford jury. The case showed the most flaand Suhr were arrested as leaders of the strike. They were not even accured of counseling violence but, as leaders of the strike, they were im-

prisoned, subjected to tortures and indignities. They were finally convicted and have served twelve years. Ford was recently released but was arrested immediately, upon another count growing out of the same strike upon which he must stand trial.

Herman Suhr is still in prison although all of the members of the jury which convicted him have signed a request for his pardon.

Sacco and Vanzetti

Sacco and Vanzetti have been im-

The Centralia Cases In 1919 the I. W. W. hall in Centralia, Washington, was raided by a mub. Some of the members attempted to defend themselves but were overwhelmed by numbers. Leslie Everetts wie brutally murdered while trying to scape. Eleven members of the organization were arrested Armistice night. They are still in prison although there was no attempt to bring to justice the members of the lawless mob which mades an unprovoked attack upon them and murdered their comrade.

Edgar Coombs

Edgar Coombs is now imprisoned at Moundsville, West Virginia. He was arrested with \$12 others for the murder of John Gore who was killed in the fighting at Beech Creek during the trouble in the mines of West Virginia. All of those arrested are now out except Coombs who has aroused the special enmity of the operators. He was sentenced to 99 years which was afterwards reduced to 11 years. He was denied the change of venue to

oned in the United States because of

is planted, juries bribed, perjured evi-

dence accepted, prejudice of race or

opinion used to the utmost when the

capitalist powers wish to free them-

selves of a man who has the courage

to fight for the rights pledged to him

and his fellows by the constitution of

the United States. Men are languish-

ing in prisons all over the country for

their opinions. Liberty is dead un-

less the people arouse and set them

free. If there be left in America any

who think they are free they should

carefully read this record. They are

not free while these others are bound.

At any time they may hear the prison-

door clang upon them and find them-

selves in helpicss despair. The fight

for freedom must be made NOWI



prisoned in Massachusetts for sig another county granted to other union years. They were convicted upon men held on charges of murder and framed evidence. The same judge treason. He is now serving his senwho convicted them refused a new tence while his wife and six children trial although the chief witness, Capt. | carry on the weary struggle for ex-



MENT THE TIME IS RIPE FOR Jaws passed by the states in the histury of the country, with a few unim-

portant exceptions. They violate compietely AND ACTUALLY DESTROY promoted by the American Legion, jit has corrupted and destroyed to a in EFFECT THE FUNDAMENTAL

which provides not only for a univer- tragical, to a lamentable extent, the GUARANTEES OF LIBERTY IN sal military draft in case of war, but SPIRIT of Liberty among the people THE CONSTITUTION AND ORIGI- Wilson decided that Mooney and Bill NAL LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY ings were entitled to a new trial on AND IN THE SPIRIT AND EXPRESpopulation UNDER A MILITARY more incitements and mobbings and SIONS OF THE FOUNDERS OF dublous character of witnesses and the

substantial changes in testimony. The DICTATORSHIP IN THE FORM OF persecutions of beliefs and ideas: AMERICAN LIBERTY. They em-THE PRESIDENT AND WAR more intensified war on opinions by budy the spirit of the Spanish Inguist | President, himself, gave warning to tion and the witch burning spirit of more organizations; and a vaster lest there should be a failure of jus-

effort to suppress scientific knowlearly New England. edge in behalf of ignorance and big-Most of the states adopted these otry, in the United States, than in Jaws AFTER THE WAR WAS OVER. any other civilized or half-civilized Many were adopted in 1919 during the anti-red cruze, fanned into flames country in the world. It is high time the honest and lib-

These three processes are contrary against the display of the red flag.

to all democracy and liberty and must | I ere are the states with the term of

held after proof of innocence. and kept alive by reactionary capitalerty-loving people of this country deist organizations and the Department termined WHY this is, and HOW of Justice of the United States serv LONG THESE CONDITIONS ARE ing such organizations. THESE LAWS ARE SO MUCH ALIKE IN prison hospital. Upon improvement These conditions exist BECAUSE THE VARIOUS STATES THAT THE in his condition he was returned to THE AUTOCRACY OF CAPITALISM CONCLUSION IS UNAVOIDABLE. prison where he is now confined, suf-HAS SUPPLANTED THE DEMOC-THAT THEY WERE PREPARED

anarchy and sedition laws and laws

Alaska, 16 years; Arizona, 10 years;

tucky, 21 years; Michigan, 10 years;

Minn-sota, 10 years; Mississippi, 3

foring, fil, denied the elemental right AND PUSHED IN THE VARIOUS of fair trial. racy of industry has developed into LEGISLATURES IN AN UNDER-a highly concentrated plutocracy COVER CAMPAIGN BY THESE

wielding tremendous power. Its busi- SAME DARK ORGANIZED CAPIyears; Delaware, 15 years; Nebraska, years; New Mexico, 6 months; Wis-The following states and territories onsin, \$10 to \$100 fine for displaying have enacted criminal syndicalism.

the red flag. The fines accompanying these prison terms run from \$100 to \$10,000.

the American Constitution, have in California, 1 to 14 years: Hawall, 10 wars; Idaho, 10 years; Iowa, 10 practically every test case, sustained

The state supreme courts that have

asked the question "Are you a member of the I. W. W.?" Those who answered I. W. W.'s, are serving sentences "Yes" were arrested after leaving the

lice confussed to having framed th It is not possible to list the names evidence. of all of those who are today impris-

Anita Whitney

their activities in the cause of labor. Anita Whitney who has recently These cases serve as a sample of won the right to have her case re-American justice. They constitute an viewed by the United States Supreme indictment of which our courts will Court, was convicted in the courts of | find it hard to face whenever an enlightened working-class stands to chal-California and imprisoned solely because of her membership in the Comlenge them. They prove that evidence

Anthony Bimba

Anthony Bimba, the editor of a Lituanian paper in Brockton, Mass., the California courts to be careful was arrested and charged with "Blasphemy" and Sedition. The charge of tice. In March 1918 the California blaephemy was brought under a stat-Supreme Court denied a new trial to ute 229 years old. He was acquitted Mooney and Billings. They have on the blasphemy charge but senspent eight years in prison, forcibly tonced to pay a fine of \$100 under the Pennsylvania war-time sedition law Mooney is reported ill. He is sufwhich is still in force. Similar laws passed under the spirit of war-time fering from ulcers of the stomach. hysteria are still on the statute books He recently spent some time in the

of 35 states.

Crouch and Trumbull They were two young soldiers in

A Request. Schofield Barracks, Hawall, who Have you one or more copies of "openly declared themselves commu-Kirkpatrick's Think-or Surrender nists" and in sympathy with the workers' cause. Grouch was sentenced to forty years hard labor and Trumbull to twenty-five. On account of their "unusual intelligence" they were con-



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Do You Know BOARD? 21-That the American passport -vetem has been subordinated to this Do You Know structious process of exterminating 26---THAT THE ACTUAL OPERAideas apposed to the rule of the Amer-"an plutocracy and that within a year this system has been used to bar from America the former radical president of Hungary, a Communist member of the British parliament and Anna Kip-

tites, wife of an American citizen who it committed the crime of having TIONS WILL BE GIVEN FULL and in a Russian co-operative colony.

Liberty is Dead?

Do You Know

22- That in certain sections of indistrial America, notoriously in Pennsylvania and West Virginia industrial corporations pay the salaries of deputy -tiertifs and state officers who enforce the laws on strikers and resisting wirkingmen?

Do You Know 13-That this spirit of lawless. op-

pression through the law is not abator in America, and that a NATIONAL ESPIONAGE BILL IS NOW BEFORE CONGRESS?



14-That the United States had on "I statute books before the war and still has a law automatically making all able bodied males in the United states between 18 and 45 members of "he militia subject to such orders as the president may make in the face "t what he may consider an emerg-"3CY.

Do You Know

15-That, not content with this dras tic and thoroughgoing militaristic law, change the whole life of America. a new law is now before Congress, It may be able to do this because

TION OF ALL THE LAW VIOLA. TIONS NAMED ABOVE WOULD DESTROY THE WHOLE SUPER. STRUCTURE OF AMERICAN LIBER-TY, AND EVERY ONE OF THESE

automatically places all industrial of America.

SO-CALLED LAWS AND CONDI-EFFECT WHENEVER THE AMERI-AN PLUTOCRACY FEELS THAT SUCH ACTION IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE ITS POWER AND

PLUNDER?

American Liberty Past and Present its enormous power.

(Continued from Page 1)

destroy democracy and liberty when [imprisonment imposed: acts must be punished. That free they fully assert then selves. Above speech is the fundamental menace to all things this plutocracy must deliberty and democracy. Whereas, the Fathers and Founders

fend itself against new ideas and all efforts toward change or improveof American Liberty found their highment of the lot of the people. Hence est and hollest work in the LIBERAthis war on free speech and opinion TION OF IDEAS, this monstrous. by a corrupt government and a cor-

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its enormous plunder, and safeguard

alien thing that has imposed itself cupted people. upon the super-structure of American This condition WILL LAST AS LONG AS THE POWER OF THE years; South Dakota, 1 to 25 years; Washington, Illinois, New Jersey, LIBERTY, IS FUNDAMENTALLY AND AMERICAN CAPITALISM LASTS. It ' L'tah, 1 to 5 years; Washington, New Mexico, New York, Pennayl ESSENTIALLY ENGAGED IN A WAR ON IDEAS AND BELIEFS. will grow worse as the power and made a felony; Wyoming, 5 years; vania.

wealth of the plutocracy increases. Alabama, 10 years; Arkansas, 6 It has not left one shred or patch IT IS GROWING WORSE NOW. months, Colorado, 20 years; Connecof the principles, or the legal safe-It will disappear only when the ticut, 3 years; Illinois, 1 to 10 years; guards, of Liberty in America. It

whole capitalist system based upon Indiana, 5 years; Louisiana, 20 years; has already erected a political, civil private, autocratic control of the Massachusetta, 3 years; New Hampand economic system of its own which it can suddenly impose in an means of life by a few, is totally shire, 10 years; New Jersey, 20 years;

emergency, which would as suddenly ellminated. Consider the picture on the first Dage.

victed are a number who were summoned as witnesses in other cases. Prisoners Under These Laws | While on the witness stand they were

Ninety-five political prisoners, all New York, 10 years; l'ennaylvania, 20 under these laws in the following stand and convicted. No proof of

years; Khodu Island, 10 years; Ver-mont, 3 years; West Virginia, 1 to 5 Kansas, 1; Oklahoma, 1.

three-year sentence. cears; Kansas, 1 to 10 years; Ken- these abrogations and violations of Folsom, California, Cases essential liberty. In Folsom, California, sixty-one men 20 years; Montana, 1 to 6 years; already sustained these kind of laws are serving sentences of from one to fourteen years under the California Oklahoma, 10 years, Oregon, 1 to 10 sas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, syndicalism law. Most of them were sentenced merely for membership in the I. W. W. which constitutes crime under that law. Among those con-



aldered dangerous by army authorities. The sentences were afterwards com-A significant and appalling fact is muted. Trumbull having served one that the state supreme courts, despite year is now free. Crouch is serving a





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workers-the whole producing civil There is more popular intolerance.

TALISTIC AGENCIES.

American Appeal

How Bankers Rule World Told By London Publication

A conscious organization of financial magnates centering in the Federal vidual can, in theory, use the power policy, as described above, is itself coercing the public into acquiescence Neither party to the struggle is re-CIAL SUPERSTRUCTURE OF CAP. Reserve Board of the United States and the Bank of England and to be fur-of his vote. But as Finance defines an agent administering the policy of in a condition of economic scarcity sponsible for the occasion of the ITALISM AND ANOTHER ONE an international banking trust of deliberately decreed by external finan-struggle, nor can remove it by strikes WOULD ARISE QUICKLY IN IT3 ther shared by_s proposed central bank of Europe, controls governments, sational production and trade, the apportionment of raw material and marhets and the peace and war and armament policies of the nations throughent the civilized world.

This financial world-trust-this oligarchy of bankers-perpetuates its rule ever the civilised world by limiting consumption-that is, by maintaining world-wide artificial poverty where world wide wealth for all has at last become possible. Politically, it realizes its world rule through the League of Nations and the World Court.

These startling statements are made by the New Age, London, England, in an article entitled "The Key to World Politics." In this article is the following brief outline of this new system of World Government:

Meaning of the Surplus Power Based on Poverty "The Dominant Policy .- Financial "High Financial Policy .-- 'Produce policy prevails because it is made efmore, consume less. The theory is that national prosperity depends on fective through the control of financial credit, which is a monopoly of the personal abstinence. Consequence---a banking system fast expandion of the means of production (capital resources), but no cor-

"Instrumentation of Policy.-The responding expansion of the means of banking system uses its monopoly to encourage the multiplication of fac-

"Policy of the Individual .-- To in- tories and plant, and to discourage crease his consumption relatively to the output of consumable goods. The his expenditure of energy. More goods result is the 'exportable surplus' and for less work, Policy justified by rea- the struggle to dump it abroad. Hence son of modern machine production. | war. Against this tendency the indi-

political power is diverted to irrelev-

ant issues, and so dissipated. "Internal Government.---In Great Britain, the power over policy proeeds from the Bank of England, in association with the 'Big Five' banks, through the Treasury, then through the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who delimits the initiative of his colleagues in the Cabinet. The Cabinet in its turn arranges the main issues to be discussed by Parliamentary Committees, and debated by the full House. If the House should reject any one of these issues, it condemns itself to dissolution. Notice that the principle of popular election ends at the House of Commons; that is, at the third remove down from the source of national policy. The personnel of the banks,

the Treasury, and the Cabinet, is decided by secret nomination." How the World Is Governed The 'central bank' of every na-

Another Appeal Victory

which it is a member. Thus the ulti-

mate control of every nation's policy is outside that nation. This control is to be exercised, in appearance, by the Council of the League of Nationsa sort of Cabinet of Europe. The Assembly of the League may be called the European Parliament. The League's International Commissions of various sorts are like so many Parliamentary Committees. Notice that, unlike national Parliaments, not even the Assembly, much less the Council. of the League, is popularly elected. Both are secretly nominated. Finance controls the nominations. Thus, the control of policy is not, even in form, granted to the millions of people whose destines are involved in the system. Democracy is at an end--if it over had a beginning.

How Poverty Is Enforced "The Role of National Parliaments.

cial policy. The available national or lock-outs." income has to be rationed out to

Capital and Labor in such manner as to postpone the outbreak of industrial hostilities. y to be centered in the financial magnates is undoubtedly correct. "The Role of the League of Nations. -This body's function is to ration the That behind the League of Nations and the World Court is the League

available world income among nations by rationing their markets in such of International Bankers is no doubt manuer as to postpone a fresh outtrue. That the bankers' international trust preserves its present system of break of war. credits and power by decreasing con-

"The Final Issue Every economic sumption (wages) in each nation and and political problem in the world increasing the "exportable surplus," can be resolved into a conflict behas been proved by many recent de tween the individual, who suys: 'I velopments. must consume in order to live,' and

But it is a most serious mistake the world financial autocracy which to conclude that the overthrow or elisays: 'You must not consume if you mination of the bankers' oligarchy would live.' The conflict, for instance. will remove the fundamental evils of between Capital and Labor, is at root capitalism. WORLD-RULING FINANa struggle between two bodies of would be consumers over a given CIAL CAPITALISM IS NOTHING. MORE THAN THE SUPREME EXquantity of purchasing power which is -These institutions have no func- being kept insufficient by the bank- PRESSION OF INDUSTRIAL CAPtion, while dominating that nation's tion left but that of persuading or ing system as a matter of polloy. ITALISM, LOP OFF THE FINAN- ALL.

Overlooks Important Fact That capitalist power has come final-

PLACE. Publicly own the banks and

May 1, 1926

money system and we would still have the private ownership of industry and the wage system left. The wage would continue to limit consumption. The "exportable surplus" would still be an unsolvable and menacing question under the system. The workers would still be poor in the midst of the machinery and means for producing abundant wealth.

There is a strong present tendency in view of the tremendous power and abuses of the international bankers' trust to align the workers with the industrial capitalists against the figure

cial capitalists. This is a dangerous trap. THE WORKERS MUST FIL MINATE BOTH THROUGH THE PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND DEMO. CRATIC OPERATION OF BOTH THE INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL SYS TEMS. IT IS THE ONLY ROAD TO EMANCIPATION AND PLENTY FOR

and "power plant. The mayor has urged the citizens, in a recent mes-

sage; to support the plant and to ex-

tend municipal ownership to other

What Is Socialism?

are after?

condition where productive labor rope, has become Socialist in spirit. either of hand or brain shall not be alm and membership. The Socialist oppressed or robbed of its product. | parties of the world, called labor par-The Socialist movement bears the ties in some instances, constitute altosame relation to labor that the French | gether the largest political movement and American revolutions here to cit- i ever known. Socialist parties control izenship. Just as these revolutions five of the siz Australian states. Mexcame to establish the sovereignty of ico has a Socialist president and a the citizen in government and gave us somi Socialist parliament. The Socialpolitical democracy, Socialism is com- ists are the major parties in Denmark ing to establish the sovereignty of the and Sweden and control the ministries worker in industry and give us in- They are the second strongest parties dustrial democracy.

like?

Answer-Socialiem would be a cooperative commonwealth of producers. where the basic industries would be owned by the people and the worker would have citizenship and a vote in the management of industry and would receive the full value created by his labor except his just contribution toward the upkerp of industry and necessary government.

Question-What would be the ad vantages of such a system?

Answer--Such a system would abolish poverty, realize liberty, and establish universal culture. Question-How?

Answer-The forces of production in the world today are great enough to produce all the wealth that the human race can consume, but production is artificially limited to the low purchasing power of the present wage evitem. Under Socialism where the worker would receive the full value created by his labor, the purchasing power of the people would be equal to their productive power. THE PRESENT LIMITS WOULD BE TAKEN OFF FROM PRODUCTION. THE WORLD'S PRESENT TREMENDOUS PRODUC-TIVE FORCES THUS RELEASED WOULD PRODUCE ALL THE Democrat has filed a Socialist peti-WEALTH ALL THE PEOPLE COULD

Question--What is it you Socialists | has become a part of the Socialist movement. To a large extent the co-Answer--We want to establish a operative movement, especially in Eu-

in Great Britain, France, Germany, Question -- What would Socialism be (Switzerland, Belgium, Austria, Finland, Latvia, Esthonia, and New

Zealand; the third largest parties in Holland, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, several South American countries and in South Africa. They were rapidly ascending to power in Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria, Jugo Slavia and Roumania when the flood of armed Fascism was hurled against them - Itu-sia, the largest country in the world, is controlled by the workers and is making promising progress toward Socialism.

It is just as sensible to shout for war as it is to vote the Republican or Democratic ticket, for the policy of both these parties make for war.

Notice: Westmoreland **County Socialists!**

The Westmoreland county, Pennsylworld: vania, Socialist Party has nominated a complete ticket and filed petitions, and we find that the Socialist vote is so party. considerable that the old party coudidates tried to secure the Socialist nomination, and in this instance a tion for Congressional nomination This means that there will be a con test in the primaries between the regular Socialist nominee and the other portion of Europe. candidate. The regular Socialist nominee for U.S. Congress is our well But you say, there are no animals known State Committeeman, HARRY ECKARD, of New Kensington The Democrat is ALBERT H. BELL. All are animals-the Elephant, the Jack-Socialists in Westmoreland County number of Parasites of different should attend the primaries and vote shape and scent. for Eckard. We must not allow old party politicians to secure our nomination by any such trick. A contest is unusual for Socialist, with the results that most of our Comrades do not go to the primary election. This is a mistake, as it gives the old party a chance to steal our nomination. Westboth to the fighting pitch. moreland Socialists are urged to get out a full vote on May-lath

the swindle of the employe-customer non-voting stock selling scheme, the hard boiled reactionary Interstate Commerce Commission, ton March 31) ruled that such stocks cannot be further issued. The rulings cover these points:

I in the Van Sweringen case the com-mission denounced taking away the vot-ing rights from preferred stock and the setting up of a voting trust, whereby minority control of hoge projecties was

him, opposed these rulings.

ments "All these moves by the com- i 1. At this very moment a NA-

board regulating the railroads." It is true that publication of the es--ential facts relative to the billions of bogus stocks issued have been published by a few other papers; but it is

the placing of the facts before the WORKING CLASS that has slarmed the culprits and their backers into the caution that means a temporary victory for the American Appeal.

A Flock of Fables Here are the greatest fables in the

That the plutes will contribute to the campuign fund of the Socialist; That Socialists seek to employ

hands. That Socialists favor "dividing up"

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of the property of the world.

Since the American Appeal exposed Beware! Liberty's **Arch Assassins Are** Still on Their Job

The greatest mistake the lovers of liberty in America can make is to, ansume that the assault on civil and tersonal liberty beginning with the to the Wabash Fittsburgh & West | World War is only a temporary war

the a case last week the commission phenometon and will soon pass, down the flat educt it would not per-issuance of preferred unless it car-It is a phenomenon, not so much of war as it is of the advanced monopolis-tic, the commission declined to permit the road to routhdryse studies for capital is thenditures on a subsidiary by issuance if bends holding that capital structures were for top-heavy with bonds and the field it. The unspeakable new monobus It is a phenomenon, not so much of

The unspeakable new metaber of CREASING EXACTLY TO THE EXthe commission, Thomas F Woolcock, TENT THAT ORGANIZED AMERIwho was confirmed only when the CAN PLUTOCRACY IS DEVELOPsenate went into executive session to ING AND SENSING THAT ALL the public could not tell who voted for IDEAS OF LIBERTY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS ARE ITS DANGEROUS A Kansas City Star dispatch come AND MORTAL ENEMIES.

mission have ASTONISHED THE TIONAL SEDITION LAW that would BANKING WORLD For if there was a blot out whatever of liberty remains one supposedly 'safe and sane' com- in America is now before Congress placent body in Washington it was the IT PROHIBITS THE UTTERANCE AND PUBLICATION OF THEORIES OPPOSED TO THE PRESENT IN-DUSTRIAL REGIME AND INTER-DICTED BY IT.

2. The infamous Espionage Law under which Debs was convicted and imprisoned is on the statute books and held in reserve.

3. The clause of this law clothing the Post-office Department with pow er to censor, suspend, or suppress pub lications opposing the existing econo

mic regime is still IN ACTIVE OPER. ATION whenever the Postmaster General sees fit to use it.

4. The strike of textile workers now going an in New Jersey has never force so long as the ballot is in their I ness on the part of the employing inbeen exceeded in violence and lawless-I terests and never has a closer connection been shown between the owners

Oklahoma City Frees Self of Tax



Ponca City, Oklahoma, population 15,000, is one city in the United States that has discovered the secret of getting rid altogether of the crushing bur- light and power plants than there were den of taxation, which is piling up to an alarming extent upon communities all in 1917. over the United States. Were it not for outstanding bonds, for which interest money must be raised by taxation. Ponca City would have no taxes whatever during the ensuing year. What is the secret of this unusual condition? THE 1924 are as follows: Roseville, 1. SECRET IS THAT THIS COMMUNITY OWNS & MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND 618; Redding, \$27,583; Lodi, \$28,19 POWER PLANT FROM WHICH IT REALIZES. SUFFICIENT PROFITS TO Alameda. \$109.978; Riverside, 1.1. PAY ALL MUNICIPAL EXPENSES EXCEPT INTEREST ON BONDS. It 652; Glendale, \$316.630; Pasadena is self-supporting because it has learned the secret of owning its own utilities \$406.071: Los Angeles, \$3.137.622 rather than letting some private profiteering corporation own them. EVERY COMMUNITY AND EVERY STATE IN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ITSELF COULD GET RID OF ALL TAXATION THROUGH PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

will have to spend considerable money Public Ownership in improvements The municipally owned docks and **Makes Big Recent** terminals in Tampa, Florida, turned \$2,389 into the city treasury in one month. The total receipts were \$3,505. Gains in America the cost of operation \$517, and the net profit to the city \$2,989.

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The city of Redding, California, owns its electric lighting plant The ci y of Oroville asked the city man-

utilities.

ager of Redding for his advice in reand to Oroville acquiring its local plans. The manager strongly room mend if the acquisition, and listed as adv normes of municipal ownership. lower taxes, lower rate of interest on money borrowed, lower cost of power for all unicipal purposes, the attract

there is constries by means of lower

rates The private power interests have successful in inducing the city of Concease. Obio, to sell to them its manicipally owned light plant for about \$400,000. Private interests want all such plants and are spreading the "" port that municipal plants are de creasing in number. This is not true, Public Ownership says that in 1/22 the latest year for which accurate fr ures are obtainable, there were in America 263 more municipally owned

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Question--How do you Socialists propose to bring this condition?

Answer-By the fullest possible organization of the victims of the present system for the purpose of utilizing to the fullest extent all the approaches to Socialism. The approaches to Socialism are through the Labor movement to the emancipation of labor. Through the co-operative move. ment to the co-operative commonwealth. Through the Socialist Party to control of government. The first step toward Socialism of a Socialist government would be the public own ership of the monopolies. With the trusts in the hands of the people, the rest would be easy.

Question-To what extent have the Socialists realized this program?

Answer-The organized labor move-Who is the master? No nation on earth can fight a war of defense unment of the world, with a few excentions, notably in the United States, less the banks will lend it money.



The other regular Socialist candidates in Westmoreland County are: For Assembly, First District, John Fradel, Latrobe and George H. Hunter, Unity Township (Two to be nominated). Second District Bertha Tinney, New Kensington and Henry J. Hufnagel, Irwin (Two to be nominat ed). Third District, Auton Zornik and Herminie, and Oscar O. Simpson. South Greensburg, (Two to be nomi nated)

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of industry and their official lackeys That Socialists of America take diewielding the powers of government. tation of either Wall street or any 5. Four alien registration and deportation bills are now before con-

gress. These bills would create a sym in these fables, and animals are re tom of intimidation in this country quired for the perfect fable. But there even worse than that under the recent reign of terror of the Department of ass, the goat-that is you- and any Justice. Aliens would be registered, and finger printed and treated like criminals. Undoubtedly this tendency

to establish greater control over aliens The next war will be a commercial arises mainly from the fact that most one. But you will be taught that the workers from Europe now have ad-"enemy"-yet to be disclosed-is a vanced to the point of thinking where

brute, while he will be taught that they are opposed to the capitalist sysyou are a moron, in order to stir you tem. 6. At this moment the government

wields a weapon of tremendous oppression and suppression in the present passport regulation law, long af ter other civilized countries have abol-The most humorous man in the ished such restrictions. One of the greatest injustice is the distranchise-American Socialist movement and ment of American women because one of the most powerful speak- they marry aliens, and the use of this ers in this country, is Oscar Am- passport system to keep them out of eringer. His "Life and Deeds of their native country whenever they cross the border. Another gross ini Uncle Sam" is a screamingly quity is the use of this system to bar amusing history of the United men like Karolyl, former Socialist president of Hungaria, and Saklatvala, communist member of the British We want one thousand people to

parliament, merely because they are opposed to capitalism. 7. Most dangerous of all is the new

universal draft bill prompted by the can read it and then afford to lend it American Legion, making a dictator of dozen times and make 'em laugh - the president and drafting all ablebodied males between 21 and 30 for war and for compulsory service in industry during the war.

AMERICA IS ALL PRIMED TO SHIFT TO A MILITARY DICTATOR-SHIP LIKE ITALY, SPAIN, HUN GARY, BULGARIA, ROUMANIA WHEN AN EMERGENCY ARISES AMERICANS! ARE YOU ASLEEP OR AWAKE? WILL YOU SUPINELY PERMIT CHAINS TO BE FORGED ON YOU'R WRISTS? WILL YOU SEE YOUR CHILDREN CONSIGNED TO HOPELESS SLAVERY WITHOUT A PROTEST?

The espionage law was not repealed but only suspended. A proclamation by the President, and you will either shut up or else.

The public roads have been taken away from the public and given to the owners of the automobiles.

ports Public Ownership- recently took ing its own needs, it is supplying curover the street railway lines and is rent to the county seat, Jefferson.

now successfully operating them. Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, owns its-That is more than the private com light and power plant and its water piny did The lines were owned by works system. The question of issu-Los Angeles interests which were un- ing bonds to the amount of \$220,000 able to make them pay and therefore (for extensions and improvements came discontinued the service and aban- up at a recent election. As the private doned the lines. The city appraised interest are trying to gobble up the them at the price of junk and took municipal power plants, the election them over. It is operating them at a was bitterly contested, but the bonds small profit to the city. No doubt it were carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

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It tells HOW civil liberty was detroyed; WIIO destroyed it, and HOW IT CAN BE RESTORED. Every once and awhile the American Appeal delivers a special blow of this

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