"IF YOU CAN, RETURN IN THIRTY DAYS..." DEBS' RENUNCIATION

A 20TH CENTURY CRUCIFIXION

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You've probably never been in prison. You've probably never felt the burning desire for freedom which was thrust upon you by the lashing of the iron bars. You've probably never heard the shouts down the prison walls of another day, the day you're to try another. "Ouch! That's a good one!" "Only 99 more days for me..." "Only 315 more days for me..."

DEBS LOOKS FORWARD TO TEN YEARS IN HIDE!

And other political prisoners look forward to 15 and 20 and 30 and 40 years in jail. It's for YOU TO SAY!

You've probably never been in prison. You've probably never felt the burning desire for freedom. You probably do not understand nor realize the sacrifice that Debs made.

With everything in readiness for his liberation; with legal talent at hand no better than which can be assured, in open defiance of the advice of comrades very near and dear to him, advice from whom he readily accepted under other circumstances, Debs has declared himself ready for freedom for another thirty days—hoping...

THREE SACRIFICES:

This is giving one's life for others.
Yes, Debs is doing this very thing—giving his life, sacrificing his liberty and freedom in the hope that ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS WILL SOON BE FREED.

Margarette Prevey and Attorney Jos. W. Sharts and Samuel Cusack were with Debs in August 20th and 21st. The advisability of releasing him was advised from every angle. The success of such proceedings was disheartening...

DEBS HAS ANSWERED:

"THE CRUCIFIXION"...

In a letter dated 8-23-15, he means the thing that...

WE MUST DOUBLE OUR EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF POLITICAL PRISONERS DURING THE THIRTY DAYS TO COME.

We must keep our eyes open September 20th. This in no manner upon this date and Debs is concerned. That is the day upon which he will be decided whether Debs shall use his freedom, gain it and battle beside us for the release of all all other political prisoners, or whether Debs would rather permanently sacrifice his freedom in order to aid his fellow political prisoners until the time the workers in America release THEM ALL...

DEBS LOVES FREEDOM:

Every prisoner loves freedom.
But he may lose the chances for freedom at inside, Debs said, "New laws..."...

SOME WE RETURN IN THIRTY DAYS!

Will we keep the printing presses busy day and night preparing handbills for the leaflet settled "An Open Letter to President Wilson"?

You have the coming thirty days in coordinating your forces for the serious assault. IT'S FOR YOU TO SAY AND those who speak pride to this greater purpose who make immediate use of the LIBERATION FUND contribution lets them thirty days...

As usual—MOONEY TALKS

You don't collect from friends, relatives, fellow workers. EVERYBODY will plead an unavailing demand for the liberation of Debs and all.

THE "CALLS FOR HELP." WE SENT YOU.

You can call out, but from those behind prison bars, and really, there is but one thing you can DO RIGHT NOW, and that is to...

HELP!

The Liberators Program.

1. A Liberation Fund of thousands of dollars.
2. Printing and posting of thousands of posters.
3. Circulating Labor Unions, suggesting such organizations and writing in the direction as may be necessary to further our demands.
4. Engage and routespeakers to Socialists and Labor Leagues.

Your every thought and every act must from this time forward be an act of liberation for all political prisoners. The need of the hour is to go up—up—up to talk twice as much and act twice as fast for the liberation of all politicians. Let no day pass without you and others every minute you can spare to this worthy cause.
Debs vs. "The Best and Freest Government on Earth"  

Why did the government transfer Eugene V. Debs to Atlanta, Georgia, Prison? Why is it, that now he is over, that Debs must still lie in prison?  

In the first place, we hear that Debs was transferred because he found a human wedge in the cool, tractable, red-clay state of West Virginia, and the Cool Breeze could not stand that kind of treatment for their latest enemy. In the second place, we have the word from United States Attorney General Mitchell Palmer (with Presidential ambitions) who says, in an interview with a correspondent of the Torreante Post of July 8:

"It is true, as you say, that the war is over; but how can we let Debs go back into the world, only to begin his open opposition to the best government in the world?"

SOME REASON:  
That would not get a lot of "good" people. It seems that the recent action of the executive force of the nation, in its fighting, testing with the Congress of the nations, might implicate some of the congressmen in saying that "This is not the Freedom for the best nations on earth."

In fact, however, Debs has not conspired with capitalist nations at all. He does not say that this is the freedom that is most desired by states, he just knows that slavery exists in all nations where the wage system is in vogue. That none of them will be free until the wage system is abolished.

Mr. Palmer must know this country has the reputation of being truculent and that in the St. Louis treaty the experiments are made here and the Standard Oil has a reputation that it has mastered it in several states. He has certainly heard of the Steel Trust and its acquisition, its Standard methods to beat the government into law, he certainly has heard of Wall Street and the others of the gambling there, and the robberies there and the crimes committed there in the name of commerce and in the name of Czar.

Mr. Palmer, in removing Debs to Atlanta, Georgia, has, of course, punished him, but the great heart of Debs still beats in union with the onward march of the workers. The removal only emphasized the brutality of capitalism.

Debs in Atlanta is doing much to make this one of the free countries on earth. He is doing so in a different way than Mr. Palmer would do it. His great soul is pushing hard against all the great waves that sweep over the earth. But the truth will forever, break down the walls and be free.

Make a merry, for a merry evening!

"If you dump on the rivers of progress,  
At your peril and cost let it be;  
That river will assassinate you;  
It will break down your dams and be free!"

—Oakland World

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is the policy of the ruling race and class. I surmise the termination of control of those blacks, the reason why the cap comes so quickly off. And yonder in the State Capitol, I am told, sits a Governor who rose to political fame upon the lynching of Leo Frank, the Jew.

I know that exploitation is the foundation of all this movement. I know that the system of life is as unstable as the shifting sands. I knew it is written in the stars therefore that all this magnificent structure will be broken up, that the machine will fall and a wave of wrath will sweep it—she is not a truth in the future or in the heaven, no substance in the taboos, dreams of all those bright souls who have burned like torches through the mists of ages.

And as I ponder these matters, I look out above the vultures and the dunger and glitter of the streets, across the black, mixed, new American civilization, vandals, destroyers, the clashing of the sword, the jangling of the sword, the tearing of the sword—she is not a truth in the future or in the heaven.
THE LIFE OF EUGENE V. DEBS

From the latest issue of "Homes and Gardens" comes this description of the home of George W. Debs. His wife and family are living in this home, and the home is furnished in a way that is characteristic of the family. The house is surrounded by a beautiful garden, and the family is very happy there. It is a pleasant place to live in, and the family is very satisfied with their home. The house is situated on a hillside, and the view from the windows is beautiful. The family is very fond of the country, and they have a lot of fun there. It is a lovely place to live in, and the family is very happy there.
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