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What is a "contract"? I am not going to give you any Socialist definition of it, because the very word"contract," in my opinion, is anathema to Socialism. It is a term which has grown up with the system of private ownership of the means of production. It is employed in the same way that we employ the term in the United States to designate a thing under which a man has a right to do certain things. And the "contract" system is not only a matter of private ownership, but it is also a matter of public ownership. In this sense, "contract" means the same thing to the government as it does to the individual. It is the agreement between the individual and the government by which the individual agrees to perform certain services for the government, and the government agrees to pay the individual for services rendered.

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AN OPEN LETTER

[Daily People, Oct. 31]
To ABDU-ALRASHID, Editor Daily People, 253 A. G. Brooklyn.

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