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HOW MANY SOCIALISTS ARE THERE IN THE PARLIAMENTS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES?

THERE ARE MANY SOCIALISTS IN THE PARLIAMENTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. THEY FIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE.

DON'T YOU THINK THE UNITED STATES WITH OVER 100 MILLION PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM WORKING-MEN AND WORKINGWOMEN, OUGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY SOCIALISTS IN ITS NATIONAL PARLIAMENT AND STATE LEGISLATURES?

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IS THIS A SPIDER? IT IS. WHAT IS ITS OTHER NAME? THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM. HAS HE GOT AN ANT IN HIS WEB? HE HAS. WHAT IS THE ANT'S OTHER NAME? WORK-INGMAN. DOES THE SPIDER LIKE TO HAVE THE ANTS ORGANIZE? NO, HE PREFERENCES TO DEAL WITH THEM "INDIVIDUALLY."
IS THE MAN THROWING A FIT? HE IS. WHY? BECAUSE HE SEES A SOCIALIST GOING INTO PUBLIC OFFICE. WOULD HE BE THROWING A FIT IF THE MAN WERE A DEMOCRAT OR A REPUBLICAN? O, NO! HE HAS BEEN SENDING THEM TO STATE LEGISLATURES AND CITY COUNCILS FOR A LONG TIME.
NO, THIS IS NOT A LOG IN THE STREAM; IT IS AN ALLIGATOR. WHY DOES HE GROW TO LOOK LIKE A LOG? TO FOOL HIS ENEMIES. CAN HUMAN BEINGS FOOL THEIR ENEMIES IN THIS WAY? SURE. CAN GOVERNMENTS FIX UP THEIR APPEARANCE TO LOOK LIKE DEMOCRACY? THEY CAN. BUT THEY DON'T FOOL AS MANY PEOPLE AS THEY USED TO.
DOES A COBWEB CATCH FLIES AND OTHER LITTLE INSECTS? IT DOES. CAN A BIG BUMBLE BEE BUMP HIS WAY THROUGH THE COBWEB? EASILY.
HAVE MOTHER AND FATHER A WORRIED LOOK? THEY HAVE. WILL THE WORRIED LOOK COME OFF? NO. NOT UNTIL THEY GET SENSE ENOUGH TO VOTE IN SOCIALISM. WHAT IS SOCIALISM? IT IS—BUSINESS, OPERATED FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT INSTEAD OF PRIVATE PROFIT.
DOES THE MAN LIKE TO JUMP LIKE A DOG FOR HIS FOOD, SHELTER AND CLOTHING? NO. BUT THE BOSS PULLING THE STRINGS TELLS HIM IT DEVELOPS HIS CHARACTER.
HAS THE SMALL SHOP-KEEPER GIVEN UP TRYING TO BE A BIG CAPITALIST? JUST ABOUT. AT LAST HE BEGINS TO REALIZE THAT HIS STORE IS ONLY A SELLING PLACE FOR THE TRUSTS. WHAT'S HE DOING NOW? HE'S TRYING TO KEEP THE WOLF FROM THE DOOR.
WILL THERE EVER BE ENOUGH ARROWS TO KILL THE MONSTER? SOME DAY. IN THE MEANTIME, EVERY ARROW HELPS.
WHAT ARE THE MEN DOING? ONE IS TALKING ABOUT THE MERITS OF CAPITALISM, AND THE OTHER ABOUT SOCIALISM. IS IT A DEBATE? NO! YOU CAN Seldom get a REPUBLICAN, A DEMOCRAT, OR AN ELOQUENT CORPORATION LAWYER TO DEBATE WITH A SOCIALIST. BUT EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO KEEP THE SOCIALIST FROM TALKING. WHY? BECAUSE TRUTH HURTS.
HAVE GREAT AUTHORS, ECONOMISTS, AND STATESMEN OF THE PAST—BELIEVED IN SOCIALISM AS A PRACTICAL SCIENCE OF GOVERNMENT? THEY HAVE. MANY NAMES SHINE THROUGH THE DARKNESS OF HISTORY. OUR PICTURE SHOWS ONLY A FEW OF THE GREAT NAMES. BUT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF DISTINGUISHED MEN AND WOMEN IN ALL PROFESSIONS IN THIS DAY WHO ARE SOCIALISTS.
HAVE MANY MEN AND WOMEN BEEN THROWING THEIR VOTES AWAY? THEY HAVE. WILL THEY CONTINUE TO? THEY WILL, AS LONG AS THEY ARE VOTING FOR THE PARTIES OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE WHICH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GRAFT, CORRUPTION, WAR AND POVERTY.
IS HUMAN PROGRESS ALWAYS MISUNDERSTOOD AND CRITICIZED BY THOSE WHO ARE SATISFIED WITH THINGS AS THEY ARE? IT IS.
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