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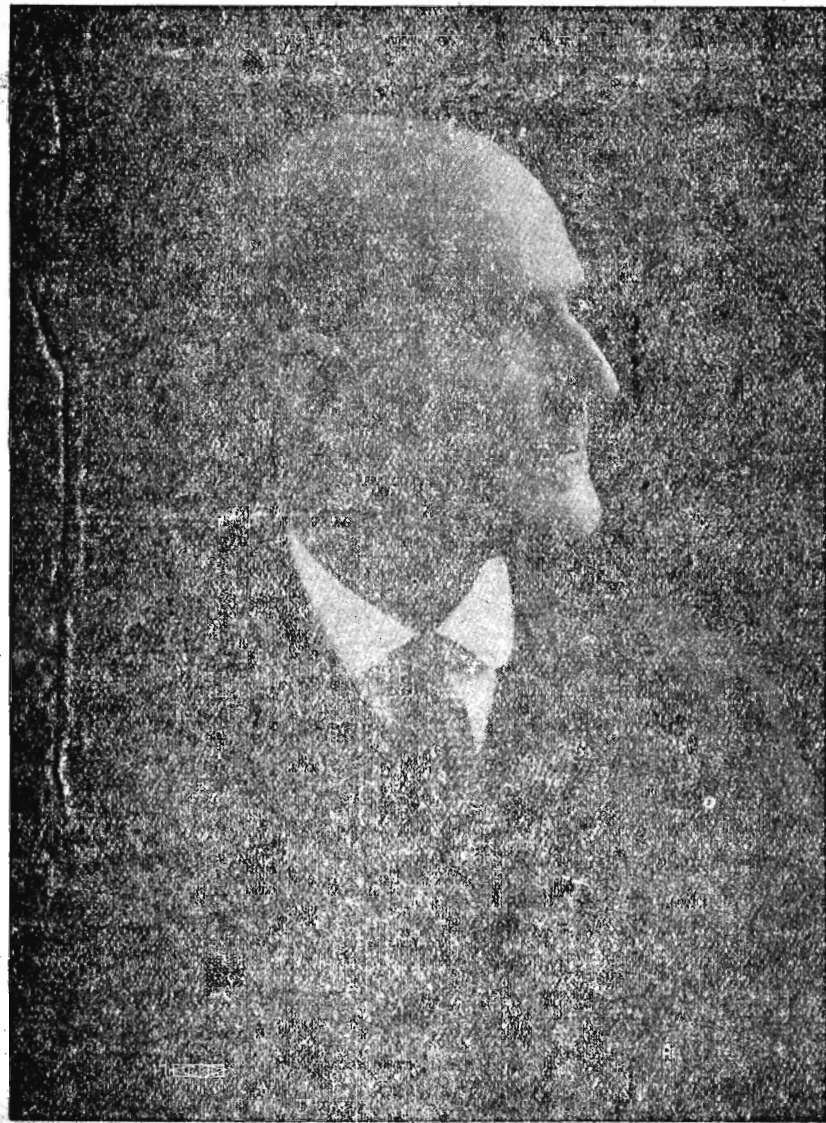
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## To Our Russian Comrades

By Eugene V. Debs



When the Revolution in Russia occurred a year ago and the actual toiling and producing masses came into power under the leadership and inspiration of Lenin and Trotzky, all the ruling class powers on earth, the United States not excepted, instinctively arrayed themselves against the new-born working class Republic and predicted freely that the new regime would not last one week. From that time to this these powers of imperialism and capitalism and their corrupt politicians, their slimy priests and their whole vast brood of mercenaries and sycophants, including their filthy and venomous press, have gone to every extreme of falsehood, calumny and personal vituperation to discredit the leadership of the Russian revolutionaries, the first real attempt at actual democratic administration in the history of the world.

But in spite of all these stupendous reactionary and destructive forces the Soviet has survived and the Russian proletariat, thanks to its heroic and uncompromising leadership and its own inflexible determination, is still in power, defiantly challenging its ruling class of fraternity and good will to the proletariat of the world.

Comrades of the Russian Soviet and the Bolshevik Republic, we salute and honor you on this first anniversary of your great revolutionary triumph, the greatest in point of historic significance and far-reaching influence in the annals of the race. You have set the star of hope for all the world in the eastern skies. You have suffered untold persecution, exile and misery and you have shed your blood freely all these years in the great struggle for emancipation, not only of your own oppressed people, but the oppressed of all the earth. On this historic anniversary we extend our proletarian hand to you from all directions and across the spaces and assure you of our loyalty and our love.

The chief glory of your revolutionary triumph is that you have preserved inviolate the fundamental principles of international socialism and refused to compromise. It will be to your everlasting honor that you would rather have seen the Revolution perish and the Soviet with it than to prostitute either one by betraying the workers to alleged progressive reforms which would mean to them an extension of their servitude under a fresh aggregation of exploiters and parasites.

You, Russian Comrade of the Soviet and of the Bolshevik Republic, are resolved that for once in history the working-class, which fights the battles, sheds its blood and makes all other sacrifices to achieve a revolution, shall itself receive and enjoy the full fruits of such a revolution; that it shall not allow itself to be used, as dumb driven cattle, to install some intermediate class into power and perpetuate its own slavery and degradation.

On this anniversary day we pledge you, brave and unflinching comrades of the Soviet Republic, not only to protest against our government meddling with your affairs and interfering with your plans, but to summon to your aid all the progressive forces of our proletariat and render you freely all assistance in our power.

We pledge you, moreover, as we grasp your hands in comradeship congratulations on this eventful day, to strive with all our energy to emulate your inspiring example by abolishing our imperialistic capitalism, driving our plutocratic exploiters and oppressors from power and establishing the working-class Republic, the Commonwealth of Comrades.

## Piqua Socialists Victorious

ALLEGED CAPITALIST FRAME-UP ON PIQUA SOCIALISTS FAILS—FEDERAL GRAND JURY ON ADVICE FROM ATTORNEY-GENERAL GREGORY DROPS CHARGES—LEONARD AND HIS TOOLS DISCREDITED

The Federal grand jury sitting at Cincinnati, Ohio, for the Western Division of the Southern District of Ohio, brought in a report Friday, December 20, stating that the sedition cases against Socialist Mayor Frank B. Hamilton, Safety Director Herman Grunert, Councilman L. H. Neff and Socialist party members J. D. Wagner, Frank Glass and Isaac Schuchat, all of Piqua, Ohio, had been dropped; that this had been done because Attorney General Gregory, at Washington, D. C., as the result of voluminous correspondence with District Attorney Stuart R. Bolin, had advised him and through him the jurors themselves that the facts in these cases do not warrant further prosecution.

At once a remarkable scene ensued in the court room. District Judge Hollister, a superpatriot during the war, flew into a passion, saying it was not within the province of the attorney general's office or the district attorney to lay down the law to the grand jurors. He was about to order them to reassemble and take up the sedition cases, when District Attorney Bolin explained that the jurors had also had a summary of all the testimony which would have been presented, had the witnesses appeared before them. Thereupon the judge decided to let the report stand.

Thus the effort to imprison the Socialist administration of Piqua and discredit them with the public, has fizzled out. The effort to use the "frame-up" broke down on cross-examination.

A short statement of the testimony as developed at the preliminary examination of these cases at Dayton, O., before U. S. Commissioner Howell, at which time they were bound over under \$10,000 bail, will make clear why the Attorney General at Washington, advised the dropping of the charges.

The manifesto circulated in Germany by Karl Liebknecht, Rosa Luxemburg and Frank Mehring of the German revolutionary Socialists, the torch which spread revolt over the German empire that was, has reached here.

The answer of the German people to the appeal to rise and seize the reins of government has been told in dispatches. The manifesto follows: Dear Comrades—More than four years ago our rulers embarked on their campaign of robbery to subdue our neighbors. During the last ten or twelve years these same rulers of ours have been propagating the evil doctrine of the "Slav peril." They were successful.

They sowed the fear of Slavs in our hearts. But this was only a disguise for their still more insidious aggressions. As though the road to St. Petersburg lay across Belgium and the north of France they gave the order and let loose our armies. In a little more than four years our rulers caused the killing and incapacitating of over 25,000,000 men and women.

Think of it, comrades. Millions of souls, soldiers and civilians; men, women and children fell victims to the ideals of our unbridled imperialists! During these four years the peoples of the world were unrelentingly bled no longer. And what did we gain? Did we gain even one hundredth of what we and our rulers had started to win for us? Instead we lost until we could lose no longer.

Now is your chance to humiliate your masters. The deeper and more thorough is their humiliation the more assured are your liberties. Do not for another instant permit your leaders to misrepresent the German working men as slavishly supine to their will. Act at once. It is your only chance.

Strike the tyrant with a mighty blow and lay him prostrate at your feet. He is tottering. A well directed blow at this time will win your liberty and partly compensate for all the blood that has been shed during these four dreary years.

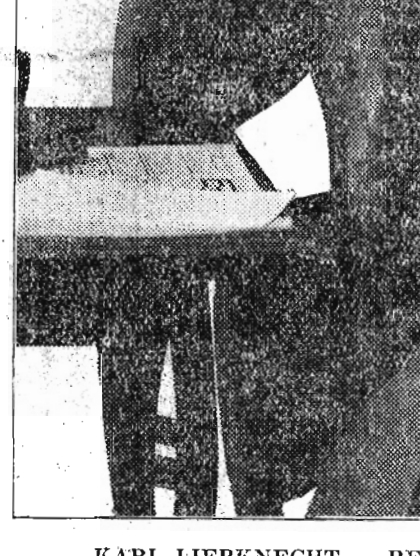
missioner to conduct his cross-examination along the lines he saw fit. He cross-examined upon the theory that these cases were a "frame-up" for political effect. He connected them with W. K. Leonard, chairman of the finance committee of the Piqua City Council, a manufacturer and member of the Chamber of Commerce. The witnesses attempted for a while to hide Leonard's participation in the matter, but they broke down under cross-examination.

The government's witnesses in each of the six cases were two professional spies. They gave their names as Harry E. Barnes and Fred P. Kohet. An account of these spies may be interesting to Socialists.

Fames, a short, thickset, commonplace-looking man of 42 years, testified that he came to Piqua about September 8, and represented himself as a phonograph salesman. He gave his present residence as Norwood, Ohio, saying he had been living there about five years, had been in the Norwood police department, and also had been doing business with a partner under the firm name of James & Barnes, and engaging in hotel and real estate matters. He said his office had been in Cincinnati, and he formerly had had charge of the dining room service at the Queen City Club and of the

Your freedom is dependent upon the complete and unmistakable defeat of the capitalist class.

Amnesty frees thousands in Italy.



KARL LIEBKNECHT—REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST

Thousands of syndicalists and Socialists have been liberated under a general amnesty declared by the Italian government for persons imprisoned during the war. Release of all political and military offenders and abolition of the censorship are being vigorously demanded.—By a close working agreement between the General Confederation of Labor and the Italian Socialist Party, both agree to give full support to any general strike called by either organization.—An in-

## Canadian Labor Victory

The organized workers of Canada have just given an exhibition of their power through mass effort to redress a vital wrong. Not many weeks ago the Canadian government issued a sweeping order in council prohibiting strikes during the war and ordering dissolution of the many working class organizations. The progressive organizations of western Canada were the first to challenge this attack, and the agitation swept to the eastern provinces. In four western provinces preparations were being made for an inter-provincial convention, with the view of calling a general strike. In Toronto workers called a meeting to consider the situation, and by the time the members assembled news arrived that the anti-strike order had been rescinded.

The meeting proceeded, however, and during its progress calls for a Socialist government in Canada and the release of political prisoners were repeatedly applauded. Further attacks will be made upon the restrictive Orders in Council, which have destroyed a number of publications, declared a number of organizations illegal, and placed a number of representatives of the workers in prison. The organ of the Great War Veterans also is concentrating its attacks upon the Orders in Council, declaring them "autocratic" and comparing them with the late German and Austrian autocracies.

The fraternizing of veterans of the war with the radical wing of the labor movement on this issue is a symptom of the draft of opinion in Canada. Already these combined forces have won an important victory. Others probably will fall to them as they push their crusade for the complete restoration of civil liberties in Canada.

The movement there is affected by the division that appears in this country, also; only the modern, thinking, progressive elements are much more numerous, and powerful in Canada than here. Considering the progress being made by the organized forces of labor in all countries, it is probable that the movement in this country is the least progressive of all. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers have recently conducted a survey of the State Federations of Labor. This has revealed the fact that not one state federation has adopted any comprehensive program to meet the problems that are now rushing upon the organized workers of the country. Less than a half dozen have given the matter some consideration, but no comprehensive report has yet been made by any of them. If the rank and file suffer, as they certainly will, it may bring an awakening that will bring them abreast at least with their brothers across the northern border.—Union Record.

## Nickolas Lenine—Socialist Premier of Russia

By LOUIS C. FRAJNA.



Lenine sent a message to the United States by Albert Rhys Williams as he was leaving for America. Lenine said: "Carry back all the enthusiasm our Russian revolution has put into your heart. Remember, your country is not Russia. You have different conditions. You cannot transplant from one country to another, the same methods and forms. What you have to do is to lay broad and deep the foundation of an intelligent working class consciousness, without which working class action is impossible."

Marx was the master of the Revolution in theory. Lenin is the master of the Revolution in action. But as Marx, the man of theory, had great capacity for action, so Lenin, in fact, the dominant form of the activity of Marx and Lenin is determined, not by peculiar talent or characteristics, but by the historic milieu conditioning their activity. This is precisely the mark of the great rebel—that he concentrates upon the fundamental revolutionary task of his day. If I were asked what particular phase of Lenin appears to me as decisive, I would answer: His dynamic capacity to unite theory and practice. This is not as simple a thing as it may appear. Usually, the Socialist is an opportunist, who casts aside every real opportunity for immediate revolutionary action, becoming an adept in bourgeois liberal activity and social-reformism, accepting theory in the facile fashion of an average Christian accepting his religion—repudiating the revolutionary tasks of Socialism, or a "revolutionist" becomes an adept in using formulae, whose action is hampered by the silken cord of ob-

struct theory, absorbed so much in the Revolution that the requirements of the immediate revolutionary struggle are allowed to pass into the years of wasted opportunity. In fact, the dominant form of the activity of Marx and Lenin is determined, not by peculiar talent or characteristics, but by the historic milieu conditioning their activity. This is precisely the mark of the great rebel—that he concentrates upon the fundamental revolutionary task of his day. If I were asked what particular phase of Lenin appears to me as decisive, I would answer: His dynamic capacity to unite theory and practice. This is not as simple a thing as it may appear. Usually, the Socialist is an opportunist, who casts aside every real opportunity for immediate revolutionary action, becoming an adept in bourgeois liberal activity and social-reformism, accepting theory in the facile fashion of an average Christian accepting his religion—repudiating the revolutionary tasks of Socialism, or a "revolutionist" becomes an adept in using formulae, whose action is hampered by the silken cord of ob-

## British Workers Gain In House of Commons

British Laborites show growing strength in recent elections. Nearly double former representation. Soldiers' vote is recorded. Sinn Feiners will establish separate Irish parliament.

First incomplete returns of the British elections to the House of Commons, which occurred Dec. 14, show that the Laborites have made great inroads upon the seats formerly occupied by their opponents.

The returns of the elections have been delayed until the vote of the men in service was recorded.

The new House of Commons will have 707 members. To date the Laborites are credited with having gained 74 seats, the Sinn Feiners with 70. The coalition forces, headed by

Premier Lloyd George, winning a majority.

It is conceded that the Laborites will be the second strongest party in the house. The Sinn Feiners refuse to attend at Westminster. They plan to establish a separate Irish parliament.

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## JAPANESE WORKERS THREATEN CAPITALIST REGIME

Toshio Fujiwara, a "leading business man" of Tokio, complains that agitators are stirring up the Japanese working class, that the latter are acquiring the ideas of their western fellow workers, "unfortunately in a wrong sense," and that, "if the general discontent of the working class is left without a remedy, we may have serious outbursts that may bring about a catastrophe to the empire."

BOLSHEVISTS ARRESTED. Several hundred revolutionists have been arrested on the charge of plotting to establish a "Bolshevik" administration in Austria.

## Good News!

Washington, Dec. 26.—Attorney General Gregory has "authorized" the American Protective League, which conducted "draft evasion raids" and combated alleged German spies and propaganda during the war, to disband by February 1.

The league is an auxiliary organization to the Department of Justice, consisting of voluntary workers. A bulletin has been sent to local divisions in all cities where the league has conducted operations notifying them that their work is finished and that they must disband their organizations.



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WITH OUR EDITORS

What is Victory Anyway?

No matter how young or how old you are and no matter how old you feel in your youth or how young you feel in your old age—you've still some life to live.

AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO LIVE IT? Are you going to waste it? Are you going to give it to some pandering whores...

Here, then, is a story. And a true story it is. We learned to know a man last summer whose permanent residence was a county infirmary.

He killed them day after day. This was his life's work. And you'll say that his brain needed adjusting and right you are.

BUT HOW ABOUT YOU? WHAT DO YOU DO ALL DAY LONG?

What do you really do that's worth mentioning? What do you really do that's worth a second thought?

You arise every morning and go to work and you work your life away. When you meet a friend you talk about YOUR JOB.

When your life is done you might discover that life has done you and again you might not. You might not have the brains.

BUT THERE IS ANOTHER WAY! You can make your life a block of granite in the monument which today is building for tomorrow.

You can quit thinking small thoughts and acting small acts and you can embrace mankind and consecrate your life to its emancipation.

You can quit swatting flies and begin to hit injustice, inequality, inhumanity sledge hammer blows.

YOU CAN DO THIS RIGHT NOW! You can be more than you are today; you can be more than the ragged, filthy, fly killer.

AND THAT'S VICTORY! Victory for you begins when you begin to give your heart and mind to the trampled and the cramped.

YES—THAT'S VICTORY. And no matter what the obstacles nor the cost, with it the Socialist is always crowned.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS IN WAR-TIME

By ANISE, Union Record.

(Facts taken from Labor Year Book, issued by Rand School; and "German Social Democracy—During the War," by Edwin Bevan, published by George Allen and Unwin Co., London).

II. WHEN WAR WAS DECLARED

On the first of August, 1914, when the German empire was already on a war footing, the French parliamentary Socialists were in session in Paris...

The French Socialists said that if France was attacked, there would be two opinions in their party; either to vote for the war credits or not to vote at all.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO (See Other Side)

Socialists In the German Revolution

There are three distinct groups of Socialists contesting for supremacy in the land where Wm. Hohenzollern used to get free board. The so-called majority Socialists, the Scheidemann group, who supported the Kaiser in the war, at present believe in a policy of co-operating as much as possible with the German business class to stabilize production and distribution.



Members of Contending German Socialist Factions

1-GEORGE LEDEBOUR, one of the principal characters in the German Revolution, born March 7, 1850, a journalist by occupation. M. P. since 1904. Editor of "Vorwaerts" from 1895-96. Chief editor of "Saxony Arbeiter-Zeitung," 1896-1900. 2-FRIEDRICH EBERT, President, Minister of the Interior and Military Affairs, born Feb. 4, 1871, at Heidelberg. A harnessmaker by trade. Since Oct. 1, 1913, Chairman of the Party in Berlin.

Restore Our Rights!

Our rights must be restored. Is it not true that before a just peace can be concluded the Constitutional rights of American citizens, abrogated by the espionage law, must be restored?

Who expresses an opinion contrary to the opinion of the political party in power? Will not our allies realize that whatever reasons may have been advanced for jailing radicals during the war...

That Armistice

What happened anyway on the battlefield on November 7? This question comes up again, now that we know the "premature announcement" of the armistice by the United Press.

Then the veil descended and we were told that it was all a mistake and the envoys had not arrived. And shortly after we heard of the armistice terms—new terms added by Foch "after the visit" of the "first delegation."

Liebknecht's Appeal

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For more than four years they have used you as pawns in their attempt to fill their purses. For four years they sacrificed your sons, fathers, brothers, and starved the millions to the end that they reap profits out of your blood.

Disarm your officers whose sympathies and ideas are of the ruling class. Seize your foremen who side with the old order of things.

Have you not suffered enough? Have you not dared death and torture in those long and tragic years?

More than five millions of Germans fell on the bloody battlefield for our pan-German imperialists. The sacrifice of no more than one thousand Germans can now win lasting freedom for our land.

Proclaim your revolution shall not degenerate to that of the Russian bloodpots, we, the committee of the Revolutionary Socialists of Germany, make these suggestions to all the true Socialists throughout Germany.

Ascertain at once how many true Socialists there are in your company or regiment. Attack the quarters of your officers; disarm them at once.

Do not let your fellow soldiers who only disagree with you if they do not take the side of the government fear. After thoroughly disarming them and making sure that they are no longer dangerous to the cause of the revolution, organize yourselves at once and report your numbers immediately to the central committee.

Do not destroy or set fire to depots containing food or other wearing materials. It is permissible to set fire to barracks and other munition depots if they are so situated that the fires starting from these places could not spread to other localities.

The temporary seizure of such buildings does not, however, mean that they will remain in our hands.

are struggling to establish themselves on a basis of democracy and peace. Karl Liebknecht and all who waged war on kaiserism in Germany are free, and the voice of the common people is heard throughout Germany.

Can America approach the peace table while the American people are less free? Has not the time come for all Americans to unite in demanding that the wartime censorship of free expression be abolished?

That all political prisoners be immediately freed? That all prosecution of American radicals because of their opinions be stopped?

No pardons are asked, only that right and justice be done to those

Kaiser Plot Frustrated

London.—A plot to restore the Kaiser has been discovered and frustrated in Berlin. Scores are under arrest. The conspiracy was exposed through a telephone leak.

Among the conspirators were Field Marshal Mackensen, Gen. Von Bohlen and Von Arnim, Krupp Von Bohnen, head of the Krupp works, and Prince Von Buelow.

We learn that the marriage of Rupprecht, former Crown Prince of Bavaria, and the Princess Antoinette of Luxembourg has been postponed. Stay, listen, Nettie! Don't you take him till he gets a steady job at something.

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Sailors and marines! Fraternize! Seize your ships. Communicate at once your officers on shore and in co-operation with them submerge ports and harbor authorities and, if necessary, open fire on loyal groups.

Appeal to Raze Military Buildings. In extreme cases war is advantageous to open fire on cities where are stationed numerous government troops.

Stop making bayonets that will be thrust into your own bowels by the servants of the government. Rise, organize, and seize the arms and tools against those who are planning to end the war and in return to enslave you.

Down with the capitalist pan-German imperialists! Down with the government as it is today!

Down with the government as it is today! Down with the government as it is today! Down with the government as it is today!

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Socialists Meet in International Conference January 6

First International Parleys Since War to be Held in Lausanne, Switzerland.

If the proposed International Socialist Conference in Lausanne, Switzerland, is held on Jan. 6, as planned by Camille Huysman, the Belgian Socialist leader, and various European Socialist groups, delegates of the American Socialists would have to leave at once to take part.

Socialist party officials here have not yet received any information from the State Department. It has been seen fit to permit the three delegates chosen by referendum vote of the party membership to leave. Passports for them have been refused twice.

LATEST NEWS FROM GERMANY. Dispatches dated Dec. 29 state that the Scheidemann Socialists are still in control but that the Independent Socialists, more radical than the former, and represented by Hasse, Bahr, and Dittman in the cabinet, have resigned.

The impression now is that the Scheidemann Socialists will form a new government with the assistance of the liberal bourgeoisie. The revolution is still in the hands of the Kerensky road toward proletarian control.

UNEMPLOYMENT GROWING. The supply of labor is rapidly approaching the point where it will far exceed the demand. Department of Labor reports show that unemployment has issued a warning that unless remedied at once, the situation may become serious during the winter.

No artist, no photographer, no sculptor can be a Christian. Here is Bible for it: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image of any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth."—Ex. 20: 4.

who have suffered for conscience sake. The national congress, which re-assembled on Monday, Dec. 2, must hear the voice of the people. We must hold meetings and use every means at our command to acquaint the people with the facts and urge them to action.

We will need our leaders in the critical days of reconstruction and they must not be in prison. We must win back for the common people our constitutional right to think, to speak, to discuss the problems of our own lives.

You'll score a Victory when you cease your political acrobatics in jumping from one old party into the other. Join the new party—your party.

