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# NEED OF STRAIGHT THINKING

An editorial in the Cleveland Plain Dealer of August 15th, entitled "Time for Straight Thinking" is a historic example of the sort of straight thinking that is done for the workers by capitalist hitmen and peddled to the workers daily in the press.

"America is in the midst of events as fraught with momentous promise as that it knows every one to take a first step in its judgment, long thought to be a mere 'adjustment'—the first three lines of this editorial, having led to a straight line thus far, the writer proceeds to flounder by a mass of exceedingly crooked lines of reasoning.

Continuing, he says "There is something fundamentally missed in conditions as they exist." The necessity for 'adjustments', he states are unquestionably in order.

So we have it from the hand of our master's hired man of the press. Of course no one in a sane state of mind supposes such editorial fluff is intended for the consumption of any except the workers. Editors of capitalist papers hold their jobs thru their ability to cater the news of the day and to lead such advice and comfort. They know their interests. They know that what they do is perfectly satisfactory to them.

"Nothing fundamentally missed in conditions as they exist". No, indeed, a mere 'adjustment' is all that is needed. Let's take a little survey of America today and see if any adjustments will remedy the evils that exist."

Today, there are 100 strikes on in New York City alone and in almost every industrial center there are from one to ten. The number is growing daily. Today, there are 3,000,000 underfed school children in the country.

Today, the entire stocks of food of the nation are held in the grip of giant corporations for speculation against the needs of the people.

We have just passed thru two of the most serious race wars in our history and the end is not yet.

Twenty-five hundred political prisoners are held in the capitalist bastions, while daily the number of those demanding their release grows—and their jail life still open deaf ear.

Capital and labor are grinding on the armor of a coming conflict that will make all previous one seem like a Sunday school picnic in comparison.

All the necessities of life and happiness in this country are held by a small class of capitalist dictators "who please" them only at extortionate prices.

For twenty years the attempt has been made to curb the power of the labor class to exploit the people. Wall mounting reformers of every hue have attempted by mere 'adjustments' to prevent and to break the hold of corporate greed. They have failed. Absolutely and utterly failed. Greater and greater combinations of capital have grown each year until today we have reached the point where revolution must take place of 'adjustments' that fail.

The need is for entirely different aid. The things which the people need, the people must control. All power of the capitalist class to exploit the people must be taken from them. All machinery of production and all natural resources must be placed in the hands of the producers for their use and enjoyment. In short, the world for the workers is the need of the day and that need must and will be fulfilled before the rotten crumb of social life is settled. No 'adjustments' are possible. Revolution alone, will satisfy the people.

# WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

They are still in jail. Debs, Kate O'Hare and hundreds of other class war prisoners.

Why? There is just one answer. Because the democratic officialism, meaning President Wilson and his advisors want them there. No possible excuse exists for their remaining in prison. No good cause is served there, by no means of justice or security are advanced.

It is within the power of President Wilson to set them free whenever he wishes. Trust Wall Street has spoken. It has stated plainly that any consideration shows Debs would be looked upon as a beast on the situation. Wall Street considers Debs a bad labor leader. And so he is for Wall Street.

Perhaps President Wilson has heard the voice of Wall Street. Perhaps he does not dare to act against its spoken will. Perhaps he feels that Debs ought to be set free, but lacks the courage to say the word.

This is the feeling that is developing in the country. Whether it is true or not, it is gaining headway. There is but one way in which it can be satisfactorily dispelled. That is for President Wilson to say the word that shall bring open the prison doors.

It will require courage to do that. We are aware—in the face of Wall Street. Has Mr. Wilson the courage? The responsibility for Debs remaining in jail is upon Mr. Wilson's shoulders.

# A HEALTHY SIGN.

One of the healthiest signs of the times is the indignation of large groups of labor to break the leading strangle that binds them to their 'leaders'.

In a number of instances the rank and file have broken with their officials and walked out. Or even within the confines of the union officials, the rank and file of union officials holding the members in check, attempting to keep them in leash. Lately it seems the rank and file are growing weary of their burdens and attempt to cut themselves clear at the first opportunity.

It is a healthy sign. It means that the workers are learning to do their own thinking independent of other officials who in many instances are out of touch with the workers. Of course the bosses hold on to the secretions of control etc. Or even within the confines of the union officials, the rank and file of union officials holding the members in check, attempting to keep them in leash. Lately it seems the rank and file are growing weary of their burdens and attempt to cut themselves clear at the first opportunity.

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Lecture Every Sunday, 8 P. M.  
SOCIALIST HALL,  
1214 Vine St.

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Meets Every Thursday at 7:30 P. M.  
8 Market St., Near Second  
St., East Columbus, Ohio.

**LOCAL KENNEDY**  
Socialist Party of Ohio  
Meets Every Friday, 7:30 P. M.  
HERRINGTON HALL,  
One 1/2 Block from Broadway  
Knoxville, Ohio.

**LOCAL HARBINGER**  
Socialist Party of Ohio  
Meets First and Third Wednesdays,  
8 P. M.  
715 W. 12th St.

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