

STATE SOCIALISM AND INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM (By Albin Bralda.)

Is state socialism more valuable to the proletarians than industrial unionism? Does industrial unionism represent the interests of all the workers or just the non-socialists?

Political socialists always try to discredit the industrialists by picturing them as fanatics, hoboes, bums, dynamiters and destroyers of civilization.

State socialists consider the state as the superior organism of the proletarians, once it is seized by them. But the state is nothing more than the outcome of private property.

The socialists propose to abolish private property and yet keep the state. What value has the state without private property?

The political socialists want the state to rule the industries. But is the state the ruler today? No! The workers are taking care of the industries while the state is arranging the disputes.

Under state socialism the workers would have to care for the industries as they do under capitalism. Of what value, then, is the socialist state?

State socialism has no economic working class basis. It does not spring from solidarity of labor at the point of production.

The present power of the state socialists is given by the middle class. It is not to be found in the industries where the workers are struggling to overthrow the capitalist system.

State socialism comes from the faith that the worker has in the representatives or rulers in society today. All its moral value is based upon political faith in the rulers.

State socialists are already in opposition to the interests of the organized wage workers. They enter labor organizations only to use them as propaganda places for their metaphysical theories.

Capitalism cannot exist with the workers industrially organized, determined and willing to take and hold the machinery of production for themselves.

would endanger its existence, so we find the socialist politicians knocking every tendency in the unions toward fighting the capitalists directly in the industries.

Revolutionary industrial unionism is the greatest foe of state socialism because it develops the self-control of the industries by the workers themselves through a growing industrial union.

Revolutionary industrial unionism is Labor with open eyes to the historic mission of the world's producers.

Industrial unionists propagate direct action because it is powerful. Born of the proletarians, industrial unionism serves the proletarians only.

Industrial unionism is constructive and destructive. It destroys the capitalist system with sabotage and the general strike.

Industrial unionism brings about the international solidarity of labor that state socialism must fail to accomplish.

To organize the workers in a revolutionary industrial organization is to lay the foundations of the future society where all class distinctions shall have disappeared and mankind be free.

Fred Rachenberger, a socialist (?) Justice of St. Regis, Mont., recently sent an I. W. W. man to jail for defending himself with a knife against a gunman.

The Detroit Free Press of May 7 has an illustrated article about Vincent Beals, known as the \$100,000,000 baby.

TO THE WORKERS IN THE OIL FIELDS (By Fred L. Tiffany)

For some time past the Standard Oil Company has been sending oil well drillers and toolies, better known as tool dressers, to Japan, Roumania and other foreign countries to develop the oil industry.

The opening of the Panama Canal will doubtlessly mean that, in addition to the navy, a large number of transport boats will use oil for fuel in place of coal.

Once the Standard Oil Company is in possession of all of the oil wells they will be in a position to dictate the amount of wages oil workers shall receive, the hours you shall labor, the other conditions of employment.

Now they are sending tool dressers and drillers to foreign oil fields to teach the workers there to drill and do tool dressing.

But what are you oil workers going to do about it? What are you going to do to keep the oil kings from cutting your wages?

There is but one way to meet the situation. You must organize regardless of race, creed, color or age. You must organize industrially and fight against every attempt to lower your standard of living.

The oil industry is one of the largest industries on the Pacific Coast so when you organize you must do so in a way that can tie up the entire industry and not just a part of it.

Application for pardon in the cases of Magon, Figueroa and others now held at McNeill's Island on charges that are the outcome of the Mexican revolution has been denied by direction of the Attorney General.

BOOK REVIEW

Syndicalism and the Cooperative Commonwealth, or How We Shall Bring About the Revolution, by Emile Pataud and Emile Pouget, with foreword by Tom Mann and preface by Peter Kropotkin.

This book is doubly interesting by reason of its authorship. Emile Pataud, "King of the Electricians," will be remembered as having been responsible for several opportune strikes in Paris.

The work takes somewhat the form of a novel in which there are no individual characters. It deals with the probable course of the Social General Strike and the social transformation that follows.

No doubt Bergson and other "We don't know where we're going but we're on our way" philosophers will disapprove of this book.

Every local desiring a well stocked revolutionary library should place this book on their shelves.

WHAT O'NEAL DON'T KNOW ABOUT SABOTAGE

James O'Neal has devoted a closely printed pamphlet to prove:

- 1. That members of the Socialist party who are also in favor of syndicalism hold various differences of opinion regarding the efficacy of politics.
2. That capitalism will use violent methods to suppress workers who use direct action and sabotage.
3. That syndicalism is not consistent with the political interpretation of Marx.
4. That syndicalists have no business in the Socialist party.

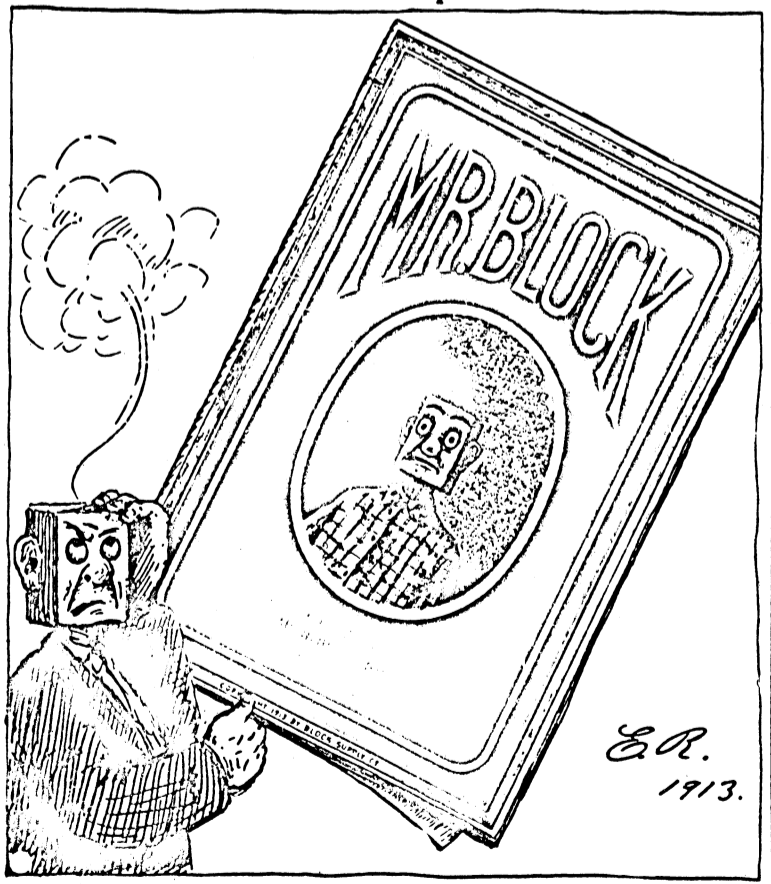
We do not deny that capitalism will attempt to suppress those who practice sabotage, by violent means, or by any other means they may consider effective.

We are quite aware that such things are done. We know that bogus bombs have been carefully planted, and that ramshackle buildings have been blown up.

Oneal tells us that the capitalists hire detectives to incite the workers to acts of violence in order to give them an excuse for violently suppressing violence.

We have no power to prevent violence and disorder, because it is not only a question of keeping the strikers within the law.

Mr. Block in Pamphlet Form



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court to answer to such charges as an outcast class would be allowed to make.

We contend that it is easier, and much more practical, to eliminate from the minds of the workers this property morality which never can be of any service to the working class.

The question whether syndicalism has anything in common with Marxism is not of any great importance, except to those who are blind followers of Marx.

Much as my opinions differ from those of O'Neal, I find myself in perfect agreement with him in his contention that a syndicalist has no business in a Socialist party.

Local 425, I. W. W., Taft, Cal., wants a good soap-boxer for at least a month's work.

John Gould can secure card No. 103491, Local 315, I. W. W., by writing this office. Card was found in Sand Point, Idaho.

Will H. E. "Windy" Wright please communicate with Walter Pasewalk, Secretary Local No. 88, I. W. W., Box 47, Eugene, Ore.

Card No. 104715, belonging to Jas. H. Pickett, has been stolen. If found it should be returned to Secretary Walter Pasewalk, Local 88, Box 47, Eugene, Ore.

Local 26, I. W. W., Denver, Col., expelled Tim Norton, generally known as "Timberline," on charges of disturbance in the hall while drunk.

Fellow worker A. B. Carson is requested to communicate with Mrs. E. Carson, 865 Prairie Ave., Kenosha, Wisconsin.

"Chunks of I. W. W.ism" is a 16-page pamphlet issued by Local 1, I. W. W., Auckland, N. Z. This is the first pamphlet to appear from the New Zealand Administration and while scarcely adapted for American distribution it might prove of interest to the membership.

A. BERMUKAS The Wage Worker Hungarian paper published by the Hungarian locals of the I. W. W.; subscription price \$1.00 per year; foreign, \$1.50 per year. Address: A. Bermukas, 435 E. 72nd St., New York, N. Y.

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