

# Gargoes for Deadbeats.



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## Defence Agitation.

### RELEASE AND DEFENCE COMMITTEE LITERATURE.

The Defence and Release Committee are issuing leaflets and books dealing with the bitter attacks upon the I.W.W. and its members. They have printed 100,000 copies of Harry Boate's article, "Guilty, or Not Guilty?" which appeared in the "Australasian Worker." This has been followed by the publication of another leaflet entitled, "A Challenge to those who malign the Industrial Workers of the World." The latter deals with some of the despicable attempts by certain people to discredit the organisation. Bundles of 100 of either of the above leaflets will be forwarded to any address for one shilling or 7s 6d for 1,000.

Following these we are printing a large quantity of our Speeches form. These will be in booklet form. These will be retailed at 3d each and 2s per dozen. All the proceeds go to the Defence and Release Fund. Orders for any of this literature must be addressed to the Committee, Box 28, Haymarket, N.S.W. The speeches include those delivered by Sawtell and Miller in W.A., as well as the boys who were sentenced in Sydney. Order early, as they will be out this week.

### METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER AND SEWERAGE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION.

**To Secretary of I.W.W.**  
I am instructed by resolution of my Union to communicate with all Industrial and Craft Organisations with the object of endeavouring to secure their co-operation in a combined effort to bring about the release or at least a new trial of those members of the I.W.W. who have just recently been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment.

There is nothing in common between Unionists and the principles advocated by the I.W.W. other than the sincere desire on the part of both to generally improve the conditions of the workers as a whole. The methods adopted are diametrically opposite, but the object aimed at is the same.

It may be urged by some that the sentences imposed were not over severe for the men found guilty of the crimes attributed to them.

In the minds of unbiased men who listened to the speeches delivered prior to their arrest, no impression of danger to the community would or could be gained. They were no doubt indignant at what was deemed to be cruel and unjust treatment of one of their leaders and may in consequence have given expression to thoughts which in calmer moments they would not use.

Following their arrest and even during the trial all sorts of vindictive and scandalous statements were made about them by the kind of men and in the press so that they were in this unique position under the laws of the land by being practically found guilty before being tried.

# In Gaol.

## For Our Freedom.

### YELLOW-WORKERS:

SINCE THE START OF THE BIG OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE RANKS OF LABOR, A FEW MONTHS AGO, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR CLASS HAVE BEEN CONVICTED ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY OR SEDITION, OR ON OTHER CHARGES ARISING OUT OF THE CONSCRIPTION ISSUE:—

**IN SYDNEY.**  
TOM GLYNN, J. B. KING, PETER LARKIN, DONALD GRANT, CHARLIE REEVE, BILLY TEEN, DON McPHERSON, JOE FAGAN, BOB BESANT, THOMAS MOORE, BILLY BEATTIE, and JACK HAMILTON.

**IN BROKEN HILL.**  
FRED. SMITH, W. H. COOMBS, JACK BROOKFIELD, JAMES OATES, W. D. BARNETT, CHARLIE MARTINSON, BILLY JEWELL, TED McLAUGHLIN, TED HOGAN, JACK FLYNN and TED SINCLAIR.

**IN W.A.**  
MONTY MILLER, MICK SAWTELL, ALEX AUWERT, ALEX. HORROCKS, WILLIAM JOHNSTON, FRED LUNN, JACK GOLLER, GEORGE HANSCOMBE and CHRIS PARKINSON.

**IN NEW ZEALAND.**  
BOB SEMPLE, FRED. COOKE, JIM THORNE, PETER FRASER, TOM BRINDLE, and WILLIAM McMANUS.

**IN VICTORIA.**  
JACK CURTAIN and THE TWO BROTHERS, GRANT.

TWENTY-ONE OF THESE MEN ARE STILL IN GAOL, AND WITH OUT THE AID OF YOU, FELLOW-WORKERS, MANY OF THEM WILL BE THERE FOR A LONG WHILE. WHILE THESE MEN WERE OUT THEY FOUGHT FOR YOU AND YOUR FREEDOM.

CONDITIONS ARE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING WHICH MAKE IT IMPERATIVE THAT THEY SHOULD BE SET FREE. YOU WILL BE NEEDING THEIR HELP IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT APART FROM THIS SENSE OF SELF-PRESERVATION, YOU SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT IT IS 'UP TO YOU' NOW, TO FIGHT FOR THEM.

The question as to whether any or all of the men were guilty of the charges preferred against them is one which need not be dealt with now, but organised effort should (we claim) use every effort to have the whole matter reopened and endeavour in future to prevent the possibility of what appears to be a sorry miscarriage of justice.

Should your union deem it advisable to comply with the request herein set down a meeting of all concerned can be called and a committee appointed to devise ways and means whereby the matter may be carried to a successful issue.

Yours in unity,  
WM. MACPHERSON.

### DEFENCE AGITATION.

The following resolution was carried almost unanimously by Sydney Branch, No. 2 of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers:—  
"That this branch emphatically protests against the sentences and demands the release of the I.W.W. members, whose only crime was that of opposing conscription and resisting class oppression, and calls on other unions to enter an emphatic protest against the savage sentences and demand the release of these men."

### A.W.U. MEN AND THE DEFENCE.

The cleaners and shed hands' meeting at Room 24, Trades Hall, Sydney, last Friday evening was packed to an overflow—the attendance being about 200, and the attendance strictly the protection of an A.W.U. member's ticket.

The business meeting was brisk, decisive, and of good moral calibre. When it was moved "that a delegate be elected from the A.W.U. meeting to represent them morally and financially on the Defence Committee of the I.W.W. and other men now in gaol," the adoption

was received with tense determination—unanimously.

Mr. Aubrey was elected delegate from the A.W.U. to the Defence Committee, and he stated, in reply, that one of the imprisoned men was a close personal friend of his for about 15 years, etc.

There is no doubt at all that these A.W.U. men of this particular meeting are hand in hand and eye to eye with you in your fight to secure the release of the 15 men of the Industrial Workers of the World and also of all other working class fighters who are in prison throughout Australia.

After the business meeting, I produced "protest" forms for signatures, and those who had not already signed same simply rushed to do so. Some of them asked for forms to take away with them to the back blocks to have been filled in. They were men from the East, the West, and up Queensland, and they stated they represented the opinions of the many they had left behind in the shearing district.

Having supported the bulk of these men (the striker element) in the public press during the strike campaign, I was allowed special privileged admittance to report on this meeting and was rather overawed with the sweeping adoption of the resolution to support the men now awaiting their appeals. One could almost imagine the gaol men already outside the prison walls.

BETSY H. MATTHIAS.  
SYMPATHY WITH I.W.W.

The Coalde Miners' Union has forwarded to the Prime Minister the following resolution:—

"This meeting of Coalde miners emphatically protests against the harsh and unjust treatment meted out to twelve members of the Industrial Workers of the World by a class biased judge and we as industrialists demand their immediate release from prison."  
—D. T., Dec. 25, 1916.

## Our Moral Codes.

The great work before the I.W.W. is to give to the working class a philosophy on the basis of an ethical code that will be working class in character.

The codes that are handed to us today by the different subsidised institutions of the master class are so stupid that were it not for the power of the class state no sane man would think of obeying them. Modern capitalism, with its accursed greed for gold, has altered and arranged the teachings of the early Christian movement to suit its own ends, thereby inheriting in the age of Puritanism with its "turn the other cheek" and "thrift for the worker" philosophy.

The "boss" is out to get as much work for as little pay as he can force the worker to accept, and while on this business he doesn't take any notice of the Puritan morals he helped to coin. In this class struggle Labor's fighters have been shot and battered by hired thugs or thrown into prisons. Blessed are you, of capitalist attorneys; when the "boss" is fighting the working man he believes that might is right. Let the workers threaten his profits and instantly his sang, worse compromise wears the expression of a Bengal tiger.

"He doesn't care a damn about the "canal and the eye of a needle" or the "pie in the sky" stunt; he is out to get his pie right here, and the only place on earth he can get it is out of the workers' hides."

Puritan morals are for us, not for the master class.

We have to admit, that constituted as society is at present Right and Wrong cut no ice so long as the boss has the might. He has the "might" because we are disunited, but we can organise our might into One Big Union, and defy HIS ethics.

The I.W.W. is building the One Big Union, and we are going to fight whilst hunger and want are found among millions of workers and while the boss feeds himself, his pets and poodles on the best.

If our actions add to the happiness and well-being of the working class IT IS MORAL from our point of view.

We refuse to seek upon one another, in spite of the dictates of craft union officials; we will make an injury to one member of the working class the concern of all.

The I.W.W. has no use for, and never will have any use for the morals of the masters. They have turned the revolutionist of Nazareth into a canting shallow philosopher: "Blessed are you, that hunger for my sake"—the boss's sake. Blessed are they that engage and cry when their fellow-workers are on strike, and here, neckly the unemployment forced upon them by the boss!

The hypocrites know that ten times as much is lost in wages through enforced unemployment than through strikes. The capitalist institutions of church and State impose, under heavy penalties, on the workers moral codes that are bad in matter, hypocritical in application and out of order as far as the working class is concerned.

JAMES POPE  
This sickle and word of reason which is most opposed to culture and which is called Nationalism by the narrow nationalists from which Europe is suffering acutely Nietzsche.  
Writers should note that long-winded articles about nothing in particular, and written in pencil cannot be accepted. Short illustrative articles, dealing with current events, stand the best chance of insertion.





