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I.W.W. in London. Lessons from the New Zealand Strike. News from Locals

(From "Golos Truda.")

With the beginning of May came a mandate from the great British Liberal Government to the Labor and Socialist organizations that at First of May demonstrations no criticism was to be levelled at the war. Secondly, a police resolution was sent to each to be read and voted upon at the gatherings.

The industrial Workers of the World, in conjunction with the enemy anarchists, decided to hold a gigantic demonstration in Hyde Park on the 1st of May, and very promptly placed the police resolution in the W.P.B. On the 1st two hundred I.W.W.'s marched through the streets of London with banners to Hyde Park. On the arrival at the Park most of the ground was occupied by officers drilling squads of soldiers. A platform was erected, and a speaker got up. He elucidated the causes of the war, and condemned it strongly. Among the vast audience were several returned wounded soldiers, who attempted to break up the demonstration.

They offered very little trouble, however, as soon as the fellow workers closed in. It was then decided to continue the meeting much longer. During the first portion of the meeting great masses of strikers of people came in all directions, until the Park was nothing but a dense, black mass of people.

A woman fellow worker, Miss Baker, was subject to interruptions from some patriots, who wanted to know something about German outrages on women. She replied that excesses of that kind were not confined to German soldiers, for many cases had happened in England.

Then a Russian speaker addressed his countrymen, and he was followed by six more speakers, who condemned the present war, and also the tyranny of the Russian Government, for their brutal behaviour to Labor organizations. One of them in the afternoon a large crowd of police arrived and they were greeted by the vast audience with the singing of "I. Internationale." They did little, however, except take names and addresses of speakers, while detectives in the crowd made notes of the speeches.

At midnight the meeting terminated, and the vast assembly slowly commenced its way homeward. This meeting was one of the largest ever held in London, and the general feeling was strongly against the war. The speakers spoke fearlessly and urged the workers to organize for the overthrow of the vile system of capitalism, and end all wars for ever.

London, 2nd May, 1915. J. A.

MELBOURNE.

We are making slow but steady progress here in Melbourne. The various attempts are being made to buy and stifle our propaganda by the soap-box and paper. Anyway, we thrive on persecution. Mr. Boss, Fellow Worker G. Egan finished his walk's last cure at G.R.'s, palatial establishment in Russell-street, last Wednesday. It is quite likely that more of us may be there in the near future to emphasize what is known as "British liberty."

F.W. Mark Anthony has arrived here, while F.W. King called on his way through. Wounded soldiers arrived here from the front at Port Melbourne. The powers that be took them off at night-time. It might have been the dampness on the other fellow, if they saw the wrecks who returned.

Yours for one union, one cause, one war.

R. M. ROSE.

MISJUDGMENT.

During strike times we see a man rarely in his true light. In the time of peace we gather wrong impressions of one another which are scattered by the winds when the gannet has been lifted. Those who we thought would be found wanting at the critical moment, most of them have been found staunch, some who we thought were true were false. The strike is a great educator, and by the education derived we understand each other better.

LOOSELY LINKED UP.

From the moment that the waterworks workers laid down tools, from that moment their defeat commenced. For eight days after the carters, whose union was part of the N.Z.F.B., was used at once to break the strike. There was a continuous procession of carts going past the Auckland W.W. committee rooms up till 10 p.m. every night, carrying coal and coke to the electric power station.

It was known that, if Auckland could have been put in darkness, the victory was won for the workers. That was denied us, not through the fault of the carters, but through the unscientific form of organization, being loosely linked up to the N.Z.F.B. If all seamen, carters, waterworks and railwaymen were to down tools like one man, at a moment's notice, they could bring the employers to their knees within a week, in any part of the world, despite all the farmers who ever followed the plough.

FALSE FRIENDS.

In all strikes there is quite a number of gentlemen who try to intercede between master and man. They may well intentioned, but only those who have the right should be allowed near the committee rooms. This applies greatly to newspaper reporters. The time of war there should be no chance taken. When the fox proaches, take care of your goose.

FOLDED ARMS.

Right through history all victories won have been won through might. There is no settlement about it. This doctrine of peaceful methods, or non-resistance would act very well if the first word dealt. Non-resistance has its limits, and the side which makes the first good move (sabotage) wins. If craft union officials sincerely believe in peaceful methods, they should see to it that the farmer strike breaker is converted to Count Leo Tolstoy's doctrine of non-resistance. In all industrial warfare the chief aim of master and man is to inflict the greatest suffering on the opposite side. It is no lie, glove fight.

TREACHEROUS OFFICIALS.

It was wicked the way in which some of the officials endeavored to stop their members from morally supporting the strikers. When it was known that the strike would probably be discussed at a meeting, the chairman would often endeavor to have the question talked out. This was remarkably so at the seamen's meeting, which was the largest ever held in Auckland. The chairman's intention was to prevent the discussion, and to admit of any amount of interlunacy, with a view of stringing out the meeting. Some of the members were there to do business, all credit due to them, but that was too late, the strike was then booming a last hope. Quite a number of other unions followed out the same policy. Like the sailors and the carpenter they talked of many things— Of shoes and ships, and sealing wax, Of cabbage, and kings

And why the sea was boiling hot, And whether I have wings.

It is astonishing how little mind some union officials suddenly become when they are called upon to give their moral support to an industrial war. They'll at once shut the covers of the arbitration law, and point out sub-clause A to Z, which is an indictment on their form of organization.

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKERS.

Great orators of whatever power should be kept off the strikers' platform. This has been mooted in various parts of the world. It has been fully demonstrated in the late strike. He can do a great deal of harm if not versed in all the facts of the position. There should be no public meetings, all educational work should have been done before the declaration of industrial warfare.

PARLIAMENTARIANISM.

Whatever our opinions are about parliamentary action, or parties, they should not beget entirely cold or any industrial strike. All thought and effort should be concentrated on how to win through. Parliamentary propaganda dipped out of the platform in the late strike to a very large extent took all the light out of our strikers by being told to wait till next election, when they could hit Square Deal Bill in the lower jaw, in the lowest key, and by doing this kind of dope could have been dashed out without coming on a strike platform to do so 10 months before the election. Politicians see but a poor trap to catch us in, if they had it with wickedness. In all future industrial struggles all parliamentarians should be given, as such, short route on a strikers' platform.

DISCIPLINARIANISM.

When a field marshal enters the field of national battle although he is in full command, he doesn't know of all movements, and his command is split up into smaller commands, and they in turn into smaller commands, and although not directly under the command of the field marshal the forces are all joined up into one great body. It should be the same with the labor forces to achieve any success. It is too ridiculous to expect that any executive can control the whole labor forces of any country. They can not be in touch with every local position. There should be full autonomy in each industrial local district, and national councils. This scientific machinery at work along with suitable tactics would win strikes every time. A lesson to be learned is that sometimes local unions alone can hit the employing class as a deadly blow on their own, such as a building trade strike during the building of an exhibition, or a miners strike during a war scare. We'll have to learn to move just when it is opportune, and become more aggressive, to do it with the energy that it suits him and do it at the right time.

CHAFT ORGANISATION.

If ever the wage workers are to emancipate themselves they must organize on a different basis upon class, instead of craft lines. The workmen was the great cause of the workers' defeat in the late strike. Craft organization has outlived its usefulness, has become reactionary, and is maintained oftentimes in the interests of the master classes, having for its basis a common interest between employer and exploited. Its sectionalism, its conservatism and abridgment whitewashes the class struggle.

Craft organization is incapable of bringing into existence that comradeship

which we so much need in our industrial struggle with the exploiting class. This was notably so respecting the New Zealand railwaymen, who carried bills, plans, special policemen, scabs, and all who were helping to break the strike. With the despotic officials of N.Z. Railwaymen's Union it was anything but face the facts, but instead of going winning and begging for leniency to cover the industrial scores of the workers.

Craft organization in a fight with trustful capitalism is just like a fight between a roving boat and a battleship, or a moonlight fight at least. So not relying the class struggle most of the craft unions have developed into benevolent and mutual agreement societies.

The great need for future fights with the exploiter is clearer organization and scientific methods. This is generally accepted by membership of all unions. It is the despotic craft union chief who opposes it in the interests of their easy and secure billets. The late strike of New Zealand was hem full of lessons to be learned. We should be wise and avoid a repetition of the blunders.

W.M. MULLOCH.

NORTHERN WORKERS.

In organizing the coloured workers of the North the I.W.W. is doing work of supreme importance to the movement for the emancipation of labour. For the organization of coloured labour is essential to the success of the campaign against capitalism. It is highly probable that the coloured unions will make first class unionists, and add to the movement that touch of barbarism necessary to meet the unscrupulous tactics of capitalism. Indeed, if would fit in with the usual way that our despised alien should take a leading part in the abolition of the wage system. All plans to achieve freedom must fail to succeed unless backed up by direct and vigorous action, and the simpler mind and less restrained impulses of the yellow and brown races, promise to give the necessary vigor to the more reasoned efforts of European workers.

In the event of failure to starve or slaughter the European workers into submission, the capitalist will naturally endeavor to utilize the coloured races for the purpose of exploitation. Therefore the alien must be instructed in the art of self defence and the defence and aggressive tactics evolved by the I.W.W. with the least possible delay. Unfortunately the largest of our Australian unions is pursuing the alien's policy of ignoring the necessity of forestalling the capitalist in the organizing and utilizing of our colored neighbours, a regrettable policy so far as it hampers the efforts of the I.W.W.

However, it is certainly better that their organizing should be left to the members of the only union that is likely to be of any use to the workers.

J.G.J.

STICKERS.

Stickers are one of the most effective propaganda devices that can be used. The Press Committee have printed a large quantity, which are now on sale to members, and locals. The prices are 2s. 6d. per thousand, 11s. 6d. for 5000, and £1. for 10,000. Orders despatched by rail.

What is a "Wookse Shop?" Read "Sabotage."

SYDNEY.

The cold weather and lack of speakers have interfered a good deal with the programs of the Sydney Local of late. Nevertheless, the Domain and hall meetings have been well attended, and "Direct Action" and literature sales have been very fair.

On Sunday, the 20th June, F.W. McDonald delivered an address in the hall before a large audience upon "Recent Happenings in the American Labor Movement." During the course of his lecture, he dealt with the Western Federation of Miners, the trial and kidnaping of Haywood, Moyer and Pettibone; the Los Angeles "Times" explosion; the McNamara trials and sentences; and the Fresno and other free-speech fights by the I.W.W. After a very interesting talk, the audience put up a very lively and instructive discussion.

On Sunday, the 27th June, Mrs. McDonald lectured on "The Sex Question" before a very large and appreciative crowd. Mrs. McDonald, who has made a very intense study of the question, went into many of the problems of marriage, child-bearing, prostitution, etc. After the lecture the usual questions and discussions occupied the rest of the evening. Mrs. McDonald promised, in answer to an inquiry, that she would be prepared to give another lecture at an early date.

BOULDER.

Fellow-worker Reeve reports as follows: I have arrived safely in Boulder, and am busy getting things straightened up. I have taken over the literature secretarial duties vacated by Fellow-worker E. M. Loughlin, who has left Boulder. The evening after my arrival, a few of us held a meeting on the street, and sold 8 dozen papers and a quantity of literature. The next evening we had another successful meeting, which we opened with a song. We disposed of two dozen song books in a very few minutes, and after that we sold nearly two pounds worth of paper and literature. The meetings are very well attended, and the dope is evidently making a very good impression amongst the crafties.

On the afternoon of the following day, F. W. Sawtell and myself went to one of the mines and disposed of a large quantity of back numbers of "Direct Action." Taken all round, things are favorable for propaganda here. The local has a very nice room here, with plenty of window space for literature, posters and cartoons. We have taken a stock of the literature left by F.W. King, and will send orders for other stuff as needed.

Increase the bundle order of "Direct Action" up to thirty dozen each. We hope by next issue to send up to fifty by members and to sixty dozen. Best wishes to all. We should have a weekly "Direct Action" soon.

NOTICE.

The Editor of this paper cannot undertake to publish anything that is sent to him by members or individuals. Organization news and information comes first; topical or descriptive articles second, and leadly articles of general interest.

Contributors are asked to write legibly, in ink, and on one side of the paper. If these simple rules are disregarded, the articles will not appear, and don't write for "Direct Action" unless you can give something to go the best. The Editor's life and time on this planet is limited.

Wowerism in Excelsis.

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fundamental difference between the parties in this semi-religious political struggle... the cross hairs of St. Peter and the gruesome cross of Uranus are now quartered on the same shield.

The Paris press is extensive, and turns out annually tons of books such as "The Secret of the World," "The Holy Name," and similar religious rubbish calculated to deceive ignorant people...

The history of Protestantism and Puritanism in particular is the story of war, persecution, and all ungodlinesses. It fitted because it never gave to the world any scheme of social salvation.

Ironically history have reassorted themselves over religious ideas, and Puritan emperors seem erode and utterly out of place in the modern world.

Today the wall of the Williams is as the voice of one crying in the wilderness of wowerism, "Prepare ye the way of the pupil puritan." At these sectarian shows speakers still thunder against the World, the Flesh, and the Devil in general, and Rome in particular...

To sum up, Organism has failed dimly as a religious force, its social significance has ever split sectarian strifes. Politically, it is a clerical capitalist class strongly tainted with jingoism.

Probably in the future students will be amazed that so-called intelligent people of the 20th century still cling to an obsolete superstition. The economic evolution is against it.

Oh, preacher of death, where is thy sting? Oh, good grinder, where is thy victory?

The Dishwasher.

Alone in the kitchen, in grease laden steam, I pause for a moment, a moment to dream, For even a dishwasher has his day of glory...

For now I am thinking, my brain has been stirred, The voice of a master the fowl has heard; The heart-breaker of the sweat and the toil...

But now I am only a slave of the mill That piles and remodels me just as it will, That makes me a fiddler in brain-burning heat...

But on with the chatter, no more must I shrink, The world is to me but a nightmare of things; For me not the music, and laughter, and song...

The music has ceased, but the havoc it wrought Within the poor brain it wakened to thought Shall cease not on all, but continue to spread...

You leeches who live on the fat of the land, You overfed parasites, look at my hand; You laugh at it now, it is blistered and oozing...

As now are your hearts will your bodies be cold; Go on with your airs, you creatures of hate,

No Parliament.

I know, from the actual experience of living the life of a wage-earner, that there are many workers who believe in and accept the idea of the One Big Union...

All reasoning is based on self-evident truths. It is self-evident that nobody can fulfil two contradictory functions at the same time and place.

Now, if it is the case here in the world to prove that every Labor Government has never done anything but administer capitalism.

Every Labor Government in Australia adheres to arbitration, and not only that, it has even enforced the arbitration awards, with injunctions, fines, and gaoing of strikers.

It is not the principle of arbitration which is the root of capitalism. The legalization of the exploitation of the many by the few.

Can these arguments be denied? If they can—then, what about the present clauses in every Arbitration Act?

How can we do without Parliament? I might ask, "What are we doing with it?" Now, I know that many workers have a vague idea that Parliament might get better.

Think of all the men who have grown rich on the Labor movement, Messrs. Fisher, Hughes, and McKenna.

Whist these "honorable members" are in Parliament squandering golden edicts, who ploughs the field, and reaps the crops for these political farmers?

Our friends, the International and Revolutionary Socialists, will object and say that the Labor party is not a real Socialist party.

What a satire, Socialists administering Capitalism. Perpetuating the very evil they claim to be out to destroy.

This is just what the Labor Party is doing. Parliament is doomed. We, intelligent workers, want none of it. We are going to destroy Parliament with industrial management.

It makes no difference to the workers whether they vote for Snodgrass, the Liberal candidate, or Gledhill, the Labor candidate, they both administer capitalism.

Say, for instance, there are a hundred intelligent men in a community, all with industrial management, all those hundred intelligent men can function, in the industry or sub-

But scorn me tonight, on the morn you shall learn That those whom you loathe can despise you in turn. That only their ignorance keeps them below.

It hardened the muscles that strength his arms, It granted a vision of freedom, of life, To-morrow I strive for an ending of strife.

division of industry that they happen to be in. A genius and a fool would not be equal in industrial management.

Under industrial management, say, if there was unemployment in that industry now, at their union meeting, and all would discuss the question.

Probably they would arrive at the decision to work shorter hours, and absorb the unemployment. But now when there are unemployed, Labor Minister Underwood, of W.A., tells the starving unemployed to "get work."

Let us take another instance. The dust in the mines kills the miners, like flies.

The miners petition to their own politicians. The Mining Act is amended after months, or even years of talk.

Yet every man underground knows these reports to be nothing but lies. Suppose the workers determined to deal with the trouble directly themselves.

Then, at a time agreed upon, the miners, with the aid of the plumbers and carpenters on the surface, would start to lay their own pipes and water away to every part of every mine on the belt.

If the effort was properly organized, the underground workers could accomplish, in a few days, what Parliament will never do.

The raising of ore would have to wait until such good conditions better to work under. The humblest worker, if he sticks to the fundamental and logical proposition, that Parliament cannot fulfil two contradictory functions, will always understand his position as an industrial unit.

This is the programme of the I.W.W., with its six industrial departments, and its numerous subdivisions.

Read it, fellow-workers—there is a place for you in it.

M. SAWWELL.

BOULDER ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL NO. 6 HALL, LANE ST., BOULDER. Wednesday evenings, in Hall, class meeting. Friday evening, Boulder Post Office, propaganda meeting. Saturday evening, Kalgourie propaganda meeting. Hall, business meeting, 10.30 a.m. Sunday afternoon, Keane's Goldfields Hotel, Athletic Club, at 2.30. Sunday evening, Boulder, propaganda meeting. Good library at Hall. All Reds are invited to dig in and make Industrial Union the topic of the day.

E. OHRISTENSEN, Secretary-treasurer.

Literature List.

- Capital! Karl Marx, 3 volumes, vol. 1, 8s. Value Price and Profit: Marx, London, 2s, paper 6d. The Evolution of Property: Land and Wealth, G. C. Colver, Austin Lewis, London 2s. The New Unionism: Tridon, paper 1s. 8d. Wages and Wages: Thibault, paper cover, Price 1s. 8d. The First Nine Chapters of Capitalism: Marx, paper cover, Price 1s. 8d. Sabotage: Fouget, London 2s, paper 6d. One Big Union: Trautman, paper 6d. Right to be Lazy: Lafargue, book 2s, paper 6d. Sabotage: W. C. Smith, paper 3d. New Australian Song Book: 2nd edition, 3s 3ongs, Price 2s. I.W.W.: History, Structure and Methods: St. John, paper 4s. Revolution in the I.W.W.: Pense, paper 3d. Eleven Best Leaders: B. H. Williams, Price 3d. Politics: Socialism or Capturing the Government: B. E. Nilson, Price 3d. War! What For? Cartoon: Price 3d. Summary of Marx's Capital: 2d. Revolutionary Unionism: E. J. Allen, 2d. Industrial Unionism: Hanlon, at 2s. Economic Discontent: Capital: Wage-Labour and Capital: Marx, paper 1d. The Diesel Motor: Frankland, 1d. Industrial Unionism: St. John, 1d.

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