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SHALL DEBS' LIFE BE SAVED? -- IT'S FOR YOU TO SAY!

The war is over. Every man and woman who has a heart will continue to hear the sighs and groans and shrieks of the wounded and dying for thousands of days to come. To civilization, such as it is, the greatest human sacrifice of the ages has been made. Savagery, barbarism, feudalism have come and gone. All have taken their toll of human life. It cost seven million lives, every one every bit as good as yours or mine, to teach us capitalism's ruthlessness.

SALUTE THE GREATEST TEACHER ON EARTH—WAR! But the tuition fee—WHAT A PRICE!

The war is over. But we are paying the price. **AND THAT'S OUR KICK, TODAY.**

Why continue to take the lives of more than 2,000 political war prisoners by keeping them behind steel bars, away from home and all that makes life sweet?

WHY IS DEBS STILL BEHIND THE BARS? Tell us, will you? **And why do the REAL CULPRITS go free?** Tell us, will you? We're talking to you—**YOU WHO HOLD THE KEYS TO Atlanta, Leavenworth, McNeil's Island and all other bastilles.**

It was all right then, was it—for profiteers to sing songs to the flag, to wallow in patriotic gush, to shout loud and long for war, war, war, while behind the scenes they sucked the blood of war's victims?

This was **ALL RIGHT**—was it? It was **ALL RIGHT** for the copper trust, the steel trust, the leather trust, the food trust, to make billions

out of the war. It was **ALL RIGHT** for the powder trust to clean up a profit of 458 per cent. It was **ALL RIGHT** to cheat right and left, everybody and anybody, including the government.

WAS IT ALL RIGHT? And if it was not, show us one criminal war profiteer of the hundreds that are guilty who now passes his time behind steel bars making prison clothes and learning the lock step.

SHOW US JUST ONE! The war produced thousands of new millionaires. There's is **BLOOD MONEY** every cent of it. And these dollar patriots are now enjoying their pelf—enjoying this blood money—**THINK OF IT!** None of them in prison. All of them free! That's **ALL RIGHT—IS IT?**

But when a man, true to his convictions and loyal to the great working class voiced the horrors of war, and exposed the real reasons for war, and proved that those who shouted loudest for war were the same gentry that made millions of dollars out of war—is sent to prison for 10 years, **IS THAT ALL RIGHT?** Everybody admits that war is horrible. Everybody today knows why wars are forced upon the peoples.

Everybody today knows that flag-waving profiteers want war because it lines their pockets with gold.

But to **SAY SO** while the war was on, to tell the truth about the war while the nation was at war, that did not seem to be all right.

AND SO THEY SENT DEBS TO PRISON FOR 10 YEARS.

Debs, 63 years old, a foe of war because he is a lover of mankind.

Debs, 63 years old, for 40 years a champion of working class interests.

Debs, 63 years old, **SENTENCED FOR LIFE**—for he'll never live to serve ten years.

HOW ABOUT IT, PRESIDENT WILSON? You said that the world must be made **SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY!**

You returned to this country the other day and **FOUND DEBS IN PRISON.**

Is this country part of the world? And when will democracy take root here? When will free speech, free assemblage and a free press again be permitted?

HOW ABOUT IT? Yes—we know you feel a bit uncomfortable about it.

The capitalist press told us only a few days ago that you have the "convictions" of Debs, O'Hare and Stokes under consideration.

To have Debs run for President while he occupies a cell at Atlanta does not seem to appeal to administration chiefs.

Yet, here's Wall Street. Wall Street has said that "any clemency shown Debs on the part of the government would be regarded as bearish on the situation. Wall Street knows Debs and does not consider him a true labor leader."

No—Debs is not a "true labor leader" for Wall

Street. He does not lead in that direction. Wall Street hates Debs. Wall Street wants him where he is and will try to keep him there.

And the Democratic administration? And Wall Street. Are they enemies?

HOW ABOUT IT? And now, how about you—**YOU WHO ARE READING THIS?**

It is rumored at Washington that a promise to free Debs by fall would allay the present wide-spread unrest in this country.

THEY ADMIT UNREST. They seem to know what causes it.

Then this is **YOUR DUTY.**

DO NOT REST UNTIL DEBS AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE FREED.

Let us make our voices, our pens, our industrial and political power do **DOUBLE DUTY** from now on.

Let's all join hands by **JOINING THE ARMY OF LIBERATORS.**

LET US BEGIN AT ONCE TO SECURE A LIBERATION FUND.

Let us increase our restlessness. Let's provide money to finance the activities which will eventually **FREE DEBS** and all other class war prisoners.

Shall there be a 20th Century Crucifixion?

Shall Debs die in prison?
IT'S FOR YOU TO SAY!

Debs, O'Hare and Stokes Cases taken up for Review Plans to Have "Gene" Run for President From His Cell in Atlanta Does Not Appeal to Administration Chiefs.

WASHINGTON.—President Wilson and Attorney General Palmer have under consideration the cases of Eugene V. Debs, Rose Pastor Stokes and Kate Richards, O'Hare, convicted during the war under the Espionage Act on charges of obstructing enlistments.

There is no indication, however, that a general amnesty for political prisoners, for which a campaign has been under way several months, is yet in prospect.

ARMY OF LIBERATORS TO BE ORGANIZED State Executive Committee of Socialist Party of Ohio Decides to Make Special Campaign to Free Debs and All Political Prisoners.

Join the "Army of Liberators"—this will be the call which will go out from the Ohio state office of the Socialist Party in a few days. This army is to be composed of members of the working class and every worker who joins will be pledged to act as special agent and agitator for Debs' release from prison, as well as the release of all other political prisoners.

"Democracy" under capitalism, means the dictatorship of the capitalist class

An Example of Class-Consciousness

The Bosses Want Debs in Jail THIS SPACE WAS RESERVED FOR A CARTOON OF DEBS GREETING PRESIDENT WILSON IN HIS PRISON CELL. BUT THE ENGRAVER REFUSED TO MAKE IT.

Debs Must and Will be Free! They know Debs out of jail will help free the slaves of industry. Slavery of the workers suits the bosses.

We Say It Again Enter the Municipal Elections Is Our Advice to Ohio Locals.

There is still time. Why not obey the motion passed by the Ohio State Convention and place a municipal ticket in the field?

No better opportunity for educational work was ever had than that which we now face. The world is full of talk about Socialism. Every issue of the capitalist papers deals with

Yes It Is! We have recently seen frequent news items stating that Petrograd was in a state of riot and disorder, and about to fall. These reports have in most cases been officially denied, either by Entente Governments, or by the Russian Soviet Government.

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THE HALF LIGHT BEFORE DAWN

That the epidemic of strikes that has swept the civilized world since the signing of the armistice...

The war, wrote Trotsky more than two years ago...

But if the depth of the industrial conflict is not plain to see...

Consider the situation as it exists today. In Melbourne and other parts of Australia...

Canada is convulsed from ocean to ocean by a movement more revolutionary in spirit...

The Soviet form of administration has arisen spontaneously in Winnipeg as an inevitable development...

In South Africa, industrially backward as it is, there has been no widespread movement...

Even in India—poor, tortured India—the slaves of the cotton mills have dared to revolt...

So much for the outlying posts of Empire.

As for Europe, its condition it a tragedy. Famine and plague, twin sisters of the great god of war...

The vital world-wide conflict between the classes, suppressed for a time by the conflict between the two great imperialism...

It is the collapse of civilization, you say? The end of all things?

No! By all the gods there be. No! It is the New Renaissance.

Every Subscription Will Help Free Debs And All Political Prisoners.

The freedom of Debs and all political prisoners depends upon the amount of publicity which reaches the American working-class...

THE FREEDOM OF DEBS IS IN YOUR HANDS. You can help in the work of his release by securing subscriptions to The Ohio Socialist...

HELP FREE DEBS—GET A SUBSCRIPTION—USE THIS BLANK.

Name Address City Secured by Enclosed find \$1 for which send The Ohio Socialist to the name below for one year...

Affairs of Interest to Party Members

Organization possibilities are great. It has been proven by comrades of East Liverpool, Steilmeier and Warren.

Three locals have now made definite efforts in this direction. Fred Walchli and Frank Stidd of Belleaire are making Sunday trips into the county...

J. T. Pinkerton and E. A. Willison of Local East Liverpool went to Power Point and adjoining town...

What is being done by the comrades of these locals YOU CAN ALSO DO.

Literature sales at the Ohio state office have been very brisk lately.

Local Youngstown will picnic Aug. 3rd. The outing is held especially to secure funds for the party owned printing plant...

Cincinnati broke the record this week in dues stamp purchases.

Chas. Baker will fill a number of speaking dates in Minnesota beginning August 26th.

THE GUERNSEY COUNTY PICNIC. "Don't fail to attend the picnic at Ball's Grove" is the heading upon thousands of hand bills...

The speakers are Frank L. Martin of Marietta, Marguerite Prevey of Akron and H. L. A. Holman of Texas.

An order for 100 copies of the Ohio Socialist every week for three months from the Finnish local at Fairport Harbor should set many of our English locals to thinking.

WE ARE OUT TO WIN AND WIN WE WILL. That's a sentence from a letter sent Local Youngstown members by E. J. Gattin...

We Join in Thanks. The Ohio Socialist wishes to join the comrades of So. Staric Br. No. 8 of Youngstown...

These Letters Show the Spirit of Press Fund Boosters.

No Use for Sympathizers. Enclosing a dollar for the Press Fund, comrade J. D. Reedy of Bickmore W. V. writes: The comrades who pay dues and help finance the Party...

Attention, Moline comrades: As I have not seen any Moline (Ill.) names among the contributors...

He adds his mite: I want to be one to add my mite to the Press Fund to help get the Ohio Socialist out of the hands of the enemy...

Helps to scatter the truth: Come on brother workers and boost the O. S. Press Fund all you can.

Makes wishes come true: Best regards and good luck to the Press Fund, writes comrade Wm. Adler of Lorain.

Regular price \$1.00 Special packet price prepared \$1.00 These messages from the mind of Eugene V. Debs breathe the spirit of revolt...

WALL STREET FEARS DEBS: JOYFUL WHEN HE IS PUT INTO CAGE. Wall Street has a well-defined opinion of Debs and a terrible fear of him.

Attend LOCAL TOLEDO'S PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd Blackmore's Grove end of Starr Ave. line Good Speaking Lots of Fun SPEAKERS

The following speakers are available for dates in Ohio. Terms are \$5.00 per meeting and expenses.

THE MICHIGAN STATE PARTY OF OHIO. Ferdinand Lassale Club. Die Mitglieder des Ferdinand Lassale Clubs, deutsche Branch der Sozialistischen Partei...

Local Deming Socialist Party of New Mexico Meets Every Second Sunday at Verlin Hotel, 3.30 P. M. Next Meeting, Aug. 3rd. Everybody Welcome.

By L. E. KATTERFELD. In an amazing two column article in the July 10th People's Forum our State Secretary advertises her candidacy for convention delegate.

Probably it is natural for the State Secretary to feel pained because the Russian Branch in Kansas City did not vote for her...

Finally, Comrades, let us remember always the great issue that confronts us. It is far more fundamental than any question of mere methods or tactics.

It is the inevitable struggle between the forces of revolutionary proletarianism and the forces of bourgeois reformism of the capitalist state.

For one am glad that this issue has arisen NOW. I have absolute faith that the coming convention will settle this issue and settle it right.

candidate. The same number of signatures are required for candidates for the school board.

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4. Petitions must be filed with the Deputy Board of State Supervisors of Elections NOT LESS than 60 days previous to the day of election.

5. A committee of five to fill vacancies shall be named in the petitions.

6. Petitions must contain a provision that the signer will support and vote for the candidates thereon.

7. Signatures must be written upon petition in ink or indelible pencil.

8. One of the signers of a petition must make oath before a notary public that the statements contained therein are true.

9. Petitions can be secured from the Election Board in your city.

10. Petitions should ALWAYS be filed ahead of time, that is, more than 60 days before the date of election...

11. Petitions should always contain MORE NAMES than required in order that you may be sure that you have enough genuine signatures.

12. For further information of any kind about nomination of candidates by petition, see your Board of Elections.

"CRIMES OF THE BOLSHIEVIKI" By mail, by phone and by wire orders for hundreds of copies of this new booklet have been received.

If you have not yet ordered, do so now. We have about 1,000 left and the price is 10c a copy or 5c each in lots of 20 or more.

A special order for 500 copies of the Ohio Socialist for the Youngstown picnic are the kind which makes most Socialists than doing nothing but meeting in business session once in a while.

A letter from Local Renova, Pa. mercilessly criticizes the "seva" matter on the national executive committee for suspending and expelling thousands of members from the party.

The secretary of Local Arlington, Wash., condemns the national office for expressing a desire to "Americanize" the Socialist Party.

We initiated a referendum to re-

Finally we carried a referendum by an overwhelming vote. They refused to count it.

We elected a new Executive Committee. They suppressed the election.

