

WAR ATTITUDE OF SOCIALISTS

Is Explained by Mr. Kintzer, a Leading Local Member of Socialist Party.

(By Edward H. Kintzer.)

Since my return from the national committee meeting of the Socialist party in Chicago, I have been requested in person and by correspondence for information as to what, in particular, has been accomplished.

To these and the people of Harrison county who are interested in our cause and the position of the Socialists on war and our program for peace, I wish to address myself through the columns of the Telegram.

Our war manifesto and peace program I consider by far the most important matter that the Socialist party dealt with or could have considered.

In the month of last December the national committee of the Socialist party, through a sub-committee undenied to define our attitude toward the world struggle that is now raging, our anti-war position and our program for peace. The report of the sub-committee was repudiated, and this caused a break and intense fiered our divergent views on these great questions. What the objections were to the sub-committee's report were is not material. Suffice it to say that the position of the Socialists of America is no longer in agreement with the proclamation of the International Socialist Conference as regards wars of invasion.

For many years the Socialists of the world, represented in the International, have considered the problems of the then impending war which has now come and raked all of Europe and is threatening the engulfment of the rest of the world. Before the war, at least, if not now, the Socialists in Europe were the only anti-war organization, and today they are looked upon as the most important political factors in the warring nations and in Italy.

country, up until this time, has been held out of the war by the attitude of the Socialists and trade unionists, who are closely united if not altogether.

The International Socialist movement has taken a definite stand against wars of offensive invasion. The inference was that wars of defensive were justified and that the Socialists would take a part in such warfare, in support of their native land.

Whatever might have been the position of the American Socialists on the latter proposition by their recent declaration they leave no room to speculate upon the matter of approval for even wars of invasion. They have taken a bold stand in "opposition to every form of militarism and war."

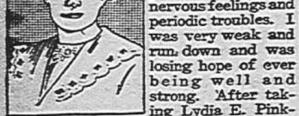
The question of defensive wars—wars of invasion—was debated and the conclusion we came to was this: That in every national crisis bringing about war the cry of "national defense" would and could be raised, and that justification might be sought on such grounds as was the case with the German Socialists and under stress of which the Socialists in the reichstag, 111 in all with one exception, voted for the war appropriations.

However, there is enough cheer and comfort in the declaration for our comrades in the trenches and in the Carranza troops in the following: "The Socialists of America extend the hand of comradeship to their unfortunate brothers in all countries now ravaged by the war; the sufferers and victims of the

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the Socialist International upon such a basis that henceforth it cannot be shaken by the most violent storms of capitalist conflicts.

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As measures calculated to bring about these results, we urge

Our Program
I. TERMS OF PEACE AT THE CLOSE OF THE PRESENT WAR must be based on the following provisions:

1. No indemnities.
2. No transfer of territory except upon the consent and by vote of the people within the territory.

3. All countries under foreign rule be given political independence if demanded by the inhabitants of such countries.

II. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION—THE UNITED STATES OF THE WORLD.

1. An international congress with legislative and administrative powers over international affairs and with permanent committees in place of present secret diplomacy.

2. Special commission to consider international disputes as they may arise. The decisions of such commissions to be enforced without resort to arms. Each commission to go out of existence when the special problem that called it into being is solved.

3. International ownership and control of strategic waterways such as the Dardanelles, the Straits of Gibraltar and the Sue, Panama and Kiel canals.

4. Neutralization of the seas.
III. DISARMAMENT.

1. Universal disarmament as speedily as possible.
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2. Abolition of manufacture of arms and munitions of war for private profit, and prohibition of exportation of arms, war equipments and supplies from one country to another.

3. No increase in existing armaments under any circumstances.

4. No appropriations for military or naval purposes.
IV. EXTENSION OF DEMOCRACY.

1. Political democracy.
(a) Abolition of secret diplomacy and democratic control of foreign policies.

(b) Universal suffrage, including woman suffrage.
2. Industrial democracy.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION.
Immediate and energetic efforts shall be made through the organizations of the Socialist parties of all nations to secure universal co-operation of all Socialist and labor organizations and all true friends of peace to obtain the endorsement of this program.

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BRISTOL, May 26—Employees of the Eureka Pipe Line Company were on Indian run the last of the week repairing a leak in the oil lines leading from Doddridge county to the pump station near Marshville. Mrs. Lucy Stralley and children of Currin, are spending a few days at the home of her mother, Mrs. Amanda Bailey and son, Lewis, of Indian run. The county commissioners for Harrison county and Charles C. Pittro, county road engineer, were looking after matters of importance on Tenmile creek, in Tenmile district, a few days ago.

William S. James, an aged resident of Grass run, is in a very critical condition due, partially to advanced age and disorders of the stomach.

Misses Edna and Jennie Morris and Gay Dennison were calling on Mrs. Quintilla Lynch at her home on Route 1 Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ella Donnelly suffered very much from cramps in the stomach the last of the week but is very much better at present.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Clinton Goodwin and children, of Grass run, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William C. James Sunday.

Miss Edna Morris, who is staying at the home of her aunt, Miss Sallie Morris, of Cherry Camp run, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Morris, of R. F. D. No. 1, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ash, of Cherry Camp run, are suffering from attacks of rheumatism to the extent that they each have to be turned in bed, practically unable to move a muscle.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones were shopping in Salem Saturday from Indian run.

Gregory Bleakly, Jr., is spending a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Matthey, of R. F. D. route No. 1, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones and daughter, Miss Beatrice, and Miss Mary Williams, of Marshville, motored to Clarksburg Sunday evening to hear the Rev. John S. Hamilton at the tabernacle.

Mrs. William Wolverton and children, of Upper Indian run, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zina E. Thompson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Matthey were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Donnelly Sunday evening.

Luther Wolf, of Uew Milton, resumed his position with Julius Matthey as blacksmith last week, after being away for several weeks during the illness and death of his mother.

The majority of the county road supervisors have the spring road maintaining done; at least such is the case in Tenmile district. The roads throughout the district are in excellent condition.

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