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BY JOHN M. WORK.

It has been said that Socialism will not be introduced on Wednesday afternoon at half past two. In other words, it will not be a sudden process so that we can point to any specific date as the time when the new order was born.

I agree with that statement. But, it is also true that there come a time when we will win a general election and capture the powers of the national government.

That day will be the beginning of the end of the great struggle for Socialism. That day will be the beginning of the end of exploitation, poverty, and all the social ills that blight the lives of the great host whose hearts are weary "longing for the strife to cease."

When will that day come? It will come whenever the Socialists want it to come. We can have Socialism whenever the Socialists really want Socialism.

A minority of the Socialists are exceedingly active. Their work for the cause is all that could be desired or expected.

But there are thousands upon thousands of people who vote the Socialist ticket, and yet who never turn a hand over to get Socialism except by that one act. That act is very commendable in itself, but, instead of being the sole act preformed for the cause, it should be the culmination of many activities. Maybe these people want Socialism, but they certainly do not act like it.

In order to get Socialism, it is necessary to convince the majority of the people that we ought to have it—so that they too will vote the ticket.

There is no way to do this except through close, compact, thorough, efficient organization.

We must fight systematically not chaotically.

We must fire broadsides, not pop-guns.

We must meet the powerful organization of the enemy with an organization still more powerful.

Ten million unorganized Socialists would have no terror for the capitalist class.

But, half million organized Socialists, carrying on a systematic, persistent, courageous, methodical propaganda, can turn the United States, not upside down, but right side up, scare the plutes into spasms, carry the election, and introduce Socialism.

You are not a good Socialist unless you are a member of the Socialist party organization.

You are not a good Socialist unless you hustle for Socialism.

A Socialist that is not a member of the party organization is exploiting his own brother Socialists, because he is making them perform the duties he ought to perform.

We are already beginning to be called upon to step in and take charge of the immediate work of making the transition from capitalism to Socialism. In many localities its responsibility has already been placed upon us.

Yet, many alleged Socialists still neglect duty, though these successes make it vastly easier than hitherto to build a powerful organization and to reach the minds of the people.

Joining the party organization and paying dues promptly is the first duty of every Socialist. No other work you can do for the cause will have such a telling and far reaching effect.

Having joined, be a member—a real member—not a dead one.

Every member of the Socialist party is an integral part of the movement.

Every member should be active.

Every member should be thoroughly posted, not only in the principles, but also on the tactics and current events of the movement, so that the organization will at all times be able to act with both wisdom and expedition on every question that arises.

This insures the maintenance of a rank and file movement.

Both a thorough and efficient organization and a rank and file movement are indispensable in the Socialist party.

We do not want members to be like the man who pasted a copy of the Lord's Prayer on the wall of his bedroom and every night when he was ready to jump into bed jerked his thumb at it and said, "Oh, Lord them's my sentiments!"

We do not want any half hearted devotion.

We want every member to be in earnest, sincere, aggressive, persistent and indomitable.

We want him to pass a resolution in his own mind that he will do all in his power to make his locality an outpost, a recruiting station, a base of supplies, an intellectual and financial fortress if you please, in the political war for the establishment of the Socialist commonwealth.

What it requires to accomplish these results is thorough organization, co-ordinate effort, persistent aggressiveness, wise foresight and indomitable courage.

The time for scattering shot is gone. The time for rainbow chasing is gone.

We must be practical. We must use common sense.

We must advance upon the enemy in perfect order and in battle array.

By so doing, we shall win this political battle and emancipate ourselves from the galling chains of capitalism.

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Paul Paulsen

The following clipped from the Party Builder, will be of interests to hundreds of our readers who met Comrade Paulsen during the recent coal miners strike in this State, and especially to those who "done time" with "Big Paul" in the Paint Creek Bull Pen:

Paul J. Paulsen whose home is at Rock Springs, Wyoming, and who is now a member of the National Board of United Mine Workers is in Chicago for a few days and has visited the National office. Comrade Paulsen was for three years state secretary of the Socialist Party of Wyoming. He helped West Virginia on the union map and has been also on the Colorado strike field. He is very optimistic in regard to the Colorado strike. The Northern Colorado miners have been on a strike three years and are still striking. Every Monday morning a check for \$5,000 is sent from the miner's headquarters at Indianapolis to maintain the men on strike. Ten thousand men went out in the Southern Colorado field, some of whom are now back at work under signed contracts. In Comrade Paulsen's own state of Wyoming, every coal miner belongs to the union. The Wyoming district which comprises 8,000 miners has a reserve fund of \$150,000 besides owing one of the finest buildings in the state, where the headquarters are located. When Colorado is unionized the West will not have a single mine operated by scabs.

Comrade Paulsen was married recently at Indianapolis and his wife is accompanying him on his present trip.

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The street car company will doubtless try to have these class-conscious policemen punished after the strike.

The first car to attempt a trip manned by scabs was demolished before it had proceeded four blocks. Such a rain of bricks, stones and missiles

poured upon it from all sides and from windows and roofs that the car was literally half buried in the debris.

The demands of the strikers are so manifestly fair and just that the whole community is aroused, and extraordinary news may be expected from Indianapolis. The city police force is plainly on the side of the strikers, but the state troops have arrived, whether these tin horns will do the dirty work spurned by the police remains to be seen.

Painters Aid Charity.

Members of San Francisco Painters' union No. 19 spent their Saturday half holiday recently in painting the new buildings of the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Souls. The members of the union donated their services to this work, and so many responded to the call of the president of the union for volunteers that it was impossible to accommodate all those who were anxious to lend a hand.

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