

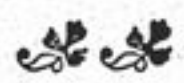
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What Socialism Proposes.

BY EUGENE V. DEBS.

In the United States, as in other
countries, International Socialism is
making tremendous strides, and its mil-
lions of supporters spread over all the
belts and zones of the globe, and the
most active propagandists ever known,
will in the next few years be multiplied
into controlling majorities in all lands
which have modern industries as the
basis of their civilization, Socialism be-
ing wholly a question of economic de-
velopment. This will mean the end of
the present capitalist competitive sys-
tem and the introduction of its suc-
cessor, the co-operative commonwealth.

The movement is international, be-
cause it was born of and follows the de-
velopment of the capitalist system,
which, in its operation, is confined to
no country, but by the stimulus of mod-
ern agencies of production, exchange,
communication and transportation, has
overleaped all boundary lines and made
the world the theatre of its activities.
By this process all the nations of the
earth must finally be drawn into rela-
tions of industrial and commercial co-
operation as the economic basis of hu-
man brotherhood. This is the goal of
modern Socialism, and it is this that in-
spires its disciples with the zeal and ar-
dor of crusaders.

What is Socialism? To answer in a
single sentence, it means the collective
ownership by all the people of all the
means of wealth production and distribu-
tion. It is purely an economic question;
the evolution of industry has developed
Socialism. Man can only work, pro-
duce wealth, with tools. The mere
hand tools of former times have been
displaced by ponderous and costly ma-
chines. These machines, Socialists con-
tend, represent progressive social con-
ceptions. These and the factories, mills
and shops in which they are housed, as
well as the lands and mines from which
the raw materials are drawn, are used
in common by the workers, and by their
very nature are marked for common
ownership and control. Socialism does
not propose the collective ownership of
property, but of capital; that is to say,
the instruments of wealth production
which, in the form of private property,
enable a few capitalists to exploit vast
numbers of workers, thus creating mil-
lionaires and mendicants and inaugu-
rating class rule and all its odious and
undemocratic distinctions.

Socialism proposes equal rights and
opportunities for all, without regard to
sex, color or other conditions. Equality
is the vital principle of Socialism. Its
mission is to abolish class rule by mak-
ing all equal proprietors of the means
upon which all depend for employment,
and without which there can be no
"life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."
This insures economic freedom for every
human being. As no one would have
private property in that upon which an-
other depended for employment, indus-
trial mastery and slavery would disap-
pear together, and competition for profit
would give way to co-operation for use.

The rapidly changing economic con-
ditions are paving the way for the tran-
sition from competitive capitalism to

co-operative Socialism. Socialists are
simply indicating the trend of evolu-
tion, and seeking to prepare the way for
its orderly reception. The coming of
Socialism is with them not a debatable
question. That is not a matter of sci-
entific calculation. The evolution of
the social organization is a fact in na-
ture. In the ceaseless process one state
of society follows another in the se-
quence of succession. Capitalism, the
present system, was warmed into life in
womb of feudalism and sprang from the
medieval system. Within the span of
two centuries this system has practically
reached the climax of its development,
and the marvelous material progress of
that period exceeds the achievements of
all the centuries since the slaves of
Pharaoh built the pyramids.

The rapid centralization of capital
and the extensive co-operation of labor
mark the high state of economic devel-
opment. Individual initiative and com-
petitive efforts are becoming less and
less possible. The day of small produc-
tion has passed, never to return. Not-
withstanding all outcry, trust and de-
partment stores, these great modern ag-
encies, increase in number and power.
They are the inevitable outgrowth of
the competitive system. The efforts of
the small capitalists to destroy trusts
will prove as utterly futile as were
the efforts of the workingman to des-
troy labor-saving machines when first
introduced in the last century. Socialists
take the ground that the trust in itself
is not an evil, that the evil lies wholly
in the private ownership, and they pro-
pose to transfer all such agencies from
private hands to the collectivity, to be
managed and operated for the good of all.

In the last century millions of work-
ers were exploited of the fruit of their
labor under the institution of chattel
slavery. Work being done by hand,
ownership of the slave was a condition
necessary to his exploitation. But chat-
tel slavery disappeared before the march
of industrial evolution, and to-day would
be an economic impossibility. It is no
longer necessary to own the body of the
workingman in order to appropriate the
fruit of his labor; it is only necessary
to own the tool with which he works,
and without which he is helpless. This
tool in its modern form is a vast machine
which the worker cannot afford to buy,
and against which he cannot compete
with his bare hands, and in the very
nature of the situation he is at the
mercy of the owner of the machine, his
employment is precarious, and his very
life is suspended by a thread. Then,
again, the factory and mine are operated
for profit only, and the owner can, and
often does, close it down at will, throw-
ing hundreds, and perhaps thousands,
out of employment who, with their fam-
ilies, are as helpless as if in the desert
wastes of Sahara.

The few who own the machines do
not use them. The many who use them
do not own them. The few who own
them are enabled to exploit the many
who use them; hence a few millionaires
and many mendicants, extreme opulence
and abject poverty, princely palaces and
hideous huts, rioting extravagance and
haggard want, constituting social scenes
stokening to contemplate, and in the
presence of which the master hand of
Hugo or Dickens is palsied and has no
mission.

The Socialist party is organizing in
every village and hamlet, every town
and city of every state and territory of
the Union. It is appealing to the peo-
ple. It will neither fuse nor compro-
mise. It proposes to press forward, step
by step, until it conquers the political
power and secures control of govern-
ment. This will mark the end of the
capitalist system. The factories and
mills and mines, the railroads and tele-
graph and telephone, and all other
means of production and distribution,
will be transferred to the people in their
collective capacity, industry will be op-
erated co-operatively, and every human
being will have the "inalienable right"
to work and to enjoy the fruit of his
labor. The hours of labor will be re-
duced according to the progress of in-
vention. Rent, interest and profit will
be no more. The sordid spirit of com-
mercial conquest will be dead. War and
its ravages will pass into history. Eco-
nomic equality will have triumphed, la-
bor will stand forth emancipated, and
the sons and daughters of men will glori-
fy the triumphs of Social-Democracy.

The United States people are taxed
millions of dollars annually to pay the
costs of prosecuting railroad and corpo-
ration officials for violating the laws—
and none of them have been punished.