

Citizens

This day, the first Monday of September, is observed as a holiday in special honor of manual labor. It had its unofficial origin as such in the United States, in the year 1882, and Canada was wise enough to follow suit, and then, in 1894, officially sanction its observance as a Dominion holiday. After that, but the same year, President Cleveland followed the Canadian Government's example, and proclaimed the first Monday of September a national holiday, to be known as Labor Day. By and large the great majority of manual laborers have the benefit of it, and always it is looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation by all classes in Canada and the United States. It is essentially a day of peace, and usually it is favored with the most pleasant autumn weather. What a contrast to that other day which Socialists and Communists have made their special day - the bloody Red May Day when, throughout all the leading cities of Europe and America, the police must be on the alert, more than on any other regular holiday, for the preservation of public order, and when, in many places, bodies of troops must be held in reserve to aid the police in suppressing riotous demonstrations. The reason for the contrast essentially is this: Labor Day was instituted by a loyal and law-abiding organization of workmen, known as the Knights of Labor. These Knights of Labor were determined upon improving working conditions and securing reasonable wages in all branches of industry. They had good reason for struggling as they did through the eighties and the nineties of last century, when Big Business, as we now call it, was utterly unchecked - untrammelled - either by government regulations or by contracts and agreements enforced by legitimate labor unions. And so Big Business went the limit - heartless and ruthless and in a large way dishonest in its pursuit of profit - not being wise enough at that time to appreciate the truth of what was said recently by our Provincial Minister of Labor, the

Hon George S. Pearson, whose words were - I quote: "There is a new realization among employers that their own welfare lies in paying as high wages as possible. This is shown by the fact that, in many lines of business, wages are now well above the minimum set by the Board of Industrial Relations." End of quotation.

But, Citizens, although the Knights of Labor, as well as the organization which succeeded that body, now known as the American Federation of Labor, had to go through long years of bitter struggle before they obtained the rights and privileges which they now enjoy yet they never at any time threatened their country with revolution. Always they strove to obtain what they wanted without breaking down the constitution - always their appeal was to the public conscience and its sense of what was right and decent as regards relations between employers and employees. And so we now regularly enjoy this peaceful September day - Labor Day - as a holiday in witness of, and as an inspiration for, fair dealing and good feeling among all - regardless of class or occupation. But you do not find the Left Wing C.F. Effers or the League Against War and Fascism or the Pacifists or the Communists or other Marxian Socialists very enthusiastic in celebration of Labor Day - as they are when they flaunt their banners and fling insults at all who do not agree with them on their Red May Day. For that day was instituted in 1789 by persons who were the direct opposite in their teachings and methods to those who founded the Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor. The men and women of the Red May Day are, and always have been, advocates of class-consciousness, class-hatred, industrial and civil disturbances, with a hoped-for culmination in revolution, confiscation of property, and the establishment of a dictatorship, along the lines laid down in the Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx in 1849 at London, and here in Canada this very summer, in two subsidiary but up-to-date manifestoes for instruction and direction of Canadian Communists, one is called: WHAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY STAND FOR? It is published from Communist Party headquarters on

Adelaide Street, Toronto, and is attributed by The Daily Clarion, Communist newspaper, to the pen of Sam Carr. It is a book of 119 pages. Let me give you a taste of it from page 101, where the author outlines what must be done so soon as a Soviet Canada is established. I quote: "This government will have the great task of taking away from the owners the plants, factories, rail-roads, banks, and turning them into public property to be administered by the workers. * * * This cannot be accomplished peacefully. * * * The Soviet Government will have to expropriate the exploiters by force. The latter will conspire and plot against the new system; they will organize counter-revolutionary uprisings. The Soviet State will have to crush these with an iron hand. The former exploiters will be given no quarter." End of quotation. But just at present - does that not sound like some bloody despatch out of Spain?

Now side by side with that let me give you a paragraph from the second book. It is called WHAT WE PROPOSE. And its author is Tim Buck, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Canada. From page 73 I quote: "The winning of Socialism means the abolition of private property in means of production. Abolition of private property in means of production means defeat of the capitalist class. This will only be possible when the working class and its allies are organized, trained experienced and strong enough to overawe - and ultimately, if necessary, overwhelm the organized defenders of reaction. Socialism will not come as the result of a leisurely, decorous process - during which speeches by Mr. Woodsworth and Professor Havelock will convert the bankers - and convert Senator Arthur Meighen and Major-General MacBrien. It will come as the result of tremendous struggles in which millions of people will be involved, and in which other and more immediately decisive factors than speeches will play a tremendous role. * * * We will carry on these struggles because we have a world to win. * * * We carry forward the splendid traditions of the revolutionary struggle. * * * Under the leadership of the Communist International we will hold the banner of Socialism high. For us the fight

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for Socialism is not an intellectual diversion or a hobby, but it's a life and death struggle. That is why the workers look upon our Party as the shock brigade of the working class. That is why they gladly entrust the Communists with leadership, even when they are not yet ready to join our ranks.. That is why we shall lead the workers forward through struggles to power, and the victorious establishment of Soviet Canada." End of quotation. These two books, published in Toronto this summer, may seem quite logical and in order from the standpoint of the Marxian Socialist - from the viewpoint of the Communist Manifesto. But actually they so reek with class-hatred and blood-lust as to indicate that their authors are insane. Their teachings, and their visions of a coming revolution in Canada and the United States with the same results as in Russia and Spain, will certainly seem like sheer insanity to any decent and common-sense Canadian or American - and the prospect of any such thing coming to pass will fill him with loathing and horror. I hope it will arouse him at last to get rid of this thing - to tear it up by the roots and fling it back to Russia or Spain or whatever other land overseas that is willing to harbor it.

Citizens, we here in British Columbia, just when times are greatly improving, with probability of steady and continuing improvement, if things be left to work out normally - we are threatened with another attempt, under direct instigation of Harry Bridges and those professional agitators who serve him - we are threatened with another attempt being made to produce industrial chaos at the Port of Vancouver. This threat, of course, is not confined to the Port of Vancouver. Exactly the same line of outbreak is to occur simultaneously according to plan, at every busy seaport from Southern California to Alaska. We think it much to be desired that some effective organization of loyal men such as functioned here last year under the name of the Citizens' League should again assemble quietly for local defense - just as they did last year to assist in

the maintenance of law and order, and to thwart the outbreak of a general strike, and to give adequate protection to the mass of law-abiding and industrious workers who wish to hold their jobs, but who might otherwise be intimidated into quitting work by the hired and imported thugs of the racketeers of labor - the professional strike instigators. May be the Citizens' League had better adopt a new name - seeing how the copy-cat Communists have formed what they choose to call Citizens' Leagues and Citizens' Protective Leagues in Seattle, in Winnipeg, and I understand here in Vancouver. But there is one name that would never be copied by any Marxian Socialists from pink to purple - and that would be ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE. I submit that name for consideration to those citizens who intend to have and to hold their own, In any case the situation is now sufficiently grave to warrant them in forming their train band - their city volunteers - to meet and again defeat the forces of disorder which presently threaten our industrial life, our peace, our returning prosperity. No matter under what name it be done - do it! We ourselves may change our name from the Nationalist League to the Constitutionalist League. This we will do in order the better to co-operate and co-ordinate with those of our friends in the United States who believe and think as we do. Our chief purpose is to prevent the coming to power of either Communism or Fascism on this continent. Remember now: where Communists are in power - or where Fascists or National Socialists, otherwise Nazis, are in power - there is NO CONSTITUTION! There are no recognized rights for all citizens alike - recognized rights in the exercise of which any citizen is free to dispute any act of the Government which he may think encroaches upon those rights, Under Communism or Fascism there is only the arbitrary, irresponsible dictatorship - to appeal against which renders one liable to death, imprisonment or exile. But if we do change our name, we will be none the less national for all that. We are proud of our nation - even as it is. We will strive to make it more and more a worthy member of the

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British Commonwealth of Nations - one King, one flag, one ideal of liberty and fair-play! That - always that - rather than be scrambled in some international omelette with all the rotten eggs of Europe.

Citizens, owing to certain urgent duties in connection with the work which I have in hand, I shall be off the air for the next three weeks. But you may expect me to resume my regular talks - beginning Sunday, the 27th. of this month - every Sunday evening at seven o'clock and every Wednesday evening at a quarter past seven. Till then - and thanking you for the attention and consideration which you have given me through the last few years - good-bye!

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