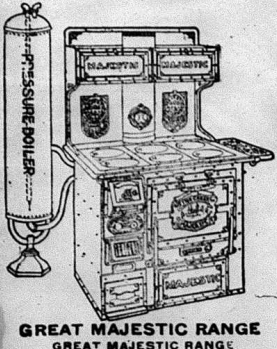


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Comrade Lund Explains

The following letter from Comrade Lund has been in type for the last few weeks. We regret that owing to our reduced size it has been crowded out till now.—Ed.

Editor Seattle Socialist.
Dear Comrade—Having noticed an article in the last issue of the Seattle Socialist where Comrade Crow was taken to task for placing my name in nomination for presidential elector in the Socialist convention, but the Socialist ticket, I think it would be to some benefit, not only to myself but to the great cause of Socialism, to have this controversy settled right now.

I hold that a man can be a capitalist and not belong to the capitalist class, and that a man can be a capitalist and not belong to the capitalist class.

I had an invalid mother and an old broken-down father, by her death, to take care of. Finally I became possessor of enough to get a ticket to America, took a homestead in North Dakota, lived there for twelve years, worked hard and raised a large family of children. Sold this farm and started in the hotel business, but was burned out and lost everything I had.

I got some shelter for my old parents and family, left for Montana and worked in a smelter for fifteen months, where I accumulated some money and went into business again, but did my own work most of the time.

In 1893 I was burned out again and lost everything I had in the panic of that year, and for a couple of years I did nothing but exist. In the early part of 1897 I left for British Columbia with the intention of working in the coal mines, but it happened to find a chance to start in business on jawbone. In four years I sold out and cleaned up ten thousand dollars, came back to Spokane and bought the place now have. It has increased in value about as much as I paid for it.

Now, then—The environment that has surrounded me since I was placed on this earth has not been such as to place me in the capitalist class, which must be plain to any one.

The class struggle has laid before me as an open book from the earliest time that I can remember, and never have I trained with or belonged to the capitalist class, but instead have been identified and trained with the working class.

I have never belonged to a capitalist organization, such as the Chamber of Commerce, or Board of Trade, the Citizens' Alliance, or any other capitalist organization. I never will. The class struggle has left its marks on me such as can never be blotted out.

Capitalism and commercialism are doomed. It must fall of its own weight. It is in the incubation of evolution, and is about to hatch out. A new system of production and distribution of wealth which will be for use and not for sale. The unemployed problem is now confronting us, and will increase for every day as fast as the machine increases its productivity. The machine will do the work instead, and man's labor power is not needed. Without the machine the worker cannot live, therefore he must be educated to the philosophy of Socialism and emancipate himself from the halloo box, or end in a bloody revolution.

He must be the owner of the machine, as well as the labor power, to stand. This he must learn to understand. The old political parties are grappling for some solution to this problem, but can find none.

The Socialist party is the only party in the world that understands the problem and how to accomplish it peacefully. In this party the working class must organize, work and vote till a majority wins at the ballot box.

I have not joined the Socialist Party because of duty, but from desire. I dread to see my large family of children and grand children either to be master or slaves, but under this system of commercialism and capitalism they have to become one or the other.

appreciate them because there is no harm done to me. But there is an old saying that a man can be so straight that he bends a little backward, and it looks worse than bending a little forward. Yours fraternally,
O. LUND.

Would Comrade Lund argue that a man can be a lawyer and not belong to the class of lawyers? Or, can a man be a Russian and not belong to the class of Russians? Or, can a man be a wage worker and not belong to the class of wage workers; or a farmer and not belong to the class of farmers?

What Comrade Lund must mean is that a man may be a capitalist and not belong with the capitalist class, has sympathies and instincts are not with the class he finds himself in.

Comrade Lund is still a workman in his feelings, for he has been a workman the most of his life. But his interests are with the capitalist class, because he is a capitalist. If, as he were in Cripple Creek at this time and his business was destroyed by the strike there, as most of the small businesses in that quarter have been destroyed, he would realize then that he belongs to the capitalist class with a vengeance.

It is altogether to his credit that Comrade Lund sacrifices his interests as a capitalist to his feelings as a life-long workman. "The Socialist" did not criticize Comrade Crow for nominating Comrade Lund. We try to will do him good, not for leaving forward or backward.—Ed.

Hanford's Speech of Acceptance

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measure he disagreed with him. We must cultivate, we must at all times do everything that we can, to keep up that spirit of having everybody speak out in meeting, no matter who it is, no matter what his opinion may be. Don't whatever you do, try to keep it quiet, don't try to carry it out by conspiracy, by plotting or by scheming. Use it with it, and let it stand upon its merits. If it is a good plan or a good scheme, you have got to bring it out, bring it out, and we will take it. If it is not good, we will show where it is wrong, and so let no man imagine that if he speaks for some scheme that is not good that it will hurt him. It will do him good to find out what is the matter with it. (Loud applause.)

Greatest Socialist Convention

"And, comrades, when you go back home, remember that we all agree that this convention has been the greatest Socialist convention ever held in the United States, much greater than any other. (Applause.) Not only greater in numbers, but in the general character and quality and ability of the assembled delegates. Do not forget, whatever you do, that not only from the time that you got home, but when you start the campaign for International Socialism here. (Prolonged applause.) It won't run itself, and we haven't got any capital to run it for us. It is going to be run by you people and the people that send you, and that I have said is, do all that you can, not only to arouse yourselves and your comrades, but to inspire them with the hope and the promise of success. Progress! Progress! Progress! That movement on the face of this earth that stood for hundreds of years as much as ever made such rapid progress as this Socialist movement has, the world over. (Loud cheering and applause.)

Twenty Years Ago

"Do you know, comrades, that twenty years ago I had never read the word 'Socialism' to have the remotest idea of what it meant, other than in a dictionary or something of that kind? Do you know that fifteen or sixteen years ago, if a man had been heard, say, in Davenport, Ia., or in any other town of two or three hundred thousand in the United States, and I wanted to know what Socialism meant (I mean an American born), because I have had to hire a detective to find somebody that could tell him. (Laughter and applause.) You talk about progress; I tell you, my friends, that while in certain states from time to time there may be discouraged, the burden may seem to you too heavy; while in certain states from time to time there may be the darkest outlook, don't forget that this old movement is going marching on and nothing is going to stop it.

To Free Every Man, Woman and Child

"You have the greatest privilege, as Comrade Titus pointed out, that any people on the face of the earth have ever had before. In all previous revolutions, it is the work of one man, or ever had it, in its power to do anything more than liberate a certain group of people, or a little nation of people. Take the war of the Rebellion, all it could do was to liberate the negro slaves from chattel slavery and make wage slaves of them. Go back to the Revolutionary war and all they could do was to take our political liberties for ourselves and get our political independence from King George. But this movement does not propose to free one man or one another man; this movement does not propose to free the people of Cook county and leave all the rest of the people up against it. This movement proposes to free every man and every woman and every child on the earth, wherever they be, whatever color they may be, for all time. This movement is not only worth living for (loud applause), but it is better worth dying for than any other movement in the world. (Prolonged applause.)

"To bring about the furtherance of this, I say to you, let your hearts be as true as steel; be steel to the very back; put your soul and body both into action, and we will have Socialism in our time and in our country." (Loud applause.)

We have just seen a copy of the Proceedings of the Second National Convention of the Socialist Party held at Chicago, Ill., May 1 to 6, 1904. Every member of the Party should have one in his library. It forms an intensely interesting reading. The accounts published in the "Daily Appeal" were very incomplete, more than half being omitted.

We reproduce herewith the speeches of the speakers of the various meetings before the Convention by the nominee for President and Vice President, Comrade Debs and Comrade Harford. The latter's speech was very much abbreviated in the "Appeal" report. As given in the "Proceedings" printed here, its real naturalness, vividness and completeness appear. These walks were not for a William McKinley call to action in the coming campaign.

A PROTEST.

Seattle, Wash., July 29, 1904.
To the Editor of "The Socialist," Seattle, Wash.:
The action taken by the Local Quorum of Wash. S. P. July 28th, meeting for the purpose of canvassing the vote on the referendum of 1904 (National Constitution), is, in my judgment, deserving of just criticism. The action I condemn is the canvassing of 14 votes cast by Central Branch of Local Seattle, which votes were handed in by a member of this branch, the present chairman of the State Committee, in direct violation of Article V, section 4 of the by-laws, which govern Local Seattle. Said by-laws provide that all referendum votes shall be submitted to the City Central Committee, and not by a member of the committee, but by a member of the C. C. C. that a special meeting of the committee had been called Monday, July 24th, for this purpose. (The Local's picnic Sunday preceding interfering with the regular meeting of the committee), but as only 3 members beside myself were present, and the quorum was not raised by Comrade McCorkle, I insisted that the votes ought to be counted under the circumstances, regardless of a full quorum, as our action could, if necessary, be nullified at the next regular meeting of the committee, but was not established and the referendum vote of the Seattle on this important question was not submitted to the State Secretary.

On account of the gross negligence manifested by the committee, and more especially so by the members who were elected and through their absence blocked work of the most important nature, in my opinion, the committee is deserving of the most scathing criticism. If the will of the people is to be carried out, it is necessary that the committee shall have become a force. But while we are condemning the City Central Committee for its action on this matter, let us not so far forget ourselves as to allow any of our delegates to violate the rules laid down by our by-laws or constitutions without at least calling their attention to the fact that they are in violation of this reason I condemn the action of Comrade Geo. W. Scott in taking it upon himself to carry out work not properly delegated to a City Central Committee through its Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

P. O. OLSEN.

SKAGIT COUNTY MASS CONVENTION.

To the Members of the Socialist Party of Skagit County, Washington:
I, the undersigned, chairman of the Socialist Party in Skagit County, Washington, hereby call for a mass convention of the Socialists of Skagit county to meet at Burlington, Sept. 10th, 1904, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of transacting such business as shall come before said convention.

E. E. SPEAR,
Chairman, County Central Committee, by Order of Burlington Local, dated August 1st, 1904.

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