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Facts for Speakers

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When requesting sources of facts given in this column, comrades please state the particular item which you are interested in so that we may look up our files and tell you where we got the information for that particular fact.

We wish to acknowledge several letters received which ask for "sources" without stating for which fact. If the comrades will write again and ask for particular references we shall be glad to reply.

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request to "Facts for Speakers", 37 Grove St., San Francisco.

BIG PAY FOR BOSSES.

Federal Trade Commission figures published recently, show fabulous salaries and bonuses paid to heads of corporations in 1933. Here are some monies pocketed by presidents, etc. of some corporations operating in California:

	Yearly Salary	Yearly Bonus
BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION:		
C. M. Schwab (Director & Chairman)	\$250,000	
E. G. Grace (Director & President)	180,000	
C. A. Buck (Director)	90,000	
Q. Bent (Director)	90,000	
COLUMBIA PICTURES CORPORATION:		
Harry Cohn (President & Director)	145,000	
FOX FILM CORPORATION:		
F. P. Sheehan (Vice Pres. & Director)	250,000	
E. I. DUPONT, DENEMOURS & CO.:		
Lamoot du Pont	99,999	
W. S. Carpenter, Jr.	60,000	
T. S. Grasselli	49,008	
H. R. Carveth	49,008	
CURTIS PUBLISHING CO.:		
C. H. K. Curtis (President) (1932)	142,500	
G. H. Lorimer	100,000	

15c PER HOUR VS. \$117,631 A YEAR.

Here is why Calpack cannot pay more than 15-20c an hour to pea pickers and why they are organizing vigilantes to terrorize these workers who are earning about \$200 a year:

	Salary	Bonus
CALIFORNIA PACKING CORPORATION:		
R. I. Bentley (President) (1930)	\$30,000	\$7,631
L. E. Wood (Vice Pres. & Gen Mgr.) (1930)	27,000	\$3,841
R. H. Barthold (Vice Pres.) (1930)	24,000	\$0,120
A. E. Eames (Vice Pres.) (1930)	24,000	\$0,099
A. M. Lester (Vice Pres.) (1930)	21,000	\$0,110
L. A. Woolams (Vice Pres.) (1930)	21,000	\$0,110

COMPARE THESE WITH YOUR WAGES.

FIRESTONE TIRE & RUBBER CO.:		
Harvey S. Firestone (Pres. & Director)	\$71,280	
John W. Thomas (Vice Pres. & Director)	53,460	
PACKARD MOTOR CAR COMPANY:		
Alvan MacAuley (Pres. & Gen Mgr.)	50,000	
PARAMOUNT PUBLIX CORPORATION:		
Adolph Zukor (Pres. & Director) (1932)	96,631	
Jesse L. Lasky (Vice Pres. & Dir.) (1931)	112,618	
WARNER BROS. PICTURES INC.:		
S. E. Morjes (Vice Pres.)	70,249	
A. C. Thomas (Secy & Director)	98,949	
F. W. WOOLWORTH CO.:		
H. T. Parson (1932)	637,170	
B. D. Miller (1932)	144,924	
J. F. Nutting (1931)	181,739	
A. L. Coruwell (1930)	49,990	
C. W. Deyo (1931)	47,023	
R. L. Creighton (1931)	47,787	
WILLIAM WRIGLEY JR. CO.:		
Wm. Wrigley Jr.	35,000	
STANDARD OIL CO. OF CALIF.:		
K. R. Kingsbury (Pres. & Director)	136,268	
H. M. Storey (Vice Pres. & Dir.) (1930)	75,000	
W. H. Berg (Vice Pres. & Director)	54,546	
H. D. Collier (Director)	54,546	
R. W. Hanna	54,546	
Oscar Sutro (V. P., Gen. Couns. & Dir.)	90,912	

These are by no means the largest salaries. They are some picked at random of corporations well known to all. The program of the Communist Party calls for heavy taxation on such salaries as these to pay for social insurance to give wages to workers and their families who are unable to continue working because of being crippled while producing these profits for the bosses; or to workers who are unemployed because they have produced too much.

Each year the gap grows between the gigantic salaries of parasitic officials and the miserable pittance of the workers.

EDITORIAL

ELECTIONS.

With all the volume of election talk in the capitalist press it is inevitable that our own comrades should write in to ask as to who will be our candidates in the coming elections. This will be finally decided at our nominating convention, May 6th in San Francisco. However we can already say that our list of candidates will carry a number of pleasing surprises for revolutionary workers and farmers and should be an excellent fighting general staff to carry through a successful campaign and pile up a huge vote.

In the meantime let every one know about our Nominating Convention. All workers, poor farmers, and sympathetic organiza-

tions are invited to send delegates to participate in the final designation of our slate of candidates.

ABOVE ALL—GET THE SIGNATURES ON OUR PETITION.

Every mass meeting, union meeting, or other gathering of workers should be stopped and every registered voter asked to sign. GET THE SIGNATURE PETITIONS FILLED—let's clear the decks for the nominating convention!

We should have our 23,500 signatures by early April—we can do this only if every comrade and sympathiser gets into action and solicits signers.

Fundamentals of a Communist Political Education

Lesson 7

Ultimate Aims of Communist Movement— Class Antagonisms Abolished—Economy, Work Culture, Science, Progress of Humanity and Communism—Prerequisites for it

In the last six lessons we have traced the structure of capitalism, the contradictions within its structure, and its economic and cultural crisis.

The question which now arises is: Towards what system of society shall the human race strive in order to create a better condition for life, and eliminate all the evils of capitalism?

This brings us to the question of: What are the ultimate aims of the Communist movement?

The ultimate aim of the Communist International, is to replace world capitalist economy by a world system of Communism. Communist society, the basis for which has been prepared by the whole course of historical development, is mankind's only way out for it alone can abolish the contradictions of the capitalist system which threaten to degrade and destroy the human race. Communist society will abolish the class division of society, i. e., simultaneously with the abolition of anarchy in production, it will abolish all forces of exploitation and oppression of man by man. Society will no longer consist of antagonistic classes in conflict with each other, but will represent a united commonwealth of labor. For the first time in its history mankind will take its fate into its hands. Instead of destroying innumerable human lives and incalculable wealth in struggles between classes and nations, mankind will devote all its energy to the struggle against the forces of nature, to the development and strengthening of its own collective might.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP ABOLISHED.

After abolishing private ownership in the means of production and converting them into social property, the world system of Communism will replace the elemental forces of the world market, of competition and the blind process of social production, by consciously organized and planned production for the purpose of satisfying rapidly growing social needs. With the abolition of competition and anarchy in production, devastating crises and still more devastating wars will disappear. Instead of colossal waste of productive forces and spasmodic development of society—there will be planned utilization of all material resources and painless economic

development on the basis of unrestricted, smooth and rapid advance of productive forces.

The abolition of private property and the disappearance of classes will do away with the exploitation of man by man. Work will cease to be toiling for the benefit of a class enemy; instead of being merely a means of livelihood it will become a necessity of life; want and economic inequality, the misery of enslaved classes, and a wretched standard of life generally will disappear. The hierarchy created in the division of labor system will be abolished together with the antagonism between mental and manual labor; and the last vestige of the social inequality of sexes will be removed. At the same time, the organs of class domination, and the State in the first place, will disappear also. The State, being the embodiment of class domination, will die out in so far as classes die out, and with it, all measures of coercion will expire.

CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT FOR ALL.

With the disappearance of classes the monopoly of education in every form will be abolished. Culture will become the acquirement of all and the class ideologies of the past will give place to scientific materialist philosophy. Under such circumstances, the domination of man over man, in any form, becomes impossible, and a broad field will be opened for the social selection and the harmonious development of all the talents inherent in humanity.

In Communist society no social restrictions will be imposed upon the growth of the forces of pro-

duction, the selfish lust for profits, the artificial retention of the masses in a state of ignorance, poverty—which retards technical progress in capitalist society, and unproductive expenditures will have no place in a Communist society. The most expedient utilization of the forces of nature and of the natural conditions of production in the various parts of the world, the removal of the antagonism between town and country, that under capitalism results from the low technical level of agriculture and its systematic lagging behind industry; the closest possible co-operation between science and technique, the utmost encouragement of research work and the practical application of its results on the widest possible social scale; planned organization of scientific work; the application of the most perfect methods of statistical accounting and planned regulation of economy; the rapidly growing social needs which is the most powerful, internal driving force of the whole system—all these will secure the maximum productivity of social labor, which in turn will release human energy for the powerful development of science and art.

PREREQUISITES FOR COMMUNISM.

This higher stage of Communism, the stage in which Communist society has already developed on its own foundation, in which an enormous growth of social productive forces has accompanied the manifold development of man, in which humanity was already inscribed on its banner: "From each according to his abilities; to each according to his needs,"—presupposes as a historical condition precedent, a lower stage of development, the stage of socialism. At this lower stage, Communist society only just emerges from capitalist society and bears all the economic, ethical, and intellectual birthmarks it has inherited from the society from whose womb it is just emerging. The productive forces of socialism are not yet sufficiently developed to assure a distribution of the products of labor according to needs; these are distributed according to the amount of labor expended. Division of labor, i. e., the system whereby certain groups perform certain labor functions, and especially the distinction between mental and manual labor, still exists. Although classes are abolished, traces of the old class division of society, and consequently, remnants of the old proletarian State power, coercion, laws, still exist. Consequently, certain traces of inequality, which have not yet managed to die out altogether, still remain. The antagonism between town and country has not yet been entirely removed. But none of these survivals of former society is protected or defended by any social force. On the contrary, the proletarian state will be one of the chief instruments to wipe out the remnants of capitalism. Being the product of a definite level of development of productive forces, they will disappear as rapidly as mankind freed from the fetters of the capitalist system, substitutes the forces of nature, re-educates itself in the spirit of Communism, and passes from socialism to complete Communism.

(This question will be discussed in detail in a subsequent lecture.)

Literature Book Reviews

"WHY COMMUNISM?" We have sold 8,000 out of the 10,000 of the little pamphlets in the three weeks since they are off the press. We are now ready to print another 10,000 but we must have orders and money, so rush your orders and checks at once to Western Worker Publishers. We are going to put a hard cover on this time and still sell them at 5c each in small lots and 4c in lots of 100 or more, expressage prepaid. We are not in a position to print this pamphlet in Spanish unless we get enough advance orders to warrant it. There are many thousands of Spanish speaking workers in our District and we should be able to sell thousands, so flush your orders.

For a long time workers have been after us for literature on the Trade Union Unity League. What is it? How does it work and what is it doing? At last we have made a start and we now have the two following pamphlets on trade union work:

"THE TRADE UNION UNITY LEAGUE TODAY"—Its Structure, Policies and Growth, by Nathaniel Honig, Editor of Labor Unity, Price 3c.

"TRADE UNIONS SINCE THE N. R. A." by the same author, Price 3c.

Especially timely in the anti-imperialist war campaign and especially here on the west coast is the pamphlet "HAWAII" by Samuel Wehman. It shatters tourist office pictures of blue skies, nikules and enchanting hula girls. It shows the real poverty and misery that exists, it also shows Hawaii's significant relation to war preparations. Hawaii is the stepping stone to the Orient, controls the trade and military maneuvers of the Pacific, and will play a very important part in the next war. Price 10c.

In connection with the recent events in Austria and the struggle against Hitler terror we have the following new pamphlets:

"SOCIAL DEMOCRACY—STEPPING STONE TO FASCISM", or Otto Bauer's Latest Discovery, by D. Z. Manuilsky. This is an excellent analysis of the role and policy of the "Austro-Marxists" under the leadership of Otto Bauer and is very timely now. Price 5c.

"THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GERMANY LIVES AND FIGHTS". This pamphlet contains a large amount of material on how the Communist Party in Germany works under illegal conditions, particularly in the distribution of its press and literature. It contains numerous facsimile illustrations of literature which is being distributed under conditions of Hitler terror. Price 5c.

The following new pamphlets should be used in the fight for the defense of Soviet China, Chinese Revolution and the situation in the Far East:

"WAR, INTERVENTION AND REVOLUTION IN CHINA" by Man-Min, Price 5c.

"THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE OF THE TOILING MASSES OF JAPAN" by Okano, Price 5c.

"MARX AND THE EAST" by G. Safarov, Price 10c.

"LENIN ON THE JEWISH QUESTION"

"Anti-Semitism is defined as the spreading of enmity against the Jews. When the damnable Czarist monarchy was living out its last hours, it attempted to divert the illiterate workers and peasants into pogroms against the Jews. The Czar's police in union with the landlords and capitalists organized Jewish pogroms. They attempted to divert the natural hatred of the workers and peasants for the exploiters towards the Jews. Even in other countries one often experiences that the capitalists stir an enmity against the Jews, in order to divert the attention of the workers from the real enemy of the working masses: capital.

Enmity against the Jews can only exist where the landowners and capitalists have kept the workers and peasants in complete illiteracy. Only entirely uneducated and completely oppressed people can believe the lies and slanders which are being spread about the Jews. These are survivals from the time of serfdom, when the priests burnt heretics at the stake, when peasants were trampled upon and were voiceless. But these dark survivals of serfdom are disappearing, the people are beginning to see.

"It is not the Jews who are the enemies of the toilers. The enemies of the workers are the capitalists of all lands. Among the Jews there are workers, toilers; they are in the majority. They are our brothers, comrades in the struggle for Socialism, because they are oppressed by capitalism. Among the Jews there are kulaks, exploiters, capitalists, just as there are among the Russians and every other nation.

"The capitalists are tireless in their endeavors to stir up enmity between the workers of different faiths, different nations and different races. The rich Jews, just like the rich Russians and the rich of all countries, are united in trampling upon, oppressing and dividing the workers.

"Disgrace and infamy to the damnable czarism which tortured and persecuted the Jews! Disgrace and infamy to whoever sows enmity against Jews and hatred against other nations! Long live brotherly faith and unity in the struggle of all nations for the overthrow of capitalism!"

The above excerpt is part of the pamphlet "Lenin On the Jewish Question" issued by International Publishers containing the most important writings of Lenin on this question and statements of the Soviet government on national minorities. 5c at Workers Bookshops. Order now.

ANY QUESTIONS?

We were forced to omit our answers to questions for lack of space. All questions will be answered however before this course is over, either through this column or by mail (keep sending them in).