



You Can't Use Capitalism - Let it Lay

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Conditions are bad in every civilized country the world over—that is because capitalism is world-over. Capitalism seems to pick on civilized people. Marois in Australia are still unconquered by capitalism—by the same token they retain their hospitality and will share what they have with anyone.

Same Ol' Stew?

The civilized world, however, is debating with itself the relative merits of fascist-capitalism, communist-capitalism, national-capitalism, and common, run-of-the-mine-week-day-capitalism. State capitalism? This after their olfactory nerves had warned them—the herring is rotten!

They know the herring is bad so they are going to make it a salad, with all manner of trimmings and garnished with tyranny. Like it or else... "heads will roll!" "What fools these mortals be!"

Nations better look to their empires for the game is played out. The world is now conquered. Nations are robbing one another. These are facts.

Workers can and must save the world from the impending and additional catastrophe; save the world from the claws of the "bright boys."

No nation can out-weather the others; **it will be attacked.** Capitalism is through in such matters. Down, down, down—until the head is under the sod.

Therefore, knowing what's coming let us workers organize industrially, and carry on production wholly ignoring capitalism in all its many phases and faces. One Big Union of the Workers the World Over.

Start anew—and keep every trace of capitalism out. (That's better than closing the books with a bang.)

Capitalism is Autocracy. Where Autocracy is, Communism is not. Totalitarian capitalism is, of course, enforced capitalism, not compulsory—it is based upon servile acquiescence of the many and misguided enthusiasm of the few; both right or wrong. The presumption is: Inducted disease is superior to ordinary disability.

Irish stew, German stew, Hungarian goulash, Finlander mojakka, Chinese suey is all the same mulligan. Commical capitalism, Facetious capitalism, Nutsey capitalism, Tetoleitarian capitalism, State Capitalism, Boro capitalism is all one and the same—capitalism.

The world is sick of capitalism. There is no cure for sick capitalism. The power of command must be taken away from the sick capitalists and given over to a healthy working class (ere we go nuts too).

"And they shall in perfect co-operation build a new society in the shell of the old."

A good start might be had by joining the I. W. W.

Bury the isms

All these new-fangled isms were born dead. They are of unfinished thought. Deception cannot carry them far. High cost of living means nothing to most working men. (They're intrusive theories.) Low cost of living would be far too high for them—they get nothing. (Contribution pennies.)

So they reason: "**Something from nothing makes no man poor.**" They are not interested.

Their issue is: HAVE OR HAVE NOT.

High living costs are germane only AFTER wages cover all necessary expenditures; up to that time we can safely class HCL with weather, winter, rheumatism or—small talk.

Wages plus living, is my motto, boys; living plus wages for the OLD AGE FUND.

No part of the present day wages should be spent for present day living—living should be extra, 'n extra good.

Government should stop coddling chiselers and start a national boarding house.

This will take time so we can help the thing along by organizing industrially and unclasp the parasite from our loving embrace.

Hold her, editor, don't drop him in the mudpuddle.

Overthrow capitalism? Pooh, pooh—you wouldn't hit a cripple, you wouldn't whip a sick horse, you wouldn't kick a dying dog, you wouldn't strike a wounded man—tell me you wouldn't?

Why then pick on a system that is in the last stages of social cancer? Why not walk away from it and let it die in peace, alone, unsung and unhung?

Why should we worry about its coup de grace when we must know its nurses and well-wishers are dish-ing it the hemlock? Why should we want the corpus delecti upon our heads? We aint that gruesome.