

# Workers' Moses Lost in the Wilderness

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"C'moonist Party" (strong Bronx accent) is in a bad way. It stated out nicely with red flag flying but something went wrong. Wherein it was going to revolutionize the conservatives, the conservatives got in their work first and unravelled the revolution. The dictatorship of the proletariat was forgotten in the interest (first) of staying out of jail (second) grabbing off a few mouthfuls of political pie.

I think the whole deal fell through. Don't be surprised, if you meet a c'moonist toggled out in gala rags of ultra conservatism.

All bonafide workers are inclined to bend a receptive ear to the IWW. All non-workers are opposed to the IWW; quite properly too, inasmuch as they never expect to go to the point of production there is no point at which they can raise their voice in the councils of labor—and why should they?

Unlike the Communist movement the IWW is not trying to remake the world through an organization of professionals, businessmen, farmers and workers, for it recognizes that the world already is built along those lines.

The IWW is purely a workers' organization and refuses to dally

around with the idiosyncracies of busted bourgeoisie, political panaceas, privileged professionals or frustrated employers. It is purely a wage earners organization, employed and unemployed. It does not intend to save the whole world, only the working class, but if the world gets saved in the process it is nothing out and the IWW surely will not begrudge it that "small" consolation. Workers, join the IWW!

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Under present setup of unemployment big pay is not the solution for our economic malady unless the big shots (industrial barons) agree to support the unemployed in a manner they were accustomed to prior to the time the big shots culled them or discarded them. The discarding sets a precedent that justifies workers in any discarding now or in the future. And I warn you, gentlemen, stow the taffy—for even so as you have judged so you, too, will be judged—while yet you live.

If it is right for big shots to discard one quarter of the workers it is equally right for workers to discard one quarter of the big shots beginning at the top.

But would not that be confiscation?

No, that would be reduction of the overhead—but why borrow trouble digging up skeletons?

Confiscation is now a cherished custom in the world—big shots themselves confiscated the jobs of 16 million workers and have returned less than 4 million of them. So you see, it's the rule; not the exception.

Of course, the workers cannot lay off many bosses until they organize a One Big Union and do it in an organized manner, without fear or favor.

Hitler has set a precedent for confiscation that is a model of peculiar construction and here again the pauper was unaffected. (He had already gone through the mill.)

Mussolini's conquest of Ethiopia might be called confiscation. Allocation of reservations to Indians indicates a prior imposition upon their good nature. Confiscation, then comes under three general heads: Conquest, Wage Slavery, and bare faced robbery.

"Well then, do we want any of that?"

Of course not. All we want is reclamation.

We wish to reclaim the products of our toil—in an organized manner.

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The word "workman" was coined by the big shot robber barons' days as a left handed distinction. This distinction will do things to the sinecures of their successors, and the Barons "Never Work" will turn over in their graves and say, "Wish to Christ, I hadn't called 'em any names."

The name "workman" presupposes its antithesis, "shirkman." Worker and Shirkman are no relatives, distant or otherwise, not friends, not acquaintances. In fact, they are mortal enemies. One lives off the other.

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