

# Do You Want Peace? Then Organize It

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If we, the U. S., cannot protect this land without overseas bases, how in the world can we hope to protect those bases? Kiss the destroyers goodbye!

As a maneuver to prevent others from grabbing them, it is hardly more defensible, because they cannot be defended in wartime or rationed by us or others. They fit in well with imperialism and imperialism doesn't fit with anything.

I'm thinking of writing a song, "Goodbye, Destroyers, Goodbye."

Strictly for the cognicenti: "That town of Lanard is all right—three-quarters ring of gut and a loaf of dummy."

As to that national debt, we don't really have to pay it. We can always dig up that gold, ship it to Beluchistan and take a pauper's oath.

People have so little business acumen!

They tell me California is arresting hoboes for carrying concealed sandwiches. It isn't the quantity we want in America, it's the butterfat.

Ontario high schools remained closed to October 1 and primary schools to September 15, to provide farm "help." Farther back lies the war. They'll grab the nipple next.

Constable: "You get right out of town."

Hobo: "But the train is gone."

Constable: "Well, take after it."

## Reflections on the Election

The pity of it was that on that glorious election day so many of the sovereign citizens had to step out and yodel for their breakfast before exercising their sacred rights at the ballot box.

And there were those who said "it would pay as well to go out and shoot a few cigarette butts." As to that I wouldn't know. At the booths, the sentinels (guards) informed me "the election lays between Townsend and Sally Rand."

Those of the "do nothing faith" severely criticize FDR for his "do somethings"—pigs plowed under, etc. What difference does it make, when the workers are not organized to bring over-production and under-consumption together?

The cook (FDR) is too small a man to fight for the crew's chuck! One Big Union is the answer.

Willkie promised new industries but he did not say what he would do with the products.

The picture is changing, has already changed, but it will not affect the industrial discards. They have been robbed of a dozen important years and are now "overage."

The irony of the thing is conditions in industry are so rotten that young America takes the position they might just as well be in the army.

Hope travels forward when it deals not with imaginary things.

It is said, "Man cannot successfully wish." I disagree. Man can wish, demand, secure and enjoy.

Looks like we'll have to call out the marines to keep the boys from going over there.

It is falacious to think we won't be in it, for the signs are popping up with a regularity that is disturbing. All signs are not that way, but signs are not the determining factor. An unorganized peace listens to Mars.

If you want peace, organize it.

Cabbages are \$6 a ton—that practically obviates starvation. Many of the worthy citizens have \$6 and can sit themselves down 'longside a ton of cabbage and live the year out

like a bloated balloon, happy. And 'tis a poor bum indeed that can't step out and bum himself six bucks during the Christmas holidays.

Sourkraut factories are getting their cabbages for \$4 a ton, for they are of better blood and have a jump of \$2 on the commoners. Canneries are getting pumpkins practically as a gift from the farmers and all they have to do is wrap some tin cans around them, look virtuous and wait until the humble citizens come along jingling crude wherewithal.

Slum clearance: Slum is the result; poverty the cause. Seems to me this is shoveling manure away from the wrong end of the horse. Abolish poverty, and slums will bloom like the Rose of Sharon, automatically.

Slum clearance is being done by "George." When workers clear poverty, slums will disappear—not before.

Every nation is peddling culture and they already know how to wipe their noses.

IWW culture has spread far and wide, and has accomplished its purpose. It has been borrowed by neighbors, stolen by inert leaders and plagerized by sterile organizations. Success of our culture is not sufficient, however, Unionism must be brought into intimate contact with the 1001 operations in the mine, mill and marine industries—at the point of production. When unionism is strong and energetic at "the point," it is strong and energetic all over.