

Some one has mentioned disarmament so I would suggest that the armament of the industrial overlords be considered as an overt act, move of hostility and practice of low estate. It would be unreasonable to think tear gas bombs, automatics and machine guns in the industries are intended for anything other than to gas and shoot down workers, citizens of a great republic. It would be unreasonable to think such armor is intended for show or for to repel foreign invasion. In this connection I would gladly point out that the workingclass does not maintain instruments of extermination against the boss — they are wholly unarmed. It would be well then to consider our industrial overlords an armed force and begin the disarmament right here at home before we jump across borders.

Parents should be discouraged in the arming of their children with toy pistols in the mistaken thought that they will become successful highway men or gangsters and inasmuch as these both the children and industrial overlords are equally irresponsible, it would be well for responsible parties to shake them down for the hardware before the dance begins.

Pistols are no part democracy.

It might be argued that employers are armed in self defense and that it is therefore they need all that heavy artillery, but it seems to me that such a condition is altogether one sided and calls for a distribution of gas masks and bulletproof vests so as to save as many as possible of the breadwinners. I would not go so far as to suggest that United States government should open her arsenals to the workingclass altho I cannot help but realize in such an event the self-defense would be more equally <sup>balanced</sup> and the results might prove to be of great interest to the gaping public and much good might result therefrom.