

RED LEADER NOW ARDENT PATRIOT: WARNING US OF COMING STRUGGLE

Urges Building of Steel Mills and Other Basic Enterprises on Pacific Coast and Training of Fighters for National Emergency

One of the former leaders of the I. W. W. in the Pacific Northwest, whose name must be withheld because, he said, some Red might "get" him, returned on a merchant ship, a few days ago, from a tour in the Far East and the Orient, "completely cured" of his bolshevik mental malady. He was interviewed in Portland by the editor of the WESTERN AMERICAN, who had known him well at Seattle when he was an inner circle leader of the Reds. The article given below was dictated by the ex-Red, transcribed verbatim. It reveals a number of things, suggests a wise course of remedial action, and ought to be interesting to every thoughtful American. This ex-Red is a man of culture, American by birth, and is regarded by his "comrades" as a deeply learned economist. Weigh what he says.

Leaving the United States on a tramp ship, it was my purpose to enter Russia, if possible, by way of Siberia, observing conditions and picking up valuable information, ultimately to join William D. Haywood and other emigres at Moscow or Petrograd. On leaving, I was an ardent revolutionist, dreaming of the rise of the proletariat in America. On returning I feel glad to confess myself regenerated mentally and disenchanted, no longer a Red, but entirely cured of the mental distemper which made me a Communist. I am an American! Thank God! And of myself I often say, that "while the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return." I shall do all I can to make amends for my foolishness in the past. I not only revere, I adore and almost worship the Flag. The Constitution, much abused as it is, embodies the inmost hopes of my soul. Perhaps it needs an amendment or two, but it is the charter of liberty, the basis of American progress, the bulwark of the white man's civilization.

I. W. W. Makes Radical Change in Policy

While in the Orient I learned from private correspondence that the I. W. W. intellectuals—the intelligentsia—at last had gained control of the organization, and that the direct action policy of Haywood and his violent cabinet had been reformed. The syndicalist law, in various States, was the influence which compelled the change; besides, the war had taught that no progress ever could be gained in America through methods of force and coercion. The policy of non-resistance was adopted several months ago, at a secret meeting of the leaders in Chicago. It is being enforced, though it is hated by about 50 per cent of the I. W. W. membership, representing the roughneck element. Pacifism, or passivism—non-resistance—is the new idea. These terms have been abolished and forbidden in all I. W. W. propaganda: sabotage, direct action, and revolution. They merely amputated the R. Evolution is now their word. It means the same thing, but suggests different methods. The policy of folded arms, or slowing down, is substituted for sabotage. Peaceful means will be advocated, no violence, in all things. There will be no insulting talk against the Flag and Americanism. All extreme radical literature has been ordered burned.

Peaceful Penetration Now the Scientific Aim

Solidarity of the working class through peaceful penetration, and finally the soviet, or communism, through the organization of industry, is the I. W. W. aim. Central international headquarters remain in Chicago, where all local charters are issued. Every city has its independent local.

Ten picked young men are now being educated in economics in the University of Chicago, and every State university has from one to six students, whose expenses are paid by the I. W. W. These men compose the seed of the revolutionary leadership for the Great Change which all Communists fondly hope for and confidently expect.

Radical education now is promoted largely by the printed word. The police in the various cities are the best I. W. W. organizers. Brutality breeds resentment. Every time the police abuse a man, he is likely to be an ex-service man returned from overseas and easily radicalized. More than 10,000 ex-service men from overseas are now carrying red cards in the Northwest. The number is constantly increasing. This is the result of oppression in various forms, or what they consider as such. The I. W. W. leaders declare their best or-

ganizers are the broad line, the soap houses, and brutal police and unfair police courts. The way to defeat the I. W. W., obviously, is to do everything helpful and reasonable for the returned soldiers; to require fair and kindly treatment of all men by the police and the lower courts, and to constrain the press to give them justice.

Leaders of Judaism Now Playing Into Pope's Hands

The leaders of Judaism have combined with the Jesuits of the Catholic church, whether the Jews know it or not, for the purpose of capturing the radical movement in America. Just what their purpose is, I have not determined yet, but I do know they are progressing with their design. As for the Ku Klux Klan (concerning which he was questioned), I know nothing about it. If, however, it stands out for straight-Americanism, I am for it, as all patriots should be.

Of all men in America, the Reds most hate Henry Ford. He throws bones to the starving dogs, as they are fond of saying. The I. W. W. want oppression, hard times, \$1 a day for 10 hours—the worst is the best, they declare, hoping thus to forward revolution. Thomas A. Edison they idolize as the immortal genius who, provisionally, is creating no end of superb machinery and tools of production, "soon to be taken over" under communism.

What Ex-Red Found in Asia and the Far East

I did not need to go farther than the Orient to find the cure for my radicalism. I'm radical yet, but in the right direction. I am a patriotic American citizen! I found the Japanese all talking peace with America "for yet a while," with a view to adequate preparation. Their national heart is set upon a successful world conquest, but not at this time; they are patient, cunning, and everlasting industrious. They believe the Ma-

hometan doctrine that the sword is the key to heaven and hell, but they won't be ready to unsheathe their shining sword in less than eight or ten years. Bolshevik Jiroda in the Nipponese masses may speed the day, however. "The wobbly" movement has started in Japan, headed by an intelligentsia. The rabble is not organized yet. The movement will be very great, for they indeed have nothing to lose but their chains, and they have a world to gain. The Japanese Socialist leader has moved to Manila, where he publishes his revolutionary magazine, sending it back into Japan by devious methods.

The Orient is absolutely split even now, under Japanese leadership, in facing the white man, whatever his race may be. Day by day, by finesse and diplomacy, with publicity and word of mouth argument, the Japanese are solidifying all Asia for the grand final struggle with the white race. It was the discovery of this fact that caused me—a white American—to renounce my radicalism and reclaim my birthright.

Lenin Holds the Key To Fate of the World

Nicolas Lenin, the Bolshevik tyrant of Russia, holds the key to the world's fate. While America feeds his starving masses, he is mobilizing a mighty army, preparing for the day which may sound civilization's doom. Being a master statesman, Lenin foresees an uprising and coalition of all the colored races, excepting perhaps only the negroes in America, and even the American negroes are now the object of a special propaganda. The Southerners, perhaps the Klan, will be able to save them, for their hostility to the white race in the coming struggle could only mean their annihilation. But watch Lenin, the monster of Russia. If he decides to strike with Turkey, he will rouse the Moslem world, which, united with the Japanese and Chinese, would let loose hell on earth. Lenin doesn't desire to use force, except as a last resort, for the coalition might mean suicide for Russia; he might start a conflagration which he couldn't control.

America Should Unite With Great Britain

Above all things, one would say after studying conditions in the Orient, America should form the closest possible alliance with England, the European center of the white man's civilization. France's

future is on the lap of the gods. There's something of an affinity between the Frenchman, the Turk and the Slav. George Clemenceau's visit to America for propaganda purposes means more than he is willing to tell. The English understand his design. And America, let us hope, will not be inveigled into commitments with the French militarists, who probably have understandings with both the Russians and the Turks. England is our friend, racially, and it is upon that basis alone that alliances nowadays should be considered. Great Britain will never fight America. Whoever advances a contrary belief does it through ignorance or foolish prejudice. The two nations are interdependent, with destiny and ideals identical. When all the world is afire, the British and the Americans will fight shoulder to shoulder, and will win glory and victory together.

What We Should Be Doing Here on Pacific Coast

In my belief, America will make war within five years. Realizing the danger and the meaning of delay, our Congress will not hesitate, but again will unsheathe the shining sword in defense of liberty and civilization. This time it will be decisive. Perhaps it will be Armageddon. It behooves America to be building a great steel plant and allied industries, smelters, rolling mills and textile mills here on the Pacific Coast. If we wait until war is in sight, our posterity will lament our stupidity. We must fortify Dutch Harbor, creating there a great naval base, and build a line of impregnable fortresses along the Pacific Coast. The steel mills are the most important, otherwise mobilization from eastern bases would be slow and ineffective.

Here in Oregon are vast deposits of copper and coal, which must be developed. The mineral history of Oregon is most pathetic—the record of a few shysters, gophering around. Here in the Northwest we have the iron ore, the coal, the copper, the quicksilver—everything needful—and no development. Near Medford is the greatest quicksilver mine in the country, this being the most important of all the materials required in the production of war munitions. In addition to the industrial enterprises, indispensable in peace or war, we must canalize the Columbia river and start the development of the Inland Empire. When these things are done,

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SHERIFF SLUSHER WINNING FAME



Sheriff Harley J. Slusher of Clatsop County, who visited Portland Monday and was given a rousing welcome by many friends, declared to the scribes, in reply to questions, that he was doing his level best to exterminate the bootleggers in his neck of the woods, but that the more he caught, the more there seemed to be. He already has won a State-wide reputation for daring and success in pursuit of moonshiners and other crooks, his friend declare, and is proving himself a big man in every way.

"The complete stamping out of the moonshining evil in a forest section," said the noted sheriff, "requires thorough co-operation between the sheriff, the police, the federal officers and the courts, backed up in their efforts by an aroused moral sentiment—a general public attitude of hostility to lawbreakers. We are making headway in Clatsop County, but the situation requires constant vigilance."

Sheriff Slusher, who was substituted for Ole Nelson by common consent in a recall election last August, restored the entire cost of the special election with fines and forfeitures in less than two months. The moonshiners declare he has an uncanny ability to spot them, and he usually gets them "with the goods."