



EUGENE V. DEBS says:

"The Socialist Party is the Party of Democracy and Justice, the one and only Labor Party in America today."

THE ELECTION OF 1918.

We stand on the threshold of the most important election in the history of the United States.

The congressional campaign of 1918 is on.

The decision of the voters at the polls, November 5th, will determine, to a very great extent, the future of America.

Those elected to the next Congress will have to deal not only with the problems growing out of the war and with its conduct but also with the making of peace and the question of social reconstruction.

The taxation of incomes, the cost of living, the terms of peace, the demobilization of the army, the readjustment of industry from a war to a peace basis, the finding of employment for every discharged munition worker and every returning soldier, the federation of the nations to keep the peace—these and many other issues of the most vital importance will be placed before the next Congress.

The working class must have representation in that Congress. The workers can secure this representation only through the Socialist party. It is the only labor party in America. It stands for free speech, free press and free assemblage without which democracy is unthinkable. It stands for a program of social reconstruction that will guarantee to every willing worker and to every returning soldier employment at a wage sufficient to banish forever want and the fear of want and drive the wolf of hunger from every door.

Two results must be obtained from the approaching congressional election:

1. The election of a group of able Socialist congressmen.
2. A tremendous increase in the general Socialist vote.

The presence of a Socialist group in Congress will defend and advance the interests of the workers while a greatly increased Socialist vote will strike terror into the heart of special privilege and serve as a warning to our industrial masters that they cannot forever toy with the most sacred rights and interests of the American working class.

The Socialist program of social reconstruction has reference to a dying social order. The old capitalist system of private ownership and production for profit is passing away. The mission of the Socialist is to assist in this passing.

In this respect Eugene V. Debs says:

"To free the workers of the world from the curse of wage-slavery and its countless brood of festering evils, to reorganize society upon a basis of co-operative industry in which all shall be workers, owning in common the machinery of production and producing wealth for their own enjoyment, is the prime object of the International Socialist Movement.

"To organize the workers into a working class political party through which to secure control of the powers of government, the law-making and law-enforcing machinery of the nation, to put into effect the above declared object is the mission of the Socialist Party.

"A more righteous cause never inspired men to action in this world.

"To secure control of government, the Socialist Party appeals to the working class and the ballot. Though standing for a complete revolution in the ownership and management of industry, its program is one of perfect peace.

"There has been a great industrial change in the last century. New conditions have arisen, and these demand a new system. Machines are now used instead of hand tools; great mills have taken the places of small shops, and armies of workers, co-operatively employed, are required to operate them.

"These machines and mills are at present the private property of a few capitalists and are operated purely for their profit.

"All the wealth the armies of workers produce above a bare living is taken from them by the capitalists, the owners of the mills and machines, who are also their industrial masters. These owners and masters can close their mills and exclude the workers from them at will. The workers are wholly dependent upon them and at their mercy.

"In modern society the capitalist, the owner of the machine, the tool of production, without which the worker can not work, and therefore can not live, has the power of life and death over his workingmen, their wives and children.

"It is essentially a barbarous and demoralizing system in all its effects. The capitalist is calloused and debased, while the worker is enslaved and brutalized.

"A mass of workers are poverty-stricken. A mass of children are born to degeneracy, food for filth and misery, crime and death.

"These hideous extremes, these social horrors, are the products of the decomposing, vermin-infested capitalist system; and upon this system the Socialist party, in the name of the working class, its most cruelly outraged victims, has declared war to the death.

"What workingman, unless his brain has been extinguished in wage-slavery, can fail to understand that the Socialist party is his party as against the Republican party, the Democratic party, and all other capitalist parties, because it is the only party that stands for his class, the only party whose mission it is to organize his class for the overthrow of wage slavery and the emancipation of the workers from capitalist tyranny and misrule?

"O, workers of America, use your brains in your own interests instead of being satisfied with deforming your bodies to enrich your masters!

"You were born to noble manhood, not to serve as beasts of burden.

"Be men enough to think and act for yourselves, and if you do, the mission of the Socialist party will appeal to your intelligence and claim your allegiance and support.

"To conquer capitalism, to abolish slavery, to put an end to poverty, to overcome injustice, to be free men, to have the right to work, to secure what your labor produces, to see your wives and children glad in the joys of home and health, peace and plenty, you have but to do one thing, and that can be expressed in one word: UNITE.

"You are a vast majority of the earth, and ought to rule it.

"The mission of the Socialist party is to free your minds from prejudice, cultivate your intelligence, develop your brains, that you may become the slaveless masters of the earth.

"When you succeed to power, all humanity will be free and civilized, and the exercise of power to silence the discontent of slaves will be no longer necessary."

"The Socialist party stands for knowledge instead of ignorance, kindness instead of cruelty, light instead of darkness, freedom instead of slavery. Its sympathy is with the men and women of labor. With the boys of the working class in the shop and in the trenches."

Send a Group of Socialists to Congress. Help Poll Three Million Socialist Votes. Let Democracy Live! Let Tyranny Die!

FOR DEBS AND DEMOCRACY

As a working class party the Socialist party depends exclusively on the workers for financial support. In addition to raising a campaign fund this year, we must raise a defense fund to defend Eugene V. Debs and other Socialists now under indictment for alleged violation of the espionage law. In order to guarantee a fair and impartial trial we must have funds for attorneys' fees and court costs. The fight for these comrades is a fight for the free expression of opinions. Not one of these comrades has spoken with the intention of "obstructing the recruiting or enlistment service." Their one and only intention has been to acquaint the people with the principles of the Socialist movement. Our slogan is: **"Dollars for Debs and Democracy."** Will you give a dollar, more if possible, to provide adequate legal defense for Debs and our other indicted comrades? If you do not care to sign your name sign "FRIEND."

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