They are eliminated like RAMS and GOATS used to be sacrificed at religious rites. When enough of them are killed and maimed in the name of patriotism, peace and democracy and much wealth has been consumed or destroyed, the system is able to function until another WAR.

Some social students have advanced the theory that if the wealth was socially instead of privately owned the ups and downs of the market would have no effect, all would produce and all would consume. It takes education and organized effort to bring about the change, but it does seem to be the only sensible remedy prescribed for this dreadful disease.

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THE CIVILIZATION OF THE SPECIALISTS

Since the middle of the nineteenth century a kind of university instruction has developed which is no longer interested in transmitting a unified image of the world, but rather in isolating and mutilating facets of reality, in the supposed interest of science. The tremendous impact of scientific progress produced a fragmentation of culture and pulverized it into little grains of learning. Each scientific specialist seized his granule and turned it over and over beneath the powerful lens of his microscope, striving to penetrate its microcosm, with a marvelous indifference to and a towering ignorance of everything around him. Recently in Europe and the United States an extreme development of this type of university education has created within the culture a sort of civilization *sui generis* — a specialists' civilization — directed by men whose scientific outlook is rigorous but who suffer from a deplorable cultural and political myopia. Ortega y Gasset has called them the "new barbarians—men ever more and more learned, and less and less cultured."

As a consequence of the specialists' techniques, we find that even after the cultural barriers were broken few students faced the problem of hunger in its worldwide perspective, its multiple and correlated aspects. Some serious researchers, trying to explain and solve the problem of famine, did direct attention to our classic dilemma of food production in relation to population. The works of Lord Boyd-Orr, Imre Ferenci, Frank Boudreau and a few others can be considered to have a broad outlook and to be genuinely scientific. Some of the reports of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, such as the *World Food Survey* published in 1946, have the same objectivity. Unfortunately, the problem of hunger constitutes such a pointed social question that most of the speculative works dealing with it are not free of current political prejudices and superstitions.

Josue de Castro in *"The Geography of Hunger,"* Little, Brown Co., 337 pages.

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The establishment of a system of society based upon the common ownership and democratic control of the means and instruments for producing and distributing wealth by and in the interest of society as a whole

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THE COMPANION PARTIES OF SOCIALISM HOLD:

1. — That society as at present constituted is based upon the ownership of the means of living (i.e., lands, factories, railways, etc.), by the capitalist or master class, and the consequent enslavement of the working class, by whose labor alone wealth is produced.

2. — That in society, therefore, there is an antagonism of interests, manifesting itself as a class struggle between those who possess but do not produce, and those who produce but do not possess.

3. — That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class, by the conversion into the common property of society of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.

4. — That as in the order of social evolution the working class is the last class to achieve its freedom, the emancipation of the working class will involve the emancipation of all mankind, without distinction of race or sex.

5. — That this emancipation must be the work of the working class itself.

6. — That as the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation, exists only to conserve the monopoly of the capitalist class of the wealth taken from the workers, the working class must organize consciously and politically for the conquest of the powers of government, in order that this machinery, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into the agent of emancipation and the overthrow of plutocratic privilege.

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