controls Europe. So did Hitler in "Mein Kampf."

Marx considered Jeffersonian concepts outmoded, as all full Socialists still do today. Yet he was nearly Jefferson's contemporary. Marx was eight years old before Jefferson died.

The anti-Jeffersonian parallel runs right through "Das Kapital" into "Mein Kampf." Neither German ever understood the brave purpose of freedom.

Each grew up like a wily animal with long teeth, sharp claws and a quick brain. Self-pity is the cousin of self-esteem and both men were loaded with both. Their arrogance and greed and, nevertheless, their jabber about social justice is the same.

Both clucked their malevolent tongues in contempt of God. And both preached that the end justifies the means.

Marx and Hitler each lived in a private world of egomania and could bear neither a partner nor a rival. Everything is yellow to a jaundiced eye and their minds were glazed with spite. Both explained their failures by blaming others. They were on good terms with sycophants; but, at bottom, each of these men cared for no one.

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It was on the signal of what Hitler designated as the National Awakening that Germans began denouncing their neighbors and relatives. He explained that this was the way to purify the Thousand-Year Reich. Marx urged this as the way to purify the world. Eeny, meeny, miney, mo.

Charges of being a Trotskyite, Bukharinite, deviationist, traitor, opportunist or anti-party are updated Marxism. Hitlerian technique was identical. Note the shooting of Lenin's old guard: Bukharin, Rykov, Trotsky, Tomsky, Tukhatchevsky, Zinoviev, Kamenev, and thousands of lesser-known Communists.

Later, Russia was saved by the Stalingrad victory; but the Russian people are not allowed even this memory. Officially, it's now the Battle of the Volga.

What is the difference between all this and the Nazi party purges?

Communism and fascism alike are not political, social or racial phenomena. They are only a manifestation of human brutality and dishonesty. In both diets servility and cruelty are staples.

Totalitarians know that where there is no choice there is a lessening of anxieties and a release from responsibilities appealing to many temperaments. This is a hard drag on what we call "mankind's will to be free." and totalitarians cash in on it more widely than we may wish to believe.

If Marxism is liberalism so is Hitlerism. Tweedledum-Tweedledee.

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Eeny meeny miny mo and tweedledum and tweedledee cannot hide the utter inanity of this effluvium. The use of asterisks cannot conceal a disjointed "jaundiced eye" view of historical development. It is one's prerogative to equate almost any two phenomena but does it make sense? Mr. Taylor is here using the technique of the southern attorney who equates "Warburg the Jew who helped introduce the Federal Reserve Bank" with "the fight against white supremacy" — both make as much sense or nonsense. Equate rotten bananas with rotten apples and what do you have but a pretty fruity mess.

The history of the consolidation of Europe is not confined to Germany. Read the history of the unification of Italy, Great Britain, etc.

"Communism" and fascism are political and social phenomena, Mr. Taylor's thoughts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Any schoolboy who has studied English literature knows that the man from Ecclefechen, Thomas Carlyle, said that economics is the dismal science. One can readily see that for the dullard that is a legitimate excuse for laying claim to having read "Das Kapital" and found it "an incredible bore."

It is patent that this sort of column is written, with malice aforethought as an appeal to the basest emotions of the unthinking. How many readers of the NYWT & S do think clearly? It veils the class nature of society; in fact, it hides the three principles on which scientific socialism is based: (1) the class struggle, (2) the labor theory of value, (3) the materialist conception of history—all of which Karl Marx spent a lifetime developing and validating through painstaking research.

Incidentally, in a letter to Thomas Cooper in 1823, Thomas Jefferson wrote: "Man is fed with fables through life, and leaves it in the belief he knows something of what has been passing when in truth he knows nothing but what has passed under his own eye" Which certainly sums up Mr. Henry J. Taylor.

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A WITNESS AT LUDLOW

Edit. Note: In The Western Socialist, No. 3-1965 there appeared an article entitled, The Ludlow Massacre (1913) — fifth in a series entitled, Gems From American History. The Ludlow article evoked the following letter from an old-timer member of the World Socialist Party who was a witness to some of the events described in his capacity as a soap-box propagandist for the Industrial Workers of the World at the time.

Our soapboxing began in Albany, New York. Passenger trains furnished the transportation, provided we kept to the "decks" of the dining cars, rode the "blinds" or the water tank behind the coal cab. At likely towns we dropped off to hold open-air meetings.

West of Chicago, where trains did not take water on the fly, we took to the freights. Occasionally we rode the rods on the crack limiteds.

Salida, 7000 feet high in the Colorado Rockies, looked good, despite its thin mountain air made open-air speaking difficult. It was a division point on the old Denver and Rio Grande R.R. The railroad work shops, the cow camps and mining settlements would furnish the audiences.

We had placed the soap box in front of the well-lit, crowded corner saloon. Not long after we got started, the saloon doors opened and spewed forth a band of hard-looking ruffians, who immediately decided to wreck the meeting and to forever end our speaking careers.

This was our initial encounter with the infamous Baldwin-Felts thugs These professional scabs and killers of union men and their families were in the employ of John D. Rockefeller to break the strike in his nearby Colorado Fuel and Mine Company properties in Trinidad and Ludlow. (These same murderers were, at a later period, included in the acclaim given by President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard to strikebreakers as the "nation's heroes.") At the same time, working men throughout the West were singing:

"Down with the Baldwins,
Up with the Union,
And we will rally Colorado,
We will rally once again,
Shouting the battle cry of Union."

The saloon doors opened again soon after and out came a group of powerful-looking men: striking C.F. & I. strikers. They grasped the situation quickly and went promptly into action. Swinging fists routed the thugs. We were urged to proceed by our rescuers. We finished with a good literature sale and a fine collection. After some liquid refreshments with our new friends, we accepted their invitation to visit their camp in the hills.

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In addition to these thugs, the Colorado governor furnished the state militia's services to pious J.D.R. Their objective was to destroy the tent colony established by the union, the United Mine Workers, after they had been dispossessed from the company-owned shacks.

Louis Tikas had left his native Greece to make a new home in what