mind a statement issued in the "Socialist Standard" June 1929.

"No matter how able, how sincere, and how sympathetic the Labour men and women may be who undertake to administer Capitalism, Capitalism will bring their undertaking to disaster. As in Queensland, those who administer Capitalism will find themselves, sooner or later brought into conflict with the working class. Like their Australian colleagues, the Labour Party here will find themselves in a cleft stick. Having no mandate to replace Capitalism by Socialism, they have pledged themselves to solve problems which cannot be solved except by doing the one thing for which they have no mandate."

The Budget could have its bright side, if its content forced workers to study Socialism and thereby find the solution to their problems of poverty, overwork, and war.

Comradely greetings to all members in America from N. Z. Comrades.

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Socialist Raps Labor "Apathy"

Social problems facing the world today are as great as when the labor movement set out to tackle them at the turn of the century, Jim D'Arcy, executive member of the British Socialist party, said here Tuesday.

Mr. D'Arcy addressed the Winnipeg Labor council and was introduced by Alex Shepherd, a member of the Socialist Party of Canada.

The labor movement had failed, he said, because it did not understand that capitalism "could not be abolished by reformism no matter how well meaning the reformers were."

Mr. D'Arcy told the council that the most dangerous opponents of socialism were reformers, for they used the word "socialism" to described reformed capitalism.

WORKERS' APATHY

The failures of labor governments in Britain and Germany and other places, including the labor party in Canada, were in a large degree caused by the political apathy of workers today. It was not sufficient to be well meaning or sincere, he said.

"You have to know how capitalism works and how it can't operate in the interest of the working class," said Mr. D'Arcy.

He said the immediate issue now is socialism..."a social system where the means of production and distribution would become the common property of all mankind... Workers must learn that this is the only solution and devote their energies along these lines instead of dissipating themselves in reformist activity."

He said the labor movement was dealing with the effects of the social problems and not of the causes.

WSP CONFERENCE

Mr. D'Arcy had attended, as a delegate from the British Socialist party, the World Socialist Party conference at Boston, Mass., and after the conference he had lectured in various cities in the United States and Canada.

This Sunday he will lecture in the Labor temple at 2:30 p.m. on the unrest in Great Britain. The talk is sponsored by the Socialist Party of Canada.

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Fred Jacobs

Word has just been received of the death of Comrade Fred Jacobs in San Leandro, California, on August 30, 1958. He was about 77 years old.

He was first and foremost a rebel against capitalism. In the days before World War I, he was a Wobbly (IWW). Comrade Jacobs knew the experience of having his head bashed by police clubs during an antiwar demonstration in Boston in 1919 — in the name of "democracy." Ironically, this same police force, two years later, went on strike in the famous Boston Police Strike. Many of these police strikers learned invaluable lessons on the nature of the Class Struggle and the function of the State. Only a meager handful were ever rehired on the grounds that the "police never have the right to strike against the government."

Having arrived at a socialist understanding, Comrade Jacobs did yeoman pioneer work in the difficult job of laying down the groundwork for the organization of a Boston Local, WSP. He cooperated in getting classes going, in carrying on street meetings, arranging propaganda meetings and debates and making our views known during the period of 1922-1929. Comrade Jacobs' steadfast devotion to socialist activity in these trying circumstances is a great inspiration to all socialists.

In the late '20s — in the absence of a Boston Local — he joined up with some New York comrades who adhered to our principles (the Socialist Educational Society). Closer contact with New York comrades speeded up the organization of Boston local and the reorganization of the Workers' Socialist Party. In 1929, the persistent socialist work that was carried on by Comrade Jacobs and others took root and a Boston local finally appeared on the scene. It wasn't long before Detroit comrades organized a local so that the first convention of the reorganized WSP was held in New York City on December 13, 1931.

The birthplace of Local Boston was in Comrade Jacobs' picture frame store. He served as its first secretary. His store had often served as the meeting place for propaganda activities during the years.

Comrade Jacobs' forte in Local Boston was ever that of the unsung hero: routine work, taking care of literature, street meeting stands, all kinds of assignments, arranging for halls, committee work, etc. He was self-effacing. He rarely missed a party activity. He was no public speaker nor was he very vocal at party meetings. But, when he did speak, everyone listened, for he had the rare faculty of only speaking when he had something to say and he made his comments brief.

He wrote occasional articles for the WS which were usually written in a simple style and dealt with basic problems and experiences of workers.

He loved to paint. He was usually seen at Party outings with his easel, canvas and brushes. Many of his canvases were auctioned off for Party funds. About ten years ago he had to move to California to live with his sister on account of advancing age and poor health. His socialist interest did not lag, by any means. He kept in touch with the California comrades and visited the comrades in San Francisco whenever he had an opportunity. He kept hounding the NAC to get out leaflets. To him, the written word was of paramount importance. In this connection, he was never known to go out without having old copies of the WS to hand out to pedestrians, on street cars and in subways, or wherever he met workers.

We extend our sympathies to his sister and brother.

Comrade Jacobs will be missed.

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