Fatherland and be patient until the official line changes once more.

In the meantime, world Jewry can enjoy a "champion" in the United States, which has not up until this time required an anti-semitic official policy. That such could become the case at some future time is not beyond the realm of possibility however. In World War II, all Japanese in the West Coast states whether citizen or alien, were herded into concentration camps for the duration. The same situation is at least conceivable in a future war, for American Jews.

Common Questions Answered

Q: Surely there must be something wrong about your arguments if you fail to convince people that socialism is desirable? Wouldn't you have got many more people to become socialists by this time if you had been advocating what they really want?

A: You can't judge the soundness of an idea by the number of people who hold it or by the speed with which they may take it up. Because the number of socialists is only a fraction of the number who have heard our case (itself only a tiny fraction of the population) it doesn't follow that we are out of touch with their ideas, hopes and desires. On the contrary, we are the only Party able to talk in terms of the sort of world most people want to live in, although we point out that it must be the result of their own political efforts and cannot be "given" to them by leaders. One of the worst results of capitalism is the cynicism and fatalism it has bred, typified by the widespread belief that war is inevitable even though nobody wants it. Socialists don't put forward what is unwanted, but rather what is wrongly believed to be unattainable.

Q: If people take any interest in politics at all they want to see some tangible results from their efforts. Surely you must see you will make no headway unless you can compete successfully with other parties?

A: It's true we could make headway if we made extravagant promises — so can any party for a while — but that has nothing to do with socialism. Your argument presupposes that people will always be fooled with the unfulfilled promises and other devices that all our opponents use to gain a following. Our view is that the slow growth of socialist ideas is not because people are hostile towards them but because they are preoccupied with seemingly more practical ways of improving their conditions. It amounts to their trying vainly all possible ways to solve their problems within capitalism before they see the necessity of abolishing it. The growing disparity between the conditions most people want and those they have must eventually lead to such action.

Q: I think you have set yourselves an impossible task. Why waste your time trying to make people understand something they know can never come in their lifetime?

A: The task is only impossible so long as people like you believe it's impossible. We don't advocate socialism just because we think it will be a good thing for our descendants — we do so because it is possible to establish it in our lifetime. Remember that we are not a race apart from our as-yet-non socialist brothers; some of them are at this moment acquiring the same ideas that made us socialists. Even supposing the road to socialism is as long as you imply, is that any reason for not starting on it? Our challenge to you is to suffer conditions like the present that any form of capitalism must bring or to become a socialist and help to build a society really worth living in.

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PEACE IS HELL-ER

Official U. S. aid to Japan was discontinued in July 1951. It was neither missed nor needed thereafter. Due to her participation in the lucrative war business, Japanese industry is in a healthier condition than it has been since before V-J Day. Plants have been expanded, and all obsolete equipment has been replaced.

From the day the Korean war started emergency orders for various forms of material were placed with Japan. Things were needed suddenly, and could be produced and transported quicker than from America.

Some of the biggest U. S. purchases have been in coal, iron, textiles, barbed wire, railroad ties, napalm bomb tanks, and dried fish. These are basic essentials to eat, burn, and throw at the enemy.

Other items are interesting and important. Thousands of bibles printed in Korean have been supplied by Japan. It is imperative that the fighting forces learn the simple lesson that thou shalt not kill too many on any one day so that thou mayst be blest with gainful occupation on other days.

Climatic conditions in the war area have resulted in thousands of cases of frozen feet in the armed forces. Such cases are usually beyond repair. The victims are taken to the hospital where skilled surgeons chop the feet off. The Japanese have made a special study of artificial limbs, inventing springs and coils that are conducive to comfort while collecting the bonus, looking for work, or standing in bread lines. The arch supports are strong and durable.

The Japanese glass eye industry, originating in World War II, has been further developed. While a 20-20 vision has not yet been perfected, the social outlook through the glass eye is about on a par with that of the natural lamp. In both cases it is virtually non-existent.

All in all, in 13 months of war the U. S. Army has ordered $744,297,000 worth of military goods from Japan. This averages about a million dollars a day, and constitutes a real prop to Japanese economy.

As the Japenese capitalists see it the only dark cloud on the horizon is the threat of peace. The sensitive seismograph registers the news, and every rumor of peace from Panmunjom induces economic jitters followed by a frantic wave of stock selling at lower levels. War may be hell, but peace is heller.

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LET GEORGE DO IT

Q. Don't you think it's time that the workers did something to elect a clean and honest government to do away with the graft and corruption that now exists?

A. We are in entire accord with the questioners objective up to and including the word "something." We do think it time that the workers did something. From there on, however, while we seem to be on the same road we are going in opposite directions. The "something" we had in mind bears no relation to the end of the trail reached by the query.

Cleaning up graft and corruption in capitalist society is not exactly a working class function. The time and energy expended on such a campaign would pay no dividends to the class that spent them.

Suppose, for instance, that such a venture succeeded and the big taxpayers were saved several billions of dollars by the change would it be likely that the new "clean and honest" outfit would decide to spend the billions in raising wages or otherwise bettering the conditions of the working class? We think not.

The whole operation would resolve itself into taking the loot away from one set of gangsters and handing it over to another set of the same breed.

The problem of eliminating alien gangsters who horn in on their private preserves is one for those who own the preserves to juggle with. The "something" we had in mind was the bye bye treatment to all gangsters.