FROM OUR MAIL-BOX

OVERSEAS SECRETARY, GLASGOW BRANCH SOCIALIST PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN: "Our outdoor meetings in Glasgow the past summer were very encouraging. We have just bought a loudspeaker apparatus, the better to project our case into the sluggish (but beginning to-see-the-light) brain boxes of the local working class. From April to September 30th we held 34 outdoor meetings, five indoor meetings, one debate and two addresses to other organizations. We're awaiting replies to challenges to debate sent out to prominent speakers in the Glasgow area. Our winter indoor programme is all set for Sunday evenings. We anticipate good audiences and our speakers are well prepared.

COOLCORCORAN, KILLARNEY, COUNTY KERRY, EIRE: "I wish to express my sincere thanks for the copy of THE WESTERN SOCIALIST you sent me some time ago. First of all I would like to tell you how much your magazine means to the like of myself isolated from all forms of Socialist Organization, in a place reeking with narrow nationalism and religious prejudice. But it's possible to keep going when you think of the worldwide comradeship that exists in the Socialist movement. Today the Irish workers are finding out that though they may have the Green Flag floating over Dublin Castle and the pillar boxes are now painted green, their condition is still similar to that under the British. They are still wage slaves. The one great encouraging factor in the Irish Scene today was the formation of a Socialist Group in Dublin, which will soon, we hope, give rise to a Socialist Party of Ireland."

MAZATLAN, MEXICO: "Fred Thompson in a recent issue of the I. W. W.'s INDUSTRIAL WORKER most assuredly spins quite a diatribe in his critique of the new Socialist Party of Canada pamphlet RUSSIAN REVOLUTION and what he calls 'the layer-cake concept of history typical of the SPC and its associated groups.' Whilst there is a diversity in the application of capitalism in Russia in some characteristics to that of some other capitalist regimes, as there was also in Japan, it is only whipping the devil around the post to differentiate it from capitalism and to aver that no stock phrase fits it. No matter whether the label be Nazism, Fascism, Communism or any other, provided that there is Wages, Rent, Interest and Profit in its set-up, it is still CAPITALISM. Wage slavery, oppression and exploitation are much in evidence in Russia. Gilmac in the November SOCIALIST STANDARD puts it very clearly: 'The changes have only been changes in the composition of the groups that live out of the surplus wealth wrung from the toil of the workers of the world' whether in the USSR, the USA or any other country regardless of their camouflaged state settings of 'freedom of enterprise', Statism labelled 'Socialism' or Totalitarianism masquerading as Communism. I think every Socialist will heartily agree with Thompson's concluding part of the paragraph in which we read: 'The more it is run from the bottom up, the better it will turn out.' This connotes, of course, that those who do the running shall understand fundamentals, and it is the aim of the scientific socialists, regardless of Thompson's schmeer kase plaster, to provide the stepping stones to enlightenment."

LONG BEACH, CALIF.: "I noticed your call for help for THE WESTERN SOCIALIST and I'm enclosing $3.00 for the good cause. I am sorry that I can only send this small amount but I'm trying to get by on an old age pension. I would hate to see the WS discontinued for lack of funds. I consider the WS an extremely valuable publication and I pass it on to my friends after reading. I think the people are waking up, at least I hope so."

It's still S. O. S. The W. S. readers are urged to send in contributions to help save the paper. It's a terrific struggle and we need your help.

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AND A GOOD JOB TOO!

So your job is getting you down, Bill. Well, it's about time. You've been at it long enough. Why not make a change? Too risky? Yes, I suppose it is really. There's Jane and the kids. I know you'll never forget the last spell on relief. Ten years ago, wasn't it?

It is a pity though. I've got the very job for you. You may be interested when I tell you more about it. I shall sign on myself. It's a new company and a big one. They will want all the people they can get. It will be a little while before they get going. You will have time to think about it.

Not interested? You should be. I know how much money you make. This is worth very much more. And many other advantages, too. You don't like your job. You've often said so. You'll like this new one.

I know you were pleased to get this job. The money wasn't bad. But after a time you had some grumbles. The hour getting here. Crowded trains. You tried to get a house or flat. Nothing doing. You cursed. And you still travel.

After a year or so, more grumbles. The money wasn't going so far. Only just enough to live on. You saved a few dollars. And something turned up. The kids wanted clothes. And Jane was sick. And you spent the lot.

I've been luckier than you, Bill. Missed a lot of your troubles. Bigger pay envelope too. Saved a thousand dollars. Capitalist, eh? Yes, if I could live on half a dollar a week. That's the interest I get. Different with a hundred thousand. Take me five hundred years to save that money. And then couldn't live on Park Ave. And run a Cadillac. I can't enjoy the money I've got. Scared of spending it. May want it. Another depression. Who knows.

A lot to be thankful for? Did you say that? Bill, I'm shocked. Take your eyes off this side of the fence. It's the dirty, mucky side. There's a lot worse off, you say. Yes, on *our* side of the fence. The mucky side. Look over the fence, Bill. People with plenty of money can live. And some of them know how. They travel. Have interesting hobbies. They enjoy life.

You could enjoy life, Bill. In the new job. Much more leisure. And the means to enjoy it. Seriously, this is a proposition. You want to know more about it? Good. The best part comes at the end. And it is exciting.

You will be doing the work that you like. That pleases you. And security guaranteed. That startles you. It is a fact. You can't be fired. No, I'm not crazy. But some people are. They are not interested in the proposition. In spite of the advantages. Which is a pity. For without a lot more workers the company may not be able to start for quite a while. You must try to persuade them. They may be more interested when there are more interested.