

Reflections on a 10,000 Mile Tour

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I have just made an enormous swing 'round the circle—from New York to Los Angeles, from Los Angeles to Seattle, from Seattle back to New York. In my tour I covered 10,000 miles and addressed many thousands of American workers and farmers in about 25 cities.

Only One Force.

In all this long trip and in all these centers of progressivism or reaction I could find only one active force making for progress and struggle. In a country which is so obviously in the control of big business today that we have a strike-breaker as president of the United States, a shady banker as vice-president, a multi-millionaire as secretary of the treasury pilfering the treasury entrusted to his care, a senate in which are seated 20 millionaires and to which seats are being sold at one, two or three million dollars a throw, and a government whose courts and military forces are used to smash all organization in the basic industries—I could find only one force earnestly and seriously contesting with the bosses their control of the government machinery, and that force was the Workers (Communist) Party.

Scanned City Papers.

In a vain attempt to find out something about the political and economic situation of each town in which I spoke, I read carefully the endless reams of print paper put out by all of the great capitalist dailies that I could lay hands on. My reading included such dailies as had a reputation for being friendly to labor or labor's endorsement, or such dailies as the Seattle Union Record, which had once been controlled by the labor movement.

But in all my reading I could find only one daily in the entire United States that was presenting any significant information to the workers and farmers of America and any real aid in their struggle for the solution of their most immediate problems or for final emancipation; and that daily was **The DAILY WORKER.**

Deduces Formula.

I could almost reduce it to a mathematical formula: **The strength of the labor movement varies directly as the circulation of The DAILY WORKER.** Wherever the circulation of **The DAILY WORKER** is big, there the labor movement is healthy; there the labor movement is militant; there it

has a friendly alliance with the farmers, and there is some sign of struggle, of understanding and of forward movement. Wherever, on the other hand, the circulation of **The DAILY WORKER** is small and the workers depend exclusively upon the great poison press, there the labor movement is weak, befuddled, bewildered, passive, in retreat or disintegrating.

Has the News.

If I wanted to know what was going on in the world, even in big cities; at least if I wanted to know more than the results of the Dempsey-Tunney fight, the world series and the kind of pie that Queen Marie had eaten for her dinner, I had to find copies of **The DAILY WORKER** on my trip. Back issues soon began to mean as much to me as current numbers, and when I saw the appeals to "Keep the **DAILY WORKER**," I suddenly thought what an arid desert the American labor movement would become if this one oasis of thought, activity and struggle were to suddenly be dried up.

The United States without **The DAILY WORKER**! The American labor movement in this year of retreat and defeat and class collaboration and betrayal without **The DAILY WORKER**! No daily, no struggle; no daily, no information from the workers' point of view; no daily, no genuine labor movement! Such were the inevitable conclusions from an attempt to imagine the United States at the present time, when all other progressive forces are so weak and timid and beaten and afraid.

"Keep The DAILY WORKER."

And so I said to the comrades everywhere, "Keep **The DAILY WORKER**." It is our only weapon! Build **The DAILY WORKER**. It is the only hope of the American labor movement! Circulate **The DAILY WORKER**. It is the only antidote to the poisons being poured into the air from press and pulpit and into the minds and hearts of men by the great daily reptile press. Does it take sacrifices? It is worth any sacrifice. All struggle requires sacrifice. The labor movement requires sacrifice. Without **The DAILY WORKER** there will be nothing left worth sacrificing for.

Rally to its defense. Give to your utmost. Make the entire labor movement realize its importance and give to their utmost. "Give till it hurts"—till it hurts the bosses, the false leaders and the most powerful capitalist system in the world.