

Brother Harshan Singh who is a trustee for List. #1 gave a very interesting address opening with a humorous touch by saying, at one time I had a yen for palmistry and fortune telling - and if I do well today may return to that - but putting all jokes aside, we are faced with very difficult days. He said before us is May 1 which commemorates May 1, 1886 which was the first day labour struck for the 8 hr day and increase in wages. Police and military personnel were called out to quell the outburst and disperse the men whose slogan was Workmen of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains. On this May first thousands of working people all over the world will march ~~and gather for~~ on parade to regather their strength for the winning of the peace and prosperity. The desires of all working people are basically the same -

The system of free enterprise and capitalistic monopolism is a hot-bed for strife and war.

The working people pray for peace and prosperity. The moneyed monopolists for more money more power & more slaves.

He said when Christ was on earth he was the greatest champion of the common people the world have ever known and always helped them to make the world a better place to live in. He said, then we must pray not to go to heaven but ~~into~~ to make this world a heaven on earth instead of a hell on earth of continuous strife.

In commenting on the recent espionage cases Br. Sing said that we all believe a man must be punished who will sell secrets to other countries, but we also believe a man should have a fair trial before being committed to prison. This has been denied some of those accused - Through this spy scare and through the distortion of facts the papers have been used to frighten people into believing Russia is planning on a war with Canada -

Br. Sing also said that while Russia has a few bases, the farthest 3000 miles from home they are accused of trying to grasp these lands. On the other hand, the U.S.A. has soldiers in 48 countries of the world. Some of them 17000 miles from home, it is called in the interest of defense -

Br. Sing then explained why the union program is a necessary and just demand -

1. Large corporations are paying millions in over profits tax but wages are pegged and prices continue to soar - therefore we ask for increase in wages -

2. The longer a man works the more the companies make from their toil; and with each man working shorter hours more men could be employed - Hence the 40 hr. wk.

3. While there are 3000 men employed in the industry only 25000 are union men -

The other 7000 men are hitch hikers - who contribute nothing but benefit by every gain made - Therefore we must have union security -

Br. Sing went on to say these demands will not be met without a struggle as history has proved that no gain has ever been handed to us on a silver platter.

In the International union, there are 75,000 men from the long shornen, mines and steel workers etc, who will be prepared to lay down their tools in support of our just demands -

He said we should weigh the strike news very carefully, as some propaganda was being printed and get the news from the union officials themselves -

Br. Sing ended by commenting that while the union itself is strong, it must have the support of the women - They can do a wonderful work in helping to gain better understanding in the community, as well as in other phases of the struggle. He says with the support of the women, we can never fail.

He said the women all over the world have proved themselves on every front and in every land during the last struggle and the men are more conscious of their efforts part they <sup>women</sup> can play in the future.

Submitted by L. Brown.