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# The Socialist Press and the War

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Since the United States entered into the European war there has been a determined effort on the part of the government to either suppress Socialist publications by excluding them from the mails or render them comparatively useless by a rigid censorship which virtually emasculates their policy and propaganda.

Socialist papers had a hard enough time to make ends meet before this censorship came upon them, but now it requires all the strength and support they can muster to keep the ship afloat until the war is over.

If the Socialist press is forced in these days to fight for its life, it is likewise true that never before have Socialists realized as they now do the vital importance of the press to the movement. The press is the very life breath of any party or movement. Imagine the Republican or Democratic parties without newspapers, magazines, or other periodicals to support them! They simply could not exist, and, powerful as they now are, they would soon crumble to pieces, disintegrate, and disappear without the support of the powerful press (owned by the same economic class which controls those parties) which advocates their principles (?), booms their candidates, and fights their battles with a loyalty that knows no shadow of turning.

In the desperate struggle the Socialist press is making to save itself for the future service of the movement it ought to have the loyal support of every party member and every real friend of the working class.



Are you tired of working hard and saving and skimping and starving, while your rich and idle master lives on the fat of the land? Then find out what Socialism is, and join the Socialist Party, the only party organized to put an end to poverty by making the workers their own employers and giving them all the wealth they produce.

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