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**Revolutionary  
I. W. W.**

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**Greatest Menace  
in the United  
States Today**

**Before You Lay It Aside**

**READ**

**And Pass Along To Some  
Friend Who Will Do  
Likewise**



**KEEP**

**This Booklet Moving**

That the public in general may understand something of the principles and doctrines the Industrial Workers of the World are preaching, or, in other words, the basic principles of the I. W. W.'s, the following excerpts from the official publications of that organization are given herewith.

No effort has been made to produce all of the objectionable features of their preamble, constitution and official literature. The extracts quoted herewith are but an insignificant percentage of the total. Those not quoted are equally vicious, malicious, and revolutionary in character.

The direct charges are made that:—

The I. W. W. is a treasonable organization.

The I. W. W. is seeking to bring about a revolution in this country.

The I. W. W. has declared that its purpose is to destroy society—to overturn civilization—to stamp out individuality, and to erase the laws of private property of any sort, whether of money, land, rights, mental attainment, or manual skill.

The I. W. W. is an enemy more serious in its purpose and character and more deadly to our free institutions than is the Imperial German Government. Wars may be ended by treaty, following which there would still be an opportunity and incentive for self development; and civilization would continue to advance even though its character would necessarily be changed.

The I. W. W. is attempting to usher in an era of universal servitude of the fit to the unfit, the skilled workmen to the unskilled, the intelligent to the unintelligent, the aspiring to the unaspiring, and the man who has something of his own to the empty handed.

The I. W. W. see the possibility of using the tremendous force of organized ignorance, incapacity and class-hatred by seizing upon the big army of the wilfully ignorant, unskilled and unfit, and who have set themselves to the task of recruiting this army to full war strength by preaching the doctrines of discontent in the avowed purpose of avenging themselves upon the society which has outlawed them for their crimes.

If you have read this far, perhaps you will be willing to read the proof that the I. W. W. is what this pamphlet declares it to be, and that its purposes, methods and confidence are what has been herein set forth.

The I. W. W. preamble itself declares, "The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production and abolish the wage system. Instead of the conservative motto, 'a fair day's wage for a fair day's work,' we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, 'Abolition of the wage system.'"

The preamble from which the foregoing quotations are made is a part of the constitution of the organization, has been reaffirmed at every annual convention, and is printed as their fundamental statement of the principles in nearly every publication issued by them.

The I. W. W. is an organization of avowed fighting men who have declared war against society and have committed themselves to perpetuate a class struggle until every other class except their own shall be destroyed. "A mad dream," you say, Listen:

"It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. (The I. W. W. Preamble). "The I. W. W. is the labor union that aspires to be the future society." (Revolutionary I. W. W., p. 6.)

One of the innumerable definitions of Sabotage given in their literature is:

"Sabotage is to this class struggle what the guerrilla warfare is to the battle. The strike is the open battle of the class struggle. Sabotage is the guerrilla warfare, the day-by-day warfare between two opposing classes." (Sabotage, p. 4.)

"The I. W. W. is fast approaching the stage where it can accomplish its mission. This mission is revolutionary in character." (The Revolutionary I. W. W., p. 13.)

"We are not satisfied with a fair day's wage for a fair day's work. Such a thing is impossible. Labor produces all wealth. Labor is, therefore, entitled to all wealth. We are going to do away with capitalization by taking possession of the land and the machinery of production. We don't intend to buy them, either. The capitalist class took them because it has the power to control the muscle and brain of the working industry. Organized, we the working class, will have the power. With that power we will take back that which has been stolen from us. We will demand more and more wages from our employers. We will demand and enforce shorter and shorter hours. If we gain these demands, we are diminishing the profits of the boss. We are taking away his power. We are gaining that power ourselves. All the time we become more disciplined. We become self-reliant. We realize that without our labor power no wealth can be produced. We fold our arms. The mills close. Industry is at a standstill. We then make our proposition to our former masters. It is this: We, the workers, have labored long enough to support idlers. From now on he who does not toil, neither shall he eat." (Revolutionary I. W. W., p. 14.)

"The Industrial Workers of the World are laying the foundation of a new government. This government will have for its legislative halls the mills, the workshops, the factories. Its legislators will be the men in the mills, the shops and the factories. Its legislative enactments will be those pertaining to the welfare of the workers. These things are to be. No force can stop them. Arms will be of no avail. Capitalist governments may issue their mandates in vain. The power of the workers, industrially organized, is the only

power on earth worth considering, once they realize that power. Classes will disappear and in their place will be only useful members of society—the workers." (The Revolutionary I. W. W., p. 15.)

It is important to note what the I. W. W. means by the term "worker," which is incorporated into the very name of the organization and is constantly used in its propaganda. "The future belongs to the I. W. W. The day of the skilled worker is past." (The I. W. W., Its History, Structure and Methods, p. 24.)

By the "working class" which is waging war upon Society and which hopes to institute "the future society" is meant the "proletariat," and the proletariat is thus defined: "We mean: A CLASS OF LABORERS, POSSESSING NEITHER PROPERTY NOR SPECIALIZED SKILL, WHO SELL THEIR LABOR-POWER IN THE OPEN MARKET TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AND ARE ABLE TO SELL THAT POWER ONLY SO LONG AS IT WILL PRODUCE A PROFIT FOR THE PURCHASER." (The Advancing Proletariat, p. 14.)

This warfare is directed against trade unionism just as virulently as against capitalism because it is warfare against everything in the form of private or individual possession, whether it be land, houses, tools, skill, special knowledge or any sort of manual dexterity. It is the warfare of the man who has none of these and who aims to bring the whole fabric of society down to the level of his own incapacity. "Property—either material or in the form of specialized skill—has ceased to exist for the proletariat; access to the machine is the sole basis of his life. And, following the loss of the property idea, comes a complete revolution in the mental attitude of the worker. Man becomes the dominant factor and all his problems are again translated in terms of human rights. He thinks in the terms of a class for he now realizes his class position and knows that only as such can he hope to survive. He finds that he must attack the structure of a society based on private property and his point of attack is at the point of production, the point where he daily meets his enemy. His whole attitude is one of opposition; opposition to the property of the master class—an attitude utterly subversive of all modern ethics, morals, religions and laws—an utterly revolutionary attitude." (The Advancing Proletariat, p. 17).

"The Advancing Proletariat" is published by the I. W. W. Publishing Bureau as are all other publications from which quotations are made for this article except where specifically stated otherwise.

Read what is said of "the skilled workman"—"Craft Unionism cannot survive." (The Advancing Proletariat, p. 13). "Any economic system built upon the Rights of Property is a confiscatory system." (Ibid., p. 13.) "Stripped of his PROPERTY the 'aristocrat of labor' sinks to the level of the common herd." (Ibid., p. 13.)

As we have already seen, it is the aim of the I. W. W. to cause the "herd" to rule, not as skilled, capable educated individuals, but as a "herd."

"In the field of politics, the program of the proletariat should be "Pressure Rather Than Participation," a program heretofore ably pursued by the Plutocrats." (Ibid, p. 23.)

That the program of the I. W. W. is wholly illegal and outside the law is openly confessed in these words: "Two facts stand prominently in an examination of modern Society: 1st, **The Proletariat is the Subject Class**, and, 2nd, **The special function of the State is to keep the proletariat in subjection.**" Therefore, any organization of the proletariat as a class must at once be considered a menace to the privileged classes and be declared illegal. All the activities of the proletariat furthering its program for a new society must necessarily be revolutionary and be **beyond the law**. Therefore, the Socialist Politicians' "legal revolution" idea is regarded as absurd." (Ibid, p. 21.)

The I. W. W. is absolutely unequivocal in its statement of tactics to be pursued. "There is but one bargain that the I. W. W. will make with the employing class: COMPLETE SURRENDER OF ALL CONTROL OF INDUSTRIES TO ORGANIZED WORKERS." (The I. W., Its History, Structure and Methods, p. 10.)

"The tactics used are determined by the power of organization to make good in their use. The question of 'right' and 'wrong' does not concern us. No terms made with an employer are final. All peace, so long as the wage system lasts, is but an armed truce." (Ibid, p. 15.) "No part of the organization is allowed to enter into time contracts with the employers." (Ibid, p. 15.) "The I. W. W. maintains that nothing will be conceded by the employers except what we have power to take and hold by the strength of our organization. Therefore, we seek no agreements with the employers. Failing to force concessions from the employers by strike, work will be resumed and sabotage used to force the employers to concede the demands of the workers." (Ibid, p. 16.) "The great progress made in machine production results in an ever-increasing army of unemployed. To counteract this the I. W. W. aims to establish the shorter work-day and to slow up the working pace." (Ibid, p. 16.) "In short, the I. W. W. advocates the use of militant, direct action tactics to the fullest extent of our power to make good." (Ibid, p. 16.) "We are looking forward to the time when the organized proletariat will meet in the Union the world over and decide how long they will work and how much of the wealth they produce they will give to the boss." (Ibid, p. 24.)

Wm. D. Haywood, the head of the I. W. W. Organization in a speech given in New York which is quoted in an official I. W. W. pamphlet entitled "The General Strike," says in answer to a question from the audience:

"Q—Doesn't the trend of your talk lead to direct action, or what we call revolution? For instance, we try to throw the bosses out; don't you think the bosses will strike back?"

Another thing: Of course, the working class can starve eight days, but they can't starve nine. You don't have to teach the workingman how to starve, because there were teachers before you. There is no way out but fight, as I

understand it. Do you think you will get your industrialism through peace or through revolution?

A.—Well, comrade, you have no peace now. The capitalist system, as peaceable as it is, is killing off hundreds of thousands of workers every year. That isn't peace. One hundred thousand workers were injured in this state last year. I do not care whether it's peaceable or not; I want to see it come." (p. 12).

On page 16 of "The I. W. W., Its History, Structure and Methods," the following occurs:

"Failing to force concessions from the employers by the strike, work is resumed and 'sabotage' is used to force the employers to concede the demands of the workers."

"During strikes the works are closely picketed and every effort made to keep the employers from getting workers into the shops. All supplies are cut off from strike bound shops. All shipments are refused or missent, delayed and lost if possible. Strike breakers are also isolated to the full extent of the power of the organization. Interference by the government is resented by open violation of the government's orders, going to jail en masse, causing expense to the taxpayers—which is but another name for the employing class

In short, the I. W. W. advocates the use of militant 'direct action' tactics to the full extent of our power to make good."

Joseph J. Ettor, one of the leaders in the I. W. W. movement, says: ("Industrial Unionism, the Road to Freedom," pp. 15, 22, 30.)

"New conceptions of Right and Wrong must generate and permeate the workers. We must look on conduct and actions that advance the social and economic position of the working class as Right, ethically, legally, religiously, socially and by every other measurement. That conduct and those actions which aid, helps to maintain and gives comfort to the capitalist class, we must consider as Wrong by every Standard."

"Industrial Unionists disdain to lower the history and ideals of the working class by entering into contracts or agreements with employers whereby the conditions that are generally forced by the stronger economic power are made a basis for any stated period."

"Let a sordid crowd of kept men and women imbued with sordid ideals oppose this new redeeming movement of labor—it is bound to succeed in spite of all opposition, whether it be that which show its hideous form in the uniform of the hired and armed Hessians with rifle in hand, or it intrigues and conjures under the cloak of Law, Authority, Order, Religion, et al., or even under the greasy smile and brass face of the "labor leader." This is the movement of the common workers and will triumph. It has received its baptism of fire in a dozen hard-fought battles from one end of this broad land to the other. It knows no retreat, this intrepid army, heretofore fighting against great odds, that at all times tested the capacity and devotion of its members, has been ignored and made small of."

The I. W. W. disclaims any nationality. ("The Revolutionary I. W. W.," p. 7.)

"The Industrial Workers of the World is an INTERNATIONAL movement; not merely an American movement. We are "patriotic" for our class, the working class. We realize that as workers we have no country. The flags and symbols that once meant great things to us have been seized by our employers. Today they mean naught to us but oppression and tyranny. As long as we quarrel among ourselves over differences of nationality we weaken our cause, we defeat our own purpose."

Sabotage is defined by official I. W. W. publications in several ways as follows:

"Any conscious and wilful act on the part of one or more workers intended to slacken and reduce the output of production in the industrial field, or to restrict trade and reduce the profits in the commercial field, in order to secure from their employers better conditions or to enforce those promised or maintain those already prevailing, when no other way of redress is open."

"Any skillful operation on the machinery of production intended not to destroy it or permanently render it defective, but only to temporarily disable it and to put it out of running condition in order to make impossible the work of scabs and thus to secure the complete and real stoppage of work during a strike."

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, the noted I. W. W. agitator describes sabotage under several heads, the principal among which are:

"Adulteration;

The slowing down of work;

A general reduction of efficiency;

Placing kerosene in ovens to make food unfit to eat;

Intimidation, coercion and any means necessary to gain the end."

In a fur factory in Philadelphia, before stopping work the cutters were instructed to alter the size of patterns on which fur coats had to be made. Every cutter followed this advice and reduced by some one-third of an inch all patterns he could lay his hands on. (Sabotage, Page 99).

"For instance, the case is not rare when, after a six-story building is complete it is found the chimneys do not draw. They are inspected, and it is found that they are obstructed, more or less accidentally a trowel full of mortar has fallen in the smoke shaft. Elsewhere another accident—Some fine morning upon arriving at the yard they find a wagon load of cement or stucco abundantly sprinkled over. During recent strikes boss printers have been rough handled, and had ample opportunity to appraise the cost of printed matter full of errors, ink spots, uncorrected proofs, compositions upset and broken up; of full pages fallen to the ground, whole cases of

type mixed up and confused, linotypes which would not run, presses seized by rheumatism and gout, etc." (Ibid. P. 101, 102).

In North Dakota the slogan of the I. W. W.'s in the harvest fields is: "\$3.50 per day, heads down, \$4.00 per day, heads up." Do you know what this means? It means that unless they are paid \$4.00 per day of eight hours, bundles of grain will be shocked with two in the center heads down.



It has been freely claimed that the I. W. W.'s acknowledge no God, no Country, no Flag. In addition the foregoing in support of this statement the following are submitted:

#### TO OLD BILLY GOD.

God and the Devil fought one day  
Jehovah then drove Old Satan away;  
Then He ruled in realms so sublime,  
The Devil gave Him a hell of a time.

Looked on the earth with blood in His eye,  
Said virgins and unborn all must die;  
For more revenge since that fatal day  
Murder of workers was His rarest play.

To God, Jehovah or Holy Ghost,  
To you, I make this fearless boast,  
If You're supreme o'er land and sky  
Damn You, come and make me die.

(I. W. W. "Sticker.")  
(Taken from a picketed lumber camp.)

Quotations in this booklet taken  
from books and pamphlets issued  
by the Industrial Workers of the  
World.

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Write your senators and con-  
gressmen your views.

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It is up to you to help make  
these people

**Work**

**Join the Army**

**Stop Eating or**

**Leave the Country**