

Our Revolutionary Heritage;

Shays' Rebellion

By Leighton Rigby

Note: Hearst quotes Jefferson. But quotations, like statistics, can be so manipulated as to seemingly prove a black lie is a pious truth.

Yes, Hearst quotes Jefferson. But what about Thomas Jefferson's opinion of Shays' Rebellion? If it were not so horribly tragic, it would be amusing to watch the Hearstians as they avoid that opinion on tiptoe.

This article concerns Shays' Rebellion, the joy of the real Thomas Jefferson and a part of our revolutionary heritage.

When the "embattled farmers" stood by the rude bridge and "fired the shot heard 'round the world," they were inspired by dreams of freedom from tyranny.

The new tyrants did not quickly establish themselves. It was not until the Articles of Confederation were scrapped in favor of the Constitution that the new batch of oppressors were able to make their dictatorship secure.

In all fairness, we must take care not to magnify the size of the revolutionary group of 1776. Two-thirds of the population either opposed or showed no interest in the conflict.

Hamilton Safeguards the System

In a society of classes, there must be a ruling class. When the ruling class cannot rule, there is chaos.

Shays' Rebellion was largely responsible for the urgency felt by the capitalists in the matter of drawing up a constitution more suited to their needs.

Foreclosures, Taxes, Oppression

In the state of Massachusetts, a group of capitalists (hardly a party)—among them merchants and money lenders—determined to solve their problem by jamming through a state constitution of their own making.

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Lewis Catches Train

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F. of L. purge, as had been announced. His subject was to be "The Attitude of the A. F. of L. toward the Minneapolis Situation."

"A Strong" Government

There was quaking among the influential throughout the land. Fears of a general agrarian revolt led to talk of an outright military dictatorship.

In the end, the leaders of the revolt sought refuge in Canada, and Shays' revolutionists suffered disfranchisement at the hands of the Massachusetts legislators.

The militant working class of today is the counterpart of the "embattled farmers" of yesterday.

Reserves Right to Refuse to Reply

After having finished with this rubbish, Meyer announced that he "reserved the right to refuse to answer any questions not put in the proper spirit."

One student asked Lewis why he had so far depended entirely upon publicity in the capitalist papers, and why he had not yet appeared before any unions?

Brown Shoots a Question

Then Bill Brown got up. "I'm Bill Brown, President of 574," he announced. All eyes turned upon him.

C. P. Funks on 574

Events quickly showed how correct 574's stand was. The night prior to the mass meeting the Auto Mechanics Local 382 (the very local for whom 574 has done most in assisting to fight the bosses) met and decided to withdraw from the conference of progressive unions.

spot for labor?" Lewis, forced to make a reply, said that he was against 574 because it was against the principles of the A. F. of L.

Lewis Has Enough and Scrames

When asked by a student why the members of 574 did not join local 500 if they were dissatisfied with their present leaders, Lewis replied, "How do you know they haven't joined?"

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So dramatic was the appearance of Bill Brown at this meeting; so witty his remarks to Lewis, that the next evening the University of Minnesota "Daily" broadcasted the highlights of the Forum meeting as part of its regular newscast.

Shachtman Holds First Meeting in Fresno, Cal.

FRESNO, Cal., Nov. 14.—Max Shachtman spoke to a group of twenty people at a meeting under the auspices of the Fresno branch of the Workers Party tonight.

His talk on the subject of "War and the Working Class" was well received. Many questions were asked and answered to the satisfaction of an enthusiastic audience.

Textile Barons Ready For War

"The outbreak of a war involving the United States would find the cotton textile industry well prepared for rapid mobilization of its resources, the United States Army Industrial College was assured today by George A. Sloan."

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51st JUBILEE CELEBRATION WITH BALL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1935, 3:30 P.M. ST. NICHOLAS PALACE, 66th St. and Columbus Ave.

Concert - Varieties - Ball

Guest Speaker: NORMAN THOMAS Tickets: Advance 25c; at box office 40c.

The Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund, for more than half a century a pioneer in the field of Fraternal Insurance and advocate of Social Insurance, will celebrate its 51st anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 24, at St. Nicholas Palace, 66th Street and Columbus Avenue, New York.

Support Italian Comrades In Their Struggle Against Fascism and War

MUSSOLINI must go. But with Mussolini, ITALIAN CAPITALISM must also go. OUR ITALIAN COMRADES HAVE CONSTITUTED a Coordination Committee for the Revolutionary Struggle in Italy.

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The Coordination Committee needs funds: Everywhere where there are Italians, REAL enemies of Italian Fascism; everywhere where there are revolutionists able to understand the extreme importance of an Italian revolution—everywhere they are asking for funds for the revolutionary struggle in Italy.

Address messages, letters, donations to: Wallis, 17 rue de Meaux, Paris XIXe, France.

The International Secretariat of the International Communist League.

'Social Credit' Goes Begging

A terrible fate has overtaken the Social Credit movement—it has a chance to put its theories into practice.

In the last Canadian elections the Social Creditors swept the province of Alberta, Canada, under the leadership of Premier Aberhart, promising a social credit paradise of \$25 per month to man, woman and child within eighteen months after election.

Today we find that Premier Aberhart has extended the time limit from eighteen months to two years, and hardly a few months gone since the election.

Twenty-five dollars a month is no fortune, in the United States there are many relief workers who receive the same miserable pittance, and that without any fancy social credit theories.

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