

If you wish to be virtuous and have God in your heart, obey your laws, be just, and in error you'll never fall.

# THE LABORER

I call not heroes those that triumph by thought or by force, I call heroes the Big of Heart — (Beethoven)

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## Will The End Of Wars Come?

The savage conflict that is actually taking place in the battlefields of Europe and Asia, is one of the most devastating wars that History can remember.

Because of a fanatic and mean desire of greater nations to rule and govern the entire world, peaceful nations were obliged to march on and face the present catastrophe, which like in other cases, has been the result of other leaders desire of power. At almost the point of conquest, they discover that the arcade has broken leaving behind rivers of blood and mountains of fire. This is the sinister epilogue with which burgess politicians and leaders award the people's voluntary slavery.

Towards these nations, points the accusing finger of a vindictive universe, syndicating them as the only responsables of one of the most horrible tragedies of humanity. They are the ones who lead honest and peaceful citizens, resigned as a flock of innocent lambs, to desert fields of death and destruction. This anomalous situation began as soon as politicians outlined the formation of states.

They were the audacious exploiters of all times, who took possession, monopolizing wealth, land and slaves in past times, today enslaving consciences, for such tasks are their adlateres, the demagogues apt. Falsifying the truth by recurring to all imaginable means, no matter how dishonest. With their modern feudalism they have been daring enough to arrive to our present days. It seems incredible that such a ridiculous minority has managed to govern at its wish, for many many years, millions and millions of men, yet that is the truth, though hard to confess.

## Our Workers Consciousness

After several attempts by the workers of Panama to unite and after many failures, we have emerged from our state of apathy to comprehend that mankind is negligent by nature. We were always indifferent to the struggle for establishing the basis of brillante future.

We are now convinced that in order to be upright and just, it is necessary to be firm and constant in well - doing; we should not allow our faith to be extinguished or waver at the first obstacle which is encountered.

In spite of many years of struggle, of attempts and failures, the working man has begun to clear the national horizon, inspired by the example of others. As is well known the worker of Panama is outlawed and humiliatingly enjoys an existence in which, if he does not submit himself to the deplorable condition of a pariah, he views no other horizon, but that of ostracism or imprisonment.

We have now been able to reinforce our ranks and to wave the banner under which are all the principles, doctrines and ideals sustained by the Amadors, the Arosemenas, and other authentic democrats of

## With The Balboa Garden

What occurs in Panama does not happen in any other country. In other nation to which an immigrant arrives, he takes note and obey immediately its laws and by-laws, if he is a serious and honest person; if he is an adventurer in search of fortune, he also submits himself to the laws, by grade or by force. It is here where people of all races form a kind of group of mandarins ignoring our laws and all sense of responsibility. Of these cases, so common among us we narrate the following which requires special attention.

The owners of the establishment at the Balboa Garden are elements of prohibited immigration or of origins of prohibited race. All or part of them came to our country with a passport expedited by the British Consul and leaving from Palestine.

These are the "gentlemen" we have described as the kind of people who come to a country to form groups of mandarins, caring only for the laws that offers them protection, liberty and rights, ignoring those that imply obligations.

Unaffected as our Government might seem and as humble as our people may be, certain abuses are made so insufferable, that there arises the personal public protest where authorities have to intervene even with silk gloves.

We are sure that the gentlemen of the Balboa Garden will take advantage of their personal influences to disregard the charges against them for different causes, charges which will continue to be established by us, until by grade or by force, they become reasonable and proceed according to our laws.

Ever since these people established here, they have been against the personal interests of the laborer, especially, with their bad treatment, exploitations in duration of working hours, exploitations in the amount of salary, deduction from some, lack of rest, non granting vacations and discharging an employee in an abrupt form.

We are well informed by persons who know the minimum details, that the proprietor of said business has demanded that Avelino Muñoz, in order to extend his contract, to work with his orchestra, sign a document giving up vacation and payment of extra hours of work; and it seems that Mr. Muñoz accepts such conditions.

This attitude surprises us as we know that the person signing in his name and those of his companions, a document with rules not accepted by the law, is the Musician's Association, Vice-President. There recently, for example "BOYCOT THE ESTABLISHMENT".

A citizen, in his own country as well as in other places, of the world, should be high minded when circumstances so demand. Not only of bread does man live.

## Has There Ever Been a Democratic Government?

Prying back into the past we come to the second millenary before Christ and stop in a mountainous region, where a group of intelligent people work in earnest and with ardour in the evolution of a culture, the greatest of those times. In their struggles they arrive to the year 594 B. C., when the commoner succeeds in gaining the privilege of placing himself in the same Acropolis as the nobles, burgesses and the medium class burguesy, to elect the Aristocratic Magistrates that were to govern the small states comprehended in the perimeter of their cities. Solon, of aristocratic lineage, is designated to dictate laws to the people and with them establish a solid base for future "DEMOCRACY", but those ponderated laws did not eliminate slavery. In addition to the slaves, artisans in their majority, there was a cast of people degraded by the well-born: the Pariahs who were denied suffrage privileges. Being then the situation, a reign of discrimination among men, in our opinion, he, who praises such a Democracy, is either lacking common sense or is a very vile person.

The Greek culture advances steadily toward the Northern regions of Europe, till the day the world is eliminated by a Superior Doctrine enunciated by an Extraordinary Man, predicating equality among men and inviting the people to consider each other as brother and have for him the same fraternal love.

The years pass and finally we are in 1942, in a port of the Peninsula Iberica. A great multitude cheers the few daring adventurers who enrouted to destinies unknown and vigorously land on the rich soil of the New World, clouding their vast horizon of liberty.

With the conquerors their came to the Americas, civilization, the fruit of democracy, death, slavery, piracy and of course, all the beauty of the Inquisition. At the end of the XVII Century and the beginning of the XVIII Century, the crioles and mulattos, arms in hand, shook the world in their struggle to confuse and annihilate the imperialistic colonial tyranny. As should occur always, the triumphs for the better cause echoed here, there and everywhere.

With the burden of their defeat, the arrogant captains of the conquered colony returned to their Motherland leaving the environment filled with their tradition.

First Bolivar, then Lincoln,

buried legal slavery; but in the conscience of the people of America there remained, never to be forgotten, their odious vasallage to the feudalistic 'master'.

Today, in every language of the world, spreading from lips to lip, a magic word is pronounced "Democracy". It is used by ignorants, praised by serviles, analyzed by erudites and deify by politicians. The Greek erudites were generous, indeed, in giving away to the future generations, their marvelous invention of the word Democracy.

For Democracy we march to war; because of democracy strong countries oppress the weaker ones; for Democracy, in every country citizens adversing governmental dictatorship are persecuted. Honoring the word Democracy, many Mandataries and their followers became wealthy and people suffer misery and ostracism, so that Democracy will forever reign.

Blessed be Democracy for its multiple and infinite virtues.

DEMOCRACY: Luxurious merchandise taken by traders of talent to the filthy market of politics. At its enunciation, cretins cheer deliriously; the whole army of serviles patriotically protest for "democracy" to their masters; writers anxious to figure prominently demonstrate public backings of the most acrimonious salms and alलयas imaginable, praising the Democracy that politicians deify.

But for us, briefly, Democracy is nothing but the rose color crystal in which are colored all infamies, all persecutions and all political concussions.

If the conscious citizen would serenely proceed to an impartial study of militant Democracy, we would cease to hear the tragic word with which justice is imolated.

True Democracy exists only in a unit form, in the conscience of every honest man who understands and practices it with his fellowmen, doing good for good itself; respecting others rights and becoming angered at his impotence to combat injustices committed in its name.

But that is not the Democracy the people want and search for. A Democracy of universal concept is desired. That is, a Democracy where governmental standard rules, are inflexibly established. A Democracy to which should be modified all Mandataries orders and every actuation of their other representatives.

Now we ask. Has there ever been a DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT?

## Data and Denunciations

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August 3, 1944

SICK AND ANNUAL LEAVE  
REGULATION FOR ALIEN AND  
NATIVE EMPLOYEES

Effective at once, the granting of sick and annual leave to all alien and native employees will be discontinued, until a leave policy has been established by the Panama Canal Department.

All leave accrued up to 31

Dec. 1943 will be paid the above mentioned employees.

A statement will be furnished to all employees by the Time and Leave Section showing balances as of 31 Dec. 1943 less whatever leave has been granted so far this year.

It is believed that when a leave policy is established by the Panama Canal Dept. it will be retroactive to 1 Jan. 1944.

By Order of COL. COUTLEE.  
(Copia hecha el 3 de Agosto de 1944).

WORKERS! UNITE!