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EDITORIAL

TWO LETTERS.

I.

Chicago, March 31st, '05.

Editor—

Daily People,

New York City, N.Y.

DEAR SIR:

Our attention has been brought to your account of a Socialist Meeting in San Francisco, in which Mr. Hagerty the lecturer ridiculed and abused the Socialist Party and some of its representatives, and declared the Socialist Labor Party the logical political wing of the working class movement for economic betterment.

Inasmuch as Mr. Hagerty was a signer of the Industrial Union Manifesto and as his utterances appear to have been accepted by the Socialist Labor Party, as the Political attitude of the Industrial Union Movement of America, we consider it necessary to correct this wrong impression.

The only official declaration of the principles of the Industrial Union Movement is the Manifesto itself. There is no mistaking the meaning of these declarations from the Manifesto.

“A movement to fulfill these conditions must consist of one great industrial union embracing all industries,—providing for craft autonomy locally, industrial autonomy internationally, and working class unity generally.

“It must be founded on the class struggle and its general administration must be conducted in harmony with the recognition of the irrepressible conflict between the capitalist class and the working class.

“It should be established as the economic organization of the working class

without affiliation with any political party.”

Mr. Hagerty or any other man has the right to express his personal opinion of matters political or economic, but neither he nor any other individual has the right to represent the Industrial Union Movement as being anything different from its official declarations.

We ask that the *Daily People* give this letter as great prominence as was given the account of Mr. Hagerty’s San Francisco Meeting.

Respectfully,

WM. D. HAYWOOD, Chairman

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II.

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Socialist Labor Party Organs.

2–6 New Reade Street.

New York, April 5, 1905.

Mr. Clarence Smith and Members of Temporary Executive Committee, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 31st of last month.

Holding, as I do, that only the freest expression of opinion, however mistaken the opinion may be, offers a guarantee for the clarification of the present confused labor atmosphere, I shall take pleasure in acceding to your request for a conspicuous publication of your correspondence. It will appear in to-morrow’s *Daily*, and, seeing that the article you refer to appeared also in the *Weekly*, I shall also

publish your communication in next *Weekly* issue.

If you read the article that you refer to with care, you will notice that not by a line or a word is the impression conveyed that Mr. Hagerty, one of the signers of the Industrial Union Manifesto, spoke in a representative capacity. Neither the subject of the San Francisco address, nor anything said by him, as reported in the article, warrants the conclusion that the article conveys the impression that his utterances express the political attitude of the Industrial Union of America, as little as the publication in full in the *Daily People* (March 26) *Weekly* (April 1) of last month's editorial from the *International Socialist Review* of Mr. A.M. Simons, also a signer of the said Manifesto—an editorial, moreover, that, differently from the Hagerty address, expressly dealt with the subject of the Manifesto and echoed the sentiments of Mr. Gompers both on the S.L.P. and the S.T. & L.A.—would have warranted such a false impression.

You will admit there is no warrant for the latter; neither can I discover any for the former.

Respectfully,

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