DEDFANGING MARX

APPLY AS NEEDED

November 18, 2009

Robert Bills
National Secretary

Dear Comrades:

I am enclosing check for $3,000.00. Please apply part of the amount for my membership fee through 2012. The rest apply to whatever cause you feel will be the best good.

Sincerely,
Robert Bills

Best regards to Comrade Donna and you.

Fraternally yours,

Jack Radov
National Member-at-Large

December 2, 2009

Thank you very much for your letter of November 18, the good suggestions you included for Donna and me, and especially for the generous gift of $3,000.00 you enclosed for the SLP.

Robert Bills
National Secretary

SLP VS. 'WORLD SOCIALIST MOVEMENT'.

November 28, 2009

Dear Comrade Bills:

http://www.worldsocialism.org/articles/socialist_industrial_unions.php

The SLP would seem to actually be more similar in general outline to the IWU and to Technocracy, to the extent that any other constituents of the "World Socialist Movement", if those two organizations (IWU and Technocracy, Inc.) would just admit to the need for a political party in addition to the Industrial Unionism, it might be possible to discuss setting up some sort of political party. The SLP, however, neither is a party dedicated to socialism and has no programs for the future.

Sincerely,

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EVERYTHING IS FOR SALE!

By James McGillicuddy

Three articles appearing on the same page of the Nov. 15, 2009 edition of the New London Day in Connecticut, after the state's first and only economic consultant, reminded me of the Communist Manifesto's claim that capitalism has turned all things into commodities.

One article described that the United States government has been paying "big money," actually hundreds of millions of dollars in the years since 2002, to the private Sector-Services Intelligence Agency [ISI] for intercepting withming and manipulating enemy countries' electronic signals. The ISI's more prestigious sibling, the National Security Agency, has had only the modest goal of gathering the signals from enemy countries' electronic signals.

Another article revealed that lobbying for a large drug firm has supplied both Republican and Democratic policymakers with "suggestive" and "objective" memes on the health care debate. In some cases, these payments echoed each other word-for-word.

Although these revelations will only add to the perception of the commercialization of life and public policy, they are far from the only of a host of "naturally occurring" but "naturally occurring" goods and services that are now "for sale.

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Finally, the third article shows law enforcement officials in the pocket and service of criminals, whose activities have been going on for quite some time. Criminals are aware that they are free to rob the way that should be embarrassing to those advocates of "crime prevention" who are only regulating a lawmaker expressed regarding the statements obtained from a witness who, under arraignment, said that she came to the SLP [IWW] national convention in 1908 that got carried down by the SLP at that time, and it is

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Dear Comrade Preston:

This (belatedly, I am afraid) is to thank you for sending me a copy of the Socialist Standard for October 2009. I offer the same to you in the hope that it would delay in acknowledging receipt of the SLP Hall material you also sent to me to explain why it has taken so long but, in due course, I will respond to what you sent on November 11.

While I appreciate receiving a hard copy of the October issue with its “obituary,” I have to admit that I was already well aware of it and had sent in my letter before I was urged to write a response. At first, I agreed that we probably should, but then I read the obituary and thought, “What the SPGB thinks about the SLP is a matter of taste, and a whitewash might write would be meaningless if the SLP cannot pull itself together and get rolling again. Either way, it is what we do, and not what other the SLP or SPGB, says that matters.”

Time will tell if that “obituary” was premature or otherwise. The decision is ours to make and keep alive.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT BILLS National Secretary

Dear Good Exercise.

I... want to thank Comrade Bordonick for his “Observations on the Socialist Party and SLP” for the August 2009 issue of the SLP Newsletter to the Autumn Convention.

It’s fairly easy for spot reformers calling themselves “socialist” or the claptrap vore party to get off course when, but to discern then differences and “deceptive similarities” between the principles and practices of the SLP and other “organizational such as the SPGB’s takes a keen interest in the fact that we keep things on our Marxist-De Leomist toes.

Fraternally,
JILL CAMPBELL National Member-at-Large

SLP HAL, BARRE, VERMONT

Michael Preston National Member-at-Large

Dear Comrade Preston:

Thank you very much for sending me all the copies of the May Hall in Barre, Vermont. I deeply appreciate it and apologize for not acknowledging receipt earlier. They arrived at my appreciation. It seems as if I have much work at hand and that I have not seen the SLP still had offices and I was “free” to put it 10 to 12 hours a day without outside. I think those things were tough back then, but little did I know how different the world has become when, I had to look after the “house” and the apartment building Donna and I live in while she is off earning our “daily bread.”

The SLP Hall has always intrigued me and I have always wondered why those in charge never bother to invite an SLP speaker to be the leaser of the affairs they occasionally hold, such as the one I thought was mentioned in the newsletter you sent. Indeed, it has been glaring, to the least, read of AFL-CIO officials and former SLP members such as Paul Bulh holding forth for the “socialists.” While I am partly to blame, however, because I have never had time to take the initiative and let it be known that the old SLPPers who built that hall might well have enjoyed their grandson at the thought of some AFL-CIO figure “explaining” what their political views were. I am of the opinion that one can interfere in some way after things settle down again, though it is impossible to tell when that might be.

In any event, I am grateful for what you sent and hopes this finds you feeling well and in high spirits. Thanks again.

With best wishes for the holiday season, I remain

FRATERNALLY YOURS,
ROBERT BILLS National Secretary

LETTERS TO THE PRESS

SLP member-at-large, Andrew Campbell recently submitted a letter to the editor of the Santa Rosa, Calif., Press Democrat, in response to several editorial changes in the print and online editions for November 29. The changes were made by striking through Comrade Campbell’s original words and inserting those inserted in their place.

EDITOR: Lately there have appeared Many Letters to the Press Democrat and libelous comments. It is true to “Marcxism” and “socialism.” To repeat an ob- servation made by a reader in August, most people know nothing about Marxism.

In this limited space, one can barely begin to detail the overwhelming mis- conceptions and confusion that surround Marx and Engels and their elaborative social-ist (as differentiated from “utopian socialism”).

Marx was a 19th century German so- cial scientist who wouldn’t recognize the nonsense sociology and liberal Marxism

in the Soviet Union, and the bureaucratic despotism, for example).

Socialism—a free worker-owned, controlled and operated system of exchange that produces goods and services for the working people, rather than for sale and profit-has never been practiced.

Capitalism, the once progressive suc- cessor to feudalism, is an outmoded eco- nomic and political system that has been in existence for over two centuries. Its discretionary nature has brought it to the point where 1 percent of the population owns over 95 percent of the wealth and power of society by horrible means, the SLP presents a model. This is not the case.

SLP VS. SPGB

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The SPGB’s and its “World Socialist Movement” that is a response to the demand of the working class for a world in which the state has disappeared.

I am very familiar with the SPGB’s viewpoint—Socialist Industrial Un- ionism—and with its ultra-abstractionism statements on unionism in general—but I am sure that Party members might be with these statements.

I entirely agree with you and the other SLP and SLPV have virtually nothing in common. The SLPV’s viewpoint is to have and how to achieve it at odds with that of the SLP. The SPGB is calling the “Socialist Revolution” in the United States, in that both are “purely-simplistic, and one is militarized.” While the SPGB differs from the SP, in that the former professes to deploy re-formism, while the latter communists, there, neither have any clear concept of what socialism is or how to achieve it.

I am in complete agreement with the model. It is necessary to have the idea of how to move from democratic capitalism to “stateless society.” The working class is a “democratic society” that differs entirely from the current state. It is not to be established, but is the work of the working class. The working class must be the organ of the working class. The working class must be free to act in its own interests. The working class must be free to act in its own interests.

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