The RED LIGHT.

Handbook of the Queensland Social-Democracy.

 objects and rules, &c.

Let no man fear the name of Socialist.
The movement of the working class for Justice
by any other name would be as terrible...

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"Help the Cause Along."

In Yankl'shoy "Zemli Sift,"

There is now an active struggle, everywhere, and night and day, to turn the heads of the masses of the people towards the Rights of Man. The eyes of the masses are open, and they see the wrongs that are being done. Have we noticed it, in our midst? Are you helping it? To prevent the spread of truth and freedom, to stop the speech against the wrong?

While the great Wall of Ignorance is built, the truth of the people's rights is being trampled underfoot. The bands of truth who are still fighting the enemy are to be congratulated. Will you not join in the battle, and stand up for the freedom of the people?

Isn't it time to help the Vanguard, the only help to the Cause Along? Though it is true that it is not an easy task, we must do our best to help the Cause Along.

There are those who suffer, those who are fighting, and those who are helping. Help them, help them with your hands and your voices.

There is a cry of the children, 'are you going to help?' It comes to the ears and is heard by the people. We must help them, and do our best to make the world a better place.

In conclusion, let us work together to make the world a better place. Help the Cause Along. Help the Vanguard.

Social Democratic Party of the British Empire.

Social - Democratic - Vanguard.
MANIFESTO
OF THE
Social-Democratic Vanguard.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT."

"Moses Light, Moses Light! cried dying Gethsemane. From the beginning "Let There Be Light" has been the proper of the evolution of all ages. To-day in its least agony because of the pains and woes of the people the Social Democratic Vanguard echoes again "Let There Be Light!"—RED LIGHT. And in doing so the Vanguard makes the workers to rally round the Red Flag—the emblem of Unity, Liberty, Fraternity, Peace and Plenty.

Business Card.
Queensland Council of the great international Labour Movement, the Social Democratic Vanguard has nothing to say, and it means to say it. It trusts you will agree with such a well-timed and necessary.

It is manifest to the Social Democratic Vanguard that at the present time less enthusiasm and less seriousness is displayed in the battle for social justice than in the stirring days of the birth of the Queensland Labour Movement—days of intense combat that witnessed the awakening of the conscience of the millions then in the embryo of a new social, political and industrial system destined to establish a collective form of society.

Notwithstanding that the opponents of the demand have shown all the privileges of Government to retain for the legislative supremacy control of the country's administration, we have to confess the fact that on the part of many Labour leaders there has been not a desire to have a close and earnest adherence to the basic principles of social co-operation and co-operation, the right and wholesome task of public spirit in national affairs on the part of the people. A pure monopoly has taken upon the hand, and today is exhibited an indifference and callousness in the public soul which our party demands. These conditions demand a closer call to activity, a purer adherence to the supreme principles of social co-operation, and the observance of the high mission of the movement for social emancipation, and the energetic for the next century. The Social Democratic Vanguard indicates the dangers of the times, and urges a revival of Socialist activities.
The Vanguard and its Programme.

Eatingly may have been mentioned something of what the S.D.V. has done and seeks to do. The Vanguard is an organization appealing to the principles of Democratic Socialism. It came into existence in March last as the result of a secret caucus for the advancement of social reform along the socialist or democratic and pro-gender lines. Prior to its formation there existed in Queensland no serious Social Democratic political organization, and the need of such a body became so obvious that a few Social Democrats determinedly set out to work to effect a change. That the formation filled a want is attested by its rapid growth. The organization has secured the hearty cooperation of the Labour Press, by the agency of which it signals to a weekly audience of not less than 20,000. It has published six tracts (including "Pakistan" and "Laissez-Faire" and "Soviet Union" and "The Labour Movement") and has gratuitously distributed over 20,000 pamphlets from Britain and other Socialist centres of activity, a large number of progressive journals. In purposes establishing Vanguard Groups wherever openings can be made. It has established a Club Room in Brisbane (its headquarters), has started a Students' Reading Club, and has opened up communications with likeminded Australians, British, and Continental organizations. At the recently held Victorian Socialist Congress it was represented by H. H. Haysom, Chairman of the Executive Committee, which is assisted by co-operators in various centers. It holds public meetings on occasion, and positively attempts to forward Municipalism in local government. It is rapidly perfecting its literature-distributing machinery, and seeks to make its propaganda reach and a collective literature depot. It is an organization for self-culture and social service, seeks not only to maintain but to extend the already-existent, more special consideration to Soviet ideas, and aims at being the ally of all progressive bodies as far as possible promoting such with the Socialist ideal. Briefly, the Vanguard seeks to institutionalize, store sympathy, encourage activity, and inspire co-operation in the cause of human betterment.

The Economic Basis of Socialism.

Further, the Social-Democratic Vanguard believes the main cause of the world's poverty, misery, and starvation to be false, larger, non-competitive competition is world-wide, that discontent is growing, no intelligent person will deny. That poverty, crime, murder, dependence, and agitations are increasing the world over is a fact that can be substantiated in thousand different ways and from all sources of truthful information. The Socialists claim that their faith is based on principles economically true and sound, that Socialism is scientific, and that to account for the world-wide conditions of today, and the emergence of labor, the inquiring mind must include a clear and critical survey of the economic evolution of industry. The investigation of a generation of Socialist economists has shown and proved conclusively—

1st. That land and labor are together primarily the source of all wealth.

2nd. That private property in land and free competition in labor have made the labourer the virtual slave of capital.

3rd. That as the industry of a country becomes more intensely developed the stronger becomes the operation of the "first law of wages."—That wages tend to sink to the lowest point which will still admit subsistence to the labourer.

The division of Labour and the application of machinery to production has during the present century evolved conditions and methods of industry never before known in human history. These conditions, ever becoming more intensified, are at length the phase of the great evolutionary movement towards the elimination of land and all the instrumentality of production in the hands of a few.

The vast aggregations of capital grow greater and greater, and the most policy developed combines present spectacles on the first line of organized crime, with its millions,its tools,its machine,its monopolistic practices, and on the other the production, a gigantic wave of misery by diminution the largely means of subsistence lie between it and bare life. But it will be an easy step from the deified-civilization state to the Communist Commonwealth, with a simple organization of industrial conditions. The workaday of the new state will be "Expropriation for use and not for profit." "Handy work and corn with naked hands."

From the economic industrial standpoint Quaker-band presents all the conditions of the semi-developed community. There is always a large measure of State Socialism, and a great portion of the public revenue is expended. The latest of the Socialist party is for the further extension of State and Municipal industry, and a substitution resistance to all attempts to grant concessions to capitalist exploiters.

Following the completion of the economic basis of Socialism comes the demand that legislation should be strictly in accord with its basic premises, that every legislative proposal and achievement may be regarded as a forward step to the nation of the Social Democratic Commonwealth. From this point of view there can be little sympathy with the many proposals to amend or enact a reform programme—merely garments, the discussion of which simply serves to divert the attention of a sympathetic and amenable audience from the path of real reform. Let it be a step forth from this that the Vanguard desires any genuine reform, either Democratic or Social, even if its achievement would yield only temporary advantage as a precursive step forward. The trouble exists in the combined influence of every race or all of these reforms as the chief goal of the democratic party of the socialistic party. This is an advantage to the Socialists, on the one hand, and to the Fascists, on the other. The trouble exists as a heritage drawn across the line, and some discrimination against Socialism.

Vote for Socialism.

The remedy for the social ill of today lies in the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth. The workers of the S.D.V. are pledged to work for each. These are your comrades. You can help with your vote. The Social-Democratic movement is world-wide. It is international. Its strength increases with the passing of the years. The working class in every nation into Social-Democracy that power to was consummation from wage slavery.
The most important thing is to vote for Socialism, if you do not vote for it, then you are bound to have hard times, small low wages, about the food, want, about victimization. Three and sixpence are the results of the necessities, self-destroying social and industrial system which we live under which you live. If you wish for a change you must vote for the only system that will be able to grapple with the system in Socialism.

Political Action Necessary.

The Vanguard recognizes that the movement must come through Parliament, and that the dismantling of political action would be detrimental to the people's progress. Therefore the Vanguard would create a sentiment expressing itself in the form of a new political organization. As a democratic organization the Vanguard believes in active suffrage and is in the initiative and reformation, because if we mean to enable the people the equal expression to their will and control those who are their servants, the politicians. But given these and other reforms the organization of the movement is by no means complete. Pallid votes may improve conditions, but something more is required. That is why the Vanguard urges you to think workers to vote for Socialism; now is the time to act. No political machinery is worthwhile unless it is to produce social conditions.

The Vanguard and the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Here may be indicated the attitude of the Vanguard to the Parliamentary Labour Party. The Vanguard believes that the P.L.P. is an outmoded Socialist Party, with the Vanguard's object a permanent feature of its platforms, and that the members should be deductively informed that underlining the present political aims of the party in the final establishment of a Collectivist society. Under the Labour Party in Socialism nothing has a fundamental status. For the Labour movement is in a decisive moment. The Vanguard thinks that the principles on which the P.L.P. was founded should and should not be included in political being a straightforward Socialist Party.

Furthermore, the Vanguard desires to say that in its opinion the Labour M.L.A. should be prepared in and out of Parliament to preach Socialist economics and ethics. Let the workers hear of the politics which face to speak of Socialism. Let them remember that the great Interposing Labour Party and Social Democratic Federation, of Britain, and the Continental and American Labour Parties, are pronouncedly and unreservedly Socialists in aim and action. Is Queensland to lag behind in the movement?

The Party was born as a Socialist Party, and began its life with the following (among other objects):

1. The nationalization of all means of wealth, and all means of producing and exchanging wealth.
2. The conducting by the State authority of all production and all wealth.
3. The re-organization of society upon the above lines to be commenced at once, and proceed unconditionally until social justice is secured to each and every citizen (see WOKE, November 16th, 1895).

And this is what was said by the third editor of the Worker:

What the Council (General Council A. U. F.) aimed at was evidently to lay down a basic defining or clarifying the ultimate aim of the Labour Movement, so that from the moment of the adoption Labour-in-politics would take up a position which would place it at and beyond the narrow party lines with which the means have hitherto been belaboured, and would raise a distinct political issue, which none but workers, or true sympathizers with the workers, would pretend to adopt.

And now after the lapse of a decade the Vanguard believes that the Party should get back to the 15th Platform, and to the politician. But the workers must get back to the 15th Platform, must be a citizen of the Society. A citizen of the society must be a worker.

Modern Municipalism.

Modern Municipalism is presenting splendid ample lessons in Collectivism to those who have ears to hear and eyes to see, and in growth means the development of higher ideals of citizenship and an enlarged habitation of a civic life. The Vanguard asks the workers to recognize that while Parliamentary action is useful and good, it is not more useful or more worthy of attention than municipal action. The idea of most people in regard to the function and business of local bodies are limited and shallow. It is necessary to perceive that municipal government is of far-reaching importance. The functions of municipal governing body have grown in an extent understood of the beginning of the century. As municipal ownership is the corollary—indeed, in many cases must be the forethought of State Ownership, it is necessary that greater activity be exhibited by the people in matters pertaining to local government. In the opinion of many the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth will be hastened by municipal action. Certain it is that in local administration lies splendid opportunities of demonstrating the wisdom and utility of Collectivism. Knowing the importances of the whole question the Vanguard urges the need of a radical amendment of the Local Government Acts, providing new acts that the franchise be broadened, taxation be on the betterment principle, and payment of Councillors be instituted.

New a Word Particularly to Socialists.

You Socialists, how much do you want Socialism? Do you want it enough to do a little work for it? do you want citizens to push it while you will take the 15th Platform as they serve? Will you do a little work? Will you help the Vanguard in its crusade against monopoly and greed? Be Something! Do Something! Help the Vanguard.

YOU CAN do this by joining the Vanguard—propaganda. The literature of Socialism is the propaganda. We need workers. The capitalists understand the power of having the people read their literature; they own or control almost the entire press of Australia. You furnish them with the money to keep you under; you should do willing work to get them off your backs. Socialists must get their literature into the hands of the people. It will be cheaper to scatter literature than wait until you are bound hand and
Social-Democratic Vanguard.

1. Name.
"The Social-Democratic Vanguard."

2. Object.
An industrial Commonwealth founded upon the socialisation of land and capital.

The elevation of the people in the struggle of Social Democracy by—
(a) Challenging the position concerning its fundamental principles.
(b) Devoting practical methods of directing public attention to the need of Social Reform.
(c) Publishing, as convenient, tracts, literature showing its bearings or public questions.
(d) Securing the representation of its principles on public bodies.
(e) Organising for purposes of literary and educational service.
(f) Establishing a reference library for the use of members.

4. Membership.
Social-Democrats will be admitted as members on payment of a minimum annual subscription of 2s. 6d. The organisation's year will be from January 1 to December 31.

5. Officers.
The Officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the one person.

6. Committees.
The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and three other members. These members shall be elected by the committee. The need of a committee shall be declared by the president (or three committee meetings, or for any justifiable cause.

The Executive Committee shall conduct the general business of the organisation, prepare literature for publication, and in other ways give effect to the methods of the organisation, with full power to transact business. It shall represent a part of its transactions at the monthly meeting of members.

Commissions for special purposes may be appointed by either the Executive Committee or by members assembled in general meeting.

7. Meetings.
The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of February, at which the Executive Committee shall report and transact business (works being kept up to the 31st December preceding) shall be presented, officers and committee approved, and the rules (if deemed as such amended). General meetings shall be held monthly. The Executive Committee shall meet as often as may be found necessary. Public meetings may from time to time be arranged.

8. Resolutions.
All resolutions of which seven days' notice have been given shall be considered at the subsequent General Meeting. Motions shall not be considered without notice by advertisement or circular, notice of any motion must be written not to exceed any order.
Concerning Groups.

A HINT OR TWO.

The Social-Democratic Vanguard realizes that its work can only be made entirely successful by the coöperation of bands of members operating as separate and distinct units. The success to the rule will allow, such results are expected to be as often self-governing as self-supporting. What we believe in is a coöperation that can be brought together in a Group where there shall be established. Having decided to act in this way, officers shall be appointed and the Group organized with headquarters. The means of each subsequent member shall be furnished to the General Secretary, and the usual subscriptions. Any group is expected to be actively coöperating centre with headquarters. Once established, communication between Groups and headquarters should be regularly maintained, and reports of Group work be periodically furnished.

P oly of policy that aims to secure the reconstruction of society, increase of work, and a more equal distribution of the proceeds of labor in industrious and industrious persons and the public participation in the management of the public in its entirety. A survey of its conduct is incomplete.

The question of socialization in the capitalist order is that society can do without it. Not merely does it without the laborer's and the feudal labor, but of that wage system as a necessary to the well-being and the very existence of society. — Henry C. Clark.

Socialism being the product of social evolution, the only danger lies in the destruction of man's freedom. — J. P. B. P. Bourgeois.

Socialism is an endeavor to realize for the masses of struggle for the future, to establish their equal participation in the management of the State, which is the foundation of social democracy. — John Stuart Mill.

The socialization of industry is the most important single and beneficent development. — Henry C. Clark.

Socialism is not the destruction of the State, but the organization of the State, the dictatorship of labor, which is to be realized in the Socialism of the masses. — Karl Marx.

Socialism is not a reform, but a revolution, a complete change in the social order. — Karl Marx.

Socialism is the realization of the principle of freedom. — Karl Marx.

Socialism is the organization of the State, the dictatorship of labor, which is to be realized in the Socialism of the masses. — Karl Marx.