

Now is the time for the community to take charge and deal with both employers and employees in the same way, if we are to avoid the chaos to which we are fast drifting.

We have successfully held the employers in check, and in the interests of the workers and the rest of the community we must hold, not so much the unions, as the destroyers in them, in check also.

The only possible solution seems to be, as the Labour Party are too tied down to act, for the Nationalists to prove themselves nationalist and drop calling themselves anti-Labour, and go to the country demanding full power from the people to allow them to pass such laws as will enable the community to hold the offenders in check.

Any party with such a main plank will find support from many more unionists than they expect, especially if they promise to safeguard the interests of the workers.

Of course, such a campaign would be most strenuous for all candidates, and there would be many rowdy mobs endeavouring to break up meetings and prevent speakers being heard, but what else can be done?

The only alternative would be to wait till things got so bad that the people would insist on their representatives putting a stop to the suicidal actions of the destroyers. This would be a dangerous policy as the destroyers, if half the workers were unemployed, instead of confessing it was their fault would trump up some case against the "Capitalistic Government," and it is impossible to forecast how the workers would take it—it might mean a revolution. Further, this would be a cowardly stand to take. The writer's advice is: Do not wait till we are on the ropes, but when the irresponsibles

lead, counter every time. If any section declare anything black retaliate. Do not lie down to it saying, "What can we do?" because if we cannot do anything we might as well get out of the country.

Of course, we can do something. We can surely pass some enactments penalising whoever causes a breach of the Arbitration Act be he employee or employer, and if the employees are penalised compel the employers to collect the penalty from those penalised, so much from each pay. There is really nothing to be frightened of as long as we show some pluck, and don't let the vapourings and noise, and worse still the shibboleths, of the howling pack frighten us. And they will howl when we insist upon the decision of the umpire being final, as they howled at the idea of the secret ballot in the unions, as they howl at anything upright and honourable and anything constructive.

Before closing it would be a change from the criticisms, permeating this article to express admiration for the splendid way some of the Labour politicians, especially the leaders of the State Parliaments are fighting hard for the good of the workers and the community generally. No wonder Labour leaders die young!

And would it be too arrogant to give a little advice to the charming gentleman who at present rules Australia, viz., "Stand up for the women, the children, the workers, and all the decent people of this great continent; roughen up a bit and rub off some of that University polish, and when these poor ignorant destroyers make another onslaught on the community, do not forget the warder's maxim, viz., "There is no use in fooling round with dangerous lunatics: the only way to quieten them is to give them a punch fair on the Solar Plexus."

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