“The House of Debs”

PERSPECTIVE of the PROPOSED

HOUSE of DEBS

INDIANAPOLIS : : INDIANA
WE BELIEVE that the imperative need for the constructive action by all forward-looking people of this country was never so great as now.

WE BELIEVE that only by ceaseless work can the existing defenses of democracy be preserved, so that nothing the people have won in their terrible age-long struggle for liberty shall be lost in the ruins of the world-cataclysm just closing.

THEY ALONE who build silently, patiently, indefatigably, while the rest tear down and destroy, are the invincible fighters for emancipation. They alone will insure a shelter for brotherhood, a hearth for justice and a temple for reason.

WITH THESE ideals in mind the committee for “The House of Debs” has initiated the movement for a great popular institution which shall be a rallying point for all the genuine forces of Democracy.

THIS BUILDING is to be dedicated to the spirit of internationalism, as personified in the life, the work and noble character of that great lover of humanity----'GENE DEBS
An' there's 'Gene Debs, a man 'at stan's,
An' jist hol's out in his two han's
As great a heart as ever beat,
'Twixt this an' the judgment seat.

---James Whitcomb Riley.

The Committee in charge of this proposition believes that so long as capitalism exists our opportunities to exercise the few democratic privileges remaining to us will continue to grow fewer.

Legislative enactments prohibiting public assemblage and restricting the freedom of the press have already caused considerable disturbance in the world of labor.

The rape of human rights has lead, as it always will, to unrest and revolt. Hence we advocate the erection of this proposed building to insure at least a place for the free discussion of the problems of life in this community.

"THE HOUSE OF DEBS"
will contain:

1. A large auditorium and assembly hall.
2. A number of offices, for labor and socialist organization headquarters.
3. A circulating library and reading room.
5. An open forum for discussion of public problems.
6. Educational and recreational center for young and old.
7. Meeting halls for labor organizations.
8. Club rooms with the usual equipment complete.
In fact the building will be a place where all radicals may meet in their own home, where knowledge of social conditions will be taught and where the toilers may find relief from the falsities of capitalist society.

THE SOCIALISTS of Indianapolis intend to raise the money to erect this magnificent structure, by voluntary subscriptions, ownership to rest in the Socialist Party.

THE COMMITTEE recognizes that while the one to whose honor this building is dedicated is a native of Indiana, yet he belongs to the working class of the world, to whom he has devoted his life's work.

WE ARE THEREFORE extending to the working class and all those in sympathy with the cause of the toilers an opportunity to contribute to this great movement.

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