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## CORRUPT, AND PROUD OF IT!

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**T**HE *Volkszeitung*, German daily organ and owner of the “Socialist,” alias Social Democratic party, is surprised at the endorsement of Debs, by the Central Fakirated Union, BUT IT IS NOT ASHAMED. That a body of professed labor leaders and professional old party politicians, notorious for their opposition to Socialism, should, without any signs of previous conversion, declare in favor of Socialism at a time when it was necessary to save Roosevelt from condemnation, causes no blush of shame to mount the *Volkszeitung’s* cheek, on the contrary, it rejoices in the fact!

It is said of Daniel O’Connell that when his enemies endorsed his actions, he would wonder what harm he had done the Irish cause, that they should thus approve of him. This principle does not apply to the *Volkszeitung*. The enemies of Socialism may endorse both Socialism and Debs, in order to protect Roosevelt, without any wonder from it; for the *Volkszeitung* and its party need, and consequently accept, such endorsements, as both are decoys of the capitalist class, misleading the working class on the economic and political fields, in the interests of that class.

To the honest, informed workingmen this endorsement will be another one of the many bits of evidence connecting the “Socialist,” alias Social Democratic party with the two old political parties. It will be one of the thorns in the side of that party in the future.

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