

Postscript

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The experience of seeing hope dawn in faces that showed sorrow, suffering, disillusionment, and hopelessness, was one I shall never forget. I had been introduced in Yiddish to this audience of 450 at an East Side settlement house in New York. Here was a section of humanity ill-clothed, ill-housed, and ill-fed.

The film "Millions of Jobs" was explained in simple terms. A question period followed, during which it was pointed out to these people that they should not be dependent upon "capitalists" or others for jobs. They should be in a position to create jobs for themselves; to feed and house and clothe themselves; to produce foods that are needed and exchange these things with others; to open shops or factories; to build homes in cities or on farms; to become free and independent. They could do these things through having access to the resources of the planet Earth on which the Creator has provided more than enough food, clothing, and shelter for every generation of men.

The thought came to me again, as it has so many times before, that we who have been fortunate enough to learn the answer to the problems of all disinherited peoples should feel an humble but intense responsibility to place these answers before the whole world.

One of these days you will be asked to assist financially in the work of the school. If you could have seen the new light of hope and courage in the faces of this one audience, I know you would feel as I do, that our minds, our

energies, and our financial resources should be given to our expanding program of education.

There must be enough enthusiasm, intelligence, and financial support to take our story to the "common man" and tell him what the Prophets said so many years ago—

"The Earth is the Lord's!"

"The Land Shall Not Be Sold Forever."

"The Profit of the Earth Is For All."