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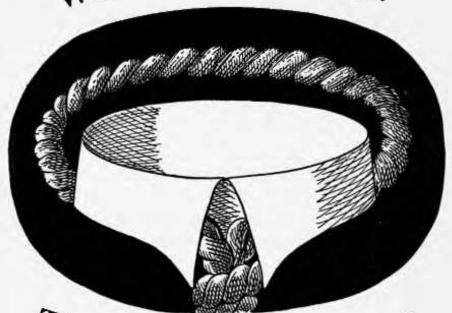
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Dedicated to the unsung heroines of this labor movement, the wives of our leaders, without whose patience, self-sacrifice and long-suffering this movement would never have been a success.



### PREFACE

## DIRECTIVE WHITE-COLLAR THINKING ON DEMOCRACY AND AMERICA

A Democracy is a state of Society characterized by nominal

equality of rights and privileges be they political or social.

The broad concept of the above definition must never be distorted to suit the specific convenience of any individual or group, for to do so would be to devalue the efforts of man in his eternal struggles and eventually also destroy those who would seek to profit by manipulation.

Primitive man found many advantages in association with others of the same kind. The first was protection motivated by the law of self-preservation. However, this primitive man gave up some individual rights he formerly had—namely, to kill others indiscriminately—for the greater advantage of not becoming the ready victim of such promiscuity.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that life is basic and fundamental and that man has learned through a social order to cooperate to preserve it—to give up the primitive rights to kill and

to steal and thus form families, clans, tribes and nations.

Consequently, it is hardly conceivable that it should be the inalienable right of any individual or group of individuals to exploit or jeopardize the welfare of society as a whole. To presuppose such an inalienable right might raise the question as to their destiny were they to find themselves suddenly unprotected by the society whose welfare they chose to ignore and thus became themselves objects of exploitation.

At this point, it is well to repeat what has already been stated once before.

The world was moving through a field of strong forces and unrest which found expression in a European War, and it is the thought of every real American thinker that a true picture and