

A. Rhys Williams The Soviets (Harcourt, Brace & Co NY) 1937

"Our society is Socialist because private ownerships of factories, plants, land, banks, and transportation has been abolished in our country and replaced by public property" (Stalin to Roy Howard 1936) Two forms: government ownership and collective, cooperative ownership by members.

"What the [soviet citizen] is prevented from doing is appropriating the fruits of other people's labors. .... gives him a number of new rights. These are the rights to work, to leisure, to education, to material security from infancy to old age .."

Why not call it comm? ".... the S.U. is still far distant from the goals of communism.

"Comm. envisages an ideal society in which each person gives acc. to his ability and receives acc. to his needs. In the S.U. inequality of earnings still exists, people are paid as elsewhere acc. to the quality and quantity of their work. Comm. is a stateless society ... In the S.U. the state is still all-powerful, regulative, coercive. Comm. is a classless society .... In the Soviet U. .... there are still remnants of the old classes, and many vestiges of the old order still survive in the customs and consciousness of the people." (40)

Plz 43. Lenin explains Soviet system to Col. Raymond Robins

[Why don't you send Mr Schwab to the Senate?]

"Why don't you send Mr Storgan to your Senate? And if you believe in your steel industry, in its present organization. Our system will destroy yours because it will consist of a social control which recognizes the basic fact that the real power to day is economic and that the social control must therefore be economic also ..... Our repr. from Baku will be elected by the workers. Who are these workers? The men, who manage and the men who obey the orders of managers - the superintendents, engineers, artisans, manual laborers ..... I say that a man as producer is more important than man as citizen ... This system is stronger than yours because it admits reality.

[Das ist Kapitalisme! maar realiteit!]