

Manifesto**by Steve White**

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Manifesto**Statement of Aims**

**The Iowa Socialist Workers and Vakis
Party**

**Submitted by the Organizing Council of
the Party**

**First Socialist Workers Congress
Ames, Provisional Republic of Iowa**

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Fellow Workers and Vakis

For the past two decades our people have been exploited in a costly and tragic response to the horror of the Change. While the cruel masters of Des Moines and the Farmers and Sheriffs who have installed them continue to deny us our fundamental rights as a people, increasing numbers of good Iowans have recognized the evil of our present system and demand that the corrupt dictatorship in Des Moines return the power they have stolen to the rightful owners of the land and the mills and factories, the workers and vakis of Iowa.

The vast resources and sums of money that the corrupt Heasleroad dynasty squander in their cynical feast

upon our land belong to the people of Iowa. It should be used, guided by progressive and humanistic principles, to make Iowa the shining example of the New Age a free society, free of hunger and poverty, free of exploitation and oppression, free of the slums of the factory cities, free of the brutality of life in evacuee hamlets and the misery they produce.

The rights and dignity of workers and evacuees have been trampled on the last two decades. We have been called to fight and die for what the Heasleroad dynasty calls national survival, but we have been forced to suffer oppression, discrimination and social degradation in our homes and our lands. As oppressed people we have the unconditional right

to control our lives and determine our destinies as we see fit.

We, the workers, are forced to suffer in the factories and mills of Des Moines, of Cedar Rapids, of Sioux City and of Dubuque. We have been forced into the factories against our will, breathing the foul air to manufacture goods that should be used for the benefit of the people, kept in the grasp of the greedy and exploitative cronies who fund the Heasleroad dynasty, all in order to keep the people of Iowa in the grip of an unjust, immoral and illegal regime. We are forced to live and work in a system that we did not create and in which we do not believe.

We, the vakis, are shunted to hamlets under the tyranny and coercion of

Farmers throughout the land. We have been forced to plow the good soil while the fruit of our labor is stolen by the Sheriffs and their National Guard, who suppress our humanity and individuality so as to ensure we never fight for our birthright.

We are kept ostracized and poor in a land of plenty, continually spied upon by the State Police, tortured to break our resistance, and kept ignorant and illiterate so that we may never be allowed to discuss the evil regime and speak out against it, to influence and control our society.

But it is our right to be human and to be citizens of our land. No one can take that from us no one may rob us of our dignity the way the Farmers and

Sheriffs, the Factory Owners and the State Police try to do every day. It is our right to think, to speak out, to resist, and to demonstrate our opposition to the unjust and evil Heasleroad regime. We are citizens of Iowa even if the powers that run this state would like us to forget it.

The Regime wants to take away our rights, to anesthetize us with an unremitting regimen of monotonous work to make goods that do not benefit us, to enslave us with the tedium of tilling land that has been stolen from us, to scare us with talk of scarcity and cannibalism, of war and plague, of Indian attacks and wild men, all to keep us from exercising our rights as a free people. The Regime imposes a new style

of imperialism in the New Age of Change so that the Farmers and the Factory Owners can extract their profits, using the State Police to enforce this system by systematic violence, using their imposed culture to keep us ignorant, using lies and suppression to keep us unaware of the socially creative forces within each of us men and women.

But they cannot do that.

If we as workers and vakis stand up for our rights and use our progressive principles, the Guard and the Police cannot stop us. If we speak out and demonstrate our opposition to the dirty regime in Des Moines, no one can stop us. If we reach out to each other, workers supporting vakis and vakis standing alongside labor, we can defend ourselves,

our families and our rights. If we stand together we can make our grievances known throughout Iowa, and we can win.

We affirm the guiding philosophical ideal of non-violence as the foundation of our collective action, but we also proclaim that there can be no peace without freedom and social justice. We seek a social order of justice and the integration of human behavior into building a just society. Justice for all overthrows injustice, and justice for Iowa will overthrow a hateful oligarchy and replace it with a human-centered society that teaches acceptance, not prejudice, hope, not despair, and peace, not war. We appeal to conscience and standing on the moral nature of human existence, and we appeal to our fellow

citizens to stand together in a genuine spirit of progressive belief, to stand for community control of our institutions and our land, so that all institutions serve the needs of our people. We appeal for collective action to enforce our rights and impose our ideals so as to make the New Age, the World after the Change, a free and just society for all.

We, the Iowa Socialist Workers and Vakis Party, have already begun to do this. We have come together in order to organize workers and vakis to defend our rights and free our land from the noxious Heasleroad regime. If you agree with us, join with us. Together we shall tell the truth and use that truth to make us free...FREE