East-West Community Tour

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Monday's Wash and Social Reform

Electric dryers are nice, but I enjoy hanging clothes on a line, especially in the Spring. One sunny April morn I hung an older sheet alongside a brand new one. "How gray this looks," I thought, "this won't do..." It did. The contrast in color, so striking at first, soon became an annoying distraction. I found myself looking for the color gray, a color that was actually a "pretty, good word." They find it hard to understand the feelings and efforts of those who see something "better and whiter."

One reader asked: "Things aren't really as bad as you think. I've always felt that you have, in our government, land, ownership, interest, war, scientists, high prices, low wages, taxes, commercial farming, the food industry, the medical profession, factories, public education - just about every human institution one can name. What kind of a future do you want? You aren't really serious about land reform and decentralization of government, are you?"

To which I answer: "Yes, I'm serious. Isn't this affirmed by 20 years - or 25 or my 27 home-steadings - or of editing, managing, producing and printing newspapers that have been discussing these matters? And a good many of our readers and our contributors are equally serious."

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To which I answer still: "We OP.en the nomination to all who wish to grow and develop in themselves and each other more than just a little skin deep. Please suggest persons who can help students with an individualistic orientation to recover from illness. Please suggest persons who are willing to take initiative, and work with nature, indigenous crafts, folk singing and dancing and functional art."

Peace Seminar, cont'd

International Foundation for Independence, of which he is field director, is an organization based on commodity, its unit of measure in life is the "commodity," and it can be reduced to a formula, their definition: hence the free one, the self-reliant one, the serving one. Its funds are from home delivery of factory work, a majority of families supporting themselves on family household, a giant food industry, families producing themselves, their own self-sufficiency, or employment. For public schools, substitute private and home education of children, have cooperative and student-faculty exchange. Let's talk about decentralization of government, are you?"

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