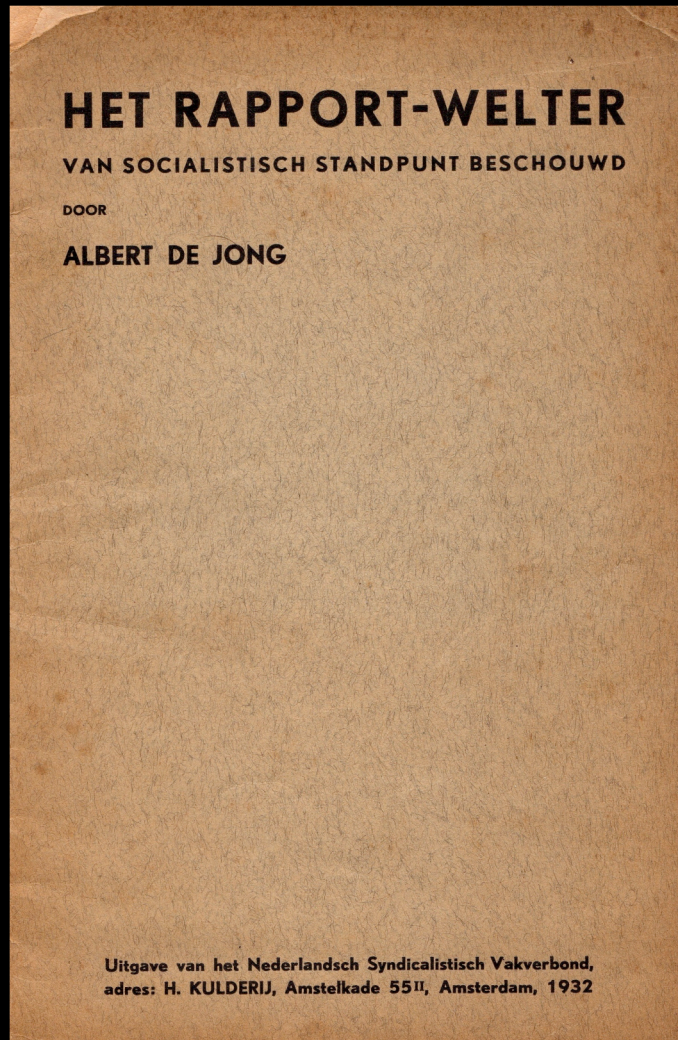


Anarchist ideas on how to end economical crises

Albert de Jong's pamphlet:
The Welter-report from a socialist viewpoint (1932)

Dennis de Lange

Striking similarities



‘The government, that has to provide a bare minimum for the growing number of hundreds of thousands of unemployed, while at the same time is spending a fortune to bailout banks and big corporations (after ensuring that private owners earned millions in more affluent years) has never taken one step to fight the crisis itself.’



Cuts proposed by the Welter-commission

- The unemployment benefits and wages in the relief work would be reduced by 15%.
- The wages for civil service personal would be reduced by 8% (13% for unmarried employees).
- 12% of the government employees would be dismissed (education and the military would be exempted).
- Government subsidies would be cut with 1 million guilders.
- Permanent staff in the civil service for the more 'simple jobs' would be replaced by temporary workers.
- 16 million guilders would be cut from the education budget.



De Jong's views on cuts

- Cuts are not necessary.
- Cuts are 'reformist' because they don't affect capitalism itself.
- The crisis proved that capitalism didn't work.
- As long as capitalism will be maintained, the crisis will never be solved.



The working class was weak

- The working class was thinking within the frames of capitalism: they accepted the cuts and lay offs.
- The working class was divided: each group defended their own interests, while they should have been fighting for the working class as a whole.
- The working class was pessimistic: thinking that revolutionary resistance is impossible, is disastrous.



What should the workers do?

- Workers should not accept any lay-offs or cutbacks.
- Workers should unite and start up the production process again.
- Workers should make propaganda for revolutionary resistance and the struggle for socialism.



The struggle for socialism...

- has to be an international struggle;
- has to be an antiparliamentary struggle;
- has to be a struggle based on direct action of the workers themselves;
- has to be built up out of general dissatisfaction about the capitalist system.