

The Social Democrat November 1. 1878

The newspaper Social-Demokraten (*The Social Democrat*) was a socialist newspaper published under several different names in Denmark from 1871-2001. The Social Democrat covered the Fireburn throughout October 1878, but the coverage was based on news from bureaus and other papers, including *Berlingske*. None of these had journalists in St. Croix, but received their information through telegrams from the colonial authorities in the Danish West Indies. In the piece from November 1. The Social Democrat emphasizes that the reports from the island are biased and unfair because they don't contain the voices of the black plantation workers:

In regard to the message above, we have to urgently make our readers aware that it is a completely one-sided account of the events in St. Croix. There is no report from the Negroes side and there will probably never be one, as it seems more likely for [the authorities] to shoot them down rather than listening to their reasons of defense. It is clear from the account, however, that the Negroes have suffered injustice from their employers, which is why the riot has been directed at them only and not at all at the local government, which the spared Common Sugar Factory is surely proof of. Because of this we shall urge our government here in Denmark to perform a thorough investigation over there and help the poor Negroes and other workers to the right they have surely been withheld by their heartless and greedy employers, the rich plantation owners.