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Administration Exposed As U. S. Oil Men Yield

The war-provocative attitude of the Kellogg-Kellogg administration has received a withering and deserved re-echo and exposure from an unexpected source.

stand, although several British companies, including the biggest oil company in Mexico, had already agreed to the Mexican laws.

principal British company, it is the largest landholder of them all. The Standard Oil Company of Indiana Huasteca was founded by Edward L. Doheny and he was until recently its chief shareholder.

panies operating in Mexico will accept the Mexican petroleum law promulgated in December, 1925, as well as the petroleum regulations which will take effect on Dec. 31 of this year.

trary, it legalizes a situation which in the past has been utterly illegal and irregular. There are two classes of lands: those held on leases and those held in fee simple ownership.

ing with them and according to them every facility. "Ample time, for example, will be given to companies in which to comply with the legal requirement calling for registry of documents relating to titles. This eliminates one of the chief obstacles which have stood in the way of the acceptance of the oil law by the American oil companies."

even the interests directly concerned do not want. The reason why American oil and land owners are unwilling to follow Coolidge and Kellogg on a mad adventure in the direction of war is plain. Their refusal to comply with the laws of Mexico meant that Mexico had the right and would annul their property rights in Mexico.

Socialists Take Control of the Government of Finland

Agrarian Government, Convicted of Graft, Resigns—New Election To Be Held in Spring

Farmers of West And South Join On Surplus Plan

2.—Distribute the costs of managing surpluses just as broadly as the results. Each market unit of a particular commodity through an equalization fee.

Renewal Warning!

Thousands of subscriptions that have been running from the first issue of the American Appeal last January will expire the last of this month.

Members of the Appeal Army who sent in subs a year ago can get that photo easily by letting five or more of these subscribers to renew.

Kenworthy Vote Starts British Labor Landslide

NEW YORK—A Labor vote all through the Midlands and the north of England following the election of Kenworthy as Liberal candidate at Hull, running on the Labor ticket, by a factor more than he got in the same constituency as a Liberal candidate in 1924.

British Socialists Plan to Aid Canadian Movement

Aid from the Socialists of Great Britain to build up a strong Socialist movement in Canada, is probable within a few months, Jessie Stephen, organizer and speaker for the British Independent Labor Party, told a representative of the American Appeal while visiting the Appeal office during the week.

The situation in Canada is such that a Socialist movement would probably be a real force in the near future, said Miss Stephen, who has just returned from a lecture tour of Canada during which she covered the provinces from Ontario to the Pacific.

Dr. Flury States Position in Letter Thanking Appeal

The following letter to the American Appeal is from Dr. Henry Flury, the Washington, D. C., high school instructor who was recently attacked by Gen. Fries, poison gas expert, who tried to have Dr. Flury discharged because he wrote a definition of Socialism in connection with a magazine contest:

Socialists Fight To Win Army For German Democracy

BERLIN—A hundred thousand Germans have collected in a campaign to eliminate the last monarchistic elements from the German army.

Slump Threatens Jobs and Wages in Auto Industry

Ford Hard Hit—60,000 Men Laid Off; 190,000 on Part Time

Women of Nation Hit Militarism And Imperialism

WASHINGTON—Six hundred delegates from nine great national organizations of America women have closed their second conference on the cause and cure of war by delivering to President Coolidge a series of resolutions aimed at militarism and commercial imperialism.

Calles Hits Propaganda; States Government Idea!

Plutarco Elias Calles, president of Mexico, gave out the following statement recently in reply to propaganda traced to U. S. Government and Knights of Columbus sources charging that the Mexican government was Bolshevist:

Price Five Cents

Socialist Party News



Important

All State and Local Secretaries are urged to send in all party news to National Headquarters...

Illinois

The State Secretary, Win. R. Snow, reports a large number of comrades to make special contributions for the purchase of subscription cards...

Montana

Comrade James D. Graham, of Montana, tells us there have been several comrades of that state who have contributed American Appeal subscription cards...

New Jersey

The State organization officials of New Jersey called for the list of American Appeal readers...

Idaho

Comrade Cammanna, State Secretary of Idaho, is now stocked up with advertising posters...

Ohio

Comrade John G. Willert, of Ohio, is going after organization as never before...

Utah

O. A. Kennedy, of Utah, is not sleeping at the switch for a moment...

Indiana

The Socialist State Secretary informs Headquarters that the Indianapolis Socialists have adopted the method of holding monthly meetings...

Kansas

The Socialists of Kansas having cast their record vote in the recent state election, are now enthusiastic for better organization...

Texas & Oklahoma

There are many letters from Socialists of the above states who want a thorough party organization for the coming campaigns...

New England District

The Boston Central Branch started off a Sunday afternoon Forum with an excellent meeting...

Comrade George E. Roemer will be the second speaker in the forum series on Sunday, Dec. 19th...

It may be possible to secure Esther Friedman as a speaker in February...

California

Branch Central, Los Angeles, now meets every Thursday evening at 415 E. Broadway...

New York

The December Meeting of Local Buffalo was the second of the series with educational talks for our winter campaign...

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Young People's Department

National Office: 2020 Peoples Soc. League, 25 Townsend St., Fitchburg, Mass. Aarne J. Parker, Nat. Director.

WITH THE CIRCLES

CHICAGO, ILL.—Who wins the fountain pen and pencil? The Yipsels of Chicago are determined to go over the top in the Organization Fund Drive...

JERSEY CITY.—We all know from last week that the Jersey City reached its quota in the drive...

ST. LOUIS.—As we know should be expected, the St. Louis circle sent in at the end of the second week a check covering half of their quota...

NATIONAL OFFICE.—We wish to acknowledge here individual contributions received from: M. V. Halushka, Chicago.

Koop Named for Mayor in Chicago

George Koop, veteran Socialist and trade unionist, was selected as the party's nominee for Mayor in the coming spring election...

Other candidates on the City ticket are Daniel A. Uretz, labor attorney for City Clerk, and John T. Whitlock, former candidate for United States Senator...

The 10th Ward will hold a caucus for the nomination of an aldermanic candidate. This meeting will be held at Tarn's Hall, 2921 Kenwood Ave.

Democrats Afraid Vare Probe Would Show Own Guilt

WASHINGTON.—Decision by the Democratic leaders in the Senate that they will not try to have William B. Wilson seated in place of William Vare as senator from Pennsylvania...

On the industrial field the movement for a living wage has not had a temporary setback, but it has greater chances to succeed on the political field...

Next year is the year of the boom. The bubble is going to burst then. Better get out of the wet.

How U. S. Foreign Markets Are Going

LONDON.—A serious blow to the American motor trade is seen in the announcement yesterday that Morris Motors, Ltd., Oxford, had contracted for the sale of £3,000,000 (\$15,000,000) worth of motor cars in Australia next year...

Appeal Fund For the Week

The Promotion and Sustaining Fund shows good improvement over the week before. In addition to new gifts \$17 was received on old pledges.

Table with columns for names and amounts, including M. Pontiac, Helen Norton, E. A. Young, etc.

Four Fifths of U.S. People Get Less Than This

It costs \$1,424 a year to support the average family of 4.84 persons, a survey of 25,000 typical American homes revealed...

A Socialist Wedge

A living wage for every worker in Great Britain has been adopted as the big issue by the Independent Labor Party...

Prize Winners

The Prize Winning Brigade is the only section of the Appeal Army that didn't grow during the week...

Near Prize Winners

Mrs. James B. Miller, Terre Haute, Ind.; C. E. Stoney, Salt Lake City, Utah; James Heaver, Los Angeles, Calif.

Singles

C. William Thompson, Phila. Pa.; C. B. Cook, Boise, Idaho; H. A. Henry, Indianapolis, Ind.; L. T. Tabb, Loveland, Colo.

Workers Capture Army in Austria

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Appeal Army Activities

Army Record

This is a big week. The Appeal staff is feeling mighty fine about it. The Army has made a gain of more than \$100 over the week before.

Table with columns for Bundles, Subscriptions, Promotion and Sustaining Fund, and Total.

Hint to Army

Here is the biggest thing the Army can do right now to help. Several thousand Appeal subscriptions obtained in advance of starting with the first issue of the Appeal will expire at the end of the year.

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Renew Your Sub On This Blank

Subscription list table with columns for Name, Address, and Amount. Includes names like M. Pontiac, Helen Norton, E. A. Young, etc.

FOR THE COMRADES WHO READ ITALIAN La Parola del Popolo

Comrades: I will arrange to finance you in your own home and help you unload the Banker and Landlord at the same time.

Buy CIGARS by the BOX Made in a Co-Operative Shop

Volks-Stimme German Socialist Weekly

THE NEW LEADER A SOCIALIST WEEKLY

The Carolina Independent

Vorwaerts GERMAN SOCIALIST WEEKLY

The Appeal Question Box

Public Ownership

Miss Brokaw
In the Question Box you say: "If individual, group, class, or of- ficial, possessed greater power..."

better for democratic ownership in a real sense. Vice versa, it breaks up and begins to uproot the present private monopoly of the sources of life.

Answer

But if upon Sinclair or any other understanding Socialist would up the present postal system as an example or model of ideal public ownership...

Necessarily and regrettably under present conditions, such ownership by the present state is largely political. THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION UNDER CAPITALISM...

Appalling Jump In Child Labor Shown in Report

With the Workers Around the World

Australia
SIDNEY—As wages are fixed by industrial courts, the New South Wales Labor government wants to give the industrial commission the power of fixing prices also.

Mexico City
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—The Labor party ticket, headed by Arturo Saracho, was swept into office in Mexico City municipal elections yesterday.

Asia
India and China are the two countries where trade unionism is growing most rapidly. In India, the victory of 150,000 Bombay cotton textile strikers late in 1925 gave a tremendous impetus to the labor movement.

Poland
The workers of Poland face the prospect of a Fascist-Fascist coalition, but this circumstance is somewhat mitigated by the fact that the present Fascist-Fascist coalition behind Pilsudski...

Bulgaria
The reactionaries of Bulgaria, who are practically Fascist real with the blood of thousands of murdered workers, were outvoted by the opposition parties in the national election just held.

Negro Editors Fined For Telling Truth
Two Negro editors of the Louisville, Ky., News have been fined \$250 each by H. F. S. Bailey, special circuit court judge of Madisonville, for having published an editorial in which they charged the Kentucky courts with being prejudiced against Negroes.

Propaganda Probe Demanded in House
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Demand that the State Department inform Congress whether it is going to use the three national afternoon press associations for propaganda purposes in throwing out hints that Mexico is drifting to bolshevism was contained in a resolution introduced in the House today by Representative La Guardia, Republican, of New York.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Are The Farmers Advancing?

The annual meeting of the Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago again raises the question, "Are the Farmers of America advancing as regards the political and industrial ideas?"

Labor Sweeps Mexico City

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Garment Workers Win 5-Day Week

CHICAGO—Starting Dec. 20, the five-day week will be recognized as the standard working week in Chicago by 150 cloak and suit manufacturers employing more than 2,000 workers.

Movie Employees Unionize Organized

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Organized labor has won the most victory in the history of this city, without strike or loss of a minute's time by the 3,500 employees involved.

Socialists Still Lead in Denmark

COPENHAGEN—A coalition government, composed of Liberals and Conservatives, seems likely as the result of the elections last week.

U. S.-Owned Ships Beginning to Pay

Uncle Sam is beginning to make money out of his merchant marine. T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, told a New York audience last week that five of the government's steamships, headed by the Leviathan, had cleared a profit of \$1,663,000 from July to November, 1926.

Bankers Get State Phones of France

PARIS—The French telephone system is controlled by American capital, despite its state ownership, is the sensational charge by Deputy Andre Joffroy, secretary of the chamber committee on purchases.

British Socialist-Plan to Aid Canadian Movement

strength is such that it has legislative representative in five provinces and has three members in the Canadian parliament. Its legislative representation is as follows: Manitoba, 5; Alberta, 4; British Columbia, 3; Saskatchewan, 2; and in the election two weeks ago in Ontario, for the first time, a Socialist was elected to the legislature. He is Dr. Kossuth.

The situation is such, said Miss Stephen, that we are justified in expecting splendid results. In Canada would undoubtedly have a strong Socialist movement now were it not for the nonpartisan political policy of the American Federation of Labor.

Are we not justified in asking, what right has a system, in this age of science and machinery, to exist, let alone to set itself up as a model for the civilized world to copy?

The Worst Monopoly

A very important move is that of the Social Democratic party of Germany, aided by other democratic elements to take the German Army out of the hands of the monarchists and Fascists and put it in the hands of the democratic forces of Germany.

The Auto Slump

The slowing up of the auto manufacturing industry reported from Detroit conveys an important lesson in economics. This has been the boom industry. Wages have advanced rapidly here, but productive methods have not advanced so rapidly.

High Wage Bubble

American capitalism has been boasting that high wages and the diffusion of prosperity have become so great in America that the American workers no longer have legitimate ground for complaint and that the just distribution of wealth and the social problem are being solved by capitalism itself.

Thought Suppression Upheld in New York

New York State Commissioner of Education Charles B. Smith has upheld the ban on the National Civil Liberties Union from the school buildings of that state. The union will institute mandamus proceedings against the Board of Education.

Thinks 40 Years Too Light for Communist

On the part of the American Liberals it is surely a pity for Paul Crouch, Honolulu soldier serving a three years sentence in Alcatraz prison for communist activities, has been pardoned because of the old illness of his father.

108 I. W. W.'s Freed From Prison in 1926

With 108 I. W. W. released from prison in 1926, the persecution of the Industrial Workers is on the wane, according to Leo Monaldi, secretary of the General Defense Committee, in a Federated Press report. Monaldi is conducting a Christmas fund drive for the remaining 49 I. W. W. prisoners. Twenty five of these are doing time in California prisons. The syndicalism law of this state, however,

German Socialism Makes Notable Election Gains

The following is from International Federation news bulletin of the Labor and Socialist International, Zurich, Switzerland:
November 14th municipal elections were held in Saxony and in the Free City of Liebeck the results of the election in Liebeck the results of the election in Liebeck the results of the election in Liebeck...

Sweet Land of Liberty

Crouch, Crouch, together with Walter Trumbull and eight other soldiers at the Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, were arrested Feb. 10, 1925, when an army spy charged them with expressing sympathy for the Soviet Government of Russia and forming a secret committee to overthrow the government by court martial to 40 years at hard labor and Trumbull to 26 following the protests of the American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations, a reviewing board commuted the sentences to three years and one year respectively. The eight remaining men were released without trial.

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How The World War Undermined American Liberty

By Forrest R. Black

The War on Opinion
In Bisbee, Arizona, in July 1917, there was a wholesale deportation of 1,186 I. W. W. miners. The law and order' culprits escaped punishment. On November 9, 1917, seventeen I. W. W. were taken from the police at Tulsa and whipped and tarred. All attempts to secure the arrest of the "Knights of Liberty" mob have been unavailing. No evidence was produced to show that the I.W.W. members were guilty either of violence or of disloyalty.

The Debs Case
The Supreme court in the Debs case revived the old doctrine of constructive crime. Justice Holmes argued that although Debs' main object was to set forth his social creed and oppose war in general, that nevertheless he had an "incidental" object of obstructing recruiting. This is the identical reasoning employed by Judge Jeffries in one of his famous cases in which he sent Sir Philip Sidney to the Tower. The decision is strictly in accord with the idea that dominated American officialdom during the war, an idea which has been aptly designated as the "now-that-we're-in-patriotism. Those who held this belief would brook no discussion of war aims, and no criticism of government policies. In doing this they violated a great Anglo-American tradition.

A Contrast
Charles Sumner in a speech at Tremont Temple, Boston, November 5, 1846, said, "The Mexican War is an enormity, born of slavery. . . . Base in object, atrocious in beginning, immoral in all its influences, vainly prodigal of treasure and life, it is a war of infamy, which must blot the pages of our history." Daniel Webster, in Fenial Hall on the very next day, November 6, 1846, said, "We are in my opinion in a most unnecessary and therefore a most unjustifiable war." Could it not be argued that these two utterances, by these two eminent statesmen, would have the "incidental" effect of discouraging enlistments?

Court Martial Terrorism
The same spirit of hysteria and intolerance permeated our whole system of courts martial. General Ansell, who succeeded General Crozier as head of the Judge Advocates office, shocked the Senate of the United States by a recital of army injustices. He stated that our court martial system was "harsher than any except that of the armies of Russia, Prussia and Spain." It was a result of the disclosures brought to light by the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate on Court Martials, Senator Borah demanded a general amnesty of all men convicted during the war by court martial.

Conscientious Objectors
And what can be said of the conscientious objector? Senator Frelinghuysen asked General Ansell, "What has been the policy of the War Department toward conscientious objectors?" General Ansell replied, "May I be excused from answering. It would be embarrassing." England, with her boasted tradition of liberty, fit to exemplify conscientious objectors. In America (outside of certain religious cults) the conscientious objector must have received little consolation from the Wilson utterance to the effect that "it (the draft) is in no sense a conscription of the unwilling; it is rather a selection from a nation that has volunteered in mass."

Rifling the Mails
It should never be forgotten that ever that in the administration of law, the mails were open to the Vigilantes — an organization of writers of "patriotic" articles in the press. We shall quote from the letter of Arthur E. England, Editor of the "The Pacific" and the antidote to this position of the mail, swift, sure and crushing: "It must be effectually muzzled. . . . The necessary instructions may be obtained at any newspaper store." (This series will be concluded next week.)

Postoffice Abuses
Far reaching powers were conferred upon the Postmaster General by the Espionage Act and by a clause in the "Trading with the Enemy Act." This administrative officer was given the power to adjudicate a publisher guilty, in advance of trial by any judicial tribunal, and to destroy his business thru a mere edict. Senator Norris showed that the Postmaster General had put out of business 28 or 40 publications, under the Espionage Act, and not one of the publishers had been accorded a trial of any kind. Norris contended that if the Postmaster General was within his rights, that every one of these men was guilty of a crime and should be punished by imprisonment.

Capitalist Tells Farmers How We Can All Be Prosperous Together

The American Appeal has repeatedly stated that the real reason for the American farmers' plight is that American industrialism or capitalism has gained complete control of this country, industrially and politically, and that in its very nature it lives off the farmers and is bleeding them to death. Striking confirmation of this view now comes from a leading representative of capitalism. President Magnus Alexander of the National Industrial Conference Board said at the recent annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation: "There was never in our history a time in which there has been a greater danger from both the weakness of agriculture and the strength of industry. . . . There is discernible a distinct tendency of our agricultural development being sacrificed to the development of other parts of our economic structure. . . . Agriculture has had a progressively smaller share in the national income. The proportion of the national wealth which it represents has grown less rapidly than our total national wealth, as we have become more and more domesticated in our industrial, commercial and financial nations. As a result there has been an increasing disparity between the returns to the farmer as a producer and investor and the returns which he receives as a worker and investor in other fields." Every sentence of the above is a confession, perhaps unconscious, of the nature of capitalism in its relation to agriculture. Mr. Alexander says there is a "GREAT TENDENCY IN AGRICULTURE IN THE STRENGTH OF INDUSTRY. This is certainly a remarkable statement from a man who is supposed to be an advocate of the present system.

Farmers' Plight
The total value of farm property has shrunk twenty billion dollars during the past six years, while the value of city and industrial property has gone up enormously. Farm indebtedness has tripled in that period. The farm population, now about 27 per cent of the total, gets only 7 1/2 per cent of the total national income. While the national population increased 5,510,000 during the past five years, the farm population DECREASED 750,000.

low money and go into debt at all. The banks, who have the present stranglehold on the farmer, and who pay high rate of interest. Consequently, the banker would not be nearly so prosperous as he is now.

I certainly would be free of the business man could remain powerful and prosperous and still have powerful and prosperous farmers to buy his goods. . . . THE FARMER IS BEING RUINED SOLELY BECAUSE HE PRODUCES TOO MUCH FOR THE PRESENT MARKET TO ABSORB. Mr. Alexander's talk is full of holes. . . . THE FARMER IS BEING RUINED SOLELY BECAUSE HE PRODUCES TOO MUCH FOR THE PRESENT MARKET TO ABSORB.

Mr. Alexander's talk is typical. It is a grotesque conception of absurdity. It is nothing but a capitalist's whim over the fact that one can't keep his cake and eat it at the same time.

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Socialists Clasp Hands Across War Borders in New Peace Move

A most notable gathering of the Socialists of four leading countries on opposite sides during the World War, has re-established the international bonds of peace that were smashed by the war in Luxembourg, Nov. 21st and 22nd, 1925. News of this historic event, taken from the messenger reports in the capitalist press, was printed in the American Appeal several weeks ago. . . . The delegates were, for Germany: Brutsche, Grynne, Muller, Hilferding, Schmidt, Sellman and Wels, and for the Saar district, Schafer; for Belgium, de Broekere and van Pommel; for France, Auried, Boussin, Paul-Boncour, Faurie, Focillon, for England, Roberts and Gillies. . . . THE DISCUSSION led to perfect accord between the delegates, which found expression in the adoption of a long resolution.

This resolution brings out the fact that the present peace machinery of Europe, imperfect though it is, which has undoubtedly averted another horrible world-destrating slaughter was inspired in its most important parts by the Socialists. . . . The Doves Plan, in so far as it is useful and equitable, was inspired by the Socialist resolution. . . . Today their suits achieved and the more favorable atmosphere which they have created permit the International Socialist Movement to envisage a new phase of progress. It will carry forward the work begun upon the Government's to induce them to take the necessary decisions with a view to planning a step further along the path of peace and in particular to eliminating the causes of conflict which still subsist between France and Germany, whose sincere reconciliation remains the essential condition of European peace.

The Berlin decisions had already recognized that the peace of Europe and the security of France would be strengthened by the Republic of Democracy in Germany. . . . The danger has been increased by the Fascist parties which today hold power in certain portions of Europe, such as Spain, Hungary, and in part Italy. . . . The danger has been increased by the Fascist parties which today hold power in certain portions of Europe, such as Spain, Hungary, and in part Italy.

Program of Peace
It is one of the essential tasks of the Socialist Parties to secure the peace in Europe. . . . The program of peace is to secure the peace in Europe. . . . The program of peace is to secure the peace in Europe.

Organized Workers of Chicago And New York Revolt Against Communist Tactics in Unions

By Morris Seskind
The attempt of the Communist Party to dominate the Trade Union Party policies and wishes, is meeting with irrepressible opposition on the part of the membership of a great many unions. Their miserable failure in the New York Cloth Makers' strike has opened the eyes of thousands of Trade Unionists to the danger of the Communist tactics. The Trade Union Educational League, which is working under the direction and dictation of the Communist Party, decided to try a new tactic. . . . They attempted another meeting Sunday afternoon, and the same thing happened. Hundreds of Trade Unionists, members of the Amalgamated and other unions, came to meet these apostles of hate and destruction, and instead of having a big meeting, they retired to the Workers' Lyceum, a very small hall, where they admitted only those who had membership cards in the Workers' Party and the meeting was carried on under the protection of about fifty police and detectives. . . . Mr. Gold of the Furriers, Mr. Giltner, who was once upon a time a tailor, Mr. Zimmermann, who doesn't even work in the fur trade, Sazner, who is master of ceremonies of the Black Gloves Brigade of the Communist "checkers" of the New York Fur Workers' Union, who came here to preach amalgamation, could not amalgamate with the thousands of people who came here to greet them, and they did not show up at meeting which they arranged.

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