

Statistics
Editor:
Radio here said this morning unemployment and employment both rose slightly. Isn't this nonsense? No jobs here.

Vanishing Savings, Delinquent Debts, Scorching Duns
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Michigan is in the red. So is every other state and so is every citizen provided he does not own bank stock.

Greatest Obstacle Is Labor Faker
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Negro Fight on Layoffs

The Jim Crow pattern woven into the whole fabric of American life has brought it about that Negro workers are unemployed at a rate more than double that of white.

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Wives Favor Birth Control
Nineteen out of every 20 American wives favor some form of birth control. The findings of a survey by the University of Michigan, in which more than 2,700 wives aged 18 to 38 were interviewed are reported in the April "Scientific American."

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SLUM PROFITEERING
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JUDGE WASN'T NAIVE
New York Correction Commissioner Anna M. Kross accused Chief Magistrate John M. Murtagh on a radio program March 29 of plagiarism.

INDIANS CHARGE DISCRIMINATION
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Notes in the News

GIVES FBI THE NEEDLE—Objecting to FBI use of the Journal of the American Medical Association "as a vehicle for catching criminals," Dr. Manfred S. Guttmacher of Baltimore said that "if the present policy in this country is continued, the physician's examining room will resemble a rural post office, with its wall plastered with photographs of wanted criminals."

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citizens, although their relief was called "projects" or "surveys." President Hoover's philosophy of "save the rich, soak the poor," brought us very near the end of the trail. Those days are still fresh in the memory of our people of social security age.

Are those 19% the people who profit by this slump? Will they be an oligarchy like that which ruled Russia in Czarist days? Will the end of our trail be such a government and will reliefers and social security clients become serfs?

Won't you call on some Congress member to kill the power of the bankers' union to throw slumps? A bill to create an elective Federal Reserve Administrator is all we need.

George P. Kingston
Ferndale, Michigan

"Business Unionism" by C. Thomas in your issue of March 23 is great. The capitalists like faker-led unions, and they reward the fakers with check-off of union dues and other gifts.

At this time "organizers" were admitted to any shop to organize. I worked in a shop where the employer had no objection to organization. Workers could have got much higher wages in wartime, but we were herded back to work when the faker cried "wild cat."

Labor needs a political party like the SWP, but there are too many who will not unite in one party at election time. The greatest obstacle is the labor faker in unions, so we need new leadership in unions, or a new IWW.

E. H.
New Jersey

End A-Tests Say Chicago Marchers

CHICAGO, March 29 — A peace rally at the Midland Hotel here yesterday was followed by a Walk for Peace through the crowded downtown Loop. From 250 to 300 people participated.

The rally and march were part of an international "Week for World Peace" program. Here the activities were sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

The peace rally was addressed by Congressman William Meyer of Vermont, atomic scientist William Davidson and Dr. Mulford Sibley, University of Minnesota professor. All three speakers urged an end to nuclear tests.

'ALL ATOMS FOR PEACE'
During the peace march, the "Walkers" wore blue arm bands and carried green forsythia branches as a symbol of life. They distributed leaflets to the onlookers and carried posters with such slogans as "All atoms for peace."

The marchers received a sympathetic response in the Loop, with but a small percentage of unfavorable remarks. One woman commented to the Peace Walkers, "You should do this in Washington where the big shots can see you."

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Martha Curti, representing the YSA, will speak on: Youth in a Changing World. Tom Kerry, chairman SWP, Local New York, will have as his topic: May Day 1959: The Struggle for a Socialist America.

The meeting will be held on Friday, May 1, 8:00 p.m., at the Militant Labor Forum Hall, 116 University Place. Proceeds will go to the Young Socialist.

Hooray for Progress — If You Can Call It That

(The following article is by Charles D. Adams, president of Local 216 UAW-CIO, Los Angeles. It is reprinted from The Assembler, March 19, published by the local. Its original title is "Hooray for Progress.")

In a recent conversation with a Labor Relations Representative concerning what might be done to improve the lot of today's workers I stated, "The first thing I would do would be to scrap the entire National Agreement and abolish the grievance procedure."

"Now, now," he soothed, "you know you don't mean that, you are a Technician." In my book I told him, that is a dirty name, because my next suggestion would be to swap all of our so-called Labor Technicians and Labor Statesmen for a handful of crude by resolute Labor Leaders.

Supervision of the Union Leader's personal department and morals would be returned to his wife and his clergyman releasing the Ethical Practices Committee and the high-salaried law-makers who have presently assumed this obligation back to their golf and the business of extracting a few more tax dollars from the \$4,000-a-year-and-under bracket.

British Score H-Tests



British pacifists shown above demonstrated last January against H-bomb explosions. They were joined by many other Britishers on March 30, when 15,000 people packed London's Trafalgar Square to demand nuclear disarmament.

8,000 Municipal Workers Give Wagner Hot Reception

NEW YORK, April 1 — Thousands of city employees held a one-day strike and picketed City Hall here yesterday as Mayor Wagner returned from a Bermuda vacation.

City workers when he arrived at City Hall with boos and placards reading: "Don't try to hook us poor fish with the same old line," "Bermuda Bob, get on the job," (deriding the nine-day Bermuda vacation Wagner took when things got hot here) and "We want a raise!"

At 2 P.M. Wurf called off the demonstration explaining that Wagner had sent assurances that he wanted to "negotiate their demands and problems in the American way — through genuine collective bargaining."

Wagner's "austerity" program will reduce the previously promised wage increase by more than one-third in some cases.

Today, 2,000 off-duty firemen picketed City Hall demanding "Skilled wages for skilled work." The pay increase of \$300 they expected has been reduced by the "austerity" budget to \$200 annually.

The Teacher's Guild, AFL-CIO, representing 6,000 teachers, will hold a meeting April 10 at the St. Nicholas Arena to vote on a one-day stoppage to protest curtailed salary increases. The new budget allocates \$10 million for such increases instead of \$25 million that the union demanded.

Curran Calls For End to Nuclear Tests

When voters in Minneapolis go to the polls this week to elect a mayor, they will have an alternative to casting their votes for the hack politicians of the Big Business political machines.

In addition to local issues, Curran has brought into the campaign those national issues which affect the lives of all. A dramatic example of this is his demand for an immediate cessation of nuclear-weapons testing.

Today the Agreements are so complicated no one understands them. The polished Labor Statesman of today lives in a world far removed from the strife and grime of the shops.

Some 4,000,000 workers in Japan opened their annual wage-hike campaign Feb. 25 with either a 24-hour stoppage or on-the-job rallies to call attention to their demands.

"Build Schools Not H-Bombs," Socialists Urge

DETROIT, March 28 — "If ability to hold the spotlight in a political rally is any indication of the election's outcome, the new WSU board should have two members of the Socialist Workers Party."

Los Angeles Candidate Hits Witch-Hunting

LOS ANGELES, March 25 — In the final two weeks of his campaign for School Board, Peter Buch, Socialist Workers Party-endorsed candidate for Office No. 3, is calling on the federal government to take funds from the federal armaments budget to build the schools the country needs.

Among the many meetings that Buch has addressed to date are those of nine Democratic Clubs. Though opposed to the Democratic Party, he received a warm response at each for his denunciation of the recent witch-hunt conducted by the House Un-American Activities Committee against Los Angeles teachers.

In a recent statement, Buch scored the liberal slate's record on the House Committee's probe. The candidates for school board in this group — Hardy, Craig, Baca, and Carvey — either remained silent or announced support for the witch-hunting "investigation."

Other SWP candidates are: Robert Himmel for superintendent of public instruction and Lerry Dolinski for the Highland Park Board of Education.

Local Directory

BOSTON
Boston Labor Forum, 285 Huntington Ave., Room 200.
Every Sunday night, round table discussion, 8 P.M.

NEWARK
Newark Labor Forum, Box 361, Newark, N. J.

NEW YORK CITY
Militant Labor Forum, 116 University Place, AL 5-7852.

OAKLAND - BERKELEY
P.O. Box 341, Berkeley 1, Calif.

PHILADELPHIA
Militant Labor Forum and Socialist Workers Party, 1303 W. Girard Ave. Lectures and discussions every Saturday, 8 P.M., followed by open house.

SEATTLE
1412-18th Avenue, EA 2-5554. Library, bookstore.

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